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Fort Worth City Council reluctant to address gay rights issue

FORT WORTH, Thursday, Feb. 27 (AP)—City Council members appear unwilling to touch a gay rights proposal endorsed by the city's Human Relations Commission, said Mayor Kay Granger.

"I don't hear from the council that that's a priority," Granger said Wednesday. "I don't believe the votes are there to

pass it. I don't believe the interest is there to hear it."

After nearly 11 hours of hearing arguments for and against the proposal, the commission voted 11-5 to forward it to the nine-member council.

An existing ordinance provides protection in areas based on race, creed, sex

and national origin. The proposed ordinance would extend that protection to include sexual orientation, a commission official said.

Granger said she is undecided about the proposal, although she said her office phones had been jammed in recent weeks with hundreds of calls opposing

the measure.

Councilman Eugene McCray and four other council members said Wednesday that if the matter ever comes up they will vote against it.

"I think it's a waste of my time," McCray said. "If they want to be gay, be gay. That's something they decide."

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Gay cops may wear uniforms at booth during gay pride event

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday, Feb. 26 (AP)—The Police Commission will allow gay and lesbian police officers to wear their uniforms when they staff a booth at a gay pride event, a decision that avoids a repeat of last year's controversy.

A police hiring freeze, however, will pre-

vent the officers from recruiting at the two-day Christopher Street West parade and festival in West Hollywood, officials said Tuesday.

The officers, all volunteers, instead will provide information about the department and try to improve relations between the LAPD and gays and lesbians, said John

Ferry, co-chair of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Police Advisory Task Force.

"The presence of openly gay and lesbian officers at the task force booth at last year's Christopher Street West festival was the single most positive event ever in building ... trust and cooperation," Ferry told the five commissioners in proposing the uniformed

staffing.

The panel unanimously approved the proposal Tuesday.

Last year, police Chief Daryl F. Gates caused a stir by refusing to allow officers to wear uniforms at a recruitment booth at the festival. The chief eventually relented.

Everyone rushed to buy the latest issue of *Spy* magazine to lay eyes on the expose of Arnold Schwarzenegger - specifically a full-frontal exposure of a youthful Arnold. What many may have missed in the same issue was new information of the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill controversy.

Thanks to some digging by *Spy* it now appears that all the culprits on the Senate Judiciary Committee were not Republicans. Its chairman, Joe Biden, apparently caved in to pressure from the White House (that place from which all the calls were made while vehemently denying any such orchestration). All the committee members were aware of planned testimony from not one but two other women which would have corroborated Anita Hill's testimony. The White House knew that if the battle were limited to the words of Thomas and Hill, Thomas would get the benefit of a doubt. Any support for her story would swing the balance. The members of the committee--the Republicans out of loyalty to the President, the Democrats out of intimidation--joined in stifling testimony. Instead, they opted for a string of "haracter

witnesses" for Thomas who were more concerned with their own agenda against Hill.

This would not be the first or last time that arm-twisting achieved a perverted result in Washington. And often the consequences are minor. But with Thomas, just the opposite is already being felt.

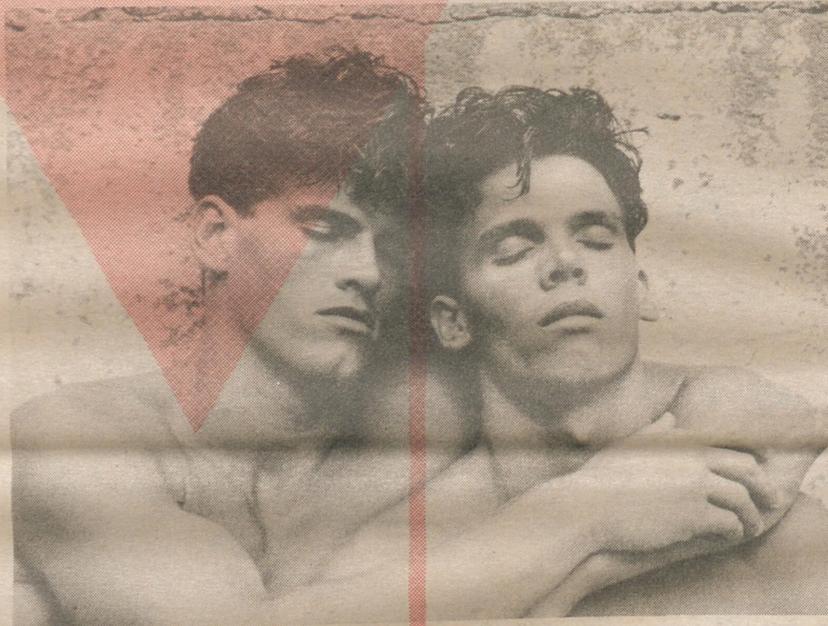
During the confirmation hearings Thomas all but disavowed a lot of his writings and statements made while working in the Reagan administration. His response was that he had either changed his mind on all these

declarations or that they had been made in furtherance of the Reagan policy and the President's agenda. Likewise, the inference was that he remained open-minded if not empty minded on most legal subjects.

In an already brief tenure on the Supreme court, Thomas has turned out to be the most activist freshman judge in recent history. His latest being opposed to a broad interpretation of unusual and cruel treatment for prisoners, Thomas opting for Constitutional coverage only in the case of physical injury.

In fact, in his many written opinions on the Court he had reverted to many of the prior positions he voiced under Reagan, which he denied under Judicial Committee questioning.

The net result: a justice not unacquainted with sexual harassment who is now Justice Scalia's soul brother on the far right of the United States Supreme Court. That Bush failed us with this appointment is not unexpected. That the press failed us in those crucial hours of the hearing is unforgivable.

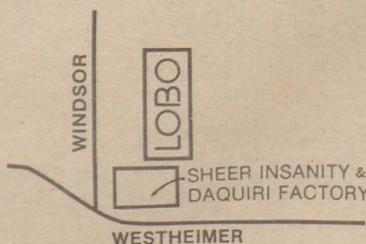


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Rally for GOP candidate David Duke briefly disrupted by gay activist

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

A rally in League City attended by a reported 700-800 supporters of Republican "fringe" presidential candidate and former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke was disrupted momentarily by a gay rights activist, who later said he was not sorry that his actions only intensified the crowd's cries of support for Duke.

Outspoken Queer Nation/Houston member Brian Bradley was filmed by both local and out-of-state media attending the rally last Thursday, Feb. 27—a key appearance for Duke, whose candidacy has gotten little play—being forcibly removed from the room by League City Police as the crowd chanted "Shoot the Faggot" and other epithets. Shortly after the opening of Duke's speech, Bradley had stood with banner that read "Nazi Go Home" and shouted the same at the candidate, whose admitted political background includes distributing neo-Nazi literature.

Bradley was charged with creating a disturbance at a public event, a Class A Misdemeanor, and was held in an on-site mobile jail unit for about two hours. However, police then offered to release him and drop the charges on condition he not return to League City, he said.

"I told them that was fine, that I had already said what I had to say and done what I had to do." He was then escorted to his car and left the site.

After Bradley had left, Duke reportedly wisecracked about the remaining Queer Nation protesters and, according to media reports, the shouts of reinforcement and approval from Duke's supporters heated up.

"I have no apologies for galvanizing that crowd, because if anything it might serve to show some people just how much support this hate-monger actually has," Bradley said. "...At least I can say I did something. I hope what this does is make people realize that one person can make a difference, that we can make ourselves heard, that we don't have to be 'good little queers' and hope for the best."

"You have to say something. (Duke) says that he's changed, but his message is



Gay activist Brian Bradley and his banner weren't exactly welcome at David Duke rally last Thursday

the same, it's Liberty and Justice for All, that is, excluding gays and lesbians, women, people of color, the physically or mentally challenged ...I wasn't there just as a gay activist or an AIDS activist. I was there as a human rights activist."

Protest signs and banners were not allowed inside the meeting hall, where sitting and standing room was limited to the 700 people (an increase from the originally stated 500). Reportedly, one protester carrying only the Israeli and American flags was denied entry.

Bradley was one of only about 11 protesters inside the hall, including other

members of Queer Nation and of the Houston chapter of the National Organization for Women. About 50 protesters from assorted groups and an estimated 100 more Duke supporters gathered outside the building, along with late arriving media and police from League City, Galveston City, Galveston County and the Houston Police Department.

The protesters said that while the Duke crowd did get rowdier after the speech was interrupted, the incident also inspired some previously quiet observers to join the protest group. These included an officer from one of the police entities, as well as

several individuals both inside and outside who did not claim an association with any particular group.

"One woman just spontaneously made a protest sign, on the spot," said David Westercamp, who was among the group outside the hall. Westercamp speculated that fear of facing Duke's supporters in territory perceived friendly to his campaign may kept many would-be protesters away, and some who attended, quiet.

