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Dizinger Foundation helps Houston women attend AIDS conference in Japan

Less than three years ago, Kathleen Williamson says she was a self-absorbed college student aspiring towards a career in production and operations management, working in a job that wasn't fulfilling but not sure what else there was and in no hurry to find out.

Today, Williamson says she has found her calling in a job that, while demanding and very emotionally straining, has given her a new direction and fulfillment. She presently works as an administrative specialist in a Pediatric HIV/AIDS Research Unit in the Texas medical Center. She has also re-committed

herself to living each day to its fullest potential and to doing whatever she can to help and educate others.

Ironically, the catalyst to Williamson's rediscovery of her own identity and new life was a diagnosis many people still as the beginning of the end. Williamson—a Harris County native who is 30, pretty, perky and HIV-positive—is committed to helping change that outlook for others with HIV, as well as learning all she can that might help women and children with HIV.

"My priorities, my goals



Kathleen Williamson is attending the AIDS conference in Japan through a grant from the Dizinger Foundation

and

my lifestyle have all changed dramatically," she said. In spite of the urgency and dealing with many grim issues, she says that on several levels the changes have in fact been positive. "I take better care of myself now...I'm much closer to my family. I communicate better with everyone, I think."

Williamson is one of two Houston women who will be among those traveling to attend the Tenth International HIV Conference taking place in Yokohama, Japan next week. She and Holly Patterson, a Houston mother who is already a nation-

ally recognized spokesperson for women and children with HIV/AIDS, received grants from the Dizinger Foundation to attend the conference as representatives of the HIV-positive community. On their return, they will share their experiences with Houston medical/health care providers and the media through interviews and appearances, as well as in educational forums and panels sponsored by local medical groups.

The two were scheduled to leave for Japan on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

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Capital murder trial begins in Tyler homosexual slaying case

By KELLEY SHANNON
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

KERRVILLE, Texas, Monday, Aug. 1 (AP)—A man on trial in the shooting death of a homosexual claims it was a bungled robbery. But prosecutors said in opening statements Monday that Nicholas West was robbed and murdered because he was gay.

"This is about as senseless a killing as you're going to find," prosecutor David Dobbs told jurors.

Donald Aldrich, 29, is charged with capital murder in the death of West, a 23-year-old medical records clerk whose bullet-riddled, half-naked body was found in the red clay countryside outside Tyler.

Aldrich's trial was moved to Kerrville because of publicity in Tyler, about 90 miles east of Dallas.

Defense attorney Bill Wright in his opening statement acknowledged Aldrich participated in robbing West, but said he never intended to kill him.

Wright indicated he would try to shift blame to Henry Dunn Jr., 19, and another co-defendant, David Ray McMillan, 17. They will be tried separately on capital murder charges.

Aldrich, a former fast-food restaurant manager, faces a possible death penalty if convicted.

In a videotaped confession, Aldrich told investigators he and his friends abducted West from a park in Tyler and took him to a dirt pit intending to rob him.

Aldrich said he panicked and fired two shots after Dunn opened fire.

He said they abducted West because "homosexuals are known for carrying quite a bit of money on them."

LGRL: Texas has history of anti-gay hate crimes, bias in court

(Editor's note: The capital murder trial of Donald Aldrich, one of three men accused of killing Nicholas Ray West of Tyler, for the sole reason that their victim was gay, got underway this week in Kerrville. The murder occurred in Tyler on Nov. 30, 1993. The 29-year-old Aldrich admitted to an intense hatred of homosexuals in a taped confession, which was heard by the nine-man, five woman jury in the capital murder trial on Tuesday.

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas is closely monitoring the case in court. The trial is the first to fall under the state's hate-crime law, which went into effect last September and provides for enhanced punishment for a crime motivated by bias or prejudice.

According to LGRL, there is a history in Texas of devaluing the lives of gay men and lesbians; people who murder gays and lesbians tend to receive lighter sentences because of who their victims are.

Diane Hardy-Garcia, LGRL's executive director, who is attending the Kerrville, said Wednesday that Aldrich and others who testified recounted "recreational gay-bashing" with remorseless, matter-of-fact candor and that Aldrich even laughed while watching parts of his videotaped confession.

The larger problem, Hardy-Garcia said, is that the hatred and bias that leads to violence is tacitly accepted in society. "The same kind of rhetoric, that we're all perverts, that gays are not humans, is what is used by people who think that they're decent people. The message we need to get across is that (hate) is not benign, it leads to violence."

The following list of recent anti-gay hate crimes was compiled by LGRL.

Houston

Paul Broussard, a 27-year-old gay

resident of Houston, was murdered on July 4, 1991, by a group of ten youths. The teens had driven to Houston's Montrose area to "beat up some queers," as one of the youths testified. The youths were riding in two cars when they spotted Broussard and his friends. The youths then began to beat and chase Broussard and his friends.

Broussard had a 5-inch-deep stab wound in his right abdomen, he was stabbed in the chest, one of his ribs was broken and he had been hit in the testicles. One injury was inflicted by a nail that had been driven through a board. Broussard's companions were severely beaten with a 2-by-4 before they got away.

Three of the murderers, Jaime Aguirre, Javier Aguirre, and Leandro Ramirez, are currently being considered for parole after serving two years of their 15-year sentence. The other murderers received 10 years of probation. The youths all attended school together at McCullough High School in The Woodlands.

Tyler

Three men in Tyler are currently being held on capital murder charges in the Nov. 1993 hate-motivated slaying of 23-year-old gay man Nicholas West. West was kidnapped from Bergfield Park in Tyler and taken to an isolated sand pit.

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Support Urged For ENDA

From **PAUL VON WUPPERFIELD**
Log Cabin Republicans of Texas
The Log Cabin Republicans of Texas call upon gay and lesbian Texans, particularly Republicans, to contact our U.S. senators and representatives to urge support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 (ENDA).

ENDA prohibits discrimination in employment by employers, employment agencies, and labor unions on the basis of the sexual orientation of the employee of individuals with whom the employee may associate. The act covers cases of discrimination in hiring, firing, promotion, and compensation.

Unlike some of the so-called "gay civil rights bills" written and promoted by the liberals, ENDA does not establish gays and lesbians as a minority group or a separate class to receive any "special rights." ENDA provides exemptions for religious organizations, small business (less than fifteen persons), and the Armed Forces. It prohibits preferential treatment, bans quotas based on sexual orientation, and makes no provisions for same-sex partner benefits.

In short, ENDA is a non-discrimination bill, pure and simple, without all the politically correct extras

that have killed past efforts. A truly mainstream coalition of groups, including the Washington-based Log Cabin Republican lobby, have worked hard to craft this bill so it can be palatable to almost anyone who cares about ending discrimination. Stripped of any possible hint of "special rights," ENDA is a bill all but the hardest of the Radical Right could support.

We strongly urge you to let our elected officials in Congress—most particularly our two Republican senators—know you support this bill! You may reach them by call or writing The Honorable Phil Gramm, United States Senate, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20005 or call the Senate switchboard (202) 224-3121; The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, United States Senate, Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20005 or call the Senate switchboard (202)224-3131; The Honorable (name), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515 or call Senate switchboard (202) 225-3121.

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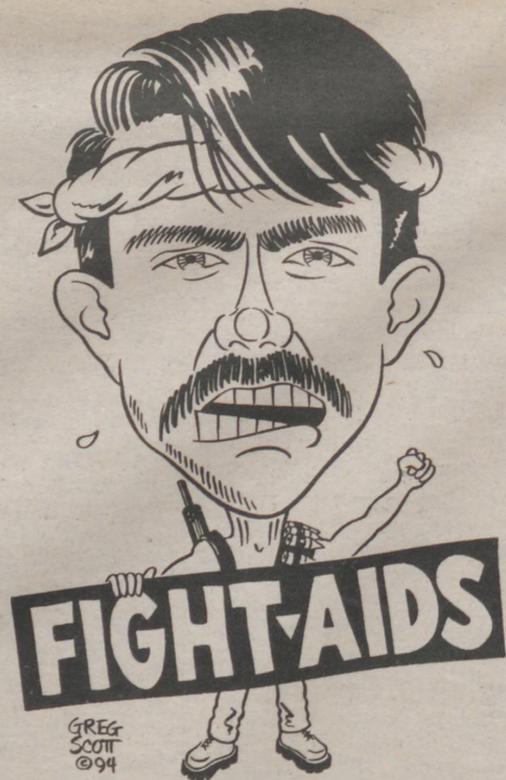
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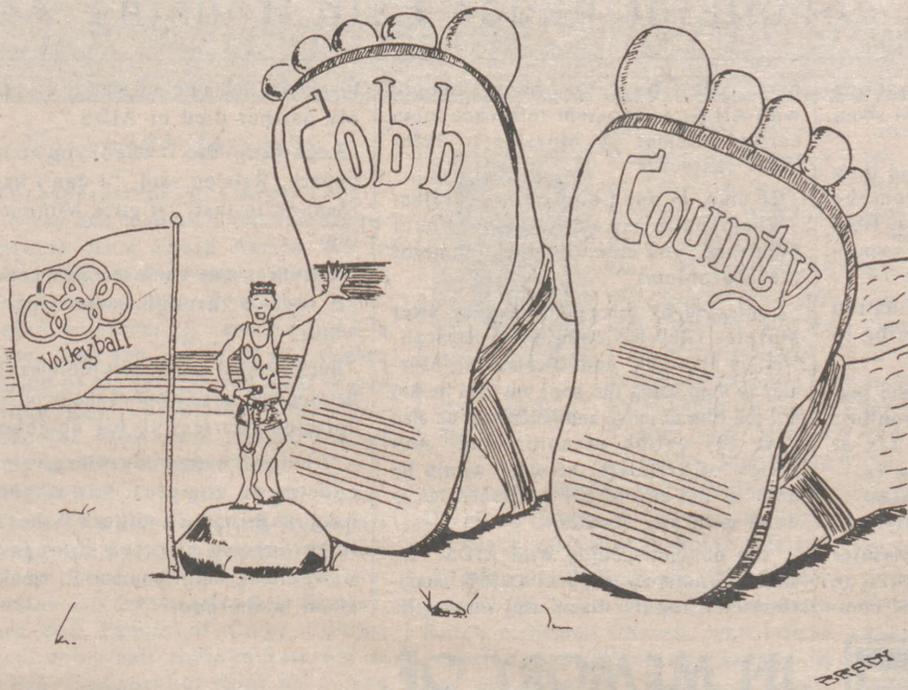


BRIAN BRADLEY

A long running gay community cliché is that it "takes all kinds" of involvement to effect change; while perhaps true, the line is most often spoken by politely conceding, work-within-the-system types who have no intention of ever fighting those battles that truly deserve to be aired in the streets. In Houston for the past several years, Brian Bradley has assumed with fitting flair the more risky and very essential role of unflinching agitator for the cause. Circumstantially grounded in the most pressing gay issues of the era (Brian is HIV-positive, a self-described "shameless liberal" and his late lover served in the military 20 years),

he's known for taking on the battles no one else wants and putting himself on the line for the rights of others. In doing so, he's proven that anger can indeed be constructive: his reputation has earned this community forums on national talk shows, a place at the table in national negotiations of AIDS policy...and the right to boast of an openly Queer candidate who received over 27,000 votes in a city wide election. But friends (he once said he only had about 500 of 'em) know another Brian Bradley, a guy who's never quite shed the Southern chivalry of his Mississippi roots, and somehow seems never too busy to be thoughtful.

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PWA told to stay out of pool files fair housing complaint

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
 Houston Voice Editor

A Houston man with AIDS has filed a federal fair housing complaint, saying he was pressured into moving out of his recently leased apartment after he refused to stay out of the complex's swimming pool because he has Kaposi's Sarcoma, a form of cancer often associated with AIDS and marked by purplish lesions on the skin.

David Morales, who moved into the Galleria-area Southwinds Apartments only a month

ago, said he was asked by the owner of the company that manages the complex to refrain from swimming because several other residents had complained. Morales, a former Neiman Marcus sales clerk currently living on disability, said the availability of the swimming pool and the affordable rent were the very reasons he chose the outer-Loop apartment to begin with.

Morales leased the apartment in June through Community Management, a company known for dealing with the lesbian and gay community and

based primarily in the Montrose and Heights areas. He said it was the management company's owner, G.W. "Gip" Ralston, who informed him of the tenant complaints and asked him not to use the pool, saying the Kaposi's lesions on Morales arms and legs were "bothersome" to the other residents.

After the incident, Morales said he was the target of harassment at the complex. One night, he said, the word "fag" was scrawled in shoe polish on his front door and the complex's resident manager,

who he said was a friend, had "fag lover" marked on her window.

In a later conversation, secretly taped by Morales, he asked Ralston to tell him his options. Ralston told him he could either stay at the complex and voluntarily refrain from using the pool; he could stay and continue to use the pool, but if the company continued to receive complaints over his use of the pool, and if the problems resulted in financial losses for the complex's owner, his lease might not be renewed; or, he could move out

of the complex and have his deposits and unearned rent returned to him.

Morales said he chose the latter option, because "It sounded like a matter of (having to move out) either now or in six months."

"(It's a) stressful situation. I don't need this," Morales said this week. "I sank everything I had into getting this apartment. It was the last step to securing a roof over my head for the future."

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Houston man with AIDS files complaint under Fair Housing Act

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Morales said he felt lucky because the rent, at \$350, was low enough for him to maintain on his disability income. "It was going to be tight, but I had it covered," he said. "Now, suddenly, I'm threatened with eviction because other people aren't willing to educate themselves about my disability. Their ignorance and fear has just about put me in the street."

John Paul Barnich, the attorney assisting Morales with his HUD complaint, said the dispute over the pool was not only unreasonable, but ludicrous. "(Morales) could have a massive hemorrhage in that pool, and the chlorine in the water would kill the HIV," he said. "Also, if you even take a look at (Houston's AIDS) statis-

tics...there's bound to be at least one person with HIV swimming in just about every apartment pool in town."

Both Barnich and Morales said they have no idea what to expect from the action, and that the complaint was filed as a matter of principle, not in expectation of financial gain.

"Calling attention to my situation might prevent this from happening to someone else," Morales said.

The complaint was filed under the federal fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination based on race, sex or physical handicap. Morales is alleging he was discriminated against because of his disability.

On the tape, copies of which Morales distributed to the press, Ralston states at one point states that the com-

plex "can't have too many" people with AIDS, an apparent reference to an earlier attempt by Morales to refer other residents.

He also, at one point, tells Morales: "When you're gay and you move out of Montrose, you have to expect some of these problems."

Contacted by telephone the day after Morales filed his complaint, Ralston, who is also gay, admitted asking Morales to stop using the pool but said he did not tell him to move and noted that he also gave the option of continuing. Any review of his lease, he said, would be done at the end of his contract, "as is done with any resident."

"I'm not anti-people with AIDS," he said. "I actively support (AIDS charities) on a regular basis and I have the

thank you notes on my wall to attest to it. My partner died of AIDS."

Regarding the "when you're gay" remark, Ralston said, "I don't have to respond to that...it goes without saying."

Ralston said he knew that HIV could not be spread through swimming pool water.

But he added that he felt Morales should have agreed to stay out of the pool "out of common courtesy to his neighbors."

"I believe everybody who lives in an apartment complex has a social responsibility to others," he said. "Leprosy isn't spread through pool water either, but if you had it, would you swim in the pool?"

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BRYAN BLAKE STONE

Bryan Blake Stone, a former employee of the Baily, Banks and Biddle jewelry store chain, died July 9, 1994 of a brain disorder in Odessa, Texas. He was 32.

Mr. Stone was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, and lived in New Orleans for eight years. He was a graduate of McGavit High School in Nashville, Tennessee, and received a scholarship in music to attend East Texas University. He was named Manager of the Year in 1992 by the jewelry store chain.

Survivors include his longtime companion Steve Lott of New Orleans; parents, Laynette and Tom Aylesworth of Midland, Texas; grandmother, Helen Stone of Lawton; two brothers, Michael Stone of Odessa, and Kevin Stone of Slidell, Louisiana.

A graveside service was held July 11 at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery in Midland. Ellis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM DORR LESS

William Dorr Less of Los Angeles, a pioneer in gay liberation long before Stonewall died Tuesday, July 26, 1994. He was 89. Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on December 15, 1904.

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Church groups at the center of South African gay rights movement

Religion/Philosophy

Representatives of three separate gay and lesbian Christian organizations from South Africa are in Texas this week to participate in an international gay Christian leadership conference, and to take a closer look the evolution and organization of the largest and most established gay welcoming denomination, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

The trio will be visiting Houston's Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection after the conclusion of the Leadership Conference and People of Color Conference, being held through Saturday at Dallas' Cathedral of Hope MCC, and will alternately lead MCCR's three services on Sunday, Aug. 7.

The guests are Andre Muller, founder



Rev. Andre Muller

and pastor of the Reforming Church in Pretoria, a 200-member gay and lesbian congregation; Daniel DeKock, who heads a gay and lesbian Christian organization currently called The Fellowship in Cape Town; and Nomsa Khumalo, who is one

of the lay leaders of a lesbian/gay Christian group in Soweta, the largest black township in South Africa.

Muller and DeKock are both former pastors in South Africa's prevalent Dutch reformed Church, who left to create independent outreaches to gay and lesbian Christians previously outcast from the church. Interestingly, the African gay Christian groups—which started and developed

independently—also evolved into the major organizational service providers for the gay and lesbian communities in their area.

"There are bars and clubs, of course, but not much in the way of community services" outside of the church groups, noted Muller in a telephone interview from the Dallas conference. "We, the church, are pretty much left to deal with the problems" of gay and lesbian South Africans.

To fill the needs, "associated" organizations—not officially church-sanctioned, but based and supported within the groups, have developed Muller said, including a "militant wing" of the Pretoria organization, called GLO-P (Gay and Lesbian Organization of Pretoria).

