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Feature

Lesbian Reservist torn between private and military commitments



Capt. Lauren Garza (right), in a photo taken in Honduras in 1985, is shown inspecting the Military Police shift supervisor prior to her platoon going on duty.

GAYS AND THE WAR: PART 2

"Basically, I excuse the ignorance of the military in order to be able to serve my country..."

Reflecting on the anti-gay policies of the U.S. Armed Forces, Capt. Lauren Garza (not her real name) wavered a little in her otherwise forcefully delivered, wrenchingly patriotic commentary. As

a committed officer in the U.S. Army Reserves, Garza wants to be involved with the Allied war effort in the Persian Gulf, a desire she tried to explain as concisely as possible—in true military style—on Monday, as the world tried to analyze the chances of an impending, devastating ground war.

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Human Rights Campaign Fund seeks regional organizers

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national lesbian/gay political organization, is looking for volunteer organizers in targeted congressional districts in the

Southeast and Southwest. HRCF's Field Associate program offers an opportunity to learn field organizing skills, said Cathy Woolard, director of the Southeast

Regional Office.

"Affect the national process for lesbian and gay civil rights and work with top professionals in Washington, D.C."

urged Woolard.

For more information on the program, contact Woolard at (404) 373-6330 or write to P.O. Box 375, Decatur, GA 30031-0375

Film Review

'Sleeping with the Enemy' is a riveting, well-made thriller

By STEVE WARREN
TNV Film Critic

At first glance Julia Roberts is living the perfect life as the perfect wife in *Sleeping with the Enemy*. Her husband, Patrick Bergin, is a fabulously successful investment counselor who works out on a machine that makes him look like he's making a Sisyphusian run up the corporate ladder.

Sure, he does some business when they're supposed to be vacationing at their summer home on Cape Cod, but he also

finds time not only to take his wife to parties but to tell her what to wear to them. We soon realize Hubby Dearest is a control freak, and that he beats his wife brutally when she disappoints him (shades of director Joseph Ruben's earlier film, *The Stepfather*!), then becomes especially loving in the usual pattern of the abuser. All Roberts can do is look wistfully from their window like a bird in a gilded cage.

Review inside The New Voice ...



PHOTO BY MYLES ARINWITZ, 20TH CENTURY FOX

In a time of war and recession, it's not easy to focus on other matters, particularly a special election in Austin. But something historical is taking place there—for Texas and for the lesbian and gay community. Glenn Maxey led a pack of thirteen candidates for a state representative seat and in another week he faces a runoff. If elected, Glenn would become the first openly gay or lesbian elected official in Texas.

This is the kind of first which marks the growth and maturity of the gay movement for equal rights. Past experience tends to establish that once the ice is broken such events become less a rarity. It might just mean that Houston, more liberal and open than Dallas, could be the likely locale for the second step to our political legitimacy. A hot topic around Houston City Hall is the number and size of city council districts and the increasing demands of other minorities for greater representation.

It is time for the Houston lesbian and gay community to establish its foothold in the debates and prospects centering on council redistricting. Our community lacks the obvious visibility of other minorities and, despite the reputation of Montrose, we are not as clearly ghettoized as others. But the flip side of this argument is that our community tends to vote in far higher proportions than Blacks, Hispanics or Asians.

Also our community has a residual reputation for political activism, if somewhat dimmed by the 1985 referendum. Recent elections, particularly the votes for Ann Richards, demonstrate a continuing core of voting strength. This strength must be translated into clear voting patterns coin-

cing with feasible district lines.

Our community must also recognize the realities of the political game. Nothing is ever achieved politically by declaring oneself deserving. But as other minorities jockey for position and talk coalitions, it behooves our community to get into this game of politics with the purpose of creating a district weighted to our interests.

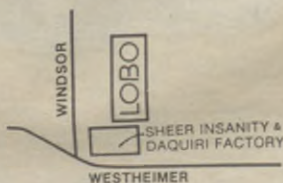
Another lesson we can learn from Maxey's race and from those of other gays elected elsewhere, is that no gay or lesbian candidate gets elected solely by laying claim to the gay vote. Every gay or lesbian elected official with whom we have knowledge all emphasize their achieving office through coalition building with other minorities and by grassroots work within the party system.

Maxey, while an effective lobbyist for our community in recent years, also established his credentials with the Travis County Democratic Party. Most telling was his leading a Travis County effort for Richards—and delivering the largest plurality for her in the state. This is the kind of work all politicians understand, that and cold hard cash.

So for starters, we can all do our part to help Maxey—there will be a fundraiser this Sunday afternoon at Santa Fe, and all volunteers would be welcome in Austin on election day to help turn out the vote. Nothing we can do right now would send a clearer message to friend and foe alike than the election of this openly gay man to the Texas House of Representatives.

Then on to the Houston City Council. Nothing better assures us an open ear in City Hall than one attached to an openly gay woman or man. This should be our goal—now.

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'L.A. Story' gives fresh look at funny side of city

By STEVE WARREN
TNV Film Critic

Ordinarily when reviewing a comedy I quote a few of the best jokes, to give the reader an idea of the type of humor represented and, perhaps subconsciously, to get undue credit in the reader's mind for the jokes. Someone else may have written them but I'm the one who made you laugh with them.

But I need some fun too, so I just sat back and enjoyed *L.A. Story*, instead of copying down the good lines. I remember there are two about women's breasts and two about men's testicles, but you'll have to see for yourself what they are.

Except for the southern California setting, *L.A. Story* could easily be a Woody Allen film. It has his kind of romantic sensibility, surreal visuals, literary references (heavy on the Shakespeare) and even a visual steal from Fellini (the opening shot of a giant hot dog carried over Los Angeles by helicopter as the statue of Christ was over Rome in *La Dolce Vita* each country has its objects of reverence).



PHOTO BY TRI STAR PICTURES
Los Angeles is a magical backdrop against which Steve Martin plays a TV weatherman and Victoria Tennant stars as an English journalist. The two find love in the comedy 'L.A. Story'

Steve Martin, who also wrote the script, plays a "wacky" TV weathercaster who's been going with Marilu Henner for years. He realizes she and the job are wrong for him, but he doesn't want to deal with it while

things appear to be going well in the ways that matter where the talk is shallow and the air is thick.

One magical night a freeway traffic sign starts talking to Steve, and one magical afternoon he meets Vic-

toría Tennant, a British journalist, at brunch. Maybe she only seems sweet after the attitude of gay maître d' Eddie DeHarp, but he's instantly taken with her. She's semi taken herself, by ex husband Richard E. Grant, who is making a big pitch to win her back.

Cut loose from his job and relationship, Martin starts dating airheaded Sarah Jessica Parker, a bouncy creature who only stands still for closeups; but she just wants to have fun (to cite one of Parker's earlier films) and his heart isn't in it, even if other parts of his anatomy are.

There are moments when the story bogs down briefly, but there's usually another great gag seconds away in this buoyantly funny, rarely vicious look at the town that proves there's life on at least one other planet (it's even got its own atmosphere). Considering that all the L.A. jokes have been done, Martin comes up with an amazing number that seem fresh. If this is his way of apologizing for *My Blue Heaven*, I accept his apology.

NewsLine: Texas

Texas A&M faculty formalizes protection for homosexuals

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)—A policy prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals in hiring, firing and tenure decisions has been overwhelmingly approved by Texas A&M's faculty senate.

The faculty senate's vote, which must be ratified by A&M President William Mobley to become university policy, survived an effort by 68 faculty members and more than 100 "friends of the univer-

sity" who fought the change.

"This codifies what is already good practice," Larry Hickman, a philosophy professor and faculty advisor for A&M's Gay and Lesbian Student Services, told the *Houston Chronicle*.

"It's a reminder to deans and search committees that discriminating against someone because of their sexual orientation goes against university policy," he

said.

Nearly 200 opponents signed a petition saying such a policy change would give lesbians and homosexuals special recognition.

"We want to show that many don't share the liberal social attitude common on campuses," said Carl Gabbard, a professor of health and physical education who spoke against the revision. "We are by no means saying homosexuals should

be discriminated against, but we also don't think we should be in the forefront of universities who've made these unnecessary statements."

The American Association of University Professors has recommended sexual preference be included in anti-discrimination policies. According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, more than 200 universities have now so changed their policies.

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The fourth defendant, whose case is pending, resides in Houston.

Gay activist Ray Hill and Houston attorney Phyllis Frye, both contacted Tuesday by the man whose case is pending, said they had not heard of any 21.06 case in the Houston area for several years. Suzy Wagers of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, the legal organization whose challenge to the statute resulted in a lower court ruling in December declaring 21.06 unconstitutional, also said she has heard of no arrests under the law in recent years.

Frye said Wednesday, Feb. 13, that although she did not know details of the arrests, she found it "weird" that the defendants were charged with 21.06 violations instead of the charges more commonly applied, "indecent exposure" or "public lewdness," which carry stiffer penalties.

"I really have no idea why a (police officer) would make an arrest under 21.06. Maybe he was just new and didn't know

what he was doing," she commented.

Hill said although he was told the arrests of two of the men occurred in a park, he believed "the incident was not sufficiently public" to warrant the other charges.

"I would think that (the 21.06 charge) indicates this was a consensual act ... of sufficient privacy not to warrant (a charge of) public lewdness," he said.

Frye said one of the defendants contacted her, and that she advised him to speak to Hill. None of the four men had hired an attorney, but Hill said THRF attorneys Patrick Wiseman and Margaret Tucker had expressed an interest.

Wagers said Tucker, THRF's legal director, was interested in finding out more about the Houston cases. Also, Houston THRF attorney Donald Skipwith was working on obtaining representation for the pending case this week.

During the trial of "Morales et al vs. the State of Texas," attorneys for the state repeatedly contended that the law could not infringe upon the plaintiffs' rights because "it is never enforced." Activists said the Houston developments could be pivotal in an appeal of District Court Judge Paul Davis' Dec. 10 ruling on "Morales."

"Naturally ... we now have a real live pending homosexual conduct criminal case," said Hill.

"(The case) could be a valuable asset in the appellate process," he added. "We would have to be careful not to do anything in this (pending) case that would hurt our chances in an appeal, but we also have to be careful not to do anything that would help in an appeal."

Wiseman, the THRF attorney who represented the "Morales" lawsuit plaintiffs, could not be reached for comment.

Newsline Houston

Diverse nominations received for parade grand marshals

Three males, one female and an organization were among nominations received for grand marshal of the 1991 Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade at the monthly Gay/Lesbian Pride Week meeting Tuesday, Feb. 19. Only one male and one female were nominated for honorary grand marshal during the last day to receive nominations. The election will be held at the next general meeting on Tuesday, March 19.

