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## Bush says he would veto repeal of sodomy law

AUSTIN, Saturday, Jan. 22 (AP)—Republican George W. Bush says if he is elected governor he would veto any attempt by the Texas Legislature to repeal a criminal anti-homosexuality law.

"I think it's a symbolic gesture of traditional values," Bush said after speaking Friday to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary.

Recently, the Texas Supreme Court—in a 5-4 decision—threw out lower court decisions that had declared the ban of same-gender sex unconstitutional.

No one has ever been convicted under the law, according to the state. But homosexuals and civil rights supporters say the law is discriminatory and offensive.

Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat, has said the law "is really nothing more than statutory harassment."

Chuck McDonald, a spokesperson for Richards, said the governor would not veto an attempt to remove the law.

## Seventh annual Mardi Gras Galveston Silk Stocking Ball is Feb. 11

### AROUND THE STATE

The "Seventh Annual" Mardi-Gras, Galveston "Silk Stocking Ball" will be held on Friday Evening, Feb. 11, 1994, from 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m., at the Garten Verein Pavillion, 27th and Avenue O on Galveston Island.

Music and entertainment will be provided by the popular duo, Marsh Carlton and Clay Howell, with dancing and music by "Third Coast."

Attire will be costume or black tie. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance and \$45 at the door. Ticket price includes open bar, dancing, entertainment and a midnight buffet breakfast.

One of the highlights of the Silk Stocking Ball is the costume contest. Prizes will be given for "Best All Around Costume," "Best Group Costumes," and "Best Theme" costume. Tickets are limited to 400 persons.

All proceeds from the Silk Stocking Ball go to the Galveston AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas Resource Center and Food Pantry. The Silk Stocking Ball was started in 1988 by Jack Biggerstaff, as a private invitation only Mardi-Gras Party. Since that time it has grown into one of Galveston's most exciting and fun balls. Over the

last two years \$9,000 has been given to the AIDS Coalition to help with the Resource Center and Food Pantry. One of the highlights of the yearly ball is the presentation and the announcement of the "Founders Award" which is given annually to the person who has given of their time and talents to help ACCT. Previous winners of the award have been Mr. Jack Biggerstaff and last year Mr. Bill Curry.

A "Door Prize" drawing will also be held this year with some wonderful prizes including a weekend at the Seascape Condos. Tickets to the "Star of Texas" and a Mardi-Gras Mask as well as other gifts including two (2) tickets to next year's Silk Stocking Ball.

Information and tickets are available by calling Ken Dennis or David Bump at (409) 737-3122.

### Complaint filed in SA

A gay man filed a complaint against two Bexar County, Texas officials Monday, Jan. 24, alleging they colluded in a scheme to effect the release of an accused murderer.

The complaint arises from events leading to the release of Nicolo Giangrosso for the New Years Day, 1990 murder of Charles Resendez, a gay man. Giangrosso was

freed on August 21, 1991 on 10 years deferred adjudication. He has served no time in prison and no final conviction will appear on his record if he successfully completes probation.

The complaint alleges that Bexar County District Attorney Steve Hilbig and 186th District Court Judge Terry McDonald collaborated in the contrivance of evidence that led to the freeing of Giangrosso. The complaint states, "An examination of court and county records, combined with interviews with the victim's family, provides irrefutable documentation that the defense attorney, members of the 186th District Court and District Attorney's staff collaborated in the production of evidence. This evidence unfairly biased the proceeding in favor of the defendant and greatly enhanced arguments to justify the release of Nicolo Giangrosso for the murder of Charles Resendez."

Filed with both Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the complaint calls for not only an investigation into the adjudication of Nicolo Giangrosso, but also other "highly irregular and questionable judgments by the 186th District Court."

McDonald is currently involved in a heated Democratic Party primary election with Albert Rodriguez.

## Michael Greer, 'funniest gay man in America,' brings show to Houston

By JAVIER TAMEZ  
Houston Voice/Houston

Michael Greer is one funny guy. The briefest of conversations with him makes that wholly apparent. He tosses out one-liners the way some people lace their sentences with "uhs." Typical example: "I was talking to a gay activist friend of mine, Proud Mary."

It comes as no surprise that he's been called the funniest gay man in America by more than one observer. In Provincetown, one critic said, "he had me holding my sides in hysteria." In Los Angeles, a similar note was struck when Greer was described as being "so funny that it hurts."

These accolades from either coast will be put to the test here in Houston, on Feb. 6, as Greer performs for one night only at Fitzgerald's night club. Sponsored by OneTV and billed as "A Night of Musical Comedy" for a gay and lesbian audience, the show will be opened by local comic personality, Marianne Pendino.

What makes Greer's stage presence so likable? Is it the warmth and compassion that are evident in all his jibes on normally taboo topics? Is it the gyrating eyes and myriad of voices? Well based on an admittedly brief discussion, I think it's that wonderfully frenetic stage personality. That riotous personality that has had everyone raving for 20 years now, and which reaches right out and grabs you. It seems like I spent the greater part of a recent phone conversation with him laughing. And that's easy to do, because Greer simply doesn't let up.



Michael Greer discusses history as the Mona Lisa in his one-man show

I asked him if he was single. Greer

responded with, "Some lovers are like farts; now and then you have to let one go."

I inquired about his age. "I'll be 21 on the 48th of April." And when I was persistent. "You know I was talking to a friend about age the other day, and I told him that I hated the thought of my 40th birthday, and he said, 'Why, what happened?'"

I wanted to know when he had come out professionally. "I was never really in. Now I'm not Quentin Crisp; I'm the original recipe."

Still through all his side-splitting antics, Greer did reveal a little bit of the background that shaped him. Originally from the Midwest ("I

escaped early on."), Greer had little in the way of a stable home life. His parents divorced while he was young and both remarried several times. But he always loved being in the spotlight ("I danced for Grandma.")

He first gained wide recognition in the gay cult classic film, "The Gay Deceivers" and has since been seen on stage, film and television in a wide variety of roles. He has used his impressive range of voices in several ways. Most notably in being selected over many others to dub 109 lines of dialogue for a bed-ridden Bette Davis in the film, "Harvest Home." Currently that voice serves him as "Mayor Bulloney" in ABC's new animated series, "C.O.W. Boys of Moo Mesa," a cartoon described as "definitely not just for the kiddies."

Enroute he has proven his skill and flair as a comic writer for, among others, Debbie Reynolds, Bette Midler, Ed McMahon, Phyllis Diller, Carol Lawrence and Barry Manilow(?).

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## Few sign up for Dartmouth's gay benefits program

HANOVER, N.H., Saturday, Jan. 22 (AP)—Fewer gay couples than expected have signed up for health benefits program at Dartmouth College.

The policy that went into effect this year allows gay employees to claim benefits for their spouses in the same manner married couples do. The cost of the eight people who have signed up will be \$9,200, according to school officials.

Last year, school administrators expected the cost could be up to \$50,000.

Gay employees weren't surprised by the

lack of participation, noting that not many people would benefit.

In a small community like Hanover, both individuals often work for the college or are both employed and don't need the benefits, said John Crane, a librarian and co-chairperson of the Coalition for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns.

Crane said he and his partner and other couples have signed up as "domestic partners," but not for health benefits.

The policy requires participants to sign an affidavit stating they are in a long-term rela-

tionship and that they would marry if they could. That provision upset one employee, who has since left the college.

"In the plainest language the college was telling us it would accept us only to the degree that we conformed to straight standards," wrote Michael Lowenthal in The Advocate, a gay magazine.

Annelise Orleck, a history professor, said she liked the idea of signing the document.

"It felt good," she said. "It was a good occasion."

Her partner had no health insurance until this year.

She said few people may have signed up because they are afraid of revealing the personal information.

"Registering involves coming out in an institutional setting," Orleck said.

Susan Ackerman, a religion professor who is gay, says the college has done a good job to ensure the information remains confidential. However, some people still may fear signing the document, she says.

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## Brady's Corner



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## Gay and Lesbian Americans a change in national leadership direction

### GUEST COMMENTARY

By RICHARD D. MOHR

Hannah Arendt said that power is generated whenever people join together. This thesis could have no clearer example than the founding convention of Gay & Lesbian Americans held in Washington, D.C. over the Martin Luther weekend. Seventy activists from all across the political spectrum—conservative, liberal, leftist—and from all across the county—San Diego, Colorado Springs, Crested Butte, Bay St. Louis, Montgomery, Columbus, Paoli, Lowell, East Orange, Fort Lauderdale—convened to establish (in the words of the organization's mission statement) "a diverse, non-partisan coalition of grass roots advocates committed to civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people—and to a cure for AIDS."

Frankly, I went to the convention with low expectations and chiefly as an act of expiation. For I had been attacking in print the other national organizations—not so much for their cynicism-prompting ineffectiveness but for the moral bankruptcy they revealed in the gay military fiasco. I figured that if I didn't at least drop the bucks for the airline ticket in order to see whether this new organization was one I could stand behind and with, I would properly be branded a hypocrite. What I found was not only an organization that I could support but one that is inspirational.

The spiritual catalyst and initial organizing effort for the group came from Michael Petrelis, best known as a spokesperson for ACT UP, as the outer of several members of Congress, and as the person chiefly responsible for achieving posthumous justice for the murdered sailor Allen Schindler. Petrelis and others now recognize that a gay assertive politics of high profile theatricality needs to be supplemented with permanent political engagement and that only grass roots organizing can fulfill that function.

So how is Gay & Lesbian Americans going to be different from NGLTF and the Human Rights Campaign Fund? First, it has different values. It is assertive rather than accommodationist in its vision. It places gay values and needs center stage, and does not pander to the values of the dominant culture in vain hope of acceptance.

Second, it has a different structure.

Though it will have a small central leadership in D.C., its power, energies, and engagements will reside in individual members and in local and state chapters loosely linked through regional coordinators. The purpose of the functionally diverse, democratically, four-member central leadership is to facilitate communication, coordination, and outreach, not to make direct political contacts. That is what the grass roots membership does. In the other national organizations, members are pretty much just viewed as a source of revenue for highly-paid, remote administrators and professional Washington lobbyists. Are you getting your money's worth? And, when was the last time one of these organizations asked you for your ideas and spirit? In GLA, political engagement, whether cited in local, state or national forums, issues from the grass roots—through action, lobbying, and especially through phone, fax, and e-mail campaigns.

And so third, GLA has different tactics. It will lead gay politics into the era of the information superhighway. The conference was overflowing with helpful computer jocks and networking experts. Within one day, the group had an 800 number—1-800-889-5111—which members chanted repeatedly through the group's news conference, which C-SPAN aired the evening of Jan. 17th. The next day, GLA was up and running with an Internet e-Mail address—[glajoin@queernet.org](mailto:glajoin@queernet.org). These tactics provide not only the effective tools of the going political scene but they also enable information and ideas to flow between members and from members to leadership and so work against the tyranny and calcification that characterize the hermetic top-down bureaucracies of other organizations.

So join now. Be heard. Spread the word. Start a chapter. Find out that politics can be fun. Find out that you matter and you can make a difference—in gay politics and in national life.

(Richard D. Mohr lives in Urbana, Illinois and is the author of "Gay Ideas" and the soon forthcoming "A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights" (March, Beacon Press).

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## Diana Awards auditions; poster auction; MCCR Super Bowl Party

### QUICK NOTES

Try outs for the upcoming Diana Awards show "Just When You Thought It Was Over!" will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Delia Stewart Dance Studio, 1202 Calumet.

Try out time for dancers, singers and "just good old hunks" will start at 7:30 p.m.

All interested are invited to the auditions.

### Celebrity auction

On March 26, The Robert Foundation will sponsor a celebrity auction and give away that will be broadcast on Afterhours KPFT 90.1. Proceeds will benefit the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard of Houston.

Whoopi Goldberg donated an autographed movie poster from Sister Act 2, according to foundation spokesperson Ross Hunter. In addition, The Robert Foundation will be giving away compact discs, movie passes, gift certificates and more throughout the three hour broadcast.

### MCCR Super Bowl Party

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) has announced plans to have a Super Bowl "Tailgate" Party on Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 30th with the pre-game beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Church on 1919 Decatur. Multiple televisions will be set-up for the party and watching of the Super Bowl.

Excel of the Armadillo, an International Christian Organization with Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) will be selling the traditional ball game food and refreshments. The Party will last until the end of the game, approximately 9:00 p.m.

For more information or directions to MCCR, call (713) 861-9149.

Excel of the Armadillo also announced a benefit show at the Brazos River Bottom (B.R.B.) for Sunday, Feb. 27th. The group is looking for persons to donate their time and talents to the event. The group is looking for country and gospel singers, male and female impersonators and other talent.

EXCEL of the Armadillo, according to MCCR, is the Texas Chapter of a team made up of members who make "a commitment to God and to each other to experience God through prayer, to know God through study, to glorify God with their actions and to share the love of Christ with others." EXCEL is an International outreach of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). The EXCEL retreat weekend is presented by the team members. The retreat offers a time to escape from society. The weekend allows us to reflect and obtain direction in our training materials and scholarships for participants to the weekends.

To volunteer your talents to the benefit show or get more information about the event call Cindy Gwynn at (713) 977-0104 or Joe Reyes at (713) 826-1071. Deadline for volunteering your talents will be Sunday, Feb. 13.

## AIDS blamed for drop in life expectancy of New York City men

ALBANY, N.Y., Wednesday, Jan. 19 (AP)—The life expectancy of men in New York City has dropped for the first time this century and health officials blame AIDS for the decline.

The state Health Department released statistics Wednesday showing the life expectancy for the city's men dropped from 68.9 years in 1981 to 68.6 years in 1991.

Life expectancy for men in the rest of the state improved from 71.5 years to 73.4 years and increased for women both in New York City and elsewhere.

As of 1981, AIDS had been blamed for just one death in New York City. Through the end of 1993, the deaths of close to 30,000 men in New York City had been linked to the disease, the Health Department estimated.

New York City has had more AIDS cases than any city in the country, Health Department spokesperson Peter Slocum said.

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## Gay pride pop watches debut; fraternity, sorority members sought for survey

### NATIONAL NOTES

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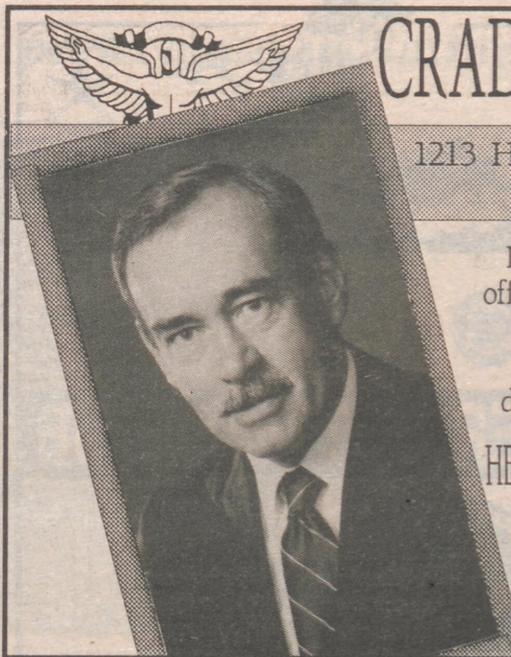
### Greek survey

Were you in a fraternity or sorority when

you were in college? If so, you may be interested in participating in a confidential national survey of gay men and lesbians who either undergraduate or alumni members of a traditional social fraternity or sorority. To obtain a copy of the survey, write to Fraternity Research, P.O. Box 15863, San Diego, CA 92175.

The research project is being conducted by Douglas Case, a gay political activist in San Diego, California. He currently is employed as the Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life at San Diego State University and is a past national president of the Association of Fraternity Advisors, a professional association of college and university administrators who advise fraternities and sororities. Case is an alumnus member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity; he was initiated into the fraternity at San Jose State University in 1975.

Case indicated that he began the research project to shed some light on a topic about which little is known. "Because the Greek system has traditionally been a heterosexist and homophobic institution, most students who are fraternity or sorority members feel compelled to hide their sexual orientation," Case said. "In this respect, the Greek system is similar to the military. There is a significant number of gays and lesbians in fraternities and sororities, just as there is a substantial gay and lesbian population within the armed forces. Although there are not any formal policies that stipulate that homosexuality or bisexuality is incompatible with fraternity or sorority membership, that attitude seems to be the prevailing mentality within the Greek system. It is extremely rare for a fraternity or sorority to give a student an invitation to join if the group suspects that the student is gay or lesbian.



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**Comic Michael Greer uses humor as  
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(Continued from Page 1)

One of the most intriguing aspects of his show, is his ability to tackle subjects that would put off lesser talents. He offers comments on AIDS, the recent L.A. earthquake and other touchy subjects without ever rousing anger. And I'm sure that the main reason he has been so successful, despite some lean years, is the courageous honesty that is found in his humor.

"I'm trying to reach a catharsis with humor," he said in one of the infrequent moments of seriousness.

And Greer is very aware of how his role as the funny guy has helped him well beyond his school days as the stereotypical

class clown.

"I've saved myself from so much trouble and gotten away with so much sh\*\* by being funny."

I can safely say his return to Texas after so many years (I never did get a handle on just how long it's been) will be a jubilant one. After all how could we possibly turn away anyone who is returning to Texas because he still wants to "experience the big one."

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## Several community organizations to participate in Soiree Aubergine '94

### QUICK NOTES

The fourth annual "Soiree Aubergine" spans an entire month of activities and benefit shows, beginning Sunday, Jan. 30 and ending with a grand finale party on Saturday, Feb. 27. This year, several local organizations are involved in the event, which has been one of the most successful fundraisers for the Bering Community Services Foundation.

Formed in 1991, Soiree Aubergine is an all-volunteer organization dedicated solely to raising funds for the Bering Foundation, which provides a variety of free services for people with AIDS. The annual event hosted by the group has grown in scope and success each year. In 1991, the benefit raised over \$14,000 to help fund expansion of Bering's Dental Clinic. In 1992, a similar amount was raised for Bering Care Center, a drop-in center and nutrition program; and last year, \$25,600 was raised to fund food costs for BCC's meals program, allowing the program to be expanded despite cuts in government funding.

This year's scheduled events include a raffle to benefit the meals program. The Grand Prize is a Yamaha Seca II motorcycle valued at \$4,400 donated by Action



Barry Petree, Bob Meyer and Paul Cunningham are three of Soiree Aubergine's all-volunteer board members

Cycles; second prize is a weekend in New Orleans for two, including airfare, lodging and limousine service to and from the Houston airport; third prize, round trip air fare for two to Mexico City. The travel prizes are courtesy of Travel Trends. The drawing will be 10:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 during the Finale Party at Gentry, 2303 Richmond. Tickets are \$2 each.

The kick-off will be this Sunday at Gentry, with a barbecue dinner beginning at 4:00 p.m.; a Super Bowl Game party at 5:00 p.m. (with cheerleaders and halftime show provided by Miss Camp America).

