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▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Gay Veterans and MCC-Austin call for lifting the gays in the military ban

By JIM RAWSON

The New Voice/Austin

As Texas and the rest of the nation prepared for the celebration of independence on the Fourth of July, a group of gay and lesbian veterans gathered on the steps of the state capital to tell of their often humiliating experiences in the military and generate support for lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military.

Rich Bailey, president of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of Central Texas, stood behind a small banner proclaiming "We Served Proudly" as he told of a promising military career cut short by three small words: "I am gay." Bailey served in the Navy for four years, achieving the rank of petty officer and earning the Navy Expeditionary Medal and several commendations.

Holding his honorable discharge papers aloft, he said, "I was shamed when I was told that I was no longer fit to serve my country. I was shamed when those I associated with were suspected of being gay because of me. But I am shamed no more. Instead it is the government and the military leaders who should be shamed, shamed for continuing a policy of discrimination and harassment."

President Bill Clinton is expected to make a decision on the issue of gays and lesbians in the military very soon. Since announcing his intention to lift the ban shortly after taking office, Clinton has faced opposition from military and congressional leaders and the religious right. A compromise known as "don't ask, don't tell" has emerged in recent weeks.

Under this plan, new recruits would not be questioned about sexual prefer-



Veterans at MMC-A's Fourth of July service

ence and the military would stop actively hunting homosexuals within its ranks. In return, service members would be expected to not discuss their sexual orientation or act upon it.

The veterans at the rally on July 1st oppose the compromise. Tom Doyal, an Austin lawyer and Army veteran, said, "whatever standards are applied to gays and lesbians must also apply to heterosexual soldiers. No compromise will be acceptable."

He also stated that the veterans' group had come to the Capitol steps to "remind people what true patriotism is."

Lansing Bailey (no relation to the group president) is a veteran of World War II, joining the Army in 1942. He achieved the rank of second lieutenant in the medical corps and served as an

assistant battalion surgeon in Europe, earning two Bronze Stars and one Silver Star for meritorious service.

Bailey stated, "Many straight men are alive today because of my service in the war." Back in the United States after the war ended, Bailey counseled returning gay veterans who could not cope with the shame and guilt forced upon them. "The bias against homosexuals is the biggest prejudice in our society today," he said.

Nick Nickel, a Viet Nam era veteran, said, "With all my skills and military expertise, I was not allowed to fight for my own civil rights while I was fighting for the rights and privileges of everyone else."

Gay and lesbian veterans were also very visible at a special service at the Metropolitan Community Church of

Austin on the Fourth. A procession of flags carried by veterans in their former uniforms opened the services which also featured a blessing and anointing of all former and active service members present and a roll call of dead friends and companions.

In her sermon, Reverend Wendy Foxworth called upon gays and lesbians to stop being victims and to stand up for their rights. "When Sam Nunn stands before the government and media and says hateful things, he is not just talking about gays and lesbians in uniforms—he is talking about you and me," she said.

Urging those present to fight for gay and lesbian equality, Reverend Foxworth said, "you are people who have risked everything to love. And the God of love honors you."

The United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches recently concluded a ten-week postcard mailing campaign aimed at key government and military officials. The postcards bear the emblem of UFMCC and carry the message that this religious group supports ending the ban.

Church leaders estimate that roughly a million of these postcards arrived on the desks of President Clinton, General Colin Powell, Senator Sam Nunn, and other key figures in this controversy.

The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of Central Texas are planning a candlelight vigil at Woolridge Park in Austin at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14th. The park is adjacent to the main Austin Public Library at Guadalupe and Ninth Street. Membership in the GLBVCT is open to all gay, lesbian, or bisexual veterans, their families, and their friends and supporters.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Textbooks under fire from lesbian-gay groups and religious fundamentalists

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The New Voice/Houston

An advisory committee to the Texas state Board of Education convened in Austin Tuesday. The purpose of the hearing was to decide which health text books were going to be adopted by the state for the 1994-95 school year.

The groups with apparently the greatest interest in the matter do not like each other. Lesbian and gay rights groups are arguing for the approval of books that offer what they view as fair treatment of the homosexual lifestyle. Right-wing religious groups are testifying that the

texts with the Texas seal of approval should avoid the subject of sex entirely. In lieu of that, they have argued that the books should portray only the joys of reserving all sexual activity for heterosexual marriages.

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas was one of the groups sending a representative to this week's hearing. Among the books up for consideration, it found some splendid, others acceptable, and some completely objectionable.

In a printed statement, LGLR Executive Director Laurie Eiserloh rated the proposed books on two criteria: the way

in which AIDS was discussed and discussions of homosexuality. LGLR was disturbed by some of the texts because homosexuality was only considered in terms of the HIV virus. In several cases, the group suggested that such treatment deleted women entirely from the discussion, not only of HIV, but of homosexuality.

Many liberal groups have also come out against some of the books under review, not due to their treatment of homosexuality, but the lack of information about condoms and birth control devices for heterosexual youths.

On the state level, the decision of the

committee is important because local school districts can only spend state funds on books approved in Austin. While a local district can purchase what it wants, it must do so with local funds without the state board's sanction.

The decision also has national implications. Similar state committees are common around the country, but the vote of a few of the most populous states can make or break any given textbook's publication life. If Texas doesn't buy it, California or New York better. Otherwise, chances are, it won't be available for a local district in a smaller state with less purchasing influence.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Warner Bros. to give health coverage to employees' same-sex partner

By E. SCOTT RECKARD

FOR THE NEW VOICE

BURBANK, Calif., Thursday, July 1 (AP)—Warner Bros. will extend health insurance coverage to live-in homosexual partners of employees, a move studied by many companies but often delayed while they await President Clinton's health-care package.

Warner Bros., a unit of Time Warner Inc., follows the lead of rival Universal Studios and its parent MCA Inc., which adopted a similar policy in May 1992.

Viacom International, parent of Showtime and MTV, also has extended health coverage to same-sex partners, as has Time Warner's HBO pay-cable TV operation on a trial basis.

It's likely that entertainment companies such as Walt Disney Co., News

Corp.'s Fox division and Sony Corp.'s Columbia Pictures will follow, said Richard Jennings, executive director of Hollywood Supports, a group that battles workplace discrimination against homosexuals.

"I would expect two or three employers to make the same decision by the end of the year," he said.

The Warner Bros. policy, announced Wednesday, takes effect Aug. 1. The company had studied it for some time and adopted it as part of its decision to leave the Time Warner insurance program for self-insurance, said Dagne Vicente, Warner's vice president for employee benefits.

Health coverage now costs Warner employees \$30 a month for themselves and \$75 a month for themselves and

their families, regardless of the number of family members. That \$75 charge will now apply to same-sex domestic partners and the partners' children, Ms. Vicente said.

Under federal tax law, the company's cost of supplying the health insurance to the same-sex partner will be counted as income to the employee. That will mean a Warner employee would have to pay tax on another \$400 a month if he or she added coverage for a same-sex partner, Ms. Vicente said.

The added tax burden is one reason why not many employees sign up for such coverage, said Martin Miller, a San Francisco-based health and welfare benefits actuary and principal with Towers Perrin, a business consultant.

Miller, who consulted with the city

and county of San Francisco when they implemented health coverage for employees' homosexual partners, said providing such benefits has cost far less than feared when municipalities and companies began discussing it a few years ago.

James K. Foreman, another Towers Perrin principal who heads its health and welfare division in Los Angeles, said many large companies have studied such policies but are holding off on adopting them until the outcome of Clinton's health care initiatives are known.

Smaller companies generally have not addressed the issue, said Terry Hill, a spokesperson for the National Federation of Independent Businesses in Washington, D.C. It's enough of a struggle for them just to provide affordable access to basic insurance, he said.

Germinating perhaps from what now seems an earlier life, our years in academia studying history, we occasionally now find ourselves obsessed with the preservation of our gay and lesbian past.

Oh, not to the point that we are doing anything about it. But we do observe that most of what is now appearing as gay "history" either begins with Stonewall in 1969 or AIDS in 1981. While these two events are key to gay history, they preclude an equally rich and vital period when our life and culture was abundant with hope and possibilities.

Even today an unexplored treasure are the men and women who lived through the Second World War and the repressive era of the Fifties. One such nugget of knowledge is a dear friend of ours, Donald Windham. Don was unique even in 1940 when he left Georgia for New York City, only a teen-ager, with his dear friend and lover, Fred Melton.

Don was and is a writer and his life encompassed close friendships with Lincoln Kirsten (for whom he worked during the war), Tennessee Williams (with whom he co-wrote "You Touched Me"), Truman Capote, Montgomery Clift (who starred in "You Touched Me" on Broadway), as well as a host of other writers, artists and actors centered in Manhattan in those seemingly far off decades.

It has been through Don's eyes that we have "seen" these men, all gay, in a context widely different than the general impression left by later biographers and even by their own later years.

The biographers of Clift, for instance, invariably conclude that his drinking and drugs were to cover his unhappiness with his homosexuality. But to those, like Don, who knew him well and were themselves gay, this was never a problem for Clift. Don, one never to rush to judgment, gently suggests that Clift found himself as an actor on Broadway and could never adjust to the glare of movie stardom.

Of all these men Don knew Williams the best. In Williams' memoirs, published in 1976 immediately after the

two men's friendship had foundered, "America's greatest living playwright" acknowledged that Don taught him how to cruise Times Square. Still one of the most valuable sources for understanding Williams is the collected letters he wrote Windham, the publication of same at least triggered their parting.

At a time when most of us recollect Truman Capote as the cherub-like figure from Broadway's "Trull with Robert Morse in a body suit, or as the high-pitched voice under a Panama hat on a talk show, Truman was something entirely different in Don's memory. They first met in Italy in 1948. Don was pinching pennies and trying to write after by his own estimate eighty rejections of his stories. Truman, also in Europe for the first time, was riding a

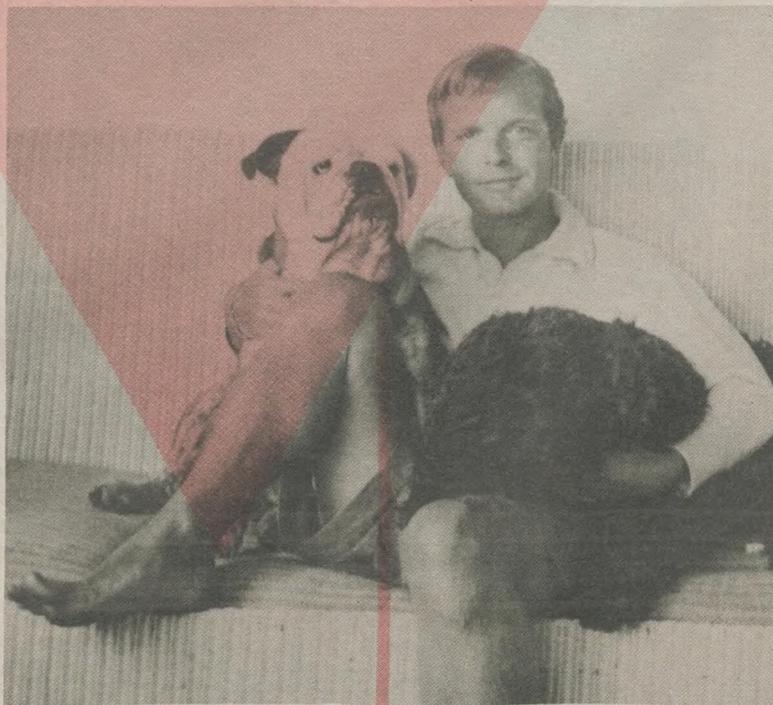
wave of the future. Hailed by many as one of the brightest literary lights of the postwar, not yet helled for his propensity to gossip.

And in all of Don's recollections there always stands Sandy Campbell, Don's lover since they met in Paul Cadmus' studio in the forties. Sandy, Princeton graduate with family money and struggling actor, appeared in "Streetcar Named Desire," replacing another actor after its first month on Broadway. It was Sandy who first met Truman in Paris a few days before Truman went on to Italy. And it was to Don and Sandy's apartment that Clift always retreated when he

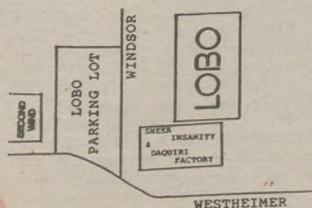
managed to escape Hollywood for New York.

When Truman Capote was writing "In Cold Blood" he persuaded Sandy to accompany him back to Kansas for further research. Unfortunately for us, we never knew Sandy as he died in their Fire Island retreat on Gay Pride Day in 1988.

Fortunately, Don has written of his famous friendships; unfortunately, most of them are out of print. With any luck, Don will finish his autobiography and our gay heritage will be thusly enriched. And, hopefully, that, too, will not end up as a footnote on this page.



Truman Capote, Bunkie, and Kelly, Stonington, Connecticut, 1956. Photograph by Sandy Campbell



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▼▼▼ DATELINE WORLD HEALTH

Brazilian doctors study bee venom as possible AIDS treatment alternative

By JACK EPSTEIN
Pacific News Service

Each day at noon, Jose Geovana D'Andrade Lima dons his white, protective suit, walks out to his hive and chooses the bees that will sting him.

Pinching their wings, he applies them one by one to his arm, 10 times in all. "The first one hurts but then the area is anesthetized," he says.

D'Andrade Lima, 32, tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS in 1989. He has endured his ordeal by bees ever since, convinced that the venom has boosted his immunity.

D'Andrade Lima's regimen typifies the extremes many AIDS patients will go in search of a cure. At the International AIDS Conference in Berlin last month researchers heard personal testimonials about a range of alternative treatments, including traditional healing and natural therapies. "What disturbs me is that people get taken in by the claims of effectiveness on an individual level," says Dr. Donald Abrams, co-director of the AIDS program at San Francisco General. "But when you go beyond the anecdotal and subject a treatment to mainstream scientific research, nothing has worked."

Nevertheless, Abrams acknowledges it's important to evaluate new approaches given that available treatments aren't perfect. And, he adds, physicians need to know their patients are turning to alternatives and what they involve.

In April, D'Andrade Lima's relentless lobbying of the international medical community to carry

out the first clinical research on bee venom's ability to control the deadly virus finally paid off.

Four doctors from the Federal University of Pernambuco in Recife are now infecting laboratory mice with the AIDS virus and treating them with bee venom. Their eagerness to study this off-beat therapy was peaked by D'Andrade Lima's clinical tests over the past two years showing improvement in his CD-4 T cell count.

CD-4 T cells are specialized immune cells needed to fight the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS. These cells are the principle targets of HIV and their level is key in diagnosing the progress of the virus. Infected individuals typically have fewer than 500 CD-4 T cells per cubic millimeter of blood.

When D'Andrade cajoled the university physicians to monitor him in 1990, his CD-4 T cell count registered at 303. After continued bee stings, it shot up to 975. Between 1990-93, his CD-4 T count has hovered between 400 and 500, reaching lower figures in the months he rests his scarred arms.

"We think that the bee venom is helping his immune system," says Dr. Aureliano Quintino Santos, "but it's definitely not a cure." Adds immunologist Dr. Paulo Miranda, "I can't say it's even a treatment until we study it."

At the Paulista School of Medicine in Sao Paulo, Dr. Paulo Olzon, a specialist in infectious diseases, believes the team is wasting its time. "I have treated AIDS patients who have taken little or no medicine and whose CD-4 counts have fluctu-

ated greatly," he says. "Bee venom can cause dangerous allergic reactions that hinder breathing. D'Andrade Lima should be taking AZT."

Indeed, Dr. Miranda has urged his patient to use AZT, the standard early treatment, but D'Andrade Lima refuses. "I don't want those horrible side-effects," he says, referring to the deterioration of vision and bone marrow which sometimes occurs. "With bee venom, I do have allergic reactions. But it's just itching and redness around my face."

D'Andrade Lima says he probably contracted the AIDS virus from sexual relations while working in Rio de Janeiro in the early 1980's. After suffering deteriorating health for three years during the latter part of the '80s, he tested positive for AIDS.

As a beekeeper, he was aware of apitherapy—the use of bee venom as an anti-inflammatory agent for arthritis and rheumatism. So one afternoon, he purposely prompted several bees to sting him. "The next day I felt better."

For the next several months, he became a human guinea pig, allowing up to 50 bees to sting him at a time. Later, he settled on his current regimen: 10 stings a day for 30 days followed by an off month to rest his arms. All his symptoms disappeared.

He became an activist for bee venom therapy writing doctors, clinics and beekeepers from Sao Paulo and London to Paris and Zurich. But he receives only two positive responses: from the Recife doctors and an 87-year-old commercial

beekeeper from Middlebury, Vermont.

"I think what he's doing is a good idea because the venom stimulates the immune system," says the beekeeper, Charles Mraz, in a telephone interview. Mraz, who is not a doctor, says he has treated hundreds of arthritis and rheumatism sufferers for 60 years with excellent results. In April, excited by the decision to test the treatment, Mraz sent D'Andrade Lima's doctors several vials of pure bee venom extracted with an electrical apparatus he devised.

Although U.S. practitioners can lose their medical license or be charged with malpractice if they treat patients with bee venom therapy, at least 15 AIDS patients scattered across the U.S. are currently under the treatment, according to Vermont physician Bradford Weeks. Weeks is a founder and president of the American Apitherapy Society founded in 1978 to study the progress of thousands of patients using bee venom to treat a range of illnesses. Currently there are no written results on the progress of the AIDS patients, Weeks says, because many of the doctors are afraid to discuss their treatments publicly.

Meanwhile, D'Andrade Lima believes that the first clinical study of AIDS and bee venom will prove new hope for him and other AIDS victims. "When I die, it will probably be from a heart attack," he says. "I know that I won't die from AIDS."

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▼▼▼ TEXAS QUICK NOTES

San Antonio AIDS Resource Center seeks new volunteers, offers training

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON
The New Voice/Houston

Later this month, San Antonio's AIDS Resource Center will be offering another session of volunteer orientation to cover a wide variety of positions. Programs currently seeking new volunteers include their buddy system, hospital visitation, transportation and meals on wheels.

The non-profit group currently has about forty active volunteers, with a core group of about twenty, according to Project Director Scott Gambuti. But, he says that the need for the project's services has been growing rapidly. Thus, the need for additional volunteers. "Recently," he said, "more people in San Antonio are willing to admit that they have AIDS, and they come to us."