The Lone Star Symphonic Band was the first and only organizational nomination received in a year when, for the first time, such nominations were encouraged. While marshals have traditionally been one male, one female each year, HGLPW '91 parade

committee co-chairs Bruce Herling and Jazz Paz noted that the bylaws do not specify those qualifications for the positions.

Also nominated were four individuals: Linda Morales, activist in the Hispanic and women's communities and lead plaintiff in THRF's legal challenge against 21.06; Jack Jackson, a volunteer with a number of community organizations who has been involved in AIDS fundraising and service for several years; Thaddeus Coverdale, director of the Lone Star Symphonic Band; and Eugene Harrington, founder of the AIDS Equity League.

Nominated for honorary grand marshal were Harris County Treasurer Katy Cald-

well and illusionist/entertainer and fundraiser Lady Victoria Lust.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, members of the committee were surprised and saddened by the resignation of HGLPW '91 co-chair Felix Garcia. Nominations for male co-chair will be taken at the March meeting. Garcia's letter of resignation was read at the close of the meeting by female co-chair Anabel Evora; he cited employment schedule conflicts and health concerns.

The marketing committee announced that a photographer will be at Rich's from 1:00-5:00 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 23, to take pictures for possible inclusion on the "Take Pride Poster." The poster will show 12 pho-

tos of persons representing different aspects of gay pride, said committee chair Bobby Miller.

The media committee reminded members that March is "Take Pride Awareness Month." During the month of March, members of the executive team will pay extra attention to outreach efforts, including appearances at gay businesses and increased media efforts, according to committee chair Jack Valinski. Evora will also be a guest on the KPFT radio shows "Breakthrough" and "Wilde-N-Stein" in March as part of the awareness project, Valinski said.

Official goals of 1991 March on Austin announced

The official goals of the 1991 March on Austin for Lesbian/Gay Rights were recently announced by the march organizing committee. The goals, worded as adopted by the committee, are as follows:

- (1) Adoption of laws to provide for protection of equal civil rights of lesbian and gay people and specific laws banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- (2) Legal recognition of lesbian and gay relationships, including parental rights and adoption, domestic partnerships and same-sex marriages.
- (3) Support for the right of lesbian and gay people to serve without discrimina-

tion in the armed forces, national and state guard, including law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

- (4) Passage and enforcement of hate crimes legislation to end violence and harassment based on prejudice and hatred, especially as it applies to lesbian and gay people.

- (5) Legislative repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which criminalizes lesbian and gay people for adult consensual homosexual conduct.

- (6) Reproductive freedom and the right to control our own bodies.

- (7) An end to discrimination against persons living with HIV, ARC and AIDS.

- (8) Substantial increases in funding for and easier access to effective AIDS prevention education, funding and expansion for research and a major revision of the Texas health care delivery system, especially for the indigent.

- (9) Access and funding for new therapies, treatments and drugs for HIV disease.

- (10) An end to all social, economic, judicial and legal oppression of lesbian and gay people of every race, gender, ability, class, ethnicity, ideology, transgenderal

orientation and sexual orientation.

(11) An understanding that the struggles of gay and lesbian people are affected by racism and sexism which oppresses people of color and women. The liberation of lesbian and gay people is linked to the struggle against racism, sexism and discrimination on the basis of ethnicity. We call for an end to these problems on all levels within the gay and lesbian community and in the larger society, and support the right of self-determination for all people.

The march will be held at noon on March 17.

Newsline Houston

Second 'Friends' community-wide benefit set for May 10

"That's What Friends Are For II: Celebrating a New Decade of Hope," an evening of entertainment to raise money for several community charities, has been set for May 10 at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto.

Last year's "That's What Friends Are For" benefit raised over \$3,000 for Houston AIDS and gay/lesbian groups, and this year the organizers are hoping to double that amount, thanks to reduced expenses and donations from community organizations and businesses, said founder Larry Garrett.

The 1990 event was held at the Tower Theater. Garrett said organizers chose to hold the benefit, which they hope will become an annual event, at Rich's this year because of the club's high quality sound and lighting system.

The May 10 date was chosen because it did not conflict with other scheduled community events, he said.

Beneficiaries of the event this year are the Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund, Body Positive, Montrose Activity Center, and Texas Gay Rodeo Association, which will split the proceeds. Non-perishable goods will also be collected for AIDS Foundation Houston's Stone Soup Food Pantry during the event. Garrett said most of the costs of putting on the event will be donated: there will be no paid entertainers—and this year, no paid caterer. Garrett said coordinators are counting on donations (many already pledged) of party trays from individuals and businesses in the community.

However, the group has also committed

to "putting on a first class show this year" with "top-notch" entertainers scheduled to perform, including popular singer Marsha Carlton.

"We want everybody to walk away from this event feeling that they got their money's worth," he said.

The show will consist of three segments, a comedy showcase, live performers and illusionists, and will include nationally known entertainers, said Garrett.

A silent auction is also scheduled, with auction items donated by area businesses. While some businesses have offered items and services for the benefit and auction, additional contributions could make the event even more successful, said Garrett, noting there would be no deductions from ticket sales pay for expenses.

All donations will be recognized in the event's program, he said.

Coordinators of "That's What Friends Are For II" include Garrett, Ronnie Diaz, Lady Victoria Lust, Annise Parker (benefit treasurer) and Raymond Gonzales (Parker's assistant), Dave Hemmer and Wayne Grabein. The benefit is also open to "anyone who wants to participate" in putting it on, noted Garrett.

Garrett said one of the main purposes of the fundraiser is to bring together people involved in the community's many diverse organizations. The event is not sponsored by any one group, and the tradition of multiple beneficiaries will probably continue, he said.

"Some people ask why we don't just

choose one beneficiary (each year), and be able to donate more money, instead of having to split the proceeds," he said. "But one of the things we're trying to do is bring together the many different elements of the community."

Doors open for the event at 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 10, with show time at 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, with a limited number of VIP tables available for reservation \$100 per table (seats four). The tickets will be available beginning April 1 at Printex Plus, Appearances, and the Brazos Back Pocket (in the BRB).

For more information, contact Larry Garrett at (713) 880-1400.

—Volleyball Association

Houston's Lone Star Volleyball Association Recreation Division had a great turnout last Sunday, league members reported. There were 24 players making four challenging teams. Players drilled and practiced basic skills for about one hour and then played for the remaining hour.

"It was exciting to see the players improve their skills so quickly," reported league president Ken Newberry. "Everyone was having a great time."

The Recreation Division will continue open play and welcomes new players, said Newberry. The division plays at the University of St. Thomas on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. in the Jerebeck Center on the corner of Mt. Vernon and W. Main. Open play is \$3.

For more information on the LSV, contact Jeff at (713) 869-1707.

—Switchboard training

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard/Houston will hold its next volunteer training class March 8-10 and 16-17. The Switchboard is an all-volunteer organization, providing business and organization referrals, HIV/AIDS information, phone counseling and crisis intervention. GLSH also operates a TDD/TTY line for the hearing impaired.

Interested lesbian and gay people are invited to sign up for volunteer training. The sessions involve 34 hours of exercises and activities to prepare volunteers for phone service. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must complete both weekends of training to be eligible.

While all are welcome to apply, GLSH is in particular need of women and people of color to volunteer, so the staff may represent the range of experience and the diversity of the entire community, said coordinators.

Interested persons who are unable to attend training in March may apply for the next training, to be held in May. To sign up for either class, or for more information, call GLSH at (713) 529-3211, afternoons and evenings every day.

—H.A.A.R.T. pill boxes

H.A.A.R.T., a committee of HIV service providers, will distribute 1,000 compartmentalized pill dispensers to ambulatory HIV patients in Houston. The dispensers are being purchased with a \$1,000 grant from Burroughs-Wellcome.

Patients needing these dispensers can receive them through the Thomas Street Clinic.

Newsline Austin

Maxey to face David Rodriguez in Dist. 51 runoff

Gay lobbyist Glen Maxey will face David Rodriguez in a special runoff election called for Saturday, March 2, for state representative in Travis County Dist. 51.

Gov. Ann Richards called the election at a press conference on Wednesday

morning, Feb. 20, after a recount showed Rodriguez leading Maria Luisa "Lulu" Flores by eight votes.

However, questions previously raised by Flores' campaign about Rodriguez' eligibility were still being investigated this

week, and a spokesperson for Maxey's campaign said it is unknown whether or how the allegations will affect the election.

While Austin political insiders say it might be easier for Maxey to defeat Rodriguez, campaign representatives say

the race is "by no means a shoe-in...it will be a tough one" for Maxey.

If Maxey wins the election, he will become the first openly gay person to hold a statewide office in Texas. Maxey is executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas.

NewsLine: San Antonio

San Antonio mayoral candidate supportive of gays, well maybe

THE SAN ANTONIO CITY ELECTIONS: PART I By BOBBY MAYES

TNV San Antonio

Maria Berriozabal, one of five so far who have announced their candidacy for Mayor of San Antonio this year, welcomes the gay vote, but stops short of seeking it openly.

In a telephone interview this week, The New Voice asked Berriozabal about her stand on gay issues. Though generous with her time, and while supportive of gay rights, she spoke in generalities

stepped in the language of the Democratic National Convention, with direct reference to gays or sexual orientation excluded.

On the positive side, Berriozabal said she supported the founding of the San Antonio AIDS Foundation and has continued lending it her support; she has marched in candlelight vigils for AIDS; she is not afraid to use the word "gay" at least occasionally. Berriozabal campaigned vigorously for Gov. Ann Richards, and said she is an "admirer" of Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire, who won office with large support from the

gay community there.

However, Berriozabal prefers to speak only in general terms, such as "human rights," rather than "gay rights," and seems intent to avoid alienating the vote of the city's anti-gay establishment. She believes it is sufficient to work on gay complaints about police violence, while putting off for the time being the issue of the city's policy on discrimination against gays on the police force. Though she has served on the San Antonio City Council for 10 years, she was not aware of the experience of the Houston City Council in 1985.

In the Houston experience, which some say politically divided the gay and lesbian community there, city council enacted an ordinance against discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, only to have it repealed by popular referendum.

It remains to be seen whether any of the candidates for mayor of this city will openly address gay issues, or even dare, however guarded and carefully worded, to respond to inquiries on their positions on gay rights. Meanwhile, most gay leaders say it is still too soon to make predictions or endorsements in the April city elections.

City extends adult restrictions to include bookstores, theaters

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
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A measure passed by Houston City Council Wednesday, Feb. 13 extends the city's sexually oriented business ordinance to include adult bookstores and movie theaters. Council voted without opposition to include these businesses in an amendment to the ordinance, subjecting them to the same restrictions that apply to other sexually oriented businesses, such as topless bars and modeling studios.

The amendment, said a Houston attorney who represents one gay men's adult theater, could close all such businesses in the Montrose area whose primary sales are "overtly adult-oriented."