Other organizations who will be sponsoring benefits for Bering over the next few weeks include Texas Gay Rodeo Association and Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star. A silent auction opens Friday, Feb. 18 and runs eight days, closing at midnight Friday, Feb. 25; a reception for Bering staff, volunteers and clients will be held Friday, Feb. 25, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Representatives of over 20 community organizations will participate in the "Creme de la Creme" benefit show on Saturday, Feb. 26, and the Grand Finale Party the next day features live entertainment as well as the raffle drawings at 10:00 p.m.

### Service Of Healing

A Service of Healing for persons living with HIV and AIDS will be offered at 7:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4th in the chapel of Christ Church Cathedral, Texas Avenue at Fannin. The Reverend Glynn Harper will be celebrant.

The healing service and Holy Eucharist, on the first Friday of each month is jointly sponsored by the Cathedral Members of the AIDS Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and members of several Houston-area Episcopal parishes. The liturgy of prayer for healing focuses on soundness of mind and serenity of spirit as well as bodily health. Prayers are also offered for broken relationships, loneliness and anxiety and for health-care and research efforts.

For information call the Cathedral at (713) 222-2593 or Bill Wicker at (713) 992-2398.

## Idaho gay group denied status considering legal action

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Tuesday, Jan. 25 (AP)—A Coeur d'Alene attorney and members of an organization for gays and lesbians plan to meet soon to discuss legal recourse over action taken by the North Idaho College student senate.

The Associated Students of North Idaho on Friday refused campus

status to the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance. Two student senators voted to grant the group's request; five voted against it. The Alliance earlier had enlisted counsel of attorney Harvey Richman.

Richman said Monday he is trying to schedule a meeting with his clients. If they choose to proceed, he said he will seek a federal court

order for temporary admission of the club at the school and request a hearing to seek permanent campus status for the club.

He would not say if financial reward, other than attorney fees, would be sought.

Richman said the club "meets all the requirements for admission" and was only denied because there

are "people on the senate who don't like the concept of the club."

Associated Students of North Idaho College President Christa Manis on Friday said the decision wasn't because it is a gay club, but was "based on the fact a club based solely on sexual orientation is not needed on this campus."

The issue prompted a lot of phone

calls and media attention, including mention in USA Today.

Student government policy has been to grant start-up funds to all campus clubs except those political or religious in nature. Had the Alliance gained recognition, a future vote would have been necessary to determine if it qualified for funds.

## Nevada governor blasts anti-gay petition

By BRENDAN RILEY  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

CARSON CITY, Thursday, Jan. 20 (AP)—Proponents of anti-gay proposals in the Pacific Northwest have been criticized by Gov. Bob Miller for planning a similar petition "of intolerance and discrimination" in Nevada.

"Nevadans have long prided themselves on their independence, and these measures are, in effect, attempts to limit the freedoms of citizens based solely on their sexual orientation," Miller said Wednesday.

The governor said he'll send a letter to the Oregon Citizens Alliance, which plans to file its petition here by early next week, stating "in Nevada we do not tolerate discrimination based on age, race, gender, religion, physical condition, sexuality or any other factor."

Miller said a similar anti-gay proposal in Colorado hurt that state's tourism industry but added, "this isn't a dollar-and-cents issue as much as it is a common sense issue and an issue of acceptance and tolerance."

Word of the petition drive by Lon Mabon of the Oregon Citizens Alliance also prompted a spokesperson for Nevada gays to promise an all-out battle to defeat what she termed a threat to privacy rights and to the

state's casino-dependent economy.

"We're ready for anything he tries to do," said Judy Corbisiero of Las Vegas, a board member of Nevadans for Constitutional Equality and of the Nevada Progressive Coalition.

"Nevadans are for choice and they definitely are for the right to privacy. I don't see how his kind of propaganda can fool the people of this state," she added.

Mabon said the Nevada petition will be filed with the secretary of state's office by Daisy Stanley of Reno. He said his organization was asked to help with the Nevada drive "to stop the advance of the political agenda of the homosexual community."

Similar initiative drives, also being assisted by the OCA, are being mounted in Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

Mabon said the Nevada petition would be similar to the Oregon proposal in barring "the presentation of homosexuality as a positive lifestyle by our government institutions."

Mabon said he believes Nevada is, like Idaho and Utah, fairly conservative. "It's more of an outdoor, rural atmosphere, where you have more traditional values and standards," he added.

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**Houston Pops recent concert features tunes of Rogers and Hammerstein**

**MUSIC REVIEW**

By **JOHN REED**  
*Houston Voice/Houston*

An American Treasury of musical theater songs were featured last weekend when the Houston Pops Concert played many selections written and composed by Richard Rogers and Arthur Hammerstein. Nearly fifty years have quickly passed since their musical, Oklahoma, first opened to enthusiastic revues. From the spirited overture, well played by the Houston Pops Orchestra under the direction for this concert by David Bishop, to the rhythmic meter of 'Surrey with the Fringe on Top,' the near capacity audience was treated to one of the finest Pops Concerts in several years.

There was a perfect blend of long term interest in this form of American music by Mr. Bishop, with an orchestra that had many new persons in attendance and who played very well, seeming to love every minute of this happy type of musical score, to four excellent soloists who interacted with the audience and shared their pleasure of being in Houston for the three performances. The rendition of 'I Can't Say No,' reminds me of a good friend of mine. Mary Testa belted out this wonderful song in what my friend sitting next to me described as an Ethel Mer-



man style. It was wonderful. Tenor Rodney Hudson had a perfect Pacific Island accent for his performance of 'Bali Hai' from South Pacific. There was just enough camp about the soloists to give their stage presence a personal touch, one even wore a red colored boa. The orchestra at times had a wonderful brassy band

sound to give the songs that extra bit of character and bounce.

One of my favorite percussionists in the city, Mr. Brian Del Signore was busy with the many percussion instruments that the music was scored for and never failed to provide the up beat tempo and rhythm of this show music. The artists were obviously enjoying themselves, and even when the soloists would upon occasion accidentally bump into each other during a dance routine, it was a broad grin and a bit of laughter that the audience quickly joined in with.

Jones Hall was comfortable the evening I attended, without the over-air conditioned environment of previous years. It was nice to have an extra five minutes of intermission to enjoy refreshments, visit with friends and to use the facilities. Now if the management of Jones Hall can speed up the one elevator that so many patrons depend upon from one level to another. A wait of ten minutes at times seems excessive.

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## AMA sends treatment guidelines for AIDS infections to doctors

By **BRENDA C. COLEMAN**  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

CHICAGO, Thursday, Jan. 20 (AP)—Doctors who may be reluctant to treat HIV infections because they've had a hard time keeping up with knowledge about AIDS are getting detailed new guidelines from the American Medical Association.

"Our targets are primary care physicians of all stripes—family physicians, general internists, general pediatricians, obstetricians and any specialist that does part of his practice as primary care," said Dr. M. Roy Schwarz, senior AMA vice president for medical education and service.

The AMA this week is mailing its 25-page "AMA Guidelines on Early HIV Intervention" to all 192,000 primary care doctors in the country, whether they are members of the AMA or not, Schwarz said.

A 1990 survey of general-care physicians found that half would not treat people with the AIDS virus if they had the choice and almost one-third saw nothing wrong with withholding treatment.

Most doctors said they felt a responsibility to care for HIV-infected patients, but four of five said they needed more medical knowledge.

"The ones who are most reluctant are ones who have never seen a case, have limited knowledge and are older," Schwarz said Tuesday. He said he believes only "a very small percentage of doctors" are reluctant because of prejudice against homosexuals and injection drug users, who account for most of the people with AIDS.

A million Americans are estimated to be infected, and with HIV spreading through all parts of the country, primary care physicians need to know how to deal with the virus, Schwarz said.

The guidelines cover taking a sexual and drug history; counseling about AIDS risk and prevention; physical examinations; laboratory tests and how often to give them; dental and psychosocial health;

nutrition; drugs used for treating AIDS-virus infections; and resources for doctors who want to learn more.

The AMA's guidelines do not cover advanced complications from AIDS.

On Thursday in Washington, a similar set of HIV treatment guidelines for generalists, non-physicians and the public will be issued by the U.S. Public Health Service through its Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

"We do not expect any substantive difference of opinion between the two" sets of guidelines, Schwarz said. "We didn't do this to be competitive with them. We applaud what they've done."

The AMA's guidelines began at the request of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and AMA members who wanted more help in dealing with the AIDS virus, Schwarz said.

Dr. A. Russell Gerber, a CDC epidemiologist who advised the AMA, said the organization is not the first group to issue such guidelines.

"I'm very glad to see everybody coming out with these guidelines," he said by telephone Wednesday. "I think it's very helpful."

The AMA guidelines cost about \$100,000 to develop, aside from printing and mailing costs, which are being paid by the Burroughs Wellcome Co., which makes the anti-AIDS drug zidovudine, or AZT.

Along with the HIV guidelines, the AMA is mailing all generalists a 14-page set of recommendations on helping patients kick nicotine, primarily in the form of cigarette smoking. It killed an estimated 419,000 Americans in 1990, excluding people who died of breathing other people's smoke.

That is more than 13 times as many Americans as died of AIDS in 1990. At least 31,196 Americans died of AIDS that year, according to the CDC.

## Louisiana lawmaker: prisons should separate inmates with AIDS

BATON ROUGE, La., Wednesday, Jan. 19 (AP)—The state prison system should segregate HIV-infected inmates from other prisoners, a state lawmaker complained Wednesday.

"The employees ought to know and the other inmates ought to know," said Rep. John Travis, D-Jackson. "I am not saying treat them like second-class citizens."

Jimmy LeBlanc, chief of staff for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, told a House budget review

committee that from 250 to 400 of the state's 16,700 prisoners have the virus that causes AIDS.

Some states have separate wings for HIV-infected prisoners, he said, but Louisiana does not. "I don't think we know if we can" isolate them because of court rulings and federal privacy rights, he said.

That frustrated Travis, who chairs the panel. "If they are dangerous, it can't be unconstitutional," he said.

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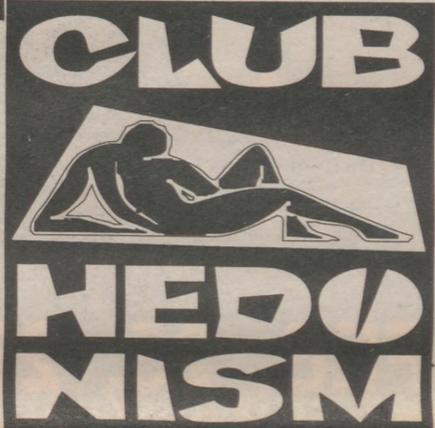
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Family By Design is an innovative seminar which provides lesbian and gay couples with valuable information about the emotional, legal, and financial impact of money issues in lesbian and gay families. The basic workshop form 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, 1994, will be a repeat of the successful Family By Design Seminars in February and September, 1993. The advanced registration fee (before 2-12-94) is \$30 per person and \$50 per couple. Registration after that date will be \$35 per person and \$60 per couple. To register for this upcoming event, please call (512) 451-5045.

Family By Design participants will learn about topics such as: money and power; money scripting; family of origin belief; negotiating and changing values; living together agreements; goal setting; donor insemination; adoption, custody and visitation; durable powers of attorney for health care; designation of guardian before need; directives to physicians; disposition of remains; last will and testament; buying and selling a home; renting versus buying; the mortgage process; qualifying for a loan; refinancing; tax planning; financial planning; investing; married filing jointly; income shifting; deduction allocation and retirement planning and insurance needs.

"It's terrible when clients call me in crisis because they cannot visit their partner in the hospital, make funeral arrangements, live in the family home, or continue to raise their children. With simple prior planning these problems could have been avoided, but after-the-fact, finding a solution is often difficult, if not impossible," said attorney Suzanne Bryant.

The professionals speaking at the seminar are Gerald Gafford, realtor; Tom Doyal, attorney-at-law; Sunny Lansdale, psychotherapist; Vicki Faust, certified public accountant; and Suzanne Bryant, mediator and attorney-at-law. "I encourage people to register early since our space is limited," said Tom Doyal. For more information contact: Suzanne Bryant at (512) 476-4760 or Vicki Faust at (512) 472-9727.

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## Sweethearts Sock Hop planned for Valentines; The Group seeks original play for Lesbian and Gay Pride Week

### QUICK NOTES

The combined efforts of three Houston Gay and Lesbian community organizations offers an alternative to this year's Valentine's Day celebrations. (Bring your prom date and stay for the fun!)

The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, Houston (GLSH), Northern Lights Alternatives' AIDS Mastery Workshop, and Pride Committee of Houston (PCOH) are proud to present the 1994 Sweetheart Sock-Hop Ball.

The event is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 11 from 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center located at 1475 W. Gray. Among the planned events are dinner, dancing, a show and silent auction. In addition judging will be held to determine best "bee-hive" and "duck-tail" in a one of a kind male and female drag contest.

Proceeds from this event will help the AIDS Mastery building fund, The Switchboard operation fund, and the Pride Committee fund for televising this years' Pride Parade.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10 each, \$15 a couple or at the door for an additional \$5.

Contact: Evelyn (713) 871-9726 or Rusty (713) 668-8241 for further information. To order tickets by mail send check or money order to: Sock Hop c/o GLSH P.O.B. 66469, Houston, Texas 77266-6469.

### Pride production

The Group (Theatre Workshop), in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Stonewall, (the beginning of the gay and lesbian liberation movement), hopes to produce an original production for Gay and Lesbian Pride Week this year. Director of The Group, Joe Watts, is seeking original material from Texas Writers, or would be writers, dealing with the gay and lesbian lifestyle. Watts is hoping to present ten, ten minute pieces, either monologues, or two/three character pieces. The pieces can be coming out stories, romantic tales, AIDS experiences, dramatic or comedic, as long as they deal with the gay and lesbian experience.

Deadline for submitting material is Feb. 28, 1994. The production would open in early June. If you have an interest in contributing to this project please call Joe Watts at (713) 522-2204.

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I need your help in my Congressional race. As you certainly are aware, the need for self-representation is inherent to the democratic process.

In your quest to obtain a seat at the table, you counted on me. I responded by openly endorsing Gene Harrington while offering support and advice to other members of the "Take Five" slate.

It is in this spirit, that I fight for the right to sit in the Congressional seat specifically drawn to allow Houston's Hispanic community a voice of its own. Thus, I seek your endorsement based on a decades long history of support for those issues most important to the gay, lesbian and progressive communities.

Since 1975, I have fought for the basic right of women to control their own bodies. I am proud to have the strong support of feminist leaders such as Sarah Weddington. Since my years in the Texas legislature, I have consistently fought for decriminalization of gay relationships.

I'm a strong advocate for HIV funding on the state and local levels. I've joined the Houston Gay Lesbian Political Caucus (GLPC) and the Texas Gay Rights Lobby in persuading legislators to increase AIDS funding and reject AIDS phobic legislation. In fact, I was the only Houston City Councilmember to write the entire Harris County delegation to ensure continued funding for AIDS.

During the past year alone, I successfully spearheaded the National Drive allowing federal drug forfeiture moneys to be used for HIV funding and education. I was joined in this effort by Congressman Washington and HIV service providers. Millions of dollars will now be spent nationally for HIV education because of this effort. Additionally, I amended last year's City of Houston budget to allow for \$500,000 in AIDS education and prevention program. I have worked with community members making sure that the City of Houston Health Department effectively administered those HIV grant programs.

My last Congressional campaign was co-chaired by a prominent member of the gay community. In that race, my GLPC endorsement was consistently and prominently acknowledged - from downtown boardrooms to the barrios. I was proud of the endorsement and consistently referred to it as the beginning of my coalition building campaign. Further, the Human Rights Campaign Fund awarded me the highest degree of support in that race.

Since your last endorsement, I have been no stranger to your community. From AIDS hearings to GLPC social and political events, to the Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade, to ACT UP meetings, I have reached out to your community. Your gratitude has been demonstrated with awards from the Houston GLPC and the AIDS Equity League, receiving the 1993 Humanitarian Award and 1993 Legislative Award.

In contrast, my opponent's record on similar issues appears to be based on political expediency rather than on principles. Gene Green has a record of silence and/or disinterest during his state legislative tenure which is reminiscent of his latest "alleged reversal" on issues such as choice, AIDS, and gay/lesbian civil rights. My opponent's late conversion is suspicious in light of his recent Congressional votes for HIV immigration discrimination and against funding for indigent abortions.

Lastly, I remind you of the havoc wrought by the uncontrolled gun policies supported by my opponent and dictated by his National Rifle Association (NRA) financial backers. One only has to remember the assassination of Harvey Milk, the shooting of Fred Piaz or the recent gay hate murder in Tyler, to know that the gay, lesbian community needs no lesson in the effects of gun violence and hate.

Once again I ask for your endorsement. I stand on my decades long record of commitment to our mutual concern for human dignity. My opponent's record of support for Gay/Lesbian issues is sporadic at best and based on the testing of political winds.

Let us continue our strong ties of mutual respect and commitment to progressive issues.

Thank you,  
Ben Reyes

# Soiree Aubergine kicks off at Gentry; Maude is now at Cousins; Tom of Finland talent search at Pacific Street



Rich's friendly door staff; Yolanda, Randy & Dana

## HOUSTON SOAP

By TAD NELSON

Houston Voice Publisher

HELLO HOUSTON!

Well you've surely by this time heard of the Eggplant Evening, right? No! Well how about SOIREE AUBERGINE? Okay. Got ya covered. Well, according to DEL at GENTRY, Soiree Aubergine kicks off their 1994 fundraising for the BERING CARE CENTER this Sunday at Gentry. There will be a barbecue dinner beginning at 4:00 p.m. Then the super bowl game party



Barry Petree, Bob Meyer & Paul Cunningham began to sell Soiree Aubergine raffle tickets last weekend at Gentry

at 5 pm featuring Cheerleaders and halftime show by MISS CAMP AMERICA. The days festivities continue at 9 pm with LIPSTICK AND LEVIS 94 with special guest, MISS GAY USA, SWEET SAVAGE. (Whew!)

And...those Soiree Aubergine raffle tickets are now on sale at Gentry. Tickets are only \$2.00 each and the top three prizes this year include a Yamaha Seca II Motorcycle; a weekend for two in New Orleans; and round trip airfare for two people to Mexico City. Those tickets went on sale last week (see photo this issue) during an incredibly successful Jock Auction held at Gentry. Fifteen hunks raised over \$1800.00 for the Lonestar Volleyball Association. I hear I missed a couple of real woofs! Pity.

Any way there should be plenty of Soiree news and notes in this issue so check the pages for related information concerning this very special Bering Care Foundation benefit.

YOU DON'T SAY! ... Seems WALTER

CARTER was seen vacationing in John Sealy in Galveston. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

Guess who's back for a "cum back, back, back, back," again? And then there's MAUDE. And this time at COUSINS. Don't you think that Maude and RON SIOUX would truly make a lethargic...oops I mean lethal duo? This should be High Camp gurhls. Be there each Saturday around 10:30 or so for the dirt first hand. But watch out! Maude's a mud-slinger.