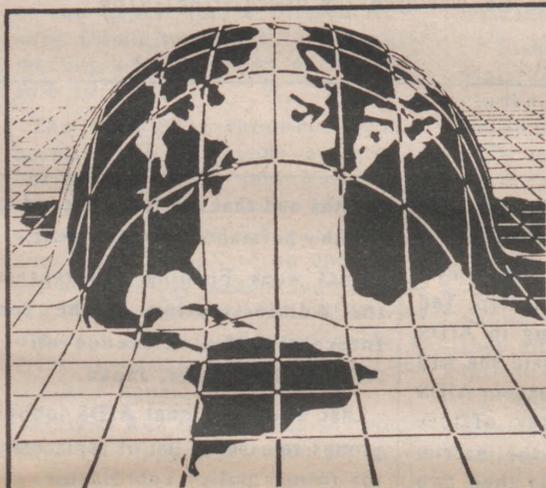
An organization called Gay Christian Community, with several branches, operates a Help Line and

other services, he explained.

South Africa is a country currently in the throes of a transition to a new, non-racial government—and a new Constitution set to go before the voters that explicitly prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, gender, and sexual orientation. On the other side of the scale sits the problem, Muller says: a past steeped in conservative traditions and the Dutch Reformed Church, whose leaders haven't yet made up their mind about the new constitution.

If the new constitution is voted through as it now stands, South Africa will be the only country in the world that mentions by name and guarantees civil rights for the gay and lesbian community. "Sexual orientation is specifically recognized," noted Muller.

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South African gay Christian leaders to speak at MCCR this Sunday

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South African Christian organizations also have recently started support groups for parents of gay and lesbian people, as well as gays who are parents. Because of scarcity of resources and educational information in South Africa, the groups have had to look to the United States and other countries for examples and ideas in dealing with some of these issues.

Muller and DeKock said they were excited about the chance to learn from and share ideas with the Dallas and Houston churches.

DeKock will preach the 8:30 a.m. service at Houston's MCCR on Sunday; Muller will bring the message the 10:45 a.m. service.

The church Muller pastors in Pretoria has about 200 members, but up to 300 people attend services on a regular basis, Muller said. In the beginning, the church had to meet in a night club because they could find no other

space. "We started our meetings in a bar, we would literally have to kick beer cans out of the way," he recalled. "Eventually, though, we moved into a nice church building, we are today."

It helps, he said, that the church is located in what he called an "more open minded" section of Pretoria. The surrounding community, he said, has been open and accepting of the group.

The Reforming Church (a name DeKock said the other gay Christian groups are considering adopting to make the movement uniform) in Pretoria is structured to be inviting to people



Nomsa Khumalo of Soweto, South Africa makes a point at a recent World Council of Churches meeting (Photo by Kit Cherry/UFMCC)

from a wide variety of Protestant and Catholic backgrounds. Services are held in the African's language.

DeKock said that although the various South African gay churches started and evolved independently, they are now in the process of networking—with each other and with similar organizations worldwide. "They are each very different, but we

want to channel it all through a single network, if this is possible," he said.

DeKock founded Cape Town's Fellowship after years of work within the Dutch Reformed Church and other traditional Christian service. He was

the founding member of a new Christian television channel in Pretoria; served as the personal assistant to the ambassador of South Africa in Bern, Switzerland and did pastoral work in Cape Town hospitals.

Khumalo, a lay leader of the Soweto lesbian and gay Christian group, speaks English and Zulu. Reared in the baptist church, she feels called to the ministry and said of her trip to the United States: "I'm so excited about this and I strongly believe it was God's plan before I ever knew it."

Khumalo, who will deliver the sermon at MCCR's 6:00 p.m. service on Sunday, plans to begin studies soon through the UFMCC's Samaritan College.

MCCR is located at 1919 Decatur, in the Old Sixth Ward off Washington Avenue between Studemont and Houston Ave. For more information about the South African visitors or other programs at MCCR, call the church office at 861-9169.

Interim AIDS Policy Coordinator appointed

(Washington, D.C.)—President Clinton has appointed Patricia S. Fleming to serve as Interim National AIDS Policy Coordinator, White House press statement confirmed Tuesday.

Fleming, currently special assistant to Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala, will serve until a permanent coordinator

takes office.

"This Administration has made significant strides in the fight against this terrible epidemic. We've increased our budgets for AIDS research, treatment and prevention, and have fought hard to provide health insurance for all Americans, regardless of pre-existing conditions. Patsy Fleming will make sure

we don't lose our momentum," said the President in the statement.

Fleming, who served as administrative assistant to the late Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY), specializing in AIDS and public health issues, said she will return to HHS once a permanent AIDS policy coordinator takes office. Fleming said she expects the interim appointment will last less than two

months and that she is not a candidate for the permanent appointment.

Next week Fleming will represent the Administration at the Tenth International Conference on AIDS in Yokohama, Japan.

Last week, national AIDS lobbying groups released a list of replacements for former policy coordinator

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HPD looking into complaints of harassment, improper tactics in bar raids

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Houston Voice Editor

The Houston Police Department is investigating charges that police officers violated procedure during recent raids on area gay bars, and in arresting several cross-dressing pedestrians in the Montrose area, HPD representatives confirmed last week.

"The matter was brought before the police at an advisory council meeting, and at the time, (the council) was told it would be looked into," HPD spokesperson Alvin Wright said. "It is under investigation."

The charges were made in a report delivered to Police Chief Sam Nuchia by activist Annise Parker, a member of the department's Citizen Advisory Committee, during a regular meeting of that group on Tuesday, July 19.

The seemingly random raids—resulting in numerous arrests on charges of public intoxication and other minor infractions—have been characterized as "harassment" and "backsliding" to an oppressive era by some gay leaders and bar owners. In the past few weeks, HPD vice officers have conducted raids at QT's, the Triangle Bar and Grill and the Red Room.

Activist Ray Hill, Parker and others have also reportedly been contacted by men who say they were recently arrested while walking between bars in Westheimer dressed in women's clothing. Cross-dressing does not violate state or local law; the men say they were charged with "hitch-hiking," although all have denied the charge.

The report was compiled after Parker and Hill began separate investigations into "a flurry of complaints" about police behavior reported to the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus in recent weeks. Parker said the complaints were particularly disturbing because they came "after several years of improved relations" between the police department and the gay and lesbian community.

"I think what people don't realize is that HPD vice and (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission) officers are in the bars on a fairly regular basis, and that they have a right to be in the bars," Parker said. "When they do

their job properly, there's no disruption. When they spot someone breaking a law, uniform officers are called in and they take out those people who broke the law.

"It's when they don't do their job properly that there is cause for concern. Some of the behaviors (listed) in the report are clearly over the line."

The report outlined alleged improprieties during the operations including instances of uniformed police officers wearing ski masks or lacking ID badges and unnecessary "holds" placed on arrested persons before charges were filed against them. Also, the report states that in the raid at the Triangle, business was stopped and "everyone in the club was lined up, asked for their ID and had a warrant check run."

"'Fishing expeditions' are a clear violation of the law," the report concludes. "Law abiding citizens should not be lined up and forced to provide identification. They should not be threatened with arrest if they decline to identify themselves."

Fifteen people were arrested at the recently opened Triangle in a July 16 raid. Several who were charged with public intoxication have stated that they either were not drinking or had little to drink at the time of their arrest.

A week later, HPD vice officers arrested five people, including the bartender on duty, at the Red Room, a neighborhood bar on Richmond, according to manager Mark Hansen.

"It seems that this is something being done randomly in a category, i.e. the gay bars," Hansen said. "In that sense, I think it isn't fair...it seems like pure harassment, and it's very regrettable. It affects the morale of the community."

In an impromptu protest last weekend, gay activists staged a mock "raid" Saturday night by holding a social gathering at Fuzzy's X-10, a downtown bar frequented by law enforcement personnel. The congregants included Hill and community entertainer Rainbo d'Klown, who was among those arrested at the Triangle July 16 and who showed up at Fuzzy's in a fetching red dress. The group reportedly drew little attention from the sparse crowd, which included only a few police officers, members of a downtown roller skating club and Marines.

South Carolina Republican candidates raw Frank, Studds into debate

COLUMBIA, S.C., Saturday, July 30 (AP)—Two men vying for the South Carolina Republican gubernatorial nomination got into a dispute Friday that involved U.S. Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, two openly gay congressmen from Massachusetts.

David Beasley, a former state representative, and U.S. Rep. Arthur Ravenel, R-S.C., traded jabs before a debate about whether their ties were bought by Frank and Studds.

Beasley asked Ravenel if his tie came from Frank, one of his House colleagues. Ravenel said no, he got it

from Studds.

"He (Studds) was asking me the other day who that young boy was that I was running against—he sure is cute," Ravenel quipped. Studds was once censured for having sex with a 17-year-old male page. Ravenel is 67; Beasley is 37.

Ravenel called Beasley's remark, which touched off the exchange, "nasty" and "anti-gay." But Ravenel also said that he should not have made the remark about Studds.

Both men are trying to replace Gov. Carroll Campbell Jr., a Republican, who is retiring.



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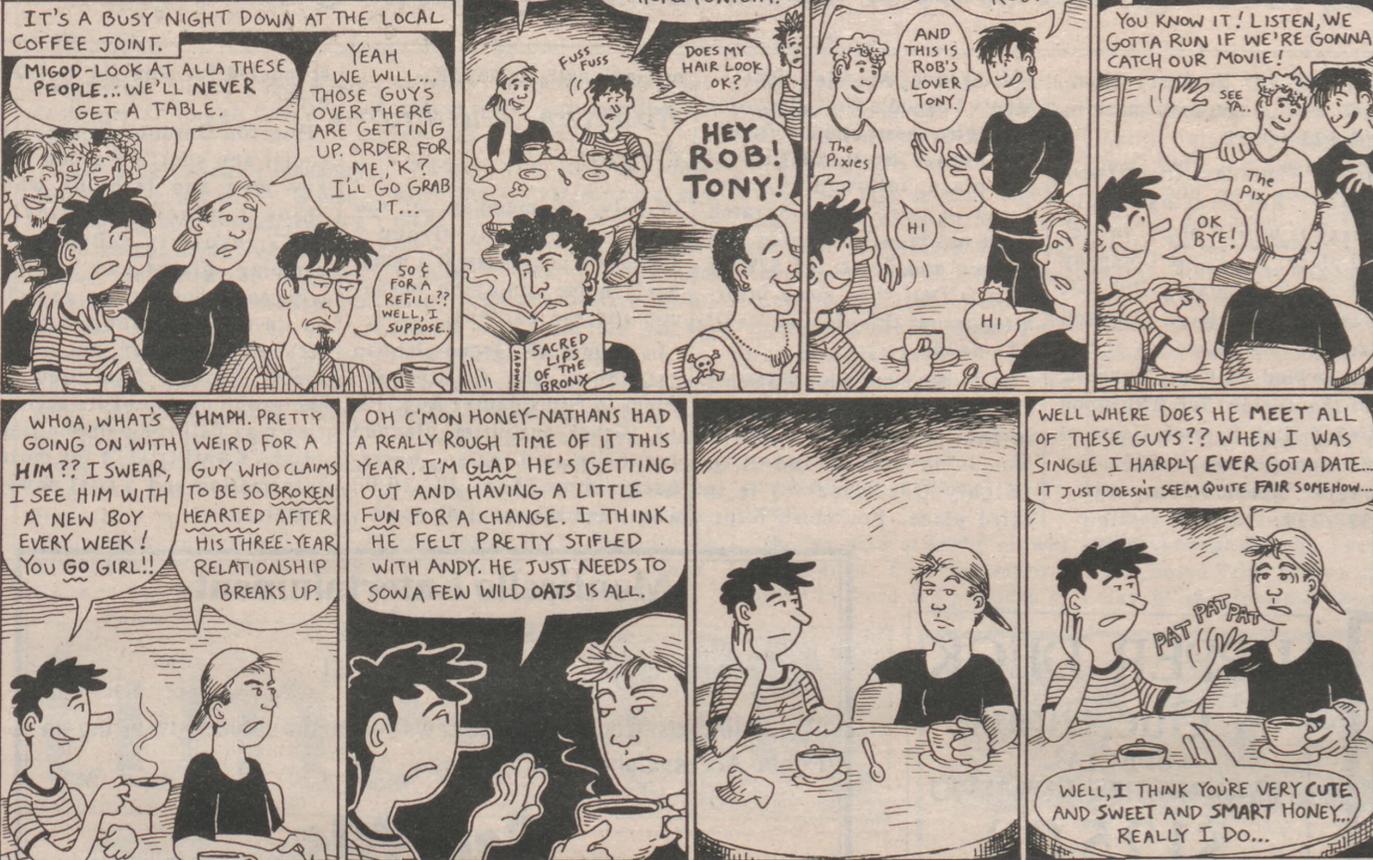
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ACOG pulls volleyball out of Cobb County

By A.J. HOSTETLER
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE
ATLANTA, Friday, July 29 (AP)—Organizers of the 1996 Olympic Games bowed to protests from gay activists Friday and pulled the volleyball competition out of a suburban county that adopted a resolution condemning homosexuality.

"It's a victory for everyone

who believes in human rights, not just gay men and lesbians," said Jon-Ivan Weaver, the organizer of Olympics Out of Cobb, a coalition of activists. "These are my Olympics now."

Last August, the Cobb County Commission declared that "lifestyles advocated by the gay community" were incompatible with community standards.

The commission refused to

rescind the resolution despite warnings from the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games that it was looking for a new site for the volleyball competition.

"It is unfortunate that the dialogue we have encouraged over the past several months did not produce positive results," said Billy Payne, ACOG president.

The committee said volleyball will instead be held at the Univer-

sity of Georgia in Athens, 62 miles east of Atlanta.

Gay activists and some athletes, including former Olympic diving gold-medalist Greg Louganis, had urged the committee to switch to another site.

"I think they've done the right thing, which surprises me," said Louganis, who is gay. "The one thing this whole thing has done, it's brought discrimination into the

light of the press."

Commissioner Gordon Wysong, sponsor of the resolution, said of the organizers' decision: "My view is they ought to do whatever's best for the Olympics. They got put in a compromising position, and certainly they've got to look after their interests."

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Bowling league standings; Houston Outdoor Group's August schedule

Sports Notes

Following are the weekly standings in the Houston bowling leagues:

The Inner Loop Sunday Nite League reports Sisters of Dorothy in first place, Lip Service in second place and Sunday Brunch in third. High Scratch Game of 232 was bowled by Terry Fisk and series of 637 by Mace Adams for the men. For the women, the High Scratch Game of 198 was bowled by Marla Aizenshtat and

Series of 531 by Terry Shannon. For more information, call 522-9612.

In the Thursday Nite Mixers league, Penetrating Your Galaxy is in first place. In second place, it's Pat & Company and in third place, But UR Blanche UR. High Scratch Game of 223 and series of 673 was bowled by Chris Bennett. For the women, Terry Shannon bowled High Scratch Game of 188 and Series of 523. For league information, call 432-7239.

Montrose Monday Nite Men's League's first place slot is held by Ladies and the Tramp. The Gutter Butter is in second place, followed by Alley Trash in third. High Scratch Game of 238 was bowled by Bob Warren and Series of 628 by Tom O'Dell. For more information on this league, call 641-5424.

In the Monday Nite Women's League, Can't Bowl Straight is in first place; Maybe, Maybe Not is in second and H.Q. (Highly Questionable) is in third place. For more infor-

mation, call 437-6218.

Houston Outdoor Group

In July, 35 members of the Houston Outdoor Group attended a pool party at a member's home, enjoying barbecue and the gardens.

In August, the group plans to raft down the Guadalupe River in Hill Country Aug. 12-13. Other activities planned for this month include horseback riding (Aug. 20, 10:00 a.m.) and the monthly social,

scheduled for Aug. 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Houston Outdoor Group is a social and sporting group for gay men and lesbians who enjoy outdoor activities. HOG regularly scheduled camping, hiking and boating trips and other outings, as well as in-town outdoor activities and member get-togethers. Anyone interested in the group or any of its activities may call their phone line (dial "KAMPOUT") for more information and a trial newsletter.

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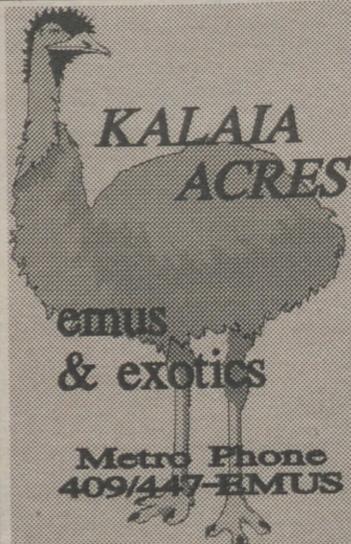
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Nancy Ford's birthday bash at Plaza 9200 to benefit AFH program for lesbians

Entertainer Nancy Ford wants lesbians to laugh...and get serious.

Ford, a well known community comic and humor writer, is celebrating her 40th birthday with a party that she hopes will also be a major fundraiser to promote lesbian safer sex awareness on Sunday, Aug. 14.

The evening includes special guest Julia Sweeney, who portrays the androgynous "Pat" on NBC's Saturday Night Live, along with a raffle, silent auction and entertainment by Houston's most talented and charitable performers. The \$10 donation benefits AIDS Foundation-Houston, spe-

cifically to purchase and distribute safer-sex supplies for lesbians.

Women and lesbians comprise the fastest growing segment of the population currently being newly diagnosed with HIV, making the availability of preventative information and supplies all the more vital, Ford noted.

"It seems that the lesbian community is in denial about its need to adopt safer sex practices," Ford said. "Twelve, thirteen years ago, when AIDS first hit the gay men's community, men were sitting ducks, because the information to save lives wasn't readily available.