Activist Ray Hill, who recently has been focusing on First Amendment disputes, took the interpretation a step further, saying the extended application is unconstitutional and unenforceable. Hill also suggested the restrictions could be applied to "borderline" businesses, in-

cluding video rental outlets and book stores which offer a mixed merchandise line, under the amendment.

Although the amendment had been tabled for two weeks at a previous council meeting Feb. 6, Hill said he was not surprised it was brought up for a vote last week.

With the amendment, these businesses have a distance requirement from schools, churches, day care centers and residential areas as well as restrictions on locating near other sexually oriented businesses. Sexually oriented businesses in violation of the ordinance must move, or they will be out of business after they have recovered their initial investment.

Councilmember Christin Hartung, who chairs the city's SOB committee, called the measure "another giant step forward for preserving neighborhoods and ensuring an improved quality of life for all Houstonians. The committee, which also includes Dale Gorynski and Vince Ryan, entered the motion for the

amendment, which was seconded by Councilmember Sheila Jackson Lee.

Attorney John Nix said the measure "definitely" could apply to French Quarter Theater, 3201 Louisiana, and that a provision that the businesses cannot be located in predominantly residential areas probably covers all Montrose bookstores which have arcades.

However, Nix said he did not believe the restrictions would affect bookstores which did not have arcades and whose business was not "overtly" sexually oriented. He said that the amendment might include sales outlets for adult videos.

Criminal penalties for violations, while conceivably enforceable, would be difficult for the city to enforce, said Nix, adding that the city would "have a hard time getting any (Harris County) criminal court" to handle the cases.

But Hill said restrictions were broad enough to include all adult businesses and that the city was setting a censor-

ship precedent. He declared, "They'll go after the Mapplethorpe photographs next," a reference to the recent arrest and trial of a Cincinnati museum director who exhibited the late gay photographer's work, for violating that city's obscenity ordinance.

In asking council members not to approve the amendment, Hill insisted its provisions could not be enforced and that this fact had been proven and "would be proven again."

Nix said Hill's concerns involved freedom of speech, but pointed out that the ordinance regulates location, not content of materials sold by the businesses. "It's a land use ordinance... (and) purely within the police powers of the state and city," he said.

In a letter distributed to council members at the meeting, Hill called the ordinance unenforceable and boasted that he would "be back to say 'I told you so'" if the law is found unconstitutional in court.

Star Nite '91 to be held at Westheimer Art Fest location

The Star Nite '91 Pride Festival will have a central Montrose location this year, the lot and grounds of Kwik Kopy at Montrose and Lovett, according to Ronnie Diaz, festival executive director. Diaz announced plans for the festival at the Houston/Gay Lesbian Pride Week '91 general meeting Tuesday night. Star Nite, held on the last weekend of pride week, is sponsored by the Montrose Activity Center.

The Kwik Kopy location is best known as the present site of the Westheimer Art Festival juried art show, and was used in previous years as a site for post-gay pride parade events.

This year's festival will include athletic events and an art show as well as food, merchandise and information booths and has a working budget of \$25,000, which Diaz called "conservative" compared to last year. Star Nite '90, held on the grounds of the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, cost over \$40,000 to produce and ended \$4,000 in the red, said Diaz. "Last year, we were very optimis-

tic...this year, we're still being optimistic, but more realistic," she said.

The event will still be produced on a grand scale, said Diaz, with a big-name entertainer, high-quality staging and lights and professional concessions. Planners hope the festival, a fundraiser for MAC's building fund, will make money this year to go toward establishing a gay/lesbian community center.

The Star Nite steering committee has asked Larry Lingle, president of the Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus, and Houston City Councilmember Sheila Jackson Lee to serve as the event's "honorary co-chairs," Diaz reported. Lingle has already accepted the invitation, but the event's steering committee has not yet received Lee's reply, she said.

The festival will still be a two-day event, but this year will open in the afternoon. The festival is scheduled to be held from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23.



Thousands attended Star Nite '90, held at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center on the last weekend of Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1990. This year, the Star Nite '91 Pride Festival will be held June 22-23 at Montrose and Lovett

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NewsLine: Houston

Montrose Palace to host 'liquorless nightclub' on Fridays

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Houston

The Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada, will be the site of a new social club for non-drinkers on Friday nights beginning this week (Feb. 22), said Ron Davis, proprietor of the neighborhood meeting center.

Davis renamed the building, formerly the Center for A Positive Lifestyle, last month and invited community groups to use it as a meeting site. Presently, two spiritual groups, Dignity Houston and the Houston Mission Church, are holding meetings there, and the building is available for social, civic and spiritual gatherings and private parties, he said.

Though not actually a nightclub, the weekly events will mimic the relaxed, friendly social atmosphere found in a gay bar—"a place to meet and talk, laugh and see a show."

Davis explained that he "wanted to provide an entertaining social environment" for people who do not drink, or are in recovery from alcohol or drug addictions. He said the new venture, which debuted with a "sneak preview" private reception on Feb. 15, will provide a social atmosphere similar to a gay bar, but without the alcohol and the "hustle" one finds in a bar.

"I don't want anyone to think that I'm trying to judge people (who drink)," said

Davis. "That's not what we're doing. I just thought it would be nice to have a place for (non-drinkers) to go, to have fun and socialize."

The gatherings, as yet unnamed, will feature nightclub-style entertainment, including dancers, some live music, and "drag"—an art form especially close to Davis' heart.

Davis and his twin brother Don entertained in St. Louis, Mo. as female impersonators in the 1970's, he explained. Donna Drag (Don) and Lana Kuntz (Ron) were well known figures in St. Louis gay bars in that era, and Davis hopes to recapture the warmth and camaraderie of the lifestyle—without the alcohol. The fact that Don is now in recovery was an added inspiration for the project, he said.

"I started thinking about this (project) toward the end of last year, thinking that it would really be nice for people to have this sort of a place to go to without being hustled or pressured (to drink)," said Davis.

He said that non-alcoholic refreshments would be available at the gatherings. A small cover charge would probably be necessary to cover the cost of putting on the events, and paying workers and entertainers, he added.

"We're not really looking to make mon-



Donna Drag (Don Davis, left) and Lana Kuntz (Ron Davis) as they appeared in an advertisement for the St. Louis, Mo., Red Bull bar in 1975



Today, the Davis brothers are hosting a "no alcohol" alternative club for gays and lesbians at Houston's Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada. Live entertainment at the weekly gathering will feature male dancers and local musicians as well as drag

ey," he said. "We're not going for a large crowd...with our building, I think maybe 40 or 50 people (each week) would be really good." The main objective, said Davis, is to provide the environment for those who want the chance to mingle with other gay people or attend a show, without feeling uncomfortable because they don't drink.

The events will be held on Friday evenings, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Ron Davis, who describes himself as a "deeply spiritual person," founded the Center for a Positive Lifestyle in Septem-

ber, 1986. While the Center still exists as an organization, Davis said he recently changed the focus of the building to make it available as a meeting place for organizations, particularly gay/lesbian spiritual and social groups. The Center may later resume regular meetings there, he said.

Don Davis is founder of the Church of Religious Science, which will mark its third anniversary on March 17. That group presently meets at a house on Willard Street.

Houston QuickNotes

3rd annual 'Sweet Charity' event planned for April

The third annual "Sweet Charity" AIDS benefit is set for April 28, with actor/singer Kris Kristofferson as the event's celebrity co-chair. This year's event is titled "A Chocolate Fiesta," and will feature chocolate masterpieces created by Houston's greatest chefs, including Mexican chocolate beverages and double fudge chocolate cake with raspberry icing, said organizers. Local celebrities will also be competing in a sugar sculpturing contest.

Proceeds from "Sweet Charity" are donated to the AIDS Interfaith Council, a program of the Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry. The foundation is a non-profit organization which provides in-home care and companionship for people with AIDS.

Melanie Lawson, KTRK-TV (Houston Channel 13) news anchor, will be the event's emcee. Co-chairs are Kristofferson and Houston philanthropist Sue Rowan Pittman.

"Sweet Charity" begins with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28; followed by dessert at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$100 (dinner and dessert) and \$25 (dessert only), and are available from Ticketron, (713)

526-1709, or the AIDS Interfaith Council, (713) 682-5995.

—MCCR "praise" Choir Expands

The Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection "Praise" Sanctuary Choir has begun its 1991 growth recruitment, hoping to expand to a 100-plus voice choir by the Christmas season. Presently numbering 55 voices, the choir just celebrated its 16th year as a ministry and had its largest Christmas program, attended by over 735 people.

A display of new music the choir has received will be held at the church's "Victory Celebration Sunday Service," to be held at the Cullen Theater, Wortham Center at 10:45 a.m. March 10. The choir will be accompanied by a 25-piece orchestra in celebration of the Capital Gifts Campaign to relocate MCCR into larger facilities.

New additions to the Praise Music Ministry include a handbell choir, which rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:30 p.m., and a mixed ensemble. Though not a part of the music ministry, MCCR Worship Lay Ministry has added a "signing

choir," which rehearses Saturdays at noon.

Present plans for the choir includes a three day trip to perform in San Antonio, Fort Worth and Dallas. The ensembles are planning a trip to Oklahoma City in May, to attend UFMCC's district conference. Video tapes of the 1990 Christmas presentation "Rise, Shine, Your Light has Come" will be on sale shortly in the church's fellowship hall.

For more information on the ministries, call MCCR at 861-9149.

—"M. Butterfly" cast at Montrose Library

"M. Butterfly" is a story so bizarre it could only be true. "A former French diplomat and a Chinese opera singer have been sentenced to six years in jail for spying for China after a two-day trial traced a story of clandestine love and mistaken sexual identity. Mr. Bourisicot was accused of passing information to China after he fell in love with Mr. Shi, whom he believed for 20 years to be a woman."—(New York Times, May 11, 1986).

Houston Public Library and the Houston Chronicle will host a free seminar,

"Belief in Disillusion," presented by cast members of "M. Butterfly" at noon, March 6, at the Montrose Branch Library, 4100 Montrose Blvd. The Broadway stars will discuss the play, "M. Butterfly" and its production.

A pair of free opening night tickets will be given away through drawings at each of the 34 Houston Public Library locations. Registration for "M. Butterfly" tickets will end Feb. 27.

Philip Anglim, one of the original stars, will perform in "M. Butterfly" at Jones Hall March 5-10, presented by the Society for the Performing Arts and the NCNB Houston Broadway Series.

—MCC New Freedom bake sale

MCC New Freedom in Christ will be having a bake sale on Feb. 23 at Kroger on Montrose, starting around 9:00 a.m.

The Sunday morning worship service will be devoted to an all-musical service. Persons who sing or play a musical instrument are invited to join. For information, call the church office.

Rev. Dee Lamb is pastor of the church, located at 3322 White Oaks.