Westercamp, who said he had participated in anti-war protests in the late 60's, noted that even he felt particularly vulnerable. "In other civil disobedience (actions) in which I've participated, I never really felt physically endangered...this time (at the Duke rally), I did," he said.

"It was definitely unfriendly territory...the type of people he (Duke) attracts, well, most of them are a scary bunch of folks," Westercamp said.

There were no violent confrontations at the rally, which Westercamp and Bradley credited to careful organization and management by the cooperating entities. "Had they let all of the people out at one time, I think we would have had a problem," said Westercamp.

Duke, who is hoping for a good enough showing in the Texas primary to embarrass President George Bush on his adopted home turf, made his standard comments at the rally, bashing people who receive government assistance and likening civil rights legislation to reverse discrimination. While considered a poor prospect here, Duke, an official candidate on the Texas GOP ballot, has a history of "surprise" showings at the polls...including the one that made him a state representative in Louisiana. More recently, he bested a Republican incumbent to make it into a highly-publicized runoff in that state's gubernatorial election.

Duke (like fellow GOP maverick Patrick Buchanan) has recently made several anti-gay statements on the campaign trail. This week, Duke criticized Bush for signing the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, saying the bill "gives homosexuals a 'protected victim' status under federal law."

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

Malaysia drops plans for lepers'-style colony for AIDS patients

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Thursday, Feb. 27 (AP)—Under international and domestic pressure, the government has dropped plans to banish AIDS victims and carriers of the virus to an isolated settlement, the country's health minister said today.

The government is now studying plans for a hospice, a center for terminally ill people including patients in advanced stages of AIDS, on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, said the minister, Lee Kim Sai.

Suggestions that certain wards in hospi-

tals be set aside for treatment of lesser-affected AIDS victims are also being studied, he said.

Lee said domestic and foreign criticism of the plan to segregate AIDS carriers influenced the government to drop the AIDS colony plan.

The Malaysian Medical Association was one organization to oppose the plan. Its president, Dr. Pius Martin, said recently:

"A settlement for AIDS patients or carriers might curb the spread of the disease.

However, the move must consider the impact on the family and also the quality of life in the settlement."

Malaysian Bar Council officials also noted that it might be illegal to isolate AIDS carriers in a special settlement or colony.

Other suggestions still being studied by the government include: imposing jail terms on those bringing AIDS-infected foreign prostitutes into the country, issuing AIDS sufferers a special card for easy identification, introducing legislation to enable disclosure of names and other details of

AIDS victims and measures "to protect the public from AIDS sufferers."

About 35 people have died of AIDS in Malaysia. About 1,800 carriers of the HIV virus from which the disease develops have also been identified.

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Report: Co-discoverer of AIDS virus under investigation again

NEW YORK, Monday, March 2 (AP)—Dr. Robert Gallo, the American co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, is under investigation on suspicion of making false statements in applying for a patent for the AIDS test, The New York Times said today.

The inspector general of the Health and Human Services Department, the General Accounting Office and a House subcommittee are especially interested in Gallo's assertion that his work in developing the test for the AIDS virus owed little to

French scientists, the newspaper said, citing unidentified officials.

The three groups also are investigating whether senior HHS officials, including Dr. James Mason, assistant secretary of health, knew at the time of Gallo's application that his statements were false, the newspaper said.

Gallo already is under investigation concerning his original discovery of the AIDS virus. NIH is looking into the accuracy of a 1984 research paper on the virus, and whether scientists at France's Pasteur In-

stitute were properly credited. That probe was prompted by an investigation by the Chicago Tribune in 1989.

The United States and France share the royalties from the AIDS blood test and have split credit for their discoveries 50-50 under a 1987 agreement. Gallo earns \$100,000 a year from the patents, as does an American colleague, Dr. Mikulas Popovic.

"These patent investigations will go nowhere, I assure you," Gallo's lawyer, Joseph Onek, told the Times.

Governor supports students stand against charter for gay organization

AUBURN, Ala., Thursday, Feb. 27 (AP)—Gov. Guy Hunt voiced support for Auburn University student leaders in their effort to revoke a campus charter for the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association.

"I support the SGA's position," Hunt told reporters Wednesday. "I think that's sufficient for me to say that because I'm not ... trying to get into the controversy. ... But I

think it's a good position."

The university's Student Government Association has opposed the charter granted to the homosexual organization. The matter has drawn widespread notice since the Auburn University administration overruled the student senate and granted the charter.

The charter gives the group access to

campus facilities and makes it eligible for university funding.

"I think the question is what is acceptable behavior in society," Hunt said. "You don't tell an individual how to live as an individual, but you've got other things, such as state support, taxpayer support, that sort of thing. That's at issue here."

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The New Voice endorses Tsongas in Democratic Presidential Primary

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, keeping its own tradition from recent Presidential election years, decided at its February endorsement meeting to make no choice in Tuesday's presidential primary. Instead, the caucus recommended that members—whose sentiments seemed at that time spread pretty evenly between four perceived front-runners—work visibly and aggressively in all of the candidates' campaigns.

The group's endorsement meeting was held before any of the state primaries, which over the last three weeks shuffled the deck considerably. Wednesday morning's headlines, following the first day of multi-state balloting Tuesday, declared the race for the Democratic nomination sharpened to a two-man battle, between Arkansas Governor (and likely Texas favorite) Bill Clinton and Paul Tsongas, former Senator from Massachusetts. While we could (and will) definitely support either of these in a race against George Bush, Pat Buchanan and David Duke, we do feel it's important to take a stand in the primary race at this time, if only to get the message, our concerns and our reasons across.

Two months ago, Tsongas was considered a long-shot prospect, up against not only a perception as a regional candidate but a certain cynicism regarding his background from three-gun-battle weary Democrats. ("What—another Greek from Massachusetts?") Then again, two months ago, the unconventional campaign of former California Governor Jerry Brown was considered a shot in the dark, way off the page, while Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa and Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska were the candidates most likely to give Clinton a lively run.

When Clinton's character was "challenged" first with reports of infidelity, then in attacks from both Republicans and his Democratic competitors on his opposition to the Vietnam War, the clear

front runner in charisma and media friendliness was compromised somewhat. Harkin and Kerrey's supporters questioned Clinton's ability to ultimately defeat wavering incumbent George Bush.

Tuesday gave Clinton his first primary victory in Georgia by a wide margin, showing his expected advantage in the South; but Clinton locked horns in Colorado with Brown, who pulled ahead by a percentage point, and Tsongas added a Western victory with his clear win in Utah and also took the Maryland primary. Both Harkin and Kerrey were left clinging to threads at the edge of the map.

What this is leading to is another reflection, in the pre-convention chronology of this election, of a neo-populist spirit quietly driving masses in both parties. What is happening with the Democrats is exactly what is causing the Bush machine to sputter. Jerry Brown is the other end of the spectrum, the "People Candidate" of the late-boomer liberals, the "David Duke" who tells us we need to hear and desperately want to believe makes the best sense, the man many of us secretly wish we could give a shot as our leader. Works for me. But it's not gonna happen.

Gov. Clinton, with all of his charm and fair bank in the southern delegations, will have to face a general election in which he could still be forced to run a defensive campaign. He will probably easily take the Texas primary and the Texas delegation. Whether that in itself is enough reason for the gay and lesbian community to support him is questionable. A decision must be made looking at other factors of concern to us.

In Arkansas, a number of gay and lesbian leaders are not supporting Clinton. Their reasons: Clinton, who has run for governor five times, has never sought the endorsement and of gay/lesbian organizations. He has never taken a position on repealing the Arkansas sodomy law when

that issue has been before the state legislature. Arkansas spends no state money on AIDS, and Clinton has never asked for any such state appropriations for AIDS.

Paul Tsongas has an exemplary track record on gay rights, both nationally and locally. As a senator and as a leader in the Democratic party, he has consistently fought on behalf of gay and lesbian rights. He supported the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill which passed in 1990. He was also the first Senator to sponsor the federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill. He has lobbied the Bush administration to fully fund the Ryan White AIDS Bill.

The candidate's records speak more distinctly than their do the answers on paper to gay organizations' campaign questionnaires (answers most likely written by their gay or lesbian staff liaisons).

But that brings us to the other factor of electability. Paul Tsongas is no orator, not exactly the darling of the media, and certainly not the most photogenic candidate. He has ideas, however, which (on paper) appeal to those very "quiet masses" we mentioned earlier, but with a difference. Tsongas' style, and his ideas, may be the net to gather the wondering crowds from both sides. His moderate, pro-business economic stance and opposition to a middle class tax cut may ruffle a few. But if any candidate can pull the "economic conservative but human rights liberal" vote—including some gay people who voted for Bush—it's Tsongas.

The New Voice endorses Paul Tsongas in the Democratic presidential primary.

