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## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

### ● Houston arts organizations unite to mark fifth annual Day Without Art

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON  
The New Voice/Houston

The annual "Day without Art" commemoration on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, is perhaps misnamed. While Houston's Lawndale Arts and Performance Center will close its gallery for the day, the center will make a visual statement nonetheless by shrouding its front door in black cloth and putting up a large red ribbon on the front of its 1501 Elgin home.

Other leading arts institutions in the city have an array of performance art pieces, video presentations and readings planned throughout the day that promise to make Dec. 1st anything but a day "without" art.

The event, which has become international in scope, began five years ago in New York. A group of professionals in the arts based in New York created "Visual AIDS," a non-profit group which coordinates events with arts organizations nationally on this "day without."

The groups four stated goals with the annual commemoration are "to celebrate the achievements of colleagues and friends while mourning those already lost to AIDS, to initiate to care for and cure all people living with AIDS,

broaden education about HIV illness and acknowledge AIDS caregivers, advocates and activists.

Past Visual AIDS "Day Without Art" actions and performances have included the inception of the "Red Ribbon" project to show support for people living with AIDS, and the fifteen minute blackout of skylines in major cities, "Night Without Light."

The Museum of Fine Arts will offer free showings of several videos created in response to the AIDS crisis throughout the day.

"No Exemptions," by Houston filmmaker and Texas Southern University student Angela Williamston examines the experiences of three of her college friends and their safe-sex awareness. The film won Williamston first prize in the 1993 African American Women in the Arts competition. It will

be shown in the MFA's Masterson Media Room at 10:15 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Williamston will introduce the film for the morning screening.

"Living Proof: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness" offers a profile of several people who view knowledge of their HIV status as a renewing opportunity. The piece, by filmmaker Kermit Cole will be shown at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., again in the MFA's Masterson Media Room.

The third offering from the MFA is an examination of social issues which are perceived to be fundamental causes of the rapid spread of AIDS in the African American community. "Shadows...that which is cast to the side" will be shown at 12:30 p.m.

For almost anyone who has contemplated or actually done it, an HIV test is a scary event. Artist and physician Eric

Avery hopes to demystify the process by an unusual "performance" at the Contemporary Arts Museum. At 1:00 p.m., members of Houston's arts community will be tested by Avery in the CAM.

This performance piece is in conjunction with an AIDS related visual installation that includes three-dimensional sculptures replicating the AIDS virus.

At Rice University, the Sewall Art Gallery will sponsor a reading of names of people lost to HIV disease from 8:50 a.m. and lasting until 8:05 p.m. The names read will also be painted on the gallery's wall.

At the University of Houston, the Blaffer Gallery is participating in the project by collecting essential, non-food items for AIDS service organizations to distribute to their clients. That project begins on World AIDS Day and continues through Dec. 19th.

At 8:00 p.m., DiverseWorks (1117 East Freeway) will host a Theater Lab Houston presentation of readings of four plays by Houston writers in response to the AIDS crisis.

Local "Day Without Art" organizers say that the Alley Theatre and Da Camera will observe moments of silence during their Dec. 1st performances.



Day Without Art

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

### ● Three arrested and charged in recent New Orleans' queer-bashing murder

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON  
The New Voice/New Orleans

Three Metairie men were booked last week in the gay bashing murder of a Mississippi straight man mistaken for gay. The three are being held without bond.

Grant Wayne Gunderson, 24, of 4801 Thrush Street and Ronald D. Graves, 24, and Mingo Graham, 23, both of 4428 Prairie Street were booked late Thursday with first-degree murder in the death of Joe Balog, 23, of Gulfport, Mississippi.

Balog and a male companion were assaulted about 5:00 a.m., Nov. 11 as they walked back to their pick-up truck. The attack occurred in the French Quarter, near the corner of Dauphine and Saint Philip. Balog, and the 26 year old

companion, from Biloxi, Mississippi, were set upon by four or five young men taunting them for being gay, according to police spokesperson Sergeant Marlon Defillo.

Neither Balog nor the 26 year old, who survived the attack and whose name is being withheld by police, are gay.

The two men were returning from a night of revelry at the Maiden Voyage, a straight bar on Bourbon Street. Balog was stabbed in the chest, back and hand, police said. He died shortly after arriving at Charity Hospital.

The 26 year old underwent surgery at Charity and is improving. He was able to assist police in their investigation.

Before the arrest, police repeatedly said the attackers were not "skin-head" types. However, television pic-

tures showed at least one of the three charged with a shaved head.

Leo Watermeir, board member of the Lesbian and Gay Community Center said, "I don't know what to say about the 'skin head issue,' I think these arrests are only the tip of the iceberg."

"There has been so much gay bashing going on, there are many more gay bashers than just these three kids. I hope the police continue their efforts and arrest all of them."

Pat Powell, editor of the Vieux Carre Vertie, has recently written on the problem of violence in the French Quarter. "I'm glad to see the lesbian/gay community and the heterosexual community get together and realize this problem is not a, quote, gay problem, it is not. It is the bashing of human beings."

"There has been some talk of some sort of Q-patrol," Watermeir said. Q-patrols are a gay and lesbian neighborhood crime watch organization where trained volunteers patrol on foot or in cars to fight off potential violence.

The New Orleans Police Department has labeled the Balog attack a hate crime, "Based on remarks made by the attackers, and the fact that no other crime was committed in conjunction with the assaults," Defillo said, "they apparently believed the two men were gay. They made derogatory comments about gays. Balog was not gay, nor is his friend."

"I totally believe it was the pressure the gay and lesbian community put on the police that got this crime defined as the hate crime it is," Watermeir said.

## ▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

### ● Thanksgiving, John F. Kennedy, the Clintons and this country as a family

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON  
The New Voice/New Orleans

Around Thanksgiving, turkey carcasses and a dead president litter the national psyche.

John F. Kennedy was murdered in Dallas 30 years ago this Thanksgiving season. When it happened, Nov. 22, 1963, I was a first year college student on grade point induced hiatus from Southern Illinois University. At the insistence of my Father, I had moved to Springfield and gone to work, a situation he thought would teach me something.

That very day, back at my Carbondale alma mater, a boy who was becoming famous locally for sixties activism and bad taste, walked into a history class and said to a girl I knew, but loud enough for all to hear: "Dallas is a nice place to live but I wouldn't want to visit there!" The class was stunned anew. The professor dismissed them, and my friend stood and said, "See, something good does come from everything."

Meanwhile, I was working part time in the men's department at Herndon's Department Store, a very old establishment in the Prairie State that bore the name of Abraham Lincoln's law partner—my boss was his great-great something.

I was on lunch hour when I heard the news. Recently I had bought 20 shares

of Ozark Airlines, and had stopped by what I pretentiously, correctly, and often called "my broker's office" to admire how far up the capitalistic ladder I had climbed. Not too far, of course, and even that position was slipping with the arrival of the news from Dallas.

"My broker's office" was a few blocks from the State House. I walked there to read the prophetic inscription on the statue of Lincoln: "...I may not see this home again..."

Much was written at the time about the similarities between the Kennedy and Lincoln assassinations. I don't know about this. However, both killings, it seems to me, started America off in a direction almost like self-inflicted punishment.

Lincoln's death allowed Reconstruction to become exploitation of the South. Kennedy's death marked another decline. Our prosperous post-World War II optimism died in Dallas that day. It has not yet been resuscitated, though we rapidly approach the second post-JFK

generation.

Perhaps this decline has bottomed out with the Reagan presidency, that shameful era of movie actor leadership preaching disbelief in the value of government. In truth, this is disbelief in our very ability to self govern, as radical an idea as a democracy can abide. In its place, as during Reconstruction, we embraced greed and exploitation as just and patriotic.

Surely these ideas are in bad taste, and so insidiously perverse they out—distance any threat Moscow ever presented. If greed is good and America is ungovernable, what could be left to the sane but to grab what they can and abandon the ship?

We came from the death of JFK to Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam; to Richard Nixon and Watergate; to Jimmie Carter, and hope, as a joke. Then Ronald Reagan, a president whose hallmark was: "Government can not do for you what you want done, and you are foolish



Good luck

to even want it."

A few weeks ago, in New Orleans, an angry young poet reading at Kaldi's Coffee House, passed quickly over the "JFK thing," dismissing it as "too long ago too matter."

I think differently.

I think until we come to terms with what has happened, we can not regain our destiny. And while we flounder, the avaricious will continue their plunder.

I'm suspicious of NAFTA, and disappointed in the Clinton backslide over liberating military lesbians and gays. Not because I idealize the military, but because it is a practical reality that government sanctioned bigotry is bad for all free people.

America's ship has been sinking since JFK's initials were erased and overwritten with LBJ's. I don't know if the Clintons can pump the bilges and raise the vessel to a clear course. But I know it is in our best interest to help them.

If they don't, the next set of opportunists—Colin Powell, Sam Nunn, Ross Perot, Pat Robinson, Rush Limbaugh—will make the last 30 years worth, and today's social/economic disaster seem like calm seas.

Happy Thanksgiving, and good luck to the Clintons at the helm and each of us in the crew.



## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# Gays in the military: final word may be from U.S. Supreme Court

By JAMES ROWLEY  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Nov. 16 (AP)—For a fifth time this year, a court has ordered a homosexual in the military restored to service. Six years after midshipman Joseph Steffan was forced to leave the U.S. Naval Academy, a court ordered him graduated and commissioned as a naval officer.

The decision Tuesday suggested that the final word on homosexuals in the military may be spoken by the courts—very likely the Supreme Court—and not by Congress or President Clinton.

"America's hallmark has been to judge people by what they do and not by who they are," Chief Judge Abner Mikva wrote for the three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington. All three were appointees of President Carter.

The panel said the Navy's ban of declared homosexuals was based on prejudice and served no legitimate purpose.

"It is fundamentally unjust to abort a most promising military career solely because of a truthful confession of a sexual preference different from that of the

majority, a preference untarnished by even a scintilla of misconduct," the court held.

Steffan, whose stellar performance at the Naval Academy won him an appointment as a battalion commander his senior year, was forced to resign in 1987—six weeks before his scheduled graduation in the top 10 percent of his class.

Steffan said he looked forward to serving the country as a naval officer and added:

"The opinion underlies a very important reality ... that no court decision, no action by Congress or the president or anyone, is going to change the fundamental reality that gay people have always served in the military, and we always will serve in the military."

Steffan was among 10 outstanding students who had been chosen to be battalion commanders. He had sung the national anthem as a soloist at two Army-Navy football games and had been cited for "constant dedication to superior performance."

But the day after he said he was gay, academy officials lowered his military performance grade from an A-minus to

an F, according to his lawyer, Marc Wolinsky.

Steffan, 29, is now a third-year law student at the University of Connecticut.

Tuesday's decision did not deal with Clinton's new "don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuals in the military. But under the president's compromise policy, Steffan could have been discharged for having told a friend he was gay.

Clinton ran for office pledging to lift the 50-year-old ban against homosexuals in the military. But when he took office he ran into stiff resistance from the military and its supporters in Congress, who argued that homosexuality is incompatible with military service, especially in war. They said it could destroy unit cohesion.

The result was Clinton's policy under which homosexuals would have to keep secret their orientation if they did not want to risk discharge, but the military would not initiate investigations on the subject.

Pentagon spokesperson Kathleen deLaski said the Defense Department "will follow the order." She said officials have not yet decided whether to appeal.

White House spokesperson Dee Dee Myers said the case could have "some implications" for Clinton's policy, although she noted that the suit was filed against the old standard. "The Justice Department and the White House (lawyers) are reviewing it now."

The decision was the fifth court ruling this year favoring the rights of homosexuals to serve openly in the military.

"What you see in the last year is a real concentrated set of cases where courts have said it's likely that this policy is unconstitutional," said William Rubenstein, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

In separate cases, four U.S. district judges have enjoined the military from discharging gay servicemen on the basis of their homosexuality. Three of these judges were appointed by Carter and the fourth by President Reagan.

In two California cases, the judges have declared the Pentagon's policy unconstitutional. Two federal judges in Washington issued preliminary injunctions barring the discharge of a Navy petty officer and a Marine while their lawsuits challenging the policy were heard.

## ▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

### Bering Center to celebrate Thanksgiving with parade watching and dinner

People who are HIV positive and looking for a place to share Thanksgiving dinner are invited to the Bering Care Center, which is planning a full day of social activities.

A holiday continental breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. along with the traditional parade watching. Breakfast will be served in the Care Center. At noon, the event will move on to the fellowship hall of Bering Memorial United Methodist Church for Thanksgiving dinner. Organizers invite participants who wish to bring a dessert dish to do so.

For more information or to R.S.V.P. call 520-7070. Transportation is also available and Bering is seeking volunteers.

#### Fem TV

Access Cable will present another program in the monthly series "Fem TV" five times in December.

This edition of the program features the Los Angeles-based five-woman group Fem 2 Fem. The group talks openly about issues of sexual orientation and performs several songs from their new CD.

The show can be seen on the PAC on Warner and Storer cable first on Thursday, Dec. 9th at 9:00 p.m. The program will be repeated on Sunday the 12th at 3:00 p.m., Friday the 17th at 7:00 p.m. with two additional airings at 11:00 p.m. on Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th.

If you don't have cable, or otherwise miss the program, copies are available for rent at Inklings Bookshop.

#### AVES update

As part of the commemoration of World AIDS Day, Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES) will sponsor an art exhibit and reception by Arte Vivo.

AVES describes Arte Vivo as "a group of ten local Latino artists whose work reflects primarily our community and culture."

The event will take place on Nov. 29th from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. The following day, AVES will have an open house from 9:00 to noon. For further information, call 640-2837.

#### Volunteer call

The Houston Area Women's Center has relocated its "second to None" resale shop to 1435 Westheimer.

The new space requires more help and the HARC is looking for 25 new volunteers to staff the program, which is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No formal training is required.

For more information, call Rebecca Thomas at 528-6798.

#### DIFFA award to HCRN

The Design Industries Foundation for AIDS Research (DIFFA) has awarded a grant of \$23,450 to the Houston Clinic Research Network, a unit of the Montrose Clinic, to help it pay for new research facilities.

The Houston Clinic Research Network runs experimental AIDS drug trials and is currently working on relocating to new facilities on lower Westheimer.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

### New Orleans City Council refuses to override mayor's veto of domestic partners bill

NEW ORLEANS, Friday, Nov. 19 (AP)—The City Council has refused to override the mayor's veto of a proposal to let "domestic partners" of homosexual employees join the health insurance program.

The council voted 5-2 for the proposal two weeks ago, but only two members of the council voted Thursday to override Mayor Sidney Barthelemy's Nov. 10 veto of the ordinance.

Without discussion, council members

Lambert Boissiere, Jim Singleton and Dorothy Mae Taylor reversed their original position.