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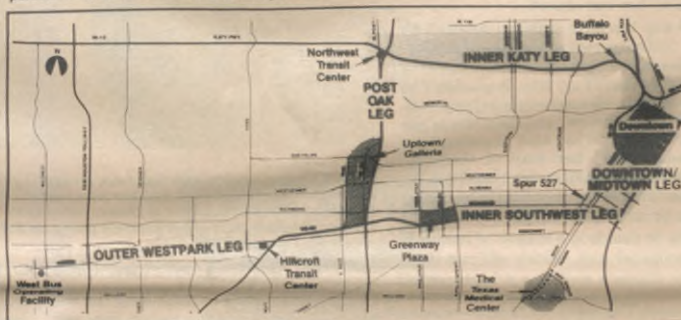
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PRIORITY CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS/DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Three public hearings will be held by METRO to receive comments concerning the Priority Corridor Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS), which addresses a portion of the METRO Phase 2 Mobility Plan.



The AA/DEIS evaluates four alternative transit solutions for the study area: No Action (METRO's existing and committed projects); Transportation Systems Management (TSM) (additional transit centers, ramps and street improvements); Better Bus (including a new transitway and related facilities in the Outer Westpark leg and a transitway extension and ramp improvements in US 59 S); and Fixed Guideway (which includes a proposed 14-mile fixed guideway in the Downtown/Midtown, Inner Southwest and Outer Westpark legs of the study area).

Conceptual design drawings of the alternatives and the results of environmental and other studies are provided in the AA/DEIS, which may be reviewed at METRO headquarters, 1201 Louisiana, in the Julia Ideson Texas room of the City of Houston Central Library and at all Harris County and City of Houston branch libraries in the METRO service area. Additional supporting technical documents are available for public review at METRO headquarters and in the Houston Central Library's Texas Room.

The hearings are scheduled as follows:

Monday, February 25, 1991
Stouffer-Presidente Hotel
6 Greenway Plaza East
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26, 1991
METRO Board Room, 16th floor
1201 Louisiana
12:00 Noon

Tuesday, February 26, 1991
Westchase Hilton & Towers
9999 Westheimer
7:30 p.m.

Interested persons may present verbal or written comments and recommendations at the public hearing or during the comment period of February 8, 1991 to March 25, 1991.

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SAT 3/2	Masochism In Uniform	Desire	Looking For Langston & Trogan	Friends Forever	Nocturne & Because The Down	Beyond Gravity & Night Out
SUN 3/3	Comrades In Arms & Flames Of Passion	Desert Hearts	Parting Glances	Another Way	Days Of Greek Gods	
MON 3/4				Common Threads	Virgin Machine	
TUES 3/5	Because The Down			Comrades In Arms & Flames Of Passion	Coming Out	
WED 3/6				November Moon	Looking For Langston & Trogan	
THUR 3/7	Looking For Langston			Sisters In Jazz: 3 Films	Beyond Gravity & Night Out	
FRI 3/8			Desire	Friends Forever	Virgin Machine	Pink Narcissus
SAT 3/9	Comrades In Arms & Flames Of Passion	Another Way	Friends Forever	In & Out Of Love: 4 Films	Coming Out	Nocturne & Because The Down
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Feature

Lesbian Reservist torn between private and military commitments

GAYS AND THE WAR: PART 2 By
SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

"Basically, I excuse the ignorance of the military in order to be able to serve my country..."

Reflecting on the anti-gay policies of the U.S. Armed Forces, Capt. Lauren Garza (not her real name) wavered a little in her otherwise forcefully delivered, wrenchingly patriotic commentary. As a committed officer in the U.S. Army Reserves, Garza wants to be involved with the Allied war effort in the Persian Gulf, a desire she tried to explain as concisely as possible—in true military style—on Monday, as the world tried to analyze the chances of an impending, devastating ground war.

As a gay woman who recently validated her committed relationship with another woman in a holy union ceremony, however, she realizes there are other concerns. Garza, known to friends as a workaholic in her career, church and volunteer activities, is also now in training for a new job, and is still balancing numerous involvements with gay and lesbian community events.

Nevertheless, she said, "If I were single, I would go in an instant."

Deeply spiritual, she said she has prayed long hours about the conflict going on in her own mind.

"I'd say the only reason I haven't already (volunteered) is because of my lover," she said. "I've made a commitment to her for the rest of my life...it wouldn't be fair to put my life on the line without considering her wishes," she said. While her partner supports her and "does her best to understand" her way of thinking, Garza said she has so far respected the wishes of her lover, choosing to let her decision on active duty wait.

Time to decide is a luxury of her highly-specialized unit, which will not itself deploy. Garza's unit has a high-ranked structure—less than ten percent enlisted personnel. The rest are officers—intensely trained experts—many of whom have been called up individually.

"I know I could be called up at any time," Garza said. "If there is a ground conflict...I think my chances of being called would be much greater. I have told my commanding officer that I don't want to be used as 'filler' (in a domestic base). If I'm going to give up my job and everything else I have here, I want to go to the Persian Gulf."

"...My friends at church say they are praying for me not to have to go. What I believe is that if God wants me to go, I will...if not, then I won't," she continued.

Garza does not hesitate in stating her



Capt. Lauren Garza (right) has been struggling to balance her love for her partner, her country and her community in her personal decisions under the pressure of the Middle East War. (The photo, taken in Honduras in 1985, shows her inspecting the Military Police shift supervisor prior to her platoon going on duty)

belief that America's posture in the Middle East conflict is necessary and correct. She is unflinching in defending the war effort as part of a larger picture that will, ironically, lead to greater chances of world peace. Garza sees the U.S. military as a guardian force whose abilities help to preserve that fragile peace.

"In training, if we become the best that we can be...that helps to assure world peace," she said.

"I see victory (of Allied forces) as a step toward peace. I think it would make other leaders in the future think twice before doing what Saddam has done. It's unfortunate that it has to happen this way...I don't pray for war. I pray for peace, always."

"...Saddam Hussein is despicable. What he has done to his own people, and

to those around him, is inexcusable. Something had to be done to let (other leaders) know that he would not be allowed to get away with it."

Garza said her background—she came to the United States from Cuba as a political refugee—is partly responsible for her deep patriotism. "I love this country. I think perhaps I take less for granted (about the U.S.)," she said.

She also loves the military, a way of life for her for over a decade. Entering the Reserves out of college, Garza spent four years on active duty. Counting ROTC, she says proudly, "I have spent 12 years serving my country."

Garza added that she has many gay friends already serving in the Gulf.

Her views are not exactly the norm in the national gay and lesbian community,

whose organizational leaders, including the National Gay and Lesbian task Force, have stated opposition to the war. Gays and AIDS activists, fueled by the war effort's devastation of U.S. domestic programs through loss of funding and leadership, have hitched gay causes to the peace movement. Gays participated in recent demonstrations against the war in Houston, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco—including Garza's own brother, a San Francisco resident.

"My gay brother and I are complete opposites, in our lifestyle and beliefs," she said. "My brother has, in fact, been very active in the anti-war demonstrations in San Francisco. I think this just shows that we (gays and lesbians) are really a very diverse community."

"I think the people who are involved in (the demonstrations) are a very important part of the process. I think what they're doing is right and necessary...they provide a balance, we need to see both the pro and con. And if there is a possibility of peace, without having to go into a ground battle...perhaps this objective can be helped by (the pacifists') efforts," she added.

Although it is not enough to weaken her pride in her country and lifestyle, Garza feels strongly about the U.S. military's homophobic policy of excluding gays and lesbians, which she says many commanding officers now choose wisely to "quietly ignore." So strong are these mixed feelings, she said, that Garza has made plans to take her "next step in coming out"—by risking the very thing she values most.

Although she asked that her real name not be used in this article, Garza agreed to include a photo that shows her profile. And, in what she calls her biggest "coming out" move yet, Garza said she decided to be photographed—in full uniform—for the Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991 "Take Pride Poster."

"This is a very big risk for me," she said. "I have ten years left to military retirement. If the military sees (the picture on the poster), and decides to act on it, I could lose everything. However, if it does happen, I will fight."

"I read about the poster about three weeks ago, and decided to be on it about a week later." The reason? She believes her actions will better the chances of reversing the anti-gay and lesbian policy, and will inspire other gays in the military. "I think it will help others who are serving, to see someone who is willing to take a step for them. Sometimes, you have to be willing to accept the possible losses to take a stand," she said.

NewsLine: The World

Lesbian and gay group's UN bid delayed until 1993

For the first time in the history of the United Nations, gay and lesbian international activists have lobbied for official recognition and inclusion in the United Nations. But officials with the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), which submitted the application for recognition last year and testified last week at the U.N., say their bid for recognition has been postponed until 1993 by delegates who were unable to reach an agreement.

ILGA, which represents gay and lesbian groups throughout the world, is seeking consultant status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the U.N., which oversees, among other things human rights issues. Consultant status means ILGA would be able to intervene in human rights issues at the U.N. ILGA officials testified before the ECOSOC Committee on Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs).

"We're very pleased at the amount of support we received from African, European and Latin American delegates, particularly unsolicited and highly positive comments by Ethiopia," said Lisa Power, ILGA secretary general. "We're disappointed we did not get in, but not surprised. The deferral was due to religious beliefs and was no reflection on our suitability—we are clearly eligible and have much to offer the U.N."

The countries on the NGO committee include the Philippines, Sweden, Libya, Lesotho, Nicaragua, Oman, Sudan, USSR, Costa Rica, Cyprus, France, Ethiopia, Burundi, Ireland, Greece and Iraq. Decisions of the committee are made by consensus, not majority vote. A majority of countries supported ILGA.

However, the ambassador from Libya, Abdussalam Derguwa, called ILGA a "sexually immoral" organization and said homosexuality is "contrary to the

law of life" and "not in line with our religious morals." He then quoted from the Koran before saying that "studies and research have shown that their sexually immoral practices have led to the spread of AIDS," and that IGLA "will in no way contribute to the work of the U.N." Libya said it would oppose the application now and again in 1993. Oman also opposed the application, and the Philippine delegate, Ernestina Kodikara, said she was "not at home with this."

An unexpected supporter of the bid was Ethiopia. Heile Mariam Goshu strongly advocated acceptance of ILGA into the U.N., saying, "We are not making moral or value judgments. We must face facts whether we like it or not—they (gays and lesbians) are a minority of thousands or even millions." He also spoke of ILGA's work on AIDS and other social issues.

Costa Rica also supported ILGA, say-

ing. "This organization has great merits." Sweden stated that ILGA is "clearly in the framework" of Paragraph 1296 of the ECOSOC mandate, which "calls for the discussion of legal and social problems of sexual minorities."

Representing ILGA were Power and John Clark, secretaries general of the organization; Susan Allee, ILGA's U.S. attorney and member of the board of directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF); and Michael Weltmann and Dr. Harold Kooden of the N.Y. Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center.