Working with a paid staff of only six, and twelve "very active" (as Gambuti describes them) board members, the group also provides a legal department. That branch of the organization addresses employment discrimination, landlord/tenant disputes and issues around "living wills." The services are provided by twelve volunteer attorneys.

The volunteer orientation session will be held on July 27th at 6:30 p.m. Further information is available through the center by calling (210) 222-2437.

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"AIDS Talk/Houston presents the ninth in what was originally designed as a two-part series this month. The program can be seen by most Houston metro cable subscribers on PAC. (Check your cable guide for the channel number on your specific service.)

This month's program will feature Terry Baggott, a PWA financial planning attorney and two representatives of Act-Up/Gulf, Terri Richardson and Brian Bradley.

The program is scheduled to run ten times this month. The first runs are: July 12th at 12:30 p.m., July 13th at 8:00 a.m., July 14th at 2:00 p.m. and July 15th at 7:00 a.m.

Producer Matt Locklin also announced plans to debut a second series on PAC devoted to issues specific to AIDS-at-risk members of the deaf community. It will be signed. Bert Bares of the Montrose Clinic will co-host the program. Schedule information was not available at press time.

Who are they now?

That queer ice skating group that struggled for months on a name for itself is still up-and-running. This minute, they are known as the Montrose Ice Picks and the next time that they plan to terrorize the unsuspecting at the Galleria

Ice Rink is Tuesday, July 13th.

Skaters are urged to wear something pink, or otherwise gay-identified so that participants can spot each other (yes, there will be other people there). More information is available by calling (713) 523-6381.

Houston AIDS forums

The DC-based AIDS Action Council, in cooperation with DIFFA/Houston has scheduled five monthly AIDS issues forums on specific topics. The first is taking place the George R. Brown Convention Center downtown on July 17th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The five "public policy forums" will cover AIDS prevention, services, treatment and research, women and children, and substance use/abuse. The forums will be focused on examining the current role of individuals and community projects on influencing public AIDS/HIV policy and to explore more effectively using these community resources.

The AIDS Action Council can supply further information at (202) 986-1300.

A few good Austin men

The Austin-based Capital City Men's Chorus is looking for new members. There is still time to practice as auditions will be held beginning July 19th and run through August 9th.

Non-singing members are also wanted. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings beginning at 7:30 in Grace United Methodist Church. For further information call (512) 477-7464.

A solution

One of the most revolting problems facing any Houston area pet compadre is certainly a flea invasion. Roaches do not bite you in your sleep. Rodents can even sometimes appear cute. There is however, nothing appealing about a flea. And, what they do have in common with roaches is that if you actually find one, it is certainly part of a tribe of 100...or soon will be.

While they won't do cats, if your loving dog has brought this particular scourge down upon your family, this Sunday, The Pet Patrol and the staff of Basic Brothers will be decontaminating pets for a five dollar donation. You bring the beast, on a collar and leash, with a towel to dry the creature off and they will provide the substances to eliminate the second-most likely vermin to survive nuclear warfare.

Pet Patrollers will be conducting this exercise between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the parking lot at Basic Brothers 1232 Westheimer on Sunday. (You didn't honestly think that they would let the flea-bitten beasts inside of a clothing store, did you?)

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Landscaper sentenced in second anti-gay homicide trial in NY state

By VERENA DOBNIK
FOR THE NEW VOICE

MINEOLA, N.Y., Thursday, July 1 (AP)—In the second anti-gay murder trial in state history, a landscaper was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for killing an airport customs agent by running him off a Long Island road.

Angelo Esposito, 30, of Bellmore, was sentenced Wednesday by Judge Edward Baker of Nassau County Court.

The landscaper also received prison terms for other acts on the night of Dec. 28, 1991, during an anti-gay crime spree that resulted in the death of Henry Marquez outside the Bellmore bar.

Those sentences, of up to three years each, are to be served concurrently with the 25 years-to-life term.

Marquez, a Kennedy Airport customs agent from Queens, was killed when Esposito rammed his car, which swerved off the road and crashed into a tree, according to the Nassau County assistant district attorney, Dan Cotter.

Earlier that night, Esposito had been harassing lesbians and gays for almost 90 minutes outside Pal Joey's, a bar known to cater to gay clients, the prosecutor said during the trial.

Esposito kicked cars in the parking lot, screamed at people leaving the bar, tried to run down one man and bumped another car several times with his car while yelling anti-gay epithets, according to courtroom testimony.

When Marquez drove off, Esposito followed in his car and ran him off the road.

He was convicted on May 6 by a member jury that found him guilty of second-degree murder, second-degree attempted assault and two counts of harassment.

Esposito also was convicted on charges of tampering with evidence, second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle and third-degree arson—for setting fire to his own car to keep it from being used as evidence.

Esposito's attorney, Mel Roth, said after the sentencing that his client "should never have been indicted for second-degree murder."

The indictment, he said in a telephone interview, "was a result of pressure put on the district attorney's office by various gay and lesbian groups who weren't satisfied with the original charge of

manslaughter."

Roth, who said he plans to appeal, said Marquez's death "was purely an accident where Marquez lost control of his car rounding a curve."

Bea Hanson, director of client services at the Anti-Violence Project, said the judge "should be congratulated for recognizing that the only effective way to deal with hate crimes is with long prison sentences, which send a clear message of deterrence."

The case was only the second anti-gay murder trial in New York State history, according to the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project.

The first anti-gay murder trial was for the 1990 murder of Julio Rivera, a Queens resident killed by two men who also were sentenced to 25 years to life.



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▼▼▼ SPECIAL FEATURE

A successful sodomy law defeat: it's victor attacks gay community apathy

By DAVID WILLIAMS

(Editor's note: This is the second and final part of an interview with Jeffrey Wasson, who challenged Kentucky's sodomy statute and won. In the first part of the interview featured in The New Voice #662, Wasson described his initial arrest on misdemeanor charges of solicitation to commit fourth degree sodomy, carrying a \$50 fine. He also discussed some of the consequences stemming from his decision to fight those charges. In this portion of the interview, he talks about his appearance before the Kentucky Supreme Court last year, the apathy he encountered from Kentucky's gay and lesbian community, and what that community needs to do to ensure that the sodomy statute is not reinstated. He also discusses his plans for the future).

DW: During the lawsuit, was there any gay group in town that helped you out?

JW: NO. No one offered.

DW: Any groups in Louisville that came forward to help?

JW: No.

DW: So you were basically out there on your own.

JW: The ACLU donated money for attorney's fees and things like that. But the only thing I can remember that was done here in Lexington was a fundraiser that Ernesto (Wasson's attorney) himself put on at someone's home. I think that was a very small success. The ACLU, I know, contributed lots of money and lots of time, but the bars never contributed money or anything like that.

DW: Do you know of any reason why the gay community reacted like that?

JW: Not other than fear of being dragged out of the closet. Again, maybe they weren't asked. But I feel like, if I was the owner of a gay establishment, I would have called Ernesto and asked, is there anything I can do to help? I mean, no one knew who I was when I was in a gay bar; my name was Jeff and that was it. I feel like I had to be left out of a lot that, and that was fine.

DW: What happened the day of the Supreme Court hearing?

JW: I arrived with my attorneys, with a nice neat suit and tie, the whole bit. We pulled up in front of the capitol, and there were 28 people up there, and I just wanted to die. I thought, I can't win anything if nobody comes to support me. I remember walking up to that Supreme Court room with tears in my eyes. I thought, I've done all of this and I've been through all of this, and now we're going to lose because people didn't show up to support me. But after the hearing was over I felt better, because I knew, when the hearing was over, I had won. I didn't say anything, but I knew, just by the judges' reactions and questions and the way they looked at me, I had won.

I want to thank the people who participated in the march, I'm very appreciative. The law could never have been struck down without all of those people. But the percentage of people that helped, and the percentage of people that could have helped, is a big difference.

DW: What kind of arguments did they use?

JW: The Bible. Religion. Homosexuals are going to rape their kids. AIDS

was another one. People in other countries are killed because they're homosexuals. The list went on and on.

DW: Did you detect any animosity from any of the judges?

JW: No.

DW: They were all fair minded?

JW: They all seemed to be fair minded. They asked questions like, 'are you sure that this is true?' or, 'could you tell me the history of this phrase?' Things like that.

DW: Was there any particular point during the lawsuit when you felt like giving up?

JW: Probably, from the first years of it, every day I felt like throwing in the towel. But, like I said, throughout the first six years I let it get to me. I was the one that let it ruin me. I was not strong, I was not as strong as I should have been. Six years into the case, after I thought about it, I realized that my life wasn't so bad after all. I guess I had to learn to stand on my own, and that's what the case did for me, after about six years.

Today I walk down the street very proudly and could care less what anybody felt. I was always worried about what people thought of me. Now I don't do that. I mean, if people don't like me, fine, they don't, that's their problem, not mine.

DW: How has this whole ordeal changed you?

JW: I'm a much stronger person, very much stronger person. For the first six years, I let it get to me. I wound up in therapy, I wound up on anti-depressant medications, and I was very depressed all the time. I even spent three weeks in a row on a couch. I was very bitter, I was very mad, very confused. I made my lover's life hell, plus my own.

DW: Do you have any regrets?

JW: I would never go through this again.

DW: From what you know now, would you have done it?

JW: No. Not at all. But it's important to remember that, going through it all, and seeing the worst of times and the best of times, and the very low times, I still came out stronger. And I'm proud of that for myself.

I didn't go through with this for all the gay people in Kentucky. I did it for myself, and I came out on top; that's what I set out to do. I wasn't just winning the case for myself and for all the

other gays in Kentucky; it brought me out of the closet with my family, and I have a much better relationship with them today. I don't have to live a lie any more, which is what I was doing before this all happened. I'm free!

DW: It sounds like a real story of survival.

JW: But one of the reasons I'm doing this is, I want to say to gay people in Kentucky, it's OK. I lived through it, I've been through the mill: go for it! You're going live a much happier life if you come out and say, I'm gay, this is me, let me live my life. That's what I want to say: it's OK.

DW: So many people are afraid to do that.

JW: My house hasn't burned yet. I haven't been shot at.

DW: Have you gotten any hate mail?

JW: No hate mail. None. None whatsoever.

DW: Is your name listed in the phone book?

JW: No. I'm not easily found.

DW: I think people's fear of being out is a lot greater than actually being out.

JW: The day the "Herald-Leader" article came out was on Sunday, and I read it and thought, oh, Jesus, what have I done now? I went back to bed for a little while and thought about it, and got up and read it again. And I told my lover I just wanted to go to the office for a while, be by myself, let all of this sink in, chill out for awhile.

So on my way to the office I stopped to get another paper for a friend of mine in Tennessee. And at the counter the guy said, "Well, you made the front page! I'm proud of you." We'd spoken a few times before, and he is not gay. But he's been very kind and he's bent over backwards ever since and made my purchase of cigarettes or coffee a little better!

DW: People are more afraid than they need to be, I think.

JW: I'm not saying accept me the way I am or forget it. I'm saying, accept me the way I am, in the best way you can; and we'll deal with the rest later.

DW: That's good advice.

JW: It's taken my family eight years. But they think of my lover as much as they do me. He's more welcome there than I am because he's closer to their age and they have a lot in common. They just love him to death. He was rather sick in November, and they were all there for him.

DW: There's a movement afoot to get the sodomy law reinstated in Kentucky. What do you think needs to be done?

JW: If gays in the state of Kentucky don't get out and fight to keep this law off the books, then they have no one else to blame but themselves. I really feel that way. And I feel like gays need to come together in this state, big

time. If they don't, we're never going to get out of the dark ages. Maybe this sounds like a smart-alecky statement, but I've done my part.

DW: What's the best thing people can do to challenge this new constitutional amendment?

JW: Write letters. If there's a march, get out there and march. Talk to your straight friends and associates and let them know how important this is to you, that this law not be put back on the books, make commotion, volunteer. Even if you let only one person know, I think that's going to help.

DW: What would you do if the law was reinstated?

JW: I don't know. I don't see me fighting another battle for it. Mentally, emotionally, and personally it would have to be very devastating. I would be very upset. I think that would actually have to happen before I could say what I would do, because I don't know. It may result in a boycott of Kentucky. My old Kentucky home is no longer my Kentucky home: I might have to leave the state.

DW: Yes. Both sides are drawing the battle lines.

JW: None of us are guaranteed tomorrow, so my theory is if I can get through today, I'll worry about tomorrow when it gets here.

DW: Do you have any words of encouragement for those who might want to get involved in the gay rights movement here in Kentucky?

JW: If you don't come out and admit to yourself that you are gay, that this is me, this is who I am, this is what I stand for, I think they're going to lead a long, bitter life of downfalls, hatred, disappointment. I don't know why anybody should be ashamed of who they really are. I think if you value other people's opinion so much that you have to lie to them, then they're not worth being a friend to you.

DW: Everybody felt this great sigh of relief. But they worry now that it's going to be reinstated. Actually, most people in Louisville are kind of like here in Lexington, they just want to party, they don't want to get involved.

JW: This will piss every gay Kentuckian off, but I'll tell you what, and you can quote me on this, if the law is reinstated, it will be reinstated because the gays will let it get reinstated. If they don't have the gumption to get up and fight, then it needs to be reinstated.

DW: That's probably true.

JW: No, it's not probably true, it is true. And you can quote me on that, I don't care. I mean, it they don't have the balls or the gumption to get up and fight for their rights, then the law needs to be reinstated. That's how I feel.

DW: I don't know why the gay community is so frightened of getting politically involved. They get involved in social groups, religious groups, but when it comes to getting into the political arena, not a whole lot of people want to get involved. I don't know why that is.

JW: That attitude is going to get the sodomy law reinstated.

DW: I don't doubt that.

JW: I did my part. Now they're going to have to do theirs.

(Editors note: David Williams is a freelance writer based in Louisville, Kentucky)



Jeffrey Wasson successfully fought Kentucky's sodomy law

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

French scientists devise early test for AIDS-related brain infection

By RANDI HUTTER ESTEIN

FOR THE NEW VOICE
LONDON, Thursday, July 1 (AP)—A new blood test may help predict which AIDS patients are likely to get a brain infection from toxoplasmosis, according to a very small, preliminary French study.

If large studies confirm these results, the blood test could be used to track the progress of the illness or even catch the disease months before symptoms strike, writes Dr. Jean Pierre Vendrell, at the Institute of Biology in Montpellier, France.

The study is in the July 3 issue of the medical journal The Lancet.

Dr. Philippa Easterbrook, an AIDS

specialist at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London, said she is "intrigued" by the French team's novel approach.

"There's no doubt a current major goal in the management of HIV patients is trying to predict who are the ones likely to get particular opportunistic infections," Easterbrook said, adding that after pneumonia, toxoplasmosis is the most common.

Currently, the only way to definitively diagnose brain infection with toxoplasmosis is to remove a tiny section of the brain and search for the organism.

Patients with AIDS may suffer symptoms of brain disease, but not have tox-

oplasmosis. It is difficult without the biopsy to determine whether infection or nerve damage is causing the symptoms.

Toxoplasmosis, a common infection, can lurk for years in people without making them sick. It can flourish and trigger severe illness and brain disease in patients with weak immune systems, such as those with AIDS.

Rather than submitting patients to the biopsy, some doctors give medicine to patients suspected of the infection and see if they improve.

In the current study, doctors searched for antibodies against toxoplasmosis in the white blood cells of infected

patients. Previous research has shown that white blood cells of patients who do not have acquired immune deficiency syndrome but are infected with toxoplasmosis secrete antibodies.

The researchers found antibodies secreted in 20 of 21 AIDS patients with known toxoplasmosis. Those patients had already had a brain biopsy, brain imaging, or showed good response to medicine.

Researchers also detected antibodies in 19 of 103 patients with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, but no symptoms of toxoplasmosis. Five of the 19 went on to suffer from a brain infection of toxoplasmosis within three to 15 months.

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

More from Dotson Rader: this time it's Proust, Mapelthorp, Capote & Davis

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans

Dotson Rader lived through the 1960 and '70s, "I think of it more as surviving," he says. A writer and a political and social gadfly, Rader lived among those whose names graced the headlines.

"About 1976 Grove Press was interested in a book I was writing called 'The Homosexual Imagination.' And I was interested in doing a book with Robert Mapelthorp. This was before Mapelthorp knew he had AIDS.

"(Also) Twenty years ago, Truman Capote told me Marcel Proust had a boy who worked in a male brothel in Paris. Proust bought the brothel, and when he died he left it to the boy, who was then sixteen.

"Among the things he left the boy was a collection of hand tinted photographs of characters from 'Remembrances of Things Past.' Truman told me he had seen them, and the boy, now an old man, had them. He suggested I get the rights to publish them."

Rader went to Paris and waited in a cafe the old man was said to frequent. "He came in one night, with a boy. He spoke no English and I speak no French. A waiter translated that he did not have the pictures. That was the end of that. The idea, however, that art produced by homosexuals has to be affected by their sexual imagination stuck with

me. I spent years looking for a literary device by which to explore that.

"I decided Mapelthorp's photographs would be perfect for it. I went over to Robert's studio on a wet, cold New York day. He brought out hundreds of photographs. I don't think I'm a prude, but at one point I got sick at my stomach. Still I thought, that's part of it.

"We had several long talks. I liked Robert a lot, although he was too much of a failed Catholic for me. I pulled together an outline of the book with photographs I wanted to use. I took it all over to the editor at Grove Press. I didn't hear for a couple weeks. Then I got this phone call. The editor said, 'Dotson, will you please get this s—out of my office.' That was my last contact with Grove Press.

"Grove Press was known for breaking new ground. They brought Jean Genet to America, William Burroughs was theirs, and Allan Ginsberg; they changed the face of American publishing. These pictures I had found so offensive, suddenly I found exciting."

LEJ: "Why?"

DR: "Because I realized Robert was on to something that in cultural terms was revolutionary."

On to something or not, Rader returned the photographs and that project ended.

DR: "Tom Homperts was featured in

Andy Warhol's film 'Lonesome Cowboys.' He was so exquisite, a surfer. I'm someone who has never been at a loss for words and I would see him and I would be tongue-tied. Two years ago in San Diego at a party someone introduces herself saying, 'Tom Homperts talks about you a lot.' I was surprised he was still alive.