While we are only making limited primary endorsements, there are two races that cannot go without mention. In Austin, residents of District 51 have a chance once again to vote for State Rep. Glen Maxey. This time around, a low gay voter turnout could have a devastating effect.

—Openly gay candidates

Although Maxey has received some weighty endorsements, he is up against a challenger who has had the savvy to consolidate the support of the district's heavily Hispanic voter base. She also has a well-financed campaign, backed by some of the powerful lobbyists Maxey opposed in the legislature.

While a New Voice endorsement for Glen Maxey may be a given, the necessary turnout and support is not. Don't sit this one out.

In Houston, we also have an openly gay candidate who is running perhaps his first clearly winnable race. Ray Hill has not only received a number of impressive endorsements in his race for Justice of the Peace, he is also running in a race with no incumbent.

He faces eight other candidates, of whom only one—Dale Gorszynski—has more name recognition. And Hill is running in a district dominated by the Montrose, Greenway Plaza, Heights and Garden Oaks neighborhoods, the strongest areas for the gay and lesbian vote.

Ray Hill has been an activist for gay and lesbian rights in Houston for longer than many now doing the same can remember. His style and his aggressiveness have put him at odds with others in the community at times over the course of those years, but unlike some, he has not used these conflicts as an excuse to turn his back on the work or on the community.

While this may perhaps be slightly less of a given, The New Voice proudly endorses Ray Hill for Justice of the Peace, Precinct One, Place One.

(In other races, The New Voice suggests voters follow the recommendations of the Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus and the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus. Both groups will be distributing their endorsement lists throughout the weekend.)

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Liza Minelli to be guest of honor at 'That's What Friends Are For' benefit

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

TNV Editor

Liza Minelli will be one of the guests of honor at the "That's What Friends Are For III" benefit this summer, the annual event's coordinator, Larry Garrett, confirmed this week.

Benefit organizers previously would only say that a "major national celebrity" might attend TWFAF III. Now in its third year, the event is for the first time being planned with an expense budget, largely underwritten by corporate donations. It is also, for the first time this year, geared to a mainstream audience, with a location and entertainment lineup intended for broader appeal.

"That's What Friends Are For" is a fund raiser with multiple beneficiaries, chosen from local AIDS and gay/lesbian organizations.

While Minelli's attendance is not contingent on her performing on stage at the event, Garrett said organizers are hoping she will decide to perform. Minelli's current companion, Houstonian Billy Stritch (formerly of Montgomery, Plant and Stritch) had already been booked as an entertainment



The secret's out—Liza Minelli is TWFAF III's special guest/honoree

headliner for the annual community fundraiser. Garrett said that at some of Stritch's past appearances which Minelli has attended, she has turned up on stage herself. "She is attending as an honoree...but if she should decide to entertain, well, would we turn her down?" Garrett quipped. "Seriously, we're hoping, but it's not part of the deal."

Sharing the honoree spotlight with

Minelli at the benefit will be Houston physician and recent AIDS Award recipient, Dr. Adan Rios. Two other possible honorees are being discussed, but have not been contacted.

Channel 13's Lisa Trapani, host of "Good Morning Houston," will host the event, and members of the planning committee are scheduled to appear on the KTRK morning show within the next two weeks, Garrett said.

The benefit will be held in the ballroom of the Westin Galleria Hotel of June 13. This year's beneficiaries are the AIDS Mastery Workshop, the Colt 45's (AIDS Trouble Fund and Stone Soup Account), the Pet Patrol, Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA) Houston, the Children's Home and the Houston Clinical Research Network.

Possibly because of the planning changes, the benefit this year is enjoying a surge of corporate sponsorship and interest, Garrett reported. "Due to (corporate sponsors') own demands, we've had to add new levels for sponsor tables," he said. The new additions: a \$5,000 "Underwriter" table, which gets the group a "kickoff party," a free ad in

the event program, gourmet hors d'oeuvres and special seating at the show, and a \$2,500 "Benefactor" table, also entitled to the above. "Patron" (\$1,000), "Sponsor" (\$500) and "Friend" (\$250) tables are still available, and the "Patron" level also gets an ad in the program and the gourmet layout. General admission tickets (no special seating) are \$25.

In addition to the sponsor requests, sound/lighting expenses for the show, projected to exceed \$5,000 have been underwritten by L.D. Systems, Garrett said.

New items have also been donated for the benefit's silent auction, including a Bob Mackie dress, he said. The committee is still accepting items for the auction. Because the TWFAF organization is sheltered under TGRA's 501(c)3 nonprofit "umbrella," donations are tax-deductible, Garrett said.

For ticket/table or program/publicity information, call (713) 621-9717. For general information on That's What Friends Are For, contact Larry Garrett, (713) 765-6666 or write P.O. Box 540326, Houston, TX 77254-0326.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Students stage protest over alleged gay harassment at Emory University

ATLANTA, Tuesday, March 3 (AP)—Emory University's president says he will consider demands by about 75 students who protested the way the Atlanta school handled an allegation of harassment against two gay freshmen.

The students marched across campus Monday, carrying signs and chanting, "Hey, hey, ho, ho, homophobia's got to go."

They then presented President James T. Laney with a list of nine demands, includ-

ing asking for a written policy dealing with harassment, and that sexual orientation be included as a protected category in the Emory Equal Opportunity policy statement.

Laney said he takes the demands "very seriously. It's a deep concern when parts of the Emory community feel they are not in a hospitable environment."

The protest was prompted by a complaint made by two gay freshmen, Michael Norris and Alfred Hilderbrand.

Hilderbrand said the two kissed briefly while studying at a table in a dormitory in December.

"We didn't notice anyone was there until 40 to 50 mostly male students were cheering and screaming things like, 'Die, faggot, die' and 'You all are going to hell,'" Hilderbrand said.

Dr. Robert W. Ethridge, assistant vice president for equal opportunity programs at Emory, later told the two men in a letter that their complaint was valid and that unspec-

ified action had been taken. The university said no students were expelled.

"In essence, we want a firm commitment from the university administration that they are fully committed to keeping Emory University free of bigotry," said senior Gus Newell, who protested Monday. "In addition, we want our right to live in a safe environment free of fear and intimidation."

Emory spokesperson Jan Gleason said school officials met after Monday's protest to discuss the students' list of concerns.

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—Gary Yokie

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Gary Yokie, candidate for State Board of Education, District Four, also supports a statewide health education curriculum that is frank, truthful, and unbiased. He feels that AIDS education must be stressed at every grade level—and that matters dealing with sexuality must be presented in a *factual* and *neutral* manner. In public school teaching materials, an individual's particular sexual orientation should neither be endorsed *nor* condemned.



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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Hate crime is an epidemic, Calif. lieutenant governor says

By MICHELLE LOCKE
FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Feb. 24 (AP)—The message was waiting in the mailbox of the Japanese-American Citizens League on Monday morning.

"Dear Jap," it began in spiky blue handwriting slashed across a piece of notebook paper. "All sneaky yellow beggars out of America." The writer, identified only as "Patriot," invited readers to "Go back where you belong. You are not wanted."

"This is the type of letter that we've been receiving for the past month," league national director Dennis Hayashi said as he read the letter to members of Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy's Commission on the Prevention of Hate Violence.

"Our organization ... has been besieged by these types of letters, related, of course, to the increasing tensions between the United States and Japan."

The San Francisco-based JACL is not the only organization registering an increase in hatred, McCarthy said.

The Anti-Defamation League recently reported a 34 percent rise in attacks and threats against Jews in California during 1991 and the Los Angeles County Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center reported a 50 percent increase in attacks on gays and lesbians in 1991, the lieutenant governor said.

"It's an epidemic. It's an epidemic heightened by the severe recession that we've been going through," McCarthy said.

"Fears grow. Unfortunately, with some people they look for scapegoats and the scapegoats most often are people who look differently or speak differently."

The commission was formed last summer to come up with recommendations on how to stop crimes of hate. So far, the commission has looked at classroom programs and teacher training, a program for young hate crime offenders and an information campaign.

Recommendations are to be presented to Gov. Pete Wilson and the Legislature later this spring.

One of the problems facing the commission is getting an accurate picture of hate crimes. There is no statewide system of collecting the statistics, which means the numbers have to be culled from various

groups, said commission member Fred Persily, director of the Contra Costa Hate Violence Reduction Task Force.

For instance, the Community United Against Violence in San Francisco reports almost 500 homophobic incidents this year, he said.

Commission members said they hope prevention programs, as well as stiffening the legal penalties for hate crimes, will help.

"Hopefully, change can come when people will realize that that's not the American way," said commission member Casey Kasem, the popular Top 40 DJ who said he became interested in anti-hate crime efforts as an Arab-American.

"I am optimistic. I think that we can make change," he said.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

Tulane/LSU AIDS clinic gets one year's reprieve from closing

NEW ORLEANS, Monday, March 2 (AP)—A federally funded AIDS clinic that was expected to close has been granted a year-long reprieve, a Louisiana congressman announced Monday.