That's not the case today with the women's community. Now the ball is in our court to decide what to do with this information."

For the last several months Ford has sponsored safer sex seminars at Plaza 9200 for lesbians in tandem with her long-running musical comedy show, "Comedy-Music-Politics-Sex-Religion." The response, she says, has been overwhelmingly positive, with the most predominant questions concerning the availability of dental dams, latex, etc.

The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. with continuous entertainment, hosted by Ford and provided by

Clay Howell, The Freds, Mary Ann Trojano, Juliana Wathen, Keith Caldwell, Marsha Carlton, Catia Lee Love, Tim Williams and many more surprise guests. The event is also sponsored by Betsy Worden, Plaza 9200, OutSmart Magazine, JAG Residential Mortgage, Alice Tomasello, Gayle Hux, Jane C. Foltyn-Country Realtor, Gary Stokes and Mail Boxes Etc.-Galleria.

Area merchants have overwhelmingly supported the event, donating various prizes and services to be raffled throughout the evening. The Grand Prize of two nights' stay at the romantic Bourbon

Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, including airfare, for two, has been generously donated by Advance-Damron Vacations.

The event will be held at Plaza 9200, 9200 Buffalo Speedway (at Murworth), (713) 666-3464. Often called the "largest gay and lesbian entertainment complex in the world," the Plaza has four separate clubs under one roof (The Ranch, Ms. B's Cabaret, XTC and The Patio) and lighted, security-patrolled parking for 300-plus cars. During this event owner Betsy Worden will also announce plans for exciting changes that will occur at Plaza 9200 in the coming months.

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Under The Pink

(Tori Amos)

With her new CD suggestively titled "Under The Pink," Tori Amos has again created an album that requires stamina on the part of the listener. Don't get me wrong. It's not that the music isn't worth the effort, she just isn't going to let you passively sit back and vegetate while she pours out her soul to you. No, you are forced to listen, absorb, analyze and eventually enjoy. Tori has a unique vocal range and style that syllabifies words in unusual fashion making understanding near impossible in some instances. Having heard her in person at Rockefeller's in the Heights a few years ago, I can tell you that Tori puts on an interesting show as she performs. She rocks and writhes to her syncopated rhythms while straddling her piano bench like a woman atop her partner in mid climax. I have never before seen a vocal performer exude sex with such exuberance quite like Miss Amos. In contrast to her many complex cuts, there are a few simple and quite beautiful cuts such as "Pretty Good Year" and "Past The Mission," songs comparable to cuts like "Silent All These Years" or "China" from her latest release "Little Earthquakes." A comparison of Tori to her contemporary Kate Bush would not be unreasonable since the similarity is undeniable as is her self-assurance about her work. Also undeniable is the fact that Miss Amos has a problem with organized religion. Of course I have a little insight here due to the fact that she talked about her father being a preacher and her rebellion through junior high and high school at the concert I attended, but if you look at her titles and lyrics, i.e. "God" ... "God sometimes you just don't come through..." "Icicle" ... and when they say take of his body I think I take of mine instead." Take the time to listen and accept Tori for what she is—a talented artist with something out of the ordinary to offer that won't wear you out or rip you off. Bravo Tori! By the way, in her credits Tori gives special thanks to Bosendorfer for making the best pianos in the world and here I have to agree—the girl's got class! Tori call me while you're in town and I would love to

have you come play on my Bosendorfer anytime. It doesn't get enough work out except my piano lessons, and right now scales and finger exercises are pretty boring. FYI: Tori Amos will be performing Friday, Aug. 12 at the Tower Theater. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster by calling (713) 629-3700.



Fumbling Toward Ecstasy

(Sarah McLachlan)

Do you ever recall periods in your life by the music that was popular at the time? Occasionally you'll hear some song and can remember exactly where you were the first time you heard it. The first time I became aware of Sarah McLachlan I was getting dressed to leave the Club Houston on Fannin. Oh come on, I was only there to use the tanning booth when the Nova Scotia native's voice reached out and slapped me between the ears. Her voice is slightly reminiscent of very early Joni Mitchell as "Fiddle and the Drums" or "Woodstock" come to mind. She also has a quality of sadness mixed with the unusual characteristic of an Irish folk melody and her songs tend to unfold like classic sonnets. McLachlan has said in previous interviews that the chief influence in her music is Peter Gabriel, but from the look at the album credits on this and her previous release "Solace," it seems that Pierre Marchand, her producer/keyboard player/organist/mandolin player/percussionist must also be influential in helping McLachlan create the ethereal sound she is known for. Like Amos, McLachlan bares her soul to the listener in highly personal self-penned tunes, but she provides enough up sounds to keep the listener interested and the quality of her work and her confidence is also obvious. The strongest cut on "Fumbling...is probably "Possession" which is not only heard at the first of the CD but is also reprised after the last track in a cut and dry, vocal/piano piece. "Plenty" and "Hold On" are also favorites. FYI: Sara McLachlan will be at the Tower Theater on Thursday, August 11 and you can get tickets through Ticketmaster outlets.

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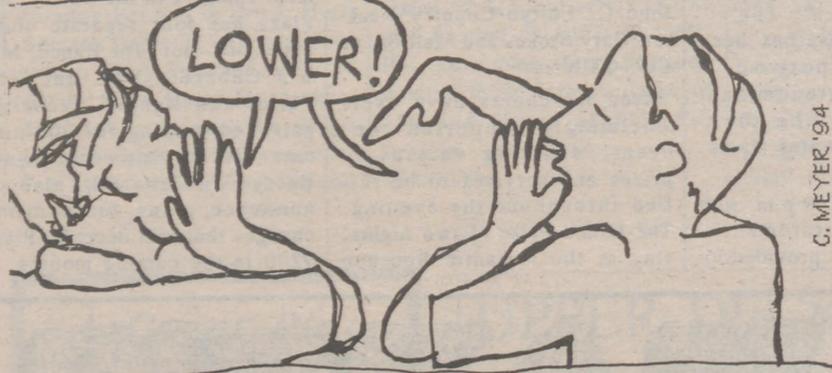
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New PBS head slams author over 'Tales of the City' letter campaign

GLAAD Media Watch

By AL KIEL-WASSER

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

In his first news conference since becoming president of the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), Ervin Duggan insisted that gay novelist Armistead Maupin

"should be sending us letters of thanks" for broadcasting "Tales of the City" instead of criticizing Duggan's refusal to produce the sequel to the popular and critically-acclaimed series.

Shortly after Duggan took over, PBS reneged on a promise to produce the sequel to "Tales." That broken promise has been widely attributed to pressure from homophobic censorious organizations—which mounted hysterical, nation wide protests over the airing of "Tales of the City."

"We are the people who have written the work 'courage' across the (television) screen," Duggan said in response to a series of questions about PBS' swerve towards conservative programming. At the press conference, Duggan admitted that he has received at least 2000 letters encouraging PBS to go forward with a sequel to "Tales." However, Duggan dismissed those letters as a "coercion" effort orchestrated by Armistead Maupin.

Apparently, Duggan has nothing but disdain for the lesbian and gay public, a sizable segment of the audience for the Public Broadcasting System. He seems to abide by the anti-logic of 1984, in which those who advocate for free expression are cast as the "coercive" censors, while those who demand censorship are given their way.

Broadcast your outrage to Ervin Duggan, President, PBS, 1320 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22314-1698, tel. (703) 739-5000 or (800) 356-2626.

Telling Visions

The July 28 issue of the San Jose Mercury News carries "Out of the Closet, Into the Family Room," a feature story on television and homosexuality. Written by the Mercury's Television Editor, Ron Miller, the article touches upon television's generally phobic relationship with lesbians and gays, and mentions such benchmarks as Soap, Melrose Place, Roseanne, and Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City." The article focuses on TV's double standard when it comes to romance, accurately pointing out that "the commercial networks are using more gay characters, but seldom let them relate to each other the way heterosexual characters do."

Much of the article describes an upcoming CBS comedy series, "Daddy's Girls." The new situation comedy will feature gay actor Harvey Fierstein playing a gay character. While Fierstein hopes to move his character "in the direction of giving him a lover," it's uncertain if CBS—widely considered the most conservative of the commercial television networks—will go along for the ride.

Send feedback to Ron Miller, San Jose Mercury News, 750 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose, CA 95190; Jeff Sagansky, President, CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., L.A., CA 90036, tel. (213) 852-2345.



Author Armistead Maupin: "coercive"? (Photo by Frank Parsley; taken at Stonewall 25)

Still Banned in Boling

Last December, the school board in Boling, Texas banned "The Drowning of Stefan Jones, a young adult novel about intolerance. Bette Green's book, which explores a town's prejudice against a gay couple, had been included on a supplemental reading list by a ninth-grade teacher in Boling. After stacking their

meeting with pro-censorship speakers, the school board voted 5-1 to officially ban the book.

More recently, the Texas Civil Liberties Union has shown interest in bringing suit against the school board. Additionally, the National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC) has been helping defend the book. For more information, contact NCAC, 275 7th Ave., New York, NY 10001, tel. (212) 807-NCAC, fax (212) 807-6245.

Rush is Flushed

The Florida Citrus Commission has finally squeezed out Rush Limbaugh. The commission decided not to renew its contract with the homophobic talk show host who, among other atrocities, claims that lesbians "propagate the race" by mating with pigs. Incredibly, Citrus commissioners said the decision had nothing to do with the protests from the lesbian/gay community. Comments should go to the Florida Citrus Commission, P.O. Box 148, Lakeland, FL 33080-0148, tel. (813) 499-2500, fax (813) 499-2374.

On a related note: Paper Tiger Television (PTTV) has announced the release of a new video, PTTV Flushes Rush: A Look at the Right Wing's Court Jester. Using historical analysis of past media demagogues and an economic analysis of the role played by media owners, PTTV "puts the Rush phenomenon in proper perspective." For more information, contact PPTV-West, P.O. Box 411271, S.F., CA 94141-1271.

Media Briefs

*The May/June issue of RaceFile features a special section on "New Rainbow Warriors: Right Wing Initiatives in Communities of Color." Copies of this useful resource are available from Applied Research Center, 440 Grand Ave., Suite 401, Oakland, CA 94610.

*Lesbian and gay film and video makers are encouraged to apply to Frameline for its 1994 Film/Video Completion Fund, which provides grants up to \$2000. Contact Frameline Film/Video Completion Fund, 346 Ninth St., S.F., CA 94103, tel. (415) 703-8658, fax (415) 861-1404. Deadline is Oct. 15.

*The hateful homophobes of the American Family Association (AFA) are offering a number of free "resources," including an "Intervention brochure—how to help a porn addict who won't help himself" and a "Resource list—books and articles about porn addiction." Sound interesting? Call (601) 844-5036 or write the AFA, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803 for your free copies.

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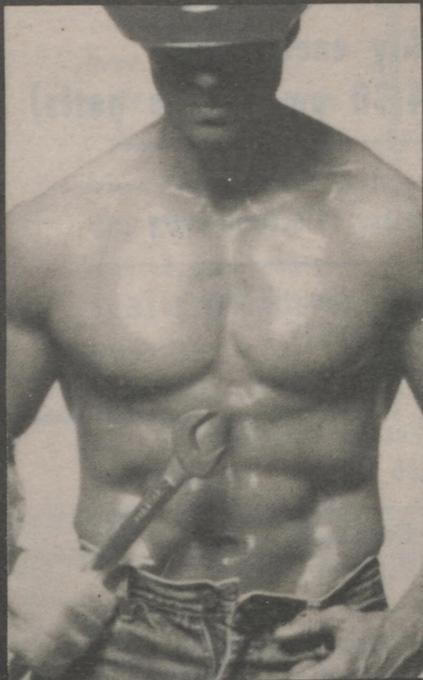
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TAKE ONE
(Movie Reviews)
by Vada Carroll



In "Clear and Present Danger," the CIA's Jack Ryan (Harrison Ford) is thrust into one of America's most dangerous conflicts, the war on drugs

Actor Harrison Ford and director Phillip Noyce triumphed again this weekend with the release of yet another movie based on popular literary character Jack Ryan, protagonist of novels by author Tom Clancy. You may remember that the last time we saw Ryan (Ford) he was blasting members of the Irish Republican Army as they invaded his home to eliminate his family and political allies.

In this action-thriller adventure Jack Ryan (Ford) is promoted from analyst to deputy director of intelligence for the CIA where he finds himself heaped in the middle of America's war on drugs. Within his first days on the job, Ryan uncovers a link between an influential friend of the President of the United States and the Columbian drug cartel, leading him from the intrigue and deception of Washington politics to the terrifying back alleys of Bogota.

This film deals with the drug cartels in a middle of the road, matter of fact, we're just a business like any other sort of way. There is nothing particularly menacing about the organization with the exception of one ego maniacal attorney/advisor (Joaquim de Almeida) who secretly conspires against his drug lord employer (Miguel Sandoval) to control the "family" business. Pitting one side against the other is mere child's play until the distress signals of an American covert action team trapped in the Columbian jungles by local guerrilla forces is intercepted by the DEA while scanning the air waves for illicit trade messages. That message is just the ticket Ryan needs to put the ball in motion.

Rounding out this talented cast are William Dafoe, Anne Archer, James Earl Jones, Harris Yulin, Donald Moffat, Dean Jones (yes, of That Darn Cat), Thora Birch, Ann Magnuson and

Hope Lange.

The production team for "Clear and Present Danger," Mace Neufeld and Robert Rehme, were the same responsible for two of Clancy's pulp to celluloid adventures, "The Hunt For Red October" which starred Alex Baldwin and Sean Connery and "Patriot Games" which also shared characters by Ford, Archer, Jones (James Earl) and Birch.

Academy Award-winning screenwriter Donald Stewart penned this screenplay as well as those for "Hunt For Red October" and "Patriot Games."

Special effects and stunts were a big part of this production and the team headed by Joe and Paul Lombardi, with more than 50 years experience between them, did literally a bang-up job with the pyrotechnics on location. Looks like Ford is doing many of his own stunts; watch for him to get blown half way across the street and land in a crumpled heap in the gutter.

Most of the violence in the film is handled tastefully without an over abundance of blood and guts. The tension that mounts throughout the film will keep you on the edge for most of the latter half of the show, although it is not nearly as mind wrenching as "The Fugitive." If you like action, suspense and a superior story/plot to follow, this brilliant flick is for you. If you ever trusted the behind the scene workings of our government, you may have your doubts about the good ol' boys in charge after this one. A clear message here seems to be you can never be sure who you can trust, even the President himself. As Jones tells Ford in the movie's beginning, to stay in political power in Washington there's only three words to remember, "watch your back." "Clear and Present Danger" gets a clear "A" from this reviewer.



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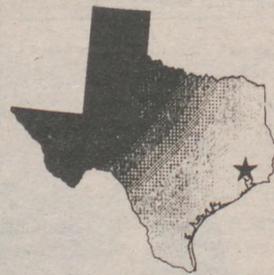
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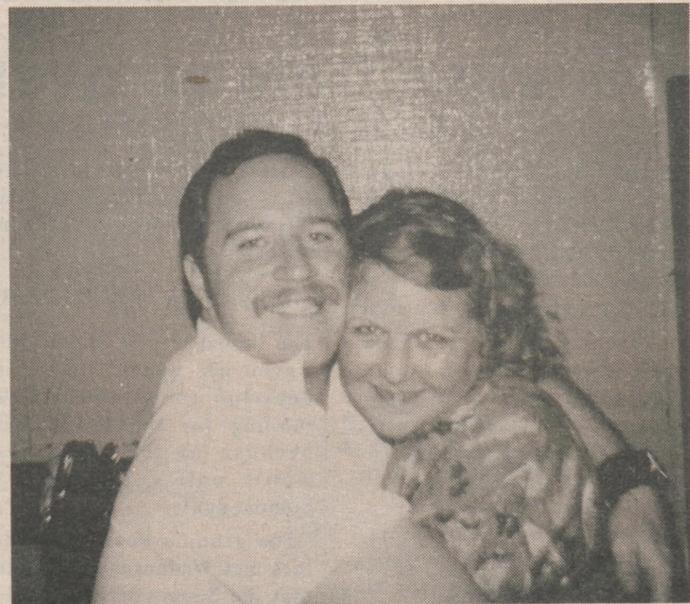
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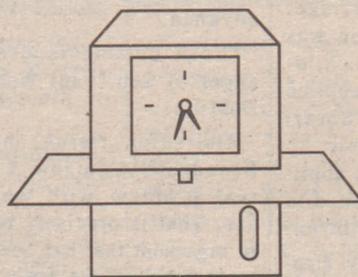
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By that time, the 22-year-old Hill had been beaten bloody and hit by the car in what one expert called a textbook

example of gay-bashing, which has supplanted attacks on blacks as the No. 1 hate crime in Los Angeles County.

"When I die, I want it to be of natural causes," said Hill. "Not because of some unintelligent punks."

Four men were arrested while driving in the area of the attack early Sunday after a witness pointed them out to

sheriff's deputies.

Hill said the four chased and beat him as he walked to a night spot early Sunday. When he tried to run, the driver sped toward him and knocked him onto the hood. When the driver stopped abruptly, Hill fell to the ground and the driver struck him again.

"The whole time, they were telling

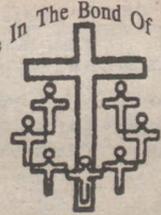
me these exact words: 'We're going to kill you, faggot,'" Hill said. "I kinda felt that was what they planned to do."

The Lancaster resident was released after treatment at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for bruises, cuts and a swollen foot run over by his attackers' car.

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When we think of human suffering, we tend to fall into the category of Peter's thinking. We would above all else like to prevent any pain and suffering for all of humanity. If at all possible, most of us would intervene just to spare another any agony. That is not how God works.