"I want to tell you a story, and then go back to Homperts. Betty Davis was a friend of mine. When I'd be coming to L.A., where I regrettably have to go a lot, she was one of the people I would see. She would invariably say, 'Dotson, you've got to come to dinner.'

"I'd show up at her house about five o'clock, and Betty drank a lot! She was one of the few people I've known who could drink me under the table. In three, four years I must have gone there forty, fifty times, and I never got dinner!

"She was a great talker. Her apartment was on top of this very old building which overlooked the courtyard of the first place she lived when she came to Hollywood. One night, Betty said, 'no one has ever asked if I have regrets.' I said tell me about it.

"When she was thirteen her mother took a cottage in Maine. Every day she would walk down the hill to this drug store in this tiny hamlet. And every day the soda jerk would say, 'Do you want a soder?'

"She would sit there during the day,

and just stare at him. His name was Francis Young,' she said, 'and he was the first boy I ever fell in love with.'

"Two years before our 'dinner,' Betty was doing her one-woman show in Boston. She comes on stage and there's a pin spot on her face, she lights a cigarette and says, 'My God, what a dump!' Then she took questions.

"About twenty minutes into it, from the second balcony came a voice saying, 'Do you want a soder?'

"She said she looked up into the darkness and said, 'Francis Young, I want to see you backstage, now! Good night ladies and gentlemen, the show has ended.'

"She went to her dressing room and undid all the light bulbs except one—she was now an old lady—and then a knock on the door.

"She said, 'I regret opening that door, for there stood this fat, baldheaded, old man where once a sixteen year old prince had been.'

"Anyway, when I heard Tom Homperts was living north of San Diego, I immediately wanted to go up and see him. This woman said, 'Don't see him. He's been through hell, he looks nothing like he used to.' I didn't."

Dotson Rader now lives on Long Island and is a contributing editor at Parade. He once had an apartment in New Orleans and was a friend of Tennessee Williams and Truman Capote.

▼▼▼ REGIONAL QUICK NOTES

Louisiana Lords of Leather gear up for sixth annual contest in September

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The New Voice/Houston

The Lords of Leather are seeking prospective leathermen to represent New Orleans at this year's International Leather Contest in Chicago. New Orleans' Lords give the first place winner \$500, airfare to the Chicago event and cover hotel costs. The contest will be held The Emerald Room in New Orleans on Sept. 4rd.

The second place winner will receive \$300 and the third placer gets \$200.

The event actually begins the preceding evening, Sept. 3rd with a party at The Phoenix.

The current reigning Mr. Louisiana, Ted D., came in ninth out of the 52 contestants at last year's International Mr. Leather Contest. For further information, call David at (504) 945-1389 or Kevin at (504) 834-4074.

International Leather in Houston

Plans are now underway for Living in Leather VIII. Now one of the largest



Ted D.

leather events in the world, the annual event expects to draw a pansexual leather crowd of more than one thousand to Houston. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Astrodome.

The National Leather Association: Houston is providing the local host committee and is working out the logistics with NLA's Vance Reger. Reger, from New York, is the conference director and met with local organizers last weekend.

For more information, call the NLA:H hotline at (713) 526-1331 or write to the group at P.O. Box 66553, Houston, TX 77266-6553.

More leather, new leather

A new group in Arizona is cranking up what they hope will become a new regional annual event. Announcing a goal of representing "the totality of the leather image and experience," they are opening the contest for both Southwestern Mr. Leather and Southwestern Ms. Leather 1994 to go beyond, what they refer to as "biker-style leathers and SM, fetish expression.

To find out more about the new group, you can write to The Southwestern Mr./Ms. Leather Committee, P.O. Box 45063, Phoenix, Arizona 85064.

To your health

The 15th annual National Gay and Lesbian Health Conference will convene in Houston later this month. The four day event begins on July 21st and will be held in the Hyatt Regency downtown.

Naturally, HIV/AIDS issues figure prominently on the conference agenda. However, many other important issues, particularly with regard to women's health that have often been largely overlooked at more mainstream conferences are given ample space.

The conference is sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and The George Washington University Medical Center. It is not necessary to register for the entire event to attend specific seminars and institutes.

To obtain a complete schedule, call (202) 994-4285.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gays and lesbians angered over killing of New York civil rights bill

By DAVID BAUDER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

ALBANY, N.Y., Sunday, July 4 (AP)—Gay and lesbian activists say their lobbying tactics won't be nearly as polite in the future in the wake of a decision by Republicans who control the state Senate to quash a civil rights bill.

Meeting in private Friday evening, the 35 Republican senators decided not to allow a public debate and vote by the full Senate on the bill. That effectively ends any chance it will become law this year.

It will also likely end the tactics of lesbian and gay activists, who faithfully followed the unwritten rules of Albany lobbying this year.

"It's very hard to maintain the same level of civility when you're greeted with this much contempt," Manhattan Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, the state's only openly lesbian legislator and an activist who pushed for the bill, said Saturday.

Glick said she's considering proposing a bill that would exempt gays and lesbians from paying state taxes—under the theory that homosexuals shouldn't be supporting a state that

denies them civil rights.

The state Assembly passed the civil rights bill in February and Gov. Mario Cuomo pledged support. Gay and lesbian activists predicted that, with the help of the Senate's 26 Democrats, they would have enough votes to pass the bill if Republicans allowed a public vote.

Eight other states have a homosexual rights law. The New York bill would add sexual orientation to the list of classes protected from discrimination by the state's civil rights law. The law bars discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations and education.

Bill proponents eschewed public demonstrations this year, preferring to quietly push the bill like many other lobbyists—with an occasional news conference and hallway conversations with senators.

Even that met with opposition. Glick said she tried to set up personal meetings with seven or eight Republican senators. Only two agreed, and Senate Majority Leader Ralph Marino had a phone conversation with her, she said.

Dick Dadey, lobbyist for the Empire State Pride Agenda, obtained "The Gay Book of Lists" one day this week for a

senator who said he wanted a list of the 50 most prominent gays and lesbians in history for an argument in the conference.

Dadey promised after the vote that next year's effort won't be "politics as usual. More than just our voices will be raised," he said.

"We need to be more strident, less polite, more visible in their own districts," he said Saturday. "The strategy needs to expand beyond lobbying and constituent pressure. What that will mean, I'm really not prepared to say until we reflect upon this defeat."

Dadey said at least 15 Republican senators had told him they supported allowing a public vote on the measure.

But Marino said after the conference that the opposition was "overwhelming." State Sen. Roy Goodman of Manhattan, the bill's chief Senate sponsor, said the number of people speaking up in favor of the bill was in the "single digits."

GOP senators faced enormous pressure from the state Conservative Party and the Roman Catholic church to kill the bill. The lobbying included phone calls from several bishops.

Senators who spoke in opposition to the bill said they resisted creating special rights for people with an alternative lifestyle, according to people in the conference. Some senators talked about a breakdown in family values.

State Sen. Serphin Maltese, former head of the state's Conservative Party, said that he hasn't seen evidence of discrimination against gays and lesbians in the areas covered by the bill.

A clearly uncomfortable Marino, speaking after the conference, said: "I oppose discrimination, but I'm not sure you can legislate against it. I had a lot of problems with it—not with the bill, but with the concept that we can force people not to discriminate."

Glick called that "hogwash," and wondered how Marino could justify supporting civil rights measures for racial or religious reasons and not for homosexuals.

Republican senators on both sides of the issue suggested that a more strident lobbying approach by gay and lesbian activists would backfire.

"Most legislators are like myself," Maltese said. "They are not going to react to open hostility and threats. That's the wrong tack to take."



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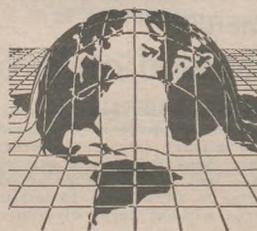
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NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

NO-AIDS WALK date set for late September overseen by new board members

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans NO/AIDS Task Force 1993 Walk co-chairs Jim Melancon and Helen Siegel have announced that Sunday, Sept. 26th will be the date for this year's "Walk." The location will again be Audubon Park.

NO/AIDS Walk is an annual NO/AIDS Task Force fundraising event.

Volunteers and those wanting to walk are asked to contact NO/AIDS WALK 1993, 1407 Decatur St., New Orleans, LA 70116.

No/AIDS Task Force Board Members Elected

The NO/AIDS Task Force membership has elected new members to the board of directors. Elected to two-year terms are: Vice Chairs Terri Bartlett and Jim Melancon; Secretary-Treasurer Barry

Schlaile; Directors Lloyd Bowers, George Lancaster and Ted Luquette. Additional members will be appointed by the board at its July 12 meeting.

Buzzy's Boys And Girls Benefit

Monday, July 19th The Bayou Cabaret Theatre in Metairie will present a special presentation of "A Red, Hot Celebration!" It's a benefit for Project Lazarus and the William J. Fanning Foundation—Buzzy's Boys and Girls.

The performance will begin with a reception in the Bayou Dinner Theatre restaurant at 6:00 p.m. followed by an 8 o'clock curtain.

The evening will consist of song, dance and comedy. Bob Krieger and "Uncle Wayne" Daigrepoint will emcee the night that will star Diane Lala and feature Heidi Jensen along with Amy

Alvarez, "Butch" Benit, Brandt Blocker, Clint Boneau, Brett Boyle, Sandy Broussard, Mary Coulson, Brent Crayon, Lisa Frizzell, Maira Gerard, Lyle Guidroz, Yvette Hargis, Gavin Mahlie, Melissa Marshall, Maria Mason, Soline McClain, Doris Methe, Michelle Paule, Bob Pavlovich, Ann Sauve, Kris Shaw, Carol Sutton, David Tringalit Janell Wattingly, Tip Varnadore, and more.

Seating is limited, according to a spokesperson, and reservations are advised by calling (504) 887-6633.

No/AIDS Quarterly Awareness Seminar Saturday, July 10th

The NO/AIDS Task Force will offer a free AIDS Awareness Seminar Saturday, July 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm in the Louisiana State University/Med-

ical Center Education Building, 1901 Perdido Street.

The seminar is open to the public, and will be followed by three additional days of training—July 11th, 24th and 25th—for individuals wishing to become NO/AIDS Task Force volunteers.

The first session will cover medical, legal, social and ethical issues related to AIDS, and will provide information for anyone who has professional or personal concerns about AIDS.

The subsequent sessions will provide more specialized information and training for volunteers. NO/AIDS volunteers work in areas including the AIDS hotline, "buddy" program, hospital visitors, and HIV counseling and testing.

The four-day training session is offered three times a year by the NO/AIDS Task Force. For more information call (504) 945-4000.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Florida committee files detail secret investigations of gays, communists

By CURT ANDERSON

FOR THE NEW VOICE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Thursday, July 1 (AP)—The professor acknowledged his homosexuality but was dismayed at the prospect of naming others before a secret McCarthy-era committee investigating gays and communists. So he offered to kneel and say a prayer he had learned to get through the ordeal.

"To me, it has been torture unendurable," the English professor at the University of Florida told members of the Johns Committee on Jan. 5, 1959, in a Gainesville motel. Long-hidden committee files were made public Thursday.

"My whole estate is my profession. I have given my life to building it," the professor told the panel.

The files, which were to have been sealed until 2038, were opened by a public-records constitutional amendment passed in 1992. Most witness names were deleted from the 4299 documents of the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee, which operated largely in secret from 1956 to 1965.

The Johns Committee, named for its chairperson, the late state Sen. Charley

Johns of Starke, sought to root out homosexuals at college campuses and communists in political organizations such as the NAACP. More than 100 teachers and administrators lost their jobs at schools because of the investigation.

On campuses, simply being different could get a person labeled a homosexual. In those days, that meant public shame and loss of a job.

"They were scared to death," said former lawmaker Mallory Horne, who served during that time but not on the Johns Committee. "It was the most insidious form of invasion of a person's privacy."

Lawmakers disbanded the panel after the 1964 publication of the "Purple Pamphlet," which detailed findings on homosexuality, and legislators began getting more and more complaints from terrified educators and others.

"We didn't realize the extent to which they were going to intimidate people, to hire people to entrap others," Horne said.

During interrogations, witnesses were constantly reminded that perjury

could get them a 20-year prison sentence. That warning prompted a torrent of names from a sixth-grade teacher in Pompano Beach, who admitted she wasn't sure what a gay person was.

"Well, I have watched men that seem to have feminine tendencies. You know, the way they walk," she said when questioned in 1962.

One University of Florida senior, an acknowledged homosexual, identified a popular professor as possibly gay because of his clothing.

"He wears those French berets and he wears walking shorts and rides a bicycle in them," the student said in a 1958 interview. "He may just be eccentric."

In 1964, John Evans, a former committee staff director, defended the focus on educators, saying they were targeted because they are "leaders of youth."

The files show informants were paid to report on any kind of suspicious activity or anyone they believed might be homosexual or communist. Phones were tapped.

In 1961, informants' tips led investigators to the Miami Herald newsroom, but nothing came of it. "It could not be

determined ... whether or not there is anything akin to a hard-core homosexual bloc or group working at The Herald," investigators reported.

The only person known to have been charged with a crime was Robert Delaney, former Tallahassee bureau reporter for The Orlando Sentinel. Delaney was lured into a hotel room by a female informant, pictures were taken and he was convicted of a sex crime.

Delaney said at the time he was set up because he had written several stories critical of the Johns Committee. The Sentinel fired Delaney the day after he was convicted.

Horne agreed that the panel "did it just to punish him, and then laughed about it. They ruined him."

Dozens of other topics came before the committee, everything from Ku Klux Klan activity to moonshiners to the books professors used in class.

The committee had little luck in the late 1950s trying to uncover communism in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The NAACP eventually won a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that it didn't have to divulge membership lists.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Researchers: thalidomide found to slow reproduction of AIDS virus

By PAUL RECER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 1 (AP)—Thalidomide, a morning sickness pill that created an international nightmare of birth defects in the 1950s, shows promise in laboratory tests and in early clinical trials of slowing down the AIDS virus.

Researchers reported Thursday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that thalidomide retards proliferation of the AIDS virus by reducing the production of an immune system protein that usually nurtures the virus.

Gilla Kaplan, a Rockefeller University immunologist, said that in laboratory tests against the AIDS virus, thalidomide inhibits the production of a protein called tumor necrosis factor-alpha, or TNF-alpha. She said TNF has been found in earlier studies to assist in the replication of the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, that causes AIDS.

"TNF-alpha is known to be probably the most important physiological activator of HIV," Kaplan said in an interview. "There is evidence that if you can

inhibit TNF, then you can inhibit HIV."

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and a leading AIDS researcher, said that there is a good scientific basis for studying thalidomide or other drugs that block the production of TNF, but that there are uncertainties about the ultimate effect of such therapy on AIDS patients.

"At least in a preliminary trial the indication is that it is certainly worth pursuing with more people in a larger trial," said Fauci. "Whether or not it will turn out to have any long-term effect on HIV individuals, we don't know."

Thalidomide exposed to HIV-infected cells in the laboratory was shown to slow the reproduction of the virus, said Kaplan. In another study, the drug was tested against HIV-infected blood from 17 AIDS patients.

In all cases, she said, thalidomide slowed or halted the reproduction in test tubes of the HIV virus.

Kaplan said three clinical trials are under way with small groups of AIDS

patients to test the effects of thalidomide. She said no measurements have been taken yet of the level of virus in the patients' blood.

But there is an early indication that thalidomide has an effect on the patients' general health, she said. Body wasting—the extreme loss of weight and tissue common among AIDS patients—has been reversed in a number of patients taking thalidomide, said Kaplan.

"They start gaining weight at an unimaginable rate until they get back to normal body weight," she said.

Kaplan cautioned, however, that these results are "very preliminary observations" in studies involving small numbers of patients. "This is anecdotal observations rather than a conclusive study," she said.

Thalidomide was used in 46 countries during the 1950s as a drug against morning sickness and as a sleeping pill. It was found that the drug caused birth defects in about 12,000 infants whose mothers took it during pregnancy.

Many of the infants were born without arms or legs. The drug was never approved for use in the United States.

Kaplan said she is using thalidomide under a special research license from the Food and Drug Administration.

She said she gets the drug in limited amounts from Grunenthal, a German company that originally marketed it. Thalidomide is also made by the Brazilian government for use in leprosy treatment.

Thalidomide also has been used experimentally to treat lupus and some forms of arthritis that have not responded to other therapies. In recent years, researchers have found that thalidomide has a dramatic anti-inflammatory effect.

It has also been used experimentally to treat a major complication of bone marrow transplant. A study last year in the New England Journal of Medicine found that the drug could relieve graft-versus-host disease, a condition that occurs in about 40 percent of the patients who receive bone marrow transplants.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Pentagon still undecided on proposed homosexual policy changes

WASHINGTON, Saturday, July 3 (AP)—Defense Secretary Les Aspin and the Joint Chiefs of Staff have met in sessions marked by "a lot of disagreement" to review proposed policy changes on homosexuals in the military, Pentagon officials said.

Aspin and the Pentagon's top admirals and generals conferred in an extraordinary Friday evening session in an effort to find common ground. They were apparently stalled over legal definitions to be contained in policy documents being prepared for President Clinton, officials said.

The chiefs have taken a position that

leaves intact the Pentagon's statement that homosexuality is "incompatible" with military service. However, the White House is concerned that such a stand runs counter to the president's pledge to allow gays and lesbians to serve without being discriminated against.

"This is hard for everybody," said Aspin spokesperson Vernon Guidry. "They are continuing to work on it."

Clinton has asked Aspin to propose a new policy on homosexuals by July 15 and Friday's effort appeared directed at preparing a proposal for Clinton before his departure for the economic summit

in Tokyo next week.

But a consensus seemed to elude Aspin and the chiefs, one official said.

"There was a lot of disagreement," the official said. "Aspin came in with a harder position than before, and the chiefs just didn't buy it."

A second official said Aspin offered the chiefs three options for discussion, one of them being that "manifestations" of homosexuality were incompatible with military service.

"What kid out in the field knows what a 'manifestation of homosexuality' is? These officers have to be given strict guidelines to follow, but now the law-

yers have gotten a hold of it, and that's the problem," the second official said.

On Thursday, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Carl Mundy indicated that a compromise along the lines of the "don't ask, don't tell" approach could be reached. Under that approach, the military would end its practice of asking recruits if they are homosexual, and gays would be required to keep their sexual preference private.