Did you hear that representatives of Tom of Finland are going to be in town soon (at PACIFIC STREET) looking for talent between 9 pm and 2:00 a.m. on Feb. 5th. This could be your chance to be discovered.

Speaking of art and artists. LARRY CRAWFORD will be having a one man art show at the PACIFIC STREET beginning Friday, Feb. 4th. This master exhibition was inspired by the men of Pacific Street. Hot men at their best, you don't want to miss them.

NOW ON WITH SOAP. ...

You all have raved about GARY POE of Dallas and the BRIARPATCH has him for you all weekend to tickle the ivories. Drop by this friendly Med Center bar and check out this special entertainment. There's never a cover and it's always live at the Briarpatch. They don't use machines.

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of the RESURRECTION is having a Friday night FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY POT LUCK DINNER and SOCIAL at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish and a car full of friends and enjoy the fellowship and good clean fun.

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Maudie is back at Cousin's with stories to tell about when she and Don Dowden were little together



Co-owners of Java Java Cafe on West 11th enjoy their grand opening

## Montana Justice Department asks dismissal of gay sex law

HELENA, Wednesday, Jan. 19 (AP)—The state Justice Department has asked a district judge to dismiss a suit challenging Montana's deviate sexual conduct law, saying the six gay people have no legal standing to sue.

The six filed suit in December, contending the law that makes consensual homosexual sex a felony is an unconstitutional invasion of their privacy.

But Solicitor Clay Smith said that because none of the six has been charged with breaking the law, they have no standing to file the suit.

"A glaring omission for the complaint's allegations is any indication that the plaintiffs have been threatened with prosecution, much less actually prosecuted ... or that their employment, housing or child custody rights have been affected by the statute," Smith said.

The dismissal motion was filed with District Judge Jeffrey Sherlock, who is hearing the case. There was no immediate indication on when Sherlock might rule on the motion.

The six plaintiffs argued that the Montana law encourages discrimination and violence. Diane Sands, co-chairperson of the gay rights group PRIDE Inc., called the law "an affront to the dignity, privacy

and humanity of Montana's gay and lesbian citizens."

Rosemary Daszkiewicz, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said the challenge is based on the Montana Constitution's guarantees of individual privacy.

"Clearly, if the concepts of individual dignity and privacy mean anything, they must protect the rights of consenting adults to engage in acts of intimacy in the pri-

vacy of their homes," Daszkiewicz said. "Montana's lesbians and gay men are seeking only this basic freedom—to keep the government out of their bedrooms."

The state law makes homosexual sex a felony, with penalties of up to 10 years in jail and fines of up to \$50,000 upon conviction.

Daszkiewicz said the penalty is the most severe in the United States for consensual gay sex between adults.

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## Coming up: Uncanny Alliance at Club Hedo; Club Houston Valentine's Party



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### HOUSTON SOAP

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Sundays...enjoy the MON-TROSE MINING COMPANY'S "MINE SHAFT BEER BUST" on the patio gets EVEN better. New in 1994 is \$1.00 buy in and a .25 cent refill of Miller Lite Draft Beer with extended hours from 4:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. The patio will surely get hotter as the men enjoy Houston's biggest beer bust.

WOLFPACK BRUNCH at MARY's continues to be a big hit so be sure to get there on time to get a seat and some of the great food catered by CARTER & COOLEY DELI.

Sunday at PACIFIC STREET is MANDANCE, Monster-T-Dance with the doors opening at 7 pm and no cover from 7 to 9. When the weather is nice outside the crowd overflows onto the patio so there's always room for more.

The gang at the BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM is offering HAPPY HOUR all day each Monday. That's from 7:00 a.m. till 2:00 a.m. WOW! With \$1.50 cocktails and \$1.75 longnecks.

PACIFIC STREET (the bar) still has MONDAY CLUBBER'S NIGHT. That means is you have a current pay stub from one of Houston's restaurants, bars or other night spots you can have free admission to one of the hottest Monday night parties in town. Doors open at 9:00 p.m.

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Wednesday is HOT HUMP NIGHT at PACIFIC STREET with the doors opening at 9:00 p.m. Victor Toledo plays this weeks current Billboard Hit Videos. And there's no cover if you been in previously and received a free admission from you favorite bartender.

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Thursdays over at the BRB they have Happy Hours till 11 pm and if you get hungry around dinner time they have HAMBURGER NIGHT out on the patio with ANIMAL. Hamburgers are .75 cents and cheeseburgers are only \$1.00. COMING UP IN HOUSTON. ...

at CLUB HEDO you can still get an education Hedo Style when Club Hedonism presents "Uncanny Alliance" on Feb. 3. Get you rulers and notebooks

out for an education on how to really party. plus the Hedonists will be on hand to hand out detentions to all the Bad Boys!

at RICH'S on Feb. 11...Houston Scene and Eduardo Bennett have slated another CUPID'S BALL. This benefit includes the hippest and hottest club scene fashions.

at the CLUB HOUSTON in February is the 2nd Annual "HONEY I LOVE YOU BUT I'VE GONE TO THE CLUB VALENTINE'S PARTY.

from the RIPCORD on Saturday Feb. 12th will be AN EXCURSION TO MARDI GRAS (GALVESTON).

Advance sale tickets are \$25 and they go really fast so don't wait. The bus will depart Ripcord at 11:00 a.m. and return from Galveston after the parade. Call the bar for more details or ticket reservations. LEST WE

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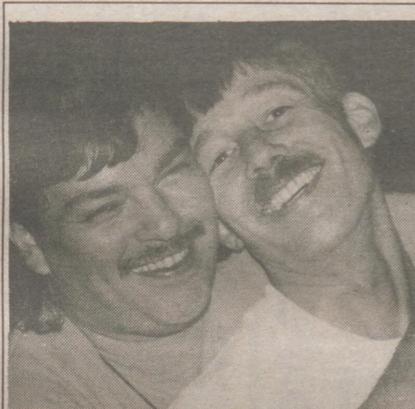
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Hang tight gurlhs for that all important decision about the newest Emperor and Empress X of the Royal & Sovereign Court of the Single Star. I hear that the coronation is this Saturday night at the Holiday Inn Med Center Ballroom at 7:00 p.m. That helpful person Miss Keever (Damita Jo) tells me that tickets are still available at the door and she will personally guarantee a good time to be had by all. (Brian—I hope this doesn't mean you're draggin' out that Twister game again.) Good Luck to all the candidates who have worked so hard for this election.

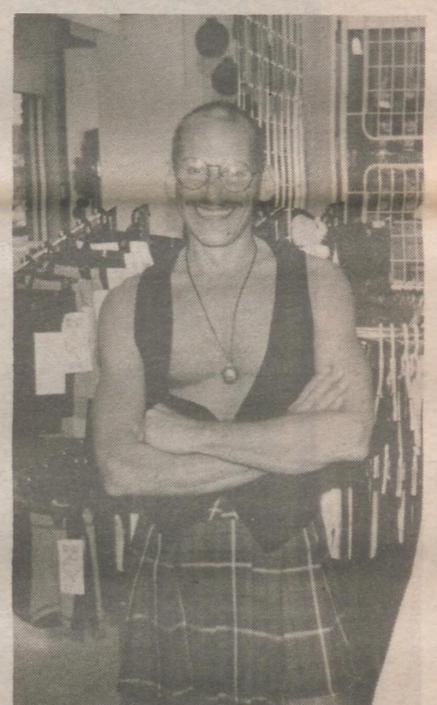
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Damion—those don't look like sweet nothings. That looks more like wet noogies!



Two of Mary's cuties—Rita Charles and Jack Dempke



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Q: "Is masturbation a sin? Is it considered lustful or sinful?" (This is a follow-up question from last week's question.)

A: Sex is a natural appetite of the body. It is a function that many times is discovered at an early age. It is a God-given function and is a beautiful experience especially when it is shared within the context of love (with another person). The sex drive or appetite can be very high in some people and very low in others. It is not for you or me to say what is a good level. What is important is what we do with our sexual appetite. For some people, masturbation is a physical release for a natural desire of the body. For others, masturbation is experienced with another person, called mutual masturbation. Still others engage in masturbation with the use of pornographic literature or videos.

From a Christian perspective, masturbation in and of itself is not considered sinful. What can turn masturbation into a sinful or lustful activity is how we engage in it and how much control it has over us. Sin or lust is letting our natural desires rule over us. We become a slave to their passions. If you become consumed with a particular appetite so that it is what is driving your every move, or at least consumes most of your spare time, then you could easily be enslaved. If you are a person who is continually looking for a way to have sexual release, things could be out of control. Self-control is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. A Christian seeks to have God control their life. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that helps us put our natural appetites into perspective. A question to ask yourself might be: "Do I go to the bar simply to have a one-night stand?" OR "Am I continually picking up a person to have sex with me?" OR "Do I find myself frequenting the Adult Bookstores?" OR "Am I a regular viewer of pornography literature or videos?" OR "Do I think about sex most of the time?" OR "Do sexual thoughts interrupt my daily routine on a regular basis?" If you answered yes to any of the above questions and find that masturbation is very frequent in your life, you may have a problem, or an addiction to sex. Be aware that a person can have a sexual addiction even in a relationship. Masturbation can be a problem for a single person as well as a person in a relationship. The problem of masturbation out of control can be addressed through therapy, a sex addicts support group, prayer and acknowledgment that you have a problem. A Christian or Nonchristian with this problem can surely find help and support and need not be ashamed. A sexual problem is no different than any other problem that we may encounter. Unfortunately society does not always see it that way. If you can find someone that you can trust, confide in them and seek help. If you have a healthy sex life, and are experiencing satisfaction in a relationship, and do not find your sexual appetite to be out of control—congratulations! Success in one area of your life can filter over into another. Our goal as Christians is to place our life in the hands of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are to present our whole selves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is our reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

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**Lambda Rollerskating Club going strong after three years on wheels**

**SPORTS FEATURE**

By **SHERI COHEN DARBONNE**  
Houston Voice Editor

Keith Peters, newly elected president of Houston's Lambda Rollerskating Club, says that he first started his love affair with skating as a young boy, he never really noticed he was good at it.

"I started speed skating as a kid," said Peters, who will be one of at least two LRC skaters competing in skate racing events at this summer's Gay Games and Cultural Festival in New York City. "I later sort of lost interest, although I always loved skating, I didn't do it for quite awhile.

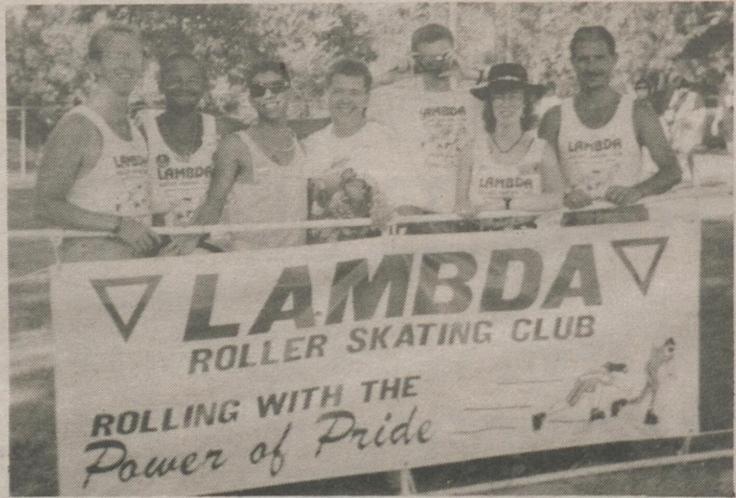
"Them when rollerblades came out, I started winning races. And I found out I was better than I thought I was."

Like many members of the club, Peters first got involved as much out of a desire to socialize with peers as to hone his sporting skill. One of the oldest non-league sport organizations in the Houston Gay and Lesbian community, L.R.C. is also a not-for-profit social and fund raising group that helps other local organizations stage benefits or raise money for projects.

The group was founded by Ray Ramirez and John Hubert three years ago. Since then, L.R.C. has held regular "Gay and Lesbian Skate Nights" at three local rinks to benefit such groups as the Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth, AIDS Foundation Houston and Team Houston.

The group also usually has an skating entry in the annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade and this year hopes to raise enough money to enter a float, Peters said.

Finding a permanent "home" for the events has been a challenge. The first site, Carousel Roller Rink, was closed after flood damage caused the floor to buckle, Peters said. Another rink required at least 100 skaters to reserve



Members of Houston's Lambda Rollerskating Club

and pay for the rental, meaning the organization's average attendance at the time would only break even, while one of L.R.C.'s purposes is to raise funds for other groups, he said.

Lambda Rollerskating Club skate nights are now held every other Tuesday night (first, third and fifth when applicable) at Hobby Skate World, located at 6804 Easthaven Street off Interstate 45.

At the present rink, only 50 skaters are needed at each event to pay the \$250 rental fee. Beyond that, all money raised at the events goes to the beneficiary organization, Peters said.

Cost of participating in the skate nights is \$5. The group usually also gives away door prizes, donated by community businesses, at the events: tapes and cassettes, Rodeo tickets, etcetera.

The group also offers its assistance to other groups needing to raise money by sharing its fund raising experience. "If any organization contacts us and wants to have a skate night as a fundraiser we're more than happy to help them plan it," Peters said.

Attendance has dropped off somewhat

because of a perception that the Hobby airport location is too far, admitted Peters. "People just think, Hobby Airport, wow, that's far away. Actually, it doesn't take long at all to get there and it's pretty easy to find," he said. "It's actually closer to downtown than the last rink was."

Peters stressed that one need not be an accomplished skater to join the group. "We have all levels," he said. "People will sometimes call us and say, 'I haven't skated in years.' If that's the case, come on out, and we'll help you skate," he said.

The group does, however, have its athletic achievers. Besides the two members who will compete in skating events, one of L.R.C.'s members will be going to the Gay Games to compete in the Tri-Athlon, Peters said. Many L.R.C. members are involved in other sports organizations; the group originally held its skates on Mondays, but changed the night to avoid conflicting with other groups' schedules.

L.R.C. also regularly competes in charity skating events beyond the Gay community, Peters noted. Among recent events

members have participated in are fundraising skates for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the Enduro Skate for Multiple Sclerosis.

"We're not just a Gay club," Peter said. "Anyone can skate with us, and we get involved in things outside the community."

But everywhere they skate, the group prominently displays a large pink triangle logo. "It shows others that (Gay and Lesbian people) are out there to support and help everybody," he said. Skating also promotes a healthier lifestyle, he noted.

Besides the skate nights, races and other events L.R.C. members meet regularly to skate outdoors, Peters said. A skating event in Memorial Park is planned for Valentines Day, complete with decorations and refreshments.

"We want to be seen as an organization with activities that young Gay and Lesbian people can also participate in," he said. "Sometimes it seems like in the Gay community, our whole life centers around the bars. The bar is a good place, of course, but there's also a whole different world out there."

(L.R.C.'s next skate night will be this Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 8:00—10:00 p.m. at hobby Skate World. To get there, take I-45 South to the Monroe exit, then go left under the freeway and on to Easthaven. Admission of \$5 includes skates and raffle ticket for a door prize. Skaters are allowed to bring their own skates and rollerblades are allowed. Tickets to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will be given away Feb. 1 and at the group's "Go Texas Western Skate Night" on Feb. 15. The next outdoor skate will be a Montrose Skate, Jan. 30 at 1:00 p.m., meet in front of Heaven on Pacific Street. For more information, call Keith Peters at 933-5818).



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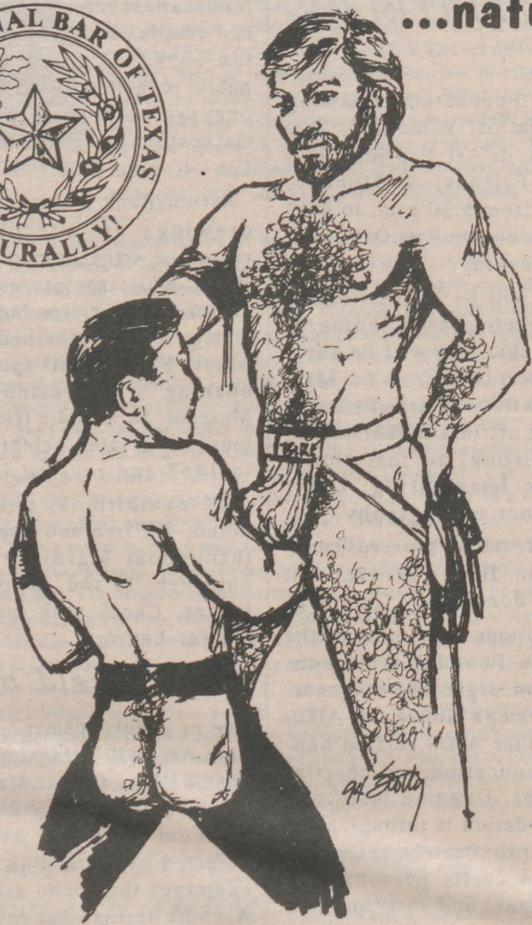
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## Illinois Supreme Court says anti-AIDS law constitutional

By **TERRY MUTCHLER**  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Thursday, Jan. 20 (AP)—The Illinois Supreme Court today upheld the state law making it a crime to engage in conduct that could transmit the AIDS virus, rejecting arguments that it is unclear and could lead to unfair prosecutions.

"Vagueness, like beauty, may be in the eye of the beholder," Justice James Heiple wrote for the court. "We however read the statute as being sufficiently clear and

explicit so that a person of ordinary intelligence need not have to guess at its meaning or application."

The justices reversed two lower court decisions dismissing charges of criminal transmission of the AIDS virus. The charges will be refiled against the individuals in the two cases, said Gerry Arnold, a state's attorney appellate prosecutor.

The 1989 law says that if a person has HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, they can't engage in intimate contact,

trade drug needles or donate blood or organs. State prosecutors can charge someone with a felony if that person knows he or she is infected with the virus and yet engages in activities that could transmit it.

Prosecutors don't have to prove a person actually infected the other person, and penalties can range from three to seven years in prison.

Lawyers attacking the case told the justices the Illinois Legislature should have set up a test to determine how people would know they have HIV and

should have defined intimate contact.

"The statute does not specify a single act that is precluded," said Harvey Grossman, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The state argues the law works because it is designed for people "of ordinary intelligence" to define what forbidden conduct would be.

Caretha Russell and Timothy Lunsford challenged the law in separate cases.

Russell, 20, of Belleville, was charged with four counts of

criminal transmission of HIV in Dec. 1991. Court records show she had sex with a man four times during a week in Oct. 1991.

Lunsford was charged with criminal transmission and sexually assaulting a 19-year-old Mattoon woman. Lunsford's lawyer said his client is innocent of both charges.

The charges of criminal transmission were dismissed but the cases were immediately appealed to the high court.

The law has been used successfully in other cases.