ILGA will continue to lobby the U.N. for inclusion, and will discuss the issue at its 1991 International Conference in Guadalajara, Mexico, June 30-July 6. In the meantime, ILGA officials said the organization will cement relationships with the supportive delegates and work to "enlighten the delegates who cannot see the need for gay and lesbian rights."

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NewsLine: Gay America

Health groups fault President's AIDS budget, wants millions more

A broad coalition of national health organizations has severely criticized the President's budget, saying it falls far short of the effort needed to fight the nation's AIDS epidemic.

Speaking for the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA), Daniel Bross, executive director of AIDS Action Council and chair of NORA, said, "Over 100,000 Americans have died of

AIDS. Surely our nation's leaders should pursue the war against AIDS and drug abuse with the same determination they have mustered for armed conflicts in the international arena."

A total of 161,000 cases of AIDS have been reported in the United States to date. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that a million Americans are infected with HIV, and at least 165,000 of them will die in the next two years.

A statement released by the 150 member coalition Feb. 4 cited three areas where greater resources are needed in the fight against AIDS: programs to prevent the transmission of HIV; funding of the Ryan White CARE Act; drug abuse and AIDS.

For prevention programs, NORA requested an additional \$500 million over current spending. NORA also requested

full funding of the Ryan White Act at \$881.5 million (\$531 million over current spending), and suggested a major increase in the Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Services Block Grant.

"These increased commitments to AIDS must be part of a larger commitment to improved health for all Americans confronting all diseases," said Bross. "During this Congress, we will work to ensure that commitment is safe."

Film Review

'Sleeping with the Enemy' is a riveting, well-made thriller

By STEVE WARREN
TNV Film Critic

At first glance Julia Roberts is living the perfect life as the perfect wife in *Sleeping with the Enemy*. Her husband, Patrick Bergin, is a fabulously successful investment counselor who works out on a machine that makes him look like he's making a Sisyphusian run up the corporate ladder.

Sure, he does some business when they're supposed to be vacationing at their summer home on Cape Cod, but he also finds time not only to take his wife to parties but to tell her what to wear to them. We soon realize Hubby Dearest is a control freak, and that he beats his wife brutally when she disappoints him (shades of director Joseph Ruben's earlier film, *The Stepfather*!), then becomes especially loving in the usual pattern of the abuser. All Roberts can do is look wistfully from their window like a bird in a gilded cage.

"We will always be together," Bergin tells her. "Nothing can keep us apart." From someone else this might be reassuring, but from him it sounds like a threat or at least a life sentence.

After "three years, seven months, six days," a boating accident gives Roberts a

chance to escape and start a new life in a small town in Iowa. She takes the name "Waters" in honor of the waters that saved her.

Roberts lucks out by renting a house next door to the most sensitive heterosexual man in America (Kevin Anderson). When he starts growing attached and presses her for some information about herself she asks, "What is it with men?" a variation on "It's a dick thing." But she eventually warms to him and lets down some of her defenses.

Meanwhile Bergin figures out his wife didn't really die and the hunt is on! There's never any question of what will happen in this formula suspense drama, only when and how. Fortunately it contains several witty and suspenseful sequences. Although a few clichés are inevitable, things aren't dragged out unbearably long; if anything, the climax seems a bit rushed.

Bergin doesn't have the natural menace of Jack Palance, who did this kind of thing so well in the '50s, but he's a good actor and Ruben knows how to photograph him to make him frightening. Besides, we see enough of him in action to believe he's capable of anything.

A gay man figures cleverly in one scene with no stereotyping or



PHOTO BY MYLES ARINWITZ, 20TH CENTURY FOX

Julia Roberts plays a young woman who takes desperate measures to escape a destructive relationship, and Patrick Bergin plays her husband, who's obsession is to keep her at any cost, in the thriller "Sleeping with the Enemy"

homophobia a bit but a good example to other film makers of how smoothly gay characters can be woven into the fabric of everyday life.

Sleeping with the Enemy is a well made thriller that proves Julia Roberts is

capable of carrying a film, if there was any doubt. I'm not sure what message it will send to battered women, who may find it disturbing; but for anyone else it should prove as easily forgettable as it is thoroughly enjoyable.

NewsLine: New Orleans

Taking the AIDS test: A personal journey

YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP by
LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

When I was in my salad days (my twenties), I lived in California and lay atop a park bench most afternoons in a manicured park high above the Pacific Ocean, listening to the ships and smelling the air moving up from San Francisco Bay. It was the 1960's, a terrific time to be in one's salad days.

I went on to become a sailor and ship out on vast oceans to far flung lands. Then I grew older, lived again on land and left the ships in memories' wake.

On a recent voyage, sailing aboard an airplane, returning from the ancient sea bed of Nevada: flying back to swampy New Orleans from desert dry Las Vegas, I decided to take the AIDS test.

On the plane with me were two men in declining early years. They were frail, one more so than the other. Both had thin, wispy, post-chemotherapy hair.

I spoke, asking if they were from New Orleans. "Yes," the sprier one said. Had they won in Vegas? "No," they both said. I guessed two things about them; they were dying, one sooner than the other.

Movies are the great American Art Form.

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In cold Illinois, I have a friend from my college days who is HIV positive. He was slow in telling me but I had guessed. He has gone back to graduate school at out alma mater. I went to see him. He told me his plans. They are: to finish graduate school with the time he has left and then bow out or recover, if a cure is found.

These are times that try our soul and faith and patience. I decided again, this time for sure—when I get home I will take the AIDS test.

In Illinois, we talked about life in the 60's. Once, he and I sat on a hillside looking at a munitions train moving slow and snake-like along the Mississippi River. There was war then, too. the 60's had their drawbacks.

I saw "Longtime Companion" for a third time after returning from Illinois. The ending is powerful. A tear jerker, ending like movies made during World War II. Two men and a woman on a beach dreaming of a better day and of those fallen.

I phoned to make an appointment for the AIDS test. I am 50 pounds overweight and I worked for the United States Navy for all

those years. I was given blood tests regularly. Had they been positive, surely they would have fired me. But then, maybe they did.

Also, I have had heavy bouts with depression. And I have dandruff when I don't wash my hair! And I had a little skin cancer on my nose!

The lady who greeted and tested and talked with me was nice, friendly and understanding. I was worried, she knew. "Probably you don't need to worry," she said. "You look healthy. Most people when they come for the test look ill!"

I thought about my neighbor. One morning he died. He had looked healthy, a big Frenchman from Cajun country who sold insurance in New Orleans. His long time companion told me he had been in the hospital for two weeks with an uncontrollable sinus infection that turned out to be a rare spinal infection. Then they tested him for AIDS. He was positive. "After that, he gave up and went."

Louisiana is poor and slow. Results from an AIDS test take "... two to three weeks," the nice lady said.

I will tell you what it says.
(To be continued next issue)

N.O. photographer-journalist honored by Japanese

The author of the nationally syndicated column "Yours Truly In A Swamp," Leonard Earl Johnson of New Orleans, has been honored by the government of Japan.

The Diet of Japan expressed its "appreciation to photographer/journalist Leonard Earl Johnson for sharing the art of

American photography and the noble art of American seamanship with the people of Japan," so translates a document forwarded to Johnson from the U.S. State Department.

Johnson exhibited 36 black and white photographs in Tokyo in a program sponsored by the United States and the Japan

Seamen's Service during 1989 and 1990. The images were of U.S. Merchant seamen working aboard ships around the world.

"I assume it (the parchment document) is complimentary, but I can't read it," Johnson said. "I got a phone call from Washington saying it was a good thing, and it is very pretty."

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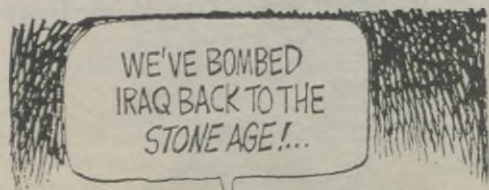
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Letters to the Editor

Reader wants no part of Queer Nation

From R.D. WARREN, Houston

It seems like everywhere you look nowadays, you see the words Queer Nation. They've got their stupid stickers up all over the place, the gay and (mainstream) newspapers have articles about them, and they're even on the (television) news. Enough is enough, already.

What they are doing is taking away everything most gay people have

worked for 20 years. Their "proud" use of a nauseating word is making us the laughing stock of 1991. I want no part of the "Queer Nation"—it's a silly, degrading, self-defeating nation that will do more harm than good to most of us. I am not "queer," though I am gay and proud to be.

I wonder if those people think about the possible indirect consequences of their "direct action," or if

they even care about anything but calling attention to themselves and their antics ... like ACT UP, they seem to be more concerned with making noise than making change.

No wonder no body (sic) takes the gay community seriously.

—Write Us

The New Voice wants to know your views. Write us at 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006. Thank you.

NewsLine: Gay America

Study finds white men most likely to get AIDS treatment drug

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—Access to the AIDS drug AZT may be based more often on race, sex, and a patient's insurance than on need, a study reports.

After interviewing 880 AIDS patients in nine U.S. cities and counties, including New Orleans, researchers at Brown University and Rhode Island Hospital found white men appeared to have a better chance of AZT treatment than women and members of racial minorities.

The conclusions of the study were published recently in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

AZT is the only approved drug for treating and preventing deadly infections that occur when AIDS breaks down the body's immune system. Patients

must be tested periodically to prevent damage to their blood-producing bone marrow cells.

A white patient's chances of getting AZT were 73 percent higher than for nonwhites. Intravenous drug users were a little less than half as likely to get AZT as were those who did not use drugs.

The researchers also found that patients with insurance were twice as likely to be offered the drug, even in states where people without insurance can get the drug free.

"I don't think it's a conscious bias," said Dr. Tom J. Wachtel, a coauthor and director of Rhode Island Hospital's medical primary care unit.

"Doctors are making assumptions

inappropriately" based on stereotypes, he said.

That might include beliefs that drug users are less likely to take the drug properly and that women might become pregnant, Wachtel said. AZT is not supposed to be taken during pregnancy.

"I think doctors would need to have a very strong reason why they shouldn't offer AZT to slow progression of the disease," coauthor Dr. Michael D. Stein, director of the hospital's AIDS clinic, told *The Providence Journal-Bulletin* in an interview published Feb. 15.

Anne Marie Silvia of Rhode Island Project AIDS said that for years AIDS activists had complained about bias in distribution of the drug.

"There's an inherent bias in most of us since we've been raised in a world that is primarily sexist and homophobic," she said. Drug users also are looked down upon by society, Silvia said.

"It shouldn't be happening," she said.

AZT is very expensive and must be taken for a long time. The results show that "physicians will not prescribe a drug the patient can't pay for," but they also may not have known about the free programs, Wachtel said.

The researchers conducted interviews in Newark and Jersey City, N.J.; Dallas; Fort Lauderdale and Miami, Fla.; New Orleans; Seattle; Nassau County, N.Y.; and the small Texas community of Atlanta.