But Mundy said there were disagreements over what is meant by "not revealing" one's homosexuality and whether it would be permissible to acknowledge it in a private conversation.

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▼▼▼ BATON ROUGE SOAP

Friends for Life benefit successful in raising funds and entertaining

By CURTIS E. JACKSON, JR.

The New Voice/Baton Rouge Candle light and columns were the perfect way to celebrate the Fourth of July with friends. Friends for Life held their second annual fundraiser in Gonzales, at Rosewood Manor. The use of the home and it's grounds were graciously offered by Mr. Arlin Dease, the gentleman who has lovingly restored many old plantation homes throughout Southern Louisiana. To raise money, there was a silent auction featuring works of art, antiques and a variety of gift certificates.

The outstanding comedy/song and dance duo, Becky Allen and Ricky Graham, started out the evening with some side splitting local humor. They unashamedly picked fun at Paul Prudhomme, New Orleans, Louisiana, pollution, and even the following act, The Born Divas.

The Born Divas finished out the eve-

ning with two marvelous hours of emotion-packed live performance. Due to the robust nature of these ladies, they were a little afraid to perform on the stage provided, so they decided to step in front and be a part of the crowd. This proved to be quite interesting, at times frightening: at one point an over-excited fan nearly fell on her face, and scraped her knee. Thankfully all the young woman needed was a bandage and another cocktail to ease her hurt leg, and bruised ego. Other than that one incident, no other serious injuries occurred.

Towards the end of the evening, the Divas wrapped things up, and wound the crowd down with a candle light vigil to AIDS victims. "You Don't Have To Say Good bye" had many members of the audience choked up.

Right after that, they performed a rousing rendition of "We Are Family."

Then, a group of people not wishing to end the evening, broke into a sweet round of "Amazing Grace." Finally it was back to the busses which took us to our cars (parked some three miles away).

I overheard that there were more than 600 people in attendance. This

event therefore would have raised at least \$15,000.00 for Friends for Life. These funds will be going to fund educational programs through Friends for Life.

Last Friday, George's well-earned back country singer Freddy Burch. From what I hear, Freddy kept the crowd going with his unique style of singing country favorites, not to mention some of his originals. I'm glad to see quality entertainment being brought into Baton Rouge.

Saturday night was of course, the night of the full moon. And, right on schedule, Buddies pulled out all of the stops for their Full Moon White Trash Party. I would also like to apologize for the way something in one of my last articles came across. I will be more care full in my wording in the future.

Next week, our "little box of dynamite," Tiara Spar-



Shannon & John

do with that mouth of his.

The show begins at 11:00 p.m., Friday, July 16th, at George's. The cover will be \$4.00. We are all anxious for the return of this lost talent and friend. So be sure to come on out and join the fun.

Well my phone number has changed if anyone has had trouble getting in touch with me. I am now welcoming calls about almost anything that I can write about at (504) 927-3694. Please give me a call and let me know what you have going on.



NuNu, Richard & Kyle



Tiffany Alexander & Dennis

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Injured correspondent: on my back again; Musicians Against AIDS in SA soon

By LEFTY TAYLOR

The New Voice/Houston As usual, every holiday is ruined by me because of some stupid thing I've done. This time I fell off a step ladder at work and had to be rushed to the hospital for emergency back surgery. I guess you can call me "Igor" because of the way I'm limping around town. Anyway, this put me out of service for the holiday weekend so I only know what went on by hearsay.

I heard there was a line to get into the Wild Club Sunday night. The wild and wicked show starring Tandi Andrews started early (that's a turn around for a drag show) and it was cooler outside than in. I saw a picture of the next guy (an adult porn star) to come to the Wild Club and is he a good looking stud. I'm not going to tell you who he is until later.

Hall Express Pageantry presents the Fifth Annual Miss Gay Rivercity USA Triple Crown Pageant on Friday, July 16th. Shady Lady and Tandi Andrews will be emcee with special guests Lena Lavel, Aaron Davis and Oprah DeMarro. For applications, call Hall Express at (210) 308-8837.

At the Bonham Exchange, it's Tropical Thursdays with hostess Beth Evans and the Heatwave Boys. They are serving \$1.75 drinks from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. with no cover until 10:00 p.m. for patrons 21 and over.

At the 2015, it's Happy Hour everyday from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Monday and Tuesday, it's Happy Hour all night long. This is a great place to stop and get out of the heat.

On the 10th of July, at the El Jardin, Janice Dumont is appearing. This is a



Party group at the Bonham

benefit show to help her get to Dallas. On the 24th, the Hardley Girls will be appearing again with an all new comedy show to delight and tickle the liver.

Sunday night at Memories, the Bloody Marys are \$1.75. Other specials include \$2.00 well drinks, \$1.75 Cuervo shots and \$2.00 Cuervo Margaritas. On Sunday the 18th, the Hardley Girls will be making their first debut performance on the North side. Girls grab your mothers, you're in for a shocking show. It's also pretty funny too.

Sparks is quiet and relaxing. I love



San Antonio AIDS Foundation volunteers

having intelligent conversations and arguments with people and that's where it will happen. And my cute little friend Robert is nice to look at.

Coming Thursday, Sept. 16th, Musicians Against AIDS will be sponsoring a dance benefit tour here in San Antonio. This tour will include most of the United States and with it will be their own DJ from England who'll play Techno music all night long. Six dancers will also be performing. More information later. But mark your calendars.

The San Antonio Bed and Breakfast is a great place to have friends stay the night. It has all the qualities of home and reasonable prices unlike those awful downtown places.

Textures is one of the more exciting bookstores I have seen come to this area in a long time. It's not just a bookstore. They also have t-shirts, pins, bumper stickers, movies, magazines and music. It is mainly for the women, but there are items of interest for the guys as well. Personally, I prefer

lesbian authors—so this place is a breath of heaven to me. Maybe we can get her to order some things we can't find in other places. Stop by and visit. Textures is in the Yard off McCullough.

Got a good body and face along with that special something extra? The Dream Boys are now hiring. They perform all over San Antonio and Corpus Christi. Check them out sometime and if you're interested, give them a call. Maybe I'll photograph your smiling face and buns on stage sometime.

Keyhole Productions does a little of everything. For instance, they do stage productions, as well as provide strippers and dancers for clubs and private parties. They will even help you with costumes. Look for their ad for more information.

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This week is over and if I don't see you around in the next few days, it's because I'm still laid up at the house. Flowers, chocolates and money are welcome. Love Ya, CHOW!

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Assistant education secretary nominee defends stand favorable to gays

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON

FOR THE NEW VOICE WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 1 (AP)—Thomas W. Payzant, defending his nomination as assistant education secretary, said Thursday he supported the rights of gay students when he ran the San Diego school system because every student has needs that schools must try to meet.

Payzant, 52, told the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee he did not favor "special rights" for gay and lesbian students as some of his critics have alleged but did believe they

should be protected from discrimination.

"I think every student is special and their needs should be met," he said.

Payzant testified that one of his most difficult decisions in more than a decade as San Diego's superintendent of school's was how to deal with an educational program run by the Boy Scouts of America in the city's classrooms.

The issue arose after the Boy Scouts made clear that its policy was not to tolerate openly gay scouts or scout leaders in its ranks.

Payzant said that after his school

board voted unanimously to include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination policy, he recommended that the Boy Scouts continue to use school facilities after hours but not be permitted to offer courses as part of the compulsory curriculum.

He said the board unanimously agreed with that position.

A former Boy Scout himself, Payzant acknowledged that the Boy Scout in-school "Learning For Life" program did not in itself advocate discrimination against homosexuals.

But he said the group's overall poli-

cies conflicted with the non-discriminatory policy of the San Diego school board.

Payzant said that many San Diego parents initially opposed the decision.

"There was a great misunderstanding as to what the decision was," he said. "When it was understood that the scouts could continue to use the schools after school hours a lot of people got a lot less excited than before."

The committee is expected to recommend the Senate approve the Payzant nomination, probably after Congress returns from its Fourth of July recess.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Ku Klux Klan got off easy in secret Florida legislative committee hunts

By CURT ANDERSON
FOR THE NEW VOICE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Saturday, July 3 (AP)—Investigators for a secret Florida legislative committee targeted homosexuals and communists but apparently believed Ku Klux Klan claims that it was a peaceful organization engaged in charitable works.

Long-hidden files of the Johns Committee show that even though Klansmen told committee investigators about bombings and whippings during the late 1950s and early 1960s, the investigators recommended no formal hearings into the KKK.

Instead, investigators decided to simply give the interviews to police, saying that might help the committee deal with criticism that it was focusing too much attention on allegations of communists among the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"This action would meet the requirements of our mandate, and also avoid

publicity which might indicate a one-sided approach to the problems current in Florida," the investigators wrote.

The files of the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee—called the Johns Committee for its longtime chairperson, Sen. Charley Johns—were opened Thursday for the first time because of a new constitutional amendment.

The committee operated in secret from 1956 to 1965, focusing on communists and homosexuals but also investigating civil rights activists, the Klan and bootleggers, among others. Names were deleted from most records.

Klan members told investigators repeatedly that their group was a peaceful fraternal society engaged in charitable works. One Klansman pointed out that his group had a ladies' auxiliary much like a church organization.

Lead investigator R.J. Strickland wrote after interviewing several Klansmen that the Klan could be considered

a "fact-finding" organization intending to "expose certain elements which could be contrary to the form of democratic government we have today."

That came even though an unidentified Klan member told Strickland in an April 1958 interview that he knew others who were making dynamite bombs and that some members of his own organization were probably involved in the bombing of an NAACP official's house.

"The grand dragon seemed to think that some of the boys had a part in it—the bombing," the Klansman said. "Many members seemed to be in panicky fear" of an FBI investigation.

Asked if he knew of bomb-making activities, the Klansman said: "I only went to the man's home and found him drunk and working on these bombs in his garage. He mentioned something about the damn niggers."

The Klansman said some members were involved in the June 1, 1955, flogging of a black man in the Fort Union

community outside Live Oak.

"He was taken from his home by two cars loaded with men and a sack was put on his head, and he was whipped severely," he said.

The Klansmen said those involved were forced to resign from the KKK. A grand jury declined to indict them for lack of evidence.

Other Klan members told committee investigators that the organization abhorred violence and would punish any member who did anything to a black person or anyone else.

"Our purpose was to maintain white supremacy and try to maintain segregation," one said. "Not a thing in the world I wouldn't do for a Negro, but don't have to go to the same church or eat with them."

Still another said: "(The) Communist Party has brainwashed people in the country against the Ku Klux Klan. I never heard anything about any sort of violence."

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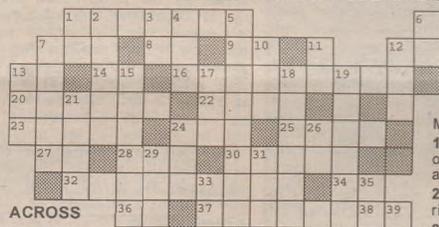
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▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

Christmas in July Carnival at Mary's...naturally; Boy Toys at Gentry

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston
Hello Houston!

Remember when someone named "Granny" started a Christmas in July party to raise money for various causes way back when? I think that before the AIDS crisis, the beneficiary was Toys For Tots. Well, Christmas in July has continued, even though the traditions have changed a bit.

Typically, we are left to take care of our own, since the bureaucrats still seem to think we are dirt to walk over. And may I say that Lady Victoria Lust along with many, many others from the Colt 45's to the TGRA Candidates and so on and so on, have raised thousands of badly needed dollars for PWAs in Houston.

This year, Christmas in July is a benefit carnival in Mary's "out back" which will feature games, booths, and ?(rides). Well mine will be a short ride from the platform into the dunking booth, I'm sure. At least I'll stay cool along with some of your favorite bar tenders/owners/etc.

If I've taken a shot at you in the paper this year, come dunk me in the tank with a few well thrown balls. It will be for a good cause and is set to take place this Sunday July 11 from 1:00 p.m. till it's over.

This year's beneficiary is the B.J. Summors Memorial Christmas in July Fund sponsored by Lady Victoria Lust with funds managed by the Colt 45's. Be there or be the victim of bad press in my soap column. A good example is the following dirt given to me by big Gary of the Ripcord about his own lover:

Happy belated birthday Taffy. ...oops, I mean Dave!

Well, on with soap. Hope to see you all there.

Have you heard about the incredible new promotion from Charles Armstrong Investments going on over at Heaven? Well they are giving away trips to South Beach in Florida. It includes a weekend for two at the

Winterhaven Hotel in South Beach Florida with two hundred dollars in cash for expenses. In a picture in this issue of soap is pictured Scott Lewis, Charles' promotions director presenting Larry Rodriguez and his lover Ernie, the first of these weekend trips. If you are interested in winning one of the two remaining weekend give aways the next will be held on August 1st and the final on Sept. 5th as part of the Heaven Labor Day Anniversary Weekend Party. Those who wish to enter just need to ask their favorite bartender for an entry blank any night of the week



Some of the NLA's hot men

at Heaven and then be present on the first Sunday of the month. Such a deal!

Speaking of Heaven, Jerry Halliday and his "Big Bad Broads" will be at Heaven for a benefit Tuesday July 13th. Jerry performs live and is direct of Las Vegas with his outrageous puppet impersonations of Bette Davis, Marilyn Monroe, Mae West, Kathrine Hepburn, Carol Channing and more. According to critic Rex Reed, Jerry and his girls are "Flawless." Doors open at 9:00 p.m. and the show begins at 11:00 p.m.

Forgive Our Sins is being presented by the Resurrection Players of the MCCR during P.R.A.I.S.E. service this Sunday July 11th at 6:00 p.m. It is the story of the prodigal son and the good samaritan done through drama, song and scripture. The show/service is at MCCR at 1919 Decatur and there is no charge. The Resurrection Players will be assisting in the production of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" as a fundraiser for the Montrose Clinic on August 8th at the Ranch. They will also be doing a production of "Last Summer at Bluefish Cove" in the Fall. For more information about the above events or to join the Resurrection Players call MCCR at (713) 861-9149. Brian Keever's Mr. Houston All American Pageant is going to be held this Friday July 9th at the Brazos River Bottom, the original home of hot cowboys and hay in your underwear.



Why is Pacific Street keeping a fire truck on hand?

The contest begins on Friday at 8:00 p.m. so be sure to be there in time to get a cool cocktail and a great place to witness this years contest with great looking all-American men. Then on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Patsy Salvado is speaking on the Amsterdam AIDS Conference and later that same night the Colt 45's are hosting a show called "Back to the Future" beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Richmond News and Video reminds me that they are still one of the hot spots in town for video rental and sales. A plus they have going for them is no

membership fees and no clubs to join. Go by and say hi to Scott, Mike and the gang at Richmond New on Richmond past the railroad tracks.

Club Houston is having their fabulous "Summer in the City" weekends with loads of fun and scantily clad men at the outdoor pool. And while you are getting that all over tan, stick around for the free barbecue meals each Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 3:00 p.m. Damion also wants to remind you that Mondays are 1/2 price locker days and Tuesdays and Thursdays are 1/2 price locker and room days. Visit Club Houston, formerly Club Body Center, your complete entertainment and physical fitness center. Call (713) 659-4998 for more information or details about specials.

Hey, check out Rusty in Gentry's ad this week. Woof, you cute thang! He is there to remind us that the Lone Star Male Revue will dance for you each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Del, also tells me that new this week are the Boy Toy dancers each Monday and Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and then there is a male strip contest each Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. While we're going on about Gentry, check out the Car Wash in their parking lot this Saturday by R.S.I.C.S.S. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hey, the Royal Court will be busy this weekend, because they also have a contest they are sponsoring over at E/J's on Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. It's the 3rd Annual Miss Least Likely Contest. The way it works is they get some really Butch (but not really) men on stage and people in the audience bid on how much it is going to take to get them in a dress and make up. For enough dollars bid, some have even been known to shave for this contest. I steer clear of this one

cause without my beard and moustache, I look like I'm all nose. Sorry Ed. This is also another benefit for the B.J. Summors Memorial Christmas in July Fund. Some people never stop raising money for PWAs. Even in death B.J. is still working hard.

Have you checked out the changes in progress at the Venture N yet! You need to get by and see what's up or down. I hear that lasts weekend was one of the busiest even at the V-N. There is also a new art show going up by artist Larry Crawford, a sample of which is in the V-N's ad this week. Venture-N has also begun after hours from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. each Friday and Saturday night. Look out for their Power Hour Specials each Sunday through Thursday from 5 to 7:00 p.m. with \$1.00 beer, wine and well drinks. Lots more is listed in their ad in this issue. Take a long look



Was that Betsy in that nelly hat?



Here's that carriage they didn't let Walter drive

and visit the Venture N this weekend.

Community Gospel Church is having a Revival with Patty Collins beginning Thursday July 15 through Sunday July 18. See their ad in this issue and they say to "Come expecting a Miracle!"

There have been some great meal deal coupons in the paper for the past few weeks. Be on the look out for the ads from Jade Dragon and Giorgina's Restaurants. These places have great food, are in the heart of our community and are trying to give you something special. Give them a try. Both are located on lower Westheimer.

E/J's is now having Karaoke Night each Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Go in early and have one of their fabulous steak dinners at 6:00 p.m. and then stick around for the singing.

Michael K. Wilson's Wednesday night Self Healing Classes meet from 8-10 p.m. at the Spectrum Center located at 3416 Audubon. On Wednesday July 14, Michael himself will speak on how to connect with your inner guidance and intuition thereby developing a higher state of consciousness and self realization. For more information contact Michael Wilson at 523-4241.

Look for the up coming anniversary of The Sundance Cattle Company on August 13th. They will be celebrating their 13th anniversary as a club. In addition to the normal cocktail parties, scavenger hunts, trivia questions and poker runs there will be a new Master and Mistress contest, to be held on the Saturday night of the scheduled events. For more information or if your club or bar would like to be included in the events call Reenie at (713) 527-8814.

Hope you all find plenty to do this weekend. Be on the lookout for a hot air balloon in the area this Sunday. I'm taking the trucker on a ride for his birthday. We'll see if we can get them to pass over Montrose way. Good Luck!

Bye for now!



The Mine was in typical form



Mary's is so busy these days, they put them on the roof!



Community Gospel was daring in togas for Gay Pride



Scott presents South Beach Weekend package to Ernie and Larry

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Police say anti-gay crimes during first quarter of 1993 double in Denver

DENVER, Wednesday, June 30 (AP)—Denver police report hate crimes against gays and lesbians in Denver have more than doubled during the first quarter of 1993 from the corresponding period last year.