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## Anti-litter sign posted by Alabama gay and lesbian group removed

AUBURN, Ala., Tuesday, Jan. 18 (AP)—The Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association's anti-litter campaign suffered a setback when someone stole their Adopt-A-Mile sign just two hours after it was installed on 12-foot poles.

It took a year to get two signs placed in Auburn.

"We're frustrated, of course," said John Bales, chairperson of the group's service committee. "No one expected it would be taken in the daylight."

The association offered a \$100 reward for information about the stolen sign. The group also reported the theft to Auburn police.

A city crew put up two signs Friday, one near the Kappa Alpha fraternity house and the second across from Auburn High School. The signs indicate the mile that the association had pledged to keep free of litter.

Bales said association members had planned an all-night vigil to watch the sign near the fraternity house because of fears it might be stolen.

But, by 3:45 p.m., the sign already was gone.

"This was part of our visibility effort," Bales said of the Adopt-A-Mile program. "In all of the hullabaloo, people seemed to forget that we are

a service organization."

Since it received its charter at Auburn University in 1991, the association has faced fierce opposition.

In recent months, its Adopt-A-Mile effort sparked some controversy on the Auburn University campus, particularly because the group would be overseeing a stretch of road near the Kappa Alpha fraternity, which until last year had staged the controversial Old South parade each spring.

But the group's efforts to keep the community's streets clean met with numerous roadblocks and delays.

Bales, a math professor at Tuskegee University, said the association selected its mile in Jan. 1993 and paid \$123 for the two signs in February.

He was told it would take four to six weeks to have the signs made by the Alabama Department of Transportation and installed by a city crew.

Cheryl Gladden, the volunteer coordinator for Adopt-A-Mile in Auburn, said that when she took over the program last March she discovered that the application had not been sent to Montgomery for approval.

She said she then sent it in early April and told Bales it should be ready for installation within six weeks. Last Thursday, the signs finally arrived.



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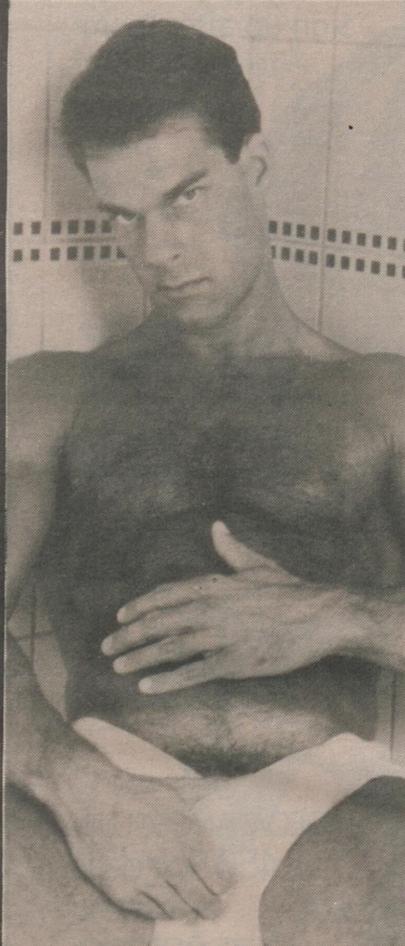
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'Six Degrees of Separation' is year's most sophisticated comedy

**FILM CLIPS**

By JAVIER TAMEZ  
Houston Voice/Houston

We're separated from any one other person in the world by only six degrees, or incidents, of separation. So recalls Ouisa Kittredge (Stockard Channing), a New York socialite, reflecting on the strange and dizzying week that has just passed in her life.

Of course that scene, seen relatively late in "Six Degrees of Separation," is nowhere near the first time that Ouisa has recalled the week's events.

From the beginning, this wonderfully delightful surprise of a film has Ouisa and her husband, Flan (Donald Sutherland), a private art dealer who specializes in discreet transactions for the rich and powerful, recounting the events that have recently occurred.

They become the center of attention at a wedding reception, during which they first tell their tale. The night before, while they were entertaining Geoffrey (Ian McKellen) a South African gold magnate and potential investor, a well-dressed, young black

man (Will Smith) appears at their door. He is bleeding and in need of help. He identifies himself as Paul, a friend of the Kittredge's children from Harvard.

Paul bedazzles his hosts and their South African guest, cooking a delectable meal from the stock of items already available in their kitchen, and impressing them with his knowledge, savvy and connections, for Paul just happens to be the son of Sidney Poitier. Geoffrey is so taken and has such a wonderful time that he promises Ouisa and Flan \$2 million to finance their next art deal. The Kettridges are so happy and grateful that they invite Paul to spend the evening.

In the morning, Ouisa wakes to the sound of strange noises, and she discovers Paul in her son's bedroom along with a male hustler. Shocked and hurt, they order the intruders to leave and make a quick check of their possessions, before dashing off to the wedding. And from the wedding reception on, the Kettridges find themselves telling their story to an ever larger audience.

But the most shocking turn comes the next day, when they dine with their best friends, Kitty and Larkin (Mary Beth Hurt and Bruce Davison) and discover that they too had the exact same encounter. And the hunt for the identity of this slick impostor begins in earnest.

The film is based on the play of the same name by John Guare, who also handled the screenplay. The work is ingeniously imaginative and carries a good solid punch. Under Fred Schepisi's masterful directing, the film is both a hilarious and searing contemporary satire.

The acting is terrific from the large ensemble cast, but kudos for the best performance go to Stockard Channing for her light, airy portrayal of Ouisa, the urbane socialite who comes to realize the Paul is not an anecdote, but rather a real person.

"Six Degrees of Separation" is witty and charming and the year's first genuine sleeper. More than likely, the most sophisticated comedy you'll see all year.

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**"In the Name of the Father"**

According to the popular adage, the wheels of justice grind slowly. But in some cases, blatant injustice replaces bureaucratic bumbling and innocent lives suffer. One such celebrated case is the story of the Guildford Four, young people who were arrested and convicted of a crime that they did not commit and who languished in jail for over 12 years before securing their release. "In the Name of the Father" is the dramatization of this very real tragedy.

The film is a bona fide account of the history of the case. Gerry Conlon (Daniel Day-Lewis) is a wayward but likable young man. With no job, he makes money by stealing tin off of roofs and selling it for scrap. To keep him out of trouble, his father, Giuseppe Conlon (Pete Postlethwaite) sends Gerry to live in London. He arrives there with his boyhood friend, Paul Hill (John Lynch), and together they manage to avoid any real problems.

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**Hawaii same-sex marriage advocates oppose proposal**

HONOLULU, Monday, Jan. 24 (AP)—Same-sex marriage advocates are opposing a legislative proposal that would restrict marriage to couples who have the biological capability to produce children.

Evelyn Blackwood, director

of the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project, said marriage should be based on love and not on the ability to have children.

"Marriage is more than procreation," Blackwood said at a news conference Monday.

"The benefits of marriage for

both couples and the state extend far beyond the birth and raising of children," she said.

Rep. Terrance Tom, who introduced the bill, said the state's concern for the health and well-being of children was the underlying basis for regulating mar-

riage and confining it to heterosexual couples.

But Blackwood said the health and well-being of children "does not seem to be the real intent of the legislation."

Tom said he wants to clarify the state law and provide a compell-

ing interest in restricting marriage to heterosexuals.

The state Supreme Court has ruled that the ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional unless the state can show a compelling reason for the ban.

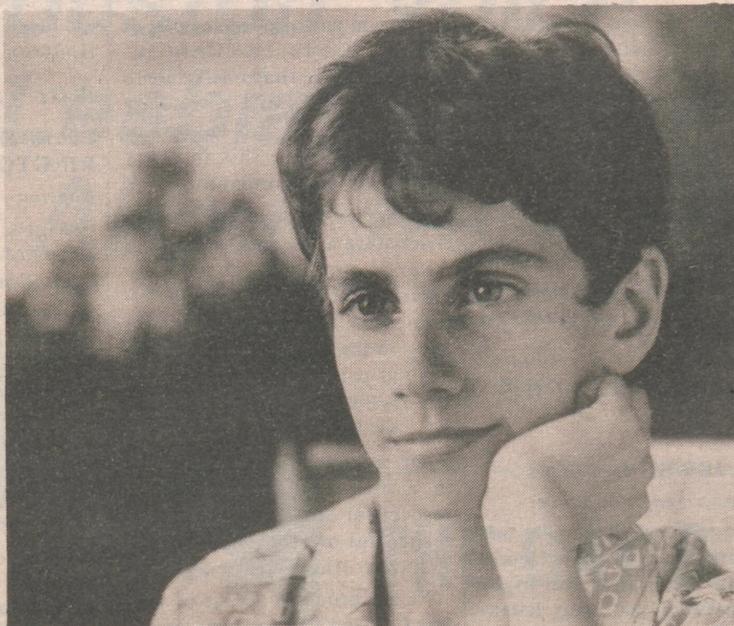
## Film Clip reviews: 'In the Name of the Father' and 'Flight of the Innocent'

(Continued from previous page)

On one fateful evening, Gerry and Paul are forced to sleep on a park bench; there they have a brief encounter with a taciturn homeless man named Charlie Burke. Also on that night, two pubs frequented by British soldiers in the London area of Guildford are bombed by IRA terrorists, killing five and injuring dozens of others.

Shortly thereafter, under the provisions of a draconian law, the Prevention of Terrorism Act, the police arrest Gerry and Paul. Using the sweeping powers granted them under the new law, the police detain both Gerry and Paul for several days without access to legal counsel. With no one to guide them, suffering torture and mental abuse, both men sign confessions. Ultimately, Carole Richardson (Beatie Edney) and Paddy Armstrong (Mark Sheppard), two communal friends of Gerry and Paul, are also implicated. Together these young people become known at the Guildford Four.

The government's intent on finding a scapegoat leads virtually all involved with the trial to ignore gaping holes and inconsistencies in the confessions, which in any event were recanted. The defendants' protests of police brutality are ignored by a court more inclined to believe public servants than petty criminals. Gerry is even more horrified when he discovers that his father and his aunt, Annie Maguire (Britta Smith), are arrested as accomplices. What makes matters worse is the revelation that what at



Manuel Colao stars as Vito in 'Flight of the Innocent'

first appears to be a terrible mistake by over zealous law enforcers is in reality a disgraceful travesty of justice by officials more interested in protecting their careers than they are in seeing that justice is served. And the entire thing is a wrenching display that evokes anger and disgust.

Under the superlative direction of Jim Sheridan and with an Oscar caliber performance from Daniel Day-Lewis, 'In the Name of the Father' is a seething film that explodes with fury and triumph. It's a

film you will feel in your gut.

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### 'Flight of the Innocent'

The beginning is a shock to the system. The tranquility of a beautiful Italian countryside is disrupted by a sudden attack. Before the violence is over every member of a family has been murdered, except for one 10-year-old boy, Vito (Manuel Colao). Fleeing from certain death, Vito

attempts to escape from his nightmarish inheritance—to prove to himself that he is still free to determine his own fate.

'Flight of the Innocent,' from directing newcomer Carlo Carlei, is a thriller that depicts the harsh realities of contemporary Italian society, where violence and kidnapping have become a way of life. Over the past 25 years in Italy, traditional animosities between the relatively wealthy north and the impoverished south, between the haves and the have-nots, has taken a deadly turn. The kidnapping-for-profit industry not only pits southern clans against the ruling industrial and political families, but against each other as well. Vito's family was massacred by members of a rival clan.

Carlei's film explores the possibility of a child rising above his past. Can a child from a family of kidnapers choose a different route? Can we make ourselves into something different? In this paradox—this 'what if'—is the meaning of the movie.

However, Carlei leaves the resolution ambiguous. The closing is dream-like, almost spiritual. Perhaps he intended it as representative of our own optimistic expectations—if we do something good in our lives, it will make good things happen.

Though the ending is somewhat enigmatic, no such uncertainty exists regarding the quality of the film. 'Flight of the Innocent' is a good movie. \*\*\*

## Java Java Cafe opens doors as a new eatery & late night spot in the Heights

### ENTERTAINMENT

By BOB AINSWORTH

Houston Voice/Houston

Last week I was in attendance of the Grand Opening Party of a new cafe in the Heights which is worth your time to investigate. It's the Java Java Cafe located at 911 West 11th in the Heights. Now this is not to be confused (as so regularly happens according to the owners) with the 11th Street Cafe off of Studewood. But is instead closer to Shepherd or Yale.

There was quite a nice crowd upon arrival and the tables were laden with delicious canapes and deserts. I don't believe this food was truly representative of the menu items available, but the spread was good.

Along with the munchies was

however a sample of what was to come. I had the best glass of Iced Java, a coffee and cream concoction over ice in a tall glass. I'm honestly just learning to drink cold coffee, but I think I've found a great place to begin. As the name Java Java implies, there is a large selection (too many to count but under 100) of coffee related hot and/or cold beverages and deserts.

Our opening night party was also blessed with the music of 'Trilogy' a local trio singing progressive rock and roll and



Java Java Cafe owners enjoy the grand opening.

blues by artists like Jerry Jeff Walker and Bonnie Raitt. As it happens, the restaurant shares a building on 11th street with a florist shop and the atmosphere is a rustic stucco stone combination

with an earthy 'out in a meadow' type feel. The salmon color is nice and pleasing to the eyes in any light. And being next to a florist assures some great arrangements and nick-nacs to entertain the eyes while settling in for your meal.

Java Java is open from 8:00 a.m. to 10 pm most weekdays and until 12:00 a.m. on

weekend nights. I did go back last Friday evening after a Houston Pops concert and still had plenty of time in a very relaxed atmosphere to enjoy a pleasant meal. A full review of the menu will be done at another

time in our publication. But there is a great selection of breakfast, lunch and dinner items. I had the Pasta Special dinner and it was pretty tasty along with my Iced Java beverage. And for desert? Blue Bell and Toll House Pie. And they say the cows in Brenham think they are in Heaven!

For a great alternative to those other crowded dining spots, try the Java Java Cafe. You can't beat the hours (who else is open after the symphony or the Alley that doesn't cost a fortune or isn't as crowded as the House of Guys). Lot parking is a little limited but easily obtained on the side streets. Service is quick. The menu is very reasonable. And I guarantee you'll love the Iced Java. For more information about the location or menu call (713) 862-2683.

## Texas Lesbian Conference '94 to be held April 29-May 1 in San Antonio

### AROUND THE STATE

San Antonio's beautiful River Walk will be the setting for the Texas Lesbian Conference's seventh annual conference. TLC '94 is scheduled for April 29 through May 1 and will be held at the Convention Center located downtown on the River Walk.

The conference, titled 'Salud: Celebrating Our Community, Celebrating Ourselves,' will be a multicultural event planned by San Antonio's culturally diverse lesbian community.

The conference had originally been scheduled to be held at the Wyndham Hotel on a different weekend. Due to an unexpected increase in fees to accommodate needed changes, the TLC '94 committee decided to find another location for the conference.

Keynote speakers for the conference will be JoAnn Loulan and Linda Villarosa. The main entertainment will be comedian Marga Gomez.

Referred to as the 'Dr. Ruth of Dykedom,' JoAnn Loulan is a licensed marriage, family and child counselor and sex thera-

pist. She is also the author of 'Lesbian Sex, Lesbian Passion,' and her recent release 'The Erotic Dance: Butch, Femme, Androgyny and Other Rhythms.'

Linda Villarosa is a senior editor at Essence magazine. Essence has a circulation of more than five million. The magazine's main audience is young, upwardly mobile African-American women. Villarosa came out publicly in an article she co-authored with her mother, Clara, titled 'Coming Out for Essence.' Latina comic writer/per-

former Marga Gomez will be the conference's main entertainment. Gomez has appeared on Rosie O'Donnell's Stand-Up Spotlight/VH1, PBS's Comedy Tonight with Whoopi Goldberg, A&E's Good Time Cafe and HBO's Comedy Special. She has opened for k.d. lang, Linda Ronstadt, Cris Williamson and many others. She is best known for her one-woman performance monologues, 'Memory Tricks' and 'Marga Gomez is Pretty, Witty and Gay.'

Approximately 30 workshops will be presented. The workshops will cover topics such as

relationships, legal issues, lesbians in business, health, spirituality, multicultural issues and more.

Overnight accommodations will be provided by the Crockett Hotel, 2.5 blocks from the Convention Center. A block of 60 rooms has been set aside for group rate for the conference and will be held until April 1.

For further information call Textures Bookstore, (210) 805-8398, or write to TLC '94, P.O. Box 12327, San Antonio, Texas 78212.

# Miss Camp America Foundation Inc. evaluating possible beneficiaries

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PERRIE DOLPH

Vice President, Community Affairs, Miss Camp America Foundation Inc.

The Miss Camp America Foundation Incorporated, a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization has been the sponsor of a 26 year tradition in Houston, it's annual September Pageant.

As a private Foundation our main purpose is to raise funds for charities that provide assistance to persons with AIDS.

For the third consecutive year, the Foundation will be donating all profits from this year's Pageant and fund raising events to several Houston AIDS related charities.

Within the next month a special committee will be evaluating the financial and policy statements of organizations that wish to be considered. If your group is interested or you know of a charity in need of assistance please contact: Perrie Dolph, 729-9662.

Past recipient's of monies include the Assistance Fund, Bering Dental Clinic, Pet Patrol, Body Positive and the Colt 45's.

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### After Hours complaints

FROM JEWEL L. GRAY

After Hours Senior Producer

It has come to my attention as one of two producers of After Hours, Gay and Lesbian Late night radio on KPFT that many listeners have found a few of our shows recently to be particularly offensive and in poor taste. While we are not adverse to being irreverent, our goal is to entertain and inform. Our program hosts are very diverse and have been at liberty to speak as themselves without censorship. However, this has proven to be

an error in judgment on my part as Senior Producer. Unfortunately, it is at times difficult to ask all members of a community to conform to one school of thought. We see this in every aspect of our community.

Whenever an issue of a subjective nature arises, we as hosts of After Hours must consider our entire audience, from the fifteen year old listening to our show in the safety of the dark and beyond parental ear shot, to the involved community activist...we have a responsibility.

Our responsibility is to behave in a manner of decency and respect for others. If we can't be respectful of others, we cannot ask that others respect us.

We are proud to be one of very few Gay and Lesbian programs in the country, and the only LATE NIGHT program of the two in Houston. We do not intend to allow this privilege to be abused. This issue will be dealt with to my satisfaction before it can happen again.

(Anyone wishing to voice an opinion on this issue may write

to: Jewel Gray, P.O. Box 66469, Houston, Texas 77266-6469.

### Not for Lee

From EUGENE M. HARRINGTON

Houston

(Editor's note: The following is a copy of a letter sent to Houston City Council Member Sheila Jackson Lee by Eugene M. Harrington, gay activist and Texas Southern University law professor, regarding her challenge to U.S. Rep. Craig Washington, who recently endorsed Harrington for a city council seat.)