NewsLine: Austin

Shaman's Circle to host pride week gay men's gathering

Historically, gay men have filled the role of the tribal shaman, facilitating explorations of the soul, say members of the Shaman's Circle. As healers, mediators, magicians, and spirit-medicine people, they balanced masculine with feminine and brought a deep sense of spirit idealism to the community, the organization believes. The spirit lives today, but often without awareness and recognition.

Shaman's Circle honors this gay spirit individually. The group is planning a weekend of self-empowerment by gay men in a tribal environment on June 28-30, during Austin's gay pride celebration. Partici-

pants will "celebrate a very powerful Gay Pride weekend claiming and honoring Gay masculinity...gay empowerment through a combination of tribal heritage, group experiences, gay culture, drumming and ritual," say organizers. Meals and lodging will be provided. Men of color, non-gay or bisexual men, and fathers and sons are welcome.

The event will be held at Guadalupe River Ranch, in the Texas Hill Country. Registration (limited to 40 men, \$225) deadline is April 15. For more information, call Shaman's Circle, c/o Liberty Books, Austin, Tx., at (512) 495-9737 or (800) 828-1279.

—"Texas Sing Out" March 16

Five Texas gay and lesbian choirs will perform a "Texas Sing Out!" concert at the Bass Concert Hall in the University of Texas at Austin Performing Arts Center Saturday, March 16 at 9:00 p.m.

The concert is part of a packed weekend of activities organized around the 1991 March on Austin for Gay/Lesbian Equal Rights, which will occur at noon Sunday, March 17.

More than 10,000 gay men and lesbians are expected to participate in the march, which will be followed by a rally and dem-

onstration for gay/lesbian rights at the State Capitol. Following the rally will be a festival at nearby Waterloo Park.

The Saturday night concert features performances by the Capital City Men's Chorus, an Austin men's choir; the Alamo City Men's Chorus, a San Antonio men's choir; the Montrose Singers, a Houston men's choir; Tapestry, an Austin women's choir and Heartsong, a Houston women's choir.

Tickets for the performance, which event spokesperson Sean Somoskey said will feature a wide variety of music, are \$10, \$8 and \$5. Additional information is available by calling (512) 477-SING.

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NewsLine: Gay America

Activists wary of report that AZT may harm minority AIDS patients

By DEBORAH MESCE

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—AIDS activists are cautioning blacks and Hispanics not to read too much into a new study that suggests minorities may be harmed by early treatment with the anti-AIDS drug AZT.

The study findings, though inconclusive, also illustrate the need to get more minorities into clinical trials where drugs are tested and to study how intravenous drug use, access to routine health care and other factors affect treatment, the activists said Feb. 15.

"You have to test the drugs in the population that is going to be taking them," said Mark Harrington of the New York-based AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, known as ACT UP, which has pushed for expanding clinical trials and including more women and minorities.

"People used to stigmatize our desire for inclusion of all affected populations as somehow a political imperative," he told a Food and Drug Administration advisory committee. "But it's not. ... It's a

medical, it's an ethical, it's a scientific and a political imperative."

The Veterans Affairs Department study, released Feb. 15, indicated that early treatment with AZT may not benefit, and may even harm, blacks and Hispanics infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV.

For whites, the study supported earlier studies that found early treatment slowed progression of the disease.

Based on those earlier studies, the FDA last year said AZT could be recommended for adults infected with the virus that causes AIDS when they have mild or no symptoms of the disease.

Members of the FDA advisory committee said the findings of the new VA study were disturbing but not strong enough to warrant changing the government's treatment recommendation.

Some on the panel, however, said they would inform their minority patients of the findings and that the information should be made available to other physicians immediately, rather than wait six to eight months for the findings to be

published.

"The findings may be a fluke, but I'm concerned they might not be," said Dr. Richard O'Brien, a researcher at the federal Centers for Disease Control.

Dr. Wayne Greaves, head of the infectious disease division at Howard University and a consultant to the panel, said that while he agreed the evidence was not strong enough to re-label AZT, he would tell his minority patients about the study.

"I will tell them the data contradicts earlier studies, that early AZT therapy may not be useful and may even be harmful to minority patients," he said. The study "is preliminary and will need to be replicated."

Leaders of the National Minority AIDS Council and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force cautioned that it would be premature to draw any definitive conclusions from the study and said they were concerned it could send the wrong message to blacks and Hispanics carrying the virus.

"We are concerned that misinterpreta-

tion of this study will add yet another potential for discrimination against people of color with HIV and AIDS, not to mention discourage them from seeking AIDS drugs," said Belinda Rochelle, a lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Paul Kawata, executive director of the National AIDS Minority Council said his concern was that "we must not send people of color with HIV infection underground. This study has the potential to take away hope for infected minorities."

The VA study was small, with 338 participants, and the results were inconsistent with other, larger studies, the activists and committee members noted. It also was not designed to measure racial differences, and therefore might not be an accurate reflection, they said. It did not distinguish between blacks and Hispanics, but rather lumped them into a single group.

In addition, the VA study was not able to measure the importance of other factors, such as socioeconomic status, lifestyle and access to routine medical care.

Couples flock to S.F. City Hall to register as domestic partners

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—More than 275 couples, most of them gay and lesbian, walked into City Hall as single people on Valentine's Day and left as officially registered "domestic partners" under a new city law.

San Francisco voters approved a domestic partners proposal in last November's election. Other cities with similar laws include Santa Cruz and West Hollywood in California, Seattle and Madison, Wis.

"It's a real milestone, not only in our relationship, but for the gay community," Chris Minor said Feb. 15 after he and Richard Mulholland became San Francisco's first official domestic partners.

Minor was on the steps of City Hall at 5:30 a.m. The couple, in matching leather jackets and boots, paid their \$35 fee and became legal domestic partners shortly

after 8:00 a.m.

About a dozen same-sex couples were waiting when City Hall opened. They included Christmas Leubrie, a 41-year-old nurse, and her lover of six years, Alice Heimsoth, 39, a city health worker. They wore pastel silk outfits and flowers in their hair.

"We worked hard on this," said Leubrie, who was active in the campaign to get the law approved by voters. "It's about love and recognition of relationships."

The Rev. Charles McIlhenny, pastor of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, said earlier, "City Hall is playing fast and loose with God's creation ordinance."

He was among religious leaders who led a referendum campaign in 1989 to overturn a similar ordinance approved

by the Board of Supervisors. The issue was put on the ballot after a petition campaign and narrowly failed.

Voters passed the law in November after narrowly rejecting a similar ballot initiative in 1989. The city's Board of Supervisors had adopted a domestic partners ordinance in 1982, but former Mayor Dianne Feinstein vetoed it as too costly.

Under the new law, couples file their declaration with the county clerk. There is no ceremony.

But late Thursday afternoon, Feb. 15, about 100 couples took part in a special multi-denominational ceremony recognizing their new status, with their names announced as they descended City Hall's rotunda stairway.

San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt's staff had handed out thousands of

flyers about the law in the city's predominantly gay Castro district, and his aide, Jean Harris, said the supervisor's office was flooded with calls from people planning to register. Britt was the prime backer of the legislation.

The new law is narrower in scope than the earlier proposals. It does not provide any benefits for domestic partners, only letting them declare that they have an intimate relationship, that they have lived together at least six months and that they will be jointly responsible for living expenses.

Denmark is the only country to permit same-sex marriages by law; Sweden is considering a similar law that would give gay couples the same rights as married people in areas such as taxation, inheritance and divorce.

The San Francisco ordinance applies to gay as well as heterosexual couples.

Mississippi House approves AIDS testing for rapists

By GINA HOLLAND

FOR THE NEW VOICE

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—The Mississippi House voted on Feb. 12 to require AIDS testing for convicted rapists with the results being sent to the victim.

The bill which would include testing

for anyone sentenced to a Mississippi prison passed 122-0 with little debate. It now goes to the Senate.

Rep. Ed Buelow of Vicksburg questioned whether the bill should be expanded to include all sex-related offenders, not just rapists.

Rep. Ed Jackson of Cleveland, chairman of the House Penitentiary Committee, said rapists posed the biggest harm.

The tests would be conducted by the state Department of Health.

Any positive AIDS or AIDS virus test

results would also be reported to the victim's spouse and to the spouse of the person who is convicted of the sex offense, Jackson said.

The state Department of Health now performs random testing of state inmates for AIDS and the AIDS virus.

NewsLine: Louisiana

Louisiana receives \$1.3 million for AIDS programs

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Louisiana will receive \$1.3 million in federal money to expand and improve programs for people with AIDS, Gov. Buddy Roemer said Feb. 14.

The money, which will be in hand in April, will be used for home health care, to buy the life-prolonging drug AZT for AIDS

patients who cannot afford it, and for support services for people who test positive for the HIV virus and live outside of the New Orleans area, Roemer said.

The grant is named in memory of Ryan White, an Indiana youth who died from AIDS last year after receiving international attention for his battle with the fatal dis-

ease, which he contracted from a blood transfusion.

"The Ryan White ... grant will benefit HIV-infected citizens and their families throughout the state by providing more readily available health care and support services," Roemer said.

Roemer said some of the money, which will be administered by the Department of Health and Hospitals, will also be used for case management and primary care for AIDS patients.

At last count, there were 2298 AIDS cases in the state, with more than half of them concentrated in the New Orleans area.

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Little Bit of Texas Band, Berry Hill
BRB Does Dallas
Safe Sex Seminar & Buffet 9pm, Club Body Center
Show 10pm, QT's
Male review 11pm, E/J's
After-hours Mary's

●SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's
TV sports noon-6pm, Gentry
Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
Liquor bash 4-7pm, Atrium
Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's
Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N
9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time
Shea and Shinola, Berry Hill
Nashville artist J.T., 9:30pm BRB
Show 10pm, QT's
Flash from the Past Show, 10:30pm E/J's
After-hours, Mary's

●SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Pool tournament 4pm, steak-n-taters 5pm, Gentry
Happy hour 1-6pm, Berry Hill
Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night 4-6pm, Mary's
Pool tourney 2pm, Cousins
Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, Buck Burgers 6-9pm, "Illusions '90" 10pm, E/J's
"Burgs & dawgs" 5pm, Venture-N
Happy hour noon-6pm, steak night 5-9pm, Nashville artist J.T. 7pm, BRB

●MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Locker special noon-midnight, Club Body Center
"Coiffeur Shop Talk" with Carl 2-6pm, Gentry
Beer pitcher special 4-10pm, Atrium
TV comedy hour 9pm, Gentry
Monday Night Madness 9-10pm, 75¢ well, draft, schnapps, E/J's

●TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Hamburgers by Herman noon, Mary's
Room & locker specials 7pm-3am, Club Body Center
Pool league play 8pm, Gentry
Pool tourney 9pm, Berry Hill
C&W dance lessons, 10pm BRB
Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's

●WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Slop shot pool tourney 11am, Mary's
Steak night 6pm, E/J's
\$1.50 well 4-11pm, Berry Hill
Male strip contest 10pm, QT's

●THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Full moon
Hamburgers by Herman noon, Mary's
Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center
\$1.25 longnecks all day & night, 50¢ hamburgers 7-9pm, DJ Chris Ballard to 2am, BRB
Buck Burgers 6pm, "Illusions '90" 10pm, E/J's
Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
Music video classics 9pm, Gentry

●LATER

National Leather Association color hanging ceremonies March 2, Venture-N
Mr. BRB '91 Contest March 17
THE ABOVE EVENTS ARE TAKEN FROM ADVERTISEMENTS IN THIS ISSUE OF THE NEW VOICE

Your Stars

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Aries

Of course, you can settle down, but not this week. Jump in that hot tub with someone hot and forget about tomorrow. You're so controlled most of the time that a little wildness will be good for you. And don't worry about your partner having stars in his eyes. They're there, or he wouldn't be with you.