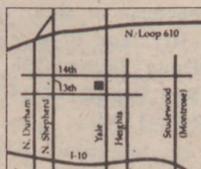
Jesus knew Peter's impetuous nature and that he would gain great experience from going through denial and failure. Peter learned a lot about himself. He learned that he was more resilient than he ever dreamed. He took one look into the eyes of Jesus and received forgiveness for his weakness to protect his own skin. He found the ability to start over again with power greater than he could imagine.

God's ways of using suffering in our lives is for our good. That is a difficult statement to make and accept. We find in Luke 6:40 that "the disciple is not above their ruler." If Jesus suffered great things at the hands of humanity, why would we be spared? The spirit of the world is not friendly to the spirit of Christ, and those who are "in Christ" cannot escape the tension. At times that tension breaks out into overt acts of violent antagonism.

In God's world nothing comes by chance, and nothing that happens is a dead loss. "All things work together for good to them that love God, and to them who are the called according to God's purpose." (Romans 8:28). The ordeal of suffering is a test. The book of Proverbs which is full of wisdom beyond this world's understanding, tells us about the refiner's fire (Proverbs 27:21). The refiner's fire does not consume the gold; it consumes the dross. Those who are disgraced or shamed for the name of Christ will find their suffering a test of their faith. It is like the wind and the rain that beat upon the house of life (Matt. 7:25). It is like the winnowing fan separates the wheat from the chaff (Luke 3:17). It is like the discipline that corrects, matures, and causes the children of God to become "partakers" of the "holiness" of God (Heb. 12:10). Such tests reveal weaknesses; they strengthen and confirm character; they develop hidden powers.

Great souls nearly always wear crowns that have been fashioned in the fires of great sorrows. The brother of Jesus writes these words: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything" (James 1:2-4).

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National-International summary: news notes from all over

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Boulder, Colo.

An estimated 500 people marched through Boulder on Saturday to protest what they consider the intolerant message of the Promise Keepers Christian men's organization.

Boulder police said the marchers, from groups like the Rocky Mountain Peace Center, the Unitarian Universalist Church, the Rainbow Family, Equality Colorado and the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgendered Multicultural Coalition, were orderly and cooperative.

Organizers said the "diversity rally" was a way to show the Promise Keepers there are alternatives to the teachings of the Christian ministry—and that they are not interested in being "saved by the Lord."

University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney founded Promise Keepers four years ago in an effort to prompt men to reclaim leadership roles, stop abdicating their responsibilities as fathers and husbands, and become "men of integrity."

Bentonville, Ark.

A lesbian who lost custody of her children plans to appeal to the state Supreme Court, her lawyer said.

A judge last week refused to reverse a decision that transferred custody of the children from Jean Larson of Rogers to the children's father, Michael Larson of Hiwasse.

Victoria Cochran of Rogers, the mother's attorney, said the ruling by Benton County Chancery Judge Oliver Adams ends attempts on the local level to regain custody of Ms. Larson's 13-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter. She said a Supreme Court appeal

will move forward.

Ms. Cochran said the children want to live with their mother.

The couple divorced in 1988 after nine years of marriage. At the time, Ms. Larson was awarded custody of the children. In May 1993, she applied for a license to marry Sherri Callender. The Benton County clerk denied the application, and Larson decided to seek custody of the children.

Chancery Judge Terry Crabtree awarded custody to the father in October.

Santa Fe, N.M.

The state Human Rights Division has received only two complaints of alleged discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The division began taking formal complaints in May and received the two formal written complaints by late July, said Penn Strode, who is overseeing the project.

In contrast, the division has received around 50 complaints a month in the last four months for other kinds of discrimination, including race and gender, Strode said.

Gov. Bruce King directed the division to receive and compile anti-gay discrimination complaints after lawmakers presented a memorial—or a non-binding expression of the Legislature's wishes—requesting that the division take sexual discrimination complaints.

Washington, D.C.

A law professor told senators Friday that extending job-discrimination protection to homosexuals would give special privileges to an "elite group" that is affluent and influential.

Joseph Broadus, a law professor at George Mason University, said it would "result in special privileges for an elite group that has unjustly played the victim card to advance."

Those comments drew the anger of Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn.

His voice rising, he told Broadus, "As a Jew, I have a real problem with what you say. That is precisely the kind of argument that has been made ... in behalf of the worst kind of discrimination against Jewish people."

Several business executives, a union official and another law professor spoke in support of the legislation at the Senate Labor Committee hearing.

Also testifying were Cheryl Summerville, a former employee of Cracker Barrel from Bremen, Ga., who was fired for being a lesbian, and Ernest Dillon, a postal service employee from Detroit who was beaten unconscious and severely injured by a coworker for being gay.

Legislation introduced last month by Sens. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and John H. Chafee, R-R.I., would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring, firing, promotion and pay. It defines sexual orientation as real or perceived homosexual, bisexual or heterosexual orientation.

San Francisco

A recent study predicting that up to a third of young gay and bisexual men in San Francisco will be HIV positive by age 30 has prompted an unconventional AIDS education campaign.

The program by Q Action is being funded by a \$600,000

grant from the San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office. It focuses on direct action and getting young men involved in educating themselves and each other.

Recently the group staged a safe-sex slide show on a wall in the city's largely gay Castro District. They've also printed up thousands of safe sex stickers with extremely explicit—and educational—messages, which volunteers plaster anywhere young gay and bisexual men might find themselves.

Albany, N.Y.

The Pentagon has fired the latest salvo at New York state in a battle involving gay rights, research grants and military recruiting on college campuses.

Col. Doug Hart, a Pentagon spokesperson, said letters were sent by the individual branches of the armed services to State University of New York officials, warning them that millions of dollars in research grants could be in jeopardy if the military isn't allowed to recruit on SUNY campuses.

New York is the only state that bars recruiters from an entire college campus or university system while at the same time receiving military research grants, Hart said Thursday.

The controversy arose last year after a Manhattan judge ruled that the military's ban against homosexuals violated Gov. Mario Cuomo's executive order forbidding discrimination by any state agency toward gays and lesbians. Then-SUNY Chancellor D. Bruce Johnstone decided not to appeal the ruling and ordered campus presidents to ban military recruiters.

A 1973 federal law allows the

military to withhold grants from universities that ban the services from recruiting on campus.

New Haven, Conn.

The United Way of Greater New Haven has upheld its earlier decision to withhold 1995 funding for the Boy Scouts because of the organization's policy of banning homosexuals.

The group's board of directors met Wednesday and noted that the Scouts national policy bars homosexuals from all facets of scouting. Therefore, the board ruled, the Scouts' policy fails to meet the guidelines of The United Way's new anti-discrimination measure passed last December.

"They were found not in compliance," United Way spokesperson Edward Russell said. "They will continue to receive monthly allocations until Dec. 31."

The council, composed of 250 Cub packs, Scout troops and Explorer posts in the New Haven region, will receive \$58,000 this year from the United Way.

The New Haven chapter of The United Way decided in June to stop funding the Hamden-based Quinipiac Council of the Boy Scouts at year's end. The action came after the council ejected volunteer Scout leader David W. Knapp for being gay.

Knapp, 67, of Guilford, is an Eagle Scout. He was a professional Scout administrator for nine years before leaving for a career selling text books. He returned to the Scouts a few years ago as a high-ranking volunteer at the request of Scout officials, but was dismissed after he started a support group for parents and friends of gays.

Reader opportunities for community volunteering, action

Quick Notes

In early August, the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Houston will hold a weekend training session for everyone interested in volunteering for the Switchboard. GLSH volunteers provide a valuable service by connecting callers to community resources such as social organizations, restaurants, health care providers and many others. Now volunteers who go through training can also use their ideas and talents to help the Switchboard continue serving the Houston gay and lesbian community in new and exciting ways.

Training will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5. The Friday session will end at 10:00 p.m. Training on Saturday, Aug. 6 and Sunday, Aug. 7 will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. each day. Call (713) 529-3211 to sign up for training or to get more information.

Action Forum

*Visa International donated \$10,000 to the Gay Games IV and provided credit card service for the Games themselves. Pat Robertson has now begun a phone and letter writing campaign to attack Visa's generosity, which has resulted in hundreds of calls and letters, as well as the threat by some large depositors in the Midwest to withdraw their funds; these banks own Visa and their officers sit on its board of directors.

To voice your support of Visa's generosity and let them know they have the right thing, write them at Visa International, P.O. Box 8999, San Francisco, CA 94218-8999. Do not let Pat Robertson win this battle!

For more information contact Michael Lax or Steven Hanes at (512) 837-1596 or voice mail (512) 370-4708.

*Hearings began last week in the U.S. Senate on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, legislation designed to protect Americans from job discrimination based on sexual orientation. Congress is giving

serious consideration to this bill, which now has 30 co-sponsors in the Senate and 120 in the House of Representatives. It is being championed by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, a coalition of over 185 groups. Grassroots support from the gay and lesbian community is encouraged. Readers may contact their Members of Congress by calling the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Letters to representatives should be sent to U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515; the address for senators: U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

*OSHA, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, is considering creating a new standard that deals with violence in the workplace. At a recent presentation, Joe Dear, the Assistant Secretary for OSHA, was asked if there would be a provision in this proposed standard that would deal with hate crimes that occur in the workplace, such as anti-gay violence

or violence that's based on race or gender. He said he learned something from the question and that he wanted more information about it, according to Doug Young, a gay man who works for the OSHA and has been working for the inclusion of the hate crimes provision.

Young is encouraging gay and lesbian people who have experienced violence in the workplace solely because they are gay or lesbian to come forward and talk about their experiences. Information is needed about physical attacks, harassment (verbal or through acts) and threats of violence, no matter what year the incident happened or whether it was instigated by an employer, a coworker or an outsider. Information is also needed in regard to people who have experienced violence in the workplace because of their race, gender, nationality, age or anything else. Contact: Doug Young, 131 Hartford Street #C, San Francisco, CA 94114; tel. (415) 626-3137.

Stanley Siegel, co-author of 'Uncharted Lives, Understanding the Life Passages of Gay Men'

Yours Truly in a Swamp

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

Stanley Siegel is a willowy framed fellow, a practitioner of that culinary philosophy called vegetarianism. Vegetarians, though they often appear wasted, believe themselves healthier than thou. Siegel probably is.

He has closely cropped hair and is wearing a dark vest over a white shirt, accentuating his slim, ethereal look. He is in his late forties and a veteran psychotherapist, columnist, international lecturer and former director of education at the Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy in New York City, where he lives and practices.

He has traveled to New Orleans this day to teach one of many workshops he conducts worldwide, and to promote a new book: "Uncharted Lives, Understanding the Life Passages of Gay Men" (Dutton/Plume).

Siegel co-authored "Uncharted Lives" with fellow "Newsday" columnist Ed Lowe Jr.; Siegel and Lowe also collaborated on the excellent "The Patient Who Cured His Therapist" (Dutton/Plume).

Siegel unfolds his long frame in front of a window in his hotel room overlooking the Mississippi River and says, "The process that happens, probably very early on, for the young boy who begins to sense in some way that he is different, (is that) he begins to separate himself and sometimes isolates himself—ostracism!

"Incidents of doing that, I think, emerge out of the fall from innocence. In that, actually, many good things happen. In the process of isolation, I think that a young boy can grow."

LEJ: "You make a good case in 'Uncharted Lives' for creativity coming from this experience."

SS: "I think always coupled with the fear is the feeling of finding, inventing ways to survive. It's the thing that isolates, separates and causes great pain. It may, in fact, also be one of the primary motivators."

LEJ: Sexuality seems to make for much creativity. I was in the Merchant Marines for thirteen years and know same-sex sex occurs between otherwise 'straight' people. Sailors are free spirits by tradition, and for the most part, what I saw were people neither plagued by guilt, nor queer at home.

"I think the taboo forbidding choice is the major source of homophobia. The harvest from this taboo is the irrational fear that if choice is allowed, 'My God, I will have to choose what I don't want.'

"But the ability to choose exists, whether we say it does or it doesn't. Which is not to say each of us may very well be inclined one way or the other by some biotechnical determinism."

SS: "It's interesting, that kind of contextual homosexuality obviously exists and it is in most circumstances a choice. My co-author, who is a heterosexual man, says to me his heterosexuality is biological, as he is certain homosexuality is. He thinks that along with that, there is an instinc-



Stanley Siegel, co-author of "Uncharted Lives"

tive rejection of same-sex sex. He feels that homophobia is biological."

LEJ: "Instinctive, as in protecting your gene pool?"

SS: "Exactly. An interesting concept. I think a lot of homophobia, in addition to the construct that you're talking about, is one we have invented, because we have said in this country sexuality is constructed culturally."

"In faulty family circumstances that then translates into 'anyone can be homo-

sexual.' Therefore, since for long time it was also (diagnosed as) a mental illness, and since anyone can be ill, anyone can be mentally ill in this particular way. So like any other mental illness, you fear it."

"I also think about homophobia, that homosexuality threatens so many conventions. It threatens one of the most important conventions in our society, which is male dominance. In order for preservation of this social structure—designed and defined by men, in fact—heterosexuality has to prevail because homosexuality symbolizes the domination of the male. he gets penetrated."

LEJ: "Well, not always. not if he is a top."

SS: "Probably few men are singularly a top. Well, I think so. One of the wonderful things about being gay is that in the course of a lifetime gay men are many things. They may settle on being a top, but I do believe that most gay men go through a wide diversity of experiences."

LEJ: "I was struck with the idea in 'Uncharted Lives' of gay men moving back and forth in non-chronological development stages."

"Last year my oldest friends started dying of AIDS, I turned fifty, and lost the love of a sad, younger man whom I wanted very much to smooth and soothe me. I went crazy, it was really rough."

"I started going out to the bars and staying out late at night, which I'd not done before. That was teenage stuff, I had slipped into some missed early stage."

SS: "It's quite remarkable how we do that. I tell a similar story to yours in the book, about my first love affair with a man. When I was ending my marriage (Siegel was married and has a daughter), my wife and I planned cruise together."

"Shopping for clothes I met a man, John. He was very handsome and charming. We dated. During that time I finally left the marriage. He introduced me to life on the edge. Then he left me broke, alone and devastated."

"But I grew. I would never have made any of the changes in my life I needed to make if John had not come along."

"There are great, wonderful changes born in pain. My daughter is now a student at the University of Washington. She has a photo of me and my partner together, hanging in her dorm room. When we visited her in Seattle, she took us to the local grunge disco which was full of presumably straight boys and girls. We danced."

"Her roommate came in and said, 'I've been wanting to meet you guys. You are so cool.' Then my daughter says to me, 'It is kind of chic having a gay daddy.'"

HIV-positive women among Houstonians headed for international conference

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Through her work, as well as out of a need to be personally involved, Williamson said she now spends a great deal of time in the community teaching about HIV and AIDS. In addition to her job duties, she is a volunteer in a community outreach project sponsored by the Research Unit, and she is an active public speaker with the Diocesan AIDS Ministry in Houston and the Catholic Education Speakers Bureau for the Galveston-Houston Diocese. She appears in a recently completed AIDS educational film, "Tear down the Walls."

However, she said, until the chance came up to go to the conference, she had been "pretty sheltered," choosing her forums carefully.

"I think this is a pretty good way to start," she said of the conference and post-conference panel appear-

ances. Williamson said she feels an urgent, personal need to use her experience as an educational tool, particularly to reach young adults, who she says are largely still very ignorant of the facts surrounding AIDS.

"When I appear before a group of people my age or younger," she says, "I tell them, I'm 30 and I'm HIV-positive. Had you not known this and slept with me, you might be also."

"Then I ask them if they know what they want in life, what they want to accomplish in the next 10 years."

"I think most young adults still think they're invincible," she said.

The Tenth International Conference on AIDS, to be held in Yokohama Aug. 7-12, marks the first time that researchers, public health officials, service providers and activists will gather in an Asian nation for an AIDS conference.

Experts say AIDS threatening Asian security

By OLIVER TEVES
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

MANILA, Philippines, Tuesday, Aug. 2 (AP)—AIDS is threatening the stability of Asian countries, but the crisis can be avoided if governments quickly adopt policies and allocate funds to stop its spread, experts said Tuesday.

"The HIV epidemic is the enemy of the 'Asian promise,'" said Peter Sullivan, vice president of the Asian Development Bank. "It threatens much of the progress that has been made over the past two decades and endangers economic growth in countries that have introduced growth-enhancing, economy-wide reforms only recently."

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS—acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Sullivan spoke at the opening of a four-day meeting on the economic implications of HIV and AIDS sponsored by the bank and the U.N. Development Program.

The World Health Organization says 30 million to 40 million people are expected to be infected with HIV by the year 2000, 10 million of them Asians. An estimated 15 million have been infected with HIV since it was first discovered and 3 million have developed full-blown AIDS, it says.

Sullivan said that based on experience in some African nations, the economic impact of an AIDS epidemic on Asian countries is "potentially severe and long lasting."

He said it could cause major economic problems because the premature deaths of AIDS victims among the labor force would decrease productivity.

It would also require more spending to prevent the further spread of the epidemic and the treatment of those already infected. In addition, the majority in Asia who are poor are most likely to be affected, Sullivan said.

ADB economist Myo Thant said that in addition to economic affects, AIDS could also threaten the national security of a country by reducing its military's manpower pool.

"Simply stated, unhealthy men cannot fight," Thant said.

He cited the case of Thailand, where in 1990, 2 percent of some 32,000 rural youth being screened for recruitment to the army were found to be infected with HIV.

Sullivan said the "grim scenario" could still be avoided since there are many measures which can halt the spread of the disease.

AIDS is primarily spread through sexual contact, the transfusion of infected blood or from a pregnant woman to her baby.

Thant said there is broad agreement that an anti-AIDS campaign should include blood safety, promotion of safe sex, treatment of other sexually transmitted diseases and a change in sexual behavior.