Dear Sheila:

We have known each other for nearly a decade. During that time I have consistently supported your numerous efforts to obtain political offices. With the exception of the unusual circumstances of the last city council election, the gay and lesbian community, individually and collectively, have been strong proponents of your political ambitions—endorsing, supporting and working for you,

providing a large measure of your support.

Thus it was with a sense of disappointment and disillusionment that I observed your endorsement for a Congressional seat by the Black Baptist Ministers. Within hours of your Congressional filing, you stood silently while veiled racist and homophobic remarks formed the foundation of what was obviously a pre-arranged, orchestrated political event.

To date you have silently condoned this bigotry while claiming that you have strong support in the gay and lesbian community. Frankly, you have added hypocrisy to the bigotry fueling your latest political ambition. I believe that I personally, the gay and lesbian community and all Houstonians who abhor bigotry deserve an apology for your silent condoning of the blatant intolerance which forms the basis of your recent campaign. When expediency replaces conscience, society is at risk.

## Austin woman who spoke on AIDS dies at 27

AUSTIN, Monday, Jan. 24 (AP)—An Austin woman who shared a message of AIDS prevention throughout Central Texas after contracting the deadly illness has died at age 27.

Sherry Root is believed to have spoken with an estimated 40,000 people, most of them local high

school students, in the two years since she was diagnosed with the disease.

"Sherry's words were, 'You have choices, think about your choices,'" said her mother, Donna Root.

Ms. Root, who died Saturday, was infected with the AIDS virus when

she was 19 by her first boyfriend, who did not tell her that he had experimented with intravenous drugs, she said in a 1992 newspaper article.

Ms. Root was empowered by the positive response she received when she gave her first speech to Pflugerville High School stu-

dents, her mother said. Their support fueled her determination to reach as many kids as she could in the time she had left.

Thousands of youngsters wrote her letters of appreciation over two years, telling her that she had made them think about AIDS as something other than a problem for drug users

and homosexuals, her mother said.

"It takes courage to not only face their disease themselves, but to face their disease in front of others—and Sherry had that courage," said Sandy Bartlett, director of the AIDS Services of Austin speakers bureau, who helped Ms. Root develop her speaking ability.



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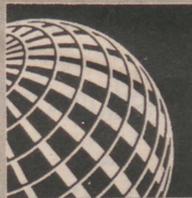
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# Kofi and Cream at Just Tery's; Valentine show at 10th Avenue; Lady Laura is the new Miss Gay Laredo At Large



Lady Laura, Miss Laredo At Large

## RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

By JOSHUA ST. MICHAEL & TOOTSIE WOMELDORF

Houston Voice/Houston

I sit here and try to write this article to you, the gay and straight community of the Rio Grande Valley who has supported this publication. Tootsie and I were informed this past week if sales did not increase the Valley would be dropped, as of Feb. 4, 1994. The new owner of the Houston Voice has stated that "plans will eliminate our presence in any city other than Houston/Galveston. The decision has still to be finalized." He feels that other cities are not pulling their weight. So what does that mean? It means that each one of you in Rio Grande Valley who feels this publication is needed, must talk to your friends, bar owners and businesses into advertising so we



Kofi

can keep this paper coming down to the valley. As a gay community, we need to know not only what's happening in the Valley but throughout Texas and across the rest of the country as well. This paper is our link to the outside world! If you can help us keep this paper here please call (210) 428-6800 and offer us some suggestions.

Lets get to the soap...This past weekend Kofi and a Touch of Cream stormed the valley starting off at Just Tery's Friday night where she and two of the hottest dancers to ever hit the Valley put on a terrific performance. On Sunday night they traveled down to Harlingen and really shook up things at the Planet. Everyone loved them and hopes they will be back in the Valley again soon.

This weekend at Just Tery's, Peggy and Terry will be playing your favorite dance music and serving you favorite drinks. Don't forget to get ready for the

show with surprise guest (through the grape vine I did hear that Lady Laura will perform). Make sure that you drop by. Don't forget that on Fridays and Saturday its 75¢ cubas and complimentary draft beer until 10:30 p.m.

Coming up next month on Feb. 13, 10th Avenue will be hosting a super duper Valentine show. So bring you honey and celebrate Valentines Day eve at 10th Avenue. Speaking of honeys Misty Duval and Gave will be united in marriage on Feb. 20th. Hey guys its about time you both tied the knot and said "I do." The best of luck to both of you from me and Tootsie.

For those who haven't heard yet Lady Laura who traveled to Laredo last Friday night to compete for Miss Gay Laredo at Large, WON!!! That's right folks, she now holds two titles; Miss Gay Pride of the Rio Grande Valley 93-94 and Miss Gay Laredo at Large. She will travel to San

Antonio this August to compete for the title of Miss Gay Texas at Large. We all wish her the best of luck. Lady Laura would like to thank Just Tery's, 10th Avenue, the Planet, Zippers and Valley Voice in supporting her with fund raisers and moneys. She would also like to thank all her friends who traveled to the Discovery Club in Laredo to support her.

Last Saturday night Lady Laura and friends performed at P.B.D.'s. This was her first performance after winning in Laredo. P.B.D.'s will be celebrating their 10th anniversary party on Feb. 19th, so make sure to stop by and join Drew, Chuck and Don for the party fun. I hear that they have some really great plans and surprises up their sleeves for the night so don't miss it!

Now as we travel down the Valley we always have time to drop in at Zippers and talk to Max who tells us that the Monterey Special Collection Dancers will be coming soon so keep in contact with the bar for further details. Remember Zippers is open seven evenings a week and happy hour is from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

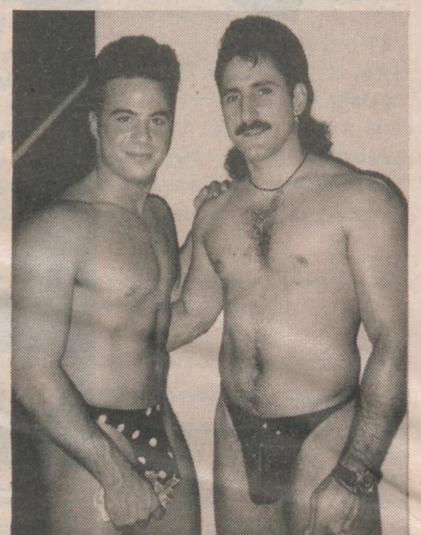
Over at the Planet this weekend it's party, party, party! This Sunday be there for the Super Bowl XXVIII party to celebrate the 'Boys' vic-

tory with a trash disco tea party. Then be sure and mark your calendars for Feb. 6th when the one and only Tommi Ross will make her first appearance in Harlingen at the Planet.

Valley Voice Gay and Lesbian Alliance will meet this Tuesday at 2313 E. Crockett in Harlingen at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend! Come out and meet other gay people away from the bar scene and discuss topics pertaining to our lifestyle.

We want to thank all those who have so enthusiastically supported the paper this past year. Hopefully we can all pull together to keep it going.

For those of you who remember the "In Touch" see you there again soon.



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## Midtown gallery-studio to feature work by new Gay and Lesbian artists

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
Houston Voice Editor

When Houston artist Larry Crawford first attempted to find a gallery to show his work, he met with what he describes as a classic "Catch 22." Established galleries only want to show work by established artists, he said, and to become established an artist must first show his work.

The problem facing new and non-traditional artists in finding a venue to show and sell their art, said Crawford, is the reason he has taken on the challenge of opening a small, non-traditional gallery himself.

Merman Gallery, which Crawford and artist friends are now in the process of remodeling, will provide a setting for such shows at a price that is not prohibitive to the "starving artists" of the community, especially Gay and Lesbian artists, he said.

"What I want to do is charge one set, reasonable fee—say \$200 a month—and let the artist have it for the whole month." The artists can use the space for both a working studio, a place to show

and a site for receptions, etc., he noted. "If two or three artists want to get together and have a show, that's fine, too," he added.

The space might also be used by community groups for art sale benefits and cocktail parties, Crawford suggested. "I'm open to anything. Basically, I just wanted to do something I saw a need for. So far, all of the artists I've talked to in the community are very enthusiastic about it," he said.

"I'm willing to do anything that's legal—I want to do things that are daring, that maybe a (traditional) gallery wouldn't show. I know some people who do nude photography...those kind of things you can't show in a bar," he said.

"I've painted since about the day I was born," he said. "And the hardest thing in the world for an artist starting out is getting a gallery to show your work. People I talked to would say, your work is really good, but you aren't known, so we can't show



Local artist Larry Crawford says he is opening Merman Gallery to help other Gay artists gain recognition

it. I say, 'How do you get known' and they would say, 'You have a show.'"

Crawford now is not unknown, particularly in the Gay and Lesbian community. His work has been displayed periodically at the Venture-N and in other bars, in community or benefit art shows, and at the Westheimer Art Festival. He is scheduled to open an art show tonight (Friday, Jan. 28) at Pacific Street.

But bars are limited by TABC restrictions in showing art: most erotic or explicit material cannot be hung in an establishment that serves alcohol, he said.

Much of Crawford's work is erotic or suggestive, but his paintings, drawings and photographs span a wide range of subjects, and are not all related to Gay themes. In the airy, threadbare studio, above Guy's News at Main and Alabama on the edge of the crumbling midtown/downtown district just east of Montrose, scenes of children at a fair and cardlike political imagery share the sunlit walls with leathermen cavorting and mermen stretching. Crawford also paints celebrity portraits, which he usually has autographed and keeps for himself.

The merman is Crawford's logo as well as the title of the gallery and graphic design business and a recurring theme in his art. He is undecided about the market popularity of his favorite design, however. "One year I took about five of my merman paintings to

the Westheimer Art Festival," he said, "and no one would even look at them! So the next year, I was putting things together (for the festival) and someone said, 'why don't you bring some of your mermen' and I said 'well, nobody likes them.' I sold four the first day!"

Crawford says he is often surprised at his sales successes. He tells the story of what may be his favorite painting, one he says everyone came to associate with him. "It was called 'The Queen's Closet,' and it was this huge painting, with nothing but a clothes rod with matching shirts and sweaters. I put this outrageous price on it, thinking, no one will ever buy this, because I didn't really want anyone to buy it."

Crawford said, however, that he was forced to part with the piece, and in a big way. The woman who bought it, the day after seeing it in a show, took it to Norway, he said.

## Minnesota man who brought male date to prom dies at 32

MINNEAPOLIS, Monday, Jan. 24 (AP)—A man who gained national attention 15 years ago when he took a male companion to a high school prom has died of AIDS.

Randy Rohl died Dec. 31 at a Minneapolis hospital. He was 32.

Rohl captured the interest of media across the country when, as a

17-year-old senior in Sioux Falls, S.D., he arrived at the Lincoln High School prom with his date—a 20-year-old man. They wore matching powder blue tuxedos, red rose boutonnieres and silver pierced earrings.

Rohl told reporters at the time that he and his date were "just friends"

but he said the media attention was upsetting.

"I think it's rather sad that my date and I have to get more publicity or more acknowledgement from the press than any other couple," Rohl said in 1979. "I don't think we're any more worthy of special attention. Yes, maybe it's a mile-

stone in gay rights, but it's being made into more of a freak show." Rohl's mother, Isolde Rohl, said her son liked to challenge the norm.

"He was a rebel in his own way," she said last week. "He did what he felt was right. It wasn't that what he did was wrong—just not in little Sioux Falls. It was just such a shock

because I didn't know what he was going to pull. I knew there was something different about him, but I had no idea at that time that he was gay."

Rohl had been living in Minneapolis, where he was enrolled in pre-medicine courses at the University of Minnesota.

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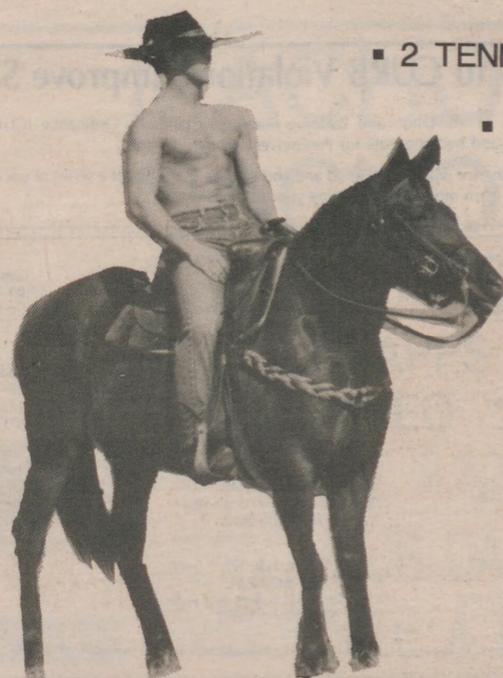
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# Super Bowl Party at Industria; Amber Nixx is Miss Gay Southwest

## SAN ANTONIO SOAP

By LEFTY TAYLOR

Houston Voice/San Antonio

Here it is, wet and warm and just in time for the Super Bowl. This Week I have truly joined the ranks of other flu sufferers around the city and its one club I want to get out of. But I don't think this weather will stop much of the game this week end. Many of the bars are having parties for the game and I hope I remember them all.

Downtown, Industria is having a Super Bowl/Corey Puberty party. He finally comes of age and will be allowed to drink legally in the bars. I want to do the spanking. Also Mike has left the bar and his evil twin brother Mark has taken over. (sorry about the name). I was given yet another date as to when the top floor will be opened and I'm not going to print it this time. I will just wait until I see it for myself. For the people new to Industria. Its one of the best looking bars in town and its located on the River walk conveniently close to downtown and the other major bars.

Also downtown is the El Jardin. Its the oldest gay bar in San Antonio and has the oldest bartender in town, Miss Billy. You might remember him in his first acting role playing Scarlet Ohara's father...Oh well, he's always good for a laugh. Coming to the El Jardin February fifth is the Hardly Girls with special guests Tommy Manhattan and Greta Garbage. Laos will be appearing with many other guests in a special benefit to help raise money for the MCC church to



The Hardly Girls on tour

help them bring the Flirtations to town. I was told this week that the Flirtations sang a son on the movie Philadelphia so I hop that they will sing that one here. Hopefully with you kind donations, the Flirtations will be appearing in San Antonio sometime after Fiesta.

Congratulations to Amber Nixx for winning the Miss Gay Southwest pageant held at the Papermoon this last week. I have seen Amber perform and sometimes she really lets herself go. you go girl. We're proud of you, but just watch where you throw that duct tape. On Thursday Jan. 27th, Tandi Andrews will host a benefit fund raiser for Nina Monroe. Special guests will include Coco, Dyan Michaels, Victoria West, Shady Lady, Pauletta and many more. All proceeds will go to help pay for funeral expenses. This weekend the Super Sunday show will include Melissa Crawford among with Tandi, Shady, Pauletta and Coco. Thursday night Tandi has a T.E.A. party with Erica Hutton, Ariel Andrews and Vanessa Gordon.

The Silver Dollar will be holding a gigantic Super Bowl Sunday party and the game will be telecast on their new 27" monitors. There will be \$1.50 well and longnecks and .50 cent draft provided along with munchies to make this a memorable Sunday for all you football fans.

Just listening around town I've heard that the most happening of the new bars is Miriam's. On Sunday night its going to be a strong contender for that nights talent show. Not only does Sassy put on a truly professional (and entertaining show) but has some of the most popular talent in town. Sassy still has her Thursday night strip show at 9:30 p.m. and it has always been one of the busiest nights of the week for her. Steak night is on Tuesday along with the third pool tournament of the week and Jes-

sica Wells talent night is on Wednesday with cash prizes. Miriam invites everyone down to the bar on Sunday afternoon when happy hour will be extended to 10:00 p.m. just for the game. After the game, the action never stops with Sassy's show.

The 2015 11th anniversary is coming up on Valentine's Day. Congratulations! Does this mean we get you wood or something? On Feb. 12th, the 2015 will host the Miss Gay Sweetheart San Antonio Pageant with Pauletta Leigh. The show will start at 10:00 p.m. People interested in being contestants can call the bar for information or call (210) 227-2204 or (210) 224-3249. Anyone would be glad to help you.

I had the pleasure of escorting one of my many bosses to Sparks last weekend. Poor Bill had never been there before and did he get a pleasant surprise. The place was filled to overflowing with gorgeous men and in the tapestry room, we were subtly entranced with the piano music. Looking at Jim is always a delight, too. Sparks has dancers every night of the week and on Tuesday nights, they have hot oil wrestling. You get to grease em' up and down.



Nexus' Mary with Dena Kaye

The Nexus will open on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. especially for the Super Bowl game. New drink specials will be provided and a lot of different kinds of snacks. Also on Thursday night is steak night. One of the most popular ones in town. These girls lay out a buffet fit for a queen which it was, and you will never leave hungry.

Finally, the Wild Country got some decent strippers. And this time they both were 10's to the last inch. Wow! What a pair. Our poor manager will now have to start doing sit ups along with track lessons. This Sunday, the hot bods will be out, this time cheering on your favorite Super Bowl team in nothing but a t-bag. They'll dance all night long for your enjoyment. Also that night you can eat your fill of hot



Chanel White

dogs and drink .25 cent draft all night long.

This Saturday night at the Wild Club, its adult porn stars Tom Katt, Marco Rossi and Chi Chi Larue. If you have seen the devilish ads they've put in these last weeks you'll know we've got a hot night ahead for us. Chi Chi is the mastermind behind some of those erotic films you've seen and I can't help thinking she saw it live. I'm sure it will be a show to remember. That Sunday Roxie Starr Will be appearing on the Super Sunday Show doing her impersonations of Rosanne Arnold. Coming soon will be Jennifer at John and Melissa Crawford along with Tommie Ross and China Blue. Victoria would like to wish good luck to Shawna Brooks and to let everyone know not to worry, she will be coming back to the Wild Club as soon as she wins her title.

The weather is warming up but I have a feeling that we will have another cold spell or two. Its only the end of January. Along with tax time, you can remember with that fat return, you might want to think about owning your own home. Ken Bradshaw is there to help you in any way possible.

There is enough happening this week to keep us all busy. Next week there will be information on the Papermoon Newcomer of the Year and the Hillbilly Jitters Contest. Also, there will be exciting tales to be told about Marco Rossi, Tom Katt and Chi Chi Larue. Thanks and chow!

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## Meinhold judge disappointed with Clinton

By BOB EGELKO

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Jan. 18 (AP)—The judge who declared the military ban on gays unconstitutional said Tuesday the Supreme Court would probably disagree, and also criticized President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

"He had an opportunity. He didn't seize it," U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter of Los Angeles told a law school audience, lamenting Clinton's decision not to repeal the ban by executive order as soon as he took office.

"It would have been well behind us, I think, if he had acted swiftly ... when his popularity was at its highest," Hatter said.

The new policy, passed by Congress and accepted by Clinton, prohibits questioning recruits about their sexual orientation but still requires discharges of those who reveal their homosexuality, unless they can persuade authorities they will remain celibate while in the service.

"I don't know that it's workable," Hatter said. He called the new policy "very sad."