The Tulane-LSU Adult AIDS Clinical Trial Unit is part of a national system that provides early access to promising AIDS treatments. It was one of eight that the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Disease had planned to close.

"The reversal of the original phase-out decision answers the prayers of many and offers hope to the estimated 50,000 HIV positive Louisiana and Gulf Coast residents," Rep. William Jefferson, D-New Orleans, said in a news release.

Jefferson shared credit for helping keep the center open with Sens. John Breaux and J. Bennett Johnston, both Democrats, and Reps. Billy Tauzin, a Democrat, and Robert Livingston, a Re-

publican.

"From the beginning, we disagreed with the phase-out decision because of the excellent five-year track record of the Tulane-LSU AIDS ACTU and, more important, because the phase-out would have denied access to the most promising HIV treatments to Louisiana, Mississippi and Gulf Coast residents," Jefferson said.

In a protest letter last month, Jeffer-

son told Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis J. Sullivan that Louisiana ranks eleventh in the nation in the number of adult and adolescent AIDS cases, with 2,999. That number, he noted, is much higher than in cities where similar ACTU clinics were to stay open.

Jefferson stressed Monday that the congressional delegation will have to keep working to ensure that money for the Tulane-LSU clinic stays in future budgets.

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▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

The fine art of doing business in the (former) U.S.S.R.

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

In 1985, I spent two months in the former Soviet Union. I was aboard the SS Ultrasea, a grain carrying rust-bucket running American wheat to the Black Sea port of Odessa. Today, Odessa is not in the U.S.S.R. Today, there is no U.S.S.R. Amazing.

Odessa was a hoot. I had brought along a load of blue jeans and brought a carton of chewing gum from the ship's slop chest. Items with which to do illegal, profitable "beezness" with citizens of the "Evil Empire."

The chewing gum did me little good, inflation had out-distanced the price black marketers were willing to pay for it. But blue jeans? What a deal! I sold two dozen pairs of Levi's, the first choice of the discriminating Communist "beeznessman."

The first week in port, we were quarantined to the vessel while our shore passes were processed by the sluggish Communist bureaucracy. Luckily, I had been instructed by two shipmates in the possibility of profitable ship or shore "beezness."

One "young timer," on his second trip to Russia and with a girlfriend he desperately

wanted to bring to Odessa from the distant port of Novorossiysk, beyond the Crimea; and an old timer who literally had a well-stocked clothing boutique set up in his fo'c'sle. Both had instructed me in the fine art of doing business in the U.S.S.R.

On July 4, the harbor waters of Odessa were like a mirror. Egged on by the crew the Old Man had radioed the harbor master for permission to send a launch ashore. Permission was denied, "For reasons of sea conditions."

That night, drinking beer on the top deck, watching the fireworks being sent up from the city—not for the American holiday but to dazzle a congress of Italian Communists—I was approached by what I later learned was an undercover Soviet policeman who asked, "You want do beezness?"

He was a strapping blonde youth with none of the bluster I would have expected had I known he was a secret policeman. He bought all of my blue jeans, paying in Rubles an amount, at the legal exchange rate, to \$175 each.

He fixed me with a blue eyed stare and said, "You like woman?" I said it depended on what he meant by "like." He grinned,

showing broad white teeth bracketed by two silver canines, and we went below to my fo'c'sle. Later, he showed me his KGB badge; I never again felt the same about communism.

After a week, our shore passes arrived. Everyone but the boutique operator went ashore to buy vodka and good times. I was met at the gate by an assigned taxi which took me anywhere I wanted. The young timer smiled knowingly as he left with his Russian girlfriend. This arrangement lasted until a soldier, about 19, assigned to check our pass photo against our face was getting off duty as I got off the launch. I had been giving him chewing gum and asked if he wanted a ride. Nothing much happened, other than he laughed a lot when I called him comrade. I dropped him off at the dormitory. After that day the assigned taxi stopped. I never saw the blond policeman ashore but assumed he has arranged the taxi and had ended it.

The next day, I accepted the Old Man's offer to write a \$400 receipt for "money exchange," on the understanding that if asked to explain the source of my rubles he would turn in \$400 to the Russian authorities which would be drawn from my pay. Better than the gulag.

Nothing of the sort happened. The morning we were to sail, we were searched by Russian officials to make sure we were not leaving the country with art or antiques. I had both.

The knock on my door. My blond police friend entered. He showed no recognition. He opened lockers and drawers and found nothing. Then he pulled the drawers under my bunk completely free. Between the mattress and the deck, wrapped in hand towels were a small oil painting and six icons.

Stunned, I realized I did not know his name. "What do they call you?" "Sergei." He smiled. Sunlight marched through the porthole and flashed against his left canine. One of his comrades called from the passageway. He went out, returning quickly.

When he returned he said, "You have dollars?" I gave him a \$100 bill. he took it and kissed me on both cheeks. I was scared and startled. Sergei laughed and grabbed me in a bear hug. The following year in New York City, I sold five of the icons at a Christy's auction for \$6,750. Afterwards, I went for lunch at the Russian Tea Room on 57th.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

AIDS controversy forces counselor into seclusion, out of town

By TERRI LANGFORD
FOR THE NEW VOICE

BOGATA, Texas, Saturday, Feb. 29 (AP)—After six months of secret meetings with more than 200 rural residents—including 36 teen-agers—infected with the AIDS virus, health counselor Dona Spence is in hiding.

Sick with cancer, unnerved by death threats and exhausted by media attention after she revealed an unusually high number of teens in northeast Texas towns were infected with the virus, she has gone into seclusion.

Spence, whose husband died of AIDS, resigned her job as a roving AIDS counselor for nine northeast Texas counties. She's selling her home, and now wants to get on with her life.

"I did exactly what I was supposed to do. All I did was my job, and I got hung on the clothesline for it," Spence, 40, said in an interview Friday.

Dismay over the public panic spurred by media coverage led her to leave this town of 1421 inhabitants. Death threats were left in her mailbox and someone even placed a note threatening to poison her dog, she said.

"We had this all under control ... and we were going to implement some more real aggressive educational programs to prevent this (hysteria) from happening," Spence said. "That's dealing with it within the community."

"When you have the media come in ... everybody gets angry that the media is there. It's like the nation has swooped down on us."

Last fall, the Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune printed a small item in a column about a speech she gave to a local hospice. In the speech, she said that 36 northeast Texas teen-agers were infected with the AIDS virus.

"I kept this all in the community," she said. "I never once went to the newspaper."

The Dallas Morning News reported in mid-February that six of the 197 students at Rivercrest High School in nearby Johntown were infected with the AIDS virus, a ratio more than six times the national average.

Reporters and photographers immediately began camping out at the high school, scrambling for reaction.

"We were doing fine until it became na-

tional news that our town, that our communities have this problem," she said.

School officials began questioning the reports of Spence, an AIDS counselor for the Texarkana-based Ark-Tex Council of Governments, because she was the only source of the information.

The Texas Department of Health could not verify or deny her figures because of confidential procedures at testing centers and in her record keeping.

Spence said her information comes directly from interviews with teens and AIDS-infected adults. None of the six Rivercrest High students have told their parents, she said.

She gave the figures to the school as a poignant example of why AIDS education is needed in the area. The school board heeded her advice and last fall began distributing literature and showing films she provided.

Spence stands by her figures. "They are there," she said.

When the story broke three weeks ago, she said she was left to defend herself.

Critics pointed to her newly created North Texas Regional Health Agency as

the reason numbers would have been faked. They said the numbers were needed to show federal grant administrators there was a need for her services.

But she says she has never applied for grants.

Her interest in combating AIDS runs deeper than most.

Her husband, Gary, was diagnosed with cancer in 1986, and in 1989 he died after being diagnosed with AIDS.

Meanwhile, she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1989.

"I'm not some lunatic. I'm not a saint. I'm just a person who has had a personal experience with a family member that meant so much to me. I lost this person, and I guess in a sense ... I'm obsessed," she said.

She doesn't know where she'll go now, but she hopes someone will take her place at the secret meetings with some of the AIDS victims.

"I can't abandon them," Spence said. "I would like to help the health department find support for these people. I don't want them to be bitter."

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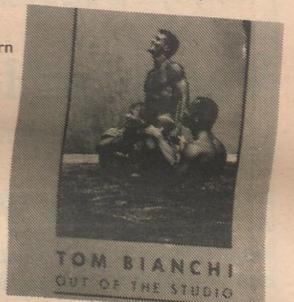
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Proposed spending may slow AIDS research, top NIH official says

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Bush administration's proposed spending on AIDS research next year, less than sought by federal researchers, will result in slower work toward a potential cure, a top health official said Monday.