However, statewide, the number of hate crimes dropped in the first quarter.

Nine hates crimes against homosexuals were reported between January and March, up from four during the first quarter of 1992, Denver police said. The total for 1992 was 21.

Officials aren't linking the rise to Amendment 2, the state's new anti-gay rights law, but gay and lesbian leaders say the measure is responsible.

"We believe there is a direct connection to Amendment 2," said Kat Morgan, a spokesperson for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Victims have been attacked because they displayed anti-Amendment 2 buttons or bumper stickers, she said.

Police said the rise in hate crimes aimed at homosexuals may stem more

from an improved data collection system than from anti-gay sentiment surrounding Amendment 2.

"If I were to venture a guess, I would attribute the rise to the police reporting system," said Steve Brown, deputy manager of safety.

Officials with the Gay and Lesbian Community Center's Anti-Violence Project, which collects data on hates crimes against homosexuals in the state, say their figures show crimes more than quadrupled in the first quarter of 1993,

compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Jodi Angrade, a spokesperson for the group, said there were 74 anti-homosexual hate crimes through March, up from 17 during the first quarter of 1992. The total for 1992 was 198, she said.

In May, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation said there were fewer hate crimes reported in the state through March than during the like period in 1992. Those numbers includes crimes against ethnic and religious groups, as well as gays and lesbians.

**▼▼▼ IN MEMORY OF
BERTRAM W. AMLUNG, II**

Born: October 28, 1943
Died: July 2, 1993

After working as a Registered Respiratory Therapist in his home state of Kentucky, he moved to Houston in 1976 and worked as a Registered Nurse. Survivors include his mother, sister, niece, four nephews, his life mate of nine years, and countless numbers of friends.

Memorial service for July 13th, 7:30 p.m. at M.C.C.R. - Houston.

I will always remember your consistently positive attitude and bright, beautiful smile. Until we meet again,

Lawrence



CRAIG ALLEN BALLARD

Born: May 29, 1959
Died: June 23, 1993

Craig Ballard passed away at 12 Oaks Hospital after a valiant battle against AIDS. Born in El Paso, Tx, Craig grew up in Wisconsin and spent his later years residing in Chicago and Houston.

Craig is survived by his father and mother, James and Margaret Ballard of New Berlin, WI; his sister, Cindy Ballard; niece, Angela and nephew, Brian of Eden Prairie, MN; brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Wendy Ballard and nephew, Greg of Waukesha, WI., and his grandmother, Betty Zimmerman of Denver, CO.

All my love and gratitude goes out to Dr. Gary Brewton, Shirley and the rest of his staff who fought as hard and relentlessly as Craig did, to the extraordinary staff of 12 Oaks Hospital 7th floor, to Oncol, to his parents and many special friends who remained at his bedside. And last, to Shadow Broadcast Services who worked so hard to make a very different time a little easier, and who made my best friend's dream come true. Thank you...

Donations may be made in memory of Craig to The Texas Human Rights Foundation, 815 Brazos, Suite 801, Austin, TX 78701.

"Now cracks a noble heart. Good night sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest." (Hamlet)

I miss you...

Maggie

A celebration of Craig's new life will be held Thursday, July 15th from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Chapultepec's new bar addition, 813 Richmond.

ANTHONY JEROME COLEMAN

Anthony Jerome Coleman, 37, died June 27 of an internal infection at Belle Reve Residential Home. He was a registered nurse.

Mr. Coleman was born in Okolona, Mississippi, and lived in New Orleans for 12 years.

Survivors include his mother, Jerri Kelso; his stepfather, James Hilton Shempert; Three brothers, James Richard, Timothy Scott, and Jeffrey Paul Shempert; and three sisters, Angela S. Smith, Teresa S. Clark, and Janice Coleman.

A funeral was held at the Vieux Carre' Metropolitan Community Church. Burial was in Checkasaw Memorial Garden in Houston.

PHILIPPE DUFAU

Philippe Dufau, executive chef/co-owner of Louis XVI Restaurant in the St. Louis Hotel, died June 27 of AIDS complications at Tulane University Hospital. He was 34.

Mr. Dufau was a native of Pau, France. He came to New Orleans in 1981. He opened Louis XVI with Antoine Camenzuli, in 1988.

Mr. Dufau apprenticed in Paris area restaurants and came to New Orleans to take the job of executive sous-chef at L'Escale Restaurant. He also worked as the restaurant's executive chef and was executive corporate chef for the Century Hotels owners of LeEscale, Louis XVI, and Savoir Faire.

He was a named master Chef of America from 1988-91; a member of Les Amis d'Escoffier; Les Toques Blancs International; and the International Wine and Food Society.

Survivors include his parents, Henri and Jeanine Dufau; a brother, Jean-Pierre Dufau; and a grandmother, Irene Garcia.

A visitation and Mass was held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Tharp/Sontheimer-Tharp Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ANGELO THOMAS PECORA, JR.

Angelo Thomas Pecora, Jr., a self-employed jeweler, died June 27 of lymphoma. Mr. Pecora was 38. He died at home.

Mr. Pecora was born in Independence, Louisiana, and lived in New Orleans for 14 years. He graduated from Louisiana State University and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Survivors include his longtime companion, Patrick McKinney; his father, Angelo Thomas Pecora, Sr.; his mother, Frances Anzalone Pecora of Independence; and three sisters, Barbara Blake, Mary Anderson, and Fain Moulard of Baton Rouge.

A funeral was held at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in Independence. Burial was at Colonial Cemetery.



KENNY JOE SPIVEY

Born: November 8, 1956
Died: July 1, 1993

Popular Houston playwright, Kenny Joe Spivey, age 36, died peacefully Thursday, July 1, 1993 in Galveston, Texas. Spivey was Artistic Director of Dreem Katz, a local performing arts group founded by him in 1979. Spivey created Dreem Katz, a group of friends interested in the arts, who would perform Spivey's original works in his back yard for neighbors and friends. Spivey's outrageous style became so popular that Dreem Katz outgrew their back yard stage and performed the world premier of Spivey's first full-length play, "Every Day at Dawn Pigs Dance in ancient Ritual. I know. I Dance with Them." (Pigs Dance I), at Main Street Theatre. Since this first production, Spivey has written, directed and produced over a dozen plays, including "Stuck - A Montrose Vampire Story," "Romp Through Hell" (Pigs Dance II), "Fertility Dance," "In Chains," "Nasty Disposition" (Pigs Dance III) with two works in progress, entitled "She's Retarded" and his full length musical, "The Black."

Spivey composed music and was past president of the Montrose Symphonic Band. Spivey performed at many theatres, including Stages, Main Street Theatre, Heights Theatre, Chocolate Bayou Theatre, Dougherty Art Center and the Vortex (Austin, Texas). Spivey wrote and directed numerous plays for the Jewish Community Center's Summer Performing Arts program. He gave his time and talents to many Houston organizations. In short, Spivey was a genius!

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 11, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur, Houston, Texas.

ALBERT WILLIAM "BILL" VINCENT, JR.

Albert Wm. "Bill" Vincent, Jr. 32, passed away June 24 1993 at home after a lengthy illness. Bill is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Vincent Sr. of Memphis, Tennessee, sisters, Betty Carter of Memphis, Tennessee, Gail Dukes of Vernon, Alabama, Kay Branum of Galveston, Texas, Paula Barnum of Dallas, Texas and a special friend, Michael Fife of Houston.

Funeral services were held June 29 at Forest Hills Funeral Chapel in Memphis with burial in Forest Hills Cemetery. At the request of the family donations can be made at the AIDS Foundation of Houston. Arrangements by Alief, Sharpstown Funeral Home (713) 561-6300.

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▼▼▼AUSTIN SOAP

New Austin column is inaugurated in time for one of five annual festivals

By JIM RAWSON

The New Voice/Austin

Howdy, Texas and Louisiana! I'll bet you thought that Austin had disappeared from the face of the earth, but now you have a brand-new reporter and representative for The New Voice.

What a week to start this job! The capital city has five major city-wide gay events each year, and the Fourth of July is one of them. There was sunshine, hot men and women, a gorgeous full moon, and more parties and events than anyone could survive.

The biggest celebration was the annual picnic at Pease Park, this year titled "Let Freedom Ring." From noon to 4:00 p.m., one of the biggest picnic crowds in recent history enjoyed high-energy music, a variety of picnic foods, free beer, volleyball, cruising, and basking in the sunshine. The ever-popular dunking booth featured bar owners



Just how big is that hat?

and managers. Their staffs took delight in wetting their bosses down.

Meanwhile some of the hottest bar employees in the city served up the beer and big smiles.

Texas Representative Glen Maxey was in attendance as were two local television celebrities.

We won't tell you who they are, but they did not come over from the nearby Channel 36 studios. The Austin Tavern Guild deserves a round of applause for this fabulous event and special thanks for the plush air-conditioned shuttle bus that ferried partygoers from the warehouse district and back.

Elsewhere in the city, Mirage III brought leather men and women from all over Texas into town for all kinds of activities and good times. Hosted by Chain Drive and the Capital City Riders Motorcycle Club, this run kept folks partying late every night through Sunday!

Thank goodness most of us had Monday off! Back bartender Mark was so busy that his register went into meltdown and he had to take one from the main bar. Chain Drive's senior deejay Don just returned from Pride Week in New York City. Did he have a good time? Ask him about the party on the pier.

It was a first for Austin: a flashlight and underwear party at Fifth Street Station on Friday. The bar thoughtfully provided cute little penlights so we could get just a little better look at what was in those Calvin Klein briefs! Coming up Sunday, July 11th at the Station is the Mr. Gay Austin All-



Mike & Gerald

American contest, a preliminary to Mr. Gay Texas. You won't want to miss this one! Come early for burgers and \$1.75 drink specials.

As fireworks exploded over the city, Acropolis hosted a street party at their prime sparkler-watching location just a firecracker's throw from Town Lake. It was a benefit for the Waterloo Counseling Center, and after the fireworks everyone cooled down inside and then heated up again with house music and a light show.

San Fran Cisco's was wall-to-wall cowboys and cowgirls on Saturday night. With all the starched shirts and tight jeans, one observer commented that it looked like Dallas had closed for the weekend. Don't forget that Cisco's has free country dance lessons: beginners' classes on Mondays and intermediate classes on Tuesdays, both at 8:00 p.m. There is no excuse for not knowing how to two-step! Southern Country, our new western dance organization, will be

in the bar this Friday evening from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. for Boot Scootin' Hours. This is an opportunity to dance with these nice folks and find out more about the group.

Next Friday, the 16th, Boot Scootin' hours will be at Nexxus, and the location will continue to alternate.

There is something new at The Crossing—Wed-

nesdays are now "Steak Night." Come out to the beautiful patio in and let Jeanette grill you a juicy ribeye. For you non-beef people there will always be another choice; this week it was grilled salmon.

On Sundays, Kindell will warm your



4th of July party in Pease Park

sausage with a free brunch buffet starting at noon. It certainly beats Denny's! If you have never seen Jerry Halliday and his Big, Bad Broads, do not miss the shows this weekend at Diva's Cabaret. Jerry's show, direct from Las Vegas, features hysterical puppets of entertainers like Katherine Hepburn and Mae West. We guarantee that you will laugh your tiara off. Diva's is next to Esther's Follies on Sixth Street. Call 320-0553 for showtimes and tickets.

This is definitely going to be a summer for hot parties! Oilcan Harry's presents Red Hot 2, a slumber party benefiting the HIV Wellness Center, on July 16th. Last year's affair was wonderful, and the sequel should be even better. Then on July 18th the 404 hosts an intriguing event, The Black Party. Dress in black and be as bare as you dare! Doors open at 9:00 p.m. for this one.

The Tapestry Singers will be in concert July 17th at MCC-Austin. This women's chorus performs songs by and/or about women and a more just and peaceful world. Tickets are available in advance by calling MCC-Austin at 416-1170.

Have you listened to K-GAY yet? Yes, Austin now has a gay and lesbian radio station. K-GAY is a satellite radio channel based in Denver, Colorado. It is available only to Austin CableVision subscribers with an FM hookup—tune in to 95.1. The format includes music by openly gay and lesbian artists as well as mainstream performers that we all know and love (like Blondie and Boy George and Melissa Etheridge and...). The channel also airs call-in talk shows and news.



John

▼▼▼GALVESTON SOAP

Full moon over island; puppet show a blast; our Miss Brooks on tour

By JERRY STUART

The New Voice/Galveston

For those of you who didn't make it to the island this past 4th of July weekend, it turned out to be a fun and full weekend, with all of the beaches and clubs packed. Like most holidays, Galveston was full of tourists. The days were mostly sunny and the nights were lit up by a big beautiful full moon that hung over the Gulf.

I finally got to see the puppet show at Lafittes for the first time Sunday evening and it was a riot. The puppets were

played by Robert the Mouth and Miss Muffin. They did patriotic numbers such as "Yankee Doodle" and "Stars and Stripes." The show lasted about an hour and was very ingenious. Please don't forget they are having the Miss Fire Cracker Comedy Contest on the 16th of July. It should be a lot of fun too.

We all had to say good-bye to our Island Goddess, Miss Shauna Brooks this weekend. She is touring the East coast. But in just over a month she will be back in Galveston.

Club Evolution has new hours for this

summer. The club will be open at 4:00 p.m. on Friday Saturday and Sunday and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There will be drink specials for well drinks and bottled beer.

Sad to say the City of Galveston did not have their annual fireworks display this year. But they had a laser show downtown at the historic Strand district. I heard it was really something to see.

As for Island Gossip, the Queen who busted her rump outside Kon Tiki—honey, you need to learn to walk in those

pumps if you're going to wear them.

Choppa, if you should happen to read my article, I've had a lot of people inquire about what you are doing these days. Call or come by.

David, one of the former bartenders at Evolution, seemed to have had some luck cruising the clubs this weekend. I wondered why he disappeared so early in the evening. Now we know.

If anyone has any comments or information you think would be interesting to share, please contact your friendly island reporter at (409) 762-9242.

▼▼▼CORPUS CHRISTI SOAP

'Talk of the Town' provides great performance; Mr. Choices contest hot

By DEBRA JEAN

The New Voice/Corpus Christi

The "Talk of the Town" comedy monologue by Paul Bonin Rodriguez was a gas! The talented Bonin has been throughout the country with his one-man monologue about Dairy Queen and young lust. Paul had the audience in stitches. Don't miss him if you get a chance to see him.

A huge thank you to Butch and the Hidden Door staff for all the hard work.

A special thank you from CBAF to Matt Stevens, Tad Burton, David Grand and Janice. Fish Fest '93 was hot! The July 3rd bonfire brought together some of Corpus Christi's finest lesbians! A special hello to Marie "Ms Bubby" who made the Fish Fest come alive.

The Mr. Choices contest was hot. Six of South Texas most handsome men competed for the title: "Rocky" Gilbert Perez, Raymond Salceda, Allen Gibsen,

Bobby Ramirez, Adam West and Jamie Lopez were fabulous. The winner was Raymond Salceda. The first runner-up was Rocky Gilbert and the second runner-up was Jamie Lopez. Congratulations men!

The Hidden Door is hot! Caution is advised as you enter our own historical club. They are gearing up for Beach Head 6. A "Tattoos and Pearls Bash" is in the works. Come out Sept. 3rd through Sept. 6th for all the fun you can handle.



Miss Corpus Christi Pageant



Mr. Choices contest



Paul

Welcome back, Dennis, you were missed! U.B.U. recently hosted the Miss Gay Corpus Christi Pageant. Oprah de Marro was the fabulous host and sexy M.C. Sydney Miles kept the audience entertained. All the contestants, Syreeta Munroe, Katherine York, Kitty Divino, Lelece Crawford, Racine Corde, and Jasmine SX were hot! The shows were elaborate and exciting.

The 1994 winner is Jasmine SX who also won the talent and interview talent titles.

Ashley Everett was first runner-up and evening gown title winner, and second runner-up went to Celene Crawford. Congratulations girls! A special thank you to Mike Garza, Manager at U.B.U. and the staff on all the hard work. Special performances by Scott Green, Mr. Gay Houston and Savannah Peters, Ms. Texas Newcomer added extra entertainment to the "glitter and glamour" show put on by Corpus Christie's talented and beautiful women at Desert Hearts.

NEW ORLEANS SOAP

New Orleans Pride Festival photos; Rush Limbaugh on the military ban

By BUNCH BRITAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

Yes, that's Britain with two T's, not with one T as in the DIS pub. The old saying is "imitation is the highest form of flattery," but as Abe said when asked if he appreciated being ridden out of town on a rail, "If it weren't for the honor, I'd just as soon it not have happened."

While mulling honorable occasions, TV viewers were honored with the appearance of Rush Limbaugh this past Tuesday on the Phil Donahue show. I say "honored" since this was one of the few times when he has appeared in public without being surrounded by his technical support.

Limbaugh is famous for the short blurbs and cartoons he uses to deride everyone from Hillary Clinton to Father Flanagan. Without these he appears almost human. This was not one of his finest hours. He first expressed his acceptance of gays and lesbians in the military, but then later "waffled" by tying the lifting of the ban to social experimentation and then expressing a desire to study the military's recommendations.

For those of you who missed the Donahue show, here follows pertinent excerpts from the transcript:

Questioner: What part do you feel they (gays and lesbians) have in society?

Limbaugh: They're Americans. They're American citizens. They have access to every law, every human right, every civil right that we have in our country.

Q: Do you feel that they have a right to a place in the government—in the military?

L: I do.

Donahue: You'd like to see the ban dropped from the military?

L: I think it does, as Clinton says, come down to conduct. We know that there have been heroic homosexuals in the military. And there's no reason to punish those people who want to serve their country because of their sexual orientation. If, however, they behave in homosexual conduct and cause damage to esprit de corps, as anybody else who behaves promiscuously if they're heterosexual, they should be thrown out.

D: Sure. But you would support the President in his declaration to drop the ban on...

L: No, as I told you, I don't know the reason... I would support it to an extent, but I would defer to military experts because I don't think the Army...

D: Well, Colin Powell doesn't want it.

L: Right.

D: And I heard the Marine Comman-

dant says he doesn't want it.

L: Yeah.