Last January, Hatter ordered the Navy to reinstate Petty Officer Keith

Meinhold, a 13-year veteran who had been discharged in 1992 after disclosing his homosexuality on national television. The ruling said the Pentagon's justifications for banning gays were based on "cultural myths and false stereotypes."

After the Navy indicated it would deny Meinhold promotion or reenlistment, Hatter broadened his ruling last September to prohibit all military discrimination based on sexual orientation. The ruling, if upheld, would strike down the new policy as well as the old one.

The Clinton administration appealed the ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which heard oral arguments last month. The issue is also before a federal appeals court in Washington, D.C. Hatter said it was headed for the Supreme Court.

"Given the present makeup of the United States Supreme Court, I'm not particularly optimistic," he said.

"The same arguments are used against gays in the military as were used against blacks in the military," said Hatter, who is black. "I don't submit for a minute that the problems are the same, but unfortunately the results in how gays are treated and how many minorities are treated is the same."

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Metropolitan Multi-Service Center  
1475 West Gray

Thurs. Feb. 17  
7:00-8:30 P.M.  
Acres Home Multi-Service Center  
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## Main Street Theater's updated 'Julius Caesar' is successful adaptation

### HOUSTON LIVE

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

Attempting to update Shakespeare is always risky, but if the director exercises a little restraint and if he is smart enough to edit the text sparingly and in a discerning fashion, he will go a long way toward succeeding in his attempt at contemporization. Such is the case with director Stephen Garfinkel and his interpretation of "Julius Caesar" currently being presented at Main Street Theater.

Shakespeare's well-known historical tragedy explores the drama of power politics and personal conscience as they played themselves out in a struggle for control of Rome by five men during the waning days of the Republic.

Caesar (Marcos Mena) is proud and conceited. An aging leader who is destined for the punishment of hubris, Caesar rules by virtue of ability as well as power, though his judgment is influenced by superstition.

Brutus (Freeman Williams) is high-minded and disinterested. His personal virtues are above reproach, but they have no bearing upon his public abilities. In fact, this "noblest Roman" is naive enough to allow his fear for political liberty to lead him to transgress the rules of allegiance to a ruler and gratitude to a benefactor.

Cassius (Randall Doerner) is envious and shallow. He attacks Caesar with posturing claims about preserving the Republic, but his rationalization is based on unsubstantiated concerns.

Mark Antony (Rodney Walsworth) is motivated by loyalty, but his zeal for



(L-R) Randall Doerner (Cassius), Freeman Williams (Brutus) and Rodney Walsworth (Mark Antony) in Main Street Theater's production of "Julius Caesar"

vengeance leads him to provoke civil war after the assassination by rousing a mob and turning it loose in the city to do what mischief it will.

Octavius (Maurice Tuttle) is impersonal and the only contender for power who was not directly involved in the murder. Although guilty, along with Antony, of condemning innocent men to death, and though he defers to Antony's superior oratory and military prowess, Octavius' business-like manner separates him and marks him as the man best suited to lead.

Garfinkel loses nothing from Shakespeare's characterizations. Each of the principals exhibits qualities found in the historical figures. Where Garfinkel does slip, is in the presentation of this updated version.

According to Garfinkel, one of the reasons for modernizing the production

and removing it from its classical historical context was the utilization of stark, contemporary sculpture by local artist Don Redman. Redman's pieces are assorted geometric shapes that become extremely utilitarian when adapted for a stage set. All well and good, but that doesn't really explain, or justify, the costuming decisions by Garfinkel and designer Rebecca Greene Uden.

The costumes are very contemporary. Caesar appears in appropriately conservative garb while the Senators are outfitted in paramilitary tunics, small swords at their sides. Only Antony appeared misdressed; throughout the first act, poor Rodney Walsworth looks completely ridiculous in gym clothes, complete with sweat towel. The mob appears in relatively ordinary laborers' wear, except for their shirts which

also provide the only clue as to what Garfinkel intended as a geographic location.

The shirts are colorful and shiny, and this is supposed to be indicative of some banana republic. (Truth to tell, Latin America as a setting did not occur to me; a friend who joined me for the play pointed it out. I suspect, however, that my friend had received the information from Garfinkel, who happens to live just across the street from him.)

The chronological timing for the production is also left to speculation, but it's definitely the last half of the 20th century. How can you tell? During the eulogy by Antony, the mob gathers in a tavern to discuss the events that have shaken the capital; as Antony speaks, the listeners are all looking above and beyond the bartender—the usual location for a bar's television set.

Despite these small misgivings about Garfinkel's updating, I very much enjoyed this production. The acting was sound and solid. Marcos Mena as Caesar was brilliantly understated with a rich, mellifluous voice. Tuttle is distantly arrogant as Octavius; Walsworth exercised controlled emotion as Antony; Williams made a loftily pensive Brutus; and Doerner was maliciously sinister as Cassius.

MST's production of "Julius Caesar" is crisp and knowing. If you're like me, you haven't read or seen a production of "Julius Caesar" since high school. There's a good reason we were forced to read it in the 10th grade, and this first-rate production helps explain why.

What: "Julius Caesar"

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When: Jan. 14—Feb. 20

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Always,  
Don Gill



### CLINT A. DARBONNE

Born: 10/11/1956  
Died: 1/19/1994

Clint Darbonne passed away on Jan. 19 at the Veterans Administration Hospital after a long, courageous, stubborn and feisty battle with AIDS. He was 37.

Clint was a poet and a dreamer; a father, son, brother, lover and friend who will be missed by many. He loved leather, jewelry, partying, self-expression and his sons, Joshua and Zachary.

Burial was Tuesday, Jan. 25 in the VA National Cemetery. A community memorial is being planned (details to be announced later). Any donation in his memory may be made to Bering Care Center.

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### ROBERT LOUIS FALLETTI

Robert Louis Falletti, 36, lover, friend, son, and brother, died on January 19, 1994. Rob died of AIDS while working a hoping for a world that would be more educated, responsible, and compassionate. Rob is survived by his lover, Bob Hergenroeder, mother, Mrs. Norma Falletti, sister, Janet Falletti Moss, and a warm and wonderful community of friends.

His creative energy, personal passion and hard work contributed to the success of the AIDS Education & Training Center - UT Health Science Center, Houston's AIDS Equity League, Houston Department of Health, Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, Ryan White Planning Council, and Montrose Counseling Center Endowment Fund. Memorial donations are encouraged in Rob's name to AIDS Equity League, P.O. Box 980307, Houston 77098. Memorial service and reception will be at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, January 30. Contact "Friends & Co-workers of Rob" for location.

### PAUL SCOTT WALKER

Paul Scott Walker, 35 of Houston for 11 years died January 25, 1994 after a brief illness with AIDS. He served as a Maitre d' D' at several local Houston restaurants. Survivors are his parents; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker of Pine City, Florida, sisters; Mrs. Pam York of San Diego, California; Lynnett Walker of St. Petersburg, Florida; Mrs. Lynn Osborn and Mrs. Cindy Walker both of Sioux City, Iowa.

Remains overland to Sioux City, Iowa. Graveside services begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 29th with Father Richard Sitzmann of the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa officiating. Arrangements by ALIEF/SHARPSTOWN FUNERAL HOME (713) 561-6300.

At the family's request in lieu of flowers donations should be made to the AIDS Foundation of Houston. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Houston.

The Houston Voice welcomes well-written, insightful and to-the-point opinion pieces for our editorial page. We also welcome "counterpoint" articles that represent a different view on the issues approached in commentaries that we have run. We reserve the right to edit for length, format and readability, and we will run only one full-length counterpoint to an opinion piece. Shorter responses may run as "letters to the editor" at our discretion.

## Gay students seeking recognition at private Washington college

SPOKANE, Sunday, Jan. 23 (AP)—A Whitworth College panel of faculty and students has been created to discuss school policy on homosexuality and whether to formally recognize a group of gay and lesbians as a student organization.

William Robinson said he knew last fall when he arrived to become president of the small private college that the school must define policies on gay issues.

"I knew that it was an issue we had to get in front of," Robinson said. "But I found out we don't know how to deal with the issue yet."

Robinson has appointed a 13-person committee to study the issue and come up with recommendations by fall at the latest.

Among other things, the panel will consider the request for formal recognition by about 15 gay and lesbian students who have been meeting

informally for three months.

Until a decision is made, the students have been told they can continue to meet on campus but cannot identify themselves as a Whitworth organization.

The college, which has 1300 undergraduates, is affiliated with but not controlled by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

"This issue has the potential to be

very divisive, both inside the Presbyterian Church and at the college," Robinson said.

Presbyterian church leaders have taken the position that homosexuality is wrong, but homosexual orientation is not sinful.

Megan Bishop, a freshman who helped start the group of gay and lesbian students, said administrative approval of the organization would discourage anti-gay sentiment she

said exists on campus.

Approval also would give students afraid of disclosing their homosexuality a place to turn to for support, Bishop said.

Opponents of recognition for the group say the step is unnecessary because the students can already meet on campus. Any counseling gay students may need can be provided through the campus health center, they say.

## Greek-themed parties planned to celebrate Mardi Gras in Galveston

### GALVESTON SOAP

By JERRY STUART

Houston Voice/Galveston

This week marks the beginning of the Mardi Gras parties that I spoke of last week. The Bacchus party is going to be held at the Kon Tiki Club located at 315 23rd Street. It will be a night of Pre-Mardi Gras Revelry. Bacchus and his merry men Tony Garcia, Randy Matthews, Chuck Terry, Keith Marrin, Brad Bates, Darryl York, James Madison, John Vasques, Robert Manor, Nelson Leissner and Jim Nonus would like to invite you to join them this Saturday the 29th to star off the Mardi Gras Festivities. This party will also be benefiting the Hospice of Galveston County. It will start at 8:00 p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m. Toga costumes or Black Ties are (encouraged). RSVP only. The advanced tickets are only \$10.00 and you can purchase them from any Merry Man. It includes 2 complimentary drinks, food, fun and games and a special show that will be emceed by Miss Muffin. The front part of the bar will be open to the public at all times, but remember folks this is a charitable

event and should be lots of fun. After this Buffie Galore and the rest of the Laffitte's girls would like to invite you all over to Laffitte's for an After Bacchus Party with a late night show that will start at 12:00 p.m.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for this year's Seventh Annual Silk Stocking Ball. It will be a wonderful Greek Odyssey complete with Greek Gods and entertainment with Marsha Carlton and Clay Howell and dancing to the music of Third Coast. The attire will be Black Tie or Costume. It will be held on Friday, Feb. 11th at 8:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. at the Garden Verein Pavillion located at 2704 Avenue O here in Galveston. The tickets for the Ball will be \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door. All proceeds from the ball will benefit the AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas Resource Center and Food Pantry. Not only will they have these beautiful Gods and Goddesses for our viewing pleasure, they will have an open bar and a Midnight buffet for us to feast on. There will also be a costume contest and an award ceremony for the Jack Biggerstaff Award. I wonder who's gonna get it this year? Last year it was given to Bill Curry. Well, if I didn't give you all enough information on this event you can contact the host for the Ball Mr. Ken Dennis and Mr. David Bump at (409) 737-3122 or for Houstonians (713) 337-5900. You can also stop by their Bell Tone office located at 23rd and Avenue O to purchase advanced tickets.

Last week we had a couple of birthday girls here on the island that I would like to mention. The Kon Tiki had a party for Miss Lawanda Jackson that was really a blast. Many of Miss Jackson's friends and fans came in to celebrate her birthday and watch the show that was held in her honor. Lawanda is not only a beautiful entertainer she is one with remarkable talent. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting her or seeing one of her shows be sure to stop in the club next time she's in town. I'm sure you'll love her. The other birthday girl

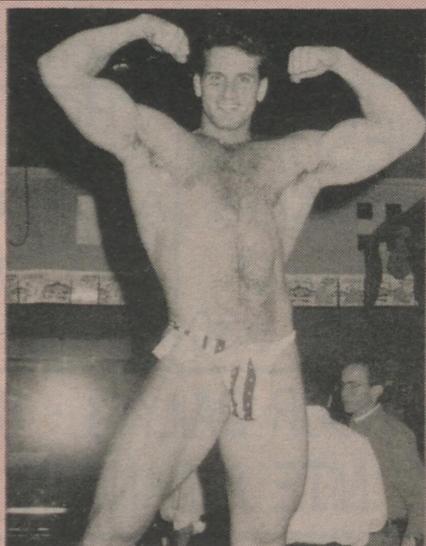


Lawanda Jackson's Birthday Show cast

last week was Emily, one of the clubs loyal and devoted patrons. She has resided in Galveston for many years and is very well known in our gay community. Once upon a time she worked for the Old Kon Tiki (the one that had the penises that lit up on the dance floor) as a bouncer. She didn't tell me her age but the fact that she was around when the Old Kon Tiki was here should tell ya something. Of course that was way before my time. Evolution had a part for her Sunday evening and I'm quite sure they all got real full. I hope you had a happy birthday M. and many more. While I'm speaking of birthdays, Dusty would like to wish Patricia Obrian a happy 24th birthday. And Richard who's been around since Jesus was a child, is going to be celebrating another big one at Laffitte's where he bartends. So come in and wish him a happy birthday with us and help cheer him up for I'm sure he'll need it. Just joking Richard, you know I love ya. They will also be having an After the Super Bowl special show that Sunday evening.

Now that I've covered the upcoming events, birthdays and bars I think I'll use this space left to sling some mud from the dirt I dug up last week. Well, are you ready for this? Tommy got out of going to the Big House, so if any of you have a house and your not poor as a church mouse you know where to find him. He really is very sweet and who knows you might make a love connection. Congratulations and good luck Tom. And speaking of the big house, Linda has been seen by one of my reliable sources going in and out of the one on 19th Street. Who are you going to see? Could it be someone we all know? Like the person you were seen cuddling at the Kon Tiki with? Mmmm. And Tim if your car is seen parked out at the Dunes as often as I've heard its been, we're gonna buy you a sign marked reserved with your name on it for the busy season.

As for more fun and gossip and upcoming events tune in next week and check our ads. The number to reach me is (409) 740-7403. This has been your friendly island reporter now signing off.



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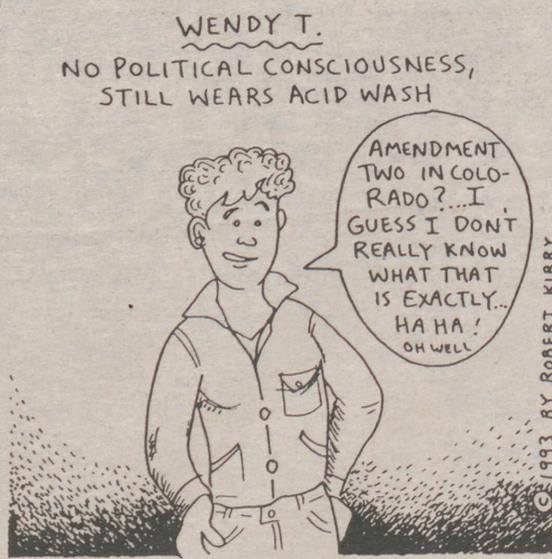
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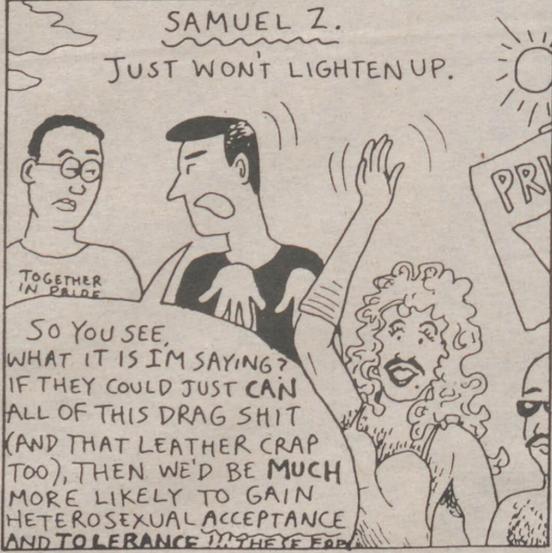
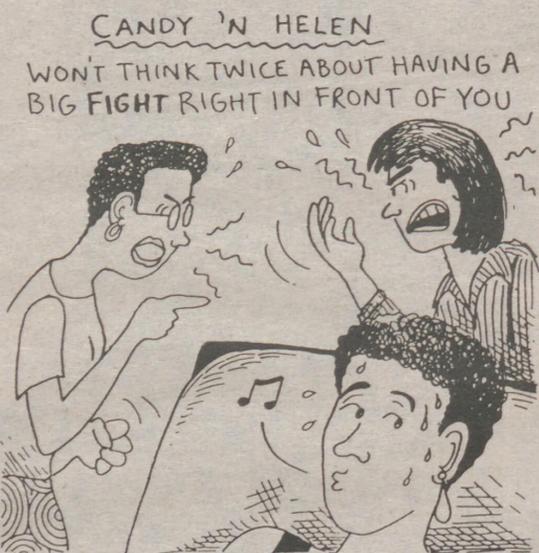
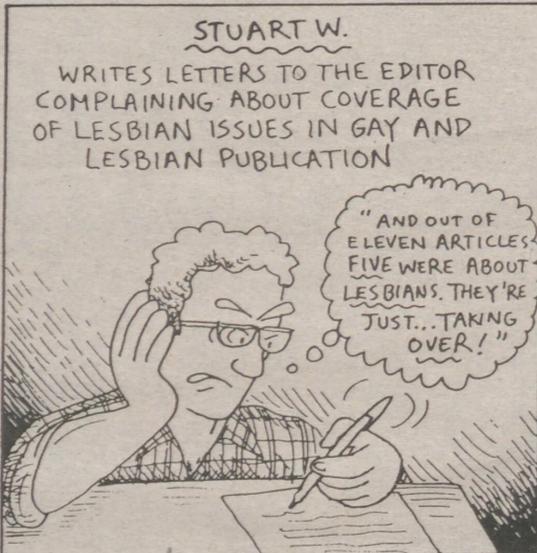
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**Houston Club Events**

**Houston, Friday, Jan. 28**

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy hour till 10pm, Mother's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; TGI Friday party, no cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 8 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; Pool tournament with cash prizes 8pm, E/J's; Lee Denning, D.J., Venture-N; Strip contest with Paivi 11pm, E/J's; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

**Houston, Saturday, Jan. 29**

Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-7pm, Mary's; Happy hour 7am-8pm, Ripcord; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Beer blast on the patio 2pm till, Mary's; Well drinks \$1.50 4-7pm, E/J's; Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.25 well vodka 6-11pm, Mother's; Dart tournament 7pm, E/J's; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 9 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time; Lee Denning, D.J., Venture-N; Leather & Flesh, no cover for men in leather 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Super Saturday Show starring Brittany Paige 11pm, E/J's; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

**Houston, Sunday, Jan. 30**

Bloody Bulls, \$1.25 Noon-5pm, Venture-N; Bluelight specials noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Beer blast on patio Noon-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E/J's; Trash Disco 4-7pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Blue light specials 5pm til, Venture-N; Beach Party, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Free buffet 5pm-7, Venture-N; Steak night 5-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Dart tournament 6pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Man Dance/T Dance 7pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all night, E/J's; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