He acknowledged that in many Asian countries, spending more to fight AIDS could reduce funds for other health needs and compete with other public expenditures, including defense.

But he stressed that "massive future costs can be averted by the immediate development and implementation of preventive strategies."

Lesbian-Gay Rights Lobby monitors hate crimes in Texas

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In the sand pit he was tortured and forced to take off his clothes before they opened fire and shot West as many as 15 times before he was fatally shot in the head. His murderers clearly stated that they murdered West because he was gay.

The Sheriff's department has been quick to conduct a thorough investigation and classify the slaying as a hate crime. Smith County Sheriff's Detective Dale Hukil stated, "the fact that he was homosexual or what, has nothing to do with the crime, as far as us investigating the crime. It's a cold-blooded murder."

Midland

In Feb. 1994, 18-year-old Ramsey Harrell was convicted of murdering Tommy Musick, a 48-year-old gay hairstylist. Though originally charged with capital murder by the Midland County District Attorney, the jury found Harrell guilty of murder and sentenced him to a 12-year sentence.

Defense attorneys claimed that Harrell had been "temporarily insane" after Musick had allegedly made sexual advances towards Harrell's friend Scott Thomas. Musick's partner of twenty years, Jerry Hon told police that Thomas, a neighborhood acquaintance of Musick's called Musick to request a ride for himself and a friend. Musick picked up the teenagers at Harrell's residence and gave them a ride to Thomas' house. Harrell then shot Musick four times in the back of the head. The two teenaged boys pulled Musick's body into the back seat, took him to an isolated field and dumped his body.

Throughout the trial, the defense focused on Tommy Musick's homosexuality. Jerry Hon stated "Ramsey Harrell was never on trial. Tommy and his lifestyle were on trial. Our relationship was on trial."

Reverend Billy Charles Cawley of Prodigal Ministries Community Church in Odessa said, "The jury allowed Harrell to have the lesser charge because of their prejudice against gay people. Tommy Musick

got no justice. This sends a clear message that if you kill a gay person in West Texas, you will not be punished.

El Paso

On Thursday morning, March 3, 1994, police in El Paso found the badly decomposed body of Joe Trevino, who had been brutally murdered in his home approximately six weeks earlier. Trevino's assailants allegedly strangled and bludgeoned him to death.

Two teenaged suspects are jailed in Texas City on aggravated robbery charges unrelated to the murder. According to a friend and partner in numerous other crimes, the suspects had already killed one or more gay men in El Paso before slaying Trevino.

Dallas

On May 15, 1988, a group of North Mesquite High School buddies drove to the predominantly gay area of Oaklawn to, in their own words, "pester the homosexuals," a pastime they said they pursued whenever they "got bored." Eighteen-year-old Richard Lee Bednarski persuaded another of the youths to beat and rob two gay men, Tommy Lee Trimble, 34, and John Lloyd Griffin, 27, who had invited the teenagers into their car. The four drove to Reverchon Park and walked into a clearing, where Bednarski ordered the two older men to take off their clothes. When they refused, Bednarski drew a pistol and shot Trimble and Griffin to death. After, Bednarski bragged to his friends about the killing.

On Nov. 18, 1988, Bednarski was convicted and two weeks later sentencing was announced by Judge Jack Hampton. Although Assistant District Attorney David Pickett argued that the "cold-blooded, execution-type murder" warranted a life sentence, Judge Hampton sentenced Bednarski to 30 years.

The next month, the Dallas Times-Herald reported that Hampton acknowledged that homosexuality played a part in his giving a life sentence for the brutal double homicide. Hampton was quoted as saying,

"These two guys that got killed wouldn't have been killed if they hadn't been cruising for teenage boys to pick up. I don't much care for queers cruising the streets picking up teenage boys. I've got a teenage boy."

Hampton place the blame on the victim themselves and said, "I put prostitutes and gays at about the same level. If these boys had picked up two prostitutes and taken them into the woods and killed them, I'd consider that a similar case. And I'd be hard to put to give somebody life for killing a prostitute."

One of the last things Hampton said to the reporter was that voters either wouldn't care or would forget about what he said before he came up for election the next time, and for her to be sure and "spell my name right" for the article. Hampton was re-elected to district court in the next election, but lost to Barbara Rosenberg for State Court of Appeals in 1990, thanks mainly to the gay and lesbian community. Bednarski's first parole hearing is in July 1996.

San Antonio

*On New Year's Day, 1990, Charles Resendez, a 38-year-old gay man who worked as a substitute teacher, was beaten to death by a 19-year-old Marine Private Nicolo Giangrasso. Giangrasso confessed to the killing but gave conflicting statements about the circumstances, initially telling police he had picked up Resendez at a gay bar and gone to a motel with him where he beat Resendez to death and robbed him of \$40 because he was "some sort of faggot."

A year and half later Giangrasso changed his story and claimed that the gay man had sexually assaulted him, although Giangrasso was initially indicted by a Bexar County Grand Jury for murder, District Court Judge Terry McDonald accepted a plea of voluntary manslaughter and released him with a sentence of 10 years deferred adjudication.

This plea bargain was approved by Bexar County District Attorney Steve Hilbig, who defended himself

by saying the victim's family agreed to the plea bargain. In fact, the Resendez family vehemently opposed such a sentence, and they have filed a complaint with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct against Hilbig and McDonald.

After beating and stomping Resendez so mercilessly that footprints were left on his back, Giangrasso was released from jail and returned to work in the family business in New Jersey. In Feb. 1992, six months after his release from jail in San Antonio, Giangrasso was involved in another incident which resulted in his being indicted on four counts of aggravated assault, four counts of possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose and one count of criminal mischief. District Attorney Steve Hilbig subsequently filed a motion to enter adjudication of guilt and revoke probation for Giangrasso, but Judge McDonald has refused to act on this motion.

Giangrasso has served no prison time for the murder of Charles Resendez.

* In Jan. 1994, San Antonio police reported the apparent murder of Michael Benishek. His throat had been cut and he had been struck in the head with a blunt instrument.

An Idaho man is currently being held in the Ada County Jail in Boise for the murder. According to friends of Benishek, the two men did not know each other. The believe that the murder was definitely hate-related.

* In the early morning hours of April 2, 1994, a 16-year-old San Antonio youth took a rifle out of his truck and shot to death 26-year-old John Anthony Burwell, claiming that Burwell, claiming that Burwell had made a sexual advance toward him.

In an effort to cover up the murder, the teen put the corpse in the back of the truck, drove to a nearby creek and dumped Burwell's body off the bridge. The body fell an estimated 40 feet, missed the water and landed face-down on a mass of rocks. The youth then called his father, a law enforcement officer, who suggested they call the sheriff's department.

'Promiscuous inclusivity': will it ever be enough?

Observer's Notebook

By PAUL VARNELL

If you have been bemused or puzzled as add-ons to the gay liberation movement have proliferated, you are not alone. First the words "and lesbian" were added on the ground that lesbians had a separate identity and deserved nominal visibility—though that was achieved at some cost to the visibility of women who thought of themselves as "gay."

Then "and bisexual" was added because bisexuals, though sort of gay, were really not quite just "gay."

Last year, the National March on Washington made clamorous "demands" on behalf of "lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender" people, "transgender" apparently referring to both transsexual and transvestite.

Now an admirable new coalition of groups, joined to do work on behalf of young gays, says it is concerned with "lesbian, gay or bisexual youth as

well as youth with gender identity issues."

And most recently, the Stonewall 25 Committee was concerned to represent the "lesbian, gay, bisexual, drag and transgender community." Or, getting its priorities in order, the "drag, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender" experiences as it said at one point.

Clearly we just can never be inclusive enough.

But while acknowledging that these are all fine people and deserve all kinds of freedom, it may be appropriate to ask how close these various people's concerns are to our own. The central question to be asked is: Are these people in any reasonable sense "gay" or "gay or lesbian"? Are their issues ours? Do they experience discrimination because of their sexual orientation?

"Transvestites" (as distinguished from "drag") are those men who find gratification in wearing articles of women's clothing. But

being aroused and gratified by the feminine and things associated with women is a quintessentially heterosexual male response.

And, in fact, almost all male transvestites are heterosexual, the transvestism acting as an erotic augmentation in their heterosexual relationships. A 1975 study by Kinsey associate Wardell Pomeroy found that homosexuality is even less prevalent among transvestites than the general population.

So there seems to be no common ground between gay men and transvestites. As journalist Rex Wockner once memorably wrote, "What do I have in common with some straight guy who gets off on wearing nylons?"

Much the same kind of thing is true of transsexuals (the other half of "transgender"). Sex researcher C.A. Tripp pointed out in "The Homosexual Matrix" that most transsexuals, too, are heterosexual. While transsexualism is not a simple phenomenon, Tripp explains that it is most

illuminating to understand a transsexual as "a person who carries transvestism to the point of wanting to actually change their sex."

Transsexuals sometimes say they feel like "a woman trapped in a man's body." But that is exactly the understanding some people (especially less educated people) have of gay men—and for gays it is wildly wrong. By contrast, gay men and lesbians are happy with their gender, even delighting in it. In fact, gay men have spent a good deal of time in the last 25 years explaining over and over to heterosexuals that they do not want to become the other sex, that they are men who like men.

Of course, some gay men dress up in so-called "drag" (another of the "add-ons"), not for erotic purposes but simply to entertain other people, or else in connection with soliciting for commercial sex, to provide a plausible self—deception for heterosexual males to engage in sex with them.

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Garden, Denim Parties were festive, as always; New Year's Eve in July celebrated at Pacific Street



Video star Matt Gunther with lucky Scott of Heaven after the show

Houston Soap, Part 1

By CAROLYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston

Last Week:

Most of us Montroseans could not decide whether we were Trailer Park Trash or a Denim Daddy or Leather Mama! These two parties are always a fantastic time! Be sure to see the collage of pictures! The Girls were out in full force for the Garden Party! The streets were full. Spectators lined San Jacinto! Limos and RV's were in abundance! Pick-up Trucks and Cowboy Cadillacs lined Brazos Street!

Another New Year's Eve has come and gone! Well, kinda. Pacific Street hosted their second annual New Year's Eve in July party, complete with balloons, party hats, and champagne! Leave it to Pacific Street to throw a party in style!

Adult Video star Matt Gunther made a splash at Heaven Sunday night with a revealing show. Spotted in the crowd, also nearly naked, were Miss Scott Underwood of the Hit Factory and Miss Lonnie. They took bare as you dare to heart!

Club 403's grand opening weekend went off without a hitch! The club was stuffed full all weekend. Congrats to staff and management!

Friday, August 5

Tonight starts the Grand Opening weekend for Chances! Marlene and the staff invite you to a fun filled weekend of dancing, munching, games, prizes, and good old fashioned fun! Chances is located next to Charlie's, where the Westheimer Art Bar and Theater use to be. Kody, who used to work at the Barn is on staff as well as Rita Charles!

It is weekend warm up at Pacific Street. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. There is no cover between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm!

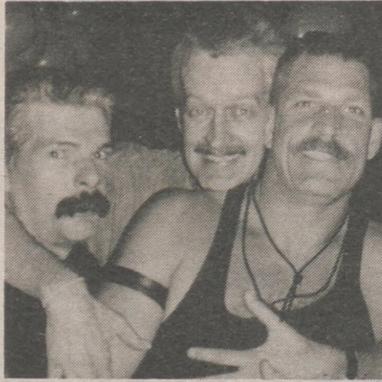
Morticia fires up the grill at Club 403 tonight. She has a hunk of beef to satisfy your hunger.

Saturday, August 6

This event is real close to my heart. Tonight, 9:30 pm, the Venture-N is offering an evening of song, dance, and entertainment to benefit a special friend. Our own Don Dowden is in need of a little help. If you have not heard, he had 2 heart attacks last Friday. Currently



E/J's bartenders, Tony & Donnie, lovin' it up



Happy anniversary party at the Venture-N

he is at the VA Hospital in CCU. His family and the doctors are requesting NO visitors!! He needs his rest. For "Don Updates" you can call me at the office (529-8490) or Don Gill (521-0911). As of this printing, he is scheduled for another angio... that balloon thing. Most of us who work in the community (a) do not have health insurance and (b) we do not earn money unless we are at work! Don Gill and Lady Victoria Lust are hosting the show. The list of performers is quickly building, including a couple of the guys from Miss Camp America. There will also be two face-masks by Tom Lidell up for auction. I am looking forward to seeing a packed house for this ever so important affair.

The Club is a great place to spend a long, hot afternoon. You can just lie around (towel optional) and have cute guys wait on you hand and foot! This weekend they are having a Pool Party to "beat" all!!

Java Java Cafe presents the sounds of Amy Lauro. She strums on stage between 8:00 pm and 11:00 p.m. I have been told she plays soft jazzy mellow kinda music, like Joni Mitchell and Carole King. This is great timing, since we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of Woodstock. Java Java Cafe is located in the Heights at 911 W. 11th. For directions call 880-JAVA.

The Super Show at E/J's starts tonight at 11:00 p.m. The lovely (and older) Brittany Paige hosts this show, featuring Jessica Van Shelton, Catia Lee Love and Shasha Boom.

Gentry has extended Happy Hour prices until 10:00 pm followed by some of the hottest wienie wavers in town.

Sunday, August 7

E/J's and Basic Brothers have joined forces to present "Americans in Action." At 8:00 pm tonight the stage at E/J's will be shaking with the talents of Thomas Rodriguez, Christopher Graham, Oscar Paredes, Kim Halliday, Jacqueline Sterling and the E/J's Gang. The evenings entertainment is benefiting the contestants for Mr. Gay All American!

Just about everyone in town knows this, but just in case you don't, the Brazos River Bottom has steak, baked potato, and salad for only \$5. You can cook your own on the grill, or bribe someone to sizzle it for you. The grill stays lit from 5:00 pm until 9:00 p.m. Also, tonight Gerald Ennis (candidate for Mr. TGRA 1995) presents "The Great Switch," a variety show with special guests Day-Leigh Edwards, Houston City Limits, Eddie Taylor, Tim Davenport, C.C. Ryder, and Thump-her! The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Stop by Gentry's @ 5:00 pm for their 8-ball tournament, with guaranteed \$60+ in prizes. Stick around till 9:00 pm to see Marcia Johnson (candidate for Ms. TGRA) presenting a benefit show for the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Houston.

The "Miss Mary's" contest is this afternoon on the patio of Mary's (naturally) at 4:30 p.m. This is an event not to be missed!

Monday, August 8

Clubber's Night at Pacific Street! No, this does not mean you need to bring a club or baseball bat to gain free entry! All you need to do is wear your "Colors" or be a bartender, bar back, waiter, waitress, restaurant manager, or someone in the business. This is a great way to party with the guys and girls that usually wait on you!

Paivi and (the older) Brittany host the Male Strip Contest tonight at E/J's. The guys strip down to just an itty bitty G-string!! The buns start showing at 11:00 p.m.

Martini Madness at J.R.'s! \$3.50 for an Absolute Martini all night long! At 11:00 pm, a showcase of the latest fashions from Feista II will be modeled by Lindsay Love.

Tuesday, August 9

Monticello Entertainment is proud to host a fundraiser tonight for Town Meeting II. This is being held at the Museum Restaurant. This historic event will begin at 5:00 pm and continue till 7:00 p.m. They will also be airing the NEW cable access show "Gay 90's." The "Gay 90's" is a public service for the lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender community. It is a news magazine type show, with interviews, film of events, and greetings from within our community! (They even got some footage of me to be used sometime in the future, and I did not break the video camera!)

Chances has a beer bust tonight. For only \$3 you can get a sudsy mug full of draft beer and get refills for only 25 c. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.

The Brazos River Bottom offers free intermediate dance lessons tonight at 10:30 p.m.

The Club offers half-price night tonight! Damion is always looking for a cheap date, so he cuts the admission price in half! The Club has many other delightful amenities to offer (besides Damion), such as Nautilus, free weights, tanning bed, dry sauna, steam bath, jacuzzi, massage therapy, and a clothing optional pool and sundeck!

The talented Donna Day will MC "Summer Camp"—the 800 Pacific Street Employee Turnabout Show! Don't miss the opportunity to see all of your favorite 800 Pacific Street bartenders in drag. This show benefits the Q—Patrol and the 800 Pacific Street Employee Emergency Fund!

The Other Voice invites you to celebrate poetry and the spoken word at Brasil (Dunlavy and Westheimer) tonight at 8:00 p.m. Featured readers are Rolanda Teal and Rebecca Johnson.

The Un-Official birthday party for Keith Woods is tonight at the Lazy J. I can't believe he is claiming to be 42 years old! With all this other stuff going on, I almost forgot to mention the reason I get up every Tuesday morning; why it's Mary's (naturally) for \$2 Cuervo! I'm headed there in just a few minutes to meet my pro-freader d'Artagnan! I'm running late, I guess, because Devin just called me to find out where I was!

Wednesday, August 10



Owner Marlene, with Kody, Frank and DJ Cheryl of the new bar, Chances, grand opening this weekend

It is Bare Chest and Harness night at the Venture-N. If you dare to bare it you can get Happy Hour prices until 11:00 p.m. This offer is NOT limited to the guys!!

Tonight at Gentry's is a special 45 minute drag show at 10:00 pm to help sponsor Dyan Michaels at the Miss Gay South Pageant. Following the show is Gentry's weekly male strip-o-rama contest with \$150 in cash prizes!

Thursday, August 11

It is Ladies' Night at Club 403. All ladies get Happy Hour prices all night. This is for the natural, not artificial, types!

Scoot over to the Brazos River Bottom for beginner dance lessons. They offer these lessons free to all who would like to learn. Classes start at 8:30 p.m.

Club Night at the Venture-N. Wear your Club Colors and receive Happy Hour prices until 11:00 pm!