Taurus

Forget about your finances and spend time with those you love this week. Things are looking up all the way around, so relax. But first, spend time working out at the gym and get ready for spring. Perhaps a little sunshine will help you achieve your natural glow. Cash in on it.

Gemini

Moody? Why? Get out and get over it. Surround yourself with people this week and forget about staying at home. Put your phone on answering and have a marvelous time. The season's right for you to meet some new and interesting people.

Cancer

This is a week to spend around the house with close friends. Try a nice dinner one night this week. Also start concentrating on what you really want in the future. An intellectual adventure? An erotic adventure? Maybe both.

Leo

Just watch people react to you. All you have to do is *get out and be seen!* What you're looking for will come to you. Relax and enjoy.

Virgo

Even though you may consider it highly impractical, it's time to start concentrating on that trip out of town

you've been wanting to take. And you probably know the person who'd love to go with you. Let loose of those coins and see your travel agent. Get ready for romance.

Libra

Your ability to see through the antics of your friends and colleagues will pay off handsomely this week. The knowledge you pick up from your intuition will help you succeed in the future.

Scorpio

Now's the time for you to concentrate on your spring wardrobe. Get rid of the old, and buy something new and tastefully sensational. And once you've changed into your new look, get ready for the changes in your life.

Sagittarius

Trying to figure it all out this week will save you a lot of grief. That's just what you need to do. Go easy on loved ones. They're not as hot as you are.

Capricorn

It's time for you to harness all that strength and magnetism you're going to unleash as the weather stays warmer. Just look at your assets!

Aquarius

Your concentration at work may be tensing you up. Let it go. Join a gym or workout at home. Someone younger than you may catch your eye this week, and you want to be ready. Then, if things get too rough for you, just laugh it off. Your sense of humor is imperative right now.

Pisces

So you're in the mood to be gracious? Fine. Soak up that champagne and visit the art museum and let someone special take you out to dinner. It's time for you to capitalize on that natural glow of yours and really please those you care for.

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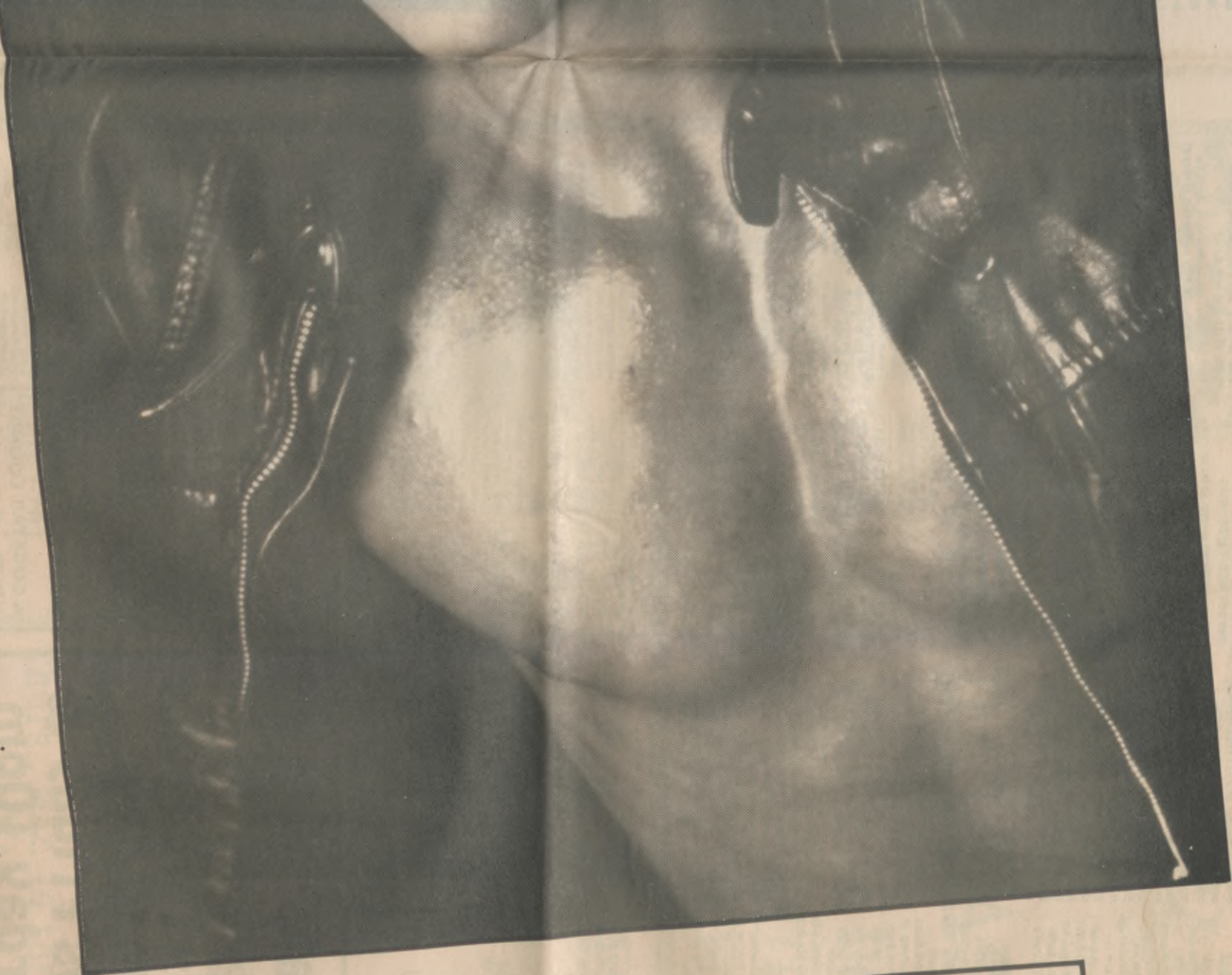


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Houston Soap: New Festival 91 begins March 1

The Montrose Activity Center (MAC) is hosting The New Festival National Gay and Lesbian 1991 Film Tour from March 1 to March 10 at Rice University Media Center, Entrance 7 (University Blvd. at Stockton). There will be an opening night reception and screenings to benefit MAC beginning at 1pm on Friday, March 1. For more information about opening night festivities you can call (713) 523-6109. For information on the festival schedule consult the New Festival ad in this issue of TNV (that's "The New Voice").

Looking for something to do this week? Don't forget "Gay's Games" take place at Mary's on Fridays (301 Darts Tourney) and Wednesdays (Shot Pool) at 11am both days.

If your tastes run toward female impersonation shows, QT's offers them on Fridays and Saturdays beginning at 10pm. Also, check out E.J.'s shows on Thursdays and Sundays at 10pm.

For live band aficionados, Berry Hill presents country/western band "Little Bit of Texas" tonight (Friday) and "Shea and Shinola" Saturday night. For performance times you can call the bar at 587-8810.

The BRB has a busy weekend scheduled beginning tonight (Friday) as "The BRB Does Dallas." Everyone is encouraged to dress as you would in Big D. Buz tells us there'll be games, contests and prizes which should make for a fun filled evening. Then on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 9:30 and Sunday, Feb. 24, at 7pm the BRB presents Nashville recording artist S.T.

The guys at "Whacko City" (Venture-N) remind everyone of their cash pool tournament on Saturdays beginning at 5pm. Plus, every Sunday at 5pm there are hamburgers and hot dogs.

Donations to Colt 45's Trouble Fund at the time are greatly appreciated.

Softball season is almost upon us and the Gentry team invites you to come by the bar at 2303 Richmond-for cocktails and mingling 2-8pm this Sunday, Feb. 24.

Last weekend was the annual LUEY Weekend sponsored by the Houston Council of Clubs who entertained in-town as well as out of town guests. On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Texas Riders made the Venture-N their home bar with a special color hanging and unveiling of their trophy case. The TR's join the Lancers MC at Houston's ONLY downtown bar. It seems these two clubs will be joined by yet another on March 2. The National Leather Association/Houston chapter will be calling the V-N home also. Congratulations to all of you once again.

On Sunday, Feb. 24, from Noon to 4pm, the Houston supporters of LGLR lobbyist Glen Maxey are staging a benefit to help his run-off election bid for a seat in the Texas Legislature at JR's Bar & Grill, Santa Fe Patio. If successful, Maxey will be the first openly gay elected official in Texas. The Sunday benefit has a "New Orleans HOT JAZZ" theme, and features live entertainment headlined by the nationally known Dave Catney Trio. Performing on the same bill will be the Lone Star Swing Band and Muscles in Action with sultry New Orleans-style impersonations by Chablis and Regina Dane. There will be a light brunch, cash bar, and drink specials. A \$7 donation is requested, with all proceeds going to the Glen Maxey Campaign. Houston campaign organizer, Jim Owens put together the benefit with the help of local underwriters.

MCCR is planning a "1930's Gala" on Saturday, March 2 from 7-11pm at the newly remodeled Metro-Majestic Theater, 911 Preston. The semi-formal

event will benefit the Capital Gifts Campaign and the price for this evening of entertainment, food and beverages is \$25 per person. For more information and advance tickets you can call MCCR at 861-9149.

Next weekend seems to be as busy as this one. On Saturday, March 2, The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star holds the Investiture VII of Steven C. Wright, Emperor VII and Lady Victoria Lust, Empress VII at the BRB from 7-9pm.

The staff of Mary's is planning a community-wide yard sale to take place in the "Outback." If you'd like more information contact the bar at 527-9669.

Now here's this week's gossip from our reliable (jealous?) sources:

David Carpenter (BRB), who told you beer bellies turned him on? Please ask him to call Woody!

Beau (Past Time), we hear you have new jewelry. Did you borrow it from Lulu (611) and is it junk?

Will (Mary's), we understand there's a cure for your "I only come out at night" syndrome!