**Houston, Monday, Jan. 31**

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$2.50 pitchers, 75¢ mug Miller Lite 7am-2am, Mother's; Happy hour all day & night, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Spaggggggetti nights, \$2.00 5pm-7, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks

**San Antonio Club Events**

**San Antonio, Friday, Jan. 28**

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; Happy hour 2-8pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.00 Cuervo & \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.25 well drinks & longnecks 6-8pm, 2015; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Male & female strippers, Bonham Exchange; Male Dancers, Wild Club; Male dancers 6:30-11pm, 2015; No cover til 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Shady Lady hosts Muscles-in-Action midnight, Paper Moon; After-hours 2-4am, Paper Moon; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange

**San Antonio, Saturday, Jan. 29**

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; Happy hour 2-8pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Drink specials all night, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$2 drinks, Memories; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Shady Lady hosts The Wild Club Dancers, Wild Club; Adults no cover to 10pm, Bonham Exchange; \$1.75 drinks 8-11pm, Bonham Exchange; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Sweet Savage hosts Muscles-in-Action midnight, Paper Moon; After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon; After hours, Wild Club; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange

**San Antonio, Sunday, Jan. 30**

Sunday Tea Dance with early male dancers, Sparks; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws noon-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks noon-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.50 well & longnecks, 50¢ draft 2-11pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; 50¢ draft 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Tea Dance 4-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 Cuervo Ole, Memories; \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; The Wild & Wicked Sunday Show, Wild Club; \$1 well drinks 9-11pm, Wild Club; \$1.50 well & 50¢ draft 9-11pm, Paper Moon; Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, Memories; Dancers at 10:30pm, 2015; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Super Show, no cover 11:30pm, Bamboleo's; Male & Female strippers 11:30pm, Bonham Exchange; Super Sunday Show midnight, Paper Moon; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon

**San Antonio, Monday, Jan. 31**

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; Happy hour 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta Hour All day, all night, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories; Pool tourney, Memories; Talent contest & square dancing & no cover, Bonham Exchange; \$1.50 well, 50¢ draft & \$2 longnecks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; \$1.75 well drinks, \$1.75 longnecks & 50¢ draft all night, Wild Club; The Shady Lady Show, Wild Club; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Chanel White with Musical Chairs 11:30pm, Paper Moon

**San Antonio, Tuesday, Feb. 1**

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Happy hour to 9pm, Memories; \$1.75 well drinks, 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Dance all night, Wild Club; No cover, Bonham Exchange; \$1.50 Well drinks, \$1.75 dom. beer, 75¢ Schnapps 9pm-2am, Bamboleo's; \$2 well & longnecks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Hot oil wrestling 11pm, Sparks; Pauletta's Talent Night Schnapps 9pm-2am, Bamboleo's; \$2 well & longnecks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Hot oil wrestling 11pm, Sparks; Pauletta's Talent Night 11:30pm, Paper Moon

**San Antonio, Wednesday, Feb. 2**

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; \$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 2pm-2am, 2015; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, 50¢ draft & \$3.00 pitchers 2pm-2am,

**Houston, Tuesday, Feb. 1**

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

**Houston, Wednesday, Feb. 2**

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy hour, \$1.00 Margaritas 7am-11pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 6 month membership special ((1/2 price room) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Happy hour 1pm-2am, Ripcord; Tex-Mex Buffet 5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Bare chest/harness night-Extended Happy Hour til 11pm, Venture-N; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Karaoke night with Bill Sansom 8:00pm, E/J's; Southern Country Group C&W Dance Lessons 8:30pm-10pm, Brazos River Bottom; White Hot Wednesday, DJ/VJ Victor Toledo plays top hits 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

**Houston, Thursday, Feb. 3**

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Longnecks \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$1 Schnapps shots 7am-2am, Mother's; \$1.50 longnecks all day & all night, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Rooms & lockers half price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Stop shot pool tourney 1pm, Mary's; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Burger's at Animal's House 6-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Club night, Colors gets you happy hour prices til 11pm, Venture-N; Dance lessons 8:30pm, Brazos River Bottom; Tan Line Night, \$3 cover, 90¢ well, \$1.50 longnecks, \$1 Schnapps 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

**San Antonio, Thursday, Feb. 3**

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; Happy hour 2-8pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.50 longnecks & 6 ponies \$4.00 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 well, 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Tandi's Talent Nite, Wild Club; 50¢ well drinks & draft, Bonham Exchange; Karaoke Sing Along 9-11pm, Sparks; Male dancers 9pm-1am, 2015; \$1.75 well & 50¢ draft 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; Sassy St. James host strippers 9:30pm, Memories; Amateur Contest 10:30pm, Bamboleo's; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Strippers midnight, Bonham Exchange; Tandi's T.E.A. Party midnight, Paper Moon

**San Antonio, Friday, Feb. 4**

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; Happy hour 2-8pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.00 Cuervo & \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.25 well drinks & longnecks 6-8pm, 2015; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Male & female strippers, Bonham Exchange; Male Dancers, Wild Club; Male dancers 6:30-11pm, 2015; No cover til 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Shady Lady hosts Muscles-in-Action midnight, Paper Moon; After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon; After hours 2am, Wild Club; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange

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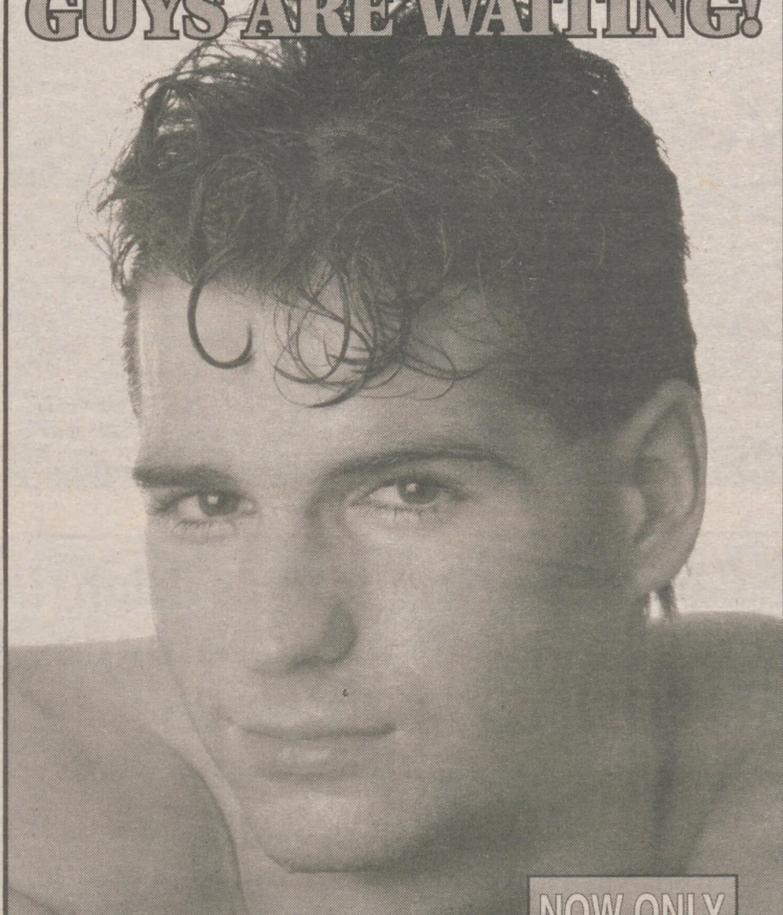
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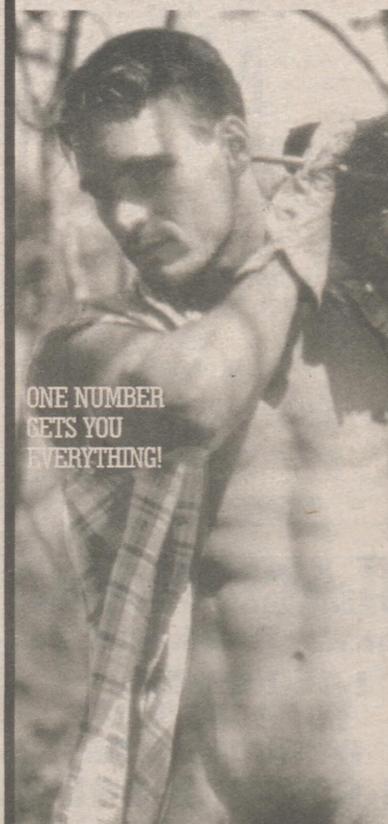


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GWM, 30, 5'9", medium build, HIV+, attractive, enjoys movies, dining out and dancing. Also passive, seeking GWM 30 and under who is DF, optimistic and would enjoy sharing life with me. Ad#25923

## FEISTY, FEMININE FEMALE WANTED!

You: very feminine, small/medium build, uninhibited, playful, intimate, conversationalist, positive attitude. Me: GWF, 105lbs, 5'3", long blonde hair, blue eyes, soft butch, assertive, flirtatious, likes having fun. Ad 25553.

## START YEAR RIGHT! (NO GAMES!)

GWM, 29, 5'10", 163lbs, w/above average looks. HIV+ for 6 years and with perfect health. Looking for GW or GH that is also in great health, masculine in appearance, attitude. I'm very adventurous, spontaneous, fun loving, love animals, nature and would like someone to share my life with and stop being alone. You won't be disappointed. Serious need only reply. Ad 25270

## RESCUE ME FROM LIMBO!

I'm a GHM, 27, 5'9", average/slim, DDF/NS/LD who's lived without other gay friends or experiences. I'm in need of special friends to help me experience gay life and love. You: GWM/GHM, under 35, DDF, average/attractive, non-kicker. No expectations beyond friendship. Fireworks may follow later for that special person. Ad 25732

## LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL LADY!

GWF, 29, attractive soft butch who is kind, gentle, sincere, caring and sensitive. I enjoy a wide variety of activities. I am seeking a 25-40 feminine woman who walks and talks, laughs and learn about ourselves and each other. She must be attractive, slim/medium build, honest, confident and playful. Let's meet and talk. Ad 25736

## LET'S START '94 OUT RIGHT TOGETHER!

30+ GWF who is mature, outgoing, positive minded, completely unattached, financially secure and is a firm believer that weekends were made for fun and traveling. We'll never know if there is a future for us unless you respond. Ad 25748

## GHF

GHF, 28, professional, NS, lives for dancing, dining and romancing; cute cuddly and kind; enjoys all sports and honest conversations; divine sense of humor; seeks GHF or GWF under 40 who loves dancing, hates mind games and leans toward the feminine side. Ad#25143

## WANTED: HAIRY CHES- TED YOUNG STUDD FOR COMPANIONSHIP

GWM, 35, bl/gr, 5'9", 200lbs, DDF, seeks muscular male 20-39 for companionship. Enjoy movies, leather, evenings at home and dining out. Must be self-employed and own your own transportation, male stripper or swimmer's build and DDF. Nipple rings, black/blonde hairy chested a plus. I live in San Antonio but would like to receive responses from the Houston area. Ad 25744

## WHITE KNIGHT SEEKS MR. RIGHT!

GWM, 32, green eyes, blond hair, medium build, versatile! Looking for a one on one relationship with no games! I am HIV+ but very healthy and active. I love life and just want someone to share it with! Please sincere responses only, all replies answered. Ad 25910

## FRONT FOR GAY MALE

Victoria's secrets woman, cross between Jaclyn Smith and Jackie Kennedy Onassis seeks to front for affluent gay male in return for educating my six year old daughter and I. Ad 25742

## IN THE ARMS OF LOVE, FRIENDS

Professional, GBM, 40ish, height/weight proportionate, HIV+ with a positive attitude and good health. No mind games, just honesty. Enjoy walks, music, movies and quiet times at home. You: GSM, GHM or GWM, honest first, sensitive, warm and emotionally strong. Let's see what happens! Ad 25758

## GWF SEEKS GWF 25-35!

AND MUST BE CLEAN, NO STEREOTYPING, WILLING TO PUT MY HEART AWAY FOR SAFE KEEPING - MONOGAMOUS RELATIONSHIP - ONLY SERIOUS RESPONSES WILL GET MY REPLY. Ad 25967

## LOOKING FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES

We are in our late 30's looking for singles and/or couples for safe fun. We are both DDF. Serious replies only. Ad#25709

## ENDOWED HEALTHY, ATTRACTIVE OUTGOING PROFESSIONAL

GWM wants to meet other(s) the same for friendship and safe fun. If you are endowed, attractive, non-smoker/non-substance abuser, under 45 years of age, professional, weight in proportion to height or thin, friendly, outgoing, not into S & M, and want to meet the same please respond to Ad 25749.

## LOOKING FOR FRIEND

Attractive, well-built 29 yr. old GWM seeks GBM. I am athletic; my favorite sports are biking and running. If you are looking for a warm, sincere person and you are muscular and attractive, please respond to Ad 25979.

## GWM PHYSICIAN SEEKS EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG MAN!

GWM physician, 40 but looks 35, feels 21, searching for special young man 21-28 for possibility of long term, committed relationship. Very romantic, believes in monogamy, loves movies, dining out, travel, quiet evenings, cuddling, etc. Prefer non-smoker. I have a lot to offer the right person - don't hesitate if you might be the one! Ad 25743

## LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Attractive, well built GBM seeks masculine friends. I enjoy sports, working out, movies, electronics and good conversation. I'm stable and professional and DDF/LD. Ad 25739

GWM, 24, 5'10", very attractive, seeks good looking in shape man, 5'10" or taller who is under 35. I'm originally from the midwest and live in New York. I want to get to know a sincere, masculine gay man. Ad 25752

## SUBMISSIVE MEN!

are sought by Houston man (44, 5'9", 180, hairy, aggressive, demanding). Seeking 21-48, masculine, any race. I travel on business so out-of-town replies are welcome. Ad 25134

## LONDON, PARIS, SYDNEY, NEW YORK CITY

Travel companion wanted for traveling around the USA and the world. Travel agent needs reliable and responsible GM to accompany him to split cost at discounted prices. Must be non-smoker and drug free. Prefer light drinker to non-drinker. Passport required. Possible relationship. Ad 25972

## GWF, 31, SOUTHWEST AREA

Not necessarily looking for romance. In my business its very hard to meet other GF's. I'm interested in companionship. If this happens to open the door for romance and it feels right I'll surely walk through it. My interests are movies, plays, traveling, walking by the water, fishing, trying new restaurants etc. Open to new things. Let's hear from you, bubbly, fun, down to earth people who are mature. I'm 5'2", br/br, medium build. Age group 28-38. Ad 25753

## FRIENDSHIP AND FUN

GBM, 5'10", 195#, healthy, HIV+, affectionate, realistic, spontaneous, honest and sexy. Prefer ages 30-45, w/h proportion. Interest include but not limited to movies, music, theater, and life outside the bars. I'm a heck of a great guy and I know there are more like me somewhere out there with similar interests, feelings, inclinations and aspirations. Oddly, we haven't met. Let's change that! Respond to Ad 25974.

## HEY, I KNOW YOU!

You're a GWM 30's to 40's, smart, stable, secure, masculine and healthy. You have integrity, wit, optimism and charm. This GWM, 36, 6'2", 175, br/bl is all the above plus compassionate, comfortable to be around, upbeat, adventurous and an extrovert. If you're who I think you are, respond today! Ad 25716

## COLLEGE BOUND?

GWM, 37, 5'11", 150, bl/bl, very healthy, athletic, successful businessman, just out, into film, art, kayaking, tennis. Seeks healthy, intelligent, handsome, masculine, Bl/GWM, 18-32. I help you through college, you make me proud of you and we have some great times on the way exploring the world. Serious inquiries only. Ad 25751

## I WANNA FEEL WHAT LOVE IS,

I know you can show me, I am a professionally employed homeowner, 40's, DDF, bl/bl, hairy chest, moustache, 5'11", weight in proportion, non-smoker, enjoy movies, dining out, bicycling and travel. Quiet evenings around the fireplace also makes me happy. Want sincere, affectionate man for dating and possible relationship. Ad 25988

## I KNOW YOUR OUT THERE!

Professional, GWM, DDF, healthy, sincere and romantic. 39yrs old, 6', slim build. Brown eyes, glasses, and thinning brown hair. Into movies, sports, tennis, bicycling, hiking and camping. Seeking a monogamous relationship with GM 21-30yrs. old with same qualities. Non-smoker preferred and not into the bar scene. Ad 25288

## GBM WHO DARES TO BE DIFFERENT!

Independent -thinking Gay Black Male with red convertible sports car, seeks someone completely different than oneself. I have every toy a man could want except that elusive Boy-Toy. All I guarantee is a good time! Ad 25707

Very attractive, butch Hispanic, body builder in San Antonio, 27, 5'6", looking for an attractive health conscious man up to 45 years of age, under 5'10" with a sense of humor and caring heart. Interests are art, weight lifting, dancing and ghost stories. I gave up looking for Mr. Right in San Antonio. Could you be in Houston? Ad 25733

## DOMINANT GWM

40, 145, 5'9 seeks GWMs into S/M -B/D. Limits respected. Ad 25336.

## BABY WANTED!

by attractive, stable, professional, white woman who is racing the biological clock. Seeking attractive, intelligent caucasian male or male couple for cooperative effort in having a child. Full custody for the mother but father (s) can alternatively can have plenty of involvement/visitation alternatively. Would also consider a platonic "marriage of convenience" so that both parents could live with the child. Ad 25740

## FRIENDSHIP, ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT, NO STRINGS ATTACHED

You're slim, sincere, masculine, 30-40's. You have an exceptionally positive attitude and a great sense of humor. I'm all the above plus caring, gentle and unique. 5'10", 160lbs., br/br, DDF/NS, 40. Enjoy nature, animals and plants. Interested in one fine gentleman for whatever might develop. Ad 25745

## GWM SEEKING FRIENDS/POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP!

In my 30's (look young). Under 5'4" but well proportioned, DDF, 125lbs., br/hazel, moustache, muscular with good looks. Super sincere and serious, honest, caring, affectionate and a non-smoker. My age preference is 35-50, non-smoker, dark hair/graying okay, moustache or beard, w/h proportionate, masculine, DDF. If interested please respond. Ad 25741

## STABLE PROFESSIONAL WITH HIDDEN WILD STREAK!

Me: GWM, 32, brown hair/eyes, smooth, 6', 185#, masculine, very healthy, HIV+, Montrose homeowner. You: 20's to 30's, very hairy, masculine, very healthy. You and I: Very financially secure yet very down to earth, looking for an intensely passionate.