When Barthelemy vetoed the ordinance, he said city could not afford to extend the coverage to a new population, in this case the unmarried partners living in a "committed relationship" with city employees.

Councilman Johnny Jackson Jr., who was the author of the ordinance, and Councilwoman Jackie Clarkson were the only members to vote to override the

mayor's veto.

Ms. Clarkson's district includes the French Quarter and another neighborhood with relatively high concentrations of homosexual residents.

Supporters of the extended coverage argued that it was not a significant economic burden.

The city pays an average of \$1,680 per year in claims for employees' spouses, and homosexual activists estimated that less

than 1 percent of city employees, or 80 people, would have been affected by the ordinance. They claimed the additions would cost the city only \$134,000.

But the administration noted that the city is liable for up to \$500,000 coverage for each person in the health plan.

Chief Administrative Officer Leonard Simmons said during the council's first discussion of the matter that the city health plan will pay out \$26 million in 1994.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

### Tulsa County Library bans distribution of out-of-town gay newspaper

TULSA, Okla., Thursday, Nov. 18 (AP)—The Tulsa County library commission is banning distribution of out-of-town publications in a decision that will include a gay newspaper published in Kansas.

The Gayly Oklahoman, published in Oklahoma City, still will be carried by Tulsa libraries.

The affected Kansas newspaper is called The Parachute, based in Wichita. Its Tulsa editor, Tom Neal, said the commission's vote Thursday was merely to keep the gay-oriented newspaper off its shelves.

"If the policy is not uniformly enforced against all comparable organizations,

then the library is setting itself up for legal action," editor Tom Neal said.

The library commission's new policy allows distribution only of brochures, fliers, posters, newsletters or newspapers with half their contents—minus advertising—about "established Tulsa non-profit community organizations."

The previous policy had no restriction on percentage of content, and did not specify that the organizations be based in Tulsa.

Neal said he will meet with library Director Pat Woodrum on Dec. 1 to discuss the new policy and to review a new format for The Parachute that may allow it to be distributed under the new rule.

## ▼▼▼ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Thanksgiving season generosity thanked for by members of the Colt 45's

From CAL MORAN,

Vice President: External Public Services, Colt 45's  
Houston, Texas

Through fields of dreams came a lustful romp of "Urban Cowboys" for Lady Victoria Lust's Fall Harvest 1993 Show at the BRB on Oct. 17. As part of a birthday extravaganza for LVL and Dick Hanzel, this show, which was sown with the seeds of love, yielded a bounty of fruits. Over \$3,000 worth of non-perishable food items and personal items were gathered through community donations.

This year's harvest was indeed plente-

ous thanks to the wonderful talents of Austin's "The Baptist Women," San Antonio's "The Pointless Sisters," Katherine Kimmons and Imperial Court Candidates, and the Colt 45's Starlets. With farmers of love such as these, and the generous support of the BRB patrons, our harvest will enrich the lives of Stone Soup clients immensely.

Additionally, the Colt 45's were enriched by the Southern Belle generosity of the members of Common Ground. Throughout the century we have had many sports immortals from Babe Ruth, Dizzie Dean, Martina Navratilova, and Billie Jean King. Working

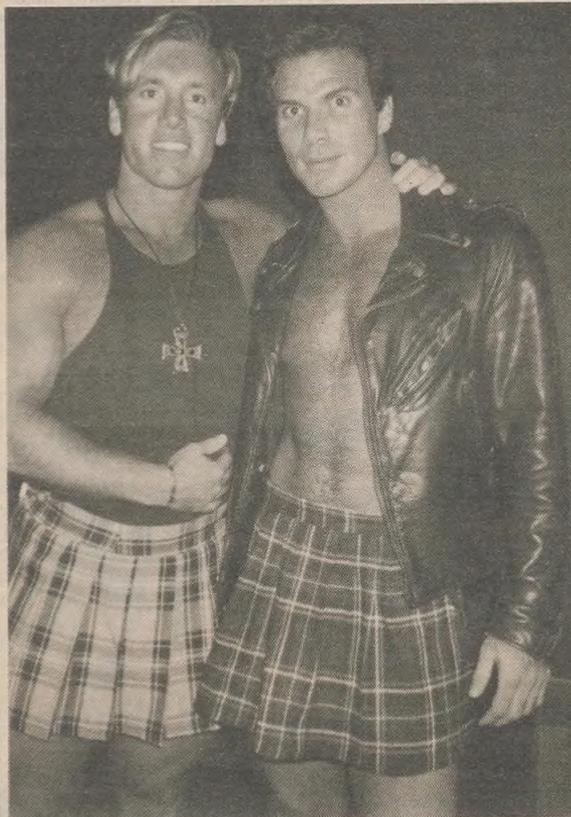
with the women of Common Ground has been just as noteworthy as these immortal sports figures for they have shown themselves to be true "Ladies of the Diamond" with their concern and compassion for those affected by the AIDS crisis. They deserve full recognition for their joining with the Colts and other community organizations who are reaching out to enrich the lives of the down-trodden. Every cent of their \$2,806.88 donation will be put to use justly and wisely for our ATF clients.

Thirdly, the Colts proudly thank the Outrage crew for a hauntingly successful Halloween fundraiser. Just as MGM studios advertised that they had more

stars under contract that there were in the heavens, so the annual Outrage party can boast that they had more starlets under one roof than were in any other club in the name of charity. If there were awards to be given, Outrage would have swept them all. This year, as in years past, the Outrage members and the Rich's management/staff produced, directed, and starred in a five star production which gathered in excess of \$3,000 for our ATF clients.

With continued compassion and charity, we will continue to make life a bit brighter and respectable for those suffering from the AIDS crisis. Thank you all.

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## ▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

# President Clinton nominates former Louisiana ACLU's Ginger Berrigan

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

President Clinton has nominated New Orleans Lawyer Ginger Berrigan to fill one of three vacant slots on the U.S. District Court in Louisiana's Eastern District.

Berrigan, 45, is a native of New York and a former president of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), an organization noted for championing the legal rights of minorities such as lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

She graduated from Louisiana State University Law School; the University of Wisconsin; and American University in Washington, D.C., and is presently a lawyer in private practice with the New

Orleans firm of Gravel, Brady and Berrigan.

Berrigan's ACLU affiliation has made her a target of the political and religious right wing. Her appointment has been opposed by these groups since it became known Clinton was considering her for nomination.

Mark Vincent, an associate pastor of New Covenant Fellowship, of Metairie, Louisiana and a member of United For Life, an anti-abortion choice group, issued a statement saying his group would fight to derail confirmation.

In making the nomination Clinton said, "I have pledged to the American people that I would appoint federal judges committed to public service."

Berrigan's nomination now goes to

the Senate for confirmation. The Senate is not expected to consider the matter until after the holiday recess ends in January.

## New Orleans Mayor's Veto Of Gay/Lesbian Health Plan Upheld

The New Orleans City Council upheld Mayor Sidney Barthelemy's veto of its health care extension to lesbian and gay domestic partners.

Without discussion, city council voted five to two to let the veto stand. The vote originally passing the measure had also been five to two. Only the bill's sponsor, Johnny Jackson, Jr., and Jackie Clarkson, who represented the heavily les-

bian and gay District C, voted to override.

Council members Lambert Boissiere, Jim Singleton, and Dorothy Mae Taylor reversed themselves and joined the measure's two original opponents, Joe Giarrusso and Peggy Wilson.

A small group of Lesbian Avengers held placards and chanted "Councilman Jim Singleman: What happened to change his mind?"

Kelly Prejean, an Avengers member said, "The Mayor passed through. After he left, they told us 'We can't go against the mayor.' We don't know what kind of political game is being played."

Barthelemy vetoed the measure Nov. 10, saying the city could not afford to extend health coverage.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# Air Force case captain dismissed for having sex with another man

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Tuesday, Nov. 16 (AP)—A recommendation to dismiss an Air Force captain convicted by a court-martial panel of having sex with another man has been made final, the captain's lawyer said Tuesday.

Capt. Troy Carlyle, 31, a navigator at Pope Air Force Base, was convicted by the panel in April of sodomy and going to an off-limits establishment.

The panel determined that Carlyle

should be dismissed and forwarded its recommendation to Lt. Gen. Michael A. Nelson, commanding general of the 9th Air Force at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina.

A decision by Nelson dated Nov. 10 and received Monday by Carlyle's civilian lawyer, Mark Waple, approved the recommendation.

Carlyle and his former roommate, Air Force Capt. Luther S. Turner III, a C-130

pilot, were convicted in separate court-martials of committing homosexual acts with 26-year-old Richard Bullock, a Stedman native.

Carlyle was acquitted of possessing marijuana.

Turner was also convicted in his court-martial last month of obstructing justice. The court-martial panel recommended that he be dismissed from the Air Force and forfeit all pay and benefits.

Both men denied the allegations. Waple said both plan to appeal.

The decision by the Air Force higher command allows Carlyle to appeal to the Air Force Court of Military Review, Waple said. Further appeals are possible in the U.S. Court of Military Appeals and in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Carlyle's dismissal is equivalent to a dishonorable discharge. He will lose all veteran's benefits and separation pay.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# Joseph Steffan, gay Naval Academy midshipman, headed back to Navy

By MIKE MOKRZYCKI

FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Wednesday, Nov. 17 (AP)—For Joseph Steffan, lying about his homosexuality would have been "a denial of all that I had learned."

Telling the truth proved difficult, too.

Steffan, a native of Warren, Minn., was forced to resign from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1987 after admitting to the commandant he is gay. He left just six weeks before graduation.

But on Tuesday, a federal appeals court ordered the Navy to give him his diploma and commission him as an officer.

Steffan, now 29, said he does not regret telling the truth.

"Today, I have the opportunity to

have both retained my honor as an individual and as a midshipman, and to have my diploma," he said at the headquarters of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay-rights organization that represented him.

"I have no bitterness toward the military," he said. "I think they are compassionate, dedicated, trustworthy people. I think the institution is flawed, however. It's flawed by a deep bigotry. It's flawed by a deep ignorance."

Steffan had compiled an impressive record during his years at the academy. He was one of 10 students named battalion commanders in his senior year. He twice sang the national anthem at Army-Navy football games. He was cited for "constant dedication to superior performance."

His troubles began when he confided to two midshipmen friends that he is gay.

Rumors spread. Navy investigators looked into them, and Steffan eventually acknowledged he is gay to the commandant. He never was accused of engaging in homosexual acts.

A review panel recommended his discharge for "insufficient aptitude for commissioned service," and he resigned.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington ruled, however, that Navy rules requiring Steffan's expulsion for his acknowledged homosexuality "are not rationally related to any legitimate goal."

Gay-rights advocates said they hoped the ruling would persuade President

Clinton to stick to his promise to lift the ban on gays in the military.

The Pentagon said it would abide by the ruling but hadn't decided whether to appeal.

Steffan, who is in his third year of law school at the University of Connecticut in Hartford, said he isn't sure whether he will finish his studies there but will definitely rejoin the Navy.

Once he's back, Steffan said, he would like to help educate the military about homosexuality.

"If I could pick my dream job, I think it would be working with the administration and the Department of Defense to set up programs and policies to help implement a policy of non-discrimination in the military," he said.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# N.Car. teacher who gave students list of gay books will not be dismissed

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Saturday, Nov. 20 (AP)—A teacher who gave 11th-graders a reading list containing books with sexually explicit passages will not be dismissed, the school superintendent said.

Superintendent Neal Pedersen said dismissal is the only disciplinary action he could have taken against teacher David Bruton. Bruton should have been more careful but did not violate any rules, Pedersen said.

Principal Charles Patteson could reprimand Bruton, but that action would be confidential, said Kim Hoke, spokesperson for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro

City Schools.

Bruton did not immediately return a phone call Saturday seeking comment.

Bruton's 10-page bibliography for a gay and lesbian writers unit has been suspended until all the books on it can be reviewed, following the recommendation of a committee Patteson appointed.

The unit itself, part of a multicultural literature project assigned by the gay teacher, also has been suspended, probably through the end of the year.

In October, the parents of one student complained that the reading list contained two books with descriptions of gay and lesbian sex and two books that

approach homosexuality from a social science, not a literary, perspective.

The student left the school for several reasons, including because school officials would not let her move out Bruton's class.

"Clearly, it would have been advisable to review selections prior to including them on a bibliography," reads Pedersen's report, mailed to school board members this week.

"Even though the bibliography is not described as 'recommended' or 'suggested,' when a (Chapel Hill High School) teacher prepares and distributes a bibliography, it is logical for par-

ents and students to assume that it carries the endorsement of the High School; therefore, a teacher must accept responsibility for including the selections in the bibliography."

The report states that the incident shows the need for a school board policy on the selection of supplementary classroom materials. No such policy existed three years ago when Bruton approached colleagues in the English department about his plan to create a multicultural literature project with a gay and lesbian writers unit.

The superintendent, school board attorney and district librarians will prepare a draft of a materials policy.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

# Pajama-clad morals campaigner fails to block Australia gay rights bill

SYDNEY, Australia, Wednesday, Nov. 17 (AP)—A Protestant clergyman with three broken ribs left the hospital in a wheelchair to argue against a gay rights bill in the New South Wales state parliament.

The parliament approved the measure, despite the efforts of Fred Nile, a lawmaker who disobeyed doctor's

orders and arrived in the chamber in pajamas and on painkillers.

He delivered a five-hour filibuster and quoted extensively from the Bible in a bid to stop the passage of the bill, which bans open hatred and violence against homosexuals.

"As a Christian, I'm praying for God's help both physically and mentally," said

Nile as he was wheeled into the debating chamber.

The measure passed after the parliament agreed to exempt clergy from the measure.

The bill, which is similar to longstanding laws against racism, includes sanctions ranging from counselling for minor offenses to six months imprison-

ment for violent attacks. A tribunal will be able to award damages of up to 40,000 dollars (\$ U.S. 26,000) to victims.

"The bill won't stop men and women from being bashed and abused for being homosexuals. But it will help gays to come out and admit they are gay without being frightened to do so," gay lobbyist Derek Williams said.

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# NAMES Project AIDS Quilt displayed in Spokane Convention Center

SPOKANE, Thursday, Nov. 18 (AP)—A section of a quilt that is being displayed nationwide to commemorate people who have died of AIDS was unveiled here Thursday.

Eight-hundred of the more than 23,000 squares of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt will be on display through

Saturday at the Spokane Convention Center. Each 3-foot-by-6-foot square is intended to honor someone who has died of AIDS.

Materials in the quilt include everything from Barbie dolls to champagne glasses to Mardi Gras masks.

The quilt was displayed in conjunc-

tion with a speaking appearance at Gonzaga University by Jeanne White, mother of Ryan White. The Indiana boy's struggle with AIDS and fight in court for the right to attend public school gained international attention.

The section of the quilt displayed in Spokane includes three panels honoring

Ryan White, who died three years ago. The boy was a hemophiliac who contracted AIDS from a blood transfusion.