Buz (BRB), inquiring minds want to know. Is it true you have Ben Taub eyes?

Why were you so happy Monday morning, Matt (C & N), and who woke you up at 4 o'clock?

Steve (BRB barback), do you spell your name Roxie or Roxy?

Terry S. (Mary's), how'd that inspection of the bar's foot rail go Sunday?

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ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED, CLEAN CUT, PROFESSIONAL, well-endowed, outgoing, great sense of humor, non-smoker/drugs, excellent health, HIV-negative, masculine appearing/sounding, tall, weight in proportion to height, seeks same (20-45 years old). Enjoy movies, hiking, cooking, computers, photography, animals, long walks/talks, children, volunteering. Respond with letter to Ad 25011.

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CHRISTIAN GWM, 32 seeks stable same or older, good looking? Don't remember when I tied a bone around my neck to get the dog to play with me. Well hung? Compared to what? Happy, self-supporting, enjoy theater, church, dinner in or out, free of smoke, drugs, alcohol. No pictures. I need more than a face to talk to. Reply to Ad 25085, c/ o The New Voice.

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GWF, 23, FUN LOVING AND ENERGETIC

Seeks a special lady to spend time and fun with. I do not smoke or take drugs, prefer same. Tired of empty, meaningless relationships. Send me a photo and describe your personality. Reply to Ad 25086. c/o The New Voice.

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seeks a special lady to spend time and fun with. I do not smoke or take drugs, prefer same. Tired of empty, meaningless relationships. Send me a photo and describe your personality. Reply to Ad 25089. c/o The New Voice.

GWM SEEKS FRIENDSHIP & COMPANIONSHIP

I'm a GWM, 42, 5'10", 180 lbs. I'm HIV negative, drug free and a professional who is looking for someone who is 18-25, white, Hispanic or Oriental, but must be discrete. I enjoy dinners in/ out, the theater, seeing shows, good conversation, enjoying the outdoors, quiet evenings at home. I'm seeking new friends to share these interests. Respond to Ad 25073. c/o The New Voice.

GWM SEEKS SAME

Attractive, energetic, outgoing GWM, 5'9", 125 lbs., seeks same, 20-27, for exciting times. Please send photo with a note from yourself and what you are looking for. Keep in mind I will be discrete in contacting you. All serious responses will be answered. Reply to Ad 25043. c/o The New Voice.

GWM, 51, SEEKS FRIENDSHIP AND ROMANCE

I have, blue eyes, br. hair, 6'1", enjoy metaphysics, astrology and numerology. I am drug free and a non-smoker. Please write and tell me about yourself. Reply to Ad 25017.

GWM, FORTY SOMETHING

Are you attractive, intelligent, HIV positive (in good

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HANDSOME, HEALTHY & MUSCULAR
GWM, brown hair, br. eyes seeks others who want a friendship and/ or to build into a possible relationship. Send photo and phone to Ad 25041. c/o The New Voice.

LET'S GET NAKED
GWM nudist couple 35 & 25 wants to meet other nudist couples & singles for weekend trips to Hippie Hollow in Austin. We also enjoy camping and know of secluded places where nudity is permitted. Let's get together soon. Reply to Ad 25099.

LIGHTNING BOLTS WILDLY ACROSS THE SKY
Michael, there is no moment more future than now. As lightning bolts wildly across the sky, the future is anyone's guess. There are no straight lines in nature. Let us follow nature, together, into the future. I Love you. David.

LOOKING FOR INTELLECTUAL AND PHYSICAL STIMULATION?
I am a GWM, professional, 37, 5'9", 165, well-built, hung, HIV-; interests include classical music, working out, travel, cooking. I want to meet other bright, masculine, in-shape men, 30-40 for good times and possible relationship. Write with photo and phone to Ad 25066. c/o The New Voice.

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I am GWM, 28, stable, great attitude, but not concieted, with above average looks, endowment. Reply with recent photo. Long clean hair is a plus. Ad 25008. c/o The New Voice.

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Attractive GWM, 35, degreed professional, 6'1", 175, non-smoker, masculine, exercises regularly, very independent with warm personality. Seeking GBM, 30-40, health and appearance conscious, masculine and sure of himself. Not looking for an Adonis, just guy next door. If you're in a haystack and want to be found, please respond to Ad 25010. c/o The New Voice.

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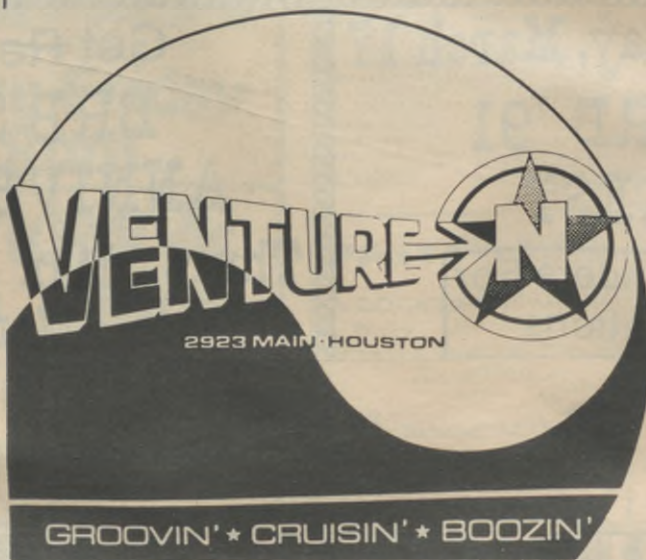
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SEEKING: A SINCERE, FUNNY, HONEST, AFFECTIONATE, HIV NEGATIVE BOTTOM
 Me: WM, top, professional, multi-organic, non-smoker, attractive, shy, 5'11", 170 lbs., br/ gr, 32"

waist, clean cut, HIV negative, sensitive, smooth, defined body. Prefer secure professional non-smokers with smooth muscled bodies. Long hair, Hispanics, redheads and sensitive bodies are all turn ons. Photo appreciated. Reply to Ad 25032, c/ o The New Voice.

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 Me: GWM, 35, 6', 170 lbs., medium build, brown hair and eyes, healthy professional. You: must be SWC fan, must thrive on

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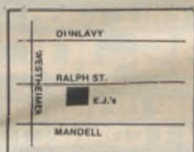
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I'm a WM, attractive person in good health (HIV negative) with an outgoing personality. I'm a non-smoker, enjoy weight-lifting, walking, sports, all outdoor activities (especially gardening). I am seeking new friends who would share some of these interests. Ad 25012.

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6'4", well-built guy, dark hair, blue eyes looking for a M/F couple to show me the ropes. Experience in

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Bi-WF, 28 attractive, enjoys leather and B & D would like to meet BiF/ GF, 18-35 with similar interests for friendship and decadent pleasures. Describe yourself and pleasures and include photo. Reply to Ad 25031, c/ o The New Voice.

Creative Places, attractive GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., forty-something, in good shape, mentally and physically. My interests run the gamut. Fantasy/ security, independence/ support, laughter/ tears. Desires attractive GWM, 28-45, mature, but capable of

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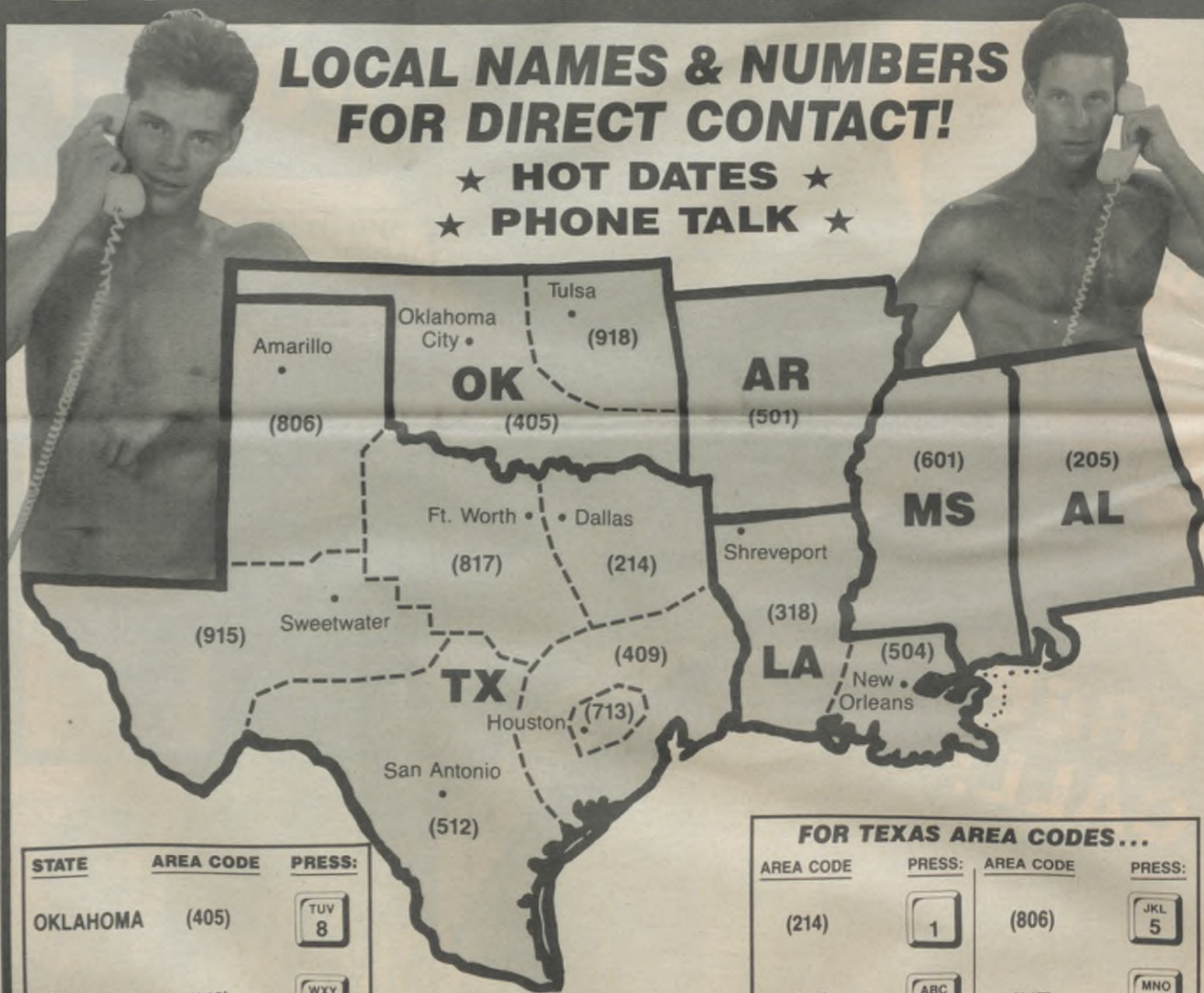
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