D: So, it sounds like you're doing a Clinton here. Are you for this or are you against it? Would you drop the ban on gay service in the military?

L: I'm going to try to say this again. My view is that the military... Do you know what the purpose of armies is, folks?

D: Here we go again.

L: Wait a second, Phil, please, please. I'll be as brief as I can possibly be in this. The purpose of armies is to kill and not a social playground and it is not the place for social experimentation where we hash out whatever social arguments we are having. There are people who have studied war and lead armies with one objective and that's to win when you have to go into battle. To spare as many lives as possible on your side and kill as many of the other people. Now there are people who, I don't think because of bigotry, have decided that it's not wise to have homosexuals in the military. I want to hear what

they have to say about this.

D: You want to study? You want to study it?

L: They are experts. Sure.

Sure, Rush, "homosexuals have access to every law, every human right, every civil right that we have in our country." Tell that to the gays and lesbians in Colorado, Oregon and Florida who have to fight for their rights in the face of bigots intent on writing laws to deny us these very rights.

As far as your argument concerning "social experimentation," we don't want experimentation, we want recognition. And how about the Pentagon report published in the '80's that stated they could find nothing wrong with gays and lesbians in the military service? Shouldn't it carry as much weight as "people who have decided that it's not wise to have homosexuals in the military."

As I said, Rush, it was not one of your finest days, but you're improving. You ought to come out of your closet without your media technicians more often.

"FUSH IS RUCKED" bumper stickers are available by sending \$2 and a SASE to P.O. Box 24982, New Orleans, LA 70184-4982. Thanks to Tracy Saunders for sending one to us.

The Louisiana Office of Public Health has this week released some disturbing statistics on AIDS. AIDS is now the leading cause of death among men of ages 25-44 in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette, and the second leading cause of death in Jefferson Parish and



Getting ready for the Pride dog show



Hunks at the Pride Festival

Shreveport. AIDS has overshadowed homicides to become the number one killer in this age group.

One alarming statistic for the 13-24 age group shows that cases diagnosed from 1984 through 1990 showed an almost equal number of cases were diagnosed between

whites and blacks. However, in 1991, 1992 and so far in 1993 the number of cases diagnosed show that cases among blacks are more than double the number of cases among whites.

While the incidence rate of AIDS diagnosis for the New Orleans Metro Area in 1990 per 100,000 population was 7.2, the rate has slowly grown to 10.7 in the third quarter of 1991. The rate for the last quarter of 1992 stood at 9.9.

Clearly, blacks in their teens as well as heterosexual men and women of all races, need to be targeted for extensive education regarding safe sex practices. Dr. Brobson Lutz, Director of the New Orleans Department of Health said infection rates in non-gay men have increased rapidly. "The message that needs to be gotten out," Lutz said, "is that heterosexuals are at risk and females are more likely to be infected by infected partners than are males."

Anyone familiar with gay sexual activity in New Orleans must realize that our community is not doing many things that would lessen the infection. Few of the bars offer free condoms to their customers and safe sex education doesn't seem to be a full time effort anymore. Any appreciable lessening of attention to these basic programs will in only a short while cause a rise in deaths in our community.

Everyone seems to know about the happy hour at The Mint daily from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. They're now expanding their happy hour prices to one hour after each show. Ricky and Becky are still highlighting The Mint's great nights of entertainment. Every Thursday they host the Ken and Barbie Boufant Beach Party Bugaloo and then on Saturdays it's their Hot Stuff, New Orleans Style.



Pride Festival crafts booth

Scarlet and Aux Shea are featured in Profiles on Friday night. Sweet Revenge stars every Sunday afternoon and they have In The Mood with Karen, Mimi and Yvette on Wednesday night. Movie night begins at 9:00 p.m. on Monday with an old classic followed by a new flick that evening. And if you want to be your own star then come over for Talent Night on Tuesday.

George and Jamie at The Phoenix are kicking off their Tenth Anniversary weekend by hosting the Lords of Leather Underwear Party and Beer Bust this Friday night, July 9th.

Festivities start at 9:00 p.m. If you haven't been to one of the Phoenix's parties then you're in for a real treat on Saturday night, July 10th. Their 10th Anniversary Party

show begins at 9:00 p.m. Come over and help all the regulars celebrate ten years of The Phoenix and Men's Room, home of the Nights d'Orleans, the Lords of Leather and the New Orleans chapter of the National Leather Association. Topping off the weekend will be a Country Bar-B-Q for everyone at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 11th.

The Phoenix's "Xmas in July" party is set for 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, July 24th and 25th. There will be a rummage sale, a bake sale and a 50-50 raffle with food, fun and even more surprises. Please donate your used treasures for this worthwhile cause. Drop them off at the Phoenix anytime before July 24th.

A Different Corner, New Orleans' newest Country Western Bar at 706 Franklin at Royal is open now daily from 4:00 p.m. They are having a raffle to benefit Buzzy's Boys and Girls and Project Lazarus. The winner will receive a trip to the gay rodeo in San Antonio, Nov. 5th through the 7th. Hitch up in those tight jeans and boots and come on out.

I'm sure most of you have been following the flooding on the Mississippi River in Iowa and as far South as St. Louis where the water is predicted to be 15 feet above flood stage. It won't effect New Orleans unless we get some heavy rains in our part of the country. So far, it seems to be limited to the northern and midwestern states.

We're still predicting a successful end to all the casino waiting in mid-July. The State Gaming Commission is scheduled to announce their choice for the land-based casino and the Louisiana Supreme Court is expected to settle the questions on the constitutionality of the casino law around the same time. A temporary casino is predicted to be open by this fall in the Auditorium at Louis Armstrong Park. Les Bon Temp Roulette Or is that roulette?

The pictures this week are some of those left over from the gala gay pride celebration. All of you out-of-towners come on over and enjoy the sights and sounds and hunks of your Queen of the South, New Orleans. We'll see all of you here same time next week from the Crescent City.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Homosexual activists making gains on Alabama college campuses

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Monday, June 28 (AP)—Homosexuals are seeking a louder voice on Alabama college campuses and, in some cases, they are getting it.

University students were among the more than 300 people participating in the annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade through Birmingham on Sunday. Some, like Eric Hunt, expressed satisfaction with strides they have made on campus.

"We're the largest student group outside the Greek community," said Hunt, a senior at Birmingham-Southern Col-

lege and director of the Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual Awareness League.

Activists at the University of Alabama at Birmingham started the Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Alliance in March. It is a successor to the Gay-Lesbian Student Union, which was chartered in 1990 and later disbanded.

"UAB is a very closeted campus," said David Crow, president of the UAB group. On March 10, a 35-foot-long banner with the group's name and meeting time was burned by opponents as it hung on a building, he said.

Homosexual groups also have met

opposition at the University of Alabama and Auburn University, where student critics led to passage of a state law aimed at barring such organizations from receiving state funds.

The opponents of the homosexual rights movement still are strong, said David W. White, director of the parade.

"Since the fall of communism, it seems the Christian right has nothing better to do than attack us," he said.

But Hunt said religious opposition has not been too much of a problem at Birmingham-Southern, even though the school is affiliated with the United

Methodist Church.

"You'd be surprised how non-religious the school is," said Hunt, who grew up as a Southern Baptist. "The Methodists have a fairly liberal view of homosexuality."

Kenneth Moore, secretary of the homosexual rights organization at Birmingham-Southern, said the group had no problem getting faculty support and has three faculty advisers. But a group called the Radical Disciples of Christ has opposed the homosexuals, and the campus still has a conformist spirit. "There are tremendous pressures to stay in the closet," he said.

▼▼▼RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

Fourth of July celebrated Rio Grande Valley style; Shady Lady returns

By ALICIA LUGO

The new Voice/Rio Grande Valley Hello again from the Rio Grande Valley. I hope everyone enjoyed the long Fourth of July weekend. Did anyone happen to catch the spectacular fireworks display on the Island? It was really fantastic.

And speaking of fireworks, there was a lot of hot action at Robert's birthday party last Saturday night at Zippers in Harlingen. The place was packed with a lot of his friends as well as a lot of great performers. The Private Collection Strippers from Monterey were on hand to wish Robert a happy birthday, and judging from the smile on his face as he watched Rory dance, I would venture to say that he was very happy!

Along with Rory, the other two dancers were Jay and Alex. The trio put on a very "outstanding" performance, if you

know what I mean. Other entertainers that night were Kelly Kline, Miss Gay Pride '93-'94; Paulina Mercedes Lane, Miss Rio Grande Valley; Tanya Lee and Stephanie Mills.

In other birthday news, I would like to take this opportunity to wish my better half, Laurie a.k.a. Joshua St. Michael, a very happy birthday. Laurie will be celebrating her birthday together with Tanya Lee at Just Tery's this coming Wednesday night. There will be munchies and a great show to follow. So be sure and come out and wish them both a very happy birthday.

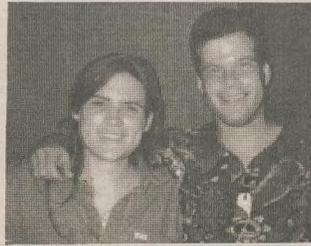
And speaking of Just Tery's, have you heard about their new "Let's Get Juiced" Sunday drink specials? All juice drinks are only \$1.00. They also have free draft from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. On Thursdays, J.T.'s has Trash Disco night with \$1.00 well drinks and free draft from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Of course, be sure not to miss the Tery Della Douche Show on Fridays along with the Lone Star Male Revue. The Lone Star dancers are there every Saturday this month also. Be sure to keep your entry ticket stubs every week this

month to be eligible for the Christmas in July drawing to be held on Sunday the 25th. They will be giving away a week-end for two at the Island. However you must be present to win.

P.B.D.'s had the Straight 8 (Gaily Forward 8) pool tournament last Wednesday. I will be announcing the winner next week, so be sure and keep me posted.

440 in Brownsville will be having the fantastic Shady Lady performing this Friday night. Be sure not to miss it! On Sunday there will be a benefit show for Kelly Kline and Paulina Mercedes Lane to raise money to help them with their trip to the Miss Gay Texas Pageant next month in San Antonio. So come on Valley, come and support these girls. After all, remember they will be out there representing us.

I would like to



Becky & Michael

say hello to Tavo and Carlos who will be in El Paso this weekend visiting Paloma Picasso who recently performed at Latinos Bar in Brownsville. See you guys next week in San Antonio.

Valley Voice will be traveling to Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels next weekend, July 17th and 18th. The caravan will leave Saturday morning at dawn and will return Sunday afternoon. Anyone interested in going should contact Laurie at (210) 428-6800 no later than this Monday to make arrangements.

Also don't forget this Tuesday is bowling night with Valley Voice at Creasey's in Harlingen at 8:30 p.m.

Well that's about it for now, catch ya next week!



Jay, Rory, Robert & Alex



Tanya Lee

▼▼▼LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What is 'cross dressing?': a reader questions a perceived double standard

From Susan Littleton Houston, Texas

Why is it that men, within our community, when dressed in "drag," doing "female impersonation," or just being "drag queens" are considered to have courage, guts, entertainment abilities, or "balls"? But, when a woman dresses in "drag," does "male impersonation," or is a "drag king," she is considered to be

hiding her femininity.

Why the double standard? Both men and women whenever either is doing "drag" should be considered to have courage, guts, entertainment abilities, or "balls." Whether it is a male being a "drag queen" or a female being a "drag king" it is still entertainment, a display of courage and guts to get up on a stage and perform in front of a crowded bar.

I don't understand the double standard concerning "drag" within our community.

I did "male drag" last week and comments about "why the moustache?" and "why hide your femininity?" were just a couple received from the judges. Doesn't this community get or understand "male drag"?

Can't a woman be comfortable and secure enough with her femininity to be

a "drag king"? Doing "male drag," for me, is an expression that I incorporated both the feminine and masculine aspects of my entire personality. If I was trying to hide my femininity, doing "male drag" in a gay bar is the absolute last place I would appear. Wake up folks and smell the coffee, "male drag" or being a "drag king" really is entertainment requiring courage, guts, entertainment abilities, and yes, even balls.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

San Francisco protests range from Iraq bombing to gays in military

By ELIZABETH WEISE FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, July 5 (AP)—Teachers, AIDS activists and gays seeking an end to the military ban were among several hundred people who protested outside the hall where President Clinton addressed the National Education Association Monday.

President Clinton told the teachers his package of education reforms, now working its way through Congress, "will give parents, students and teachers a clearer assessment of classroom performance" and "encourage schools to be more creative in organizing classrooms, training teachers and motivating students."

The president stopped in San Fran-

cisco on his way to Tokyo for an economic summit. He was warmly received by the 9000 flag-waving delegates attending the NEA's national convention. He thanked the teachers for "your clear and simple devotion to teaching."

The protest outside the Moscone Center had the air of a street festival complete with still-walkers, a hemp seed ice cream vendor and punk skateboarders.

Police in riot helmets, spaced every four feet or so, stood behind barricades surrounding the convention center as the groups traded off chants.

Many protesters were quite specific about what they wanted to tell the President.

"In my class I say 'use words, not fists,'—and then we go and bomb Iraq.

What kind of example are we setting?" said kindergarten teacher Joan Janus of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A group of gay veterans, some in uniform, carried the flag. They urged Clinton to keep his promise to end the military's ban on gays and lesbians.

"We're good, loyal Americans who support and love our country," said Cliff Anchor, 57, a retired Lt. Col. in the Special Services.

"I turned my medals in because I felt we had been betrayed by people who don't have the backbone to do what is right," he said.

Five AIDS demonstrators were arrested a block away from the main protest after a small group of protesters picked up 10-foot barricades and threw

them at police motorcycles, police spokesperson Henry Heller said.

Three people were arrested for investigation of malicious mischief, Heller said. Two other demonstrators then attempted to pull them away from officers. Those two were arrested for investigation of lynching, the legal term for attempting to remove a suspect from police custody, Heller said.

The first three protesters were cited and released. The second two were jailed, Heller said.

AIDS demonstrators, claiming Clinton wasn't doing enough to fight the disease, earlier staged a die-in at the intersection when the main protest occurred. "We will not rest in peace," they chanted. No one was arrested at the die-in.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay and Lesbian Task Force members gather in Washington holiday demonstrations

By H. JOSEF HEBERT FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Sunday, July 4 (AP)—Several members of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force tried to leave their military medals with a White House guard Sunday in a protest against the continued ban on gays in the military.

But the guard refused to take them.

And when three small boxes containing the commendations were left on a stoop at the White House gate, the Secret Service cordoned off the sidewalk and called in a dog to sniff for possible explosives. Nothing unusual was detected, and the boxes were left on the steps.

The demonstration took place as tens of thousands of people thronged to the National Mall for the annual Fourth of July festivities. Beverage coolers, headbands and backpacks were much in evidence as the holiday revelers braved scorching heat in the mid '90s.

The U.S. Park Police said approximately 200 people on the National Mall and surrounding areas had been treated for heat exhaustion, and eight were transported to local hospitals.

Police estimated the crowd for the day's activities in the range of 450,000. The local bus and rail systems expanded Sunday service to accommodate large number of riders.

The crowd watched a spectacular fireworks display after an evening concert at the West Front of the U.S. Capitol.

The capital city has long been a magnet for people seeking to advance a cause, and holidays have witnessed a number of protests. The symbolic offering of military medals was just the latest such demonstration.

"They said they couldn't take the medals because they said they had to have a staff person present," said Tanya Domi, who left her commendations from 15 years in the Army, on a stoop in front

of the White House.

Gene Barfield, 40, of Barre, Vt., who had spent 10 years in the Navy including submarine duty, said he and the others wanted to give their military ribbons and medals to President Clinton "for safe keeping" until he agrees to end the ban on gays in the military.

Clinton had come into office vowing to lift the ban on gays in the military. But that produced an outcry within the military and among many in Congress. The administration is working toward a policy that would prohibit recruits from being asked their sexual preference and would allow gays in uniform so long as they kept quiet about their sexual preference.

Domi, of Silver Spring, Md., and Barfield were among some 100 members of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, many of them veterans or active military personnel, who marched in the Independence Day parade and then held a rally in Lafayette Park across the street from

the White House.

At the rally, a string of speakers demanded that Clinton move to end the military's ban on gays. They said that a compromise where the government would ask no question as long as gays do not reveal their sexual preference was not enough.

"I think the president is scared to act," said Barfield. "I think everyone else is scared of myths."

Another speaker was Marine Sgt. Justin Elzie, who had been in the service for 11 years before deciding in January to make public the fact that he was gay. He said there was no reason to believe gays and the military were incompatible.

"People in Tailhook were not gay," Elzie said, referring to the Navy scandal involving Navy officers who accosted and sexually abused a number of women during a drunken convention at a Las Vegas hotel. Dozens of Navy officers face disciplinary action in connection with that incident.

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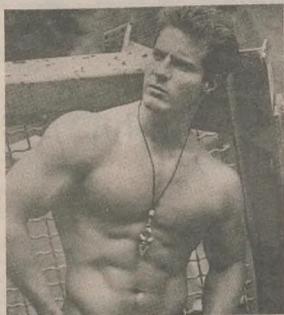
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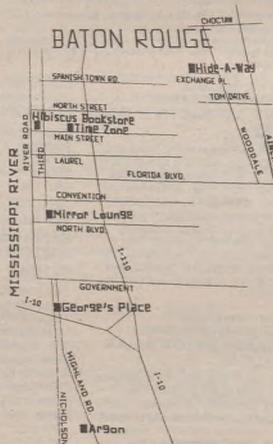
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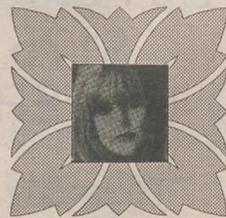
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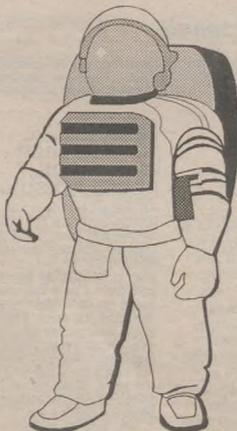
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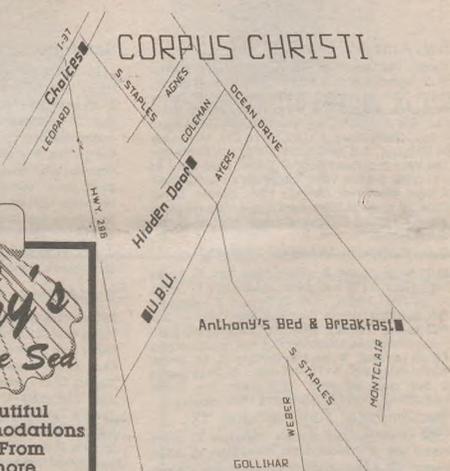
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Corpus Christi, Monday, July 12

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; \$2.00 drink special 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 3pm-closing, Desert Hearts; 100% beef chesburgers, \$1.00 plate 6pm, Choices; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Tuesday, July 13

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; \$2.00 Margaritas & Colorado Bulldogs 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Volleyball 6-8pm, Hidden Door; Steak Night 7-10pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; Pool tournament, \$20 prize, no entry fee 9pm, Hidden Door; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; DJ 10pm-2am, Choices; Pool tourney \$25 cash prize No entry fee 10:30pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Wednesday, July 14

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1.00 well drinks 11am-2am, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Absolute 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; \$4 steaks & real tators 6-10pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; Hot male strippers 10:30pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Thursday, July 15

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1 well drinks 3pm till closing, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Pool Tourney, no entry fee, \$50 cash prize 9pm, Desert Hearts; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; Pool tourney \$25 cash prize No entry fee 10:30pm, Choices; Variety show Midnight, U.B.U.