"It's a great tribute to make a quilt for somebody that you love, to show that I care and I still love you and I miss you," Jeanne White said Thursday.

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## Benefits proposed for unmarried domestic partners of Los Angeles workers

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday, Nov. 17 (AP)—Homosexual and heterosexual unmarried domestic partners of city employees would be entitled to medical benefits under a proposed law that could cost taxpayers \$758,000 annually.

Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg on Tuesday proposed an ordinance that would allow city employees who have lived with unmarried partners for at least a year to obtain medical and dental coverage for them and dependent

children. "We think it's a small amount of money but a large step forward," said Goldberg, the first openly homosexual member of the council. The motion was seconded by Councilmen Zev Yaroslavsky and Richard Alarcon.

"We found out it's a lifestyle that's rather prevalent and I don't think we can ignore it," council President John Ferraro said. "I don't think there's any

doubt it will pass." Proponents expect 1 percent of city employees will apply for the extended benefits, adding about \$758,000 to the \$21.6 million the city spends annually on spousal benefits.

A 1987 survey indicated that 4.2 percent of the city civilian work force lived with an unmarried partner.

There has been a trend nationwide among cities and private corporations

to extend benefits to unmarried homosexual and heterosexual partners.

In Laguna Beach, which has offered medical benefits to domestic partners since 1990, 18 of about 200 city employees have signed up, according to the personnel department.

In Seattle, where fewer than 5 percent of the city's 10,000 employees have opted for partner benefits, the program has increased medical insurance costs by about 1 percent annually.

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## Gay rights groups criticize bias exemption for religious groups

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich., Friday, Nov. 19 (AP)—Gay rights advocates are criticizing Central Michigan University's decision to allow religious organizations to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

President Leonard Plachta said Thursday that forcing the groups to adhere to the university policy would violate their constitutional rights to freedom of religion.

"I've never been more disgusted with any decision that anybody's made in my life," said Kevin Aiken, co-president

of the Gay and Lesbian Association for Student Support.

Aiken, a 20-year-old theater major from Birmingham, said his group would seek legal support from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, a gay rights group.

"Dr. Plachta has, in essence, said gay and lesbian and bisexual students don't matter," he said.

The university president said the issue was one of religious freedom.

"While we may not sponsor religion, we also cannot interfere with its prac-

tice," Plachta said. "We also may not ask groups to waive their First Amendment rights in order to receive the same benefits provided to other groups."

A Lambda attorney said no one is challenging religious freedom or the right to believe or promote anti-gay religious beliefs.

"The religious argument is really a smoke screen," Evan Wolfson said Friday from New York. "No one is saying people shouldn't be free to believe what they want to believe. What civil rights laws do is ensure equal access to the

shared space in our society, ... like publicly funded universities."

Lambda hasn't decided whether to intervene in the Central Michigan gay rights dispute, he said. But Wolfson said the effort to roll back gay rights on the campus is part of a national campaign.

"What you're seeing at Central Michigan is part of this national backlash movement, where people are using fear or hostility against gay people as their wedge to attack civil rights laws and break down the barrier between church and state," Wolfson said.

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## Cincinnati City Council pushes anti-gay rights measure closer to trial

CINCINNATI, Thursday, Nov. 18 (AP)—A legal challenge of an anti-gay rights measure approved by city voters last year may go to trial.

The City Council decided Wednesday not to appeal a judge's order blocking the voter-approved amendment to the city charter. A trial date before U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel wasn't set.

Spiegel granted an injunction Tuesday for activists who filed a lawsuit alleging the amendment illegally infringed on homosexuals' constitutional rights of free speech and equal protection under the law.

"The council is saying they'd like this case to go to trial so it can be argued on its merits," said City Manager John Shirey.

In Nov. 1992, the council adopted an ordinance barring discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, disability, marital status, Appalachian origin or sexual orientation.

On Nov. 2, voters approved the amendment that prevents the city from enforcing the anti-discrimination protection for sex-

ual orientation. Spiegel ruled the amendment "fenced out" gays, lesbians and bisexuals from the political process and left city officials powerless to address their concerns.

His order wipes out voters' approval of the proposal, until the case is resolved in a trial or the order is overturned.

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## Dolly Parton discusses marriage, rumors of lesbianism, surgery

RADNOR, Pa., Sunday, Nov. 21 (AP)—Dolly Parton says she's had "many wonderful relationships with men and women that are love affairs of sorts." But she denies she's gay and refuses to say if she's had extramarital affairs.

In the Nov. 27 issue of TV Guide magazine, the singer and actress also says she once considered suicide but couldn't bring herself to take her own life.

Parton, 47, dismisses rumors that her friendship with best friend Judy Ogle is

anything more than that.

"We have done everything together, but not that," Parton said. She said she's closer to Ogle than to her husband, Carl Dean, but that she's not gay.

"But what would be the big deal if the rumors were true? There are a lot of gay people in the world. I'm just not one of 'em. Why is it that they have to dirty every beautiful thing?" Parton said.

Parton ducked questions about fidelity in her 27-year marriage, saying she's had wonderful relationships with peo-

ple of both genders.

"I mean, sex and love are two different things," she said.

Parton says she wouldn't want to know if her husband was unfaithful, and said she would tell neither Dean nor TV Guide if she had been.

She said she and Dean will be together "until one of us dies."

"My husband is happy to let me fly," she said. "He's happy to let me be married and single at the same time. And he

don't want me in his face all the time. He is not jealous or competitive."

Parton said she briefly considered suicide after her early film successes—a time when she was ill and felt betrayed by show business associates. But she decided to start taking positive steps in her life instead, she says.

Parton, who plans to do an "infomercial" with a cosmetics line created by Revlon, admits to having had some "nips and tucks," but bristles at discussing plastic surgery.

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

## Many San Antonio groups working to make the holiday pleasant for all

By LEFTY TAYLOR

The New Voice/San Antonio

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Turkey day is one of my favorite times of the year. It helps when you like to eat a lot. In these times of indulgence, please don't forget that there are people less fortunate than you are. The various organizations around town are taking donations of food and clothing for the upcoming cold months and anything that could be spared is needed.

At A.R.C. on Wednesday there will be a Thanksgiving Dinner at two o'clock. On Thursday, the volunteers there will be assisting HACER with their Meal on Wheels Thanksgiving deliveries.

At the San Antonio AIDS Foundation there will be a buffet on Thursday afternoon starting at 2:00p.m. and it will go on all day.

The Nexus' early bird Thanksgiving buffet went over real well. Those girls sure can cook. Coming up Dec. 5th, there will be a professional photographer at Nexus to take your pictures: drag, family, baby, pet, etc...anything you want. Half the proceeds will go to benefit the Providence House. Coming soon to Nexus, The Hardly Girls will be making their first performance there on the 10th. Watch out! They haven't performed in a few months and are

they ready to shock you!

The El Jardin would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and welcome you to their Annual Thanksgiving Day Buffet. I will be making a special guest appearance there that weekend. Again I will be back at my old haunt, throwing cocktails around.

There will still be the strip show on Thursday with Sassy St. James as your M.C. Miriam says, after turkey, come see the beef! Opening soon is Miriams. It will be in the old Country Club spot.

There are several new things going on at the 2015. On Tuesdays, its steak night from 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays its the new wet underwear contest. Wednesday also has the \$1.25 Margaritas special.

Saturday, Nov. 27th, Paul Lekakis will be debuting at the Wild Club. Perchance you remember him from the "Boom, boom, boom...lets go back to my room..." days. I do. I've still got the album. And does he look good! I know who he's staying with while he's here and I know she's glad, those stairs get tiring after a while.

Dear Luis, if you would go ahead and do something about your true love, he wouldn't have gotten attacked by sea gulls at the wall in Corpus. That's a horrible way to go. I told him not to

use birdseed as breasts. On Thursday nights, Aaron Davis would like to invite everyone down to see the show with all the hot newcomer talent of San Antonio. The entertainers are Aaron Davis, Paige Taylor, Wilda Wilde, Porsha Paris, and Shawna Brooks.

The Wild Country is open every day at 2:00 p.m. and you can join your friends there to see the happiest happy hour bartender in town. He'll keep you entertained in and out of the bar. Its Patrick of course! By night he goes out in his secret identity. Some of the absolute best looking men in town go there to dance on the largest Country and Western dance floor in town. You can usually see Mom (Barbara) dancing around on the floor if she's had too many Bloody Mary's.

During the holidays, please keep in mind that the San Antonio Bed and Breakfast is there to keep all those relatives that you don't want in your house. Also, Giovannis Pizza is catering to your Christmas party. For more information call (210) 212-6626.

Also, its fun to entertain in your own home, especially if you own your own home. Ken Bradshaw can help you have that with some very great surprising additions, too. Call Ken Bradshaw at Value Housing at (210) 653-7711.

Maggie is on the piano at Sparks in the tapestry room on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. Every night, something is going on at Sparks. There are music videos and dancers every night, Karaoke is on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. and hot oil wrestling on Tuesday, and since I'm off on Tuesdays now,



New Memories bartenders

maybe I can get Peter to wrestle me. Publicly will be fine, I don't mind.

Sweet Savage will be appearing at the Papermoon this Sunday for the first time in months! She will be joining the regular cast Tandi, Pauletta and Shady for the holiday weekend. Thanksgiving night, Tandi will host one of the hottest shows in town with Erica Andrews and Ariel Andrews.

The Silver Dollar has a new look, with a new paint job and new carpet and a new look to the patio. It makes for a wonderful change.

Again, I remind you that with the holidays coming up, the various organizations in town will be needing your help. You can donate not only food but, money, clothing, and you can also donate a few hours of your time to help and make someone else a little better. Gotta go now, I've got hammocks to cook. There's nothing like a Southern Thanksgiving. Chow!



The girls at Nexus

If you'd like to join forces with thousands to raise our mile-long rainbow flag in the upcoming Stonewall 25 March on the United Nations, we've got a short cut for you. Just fill out the attached coupon and send a \$50-or-more donation for early registration. You'll be entitled to raise the rainbow—commissioned by The Stadtlanders Foundation—along the Fifth Avenue parade route on June 26th.

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## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## If it stands, court ruling could undermine 'don't ask, don't tell'

By JAMES ROWLEY  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 21 (AP)—A court decision against the Pentagon's ban on gays in the military could undermine the new "don't ask, don't tell" policy that President Clinton is about to sign into law, say legal experts on both sides of the issue.

The decision last week by a federal appeals court panel that the U.S. Naval Academy could not expel a midshipman solely on the basis of his homosexual status was "a pretty resounding loss for the government," said Mary Cheh, a constitutional law scholar at George Washington University.

Cheh and other legal experts say that if upheld on further appeal, the decision undermines the compromise that President Clinton struck with the Pentagon and Congress on the politically sensitive issue.

But they say it is likely that the panel's ruling would be reversed if reconsidered by the full U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, now dominated by appointees of Presidents Reagan and Bush.

The experts noted that the Supreme

Court would also be likely to side with the Clinton administration because it has a long history of refusing to second-guess military policy, even when individual rights are at stake.

But Kathleen Sullivan, a Stanford University law professor, wouldn't rule out an ultimate Supreme Court victory for homosexuals in uniform.

"It is just not inconceivable that the Supreme Court would uphold this ruling," she said.

Gay rights "is the major unresolved constitutional social issue of our time," Sullivan said. "The conventional wisdom is that the military is the last place you'd go and start a civil rights revolution—but tell that to Ruth Ginsburg."

Ginsburg, the high court's newest justice, won a 1973 Supreme Court decision in a sex discrimination case arguing that the husband of an Air Force officer was entitled to the same dependent benefits as the Pentagon gave wives.

If, as expected, the Clinton administration files an appeal of last week's ruling against the Navy, it would be in the unusual position of asking conservative Republican judges to overturn a decision by three liberals appointed by the last Democratic president, Jimmy

Carter.

Such is the irony of President Clinton's policy on gays in the military a year after he was elected on a promise to end the armed services' 50-year-old ban on homosexuals.

Faced with opposition in the armed services and on Capitol Hill, Clinton crafted a policy that forbids gay service members from openly declaring their sexual orientation. Clinton stressed the policy is based on status, not homosexual conduct. The Uniform Code of Military Justice prohibits homosexual conduct.

Under the new "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the military would no longer ask recruits or service members about their sexual orientation. But the prohibition against homosexual conduct would stand.

A defense authorization bill that codifies the policy was passed by Congress last week and is expected to be signed into law by Clinton.

The new rule is similar to the one that Navy invoked in 1987 when it forced Joseph C. Steffan to leave the U.S. Naval Academy six weeks before he was to graduate toward the top of his class.

Steffan was forced to resign after he

admitted he is gay, though there was no evidence he had ever acted on his sexual orientation.

The three-judge panel last week ordered that Steffan receive his diploma and a naval officer's commission, saying the rule didn't advance a legitimate government purpose and was based solely on prejudice.

But by saying the policy is not "rationally related" to a legitimate purpose, the ruling leaves a "big, wide open door for the government to make some sort of case" to prove that it does, Cheh said.

"The rationality standard is so easy to satisfy" that the government could come up with a justification, Cheh said.

Congress may have provided that assistance by holding lengthy hearings at which military commanders argued that allowing open gays to serve in the military would hurt morale, experts said.

The hearing testimony "provides contemporaneous evidence the new policy is grounded in solid conventional wisdom," said John R. Bolton, a former assistant attorney general in the Reagan administration.

## ▼▼▼ GALVESTON SOAP

## Another new way to cruise the Island City; Diane hosts Falcon stars

By JERRY STUART

The New Voice/Galveston Anchors away, this week I'm writing to you on the Gold Star of Texas Cruise-Gambling Ship that has now made Galveston its home port. The ship sails daily out into the Gulf and the excursions are about eight hours. During that time, you can dine at your leisure in the Galaxy Dining Room.

The service is excellent. Most of the waiters are foreign nationals from all over the world and there a couple of them I would ever much rather dine on than the beautiful spread of food laid out for the passengers. They were all more than happy to let me get a picture of them as the dining room opened.

Next, we headed for the Casinos to try our luck.

The ship has three Casinos on

two different decks and about eight different bars. We didn't have very much luck on the Black Jack tables, but we had a lot of fun on the slot machines.

The Starlight Showroom was where they had the Las Vegas style shows that included dancers, magicians, singers, jugglers and more. The entertainment was great! They even had a movie theater showing recent movies. The ship was so big you could surely get lost on it...and we did a couple of times.