Next up on the Hedo calendar, one of the "Kings of the House" will hit the stage. Live (as opposed to dead) singing his hits "Love Come Home" plus many others! Hedonism is always bringing you the newest and best in music!

Coming Events

August 12 * Sundance Cattle Company anniversary weekend starts.

August 13 * Car Wash at Gentry's for RSICSS

August 13 * BEAR Auction at the Venture-N, 9:00 pm, benefiting Pet Patrol and RSICSS.

August 14 * Help Nancy Ford celebrate her First (?) Mid-Life Crisis at Plaza 9200.

August 14 * Inferno-A Flashlight Undergear Party at Heaven.

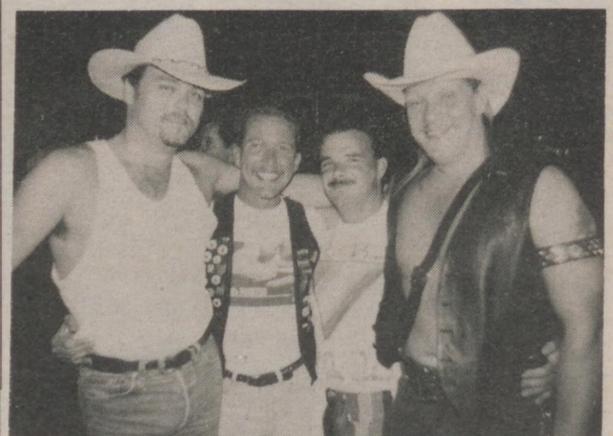
August 14 * Damita Jo's annual "Churn Lady Revue" at Gentry's

August 15 * Gay Freedom Comedy Jam at the Laff Stop. Call 524-2333 for tickets. Hurry, they are going fast!

August 16 * Madonna's Birthday!

August 16 * 1995 Miss Houston Female Impersonators Pageant. Call 861-4667 if you would like to compete.

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Look at these hunky guys!!

Grand opening of Heights Tanning Center this weekend; all the latest dirt



So do you really have a mouthful of hot nuts?

Houston Soap, Part 2

(Continued from previous page)

August 19 * Brian Black and his band at the Brazos River Bottom.

August 19 * 11th Anniversary weekend starts at Rich's.

August 20 * Tommie Ross, Naomi Warwick and Shasah Boom at Club 403

August 21 * FIST Color Hanging at Pacific Street.

August 21 * The Wolfpack drags in brunch at Mary's.

August 27 * Texas Riders Daddy's Boy Auction 8:00 pm Venture-N.

August 28 * Benefit Show for Lady Victoria Lust Holiday Fund.

August 29 * Travel in Style Kick-Off party at the 611 Hyde Park Pub.

August 26 * "Fabulous Fifties" at Club 403

Sept. 17 * "One for the Road" The 36th annual Miss Camp America Pageant at the Music Hall. Tickets available by calling 227-ARTS.

Sept. 21 * Cuervolyn's Thirtysomething Birthday.

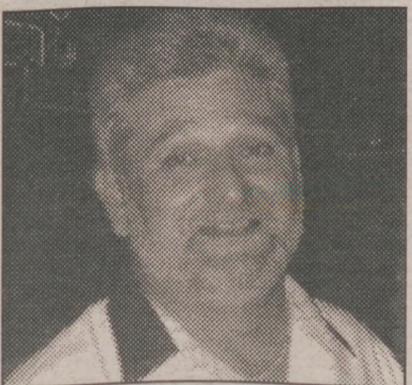
Other Important Info

Crosses, and Shackles and Slings, Oh My! are on sale thru Smartplay, Inc. There are also various other dungeon equipment and supplies available. Call Lee at Leather Forever @ 526-6940, or stop in to "test" out the showroom!

Has anyone eaten Emu yet? They are available for breeding thru Kalia Acres. Call (409) 447-EMUS for info.

Appearances is having a sale! They are located at 1340 Westheimer. They have a terrific selection of sports apparel, as well as causal and dress wear.

More of my favorite things: This weekend is the Grand Opening of Heights Tanning Center. They are located at 918 N. Durham, Suite A. They are offering a special of one month unlimited tanning for only \$35. Call 802-9373 for info and directions.



Walter, nice of you to stop in to see us



Shawna Roberts, a hit at E/J's Super Saturday Show

The crew at Basic Brothers is back to normal!! (Some of you guys should never get in drag. You make some ugly women!) Go by the store and check out the sale they have going on right now!

VCI Entertainment has the newest concept in town for your viewing pleasure. You can experience live interactive video!! I've called them to get the scoop on how this works. The customer is in one room with a one-way monitor. The "model" is in a different room with a one way monitor. The "model" never sees the customer. The audio is in both rooms. So, you can sit and relax while "ordering" your model to "do" what ever... They offer a) dirty talk only, b) strip tease down to a g-string, and c) "toy" playing. I have not had the chance to personally check this out, but trust me, I will!

An exhibition of recent paintings of Ryan Geiger is showing at Pico's, 4527 Lomitas. Call 942-9955 for info.

You and your friends can get into Heaven free every night of the week! All you need to do is bring stuff for AFH Stone Soup. This special promotion is to help out our friends at Stone Soup is honored every night until 10:30 pm, excluding holidays and special events!

This "Thing" on the 14th for Nancy Ford has a very special guest!! Julia "It's Pat" Sweeney of the Saturday Night Live fame will be there!

The Triangle Bar and Grill is a full service bar and restaurant for all your refreshment needs. The Bar opens at 11:00 a.m., with daily Happy Hours. The restaurant is open 24 hours a day!! They have a breakfast buffet for only \$3.99 and a lunch buffet for \$4.95! They even have a free munchies buffet during the afternoon Happy Hours in the Bar!

Free HIV/AIDS references call 902-2231. Matt Locklin is a fountain of info.

If you like entertainment from behind the bar during Happy Hour, stop by Gentry's any day of the week. The resident DQ, Vanna serves up stiff drinks Monday thru Friday and David (Rabbit) might let you rub his lucky "foot" on the weekends!

The Montrose Mining Company has the Mine Shaft Beer Bust, for only \$1 buy-in, and 25¢ for a refill of Miller Lite Draft Beer! This bust goes from 4:00 pm all the way until 2:00 a.m.

Theater LaB Houston presents "Sin Theater" Tickets and info are available by calling 868-5516.

Stop by Community Resale @ 515 Richmond for your back-to-school

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You know the drill, the usual disclaimer is in force! I have to do this each week to protect myself from any lawsuits! You see if I tell you that I print lies and un-confirmed gossip, then I can't be sued for slander! So, slander this kids!

Damion (The Club): Why were you NOT at the Garden Party? You're not the kind to don a wig and heels, or were you too busy rubbing sun tan oil on the hot bodies lying around the sun-deck?

Happy Birthday to Chris Sever-son!! It was nice of all of us to get ALL dressed up for your parties!

Another Happy Birthday to Daddy Dan! I'll try to make your surprise party at the Venture-N on Sunday! I hear Hal and Jim will be cookin' up something extra special for this auspicious occasion!

And yet another Happy Birthday to Matt of Pacific Street!! Are you really only 28 years old? I love your cock ring.. or should I say bracelet?

I'm about Birthday'd out; Jerry Morin is too! Love ya honey!

Oops, more Birthdays! Keith Woods of the Lazy J claims he is 42! Yeah right, and I'm a virgin!

Kip (PS): I hear LaStrada does not open up early enough for you! Can't ya wait for brunch?

Jerry R. (Rich's): The Lazer Wizard wants to thank you for the Jagermeister shots that put me over the edge!!

Devin (Mary's): I hear you NEVER give "it" up, until at least 8:30 pm—7:30 a.m.

JT (PS): Were you wearing those "sugar shorts" when 3 Texas Riders picked you up on the street corner? Were you coming or going to Midtowne?

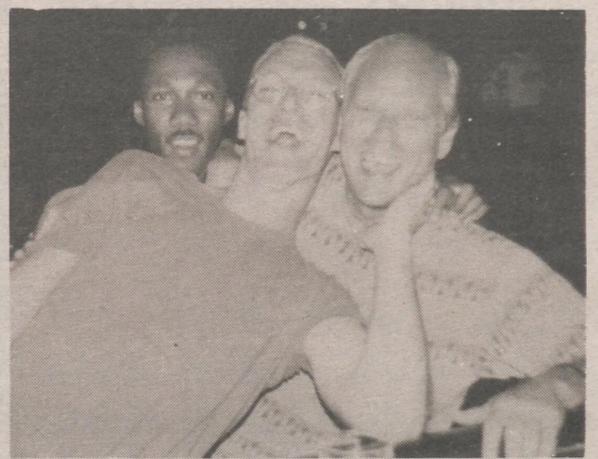
Jeff (Triangle): You need to keep your thoughts about Michelle Michaels out of your mind. She is trying to forget those hazy Memphis nights!

Will (Mary's): How did you almost lose your arm between Meg's leg? Meg (Mary's): We have never seen you close your legs so quickly!

Cindy (Bacchus II): The road to hell is the one you took last night... again! Buzz and Michael (NLA:H): So what is this about a double rhinoplasty?

Clay Harper: Aren't you glad that cars have a moon roof, especially on Telephone Rd!

Steve (Hangs at Gentry's): Wants everyone to know that the Miracle Grow that was sitting on the bar was



Virgil, Zack and Robb

not his!!

Lee Davis: How come you missed your flight 3 times? Was there glue on the bar stool at Gentry's, or did the shuttle bus not get your request for special pick-up at 2303 Richmond?

Talk about an odd couple: Paul and Norman (both*VN) are now room-mates! That place must be spotless!

Miss Kinard: Loved your Tow-A-Wreck entrance to the Garden Party, but did you have to kick the car!!

Brian K. (TWT): Quit begging the bartenders at J.R.'s to lower the price of Skyy Vodka! Just because it was on sale in DC for only a buck doesn't mean you can get the same deal here in Houston!

Ray Hill: So your price for being in jail is \$50 per minute! I'm in the wrong business.

Jason (Triangle): Would you show me that little bitty tattoo on your chest just one more time? Better yet, just ditch the shirt!

I just looked up the meaning of the word "party" in the electronic dictionary we have in the office. This is the 6th definition: noun, an act or occasion of excessive indulgence in sex. You gotta love it!

Question of the week: How many Cuervos does it take to get this FIST member excited?

Question of week # 2: Who is celebrating their 10th anniversary with the Colt 45's this week?

Call me, or hunt me down in some dark bar! I have prizes. Last week The Houston Voice gave away Red Ribbons pin, the enamel ones! You never know what we will have. Last week's answer: Rainbo d Klown's real name is Ricky Hurt!! His dad's name was Dick Hurt! Someone had a real sense of humor!

Well guys and girls of Houston, have a great weekend! TTFN

Cuervolyn



Ugly women & one cute guy at Basic Brothers

Friday Night, August 5th, 1994
KOFI PRESENTS

**A Benefit for Thomas Rodriguez
 For the Mr. Gay All-America Contest
 at the KON TIKI CLUB in Galveston**

Starring

**THOMAS RODRIGUEZ
 KOFI**

FELECIA PHILLIPS	BLACK VELVET
TAYLOR KENNEDY	RUBEN RODRIGUEZ
ROCHELLE RAMON	JACQLYN STERLING
MISTY VALDEZ	CINNAMON

MUSCLES IN ACTION

THE ACTION STARTS AT 11:00 PM



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THOMAS
 RODRIGUEZ

Summer is in full swing on
 the Island...come see for
 yourself!

Galveston Soap

By K. ROBERTS
 FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

The Island's summer season is certainly in full swing. Since the middle of June all of the Island's major hotels have been booked to capacity every weekend. If you are headed down to the beach for the weekend, reserve your room WELL in advance! The beach front hotels and even the smaller motels are holding up the No Vacancy signs!

The AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas (ACCT) had a car wash this past weekend to raise funds for the food pantry. A big old fashioned hug to Ron Burgess and the Kon Tiki for donating soft drinks to keep the car washers cool in the hot Texas sun! At the time of this printing, the totals are not yet in, but Bill Curry (President) will let us all know as soon as possible!

The summer fun has taken hold at Robert's LaFitte. They have shows on every Friday and Saturday nights. The Kon Tiki has the hot bods from Muscles in Action every Friday and Saturday, and shows all weekend long. Evolution has a show on Sunday nights! It looks like these are the Hot Spots for any long

weekend on our little Island!

News Flash! The Kon Tiki will be celebrating their 29th anniversary this month! Be sure to keep your eyes open and catch the advertisements in this paper for details! Bill Givens promises a hot, wet and wild weekend celebration! It sounds like they got the new AC and light show in just in time!

Friday night at the Kon Tiki, Kofi is hosting a benefit to help Thomas Rodriguez cover expenses for the Mr. Gay All America Contest. Kofi has rounded up a handful of local talent, plus a group from Houston to help this cause.

There is so much to do on Galveston Island! One of my favorites is the ferry ride to Boliver. I always take peanuts to feed the sea gulls. I find it is easier to throw than bread or crackers. The IMAX 3-d theater is a real trip! The lovely Moody Gardens are always a delightful way to spend an afternoon. If you like the touristy things, the Bishops Palace is kinda neat. Put on your walking shoes before you hit the Strand, and grab your checkbook. I can't ever go just "window shopping!"

Well, I thinking about heading down to the dunes to see if I can get into any mischief and search for hot tanned bodies!

The Triangle



Houston, Texas
 Around the Clock

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The Triangle Restaurant and Club offers a relaxing atmosphere for the alternative life-style.

The Triangle Restaurant serves a variety of food 24 hrs. a day. In addition to the menu, a breakfast buffet served from 6 am to 11 am, plus a lunch buffet served from 11 am to 3 pm.

The Triangle Club is open from 11 am to 2 am, 7 days a week and offers specials daily, plus a buffet late Fri. and Sat. evenings at 1 am.

The Triangle Restaurant and Club is located at 4020 S. W. Fwy., adjacent to the Super 8 Motel.

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BLUE PAGES

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Austin BOY TOY: IF you like going out and having fun, then we were made for each other. I am a dancer with a swimmer's build. Call for my home phone. ♣33047

Austin SING WITH THE TV: TV, I sing, dance and love to travel. I am seeking a man who can really appreciate me. All calls answered. ♣33208

Austin LET'S BE CREATIVE: 22 yr old Hispanic guy/college student. I like all things creative. ♣33254

Austin DIRTY DEEDS DONE LATE: 21 yr old black male, 6'3", 195. I am masc and good looking. I like all things done late at night. ♣33337

Austin HAVE A CLUE: GWM, 18, looking for a guy 18-25 yrs. old interested in tennis and going out and who is a goal oriented person. ♣33593

Austin 22 YR. OLD Hispanic, Brn/Brn, 5'9", student, into many things looking for people to meet. ♣33765

Austin ADAM, interested in meet Hispanic men 18-30 yrs. old. I am 6'1 in my 20's, TP. ♣34107

Austin TOYS R US: 38 yr. old, boy toy, 5'9", 145 lbs, clean shaven, looking for a very long term relationship with a guy 25-30 yrs. old. ♣34100

Austin MAKE MY DREAMS COME TRUE: Hispanic male 24 6' 200 looking for hisp or w/m 18-25 to fulfill a fantasy. ♣34301

San Antonio THE CHANGE HAS DONE ME GOOD: Looking for a white or Hispanic male 25-45 yrs. old. I am a TS and am looking for your company. ♣33235

San Antonio PVC AND ME: 6'1", Bln/Blu, 29, looking for guys who have a variety of interests including walking on the beach. ♣33317

San Antonio SKETCHY: 36 yr. old man, looking for someone around my age. I like camping, hiking, swimming, and sketching. Hispanic men a plus. ♣33629

San Antonio BON APETITE: 32 yr. old handsome guy, looking for other guys into French cuisine and good conversation. ♣27450

San Antonio VIVA!!: Art, seeks young Hispanic male, 25-30 yrs. old, 5'4" to 5'6", slender build, smooth. I am 5'4" and 33 yrs. old. ♣33736

SINGLE? YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE.

San Antonio HEAD OUT: 21 yr. old white male, educated, attractive, looking for a guy, Hispanic or white, 20-40 yrs. old for friendship. ♣34016

San Antonio JET SETTER: 45 yr. old, 5'8", Brn/Blu seeking a friendship and a possible relationship. I am financially secure and love to travel. ♣33963

San Marcos GOOD VODOO THAT I DO: 27 yr old Hispanic male seeks a black top guy. They say I am great at what I do. ♣33056

Austin GWM, 21, frisky BTM looking for a GWM, 18-27 yrs. old for exciting times and a possibility for a long term relationship.