"Scientifically, we're not able to do everything we feel is justified," Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, associate director for AIDS research at the National Institutes of Health, said.

Fauci commented under questioning about the impact of the Bush budget pro-

posal in a hearing by the House Energy and Commerce Committee's subcommittee on health and the environment.

The administration's proposed budget for fiscal 1993 recommends \$873 million in AIDS research spending by NIH, well below the nearly \$1.2 billion level sought by the agency.

Total government spending on AIDS research is larger, however. Work done by other federal agencies pushes the figure to \$1.5 billion, Fauci said. He also said that NIH's current appropriation of \$841 million for AIDS research was less than that sought by the administration.

Under questioning by committee Democrats, Fauci said the proposed spending would mean a reduction in some NIH research teams and programs and "certainly will slow down" work toward a cure.

Even without a spending increase, however, Fauci said he expected to begin efficacy trials of one or more possible vaccines by the end of 1993.

Bush's budget proposal came under attack from subcommittee chairperson Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., who noted that Bush last year asked his National Commission on AIDS what more he could do to fight AIDS.

"Basically, one out of four opportunities will go unfunded," Waxman said. "If the president really wants to know what more he can do, he could begin by asking his own NIH scientists."

Waxman attacked as a "cynical sham" Bush's claim that federal AIDS spending has grown by 118 percent over 1989. He said most of that increase has been in the cost of caring for the sick, not in research.

"The growth is because more and more Americans are dying of AIDS," Waxman said. "... This budget is not an agenda of research opportunities. It is a body count."

Court papers say murder suspect wanted to become serial killer

MINNEAPOLIS, Thursday, Feb. 27 (AP)—A man accused of killing two gay men once wrote that his own diagnosis as HIV-positive had awakened his desire to become a serial killer, according to court documents.

Bail was set at \$2 million Thursday for Jay Thomas Johnson, who was described as "extremely dangerous" by Assistant Hennepin County Attorney Pete Connors.

Public defender Scott Holdahl unsuccessfully argued for lower bail and noted that Johnson is under a doctor's care.

It was the first court appearance for Johnson, 24, who was charged Wednesday with first-degree murder in the deaths last summer of Joel Larson and former state

Sen. John Chenoweth.

Larson, 21, of Minneapolis was killed July 31 in a city park. Chenoweth, 48, of Minneapolis was slain on a secluded Mississippi River beach Aug. 10.

Another man, Cord Draszt, 19, of Coon Rapids was wounded in the Chenoweth shooting. Johnson is charged with attempted first-degree murder in Draszt's shooting.

The complaint said forensic tests indicated all three men were shot with a .38-caliber pistol found in a briefcase in Johnson's car.

Johnson's journals, entries of which appeared in a criminal complaint filed Wed-

nesday, contained his reflections on learning he had HIV, which causes AIDS.

"In these moments I knew what I had to do," Johnson wrote, according to the complaint.

"My dream of committing homicide on a large scale and entering the ranks of the nation's most notorious serial killers, ambition which had grown as dormant as the AIDS virus now in my cells, were now reawakened. They had found a new sense of urgency.

"I fully intend to expedite a number of souls on their journey to the gates of heaven or the dungeons of hell."

Police would not confirm that Johnson

had the HIV virus.

The journals were found in a search of Johnson's Roseville rooming house, the complaint said.

Also found was a handwritten version of a letter sent earlier this month to news organizations, claiming responsibility for the killings.

That letter, which claimed to be from a group called the AIDS Commission, lashed out at those who engage gay sex in public. The writer said he hoped to "send a message to the promiscuous, filthy, gay community."

Both slayings last summer took place in outdoor areas frequented by gay men.

Senate panel: Women in, gays out of malicious harassment statute

By HAL SPENCER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

OLYMPIA, Wash., Friday, Feb. 28 (AP)—Gay-rights activists lost their fight Friday for protection from hate crimes, but to the surprise of women's advocates, women would be protected under a measure that cleared a Senate panel.

By voice vote, a divided Senate Law and Justice Committee declined to include homosexuals as a protected class under the state law that bars malicious harassment against people based on race, religion, nationality or disability.

Violation of the statute is a Class C felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

But the panel, in a move unsolicited by any women's group this year, suddenly put forth an amendment to include "gender" as a protected class and passed it with little comment.

The measure also would revise language in the existing law that makes cross burning a form of malicious harassment. Recent court rulings have said the law infringes on freedom of expression. The new language would allow for the possibility that a cross could be burn-

ed without it being a crime.

The bill was sent to the Rules Committee for scheduling of floor action.

The measure, HB1037, passed the House earlier this month by a wide margin, complete with protections for homosexuals. The protections are being pushed by law-enforcement officials, who want to stem a rising number of attacks on gays and lesbians.

If the bill clears the full Senate, it could face a conference committee to work out differences, or the House could accept the Senate amendments.

"We're certainly pleased to hear that gender has been added as a protected class. It is something that has been on our agenda for some time," said Lonnie Johns-Brown, a lobbyist for the National Organization for Women. "But we certainly don't want to be part of any trade-off—women in and gays and lesbians out."

Rep. Jesse Wineberry, D-Seattle, said he was disturbed at the elimination of homosexuals under the measure. He urged gay-rights activists "to come down here in the final two weeks of this session and demand" they be protected.

Vermont legislature considers human rights bill for gay people

By MAURA GRIFFIN

FOR THE NEW VOICE

MONTPELIER, Vt., Friday, Feb. 28 (AP)—A bill that would make discrimination against homosexuals illegal in Vermont has prompted heated testimony before a Senate committee.

"I was worried that the only Christian voice tonight would be that of the radical right," Rev. Mitchell Hay of the Danville United Methodist Church told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday night. "I would now like to read to you every word that Jesus said in scripture condemning homosexuality."

Hay then leaned back in his chair and said nothing. His silence was met by cheers from gay activists and other supporters of the bill, which would prohibit discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

The bill would add sexual orientation to a state law that already protects people against discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, age or handicap.

"We should not include gays in this law," said Graham O'Donahoe of Northfield. "Or else we'll be back here to create a law preventing discrimination of obese people, or short people, or veterans of unpopular

wars. Social ostracism is not discrimination."

Peter Cooper of Rutland, who said his gay stepson recently died of AIDS, said he believed everyone should be given full rights to live without discrimination.

"We should show that all of our gay brothers and lesbian sisters are welcome at the table of freedom," he said. "Civil rights are our nation's greatest gift to itself and no one should be excluded."

But Lin Christian of Northfield said she feared for the state's well being if the bill was passed.

"We'll have half the city of San Francis-

co moving to the state of Vermont," she said, adding that "to burn with lust for a person of the same sex is not right."

Heather Wishik, a Montpelier lawyer, applauded the bill and extended an amendment to the committee that addresses discrimination in child custody issues.

"This is a crucial area of sexual orientation discrimination," she said. "Gay men and lesbian women are not better or worse parents because of their sexual orientation any more than heterosexual parents are good or bad parents because of theirs," adding that the fear of losing a child causes many gay people to hide their sexual identity, creating a "wedge of silence."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

Scientists link wart virus to skin cancer in AIDS patients

By RANDI HUTTER EPSTEIN

FOR THE NEW VOICE

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 28 (AP)—A virus that causes genital warts may also trigger Kaposi's sarcoma, a common skin cancer among homosexual AIDS patients, researchers say.

For years scientists speculated that an infection distinct from the AIDS virus caused Kaposi's sarcoma, but had been unable to locate the virus.

Dr. Alvin E. Friedman-Kien, professor of microbiology and dermatology at New York University Medical Center, said his team found "compelling evi-

dence" supporting the theory that a separate sexually transmitted virus causes Kaposi's sarcoma.

Dr. Warren Andiman, an AIDS specialist at Yale University, said it is "exciting preliminary data."

If confirmed, it would fit a general pattern observed with AIDS in which latent viruses cause "opportunistic" infections as a result of the AIDS virus' destruction of the immune system.

The findings are published in the Feb. 29 issue of the *Lancet*, a British medical journal.

Scientists had speculated that a sexually transmitted virus was responsible for Kaposi's sarcoma because the cancer is ten times more common among homosexuals with AIDS than among other AIDS sufferers, such as those who got the virus from blood transfusions or drug abuse.

Type 16 of the human papilloma virus—which causes genital warts—is known to be transmitted sexually and it is already linked to other kinds of cancers, such as cervical cancer.