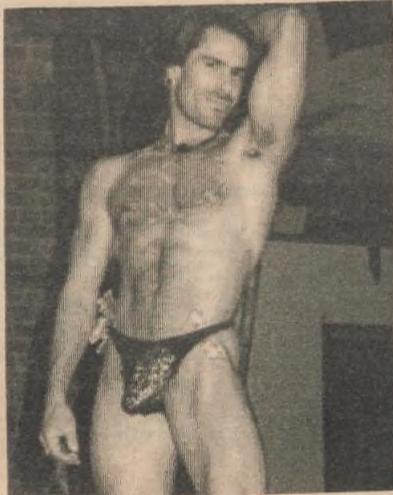
The Star of Texas is another one of Galveston's most recent attractions for those of you locals who have some extra coins and are feeling lucky. This is a nice evening out and certainly something different to do. And who knows, you may get lucky in more ways than one.

Friday night there was a birth-

day party for Alice at Club Evolution back in the Island Room. By the time I got there to join the party and get some photos, Miss Alice was already toasted. I couldn't get her to tell me how old she was but one source told me she turned twenty four or was it forty two? Oh well, she still looks great and can that woman ever party. Alice, I hope you had a wonderful birthday and have many more.

This Sunday, the 28th, Dyan Michaels, Miss Gay Texas will be on the Club Evolution stage. For those of you who have not seen her perform, she does an incredible impersonation of Reba McEntire. Evolution will be presenting, direct from L.A., Catalina Adult Video Star Dick Donovan, Rick's baby brother, plus Chad Colby. Then on Dec. 11th and 12th, they are going to have Falcon Film sensation, Karl Thomas. It looks like the entertainment just keeps getting better and better.

Over at the Kon Tiki, they had a really good show and a fine dancer. His name was Wrangler. He told me he has been to Galveston before but it's been awhile. He now lives in Dallas and said he will try not to wait so long to come back to the Island to entertain us. Allen and his puppets were also in the show that night. Everyone in the club loved him because they really gave a wonderful performance. They also received a standing ovation—at least one from the



Wrangler at the K.T.



Waitstaff on board

people that could stand. By then it was getting late and a lot of people were already full.

Coming Dec. 4th and 5th, is Adult Video Star Lex Baldwin. His shows will be at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday the 4th and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday the 5th. This will be his only Winter appearance in Texas, so don't miss the action. Also in the shows that weekend will be Kofi and Muscles in Action.

Don't forget to check the ads for these shows and up coming events. Also be sure to call me with any Island gossip you might have, (409) 740-7403. This is your friendly Island reporter now signing off.

## ▼▼▼ CORPUS CHRISTI SOAP

## UBU plans an anniversary celebration; Brave 'n Crazy wins championship

By SUZETTE LOCKE

The New Voice/Corpus Christi

Happy Thanksgiving! Due to the holiday and short deadline there won't be a lot of "poop," but stay tuned...it will resume shortly. So, let's check out what's going on for now.

Drag races at UBU got underway last week with Aaron Davis. It was loads of laughs and fun with a cash prize. Jasmine SX held a benefit show on Thursday with Sade Robyrtts, Felisha Foxx, Andrea Osmond, Linda Love, Malissa Mychaels and many more.

We all wish her luck on her way to Ms. Tri-States USA. Former Ms. Nueces County, Nicole Stevens was Sunday's guest. Nicole is now living in Houston and it was great having her back!

UBU is gearing up for an anniversary week coming soon. Remodeling has already taken place and plans for great entertainment are ready to go! Customer appreciation night is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 15th. Cocktail parties and no cover! Come join the celebration and of course...UBU!

December's schedule of events for UBU is ready. On Wednesday, Dec. 1st, join the "Too Sexy" Underwear Party. Come show yours and win money!

Thursday, Dec. 2nd, "Money for Nothing"—yes, money does fall from the skies with a cash and cocktail balloon drop. If you can win anymore money anywhere else, I want to know about it!

On Friday, Dec. 3rd, catch the incomparable Racine Corde with Erika Daniels, Shawna Brooks and the beautiful Aaron Davis (girl, those pics with Mr. Thomas are hot!). Every Saturday night drink and dance and win \$100 cash! Where else can you leave with more money than you came with? UBU!

We are the champions...We are the champions! It's Desert Hearts' "Brave n' Crazy" ball teams new theme song! Congrats ladies! 15-8, won the championship! Hats off to all of you, but not your baseball caps! Congrats on that too! Glad you won your fight for your right to wear your hats. Victoria songbird, Tanya Garrett returns Nov. 26th, for four beautiful hours 9:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m.! Don't miss it!

Dec. 3rd, "For The Boys!" No, Bette won't be here. This is a very important benefit show to help pay for personal items for the boys of the Passage House. This is not for the administration, it's for the boys! The children of Driscoll Children's Hospital will benefit from a "Toys for Tots" drive hosted by Desert

Hearts, Dec. 17th. Stay tuned for all the juicy details.

The hot Tejano club in South Texas has a new phone line. The number is (512) 887-9346. Now you can call Babalous and get the latest line up of their events. Bring your favorite spirits to 213 South Staples and party to some of the hottest Tejano Music on the Texas Riviera!

The Hidden Door-Corpus, wishes to thank everyone for their continued support. They hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving holiday! Thanks to everyone who donates a covered dish for the H.D. dinner. H.D. will also have a Christmas dinner for everyone on Saturday, Dec. 25th. Covered dishes are welcomed!

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Congratulations Emperor VII Aaron

D. and Empress VII Kay Y. Halsey, and T.R.E. for celebrating your investitures on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at the Hidden Door.

Hello bowling fans, are you ready?! Here are the results from the CC Gutter League. Thanks Amador! Love ya' lots! As of week 10, The "H.D. Fat Boys" have moved to 1st place, 2nd—tie "Pinheads" and "An Officer and a Gentleman," 4th Lane Scorchers" and 5th "STC Officers." Amador G. bowled high scratch game (195) and high scratch series (516). Remember, the '94 season begins Jan. 7th with an Organizational Meeting and official bowling Jan. 14th for 15 weeks. Come and join the fun on Monday nights at 8:00 p.m. For more information call Scott M. or Amador G. at (512)882-0183. The team of David M., Amador G., Tinker B., and Scott M. (Hidden Door's D-D-Dats All Folks!) traveled to San Antonio for IGBO mid-year '93 Tournament. Amador G. came in 10th place in singles with 266 individual bowlers. Congrats to Amador! Go Ama! Will have all results soon! Congrats to S.A. committee and IGBO for a wonderful tournament. Looking forward to IGBO in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in May!

See ya'! Happy, happy holidays!

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▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

Fun with Bears; What's happenin,' Turkey?; Fall Round Up 6 this weekend

By TAD NELSON  
The New Voice/Houston  
Hello Houston!

Are ya ready for Turkey Day? Well, we hope so. Gawd knows there has been an over abundance of Butterballs in Kroger this past week. No, I'm not talking about the Regina Dane wanna-be's. We're talking real turkey here! The ones with the luscious drumsticks and juicy white meat. Now...I realize that this is sounding more and more like an Imperial Personal for the Majestic Mistress herself. ...so moving right along...were you at the Bear Club for Men at the Mining Company this past Wednesday night?

The actual Bear Dad himself was there this week from San Francisco. The publication had representatives here for photo sessions and promotions around Houston through Friday night. There was quite a crowd on hand to greet them, too. The Mine was packed Wednesday night, with the usual crowd of admirers of those men of Bear Magazine fame. I really enjoyed meeting and dancing with Billie and how about that handsome, slick-headed John. Woof! Nice smile and eyes.

And speaking of Imperial people, Giovanni LeMond was the winner of the contest on Wednesday evening. I think you'd call him a Bear Cub, right? Giovanni was obviously a favorite of the judges, but the second runner up was a crowd pleaser, too. Check out the photo in this issue of Soap.

Later that evening, I happened upon the ever gorgeous bartending (slot)... Gary, who is back from a brief vacation across the U.S. His husband Dave is truly an understanding and tolerant guy. What was this about almost spending Thanksgiving in a Mississippi jail, Gary?

Sorry, but in preparation for the holidays I didn't make it out to the usual num-

ber of hot spots in town this past week, but the Trucker and I did head for another BS (Butch Soiree) function—this time at Pacific Street. Jay Allen had his trusty 35 out on hand for any and all takers at the Bear Magazine photo shoot took place in a private but well-lit corner of the bar. I know I'm not truly bear material, but I do have a little fur so they got me (in a semi-state of course) behind the lens. I can't wait to see the next issue of that magazine.

By the way, the laser show at Pacific street is getting better all the time. Jeff is great behind the controls and it will be interesting to see how much more improved he gets. A definite trip in "deja vu" land for this writer. Reminiscent of the original lasers that used to fascinate us all at Numbers back in the early 80's. Keep it up Jeff! (And no, that wasn't a request from Nikki). Did you see the new Mr. Firedancer, Gary of Texas Riders out that night? See photos, please.

Over at Mary's on Sunday afternoon, the Women Behind Men's Bar's Fundraiser took place as promised. And yes...Gaye Yancey was tending to business at 1022 Westheimer. Obviously it has been a long time since Yancey had to pour a cocktail in her own establishment. She was slow as Christmas and forgot how to spell Cuervo for the comp pads. During her brief hour behind the bar, Gaye raised about \$225 for the Colt 45's. And as I was leaving, Carolyn of the Venture-N was heading for the "No Lips Gate" in her stylish black kimono with a zebra striped pillow case stuck to her hair by the gooey box of Whitman's Samplers. Fun afternoon, huh Maggie?

Just a short stop away at E/J's Sunday night, Mr. B.J. Williams and Miss Patsy Cline had a great show benefiting the Pink Cross Emergency Relief Fund (victims of the Westmoreland Square Tornado// funded through Colt 45's). The extravaganza, another first of its kind in our community was sponsored by Lady Victoria Lust. "Night of the Living Bras-a travesty in several unnatural acts" had a dynamite cast of stellar community performers. You know those great people who are always there to lend a hand. Way to go gang!

And I'm very sorry to say that the Roast for Brian Keever has been postponed due to Brian's illness. Friends can send get well wishes and cards to Brian care of This Week in Texas offices. Call 527-9111 for info. Lick a good one (stamp that is) and slap it on the envelope to help cheer up Brian this Holiday season.

Well... it's time to get on with the dirt at hand and go fight the lines at Kroger for the privilege of cashing in those Turkey Bucks. So we'd better continue with this Soap thing now.

back on the turkey farm... For you non-Betty Crocker types who don't boil water for a cup of tea, there will be several options available for you holiday dining pleasure:

Mary's is the feast to follow this Thanksgiving Day with their annual buffet beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Brazos River Bottom begins their buffet at 3:00 p.m. with turkey and trimmings as well as ham for you porkers.

Ripcord always has a great buffet and this year be there beginning at 3:00 p.m. for the good stuff.

Venture-N wants you to come "gobble...gobble...gobble it up" at their Turkey Day Buffet beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Red Room at 1419 Richmond invites ya'll down to a "pot luck" Thanksgiving dinner at 4:30 p.m.

E/J's is hosting a Thanksgiving Feast serving up great food in true E/J's style from 5:00 p.m. til ?

Thanksgiving Day (non-dining):

Gentry, last but not least is having a special Thanksgiving Day Liquor and Longneck Bust from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. So after you gobble up your turkey, stop by Gentry and gobble up some really cheap booze.

Club Hedonism is hosting Abigail direct from the UK singing: "Constant Craving," "I Feel You" and many more hit songs. This will begin at 9:00 p.m. this Turkey Day.

Now the rest of the week:

Venture-N is offering free HIV Antibody Testing from 5 to 9:00 p.m. Call 522-0000 for details. Flu shots will be available for those desiring.

Texas Riders Fall Round-Up begins this Friday with registration at the Venture-N beginning at 9:00 p.m. They would like to invite you all to join them for Fall Round-Up 6. Following registration on Friday night the bar runs will begin Saturday morning at Mary's...Naturally!

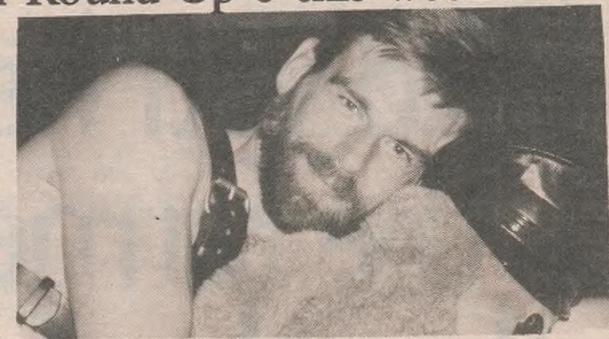
And move on from BRB, Cousins, Bacchus and winding down (more like falling down) at the Venture-N. For those that can still tell time or who really care which way is up...the party continues at the Venture-N with finals of the Mr. & Ms. Fall Round-Up 6 prior to moving the bash down to Pacific Street. Finally on Sunday the event will wrap up with brunch and awards at the Venture-N from 11:00 a.m. Yeal Party!

Rich's is hosting a big "Day After" Thanksgiving—Pre-Christmas Bash on Friday Nov. 26. The event is being hosted by the Party Boyz so get your invites from one of the hosts.

Pacific Street says, "Hot Men, Sweaty Dancing, Real Leather. That's what Saturdays are all about at PS." And they want you to stop by and get really steamy with the men of The Texas Riders during Fall Round-Up 6. The party never seems to stop at PS as the Sunday Mandance-Monster T-Dance gets 'em going early at 7:00 p.m. with really low regular drink prices.

Brazos River Bottom along with The Women of Reign IX (RSICSS) present "Wreck The Malls" a Montrose Tornado Victim Relief Show benefiting the Pink Cross Emergency Relief Fund distributed by the Colt 45's featuring Deb Dillehay, Candidate of Emperor X; Kim Haraway, Ms. TGRA 1994; Lady Victoria Lust; B.J. Williams; Chablis Lee Love; Coco Marie Sugarbaker; Shelby St. John, Miss BRB 1994 and many more special guests. "The fun never ends at the BRB..."

Ripcord hosts Teddy Bear and Friends III this Sunday, Nov. 28. Remember the Teddy Bear and Friends party held at the Ripcord each year? Well this will be the 3rd Annual. And each of you is asked to bring in a well-dressed bear that will be donated to a children's charity for Christmas. The bears are going to kids, guys, so I don't think Teddy Bears with dildos attached are appropriate. One year the gurlhs of



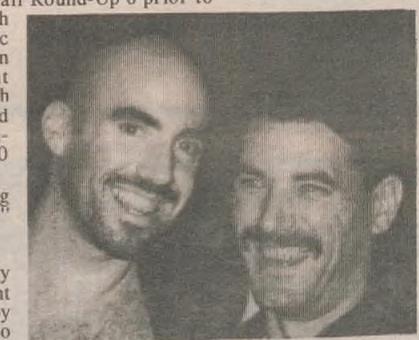
Teddy Bear & friends 1st mascot with Steve

Miss Camp America all got together and outdid themselves with well-dressed bears. Get your organization together and have a contest among yourselves and then bring them in. Call Tom at (713) 521- 2792 for more information.