## MARRIED MEN

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## GENTLE TOP SEEKS BOTTOM

GWM, 48, 6'2", ht/wt proportionate, balding/blue, hairy body, physically fit, DDF, NS, lite alcohol, professional, educated, mature, masculine, honest, sincere, enjoy arts, movies, gym, outdoors, cuddler, active, sensitive, caring, nice guy. Seeking GM alive, fun, physically fit, smart, masculine, DDF, NS, bottom, smoother the better, employed, career minded for dating maybe monogamous relationship. Ad#25726

## DPM-ROW

I'm as corny as Kansas in August; High as the flag on the fourth of July; If you'll excuse an expression I use I'm in love, I'm in love, I'm in love with a wonderful guy!!! Ad 25911

## SEEKING AFFECTIONATE, FUN, GENEROUS, FRIENDLY GENTLEMAN

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

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

I'm an attractive 39yr. old, 5'9", 150#, well built professional WM that enjoys working out, art, music, outdoors, travel, dinners out, good conversations and hot times with masculine, muscular men of all ages and races. If you are muscular and looking for someone to date and perhaps develop a relationship, let me hear from you! Ad#25935

## I'M THE GIN... ARE YOU THE TONIC??

Man to man, let's connect!! Well adjusted, high-spirited, good-looking, masculine, "well built", GM, 36, 6', 170lbs., gr/br, DDF, non-smoker/medium drinker looking for same to date/sleep with/be in a relationship with. I'm through with bars and attitude; Let's treat ourselves to a little intimacy, honesty, and adventure. I have multi-various interests...we have a lot to talk about... Please respond for more details. Ad 25759

## WANTED: SOMEONE TO KEEP MY TOES WARM!

I'm a passionate, attractive Italian Scorpio. GWF is with long dark brown hair and light brown eyes. Just re-entering the dating scene after 6 years of being corralled. I'm looking for someone who is intelligent, pretty, feminine, affectionate and employed to come out and play. DDF, light drinking okay. Ad 25755

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

## GWF SEEKS GF/GM FOR ROOMMATE

GWF, 32, looking for GF or GM to share 3/2 house in Meyerland area. Must be neat, responsible, considerate and a non-smoker preferred. \$450 a month plus half utilities. Ad 25756

## LOOKING FOR BUDDY/GOOD TIMES

GWM, 155, bl/bl, medium build, attractive, HIV+, healthy 8 years. Smoke/no drink. Very oral. Homebody, T.V., movies, music, two dogs, yard. Looking for similar, steady buddy, same age or older for fun times. Prefer hairy/endowed.

GWF, 36 seeking GWF who is honest and secure herself. There must be somebody out there who wants friendship and romance. I like going to movies, music and dining. Ad#25723

## FIT, FUN, HANDSOME, SEEKS B & D BUDDY!

Healthy, 33, bl/bl, 5'10", 165lbs., HIV+ seeks buddy or dad for imaginative fun. Likes working out, movies, hiking and biking, restaurants, B & D, humiliation, toys and more. Am open minded and fun to be with. Age or race are unimportant. Ad 25750

## WE WANT MORE!

Couple seeks singles and couples for safe fun. Male number one is a GWM, blonde, green, 5'7", 135lbs. Male number two is a GHM, 5'6", 140lbs. Both are good looking and well-endowed. If interested, please respond now. Ad 25754

## LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT MAN

25-45, masculine, neat in appearance and at home, DDF, NS, (light drinker) who wants to share apartment in a peaceful, quiet, very luxurious atmosphere, with a mature person. Must be financially responsible and able to afford \$400 monthly for his part of rent and utilities. Ad 25700

## I'M WAITING FOR YOU!

Mature, professional GWM, seeks a young, decent, masculine gay male who is healthy, slim, alcohol and drug free. If you like to have fun like I do, what are you waiting for? Talk to me. Ad 25947.

## SOUTH AMERICAN COUPLE WANTS A BOY!

We 25/34 y.o., white, nice looking. You: 18-22 y.o., white, cute, boyish good looks, slim, DDF who likes an intimate cozy friendship. Social drinking and smoking okay and must like pets. Ad 25747

## OUTGOING, ATTRACTIVE, MASCULINE, PROFESSIONAL

seeks same GWM/BIWM for special friend. I and respondent will have a great sense of humor, weight in proportion to height (or thin), healthy, under 45 years old, clean shaven (moustache okay), non-smoker, non-user of drugs, not into bars or S & M, safe fun only, like movies, entertaining, outdoors, and have time to spend with new friend. Please respond to Ad 25011.

## PASSIVE SEEKS ACTIVE

Passive GWM, 41, 5'9", 140#, br/br, HIV+, in a +/-relationship. Seeking active GWM 30-50 for mutual hot times with no commitment just satisfaction. Active must not mind a "small" passive and the possibility of a third person present during activity. Smoking, light drinking environment. Ad#25904

## LONELY BIWM ROOKIE LEANING TOWARDS MALES

I'm 5'6", weight proportionate, DDF/NS/LD, average looks, 44, sincere, discreet, masculine, likes sports, reading, movies, dining out and intimate evenings plus a BIGWM with same qualities as above. Experienced, average looks, height/weight proportionate 30-50, DDF/NS/LD equals safe fun times -no strings, let's talk. Let's meet and talk. Ad 25378

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## BLACK ATTACK!

Very good-looking GWM, crazy about experiencing black guys. I'm 6 ft. tall, well-muscled, trendy, work out regularly. I'm safe, disease-free and ready to go. Not interested in relationships -just hot fun. You gotta respond to this! Let's go! Ad 25531.

## FRIENDSHIP IS WORTH THE EFFORT

Two GWM's, 35-52, HIV+, healthy, Houston Heights, seeks other couples or singles for friendship. Interest include movies, dinners, games, travel and good companionship. Prefer non-smokers. If you sincerely interested in finding friends we would love to hear from you. We know you are out there. Don't be afraid to reach out. Ad 25934

## SLEEPLESS IN BRENHAM! (ONE HOUR TO HOUSTON)

Sooner or later I won't have to remind myself to wake up in the morning or breath in and out. If you feel like this then maybe we can make magic. I'm a GWF looking for someone who is also sleepless. I can't meet you on the Empire State Building but I can meet you anywhere else. Ad 25721.

## GAY SWEEPSTAKES!!! YOU MAY WIN!!!

Me: GWM, 42, 5'11", 175, dark hair, blue eyes, professional, discreet, stable, DDF, non-smoker, handsome, endowed and "natural." You: GWM, 20-30, honest and good looking. To enter: Please respond by describing yourself and why I should choose you to take to dinner. Extra credit awarded for certain attributes!! Ad 25738

## NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

Mature, professional, very hairy body/hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer). You, mentally mature, non-smoker, into safe fun. Please respond to Ad 25916.

## DO YOU WANT WHAT I WANT?

I want someone who, like me, is good looking, fit, muscular, intelligent and is a good conversationalist. If that is what you want too, then you have found it. (P.S. I am 42, GWM). Box 25298

## DOWN TO EARTH NICE MAN

GWM, professional, masculine, attractive (27, 5'8", 150lbs., bl/blue, NS). Looking to meet a nice GW-HM (23-37) for possible relationship/friendship. I'm romantic, funny, dependable, physically fit, quiet but outgoing, looking for same. I'm in Clear Lake, prefer someone within 30 miles (includes inside the loop). Ad#25155

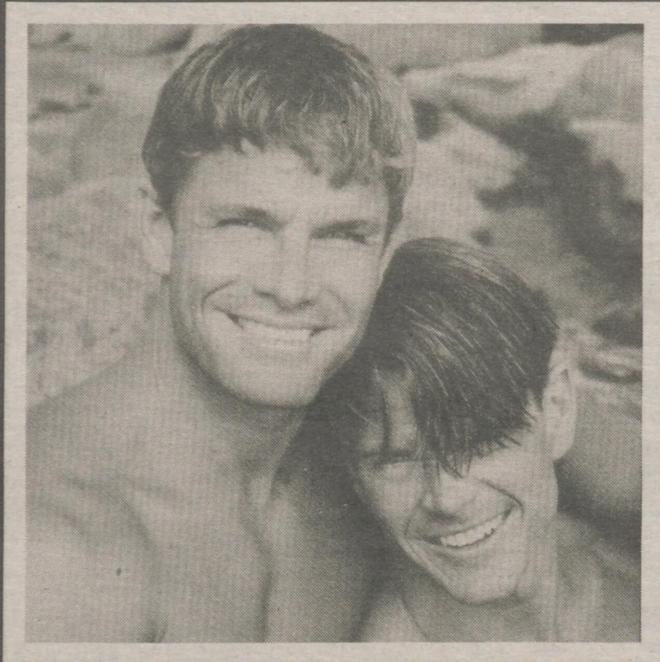


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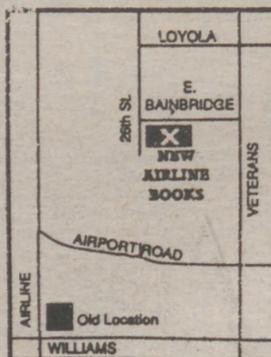
  

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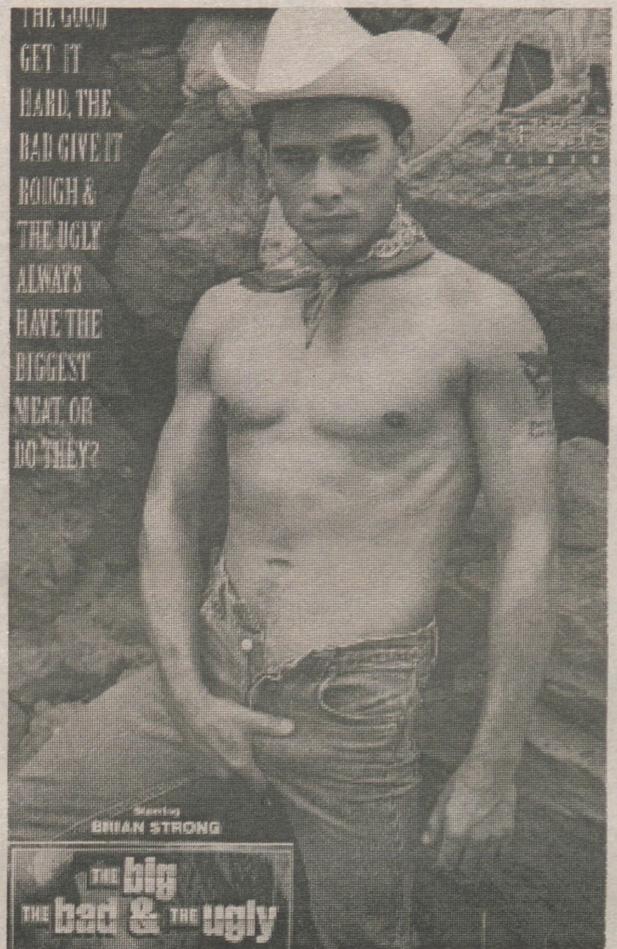
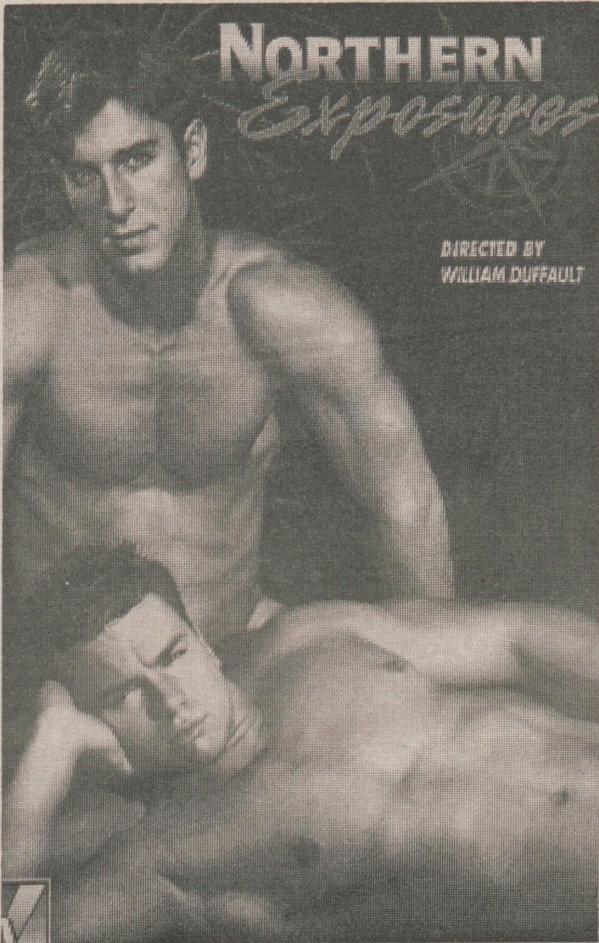
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Hey! I'm not sure I should give ya'll this recipe, it's very sinful, and for true chocoholics. Even that statement is questionable. My partner is a dessert freak, and it was too much for him, so I now weigh about 20 pounds more than I used to. I loved it, and I can take or leave desserts. A man of the cloth gave me the recipe, so if he can be sinful, let him eat cake!

### CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY TRUFFLE CAKE

- 4 1 oz squares unsweetened chocolate
- 2 c granulated sugar
- 1 c butter, softened
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp raspberry extract
- 1 1/3 c instant potato flakes -- this is not an error
- 1 12 oz package semisweet chocolate chips
- 3 tbsp seedless raspberry jam -- stir to loosen up makes it more spreadable

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour an 8 - inch spring form pan. Melt the chocolate and cool. Cream sugar and butter. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in melted chocolate and raspberry extract. Fold in potato flakes. Beat the batter for two minutes. Stir in the chocolate chips. Pour the batter into the springform and bake 35 minutes. Cool 5 minutes then spread jam over the top of the cake. Cool completely before removing pan sides and bottoms. Spread cake with chocolate truffle.

### CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE

- 2 1 oz squares unsweetened chocolate
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 c confectionary sugar
- 4 tbsp heavy cream

Melt Chocolate with butter. Beat in sugar and cream until the mixture is smooth and creamy. Spread over top of cake, and then top with chocolate glaze.

### CHOCOLATE GLAZE

- 1 6 oz package semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1tbsp water

Mix all ingredients together, and melt over very low heat or in a microwave. Stir until smooth. The mixture should be runny. Add more water if necessary.

Garnish with fresh raspberries or...  
Chill at least 2 hours before serving.

Remember, I warned ya'll before trying this!

'TIL NEXT WE EAT!



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## THE TEXAS PUZZLE

Includes Texas Clues, Current U.S. Events & Standard Crossword Clues

### ACROSS

- 1 blackout
- 4 audio-visual, abbrev.
- 5 unable to find the way
- 7 falsifier

- 8 crush, pulp, squash
- 11 aquifer that provides much of west Texas water
- 13 sports tie breaking time period, abbrev.
- 15 occur at the same time
- 16 of or relating to us
- 17 country of 1st Europeans to see the beaches of upper Texas coast
- 21 abbrev. for Latin ibidem, meaning 'in the same place'
- 23 perceive by eyesight
- 25 appendixes, riders
- 28 counting system with a base of 8

- 29 abbrev. for lethal dose & learning disability
- 30 deny
- 31 overdose
- 32 belonging to him
- 33 weak
- 35 Green Mountain State, abbrev.
- 36 Land of Lincoln state, abbrev.
- 37 state with native violet as official flower, abbrev.
- 39 nothing
- 40 exists

### DOWN

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**MORE CLUES**  
If desired, at these numbers fill in these letters: 1 C, 3 A, 4 A, 6 S, 8 M, 10 H, 17 S, 22 B, 25 A, 28 O, 29 L, 35 V, 38 L  
The solution appears elsewhere in this issue  
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## GALAXY GAZER

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### HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 29 - FEB. 4, 1994

Aquarians born during this week share the birth sign of Ms. Tallulah Bankhead, born 1902, with strong personal and private feelings, and always a sense of style.



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 20 - Feb 19) This week increases your feelings of self reliance and distrust in others. I cry with you when people that have know and trusted are found to only using the friendship to further their interests. You are a basically strong person and will recover, put on a smile, dust yourself off, and seek recognition from your work.

**PISCES** (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Be aware of the highly sensitive and artistic part of your personality. This month is a wonderful time to enjoy the theater, film, books, and the museums in Houston. You will be more comfortable with this important side of yourself. Your ideas and dreams will lay plans for the future. Try a new clothing accessory.

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Be cautious of your kind hearted tendencies, for others may flatter you for material rewards. Think three times (or more) before saying 'yes' to a request for favors. This is a cautious time to fall in love, date several with safety in numbers. List is not all

that bad and you certainly know how to be lustful.

**TAURUS** (Apr 21 - May 21) Re-live the wonderful memories rather than to dwell in the 'what could have been'. Present problems as serious as they are, will quickly work themselves out and as difficult as it seems, for the better. Be slow to anger and blame. You are a very good person and have great talent and potential to achieve. Trust me, you will make it.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) Stay in tune with your needs, both psyche and physically. Try to get back on track on track of having them met. Communication, never a great skill of yours, needs to be improved toward friends. You know what you want in life, but have difficulty in knowing how to achieve your goals. Advice is to take one/two goals at a time step by step

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22) This month is a wonderful time to complete a decorating project at your home to enjoy later this year. You have a strong nesting instinct by virtue of being a Cancer, and your quarters are an especially important area of comfort to you. Use colors and fabrics that are your choices, as the more personal your home is to you, the more pleasure you will have from spending time there

**LEO** (July 23 - August 22) Your seeking of power and control is very strong for the next three months. Others may sense a bit of over aggressiveness in you which may be true. Many of the Leo's reading this column have good leadership qualities and our Community is in need of your skills. Give in to your earlier thoughts and apply for an Office or position.

**VIRGO** (Aug 23 - Sept 22) The craft skills you have are considerable and you have wonderful abilities to use the next three months of cool weather, being indoors, redecorating your living quarters, similar to you Cancer friends. You tend to be more selective and fussy in choosing just the right color and pattern when in truth several choices would be equally good. Do not spend this extra effort and energy on what are truly arbitrary choices.

**LIBRA** (Sept 23 - Oct 22) This month will be an active social and dating period for you. Be satisfied with just that, and do not seek a lover overtly as you maybe too emotionally involved within a new friendship to think clearly. Your interest in wanting to please everyone may make you seem indecisive. Try saying 'no' and see how good it feels - it will be OK.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 23 - Nov 22) Get the gym membership you have been thinking about, as you have enough time to get your body into great shape for Stewart Beach in May. A mirror is one you most prized possessions and that is okay, for many Scorpions are very attractive people. Those cookies I mentioned last week were wonderful, I especially enjoyed the ones with raisins.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23 - Dec 20) The sense of being restless heightens this month, making great interest in planning a vacation. Your social nature will enjoy this Holiday if you take along a friend to share memories and joys with. Your high energy level when traveling may wear another person out, so think carefully as who is able to keep up to your schedule.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Determine one or two goals to be accomplished this winter and begin working on them in earnest. The moon phase is excellent for your productivity and achieving what you might not ordinarily think is possible. Be confident in your own skills and while it is okay to listen to others, trust your own intuition at this time.

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