The New Voice recommends in Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi, Friday, July 9

Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 margaritas 8-9pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; \$1.00 well drinks 9-10p., Desert Hearts; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; \$1.50 domestic longnecks 10-11pm, Desert Hearts; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts; DJ, male strippers 10pm-2am, Choices; Show midnight, U.B.U.

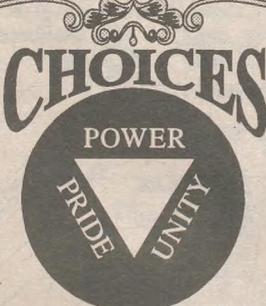
Corpus Christi, Saturday, July 10

25¢ draft beer 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Crown Royal 8-9pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; \$1.00 well drinks 9-10pm, Desert Hearts; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; \$2.00 Colorado Bulldogs 10-11pm, Desert Hearts; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts; DJ, Patio Party 10pm-2am, Choices

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Brownsville, Friday, July 9
Friday Night Super Show Midnight, Club 440
Brownsville, Saturday, July 10
Dance music with happy hour 8:30-10:30pm, Club 440
Brownsville, Wednesday, July 14
Happy hour 8:30-10:30pm, Club 440; \$1.50 well drinks 10:30pm-2am, Club 440; Amateur night Midnight, Club 440

The New Voice recommends in McAllen

McAllen, Friday, July 9
Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Terry's; Show midnight, 10th Avenue
McAllen, Saturday, July 10
Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Terry's; Show midnight, 10th Avenue
McAllen, Sunday, July 11
Complimentary Bar-B-Q, 10th Avenue; Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Terry's
McAllen, Wednesday, July 14
Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Terry's
McAllen, Thursday, July 15
Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Happy hour 9-11pm, Just Terry's

The New Voice recommends in Harlingen

Harlingen, Friday, July 9
Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers
Harlingen, Saturday, July 10
Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers
Harlingen, Sunday, July 11
Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-11pm, Zippers
Harlingen, Monday, July 12
Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers
Harlingen, Tuesday, July 13
Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-11pm, Zippers

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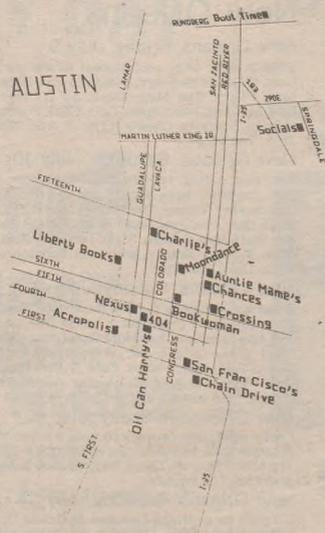
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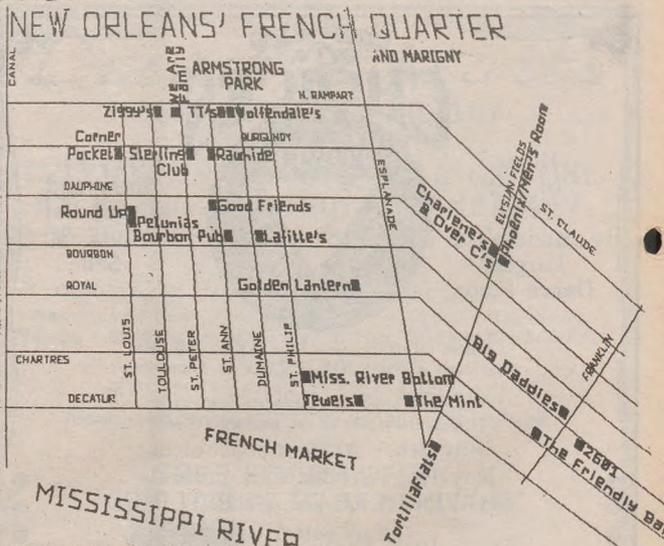
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New Orleans, Sunday, July 11

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 Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Music by DJ Mitch
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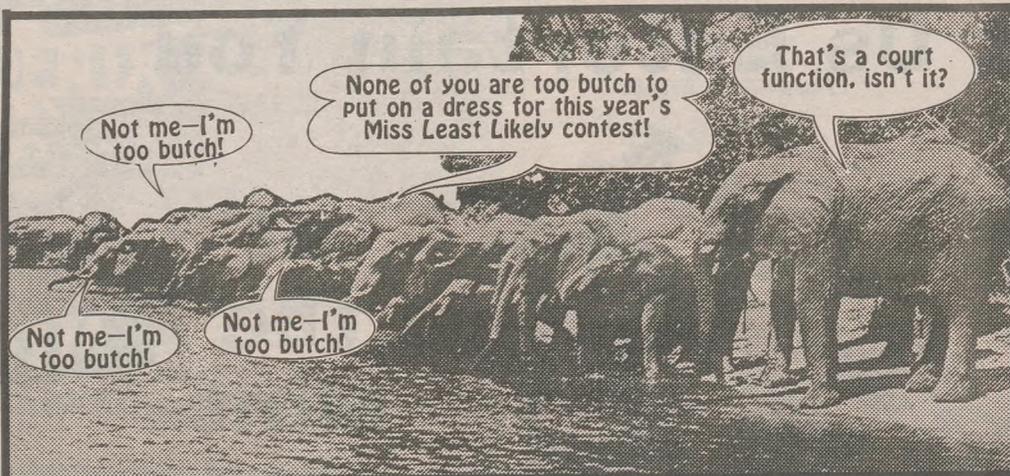
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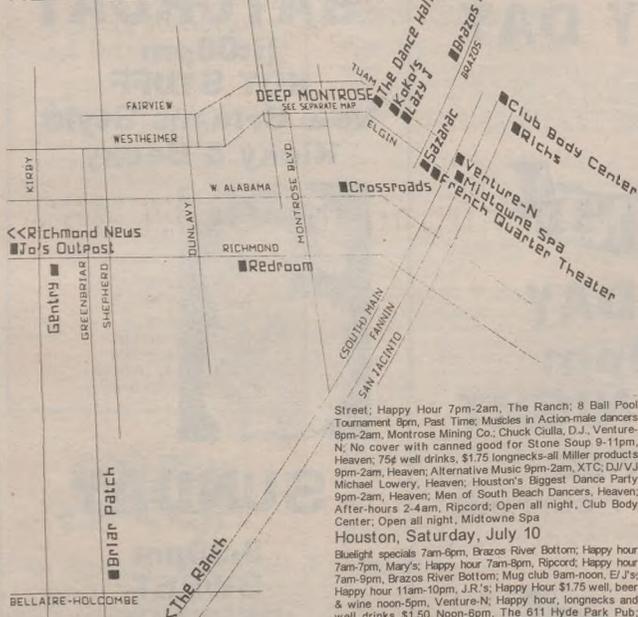
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Houston, Sunday, July 11
Blueight specials noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Johnny & Mike's Football

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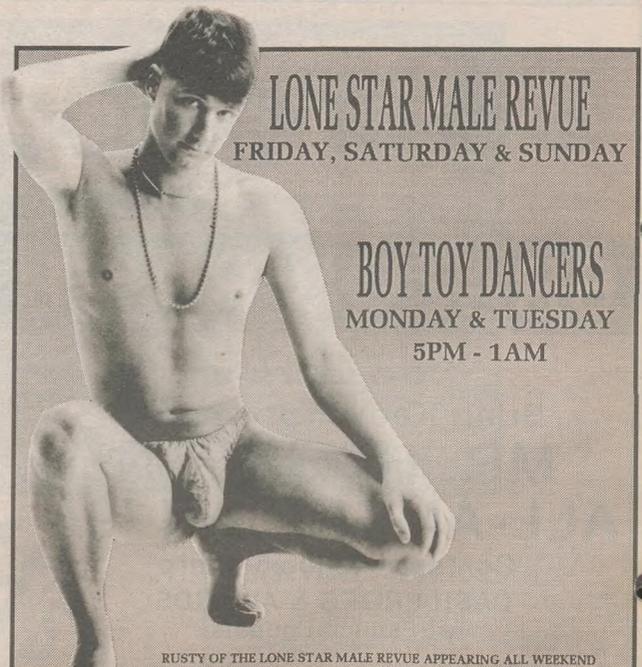
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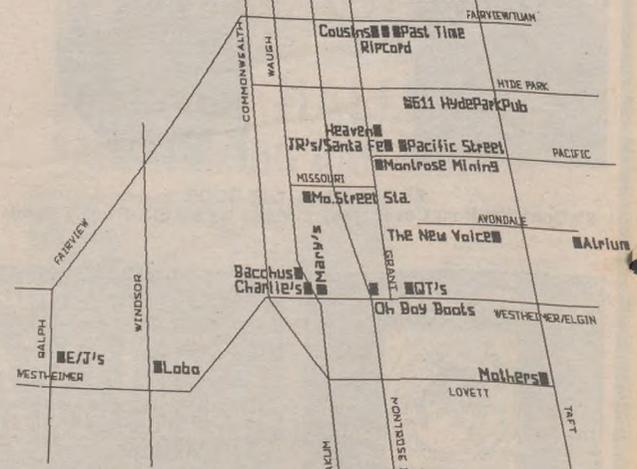
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Corner on the Patio noon-6pm, Mary's; \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's; 99¢ well vodka, juice drinks Noon-10pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour Noon-10pm, J.R.'s; Complimentary Bar-B-Q 1-3pm, Club Body Center; Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.75 domestic longnecks 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, El J's; Cook out 3pm, Midtowne Spa; Steak night 4-8pm, Mary's; Trash Disco 4-7pm, Brazos River Bottom; Mine Shaft happy hour 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Blue light specials 5pm til, Venture-N; Beach Party, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Free buffet 5pm-7, Venture-N; Steak night on the Patio, steak \$5.50, sausage \$4.50, chicken \$3.50, veggie plate \$2.50 5-8pm, The Ranch; Steak night 5-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Dart tournament, \$50 prize 6pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Male dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 8 ball slopshot pool tournament 6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Pool tournament 8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Monday Night Football with Sundance Cattle Company on the Patio 8pm, Mary's; "Clubbers Night", no cover for men wearing colors 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Best Band Contest with Randy Jobe 11pm, J.R.'s; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

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Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, El J's; \$3.50 Absolute Vodka, \$2.00 all import beer 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Burgers 11:30am-3pm, Mary's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 6 month membership special (1/2 price locker) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center; Happy hour 1-11pm,

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THE MEANING OF LIFE IS PLEASURE
Mullatto GM, 19, 5'7", 140lbs, poet, photographer, hedonist, I'm tired of being alone. Seeking spontaneous, adventurous, humorous, fun loving, sexy 18-35 GM. Willing and able to experience me in the fullest, be able to hold an interesting conversation plus have exciting fun too. Ad#25933

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
CRAZY CAJUN LOOKING FOR BUTCH LOVER
GWM, 6'4", DDS, looking for kind, sincere lover, light drinker, smoker, but not drugs. You must be masculine, looks, age and job no big deal. Prefer blacks or latins. Very romantic. If you are looking for a real true lover look no further and respond now. Make it happen! Ad#25274

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GHM, 20, 6', SLIM, CUTE.
I enjoy the outdoors, cultural events and I like to experience what life has to offer. Family oriented, in search of serious monogamous relationship. You: masculine, mature, attractive. GWM/ GHM not into clubs or drugs. Preferably tall. Goals very important. Love of children and animals, sincere and honest. No mind games. Ad#25920

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
FRIENDSHIP IS WORTH THE EFFORT
Two GWM's, 35, HIV+, healthy. Houston Heights, seeks other couples or singles for friendship. Interest include movies, dinners, games, travel and good companionship. Prefer non-smokers. If you sincerely interested in finding friends we would love to hear from you. We know you are out there. Don't be afraid to reach out. Ad#25934

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
THIS SINCERE, AFFECTION GUY
is a GWM, 37 (looks younger), who likes the outdoors, travel, fun times and just likes being together with someone. I am 5'11", likes C/W dancing, loves to fish, boating or anything outdoors. am HIV-, height/weight proportionate, stocky, muscular with boyish good looks. I am interested in you if you are active, between the ages of 35-45, young at heart, a non-smoker with dark hair (graying okay) mustache/beard a plus. My hobbies are wood-working, painting, different kinds of crafting etc. Only really sincere, honest people need respond. Ad#25367

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
REAL PERSON SEEKS SINCERE-FRIENDSHIP
GWM, 24, 6', 140 lb/ br. bl. I'm healthy, honest, masculine, and a sincere person. I enjoy late nights out, long walks, writing poetry, good conversation, and top 40 music. I'd like to make friends with similar 21-28 yr. old GM's. Ad#25942

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
MISSING - MAN TO SHARE LIFE WITH
Seeking friendships first, monogamous commitment based on HONESTY, SINCERITY & TRUST second. Attractive GWM, 39, 5'10", independent, professional, energetic, romanticist. Enjoys workouts, quiet evening biking, hiking, camping, G/W dancing, traveling, movies, FAMILY, RC faith. Seeks attractive GWM/ GHM Italian under 40 with similar interests. Must be disease free, nonsmoker. Ad#25161

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANTED BOY-FRIEND LOVER SITUATION
Good looking, healthy, HIV+, GWM, 35, 6', 165, br/ br. Seeking serious boy-friend/lover situation. I'm a fun loving, affectionate, stable non-smoker into huggin' & squeezing & kissin' & pleasin'. Looking for drug-free GWM or GHM 18-25 for monogamous relationship. I have a lot to offer the right person. ad 25578.

2200 THE PERSONALS
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ARE YOU THIS TYPE?
If you are young, slim, decent, healthy and would enjoy gay fun times with a mature 50ish, discreet, sincere, professional GWM I want to meet you. Especially if you are the type that usually does not answer ads like this. I am available afternoons and most evenings. Ad#25947

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ATTENTION: WHITE CALVIN WEARERS
GWM, Daddy bear, 43, 5'8", mustache, balding, funny, HIV+. Successful professional with a dry sense of humor and a lot of energy. Not looking for love, relationship, or anything serious—just someone who wants to play and who likes to cuddle after. If you are 23-35, straight, bi, or gay, athletic, and look hot in white calvins, why not give it a try. Attorneys, architects, doctors a plus. Ad#2587

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LOOKING FOR LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP
41 year old BM, lover of classical music, symphony and opera, action movies and bike riding. Would like the same but flexible. Ad#25901

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LET'S GO TOPLESS
Let's take the top off my sports car and drive to the beach or the movies or for a quiet dinner. GWM early 40's, 5'10, 175, seeking GWM/ GHM, 40, good looking with a good body for dating. If everything works out, maybe other things will take off. Ad#25390

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LAKE LIVINGSTON AREA BOY
Dad needed. Workout buddy wanted for sports/ military discipline, sharing, service your "best boy". I'm passive, nice looking, 27, 5'9", hairy, beard, secure with self/ job. Into police, military, outdoors, underwear and leather. Looking for that one Gunfighter in boots, chaps and gun belt to draw down on me, handle ropes and leg irons and call the shots. Ad#25924

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
NEED THE TRUTH
In search of GWM who will not lie or play games. I'm in my 30's wanting to share friendship and relationship with. If you are the right person please reply. Ad#25938

2200 THE PERSONALS
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ROCKET MAN IN CLEAR LAKE
Attractive, masculine, 27 year old, GWM, 5'8", blond/ blue eyes, 150 lbs, and in good shape. Looking for a masculine GWM or GHM (20-35), professional who's clean-cut (short hair) reasonably attractive and athletic, non-smoker, for possible relationship. I am, and responder should be confident, caring, and affectionate, also HIV-. Sincere replies. Ad#25155

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
IF YOU HAVE PASSIONS
about the quality of life, then I'd like to meet you. I'm 35, good looking, healthy, HIV+, blond hair, green eyes, 6'1", 165lbs. I'm looking for another active, honest, non-prententious, non-smoking, drug and alcohol free, body and weight proportioned individual who has passions about theater, movies, bike riding, quiet dinners and life. I'm a hell of a cuddler. Ad#25909

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
DOCTOR OF LOVE TO MEND BROKEN HEART
Stable, healthy GWM 25, bl/ hazel, great sense of humor, seeks secure healthy, DDF, GW or Hispanic male 23-35 for the fun of getting to know each other and then possibly more. Ad#25389.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GWM 54, SEEKS GWM 18-29
Looking for that special someone, must be drug free. I am 6'11", br/blu eyes. Interests include dining out, movies, astrology, numerology and other new age subjects. Want someone to love, caress, appreciate you? To depend on? Please respond to ad#25884.