Investigators looked for genetic material from the virus in tumors from 97 pa-

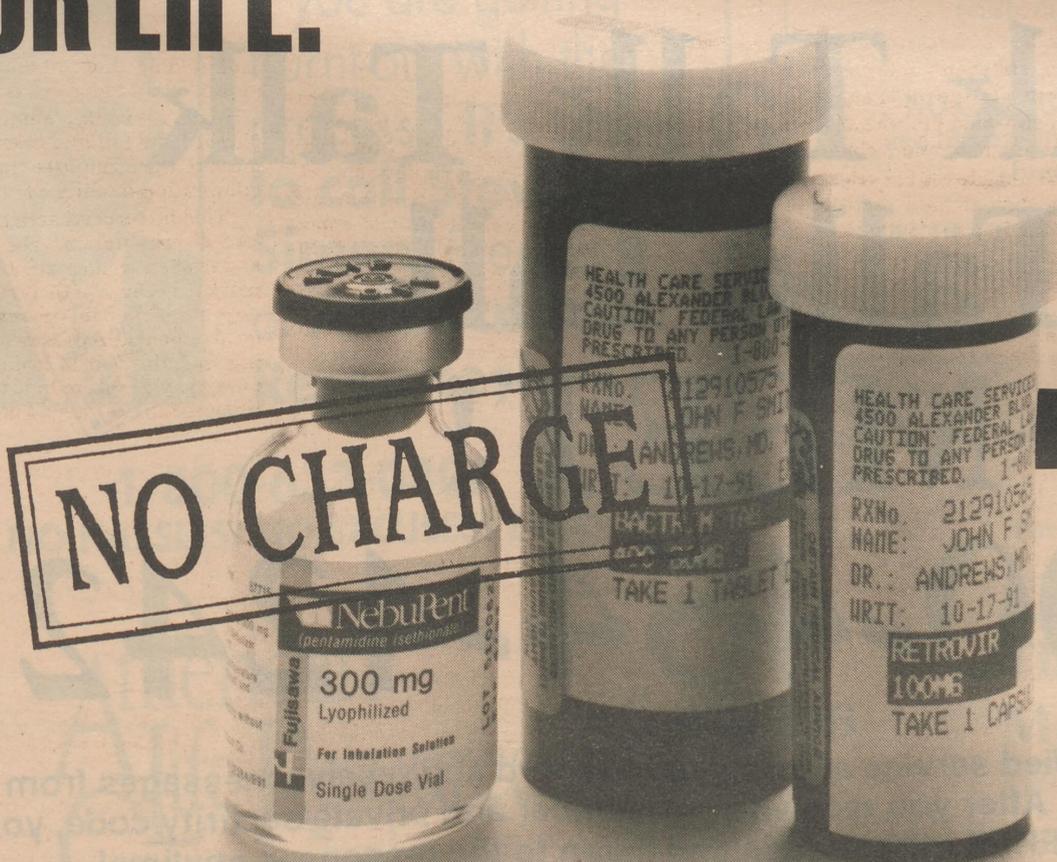
tients with Kaposi's sarcoma, 69 of whom also have AIDS. For comparison, they looked for signs of the same virus in skin samples from 35 healthy patients.

Friedman-Kien said he found the virus' genetic material in tumors from 11 of the 69 homosexual men suffering from AIDS. They also spotted it in three of 11 homosexual men without AIDS, and five of 17 heterosexual patients who are not suffering AIDS.

None of the 35 healthy skin samples had the genetic material.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Atlanta police say homosexuals are usually the targets of hate crimes

ATLANTA, Tuesday, Feb. 25 (AP)—Gay people were victims of hate crimes in 1991 more often than religious groups and racial minorities, police reported Monday.

Ten of the 13 incidents documented in the bias crime report from July through December involved gay organizations or people who said they were attacked because

the assailants thought they were gay.

The other three incidents were racially motivated, the report said.

"I think the attitude is, if someone is homosexual, it doesn't matter what you do to them," said Marcià Okula, Mayor Maynard H. Jackson's special assistant to the gay and lesbian community. "In the minds of a

lot of people, it's an acceptable group to beat up on."

Two of the complaints involving gays resulted in arrests. Many of the other cases are still being investigated, according to the report given to the City Council's Public Safety Committee by James Oliver, deputy chief of criminal investigations.

Jack Pelham, news editor of Etcetera magazine where four of the alleged crimes occurred, said police were slow to investigate complaints about hate crimes. Etcetera called police in July and August last year to report that windows in the gay magazine had been damaged by pellet shots and mailboxes had been spray-painted.

Man accused in attacks against reported gay men pleads guilty

ATLANTA, Tuesday, Feb. 25 (AP)—A man accused in a series of violent attacks against reported gay men has pleaded guilty in two Atlanta cases, drawing the same 17-year sentence he received this month in a Florida case.

Robert Lee Bennett was sentenced to two 17-year prison terms, each to run concurrently with his Florida sentence. He pleaded guilty Monday to aggravated assault and aggravated battery against the two Atlanta men.

Under the terms of the plea bargain, he agreed to reimburse \$56,000 for medical bills of one victim treated at Grady Memorial Hospital, and pay another vic-

tim \$9,000.

Bennett also agreed never to return to Fulton County. Police said Bennett formerly lived in Towanda, Pa.

In the Atlanta cases, Bennett reportedly drugged his victims with tainted drinks, then set their genitals afire. Those cases were similar to a 23-year string of attacks against gay prostitutes by an assailant who came to be dubbed "the handcuff man."

Bennett said nothing to reporters after Monday's sentencing, and did not answer directly when Judge Isaac Jenrette asked him if he had drugged and assault-

ed his victims.

The deal with Bennett has angered some gay activists because Bennett could be paroled in as little as five years. They contend the system favored the wealthy Bennett at the expense of his victims, who were perceived as gay.

Atlanta Police, criticized for not aggressively pursuing the cases, have denied that the victims' sexual orientation had anything to do with their handling of the crimes.

Over the years, there were several arrests and charges against Bennett in the assault cases, including a 1982 murder

charge in DeKalb County, but Bennett never served a prison sentence.

In each case, charges were either dismissed for lack of evidence or Bennett paid a fine.

After the sentencing earlier this month in Hillsborough County, Fla., Bennett's attorneys persuaded a circuit judge to allow Bennett to remain free until March 9.

The move angered Florida prosecutors, who asked Friday that Bennett be jailed with his \$300,000 bond revoked after he was reportedly seen cruising the Tampa area where he picked up his victim.

Lawmaker says another lawmaker should have kept his homosexuality quiet

By HAL SPENCER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

OLYMPIA, Wash., Wednesday, Feb. 26 (AP)—Death threats against a gay lawmaker are his own fault because he "bragged" about his homosexuality, a fellow legislator contended Wednesday.

Rep. Cal Anderson, D-Seattle and the Legislature's only openly gay member, called the contention by Sen. Slim Rasmussen "incredibly offensive." He later accused Rasmussen of "bullying" him and others who testified on behalf of gay rights before a committee on which Rasmussen sits.

Rasmussen, D-Tacoma, also objected to gay-rights activists calling themselves "queers," saying, "We can't use that word; why do you get to?"

The hot words flew during a Senate Law and Justice Committee hearing on a bill

that would amend state law so homosexuals would be protected from "malicious harassment." Existing law protects people from so-called "hate crimes" based on their race or religion, but not sexual orientation.

It appeared, however, that the annual effort to include homosexuals among protected groups will once again fail in the Senate. Sen. Leo Thorsness, R-Seattle, said he intends to argue against it, and expects most of the Republican panel to agree with him when the issue comes to a vote Thursday or Friday.

The bill, HB1037, passed the House early this month, as it has for the past several years. The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, gay-rights activists and civil libertarians all say the measure is needed as the incidence of attacks on homosexuals rises.

Rasmussen, long a vocal foe of gay

rights, attacked Anderson after Anderson said he had received death threats due to his homosexuality, and that homosexuals are as much a target of hate crime as blacks and other minorities.

"If you wouldn't go around bragging that you're a homosexual, maybe it wouldn't happen," Rasmussen said. "Don't you think that's true? Don't you think it's better to keep quiet?" Rasmussen noted that he has never talked about his sexuality.

"I have never bragged about the fact that I am gay," Anderson said. He chose to make it public, he said, because sexual orientation is nothing to hide or be ashamed of.

Anderson responded calmly, but later called Rasmussen's remarks "exceedingly offensive even for Sen. Rasmussen. He was especially bullying today."

Rasmussen also attacked witness Scott

Plusquellec of Seattle, a spokesperson for the gay-rights group Queer Nation.

"Queer is a name we're not allowed to use, so why do you?" Rasmussen scolded Plusquellec. Rasmussen told committee Chairperson Gary Nelson, R-Edmonds, that Plusquellec should be forced to use the "proper word" homosexual.

"I can't tell people what to call themselves, senator" Nelson answered with a smile.

Rasmussen also lamented that he no longer is able to use the word "gay" to describe a happy child "because of the connotations."

"You've ruined the word gay," he told Plusquellec. The gay-rights spokesperson had little response, but later said his group uses words like "queer" and "fag" in order to "make them our words ... and take away their power" as slurs.