Yancey behind men's bars

Dec. 2nd the Venture-N hosts the PPP Gang with guest bartenders Don Gill and Don Welch. Dec. 5th at the Brazos River Bottom, it's the 7th Annual Christmas Finale Show for Lady Victoria Lust's PWA Christmas. Dec. 5th, it's the Miss Gentry Pageant. Call Val Rodela at 529-8509 for further information.



John of Bear with Meg at Mine

Dec. 11th at the Venture-N is the Lancers MC Anniversary Run. More to follow. Dec. 12th at Gentry is the Mr. Gentry Pageant. Call Val Rodela at 529- 8509 for applications or information. Dec. 17th will find a Christmas Party (porno style I'm sure) at the Club Houston. Dec. 19th at Venture-N is the Miss PPP Contest. (Gurlhs, I have no idea!)

Flash... Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994 has announced a deadline of Dec. 6 1993, that's next Monday to get in those entries for the Logo Contest of HLGWP 1994. This year's parade theme is HouStonewall 25 and logos should reflect that theme. Entries should be delivered to Printex Plus located at 1617 West Alabama on or before this date. The winner of the logo contest will receive \$300. Application forms and instructions are located in the Nov. 1993 HLGWP Newsletter or can be ordered through the Pride Line at 529-6979.

Enjoy your stuffing this Turkey Day. With the Trucker's help, I know I will. Bye for now!



Mr. Firedancer 94, Gary



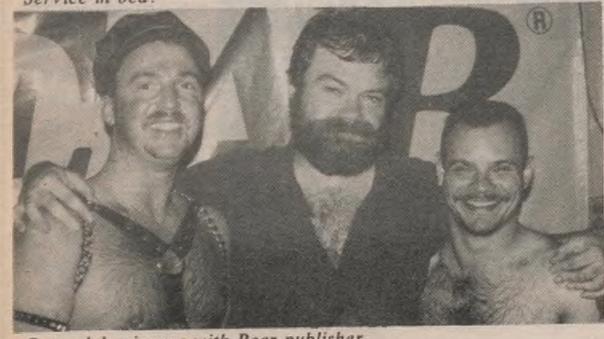
PS doorman with California cutie, Billie



Jack Dempke, Mary's newest!



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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Nebraska National Guard again tries to discharge gay guardsman

LINCOLN, Neb., Friday, Nov. 19 (AP)—Nebraska National Guard officials have told a guardsman who publicly declared his homosexuality they will try to discharge him under the new "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Jeff Gorder, a part-time clerk in the 105th Personnel Services Company in Lincoln, announced he was homosexual during a gay pride rally in Washington in

April. He has served in the Nebraska Army National Guard since 1984.

Officials attempted to discharge hi, but ended their efforts after a federal court ordered the military to stop discharging people who declare their homosexuality.

On Monday, Lt. Col. Joe Johnson, a guard spokesperson, said he thought the case was closed.

But, new advice from the Pentagon

made guard officials change their minds later in the week.

Now Gorder could be discharged under the new federal policy of "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue," Johnson said Friday.

Telephone calls to Gorder's Lincoln residence went unanswered Friday.

Johnson said the guard has had to reverse itself twice in the Gorder case because of the continually changing pol-

icy on gays.

Gorder has 45 days to respond to the guard's discharge notice. The guard will convene a board to hear the case within 90 days of his response and make recommendations to Maj. Gen. Stanley Heng, the state's top military officer.

Heng's recommendation would go to the National Guard Bureau, which has the final say.

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## ▼▼▼ RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

# Thanksgiving weekend offers a wide range of festive events in the Valley

By ALICIA LUGO

The New Voice/Rio Grande Valley

Happy Thanksgiving! Now that the turkey and the pumpkin pie are all gone, and everyone is five pounds heavier, hope you saved me some juicy breast meat (my favorite), it's time to get into the holiday party spirit.

Traveling down to Brownsville this past Friday night, I caught the end of the show with Sade Robyrts and Andrea Milani and guest with Tanya Lee as M.C. Rafa was busy behind the bar fixing everyone's favorite drink request.



Kris

Tonight, Thursday, 440 will have a "Parade of Stars" show which will include entertainers from all over the Valley. So, after you've eaten, watched the football game and taken a short nap, come on over to Klub 440 for Thanksgiving party fun.

Friday, the party continues with Jasmine SX, Miss Corpus Christi, USA '94; Katherine York, Miss Cameron County, USA '94; and special guest M.C. Tanya Lee. The party doesn't stop there. They'll be holding "Madonna: The Girlie Show" giveaway. There will be all kinds of giveaways, including CD's, tour T-shirts, albums, sealed "Sex" books plus an autographed 8x10 promo. So you know where you need to be on Friday night.

Sunday night, Valley Voice and Klub 440 will bring you "Love Will Lift You Up." It's a very special benefit honoring a very special child.



Sam David, John & David

The child the benefit is being held for is a 10 year old, terminally ill, boy. There will be many surprise guests and your M.C.'s are Andrea Milani, Issac Sanchez and Lady Laura, Miss Gay Pride of the Rio Grande Valley. Andrea offered to help M.C. the show

when it was only in the planning stages. Andrea who originally started her professional career in Brownsville now resides in McAllen, and is a regular at both 10th Avenue and at Klub 440. She was greatly interested in helping with this show because she recently lost her best friend to the same illness. She has helped

gather entertainers for this event along with Valley Voice. Besides a great show line up, there will also be a lot of great door prizes. Please come out and extend your love and support for this benefit.

In Harlingen, the Planet is definitely in the solar system of fun! The place was full of cosmic energy, on all levels. The Planet will now be open on Tuesdays starting Nov. 30th. John tells me you can kick up your heels to some of the hottest Country and Western and Tejano music in the Rio Grande Valley. An exclusive night of two steppin'.

On Wednesday night at the Planet, pay a \$4.00 cover and enjoy twenty five cent draft beer all night long. Or if you prefer, pay a \$2.00 cover and enjoy \$4.00 Planet Punch all night.

Tonight, is Thanksgiving Thunderground: On The Cutting Edge. So if you've been searching for a post modern mix of Euro, Techno, Trance, Acid dance and hard core Rap, tonight is the night!

Friday and Saturday is party night with happy hour from 8:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m., with \$1.25 beer, wine and bar drinks. Sunday night it's the best of Madonna all night long. Check out her "Girlie Show" concert and win \$100 in cash in the Madonna look-a-like Contest and enjoy \$1.00 off Sex drinks all night long.

A couple blocks over is Zippers, where Max is up to his turkey feathers planning something special for this holiday weekend. They will be celebrating Carlos' birthday, with free munchies and a keg of beer on Friday night. So come over to Zippers and wish Carlos a happy birthday!

Traveling up the Valley to McAllen, we make our first stop at PBD's where Chuck and Don are planning the 2nd Annual Blackout Party on Saturday. Last year, thanks to a C.P. & L. blackout on Ware Road, they held their first Blackout Party and it was a great success. So they decided to do it all again this year. The lights will be out so be sure and wear neon clothing if possible. Think about the fun you'll have (accidentally) bumping into Mr. or Ms. Right!

I want to apologize to 10th Avenue for forgetting to put in their information last week. Sorry, I goofed. This Friday, 10th will be having a special Thanksgiving show featuring Nina Jackson, Takisha More, Misty Duval and Saman-



UTPA party guys

tha Montgomery. It promises to be a great show, so be sure and make it out.

Be sure to watch for their December line-up which will include Lawanda Jackson and Poison Alexander. And don't forget that every Wednesday and Thursday, 10th Avenue has Money for Nothing, with free Rum and Coke and draft beer. Remember that Isaac, who is a long time regular at 10th, will be in Brownsville on Sunday for the special benefit show. So come out and see him.

Tonight, Thanksgiving night, Just Tery's is having their Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. So bring a covered dish and join in the fun.

Also be sure to mark your calendars for next Friday when Just Tery's will be having their Teryland Homecoming. Of course I'll be there to take pictures of the Homecoming King and Queen.

Valley Voice will bowl on Tuesday, Nov. 30th, at Creasy's Bowl in Harlingen at 8:30 p.m. So come out and join the fun.

For the last month I have been announcing the "Turkey of the Year" Contest and I'm happy to announce that we have not only one, but two winners! The award this year goes without any doubt to Marty Saldana and Rashedle Stevens. These two really deserve the

Remember that today is a day of giving thanks and of sharing. Take the time to fix an extra plate or two and share with someone less fortunate.

Catch on the flip side, Bye!

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# California Supreme Court to review extra punishment for violence, threats

SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, Nov. 19 (AP)—The state Supreme Court has agreed to review California's hate-crime laws.

The court's decision follows one by the U.S. Supreme Court that upheld a state's authority to increase punishment for attacks motivated by bigotry.

One of the state laws allows a judge to add one to three years to a prison sentence if an attack was motivated by the victim's race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

Another law, which uses the same categories, makes it a crime to threaten a person in the exercise of a legal right because of the person's status. A second provision of that law allows certain misdemeanor crimes—normally punish-

able by up to a year in county jail—to be punished by a longer term in state prison if motivated by bigotry.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Wisconsin law that increased sentences for hate-motivated violence. The justices ruled that the law punished conduct rather than speech or thought.

The California cases raise additional issues, such as the types of attacks and threats covered by the laws. A San Diego-based appeals court that upheld the sentencing law ruled that the prosecution must prove a specific intent to inflict injury because of the victim's status, a requirement that prosecutors have appealed.

That case involved charges that four white men beat three Hispanics with baseball bats and lead pipes.

In a second case, from San Francisco, two young women were convicted under the hate-crimes law for an August 1990 attack on two homosexual men in the predominantly gay Castro district. Prosecutors said the women and two male companions shouted anti-gay epithets as they approached their targets.

Their appeal, claiming that the law violated freedom of expression, was rejected this August by the 1st District Court of Appeal. The court interpreted the law as requiring proof of a threat of violence by someone with the apparent ability to carry it out, causing the intended victim to reasonably fear for his or her safety.

Such a law "does not punish bigoted thought at all unless it is expressed in either violent attack or threats of vio-

lence, neither of which is protected by the First Amendment," said Presiding Justice J. Anthony Kline in the 3-0 ruling.

Jean Allen, lawyer for one of the two women, said the ruling would inhibit the expression of certain viewpoints, and failed to restrict sufficiently the types of threats covered by the law. She said Thursday's decision by the state Supreme Court to review the case indicated that the court felt "important First Amendment issues are raised" by the laws.

Justices Armand Arabian, Edward Panelli, Joyce Kennard and Ronald George, the exact majority needed on the seven-member court, voted to review both the San Diego and the San Francisco cases.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# Calif. and Hawaii group debate hiring, admissions and curriculum on gay rights

By KARYN HUNT

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Nov. 6 (AP)—The association that sets academic standards for universities in California and Hawaii is debating whether to require them to address homosexuality when promoting diversity on campus.

The debate played out Friday when 75 professors, administrators and gay rights advocates discussed the issue at a meeting of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges in San Francisco. The association, which accredits 140 public, private and religious colleges in California, Hawaii and Guam, is scheduled to adopt a policy for educational

diversity in February.

On one end of the spectrum were representatives of some Christian and Jewish institutions who said they should not be required to hire gay and lesbian faculty members or offer classes on the topic.

"We should not seek to impose on certain groups that have religious beliefs the opinions of others," said Hanan Alexander, dean of academic affairs at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles.

"That's an imposition on religious freedom. To violate religious freedom in favor of some other freedom would be in my judgment a very grave travesty of

justice," he added.

At the other end were those who said there is no more appropriate place to foster acceptance and understanding than educational institutions. The California State University system supports that view.

"This organization has a responsibility to the students and that responsibility is to say that all discrimination is reprehensible and no, we will not tolerate it," said Wiggy Siverstein, statewide president of the Academic Professionals Staff for the state university system.

"We are not talking about policy. We are not talking about religious institutions versus public institutions. We are talking about the people that we are

entrusted to educate, that we do not educate about discrimination."

Some speakers said that issues of gay rights aside, it is not the responsibility of accrediting organizations to impose anti-discrimination policies on the educational institutions it oversees. Many, such as the University of California and CSU, have adopted their own.

The WASC sets standards for the UC and CSU system, Stanford, USC and other universities throughout the region.

Universities that do not meet requirements can lose state and federal funding and financial aid. They also lose the prestige associated with accreditation, which can mean fewer applicants.

**IN MEMORY OF HENRY J. "TREY" DAIGLE, III**

Henry J. "Trey" Daigle, III, a waiter, died Saturday, November 13, 1993, at home of a self-afflicted gunshot wound. He had AIDS.

Mr. Daigle was 31. He was born in New Orleans and was a lifelong resident of Covington, Louisiana. He was a 1981 graduate of Saint Paul's High School and attended Springhill College in Mobile, Alabama.

Survivors include his father, Henry J. Daigle, Jr., M.D.; his stepmother Jeanne Livaudais Daigle; a sister, Patricia J. Daigle of New Orleans; a brother, Duque L. Daigle, of Covington.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at the chapel of E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, in Covington. Burial was in Pincrest Mausoleum.

**GLEN PAUL LACOUR**

Glen Paul Lacour, a hair stylist and owner of Visible Changes Beauty Salon, died November 13, 1993 of complications from AIDS. He died at University Hospital at age 38.

Mr. Lacour was a lifelong resident of New Orleans. He was a graduate of Jefferson Beauty School.

Survivors include his mother, Allie Mae Lacour, and two sisters, Sandra Cannon, and Bertha Page.

A Mass was said at Jefferson Chapel of Sharp-Sontdheimer-Tharp Funeral Home. Burial was in Garden of Memories Park Cemetery.

**WILLIAM F. SHERMAN**

Born May 6, 1953

Died November 6, 1993

William F. Sherman, 40, of Houston, Texas, formerly of McGraw, New York, died peacefully on November 6, 1993, in Casa De Ninos exempt, Inc., after a long illness.

He was born in Cortland, New York on May 6, 1953, the son of William T. and Doris Sherman of Solon, New York.

Mr. Sherman was a graduate of McGraw High School, McGraw, New York, and an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two daughters, Millisa Sherman Bullock of Cortland and Joline Sherman Bullock of Columbia, South Carolina, four sisters Diana Stare, of Davie, Florida, Barbara Sherman of Salt Lake City, Utah, Sheryle Rosier of Kingwood, Texas and Brenda Horner of McGraw, New York. Also an Aunt and several nieces and nephews.

A private grave side service was held in the McGraw Cemetery, McGraw, New York. Contributions may be made to the Casa De Ninos Exempt, Inc., 1803 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, Texas 77054. Local funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Bill Claire Family Mortuary, 2603 Southmore Boulevard, Houston, Texas, 77004, (713)522-9030.