Galveston NEW RELEASE: White male, just divorced looking for a white male, drug free, for a friendship and maybe more later. ♣34149

Galveston OUT OF THE HOLE AND ONTO THE POLE: GWM, recently divorced, looking for someone for friendship and maybe more. ♣33246

Houston DIVERSIFY: 5'7", professional, 27, looking for a white male around 6'. I am very thin and diverse. ♣33039

Houston RUMP ROMP: 19 yr. old, good looking, 6'1", looking for someone who is the same height and slender. ♣33111

Houston ROUND 'EM UP: Lee, TP black cowboy, 6'1", looking for attractive white fillies for fun on the old ranch tonight. ♣33564

Houston WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT: 35 yr. old black professional male, looking for a companion who enjoys pleasurable things in life whatever they may be. ♣33631

Houston LAWRENCE OF ARABIA: Looking for males under 40 yrs. old. I am 5'11", 34 yrs. old. If you are white, Hispanic or Middle Eastern give me a call. ♣33861

Houston ACAPULCO GOLD: 21 yr. old Hispanic male, 5'10", 160 lbs, smooth looking for a monogamous relationship with a guy 23-35 yrs. old. Race is open. ♣33862

Houston FOREIGN FLAVORS: Dave, looking for guys in the area. You are well toned and well endowed. Hispanics or Asians a plus. ♣34034

Houston MUTUAL SUPPORT OR MORE: HIV + asymptomatic blk male seeks other HIV + males for friendship or good times ♣34395

TX I KNEAD YOU: James 5'7 blk male lt skin 120 very professional. like to have fun. looking for masculine men 27-40 who like to be massaged. ♣34337

Austin HOMBRE: Attractive 34 yr. old Hispanic male, 6', looking for somebody 25-35 yrs. old for fun. ♣24110

Austin JOE'S JONESIN': 26 yrs. old, 5'9", Bln/Blu, looking for some folks to get together with who are around my age. ♣24309

Austin BLACK HOLE: Black male, 5'7", slim, looking for a nicely built man of any race who is passionate and a TP. No drugs. ♣31645

Austin AHHH, YOUTH: 18 yr. old GWM seeks a long term relationship with a guy of similar age. ♣32121

Austin TEACH ME: Brn/Blu, 39, 5'8", looking for guys 18-20 yrs. old to talk to and to learn from. ♣27987

Austin NICE TO MEET YOU: Recently moved here from LA, 26, 5'9", Brn/Blu, tan, swimmer's build, cute, looking for acquaintances. ♣30225

Austin COME INTO MY LIFE: Fashion designer/singer, into art, and drinking hot tea, looking for someone to be in my life. I am 6'3", BTM. You are any race and mature. ♣32662

Austin RUMPUS: 5'10", GBM, educated looking for a GWM, 18-35 yrs. old for fun nights on the town, dancing and clubbing. ♣32947

Houston FULLY LOADED: 26 yr. old male, Blk/Blu, looking for Hispanic or

Asian men of similar age for good times in the Lone Star state. ♣29288

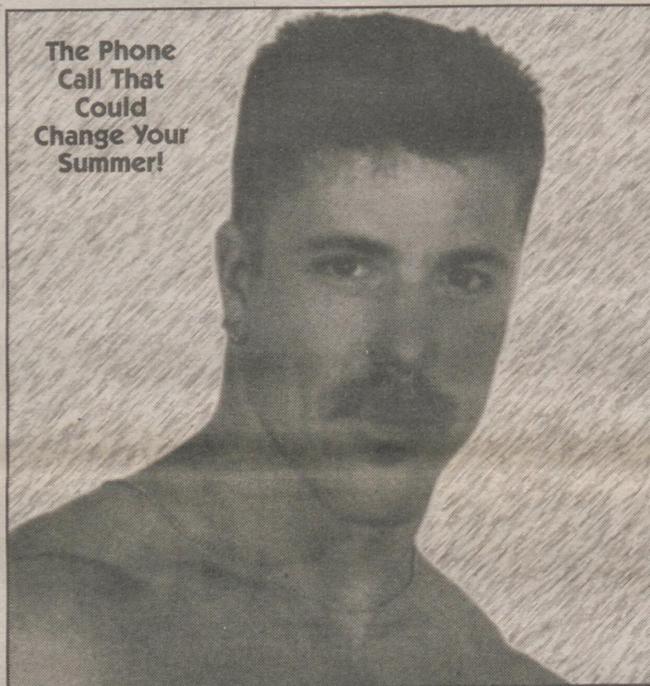
Houston TIME FOR TY: Ty, GWM, 21, student looking for somebody who is good looking and is interested in a relationship. ♣32154

Houston THE MOON ALSO RISES: Cute guy seeks hunk. Attractive GWM, 5'9" seeks other dom GWM, 35 and under. ♣32373

Houston YEARNING GERMAN: 34 yr. old German, GWM, looking for masc professional oil guys for fun and friendship. ♣32448

Houston HINNY HUNTER: 35 yr. old, BTM, looking for a few good TP men. Let's talk about getting together. ♣32644

Houston ONE-ON-ONE-ON-ONE: Kevin, 30's, nice looking, into receiving, looking for a three way with two TP's. ♣32695



The Phone Call That Could Change Your Summer!

Houston HOMBRES: 21 yr. old Hispanic male, 6'1", looking for someone 18-27 yrs. old for possible relationship. ♣32845

Richmond HARD TOPS ONLY: I am 36 yrs. old, 6', solid, smooth, looking for a group of well endowed TP's for regular action. ♣24773

Austin CAN BUY ME LOVE: 6', stach, nice tan body seeks a Hispanic or black male for good times. Wealthy a plus. ♣31216

Austin SUMMER FUN: 26 yr. old GWM, into playing out in the sun, seeks somebody, tall and mature and about 20-35 yrs. old. I am interested in starting a relationship with the right guy. ♣31570

Austin THE NEW GUY: Attractive, young professional seeks a 18-24 yr. old male for friendship and more. I am new to the area. ♣31683

Meet HOUSTON Men Now!

Austin KICK BACK: 24 yr. old GHM, 5'8", laid back, looking for others to share in common interests. ♣31884

Austin GOOD CHASSIS: 18 yr. old GWM seeks a long term relationship with a BTM, 18-23 yrs. old. Nice body a plus. ♣32121

Austin HARDER THAN ALGEBRA: GM, 32, 6'1", seeks a Hispanic or white male, 27-39 yrs. old for fun times. ♣32210

Austin CURIOUS GEORGE: College student, 18, Hispanic and at the curious stage. I like dancing and going out. ♣32264

Austin WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU HAVE IN MIND: 29 yr. old white professional, gay curious, 6'2", looking for clean safe exotic fun with a 35 yr. old male or TV who will show me the ropes. ♣12376

Austin NO MIND BENDERS: GWM, 33, 5'8" seeks a gay Hispanic male for a friendship and maybe more. You are honest and not into head games. ♣14914

Austin TWO ON TOP: GBM, 5'11", in good shape, TP, looking for a TP GWM or GHM for great times. ♣21994

San Antonio USDA CHOICE: 18 yr. old, 5'8", Blk/ Brn, GWM seeks others about the same age for fun, fun, fun. ♣27791

San Antonio LOOKING FOR LOVE: 23 yr. old GM, interested in meeting a white or Hispanic male 23-33 yrs. old who is interested in a friendship and possibly a relationship ♣31351

San Antonio MY SPECIAL GUY: 5'7", Blk/Brn, interested in movies, dancing, art, seeks that special fellow for a special relationship. You are 25-35 yrs. old. ♣30855

San Antonio THE START OF SOMETHING GOOD : 5'7" GM, into just about everything, looking for a guy 25-35 yrs. old and maybe ready to start a relationship. ♣30855

San Antonio LOOKING FOR A CERTAIN PERSON: You are 5'6", long hair, and beautiful. If this is you, here I am. ♣31697

San Antonio YOUR SERVE: 32 yr. old Hispanic male into tennis and swimming looking for others interested in similar activities. ♣31756

San Antonio ENTER AT NO RISK: 5'7" GM, Blk/Brn, interested in music and dancing seeks guys 25-35 yrs. old for fun times. ♣30855

San Antonio RED HOT CHILLI PEPPER: Looking for Hispanic males 18-25 yrs. old for good times. ♣32008

San Antonio NO SHIRT, NO DRESS, NO SHOES, SERVICE: Richard, seeks CD's who want to be taken care of. I will be honest and true to you. ♣32246

San Antonio JUST PASSING THROUGH: Steve, I will be visiting the area in a couple of weeks and am trying to line up some fun things to do with fun people. ♣32266

San Antonio SERVICE STATION: Looking for well endowed TP's for servicing. You are masc and in good shape. ♣32273

Houston HOLA PEPE: 5'8", med, Bln, hair, 28, into dancing and movies seeks a young Hispanic male who would be like a little brother to me. ♣31223

Houston OUTGOING FOR GOING OUT: Just moved here. I am 24 yrs. old, 5'5" and am looking for some new friends who are outgoing. ♣31275

Houston DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE: GW couple, slender, 6'1" and 6'1", looking for someone to swap videos and pictures with. ♣31512

Houston BACK DRAFT: 5'7", black male, professional, looking for a professional in his 30's to 40's who is down to earth. Fireman and policeman a plus. ♣30545

Houston NOT-SO-TINY TIM: 22 yr. old GWM, 5'8", looking for chubby white guys. Hairy a plus. Age unimportant. ♣31664

Houston MOUNT UP: WM, 6'2", Bln/Blu, interested in a 20-25 yr. old White of Hispanic male. You must know something about horses because I own a horse ranch. ♣31706

Houston ONCE YOU GO BLACK...: Black male, 6'2", handsome love to do go out and dance. I am very interesting. ♣31803

Houston IN THROUGH THE OUT DOOR: GWM, 30, 5'9", looking for other GWM, smooth, under 25, under 5'9" for a long term relationship. ♣31828

Houston MUCHACHO: Clean cut Hispanic male, 5'4" looking for a white male over 6". If you are looking for a relationship, I'm your man. ♣8210

Houston RAY IS READY: 28, GWM, seeking white, Asian, or Hispanic males 21-29 yrs. old. I like sports and travel and enjoying life. ♣32085

Houston SHOPPING FOR A TV: Looking for TV or TS. I just got out of a marriage and want to fulfill a long time dream. ♣32333

Houston SOUTH OF THE BOARDER: Clean cut Hispanic male looking for a white male over 6' with Bln/Blu. ♣8210

Houston, TOP IN MY CLASS: 5'10" TP, well built looking for attractive men. If this is you call. ♣29716

Houston, TAILS, YOU WIN: Good looking GBM, new to the area looking for a GWM, good looking who is around 25 yrs. old. ♣29926

Houston, OUT OF THE PAN, INTO THE FIRE: 41 yr. old just coming out of a relationship looking to jump back into another. Looking for younger guys in their 20's. ♣29980

Houston, HAIR I AMI: 39 yr. old GWM, 5'10", beard and stach and hairy, very romantic seeks a GWM 25-35 yrs. old. Hairy body a plus. ♣20146

Houston, RIDE 'EM COWBOY: 27 yr. old GWM seeks a country type of similar age. ♣29872

Houston, I'VE BEEN A NAUGHTY BOY: GWM, 6', stach, 36, seeking men interested in spankings and being disciplined. ♣30258

Houston, SLEEP ON IT: 29 yr. old GBM, 6'1", seeks very attractive black, Latin or Italian male for a discreet relationship. ♣30353

Houston, YOU NAME IT: 31 yr. old GWM, 6'1" seeks very Hispanic and masc male 18-25 yrs. old for fun and whatever. ♣30448

Houston, WANTED: Aggressive TP. I am a 41 yr. old white male new to the area. ♣30674

Houston, I'LL SHOW YOU MINE: 6'2" GM seeks bi curious males into working out and showing off. ♣30682

Houston, PICK UP AND DIAL: 5'7" Bln/Blu, GM seeks guys 25-40 yrs. old for a good time. ♣30700

Houston, MUSCLES ON MUSCLES: 40 yr. old GBM seeks friendships with macho men 18-35 yrs. old. You are very, very muscular. ♣30911

Houston, GLOVES AND BOOTS: Looking for men who are interested in wearing boots and gloves and want daytime fun. ♣30920

Houston, FOR A LIFETIME: 20 yr. old, 5'4", musc. GBM looking for a person to share my life with. ♣30947

Houston MANLY MEN: Seeking Latin men who are masculine. Staches A+. Ages, 20-45. I am looking for good times-nothing serious. ♣30813

Houston MONTROSE: Sparkling blue eyed baby-face seeks his daddy. Please be a real bear into S&M and leather. Keep me in an LTR. Post haste. ♣28729

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

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Men looking for gay sex in Boston's Fens Park find condoms, too

By ANNE THOMPSON
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

BOSTON, Saturday, July 30 (AP)—The tall reeds in the public park known as the Fens have for years been a meeting place for men looking for sex with other men.

But lately, men cruising the Fens have been finding something other than companionship. Stashed among the reeds, lying on rocks and hanging by clothes pins from tree branches are "safe sex kits," or plastic bags filled with condoms.

Boston is one of several cities in the United States, Canada and Europe where outreach workers in gay communities are monitoring well-known public sex spots to make sure men protect themselves against the AIDS virus.

Boston's program is modeled after similar ones in Santa Cruz, Calif., New Haven, Conn., Minneapolis, Toronto, Canada and Sweden.

The state-funded Santa Cruz

AIDS Project publishes a training manual for outreach workers, teaching them how to identify a public sex environment and how to talk to the men who frequent them.

Since SCAP started in 1988, 38-year-old Thomas Riordan has been visiting beaches and rest stops popular for cruising. He leaves condoms under rocks, in trees and by bathroom urinals. He wears what he calls "cruising attire"—jeans and a T-shirt, often one with a SCAP logo.

Sometimes, Riordan said, he meets men who are HIV positive and want more information about safe sex. Other men ask him about getting tested for the virus. And sometimes he gets propositioned.

But in six years, Riordan said, no one he has approached has been hostile.

"People are really too embarrassed, because you're acknowledging what they're doing," he said. "The worst thing that happens is someone

refuses to talk to me."

The Boston program is run by the AIDS Action Committee, and for the past year, two employees have made regular visits to various bathrooms, parks, beaches, movie theatres, and parking lots. In addition to distributing condoms, lubricant and AIDS literature, they try to talk with men about safe sex.

Program director Tim Hack said funding comes from part of a \$250,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The money goes toward AIDS prevention in high-risk populations.

Men who cruise public places, Hack said, are often married, bisexual or do not consider themselves to be gay. Reluctant to admit to themselves that they are having gay sex, some of these men do not carry condoms, which makes them at risk for catching the AIDS virus.

Public sex outreach workers do not interrupt men having sex, even if they are not hav-

ing safe sex. Instead, Hack said, they approach men who are alone, hand them a condom and tell them to "play safe."

"We try not to be aggressive. Our outreach workers have learned to just allow things to occur," said Hack. "But many times a client will approach the worker. And after a while, they recognize them. They say, 'There's so-and-so, the condom guy.'"

Clandestine sex in public places is a longstanding practice among male homosexuals, said Dan Wohlfeiler, education director for the Stop AIDS Project, in San Francisco.

This practice has continued despite the recent, heightened awareness of sexually transmitted disease. A quarterly journal published in Wisconsin called "Steam" is devoted entirely to listing popular cruising spots around the world.

But in recent years, AIDS activists have been encour-

aging and enforcing safe sex in bars, bathhouses and sex clubs, as well as in public meeting spots.

The "Speak To Your Brothers" AIDS outreach program in Portland, Ore. has been handing out condoms in bars and bathhouses for five years, said program coordinator Dan Bueling.

And in 1990, the Coalition for Healthy Sex in San Francisco set up public health standards for the city's sex clubs: Clubs must be clean, well lit and provide condoms.

Coalition volunteers have checked the clubs to make sure standards are met, and then the coalition advertises in the gay community which clubs are "safe" and which are not.

"It's much like which restaurant is preparing you clean food and which isn't," said Wohlfeiler, who is on the coalition's steering committee.

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Senate plan would cut federal funds to school districts with pro-gay programs

By ROBERT NAYLOR JR
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Aug. 2 (AP)—School districts with programs that encourage acceptance of homosexuality would lose federal funding under a Senate proposal.

Senators voted 63-36 Monday in favor of a proposal by Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Bob Smith, R-N.H., to cut federal aid to districts that "carry out a program or activity that has either the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

Included were distribution of instructional materials, counseling and referral of students to gay organizations.

The vote occurred as the Senate debated reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which spreads \$12.5 billion in federal funds among the nation's public schools.

The House included a similar amendment when it passed the bill. Differences between the two versions will have to be worked out by a conference committee before the bill can be signed into law by President Clinton.

Smith had a stack of pamphlets he said were typical of those purchased by school districts that teach about homosexuality in social studies or sex education programs.

He said some were "so graphic and so disgusting that I can't display them here on the floor of the United States Senate."

But Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., called the proposal "very mean-spirited" and said it would forbid counseling of gay students, who he said are two to three times as likely as other teen-agers to commit suicide.

"We simply can't do that," he said.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., chairperson of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, said the proposal would inject the federal government into local decision-making and would "remove the local discretion that is the hallmark of our educational system."

Some school districts teach acceptance of homosexuality during social studies or sex education programs. Such a program in New York City led to the ouster of Joseph

Fernandez as chancellor of the nation's largest school system last year.

Publishers also are offering some books written especially for curricula that teach acceptance of gays.

"Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roommate" depict lesbian and gay male couples in family settings with children. Other books designed for AIDS education programs are more graphic. Some describe sexual acts and advocate the use of latex condoms during intercourse.

Helms denounced what he called the "disgusting, obscene material that's laid out before school children in this country every day."

Also winning Senate approval was a proposal by Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., to permit single-gender public schools on an experimental basis.

Danforth's proposal, adopted 66-33, would permit the Department of Education to approve as many as 10 such programs nationwide and provide \$1 million for grants and other costs.

The proposal "simply opens up a possibility," said Danforth, whose four daughters and one son all attended single-gender schools. He said studies show that girls and black boys who attend single-gender schools fare better on standardized tests than their counterparts in coeducational settings.

Danforth suggested a demonstration project to minimize opposition to what he termed "obviously a controversial idea."

But Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., objected that it was dangerous to waive civil rights protections that require integration of schools by gender and race.

She said also there was "no conclusive evidence that single-sex education works better than coeducational education."

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act also sets the distribution formula for federal dollars targeted for disadvantaged students.

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Domestic partner ordinance approved for Seattle

SEATTLE, Tuesday, Aug. 2 (AP)—Unmarried gay, lesbian and heterosexual couples will be able to register as domestic partners with the city, the Seattle City Council unanimously voted Monday.

Although the new, largely symbolic ordinance will not require employers to provide insurance or benefits to domestic partnerships, it may eventually help recognized partners push for the legal rights enjoyed by heterosexual married couples, supporters said.