2200 THE PERSONALS
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HAIRY CHESTED Moustached GW MEN WANTED
Let's be friends first, then ??? GWM, 37, 190, 6', br/ gm, seeks masculine GWM, tall, 30-40, non-smokers with hairy chest/ moustaches for fun/ quiet times. Mature, well built, stable, professional, gym bodies, no mind games, big pluses. ad 25568

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HARD BODY - SOFT HEART
Progressive, free thinking, GWM with a hard body and a soft heart seeks same. I'm 40, 5'11", 165lbs, enjoy intelligent conversation, reading, fishing, healthy food, the gym, nature, dancing, social change, hot times and the truth. You too? Then please respond now. Ad#25936

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2200 THE PERSONALS
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LOOKING FOR LIFE-LONG PARTNER
GWM, 29, 6'11", stocky, HIV+, healthy and hairy seeks GWM or GHM, 25-45. Someone who is interested in having a one on one relationship and who enjoys quiet evenings at home, travel on weekends and outdoor activities. Only people who are serious need to respond. Ad#25396

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SEEKING AN OLDER MAN
40ish GWM, college educated, 5'9", br/ br, weight proportionate, DDF, NS, seeking a masculine GWM, 50ish for friendship and possible relationship. I enjoy fishing, sports, the outdoors, biking, music, weight lifting, theater, movies, gourmet cooking, dining out at that will last. I'm tired of the bar scene and ready for a monogamous relationship that will last. If you are serious, sincere and honest please respond to Ad#25940.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GENTLEMAN PREFERRED
I'm a 24 year old GHM seeking a monogamous relationship. Good looks, average build. A real nice guy but also shy. I prefer a masculine GHM between 19-26 who is attractive and mature, yet bold and creative. A sense of humor is good too. Friends first. Ad#25170.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
BOY IN SHORT SHORTS
Young 23, sexy, very attractive, oddly enough single, disease free, GWM, bl/ br, 5'11" seeks similar 23-30 for dating and possible relationship filled with romance, fun, spontaneous times, honesty and monogamy, stable, masculine, dark hair a plus, non-smoker, no drugs. Show me the right attention and you'll receive the same. Ad#25965

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PROFESSIONAL, ATTRACTIVE, GWM, OUTGOING, HONEST
Weight in proportion to height, non-smoker, non substance abuser, masculine appearing and sounding, healthy, and has the time to spend building a great friendship and possibly more seeks same (ages 25-45 and not into bars). I enjoy movies, volunteering, long walks and talks, computers, hiking, swimming, scuba, occasional concerts, get-togethers, and preparing elaborate dinners. Sincere replies only. Respond to Ad#25011.

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ALMOND JOY/ MOUNDS SEEKS M&M
Sometimes I feel like a nut. Sometimes I don't. I'm a 24-year-old, bearded daddy, masculine. Don't bear personality, seeking GWM 25-40, thin to average build. It's not what you have in your shorts, it's what you have between your ears. A sweet carter with a thin outer shell, that'll melt in your mouth when we kiss. Ad#25919

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SERIOUS LEATHER BOY PAY ATTENTION!
Moderate to experienced S/M boy 20-30, masculine, slim to short, muscular, slender and attractive needed to serve experienced GWM dominant 40+. Limits respected. Red hanky optional, what ever I want, whenever I want 24 hrs. a day protocol. More than one boy might be selected. Ad#25381

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
STABLE, PROFESSIONAL GWM
38, 6', 230lbs, br/ hazel, healthy HIV+. Down to earth, muscular, good sense of humor. Like travel, weekends at the beach, dogs, quality time at home, and cuddling. Not into bars. Seeking like GWM or GHM, 25-40 medium build to stocky for fun, friendship and possible relationship. Ad#25948

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GAY ASIAN MALE SEEKS SAME
Attractive, masculine, Gay Asian male, 23, 5'7", 135, educated, mature, HIV-, non-smoker and drug free. Enjoys working out, running and intimate conversation. I'm seeking other Gay Asian males with similar interests and background for friendship and possibly more. Stable and serious. Not afraid to walk on the wild side. Ad#25271

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
YOUR EXPERIENCE HAS TOLD YOU...
You prefer the company of older men. I am 6', 180#, tan, 55 y.o., muscular, fascinating career and seeking a special friendship and possibly more. H/W proportionate is important. Let talk. Ad#25187

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HEALTHY, HIV+ COWBOY
Healthy, 34, 6'2, 180lbs, br/bl, mustache, masculine, professionally employed, non-smoker, drug/ free. Enjoys C&W music and dancing, leather, uniforms, camping, cooking and sports. You: GWM 30-45, hairy chest and similar interests looking for someone to share life with. Ad#25364

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANTED: ONE GWM GWM, young 46, 5'11", 160#, HIV-, happy, affectionate, sensitive, non-smoker, light drinker. Looking for one special masculine and loving, affectionate GWM to love - must be HIV-, optimistic and a non-smoker. Let's talk, encounter personalities, cuddle and... Ad#25168

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GWF, soft butch 35, 5'3, 105, blonde/blu, looking for Ultra-fruff woman with no emotional baggage, an Ultra-fruff who likes attention, affection and respect from a patient, loving, free-as-can-be woman who years to give it. I can give 100% of myself. You must be able to also. Please respond to ad 25553.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GMC
Early 30's personal and safe, attractive, masculine. One a smooth 5'8", 141lbs, hoot Latino. The other a smooth 175lb country boy wanting a third party between 18-30's, slim or proportionate to size. Ad#25399

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
CHRISTIAN GWM, 34 SEEKING STABLE SAME/OLDER
160, 5'8", br/bl, very conservative values. Came into this world with life and integrity. I'm leaving with my integrity intact. Enjoy healthy eating, working out, old movies, and church. Super fun-loving and optimistic, no drugs, tobacco or alcohol. Ad#25621

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PATIENTLY WAITING
GBM, 6'11", 230lbs, serious body builder, handsome, eccentric at times, fun loving, sensitive and intelligent. Seeking GM, 25-35 yrs. old, very muscular/athletic, open minded, caring, handsome, and understanding. For fun times and maybe more. Carpe Diem. Ad#25385

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
YOUNG, SLIM, TONED, SEXY
GWM, 20's, attractive, adventuresome, fun, exciting seeks same for friendship, good times, and maybe even... Ad#25900

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
DISTINGUISHED HOUSTON GOURMET SEEKS 20'S GOURMAND

You: cute, muscular, "Waspy", preppy and love the finer things but hasn't the resources. Me: intelligent, distinguished, discreet professional who has loyalty and devotion from all who "dine at my table." This is an opportunity for a rewarding feast! Ad#25295

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PASSIVE LOOKING FOR YOUNGER ACTIVE GUY
GWM, 57, 5'8", 250, bearded, passive, professional desires younger employed very active GM. (Race unimportant) For friendship/companionship. Personality/sincerity more important than physical attributes. Interested in cooking, travel, dinner in/out, times/evenings together, your pleasure. Hairy a plus, but all welcome if you're younger, active seeking older passive this is for you. Ad#25911

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HERE 3 YEARS AND NO LUCK
31yr old GWM, br/br, w/ beard, weight in proportion (?) to height, HIV-, would like to meet BRB type masculine yet versatile male who is interested in a one on one relationship. Enjoy C&W music, the arts, Astroworld and quite times at home. Stable and secure, smokers and light drinkers okay. Please respond to Ad#25265.

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2220 Individual Personal
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2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ATTENTION REAL MEN
GWM, 37, good looking, 6', dark brown/ blue, clean shaven, professional, affectionate, well dressed and educated, seeks GWM or BWM 25-39 years old who is together and knows who they are and where they are going and would like a loving monogamous relationship. Only the serious need reply. Ad#25048

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PROFESSIONAL, STABLE GWM
Attractive, career oriented, 6'3", 190lbs, br/br, full beard, non smoker, disease/ drug free, moderate drinker, financially secure, age 41. Looking for GHM/GWM, 30-45. Casual dating first with possibility of a long term relationship. Ad#25179

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ATTENTION:
GWM, 18 seeks residence in Houston. Leaving Mississippi in August. I need a place to live. Looking for gay/ lesbian personal living in a nice quiet neighborhood with extra room. Will pay rent. Non-drinker/ drug user. Light smoker. Not looking for a free ride, just a chance! Ad#25953

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
MATURE MEN ONLY
I am seeking the company of a professional, attractive, nice, socially fun loving and spirited mature man. I enjoy dining out, theatre, opera, ballet, symphony, weekends out of town, quiet evening at home, cruises, surprises and healthy companionship. A retired gentleman is much to my liking. I am a 5', br/hazel, mustache and closely trimmed beard, employed, stable, honest, romantic, and very eager to meet you. Ad#25316

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?
Mature, professional, very hairy body/ hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer?) hair, mentally mature, non-smoker, into safe fun. Please respond to ad#25916.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
VERY GOOD LOOKING, MUSTACHED GWM
Professional but down to earth, mature but sometimes silly, non-smoker, 27, 6'11", 190lb, light drinker, big hairy chest seeks attractive, muscular, mustached GWM or GHM, 25-35 for dating and possibly more. I'm masculine, happy, sincere and fun, enjoys movies, working out, the outdoors, travel, science fiction, music and dancing. Ad#25379.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANT A REAL RELATIONSHIP?
So do I! I'm a GWM seeking other W/ Hispanic men. I'm 31, gr/bl, 150lbs, HIV+ and healthy. Looking for someone who does not play games or use other people. Honesty and sincerity a must. I'm versatile, prefer same. Looks are not as important as realism. I will answer all responses. Ad#25910

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
EVERY GOOD BOY DESERVES FUDGE
GWM, 18, br/br, 5'11", 160lbs, and handsome. My interests are swimming, French kissing, reading, video games, and taking long walks in dark deserted places. You: GWM with an interesting attitude and a unique personality. No carbon copies. Ad#25922

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SCORPIO LOVERS ARE WONDERFUL MAGIC MAKERS
GWM, 6', 190, br/br, handsome, distinguished, professional, well-educated, and traveled, socially and financially secure, in search of a drug/smoke free masculine GWM 30+. Healthy, happy, honest, sincere, fun loving, fun-loving guy. One who enjoys dining by candlelight, quite evenings at home, black-tie affairs, old movies, opera, theater. Most important loving and being fun in city and enjoying working out, art, music, outdoors, travel, dinners out, good conversations and hot times with masculine, muscular men of all ages and races. If you are muscular and looking for someone to date and perhaps develop a relationship, let me hear from you. Ad#25935

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HUG, SQUEEZE & PLEASE
GWM 37, 5'10", 185, brown/brwn, me, b/bl, mustache, contacts/glasses. Enjoy going out on occasion, the outdoors, jogging, quiet evenings, card, cuddle evenings, etc. I'm S.E. inside the loop, also occasionally out to Cypress/Gal area. I'm passive looking for get-togethers. Nothing serious for now. Ad#25612

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SMALL TOWN TEXAN SURVIVING IN CITY
HIV-, 38 yr. old GWM, 6', 170lbs, 4ft. br. enjoys bicycling, football, basketball, Astros, camping, hiking, fishing, junk stores, C&W music, movies, television, Nintendo, small towns and travel seeks monogamous relationship with GM 25-40 with same interests. Ad#25288

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
INNER LOOP AREA
GWM mid-thirties seeking same. You are attractive, stable, under 5'10" and looking for romantic companion and lots of safe times. Drinking, smoking are okay. Please respond for details. Ad#25904

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LOOKING FOR LATIN MEN
GWM, 40's, attractive, professional, br/br, 175lbs, 6', 5'10", 160#, HIV+, like to have fun, go to movies, eat out, Hispanic men. Ad#25164

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GUY WHO WANTS TO HAVE FUN
Got your attention! Fun, the physical kind only. No relationship or lies. GWM, great looking, work out regularly, trendy, DDF, looking for similar (21-44) for safe fun. Minority look ok. Say, you want some fun? Ad#25531.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LONELY PUP NEEDS SOMEONE TO LOVE
GWM, 20, 5'11", 155lbs, blk/hzl, attractive, muscular, disease/drug free, discreet. Looking to meet similar GWM under 25 to share love, romance, passion, and commitment between each other. From looking to gay games or one night stands. I've tired like me and ready to fall in love, then please respond to Ad#25363 ASAP. Ad#25363

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Hollywood follows high-tech industry in insuring gay workers' partners

By E. SCOTT RECKARD

FOR THE NEW VOICE
BURBANK, Calif., Friday, July 2 (AP)—The extension of health insurance coverage to same-sex partners of employees at the Warner and Universal studios will soon be emulated by other entertainment giants, benefits experts say.

As the high-tech industry and some cities have learned, it is a surprisingly inexpensive way to generate goodwill and broaden the pool of potential workers. And when a few big players in a business adopt such benefits, the rest of the industry is pressured to conform.

Warner Bros., a Burbank-based unit of Time Warner Inc., said Wednesday it will extend its family insurance coverage to the live-in companions of gay and lesbian employees next month. The cost for family coverage is \$75 a month, compared with \$30 a month for single employees.

Viacom International, parent of Showtime and MTV, also has extended health coverage to same-sex partners.

HBO, another Time Warner company, is doing so on a trial basis.

Universal and its parent, MCA Inc., adopted a similar policy a year ago. Indeed, benefits specialists at all the big entertainment companies have met to discuss the issue, said Dagne Vicente, Warner Bros.' vice president for employee benefits.

"Frankly, I would have hoped that more people would have followed us faster," MCA President Sidney J. Sheinberg said. He said Warner's decision "hopefully will be the stimulus for the adoption of this program by all the companies," and added "I think we're getting some momentum."

Sheinberg said it was a matter of fairness.

"If you start out with the premise that gay and lesbian people should not be discriminated against, you get to this result," he said. "I think the burden in a sense is on those who don't do it to demonstrate why they don't do it."

Richard Jennings, executive director

of Hollywood Supports, a group that lobbies for workplace rights for homosexuals, said the Disney, Fox and Columbia studios seem likely to follow the lead of Universal and Warner soon.

"I would expect two or three employers to make the same decision by the end of the year," he said.

High-tech companies have been leaders in providing benefits to same-sex domestic partners: Apple Computer, Microsoft, Borland International and Lotus Development are among those doing so.

The Silicon Valley companies in particular have been pioneers in this and other benefit areas, such as child-care and flexible hours, as they strive to lure the brightest minds to keep them on technology's front lines.

"What employers are looking for is a way to differentiate themselves in the marketplace, either through compensation or benefits or other perquisites," said James K. Foreman, the head health and welfare benefits consultant in Towers Perrin's Los Angeles office.

But with President Clinton hoping to provide near-universal health insurance, companies that decide now to extend medical coverage to partners of homosexual employees may have their benefits plans superseded soon.

In effect, that may allow them to make a politically correct goodwill gesture cheaply.

But the cost of such benefits appears far less than might be expected in any event: Jennings said a Stanford University study found that fewer than one in 100 employees may be expected to sign up.

Martin Miller, a San Francisco-based health and welfare benefits consultant with Towers Perrin, consulted with the city and county of San Francisco before they extended benefits to same-sex partners.

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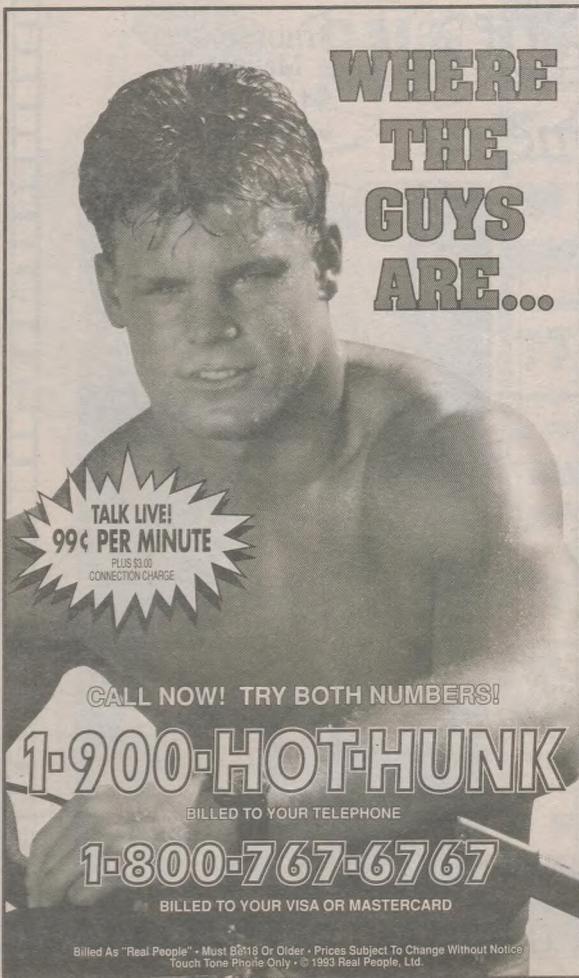
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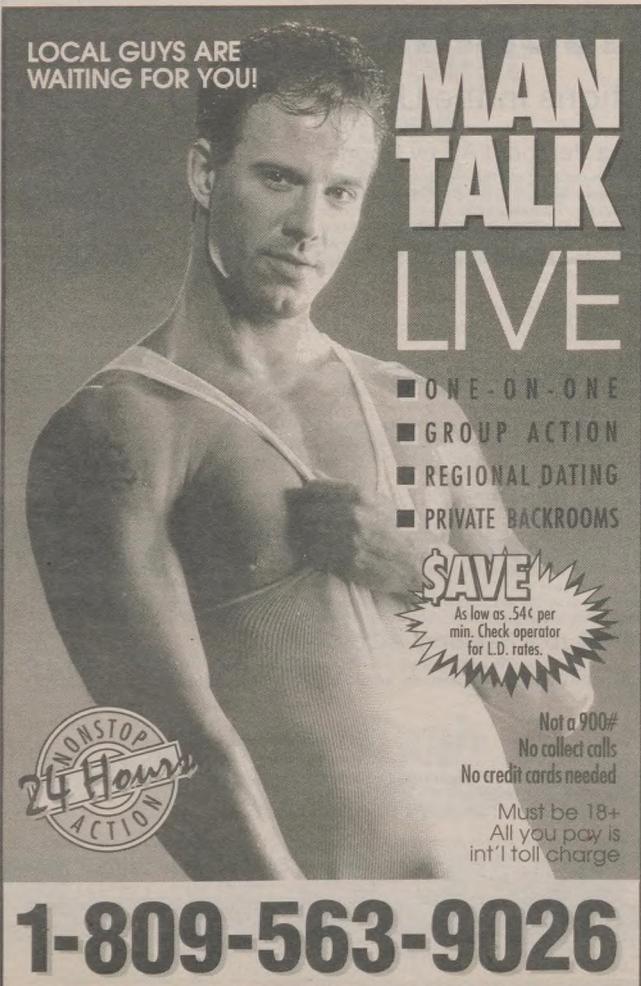
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