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**A: The best person to ask is a gay person. Most people who are gay will tell you that it is not a choice. Many people have recollections about their sexual orientation as early as age two or three. Other people delayed in dealing with their sexual orientation in hopes of fitting in with society. Marriage has been experienced by many gay/lesbian people with little success. For a person who has chosen not to act upon their gayness, they generally end up living a celibate life. Many do not marry. If it was a choice, it seems that a person would be able, with intervention, to make adjustments to live in the heterosexual world and be happy. Unless a person is bisexual, they would probably not be content in the heterosexual world. Why would a person choose to be gay when: 1. it is frowned upon by society, 2. there is significant discrimination, 3. relationships are not recognized by the legal system and the church at large, 4. families disown members because they are gay, and 5. churches tell gay people that God condemns them for "being gay." My own personal experience tells me that being gay/lesbian is not a choice. What becomes a choice for us is to learn how to be all that God has designed for us to be as gay/lesbian people. We do this by connecting with God, our Creator. We can then learn to celebrate who we are instead of defending who we are. We need to face fear and hatred by others and not be ashamed. I do believe that God made a diversity of sexual orientations. Why are we to judge another person if they do not conform to our own standards? If an individual can settle the issue, that it is not a choice, then I believe that they can then go on in life and be very fulfilled. One needs to surround themselves with a community of affirming and supportive people. When a person finds a good, healthy role model in the gay/lesbian community, they have found a good thing. Many people come to our church to see if a person really can be gay and Christian. People are searching to find someone who defies the stereotype of what the world thinks a gay/lesbian person to be, simply because they do not fit the mold either. I pray that you will find peace in your heart about being gay/lesbian. Jesus Christ is the one who can give you that peace. We must learn to love ourselves and the One who made us this way!**

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

## French Quarter gay community fears streets are turning meaner

By MARY FOSTER  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW ORLEANS, Saturday, Nov. 20 (AP)—Attackers shouted "gay" and "faggot" at two men they beat and stabbed in the French Quarter.

That the men were straight and that one was killed was unusual. The attack was not, some gays said.

"It used to be just harassment, but it's gotten worse in the last few years," said Lin-Tod Soldani. "I think people are getting the signal from the government on down that gays are second class citizens and it's OK to treat them anyway at all."

Three men were charged Thursday with first-degree murder in the hate crime. They were jailed without bond. No hearing date was scheduled.

Joe Balog, 22, of Gulfport, Miss., was chased, beaten and fatally stabbed Nov. 11 as he and a friend returned to their car after some early-morning bar hopping. Balog's friend, whose identity has not been made public, was seriously injured.

The three suspects, Grant Wayne Gunderson and Ronald D. Graves, both 24, and Mingo Graham, 23, are from the New Orleans suburb of Metairie.

Soldani, a liaison between homosexuals and the Police Department, said the attackers mistakenly believed Balog and his friend were gay. More than 50 percent of the men on French Quarter streets late at night are gay, he estimated.

"If you want to burn black men you go to the projects. If you want to bash gay men you go to the Quarter," he said.

While gays believe crimes against them are increasing, police officials say it's hard to tell because separating hate crimes from other attacks is often difficult. Also, gays sometimes are reluctant to come forward.

Bryan Sanchez, a 22-year-old college student, was kicked and taunted by a group of six, well-dressed young men in the French Quarter exactly a year before the attack on Balog. Sanchez, who is gay, was kicked so hard in the head that his ear drum was ruptured.

"After they had all hit and kicked me they stood over me calling me names and shouting things at me," Sanchez

said. "It was terrifying and it happened for no reason other than they wanted to hurt someone who was gay."

Soldani said a hostile attitude toward homosexuals has been made worse by the military's ban on gays and New Orleans' reversal of a decision that would have extended health insurance to the domestic partners of gay city workers.

He also blamed the religious right for mounting an increasingly aggressive campaign against gays.

The attacks are even more alarming, Soldani said, because New Orleans has a tradition of tolerance.

"This has always been a diverse city and gays have been comfortable," he said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## After controversy, Jelinek consecrated as new Episcopal bishop in Minnesota

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn., Saturday, Oct. 30 (AP)—The Rev. James Jelinek has been consecrated as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, a ceremony delayed by critics of his stance on the ordination of homosexuals.

During the celebration Friday at St. John's Abbey, Jelinek became the eighth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, consisting of 33,000 members in 127 congregations.

"It's a pretty awesome thing to be a good servant," Jelinek said.

A conservative group had challenged his position favoring the ordination of qualified gay and lesbian people.

"Everyone who is (gay or lesbian) is a child of God," Jelinek said. "We need to affirm them as that. I'm trying to focus

on unity."

Some critics urged the church's standing committee to withhold their consent to his consecration. But the committee approved it Oct. 8, and approval from bishops at the national diocese followed on Wednesday.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Idaho Democrats cite legal cost estimate in opposition proposition

BOISE, Idaho, Thursday, Nov. 4 (AP)—Senate Democrats on Thursday quickly incorporated the prospect of taxpayers shelling out \$300,000 for legal costs into their campaign to undermine the proposed anti-gay initiative.

"It's a waste of time, but more importantly, it's a waste of money," Senate Democratic Leader Mary Lou Reed of Coeur d'Alene said.

A day earlier, Chief Deputy Attorney General Jack McMahon said that since the attorney general has issued two opinions saying the proposition violated basic constitutional rights, it

would be a conflict for the office to then attempt to defend the initiative's validity if voters approve it next year.

Private attorneys would have to be hired to handle the legal challenge opponents of the initiative have promised, McMahon said, and their cost combined with the likely requirement that the state pay the challenger's legal fees could total \$300,000.

A broad spectrum of officials and interests have lined up against the initiative being circulated by the Idaho Citizens Alliance. It would prohibit designation of homosexuals as a minority eli-

gible for special civil rights protections, ban same-sex marriages and preclude the expenditure of any public money to portray homosexuality as acceptable.

Alliance founder Kelly Walton has said the issue is so important that if taxpayers have to cover the expanse of a legal challenge "so be it."

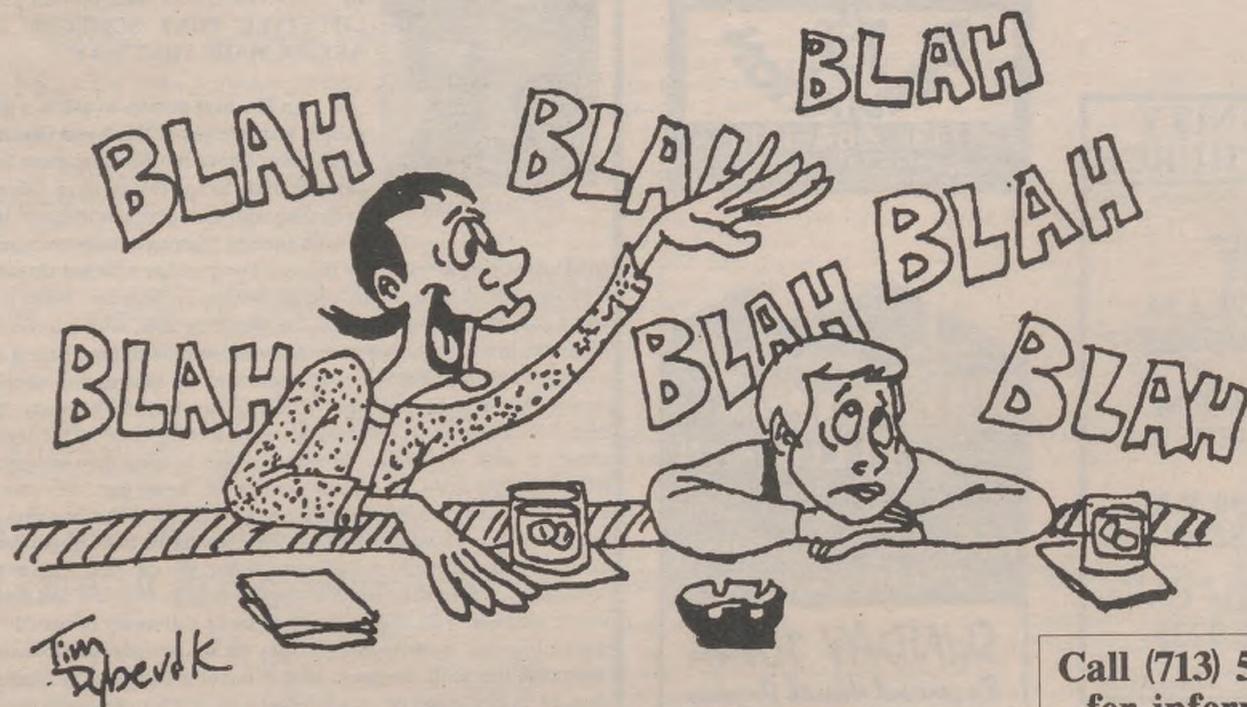
Initiative critics, claiming the proposition is needless and divisive, want to convince people not to sign the petition in hopes of denying the alliance the 31,000 signatures needed to put it on next November's ballot. If that fails, they have promised an aggressive cam-

paign to defeat it at the polls.

"It would be a shame if the initiative got on the ballot because we already know it's unconstitutional, and the people of Idaho would have to pick up the tab for proving that if it should happen to pass," Democratic Sen. Denny Davis of Coeur d'Alene said.

Alliance supporters contend the initiative is needed to assure homosexuals are not granted what they call special rights. But opponents, pointing out that homosexuals receive no preferential treatment now, warned that the proposal attempts to strip the gay community of basic constitutional rights.

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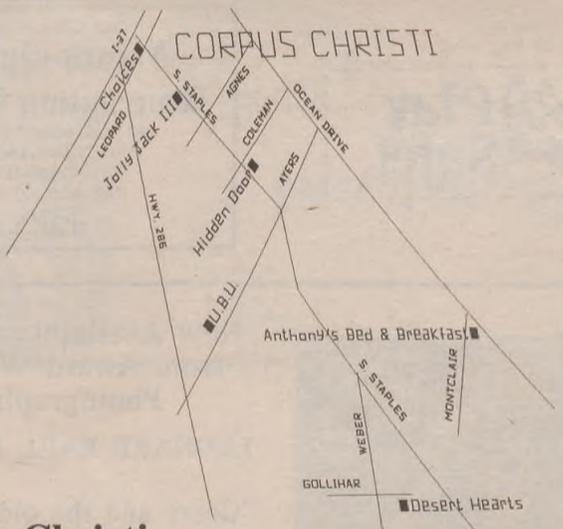
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**Sunday, Nov. 28**  
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**Monday, Nov. 29**  
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**Tuesday, Nov. 30**  
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**Wednesday, Dec. 1**  
Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers; Happy hour 8-10pm, The Planet; \$4 planet punch all night, The Planet; Happy hour 8:30-10:30pm, Club 440; \$1.50 well drinks 10:30pm-2am, Club 440; Amateur night Midnight, Club 440



### Corpus Christi Club Events

**Corpus Christi, Friday, Nov. 26**  
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; \$2.00 margaritas 8-9pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; \$1.00 well drinks 9-10pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.50 domestic longnecks 10-11pm, Desert Hearts; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Show midnight, U.B.U.

**Corpus Christi, Saturday, Nov. 27**  
25¢ draft beer 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; \$2.00 Crown Royal 8-9pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; \$1.00 well drinks 9-10pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Colorado Bulldogs 10-11pm, Desert Hearts; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts

**Corpus Christi, Sunday, Nov. 28**  
25¢ draft beer noon-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour noon-7pm, Hidden Door; Crown Royal & bloody marys \$2.00 noon-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Male strippers 6-9pm, U.B.U.; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas All night long, Babalov's; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Show Midnight, U.B.U.

**Corpus Christi, Monday, Nov. 29**  
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; \$2.00 drink special 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 3pm-closing, Desert Hearts; \$1.00 well drinks & can beer 11pm-2am, Choices

**Corpus Christi, Tuesday, Nov. 30**  
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; \$2.00 Margaritas & Colorado Bulldogs 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Volleyball 6-8pm, Hidden Door; Steak Night 7-10pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; Pool tournament, \$20 prize, no entry fee 9pm, Hidden Door

**Corpus Christi, Wednesday, Dec. 1**  
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1.00 well drinks 11am-2am, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Absolute 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; \$4 steaks & real tators 6-10pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.

**Corpus Christi, Thursday, Dec. 2**  
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1 well drinks 3pm til closing, Desert Hearts; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Pool Tourney, no entry fee, \$50 cash prize 9pm, Desert Hearts; Variety show Midnight, U.B.U.

**Corpus Christi, Friday, Dec. 3**  
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; \$2.00 margaritas 8-9pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; \$1.00 well drinks 9-10pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.50 domestic longnecks 10-11pm, Desert Hearts; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Show midnight, U.B.U.