The council's vote was 9-0 for the ordinance, which Mayor Norm Rice is expected to sign into law within a month.

The registration and accompanying certificate will cost qualified couples \$25 to cover the city's expenses. Supporters say a special event probably featuring a mass registration at City Hall will be held once the certificates are available next month.

Nalani Askov, a spokesperson for the city's Office for Women's Rights, characterized the ordinance as "merely a means to acknowledge publicly an existing relationship."

Recognition of a couple's certificate by anyone or by any business will be entirely voluntary, said Council-

woman Sherry Harris, a lesbian and strong supporter of the new legislation.

The ordinance may eventually help unmarried couples in such areas as estate planning, gaining hospital visitation rights or running an announcement in the newspaper, said Glenda West, co-chair of the Seattle Commission for Lesbian and Gays.

Qualifications for registering a domestic partnership are: Neither person may be married; they must share a relationship of mutual support, caring and commitment; they must be 18 or older; they may not be related by blood any closer than would bar marriage under Washington law; and they must be each other's sole domestic partner.

Seattle businessperson Bryan Griggs said the legislation was overly broad and would be used to justify so-called "special right." Griggs was accused of discrimination by a gay former employee who later dropped his complaint.

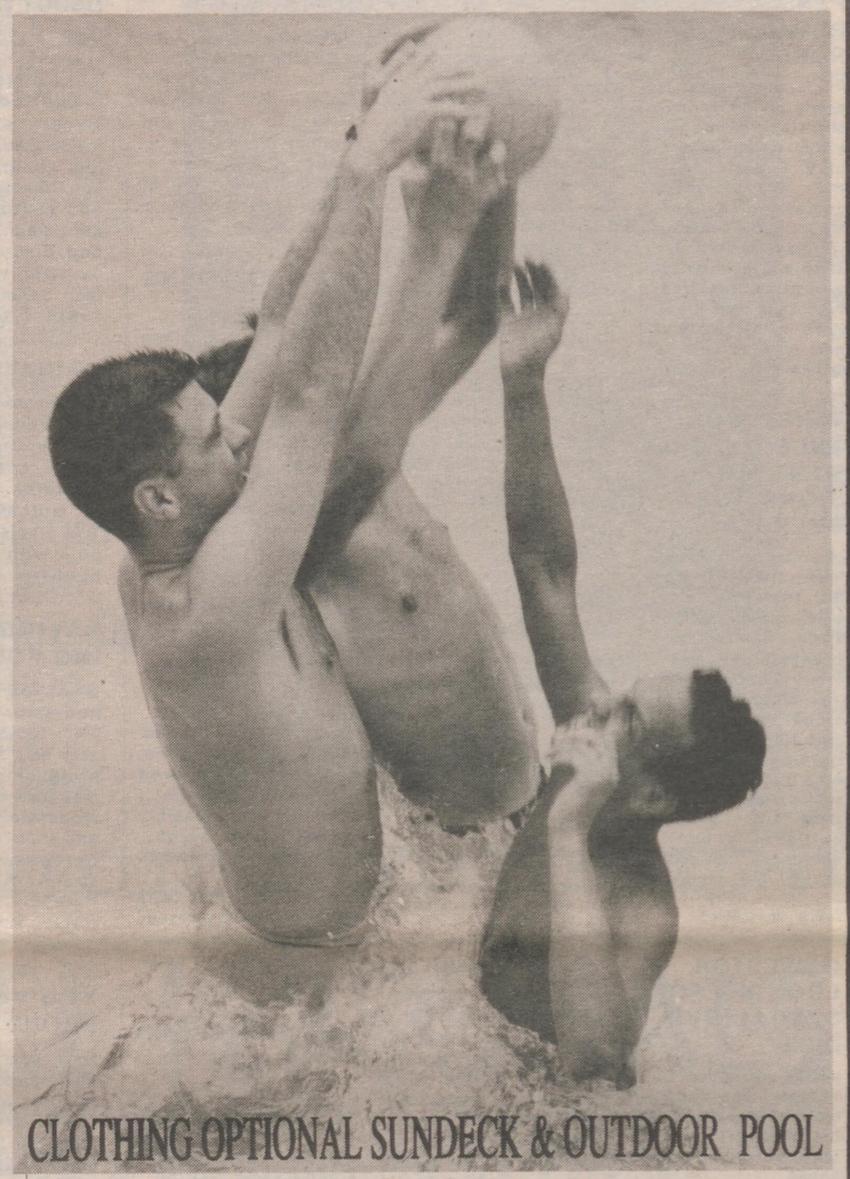
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Magic Valley Democrat endorses anti-gay initiative

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Wednesday, July 27 (AP)—Break-away Magic Valley Democrat Donald McMurrian has formally endorsed the Idaho Citizens Alliance anti-gay initiative, expanding for the first time the proposition's partisan support beyond the Republican Party.

"I'm kind of going to bed here with different people," said the Twin Falls businessperson, a repeatedly unsuccessful Democrat candidate for local and legislative office who defected to the 1992 camp of Texas billionaire Ross Perot and ran for the state Legislature that year as an inde-

pendent.

In announcing his intentions to form Democrats for Proposition One, McMurrian said it was time to stand up against the gay rights movement and a lifestyle that "goes against the teaching of God."

"I cannot support men living with men out in the open," he said. "That's not natural. It's just not natural."

Initiative author Kelly Walton welcomed McMurrian's support because it shows the alliance is not just an organization of Republicans and "it just drives the wine and cheese Democrats nuts to see rank and file Democrats supporting

Proposition 1."

But state Democratic Executive Director Alan Minskoff, citing the party platform plank strongly opposing the initiative, said McMurrian as acting on his own.

"Maybe," Minskoff said, "he should join the Republican Party or the Family Forum or something."

The initiative, if approved by voters this fall, would ban state or local laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination. Supporters claim it is intended to assure homosexuals do not gain what they call "special rights" while opponents argue that it would strip

homosexuals of basic civil rights. Nearly all political and civic leaders have opposed it as unnecessary and divisive.

Organizing for just a week, McMurrian is lining up supporters, planning fund-raisers and scheduling an anti-gay rights bus tour across the Magic Valley to spread the message to homosexuals that "this is rural America, Idaho, not San Francisco. If they want to practice their lifestyle, let them go to California where that's accepted."

Claiming to be a "Democrat at heart," McMurrian admitted that he has yet to read the

entire proposition and already disagrees with a provision requiring libraries to provide books on homosexuality only if the meet local review standards and then access is restricted to adults.

"I don't like censorship," he said, "but this is what I've got to work with. ... It is the only tool I've got to fight with."

He also expressed support for the initiative's prohibition against same sex marriages even though state law currently does not authorize them

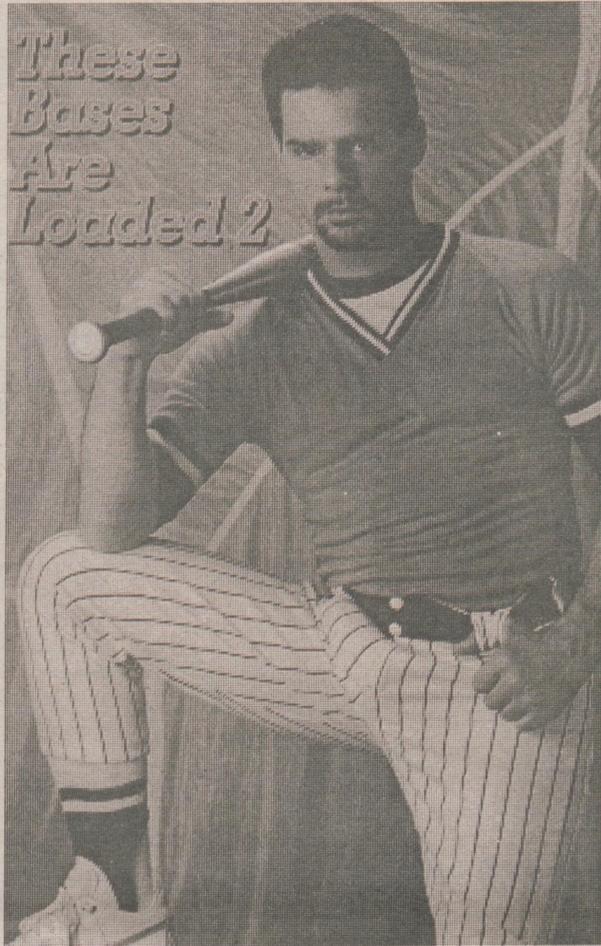
"I'll be studying it as I go along," McMurrian said, "but I've made up my mind."

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GALAXY GAZER

A HOUSTON VOICE EXCLUSIVE

HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 11, 1994



Houston Voice readers born this week share with the famous Russian dancer and choreographer, Leonide Massine, born in Moscow, 1896, the quest for excellence in your work and a quality style to one's life.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) Had a great time at the Garden Party, Denim Party this past Sunday. You looked wonderful. But now back to business, and attracting that special person for your life. You have a strong drive to fall in love, and you must be more careful so as to not choose a less than quality person again this time. Look for a person with attention to detail and as much interest in others as in themselves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Keep your feelings more to yourself than you usually do. There are people in your world who would like to control and use you, with the knowledge of the weak portions of your personality. Your strong desire to please others is one such weak area of your life. Stop moving your goals and wants just to please others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) If depression is still with you, seek out friends who are positive in their outlooks and life. Watch high refined sugar in your diet, as sucrose may add to the downer attitude. Eat no more than fifty grams of sucrose in a twenty four hour period of time. If the depression persists and/or becomes more severe, consider one of the new anti-depressants on the market. They are on a prescription, but are often excellent in effect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) Your skill to stay on the side lines and watch the action is better than mine, but leaves you away from the action, and makes it more difficult for you to score and meet new people. New tricks will be more attracted to your openness and boldness than the reserved ways. Consider wearing stronger colors, e.g. black, medium red, and blue when out cruising.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Take advantage of your heightened social skills and be out and about. This is the month to be seen and admired. Practice a more sincere appearing smile than you usually have, as your body language suffers at times when your current smile and facial expression does not have the sense of trust and sincerity that you really want to project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Avoid the trivial and minor tasks until you get the major projects you have facing you out of the way. These major projects are not intimidating. Your problem in getting organized tends to hold you back social and in your employment. You are a good person with great potential with the right woman/man.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Choose some of the colorful articles of clothing that you have in your closets and give a welcomed new look to your apparel at work. Try a new hair length/style to further enhance the 'new you'. Colors that will work particularly well for you this summer include medium and bright reds, mauve, medium brown, and black. Watch your posture so as to not slump at work.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20) Happiness is your spirit this week if you will stop crossing your bridges as often as you do. Stop this self defeating behavior attitude, as it is drawing too much strength. Surround yourself with positive friends and leave negative events in the past. Check your posture in a mirror and maintain a confident looking and upright posture to you. -Most Important-

ARIES (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) Some of the disarray of earlier weeks is finally leaving you and giving to you a clearer sight of the near future. Continue to be more frugal in your expenditures, especially the routine purchases. You tend to want to show more economic worth than you really have. Physical activity continues to be an excellent way to lower your stress levels.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20) You usually know what gives to you a sense of accomplishment, but this month is an excellent time to excel in areas of school/work that are usually not your favorite assignment. It is high time that you again get direction in your life and go for it. You are a wonderful person but need to stand upon your own two feet.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) Continue to seek out order and having things in their correct places. As the disorder earlier this year was placing great stresses upon you. The cautious side to your personality comes to the fore front. Especially in financial matters. Travel plans will again take over for you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Spend as much time as you are able out of doors, and the warm and freshness of the summer's breezes will be very soothing to you. A bit of skin color with a little bit of tanning will look good upon you. Having some fresh flowers on your desk or in the bath room at home will be a great way to brighten up your quarters.

RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD



Well, for those of you that do know who I am, you probably won't believe it when you see that I am putting a potato recipe salad in the Houston Voice for you. You see I don't use a recipe, usually, because I have been making it for soooooo many years, I just dump things together. Most of my cooking is done by just "dumping," so I have to get out my tried and true recipes to put in the paper. Anyway, it's not that I think my potato salad is so good, I just don't like many of the store bought ones. I don't like much store bought food come to think of it! Anyway, this one is really different and I hope ya'll enjoy it.

DILL-ARTICHOKE POTATO SALAD

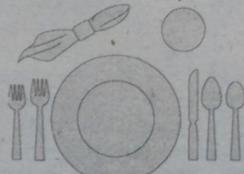
- 3 pounds whole tiny new potatoes
- 1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing (Miracle Whip for me)
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon style mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon-pepper seasoning
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh dill or 2 to 3 teaspoons dried dillweed, crushed. (If you can, use the fresh dill - it's worth the difference.)
- 4 hard cooked eggs, peeled and chopped
- 2 - 6 oz. jars marinated artichoke hearts, drained and sliced (It's cheaper to buy the 1/2 oz. jar.)
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped dill pickle

Scrub potatoes. In a Dutch oven cool unpeeled potatoes, covered, in boiling lightly salted water about 20 minutes or just until tender. Drain and cool potatoes and cut into bite size pieces.

In a very large bowl stir together mayo or salad dressing, vinegar, mustard, lemon-pepper seasoning, and dill. Gently fold in cooked potatoes, eggs, artichoke hearts, onion, and chopped dill pickle. Cover and chill 4 to 24 hours. Stir gently before serving. Makes 16 side-dish servings. Enjoy! Recipe from Better Homes and Gardens 1993 Best Recipes Yearbook. I haven't had the book long, but I have enjoyed it so far.

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!

KUNTRY KIDD



THE TEXAS PUZZLE

Includes Clues About Texas, Current Events & Standard Crossword Clues

By Henry McClurg

ACROSS

- 1 burrows
- 6 disturb
- 7 several televisions
- 8 address or hail
- 10 small towers on a building
- 12 body acid
- 13 music festival 25 years ago in upstate New York

20 Roman numeral for 900

22 closed carriage with facing passenger seats

23 gloss, an explanatory note attached to a text, abbrev.

24 law

26 Amarillo is the Spanish word for this color

28 west Montana city

34 appliance company

35 senior, abbrev.

37 passes away

38 our beloved Texas armadillo is of what species, 2 words

41 small storage building

43 application

46 nothing

47 fermented paste used in making soups

49 members of the Enterprise

50 one who commits a serious offense

52 lagoon that separates Padre Island from the mainland,

thing. The only people who do not change their minds are incom-

5 regular order

9 scamper

11 hit sharply

14 singles

15 overdose

16 sunrise to sunset

petents in asylums, who can't, and those in cemeteries.")

71 given formal notice July 31 of possible trade sanctions by U.S.

73 pair

74 acronym for Health Maintenance Organization

DOWN

1 Judge Roy Bean held court here

2 version of indefinite article used before a vowel sound

3 to conduct oneself upon one another

4 one who wonders without direction

of the alphabet
39 because
40 ??? on, urge to action
42 unique Tex- as law protecting a home from debt
44 direction Lub- bock to San Antonio, abbrev.
45 vase-shaped jug

48 1/12th of a foot
49 cath- ode-ray tube
51 allow
53 type

of electric current, abbrev.

54 on

55 fuss

56 ate dinner

62 20th century American physicist Oppenheimer, initials ("A man whose errors take ten years to correct is quite a man.")

63 Tarheel State, abbrev.

64 interjection for hesitation

68 small body of water surrounded by land

70 Gopher State, abbrev.

71 patriarch of the American Rockefeller family, initials ("I believe in the supreme worth of the individual and in his right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.")

72 hand's underside

Solution else- where this issue

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Boise anti-proposition one group changes name, leadership

BOISE, Idaho, Tuesday, Aug. 2 (AP)—Gay-rights supporters have reshuffled their leadership and renamed their "Don't Sign On" organization as they continue their campaign against the Idaho Citizens Alliance's anti-gay rights initiative.

The newly named organization, "The No On One Coalition," will battle Proposition 1 and the Heyburn-based Idaho Citizens Alliance. Boise gay-rights activist Brian Bergquist will serve as chairperson, with Boise museum executive Jen Ray serving as vice chairperson.

A campaign manager is also being hired to oversee the contest. The No On One Coalition hopes to raise \$500,000 to fight the Citizens Alliance measure, which will appear on the November ballot.

Bergquist served as co-chairperson of Don't Sign On, along with Tom Knappenberger, a staffer for Democratic Rep. Larry LaRocco. Knappenberger will hold no formal title in the No On One Coalition. LaRocco is locked in a close race against Republican Helen Chenoweth, an Idaho Citizens Alliance and Proposition 1 supporter.

Gay rights advocates met Monday night in Boise to formally approve the name change and plot strategy for the fall campaign. But the meeting appears to be a mere formality. Answering machines at headquarters have already been changed to reflect the name change.

Supporters say Proposition 1 will stop Idaho's homosexuals from gaining special legal rights or preferential treatment. Opponents say the ballot measure is an attack on the basic civil rights of gays and lesbians.

Meanwhile at Idaho Citizens Alliance headquarters, Chairperson Kelly Walton has turned over many of his duties to other conservative activists. Walton was busy Monday at his family business, preparing job bids and catching up on work that was neglected while he focused on the initiative.

Boise paint contractor Bill Proctor, 45, is serving as executive director and a media spokesperson. He will oversee fund raising, travel and educational efforts for the alliance. Idaho Citizens Alliance communications director John Slack, a Boise State University student, will also serve as a spokesperson during the fall campaign.

While Walton will continue as chairperson and a campaign strategist, Proctor and Slack will bear much of the responsibility between now and Nov. 8. Proctor, who accompanied Walton on a statewide tour this spring, will be working as a volunteer. Slack reportedly will receive \$2,500 for his efforts.

Idaho Citizen Alliance headquarters will remain in Heyburn throughout the campaign, but Proctor is looking for rental space in Boise, and hopes to open an office there soon.