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'Soiree Aubergine' hosts thank contributors to fundraising event

From THE SOIREE AUBERGINE HOST COMMITTEE

The Host Committee wishes to extend our sincere gratitude to the many individuals and organizations who made Soiree Aubergine possible, and to the many contributors both within and outside of the community who helped ensure its success.

The outpouring of time, energy and talent we experienced was truly unprecedented, and we are pleased to report that your support enabled us to raise in excess of \$14,000 for the Bering Community Service Foundation. This amounts to a 40 percent increase over our fund raising goal, and we are indeed gratified by your response. While contributors are far too numerous to name individually, we would like to extend special thanks to the donor who boosted out total and spirited with his anonymous gift of \$2,000.

Again, we are most honored by your kindness and generosity, and look forward to your continued support of the vital programs and services provided by the Bering Community Service Foundation.

—ASA thanks Austin City Council

From LEWIS ALDRIDGE, ASA board member; owner, City Grill

The City Council once again merits gratitude and respect from Austinites for their vote to increase AIDS funding for the continuance of previously city-funded programs at AIDS Services of Austin (ASA). These programs offer direct help to people living with AIDS—allowing them to stay independent and out of public hospitals. The end result for overall

'92 AIDS funding was that City Council continued their previously funded programs at ASA and added a new hospice and pediatric care funds to other agencies.

AIDS is presently a serious threat to Austin's public health and this intelligent and cost effective use of city money is a model for other cities. There are urgent needs for additional funds—particularly for the programs that reach groups now being exposed to HIV in large numbers—the Hispanic and black communities, and teenagers from all communities.

There will come a day when AIDS is no more. Until that happy day, the members of our City Council deserve our heartfelt thanks for their continued support of Austin's response to the epidemic.

—Responses to NLA letter

From DEAN WALRADT, co-chair, National Leather Association Houston

This is a follow up letter to one I wrote and which you published the final week of January (Issue 587), about an incident in which a guest of NLA:Houston was arrested and the resulting treatment of him by HPD. I appreciate your prompt attention to that incident.

The letter was (sent) to everyone in our community that I could think of in order to insure some results ... Responses: The New Voice—published letter; Mayor Bob Lanier—a letter of thanks and informing me that (the matter) was with HPD Internal Affairs; Police Chief Elizabeth Watson—turned it over to Internal Affairs, no response otherwise; HGLPC—no formal response, an informal response to my phone call placed to

them; TWT—no response; (Houston Post columnist) Juan Palomo—no response; (Councilmember) Vince Ryan—a copy of his memo to Watson requesting info on the incident and inquiring what stage "sensitivity training" was in; (Councilmember) Sheila Jackson Lee—no response; (Activist) Ray Hill—informal acknowledgement at NLA:Houston meeting.

The whole affair with Lee (Lee Baber, the San Antonio man involved in the incident) has been turned over to Internal Affairs by the police chief, I assume. I have been in contact with two officers. One is the actual investigating officer who at one time worked the Montrose beat and was very positive and helpful. Her investigation will be completed by March 15. Her information will then be turned over to the commanding officers of the two officers involved in the treatment and mishandling of Lee. Decisions made at that time will be passed on to myself and Lee. I will let The New Voice know these results when we have them.

HGLPC led me nowhere as far as (my questions regarding) police sensitivity training were concerned. I had to attend a Queer Nation meeting at their invitation and was given the information as to who to contact concerning that training. I had an hour-long meeting with a gentleman who works at Intracare Hospital. He informed me at this point (awareness training) is a volunteer pilot program with HPD and the police academy. The program is unofficial and being conducted with cadets. It is also being kept low-key until it is in place and official in order to keep public outcry to a minimum.

I had the opportunity to share with

him my thoughts concerning the training, including a great deal about the leather/SM/fetish scene. I also presented to him a packet of information which NLA: Houston has prepared for just such needs and situations. That information provides NLA's statement of purpose, NLA:International's statement on domestic violence ... and basic introductory information on the leather lifestyle, SM and fetishes.

The director of this program I think was duly impressed. Though he was gay, there was information he did not know. I also impressed on him the size of the leather community here in Houston as well as the need for the police to understand some of the basics concerning leather, SM and fetishes. Our talk was productive for both of us and within a week his improved knowledge allowed him to correctly answer a question asked of him at a meeting with cadets—a question that the week before he would not have been able to successfully discuss or answer.

From you, the gay/lesbian and leather communities, we need constant pressure put on our community leaders including the mayor, the new police chief (who knows his stance concerning our issues?), city council members (thank you, Mr. Ryan for your response ... and Ms. Lee are you still there?), and on the HGLPC who has the (awareness training) program leader report to them, but in turn does not report to the community or its other leaders—low key is one thing, secret is another ... Thank you Queer Nation, for your help and information and (thanks to) the Q-Patrol. When NLA can help you out, please, do not hesitate to call on us.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Octopus Club charity group announces plans for 1992 fund raising season

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

Last week, organizers of an Austin AIDS charity announced the doubling of their efforts to raise money to meet the needs of people living with AIDS. Organizers of the Octopus Club, a loose coalition of volunteers who raise money for AIDS Services Austin, announced plans for two "fundraising" drives in 1992. During these two "Octo-Seasons," private individuals representing a wide spectrum of Austinites hold parties and other events which emphasize fun and the direct benefit of people's donations to combat AIDS.

Last year the program's formula, stressing fun, individual imagination and self-reliance, raised over \$46,000 in 61 events. According to organizers there are only two rules for membership in the Octopus Club: the host or hostess must be committed to having fun and every penny donated by guests must go to ASA.

The host or hostess of an Octopus party is required to pay all the costs associated with giving the party; outside that, "people are free to do just about anything," explained Head Octopus Mary Black. Last year, parties ranged from rummage sales in nursing homes to formal black tie affairs. "Every party is important," Black stressed, and there are no "goals or pressure" put on party organizers to raise certain amounts. The smallest party raised \$56 and most parties raised between \$200 and \$300. "We want people to be creative and, most of all, to have fun. People are surprised with the amount of money they can raise."

Yet party hosts will often participate in



Octopus Club organizers Lew Aldridge, Bruce Salazar, Humberto Rey and Mary Black announce plans for the 1992 "fun-raising" season, which kicks off March 16 (not pictured: Tricia Murphy)

friendly competition to out—raise, out-decorate, and otherwise outdo each other. Last year's top party, "Mediterranean Nights," was a tony evening of jazz under the moonlight among the ancient oak trees of the Laguna Gloria Art Museum. This party, put on by a group of five friends, was attended by over 250 people and raised \$6,315. "Even with all the work that went into the event we had a blast," said Jim Haile, one of the party's organizers.

According to Janna Zumbrun, executive director of AIDS Services Austin, the Octo-

pus Club is ASA's second largest fundraiser (after the AIDS Walk for Life). "It is incredibly important for us...due to the amount of money it raises but it is also important because it's a way where a lot of people can get involved. It provides a way for literally hundreds of people to get involved in creating the money to fight AIDS."

Since its inception in 1989, the Octopus Club has raised \$97,835 for ASA's Paul Kirby Fund. This special fund provides direct financial assistance to PWAs. The fund helps PWAs with little or no income

overcome a financial crisis, like the threat of eviction or losing utilities. Paul Kirby was a father, PWA and early board member of ASA. Zumbrun commented that the fund carries on the essence of the man for which it was named. "The amazing thing about Paul was his incredible spirit throughout his entire illness. He continuously gave emotional support to other PWAs. He was a truly amazing man who, no matter how ill he was, always gave to other people."

The term "Octopus" was invented by one of the club's founders, Austin restaurateur Lew Aldridge. "The club is like the arms of the Octopus; it is the connection between those who want to help and those who need help. We are reaching out and gathering up support that is already there...we don't try to create support," said Aldridge. "Its often the first affirmative action for a lot of people. It lets them help without stretching too far outside their comfort levels." Aldridge served as the head Octopus for the 1989 and 90 Octo-seasons.

This year Mary Black and Tricia Murphey will be the head Octopi, coordinating the fund raising activities. For the first time, a calendar will be maintained so that parties will not accidentally planned on consecutive or overlapping nights. Assisting with coordination are next year's head Octopi, Humberto Rey and Bruce Salazar.

The kick-off party for the 1992 Octo-season is March 16. People interested in hosting a party or becoming an "Octopus Club Arm," who solicits friends to be hosts, can call Black or Murphy at (512) 892-1999 or ASA at (512) 451-2273.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Democratic presidential candidate Tom Harkin hounded by AIDS activists

By DENNIS GALE

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SIOUX FALLS, S.D., Tuesday, Feb. 25 (AP)—Democratic candidate Tom Harkin appealed for votes this morning in the South Dakota presidential primary and was hounded by members of the AIDS activist group ACT-UP.