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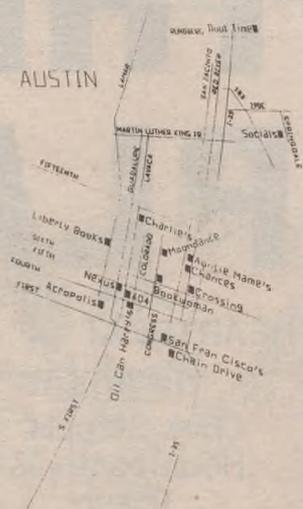
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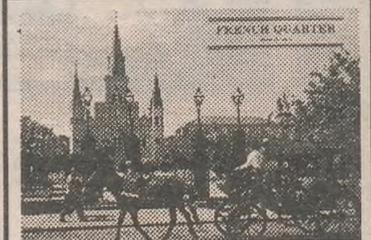
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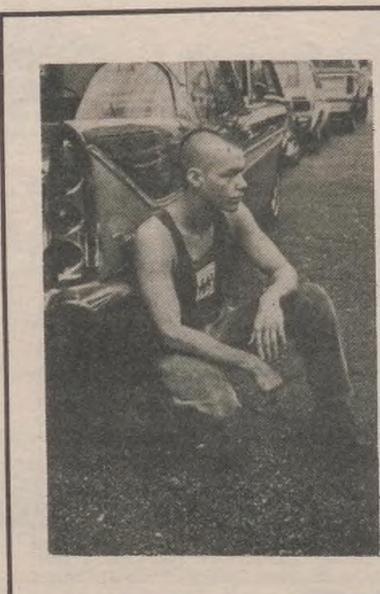
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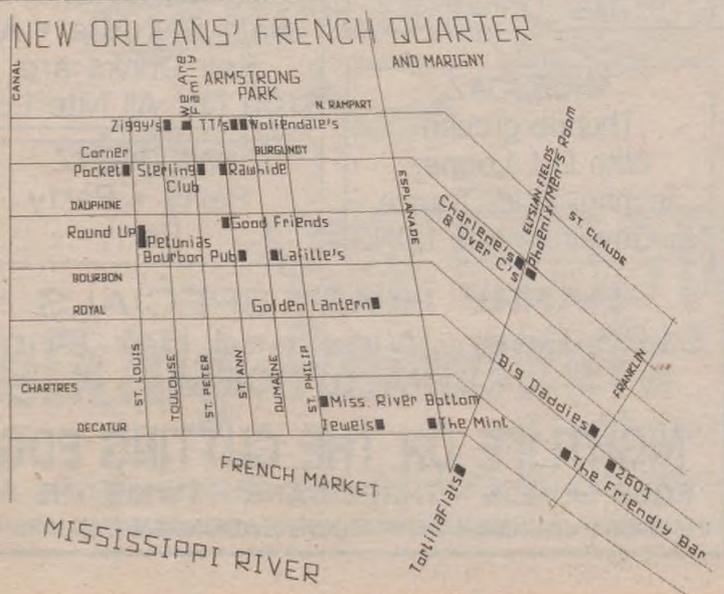
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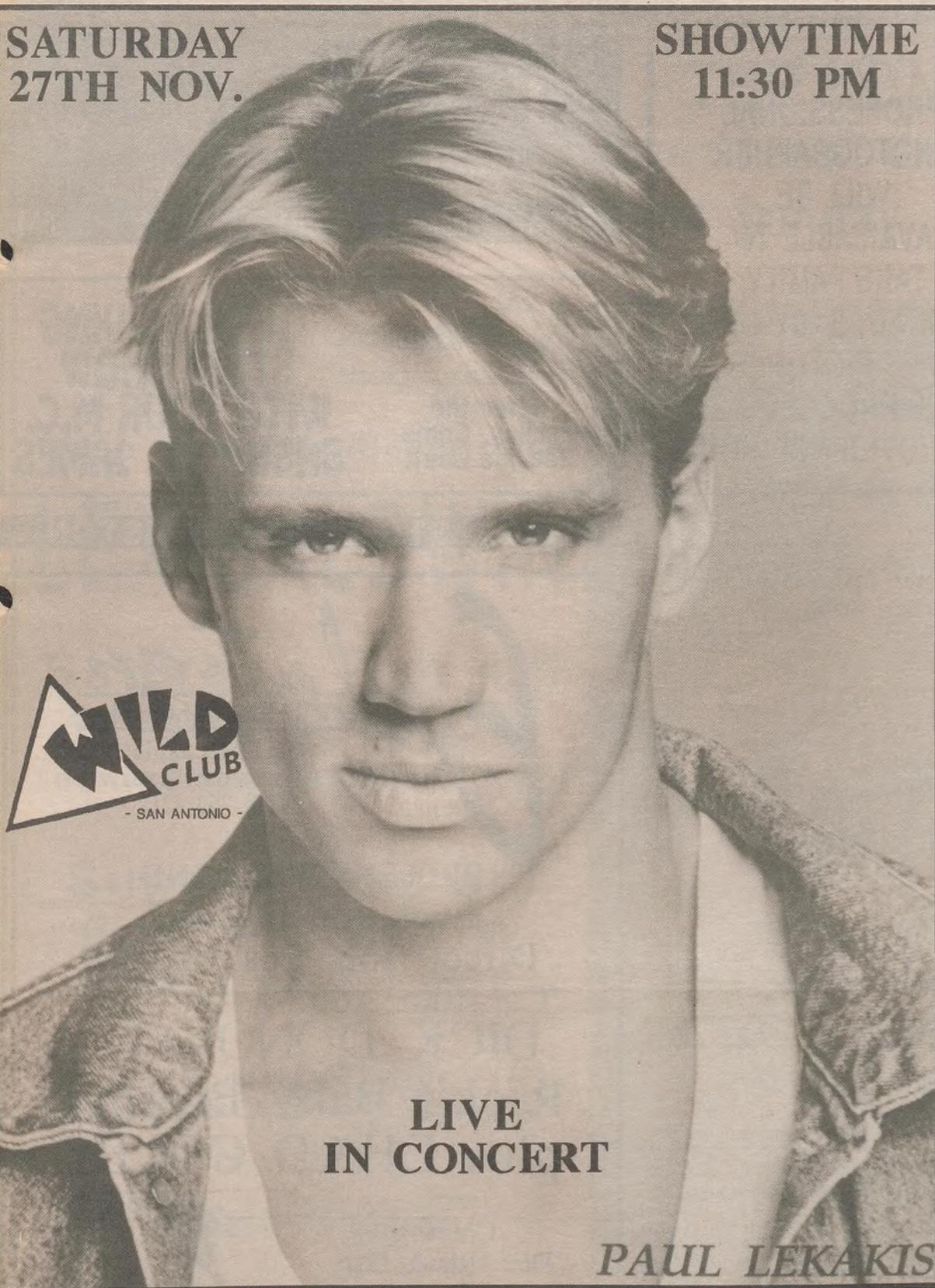
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**San Antonio Club Events**

**San Antonio, Friday, Nov. 26**  
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; Happy hour 2-8pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.00 Cuervo & \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's, \$1.25 well drinks & longnecks 6-8pm, 2015; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Male & female strippers, Bonham Exchange; Male Dancers, Wild Club; Male dancers 6:30-11pm, 2015; No cover till 10pm. 75¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Shady Lady hosts Muscles-in-Action midnight, Paper Moon; After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange

**San Antonio, Saturday, Nov. 27**  
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**San Antonio, Sunday, Nov. 28**  
Sunday Tea Dance with early male dancers, Sparks, \$1.00 bloody marys & screws noon-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks noon-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.50 well & longnecks, 50¢ draft 2-11pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; 50¢ draft 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Tea Dance 4-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 Cuervo Ole, Memories; \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; The Wild & Wicked Sunday Show, Wild Club; \$1 well drinks 9-11pm, Wild Club; \$1.50 well & 50¢ draft 9-11pm, Paper Moon; Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, Memories; Dancers at 10:30pm, 2015; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Super Show, no cover 11:30pm, Bamboleo's; Male & Female strippers 11:30pm, Bonham Exchange; Super Sunday Show midnight, Paper Moon; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon

**San Antonio, Monday, Nov. 29**  
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-

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

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

**San Antonio, Wednesday, Dec. 1**  
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; \$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 2pm-2am, 2015; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, 50¢ draft & \$3.00 pitchers 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Steak night, \$4 steak, salad & bread 5:30-9:30pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Adults \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; Hot chest contest, Bonham Exchange; \$1.50 well & longnecks & 50¢ draft all night long, Silver Dollar Saloon; Jennifer St. John hosts 5x5 Specials, 75¢ draft, \$1.25 longnecks & 50¢ well drinks all night, Wild Club; \$1.25 well drinks, \$1.50 dom, beer, 75¢ Schnaaps 9pm-2am, Bamboleo's; 25¢ well & \$1.75 longnecks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; Live Show with Waylon Payne 10:30pm & midnight, Silver Dollar Saloon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Shady Lady & her Boys midnight, Paper Moon

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

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

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**Galveston, Sunday, Nov. 28**  
 Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki; \$1.00 well drinks, draft & Schnapps 4pm-2am, Evolution; Beer Bonanza, 1st draft \$1 refills 10¢ 5-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 4-10pm, Evolution; Recesson Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Cabaret 10:30pm sharp, Kon-Tiki

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mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; 75¢ well 10-11pm, Kon-Tiki

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**Galveston, Thursday, Dec. 2**  
 Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recesson Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Lottery drawing 10:30pm, 11:30pm, 12:30am & 1:30am, Kon-Tiki

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**Idaho homosexual conference opponent says material obscene**

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Sunday, Nov. 14 (AP)—An opponent of a conference on homosexuality held at North Idaho College this weekend said an 11-year-old girl was exposed to sexually explicit materials during the gathering.

Sonny Kinsey, a Rathdrum resident who is running for Congress on the Republican ticket, said the Kootenai County prosecutor's office should pursue criminal charges against NIC officials over the incident.

Kinsey also is a regional coordinator for the Idaho Citizens Coalition, a sponsor of the state anti-gay initiative.

Kinsey said he was standing near a book display on Friday when he noticed the girl looking at a picture of a nude

woman in a book about lesbianism.

The woman in the picture was masturbating, he said.

Kinsey said he and two other witnesses asked the girl her age and then told a Coeur d'Alene Police officer about the book.

The officer, who was providing security at the conference, took statements from Kinsey, who said the picture was obscene, and the other witnesses.

"The law is explicit," Kinsey said. "It's a misdemeanor for any obscene material to be disseminated to a minor."

Kinsey said he plans to bring a copy of his complaint to the prosecutor's office on Monday and demand that charges be

filed.

He also issued a press release demanding the resignation of NIC President Bob Bennett, Dean of College Relations Steve Schenk, and instructors Peggy Federici and Todd Snyder.

Bennett said aside from Kinsey's, there were no complaints about literature at the conference.

He said the girl at the book stand is the daughter of an NIC staff member who was attending the conference.

"I know this woman very well and she's not the type of person who would allow her daughter to do something that she saw as being inappropriate," Bennett said.

He said that youth registered for the conference, which was geared for ages 13 and up, appreciated the literature available, which he characterized as informative and educational, not obscene.

Bennett said aside from a few vocal critics, the community was supportive of the conference and he would consider playing host to a similar meeting if one is planned.

Kinsey, meanwhile, said he hopes to organize a forum exposing the "truth of the gay agenda."

He said he would like to find an NIC-sanctioned group to sponsor the forum so it could be held on campus.

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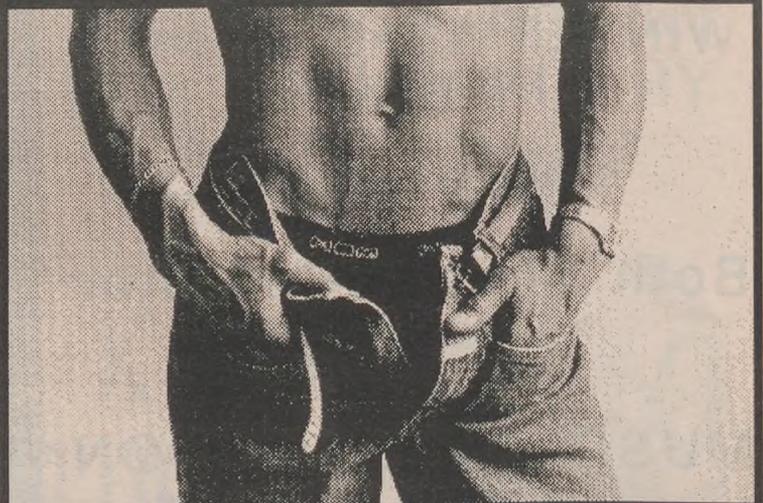
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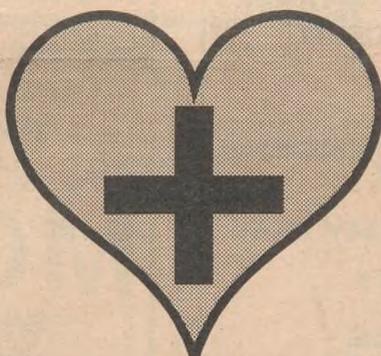


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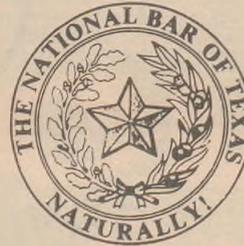
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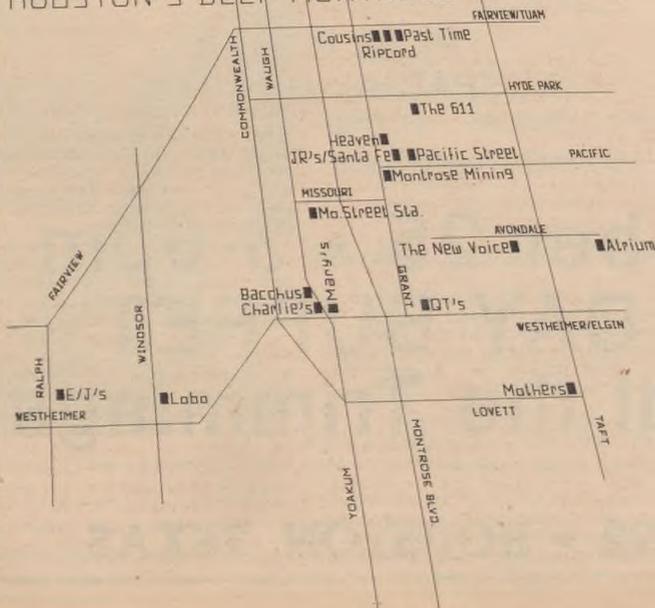


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**Houston, Friday, Nov. 26**

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy hour till 10pm, Mother's; Slop shot pool tourney noon, Mary's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; TGI Friday party, no cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Party by the pool with complimentary bar-b-q 1-3pm, Club Houston; Beer blast on the patio 2pm till, Mary's; Well drinks \$1.50 4-7pm, E/J's; Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.25 well vodka 6-11pm, Mother's; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 9 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time; Lee Denning, D.J., Venture-N; Leather & Flesh, no cover for men in leather 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

**Houston, Saturday, Nov. 27**

Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-7pm, Mary's; Happy hour 7am-8pm, Ripcord; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-

6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Party by the pool with complimentary bar-b-q 1-3pm, Club Houston; Beer blast on the patio 2pm till, Mary's; Well drinks \$1.50 4-7pm, E/J's; Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.25 well vodka 6-11pm, Mother's; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 9 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time; Lee Denning, D.J., Venture-N; Leather & Flesh, no cover for men in leather 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

**Houston, Sunday, Nov. 28**

Bloody Bulls, \$1.25 Noon-5pm, Venture-N; Blue light specials noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Beer blast on patio Noon-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's; Party by the pool with complimentary bar-b-q 1-3pm, Club Houston; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E/J's; Cook out 3pm, Midtowne Spa; Trash Disco 4-7pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Blue light specials 5pm til, Venture-N; Beach Party, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Free buffet 5pm-?, Venture-N; Steak night 5-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Dart tournament 6pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611

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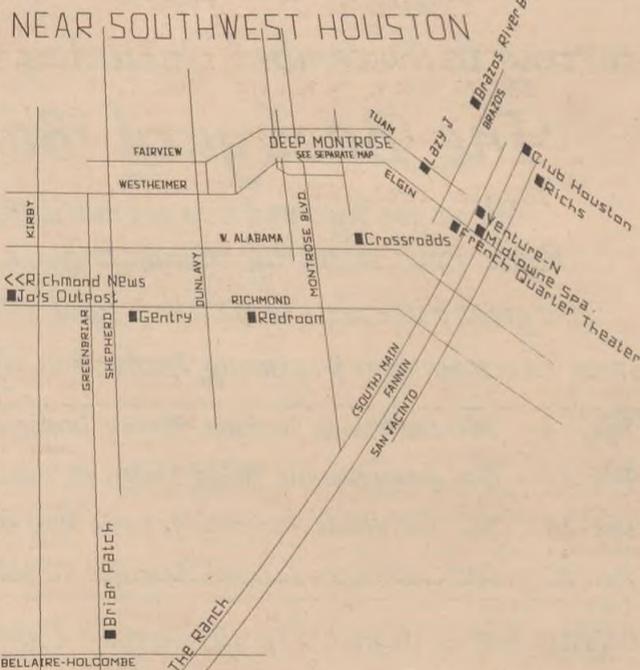
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**Houston, Monday, Nov. 29**

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Spaggggggetti nights, \$2.00 5pm-?, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 8 ball slopshot pool tournament 8pm, Brazos River Bottom; "Clubbers Night", no cover for men wearing colors 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

**Houston, Tuesday, Nov. 30**

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

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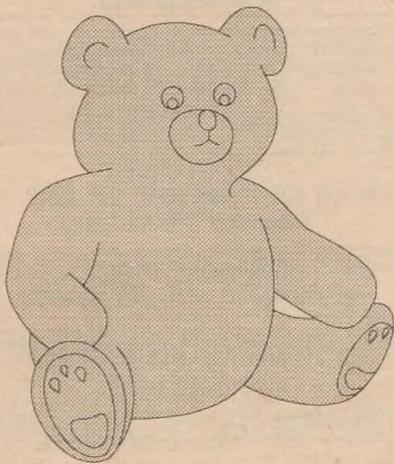
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an ultra-feminine woman, slim/medium build, delicate, gentle, soft, sensitive, uninhibited, pure femininity in mind, heart, body, soul, wanting this GWF, 5'3", 105lb, bld/blue soft butch into leather, blue jeans, rock music to make her feel like the sexy, unforgettable, back-scratching-loving woman she is. Ad 25553.

## LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT LATIN MAN

If your a GHM 18-35, with weight definitely in proportion to height, smooth, masculine and a little adventurous let's talk. I'm a GWM, 6', 30's, 165, (above average good looks), well built, erotic and fun loving. Please respond to Ad 25435.

## MARRIED MEN

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

## ROCKET MAN IN CLEAR LAKE

GWM (27, 5'8", 150 lbs., DDF, NS), masculine and attractive, looking to meet a caring man for possible monogamous relationship (dating first). I'm looking for a professional GWM or GHM (23-35) who is masculine, reasonably attractive, emotionally stable, physically fit, sincere, and has a sense of humor. Turn ons: romance, short hair, and hairy legs. Ad#25155

## GWM 54, SEEKS GM 18-35

Looking for that special someone, must be drug free. I am 6'1", br/blu eyes. Interests include dining out, movies, astrology, numerology and other new age subjects. Want someone to love, caress, appreciate you? To depend on? Please respond to Ad#25984.

## NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

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

## WANT A GREAT SPECIAL FRIEND?

I am and you will be masculine acting and sounding, GWM/GHM, attractive, under 45 years of age, sincere, weight in proportion to height, posses a great sense of humor, reasonably intelligent, non-smoker, non-substance abuser, not into bars or S & M, and have free time for safe get-togethers. Ad 25011.

## SCORPIO LOVERS ARE WONDERFUL MAGIC MAKERS

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

## SMALL TOWN TEXAN SURVIVING IN CITY

HIV-, 38 yr. old GWM, 6', 170lbs, br/br who enjoys bicycling, football, basketball, tennis, camping, hiking, fishing, junk stores, C&W music, movies, television, Nintendo, small towns and travel seeks monogamous relationship with GM 25-40 with same interests. Ad 25288

## DADDY, SON, BOY, BOOT-BOY, SLAVE

Kinky underwear. You replied to my ad but did not leave a correct phone number. Please reply again! Ad#25298.

## HIV+ COWBOY

Healthy, 34, 6'2, 180lbs, br/bl, moustache, masculine, professionally employed, non-smoker, drug/free. Enjoys C&W music and dancing, leather, uniforms, camping, cooking and sports. You: GWM 30-45, hairy chest and similar interests looking for someone to share life with. Ad 25364

## ARE WE IN THE SAME BOAT?

Married bi-professional? Passive? Am same 43, 5'4", 138, W/M seeking long term highly health oriented monogamous relationship. Ideal candidate is married active single or versatile married okay. Enjoy friendships. Am classy, DDF, super clean. Can be generous. Must be smooth bodied, proportioned. Couples welcome. Ad 25371

## LONELY BIWM ROOKIE LEANING TOWARDS MALES

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

## ATTENTION: WHITE CALVIN WEARERS

GWM, Daddy bear, 43, 5'6", mustache, balding, hunky, HIV-. Successful professional with a dry sense of humor and a lot of energy. Not looking for love, relationship, or anything serious-just someone who wants to play and who likes to cuddle after. If you are 23-35, straight, bi, or gay, athletic, and look hot in white calvins, why not give it a try. Attorneys, architects, doctors a plus. Ad 25387

## MEN WITH MUSCLES

Turn me on. Muscular arms, thighs, and chest drive me insane. GWM, 45, 5'10", 170 lbs., would like to meet a man of steel. Ad 25390

## TEMPORARY POSITION AVAILABLE

GWM, 41, 5'9", 140#, br/br, HIV+, seeks GWM, 30-50, who doesn't mind "small" benefits. MUST possess ability to be "active" in his field for this open position. MUST also be able to perform duties in front to other board member. Smoker/light drinker okay. Ad#25904

## HOW WILL WE MEET?

GWM, 29, 5'10", br/hazel, HIV+, for 6 yrs. with no complications, perfect health. Looking for GW, GH male that is masculine, adventurous, spontaneous, loving and above all would like to make a friend, lover, lifemate. Are you out there? Hope so! Til then I'm patiently waiting for your response. Ad 25270

## LOOKING FOR LOVE BUT NOT MUCH LUCK

GWM, 31, blonde hair, 5'9", 160lbs. Good looks. I'm HIV+ but in good health. I am looking for someone around my own age and in my situation or able to understand. All I want is someone to love, and can love and respect me back! Ad 25910

## LET'S BUILD FRIENDSHIP TO RELATIONSHIP!

You are GM, under 40, employed, ACTIVE, hairy, ready for affection, loving attention. Looks/weight/height/race not a problem. I'm a GWM, mid 50's, DDF, PASSIVE, professional, bearded, affectionate, ready to give/get love/dedication to make right GM happy/content. Let's build relationship on trust/sincerity/mutual caring and change lonely days/nights to pleasure. Ad 25911.

## LOOKING FOR A MAN!

Not too much to ask is it? Me: GWM, 34, br/bl, 5'8", 168lbs, moustache and goatee, DDF, professional with strong libido. Likes top 40 to C&W, dancing, movies, sports, or just plain mindless fun. Seeks stable GWM between 25-45, a masculine "regular guy" with a strong personality, a sense of humor, and no emotional baggage. Willing to explore friendship, relationship or...? I'm easy. Ad#25926

## INTERESTED IN CARS?

Join our car oriented social club. We meet monthly for club functions and happy hours. You don't have to own an old car, just have an interest. Classic chassis car club. Write to P.O. Box 981102, Houston, Tx. 77098-1102. Or call for details Ad 25931.

## FRIENDSHIP IS WORTH THE EFFORT

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

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

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

GWM, 29, 6'1", stocky and hairy like a teddy bear seeks GBM or GHM 25-45. I enjoy cooking, quiet evenings at home with that special man. I also enjoy travel on weekends and other outdoor activities. If you're interested in talking please contact. Ad 25396.

## DO YOU PREFER OLDER MEN?

I am a 52 y.o. professional, who prefers younger men. If you are young, slim, healthy, sincere, honest, I'd like to meet you. I am a decent GWM wanting to meet a GW/GH male for gay fun times. Personality and character are more important than looks. Please respond to Ad 25947.

## YOAKUM, HALLETTSVILLE, CUERO, SCHULENBURG, SHINER, VICTORIA

38yr old, 6', 175, DDF, motivated, GWM with wide range of interests. I have recently moved to this area from the city, but travel regularly. If you are a masculine, enthusiastic, good-hearted regular guy 35+ GM or BiGM and either live in or have reason to visit this area I'd like to hear from you. Ad 25993

## HANDSOME GWM SEEKING SAME

I'm 30, 6'3", 210lbs, HIV+, short brown hair, hazel eyes, hairy chest and moustache. I own my home and am financially secure. Seeking a relationship with a man who is also HIV+ or able to deal with the situation on a mature and informed level, about my age, sexually secure and versatile, non-smoker, weight in proportion to height, comfortable in jeans or a tuxedo, and financially secure. I'm a very romantic person and seek out those qualities in others. We'll have to start out as friends first and let nature take its course. Ad 25962

## NO STEREOTYPING! JUST NATURAL WOMANHOOD!

Very attractive inside and out GWF, seeks same for fun loving friendship! Must be clean, not too serious, and have a real enjoyable outlook on life! For time is a factor in life, hopefully you'll be the one spending their time with me. Ad#25967

## LONDON, PARIS, SYDNEY, NEW YORK CITY

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

## SEEKING AFFECTIONATE, FUN, GENEROUS, FRIENDLY GENTLEMAN

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

## SMALL KINGDOM IN NEED OF PRINCE

Ruler tired of kissing frogs. GWM, br/gr, businessman, 46, 6', 195lbs, wishes to meet younger (20-30), attractive GWM. Prefer trim, clean shaven, in shape with smooth body. Seeking a quality individual to help me enjoy the rewards of a successful career. Dining out, theater, movies, travel as well as quiet and sometimes passionate times at home. Ad 25983

## WANTED: VERY TALL, HUSKY MAN

Me: GWM, 40, 5'10", 175, br/bl, moustache, (really look 30), smooth body, workout, sports, movies, music, dancing, travel, computers. Professional. Can be monogamous for right man. Humorous and serious personality. Farm boy-cosmo man. You: 6'3"+, football player body. Old -young, attractive, masculine, intelligent, mature, responsible, caring, loving -enough. Ad 25982

## HIV+ HISPANIC MALE

Mid 30's, professional, healthy, sincere, good since of humor. Seeking other HIV+ men for friendship, but I'm primarily interested in entering a serious relationship with an honest, caring, and loving man. Ad 25987

## I WANNA FEEL WHAT LOVE IS,

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

## LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT MAN

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

## WALLER AREA

GWM, 140lbs, 31 y.o., HIV+, would like to meet others in like circumstances in this area. Not sure what I'm looking for but friendship would be a nice start. Ad 25703

## LOOKING FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES

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

## SLIM, AUSTIN GWM

Moustache, DDF, non-smoker, seeks same type of relocatable Houston guy for mutual visits and possible relationship. I'm 43, long and lean, 6', 135lbs, somewhat hairy and enjoy travel, hiking, nature, art, running, massage, dancing and a simple and healthy lifestyle. Ad 25711

## TWO STEPPER SEEKS PARTNER

Attractive GWM, 41, 5'6", br/hazel, moustache, weight proportionate to height, DDF, educated, honest, romantic, affectionate. C&W dancing, sense of humor, great smile, non-smoker, health oriented. Seeks similar individual who is attractive, romantic, fun loving, likes to laugh and enjoy the simple things in life. Ad 25714

## HEY, I KNOW YOU!

You're a GWM 30's to 40's, busy with your career but can easily make time for someone special. You are healthy, happy and untraumatized by your previous relationships. You have valued friends, but are for now missing the excitement and passion of a special gentleman. Your weight is proportional to your height. I'm a GWM, 36, 6'2", 175, br/bl and professionally employed. If you're who I think you are, let's get together. Ad 25716

## VERSATILE YOUNG BOY

GWM, 22, 6', br/gr, pleasant and friendly personality, fun loving, outgoing, intellectual. Enjoys dancing, cooking, swimming and most of all kissing. Looking GWM 18-32, outgoing, friendly, personable. All replies will be answered. I live in Denham Spring, La. but considering a move to Houston. Ad 25717

## RELOCATING TO HOUSTON AREA

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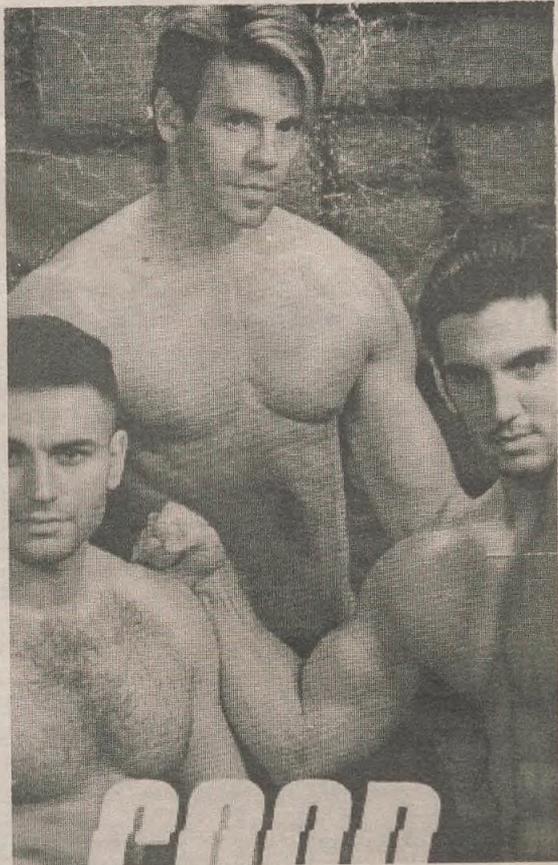
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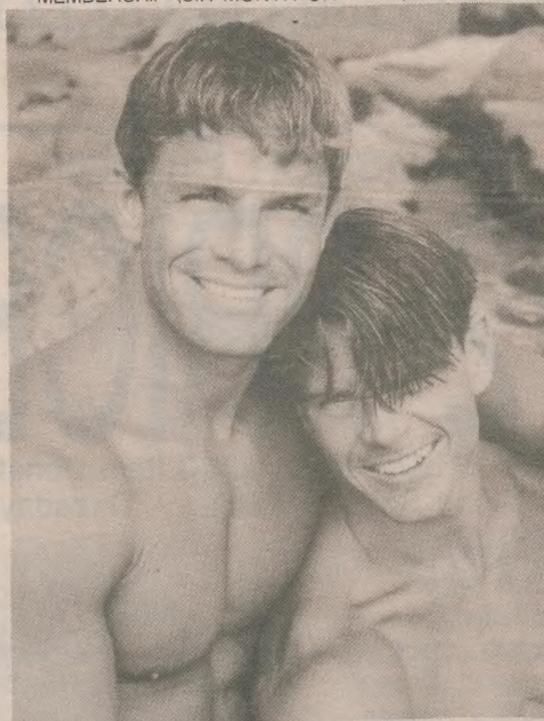
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