Shouting "Homophobe, go home," "Why do you ignore us?" and "Co-sponsor the gay-rights bill," four members of the group took turns yelling at Harkin as he tried to answer reporters' questions.

"I have care and compassion" for gay people, Harkin said. "We should be doing

more."

He said that in three years, one of his Senate committees has doubled the amount of money for AIDS research. And the Iowa senator said he is the only Democratic presidential candidate who consistently speaks out against homophobia and sexism.

"My office is always open" to anyone who wants to talk about the AIDS problem "in a rational manner," he told the activists.

Harkin's appearance was in front of the Minnehaha County Courthouse, one of the polling places in the city.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Irish gay group sues St. Patrick Day's parade organizers

By PAUL GEITNER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Monday, March 2 (AP)—The Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization asked a federal judge Monday to ban the city's traditional St. Patrick's Day Parade unless organizers allow them to march.

ILGO members "wish to participate in the public celebration of their Irish heritage," according to a lawsuit filed in Manhattan federal court.

But constitutional law experts expressed doubt the ILGO's argument that the parade is a public forum would prevail.

The gay group charged the state and Manhattan chapters of the Ancient Order of Hibernians with class-based discrimination against homosexuals in violation of federal law.

It also charges the city's involvement

with the parade—by closing streets and providing police—violates the constitutional separation between church and state, since parade organizers will only admit groups "whose activities comport with the teachings of the Roman Catholic church."

U.S. District Judge Pierre N. Leval scheduled a hearing for March 12—just five days before the 231st annual march up Fifth Avenue.

Patrick C. Gatins, an attorney representing the Hibernians, said he had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment.

But he said the Hibernians would continue to fight any attempt to force them to allow the ILGO into the parade.

"The Catholic Church prohibits any sexual activity outside of marriage, homosexual or heterosexual," he said. "Any group that enters the parade in order to promote a lifestyle or a position that's di-

rectly contrary to the teachings of the church runs against the constitution of the AOH."

Some Hibernian leaders have even considered canceling the entire parade, he said.

"Perhaps it's time for it to go the way of the dinosaurs," Gatins said.

After much public wrangling last year, ILGO members were invited to march—without any identifying banners—with a dissident AOH group. Mayor David Dinkins marched with them and was the target of catcalls and hurled beer cans.

The city Human Rights Commission began an investigation in January over whether the Hibernians were violating city anti-discrimination law by excluding the gay group.

A hearing in that case is scheduled for Friday before Administrative Judge Rosemarie Maldonado. Commission

spokesperson Lonnie Soury said they may also seek a court injunction to stop the parade if they find the Hibernians were discriminating.

In its federal lawsuit, the ILGO maintains the parade is a public forum and that the AOH, "by sponsoring and organizing the 1992 parade with the assistance of public funds," is acting as a governmental body.

Therefore, banning the ILGO is a First Amendment violation, the suit charges.

But Floyd Abrams, an attorney who handles many First Amendment cases, called that argument "a real longshot."

"The AOH has a right to decide who to parade with and who not to parade with," he said. "The First Amendment right to decide who to associate with, including when you march, is likely to be triumphant."

▼▼▼ NEW VOICES

'Odd Girl' shares views of lesbian history, rights and role-playing

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

TNV Editor

Lillian Faderman has spent much of the past 17 years recording a history that has seen its most rapid and intense evolution within that very time frame. As a result, her latest book, "Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in 20th Century America," has the spotty, tapestry-like feel of a documentary.

Faderman, a professor, author and historian whose previous book, "Surpassing the Love of Men," documented the socially accepted "romantic friendships" between women in the late 19th century and earned her a reputation as a premier "lesbian herstory," recently made a trip to Houston to present a lecture at Rice University on "The Return of Butch and Femme."

Faderman says the role-playing lesbian identifications common in the working class bar culture of the 50's are indeed making a comeback; however, with a difference.

"The new 'butch' and 'femme' (roles) don't mean the same now as they did then. In the fifties, the roles were socially constructed; in the 70's they were deconstructed...and now they're being reconstructed, but I think nowadays it's mostly a kind of sexual expression.

"What happened in the seventies, is the roles were deconstructed to the point that there was a merging, a fusion," between partners with no attention to self-identification or natural tendencies to aggression or passiveness, she continued. "This attitude was responsible for what I call lesbian bed-death," Faderman said.

Enter the modern "Butch-Femme" pairing, who can laugh at the politicization of play. "Today, it has a sexual rather than social connotation. And I think that today, women play at it rather than actually live (the roles)," she said. "And now, 'butch-femme' is different be-

cause it is informed by feminism."

Faderman, who came out in the lesbian bars of the 50's, jokes that she started out as a femme because "My observation at the time was, you can't start out as a butch, because you don't know what to do."

She said she later tried the butch role, then at the age of 19, met an older middle class woman who showed her that the role-playing was necessary.

"My whole involvement with 'butch' and 'femme' was between the ages of sixteen and nineteen," she said.

The subject is among those explored in "Odd Girls," which pick ups where "Surpassing" left off at the turn of the century. The book traces the evolution of lesbian and identity and subcultures from the early years of this century—when the well-accepted "romantic friendship" commitments between women was named, through overzealous academic scrutiny by European sexologists, she claims, a "perversion" called lesbianism—to the diverse range of today's lifestyles.

"I started doing lesbian stuff in 1975," said Faderman, who previously had edited multi-ethnic anthologies. "I wrote a piece on Emily Dickinson's love relationship with Sue Gilbert, which was published in the Massachusetts Review." The article, which she said got a "very positive" recep-

tion, became the foundation for her most noted work, "Surpassing the Love of Men."

In "Odd Girls," Faderman said she concentrated on this century, and her research for this book was enriched by her being able to interview living people about their memories of decades past. Faderman's research reconstructed the past through an investigation of journals, unpublished manuscripts, songs, news accounts, novels and medical literature, while also offering the living voices of hundreds of women who identify themselves as lesbians in the present. Photographs enhance the documentary feel of immediacy, and there are pictures that will trigger memories in any age reader of her own personal history, which also tie into the various self-made images and identifications discussed in the text.

The book also traces a pattern of rising and falling freedoms—from the first reversal of the acceptable, if not apparently sexual, same sex female relationships at the turn of the century and the following decline, to the carefree era of the 20's and the oppression of the Great Depression that followed, to the lesbian subculture that thrived in the World War II years and the forced disemployment of women when the men returned home.

"As divorced as it may seem from what lesbianism is—what I've seen in this research as a them, a pattern, is that the way (lesbians) are seen and accepted has a lot to do with the economic environment,"

Faderman recalled.

But the book—actually written two years ago—concludes with the upbeat attitude of the human freedoms ushered in by the 60's-70's "hippie" culture and so-called sexual revolution, and the progress of the women's and gay movements over the past 20 years. Asked if, with the relatively well off 80's followed by the present U.S. recession and concurrent rise of the new right wing, she sees another "fall" approaching for gay and lesbian rights, Faderman was pensive.

"If you had asked me that two years ago, I would have been much more optimistic, I would have said, there's no way we could go backward," she said. "Now, I'm not entirely sure.

"Unless there is a major cataclysm, for example, a major (economic) depression, I don't think it's possible that this country would go back to the unliberated ways. That's part of the legacy of the hippie culture...it opened up society, for heterosexuals as well...and people now have more self-confidence, we know that rules and laws can be challenged, that what authority says is not the final word. We were taught these things by the sixties, by the rise of feminism, by the Stonewall rebellion.

"I think it would take a major cataclysm to go that far backward...of course, that's not to say I don't think that could happen."

Faderman said she feels it is important for lesbians and gays to document their own history. "You really have to know where you come from to know where you're going, if not you have to reinvent the wheel. And, I think it's important that people know there were others before (their own time).

"Besides, if we don't do it, then someone else will do it for us...and I don't think I like the way they do it. We have to speak for ourselves."



"You have to know where you come from to know where you're going."—Lillian Faderman

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Noted brain researcher plans school to study homosexual issues

LA JOLLA, Calif., Friday, Feb. 28 (AP)—A scientist who gained fame for his study of homosexuals' brains plans to open a school in Los Angeles to focus on gay and lesbian issues.

Simon LeVay, a neuroscientist who last summer announced controversial findings that suggest biology might affect homosexuality, said he will leave the Salk Institute to work full-time to develop the school.

The West Hollywood Institute of Gay & Lesbian Education will open in September, initially offering night adult education classes with more than 40 faculty members from Los Angeles-area universities, including UCLA, USC and the California Institute of Technology, LeVay said.

The school will help gay students and faculty members to improve their self-im-

age and self-understanding while showcasing the talents and contributions of gays for heterosexual society, he said.

LeVay, 48 and openly homosexual, said he is leaving his research because the school "is more important.

"I think this is something really valuable and something I'm uniquely able to do," he said. "I'm notorious at this point, and I'll be able to raise funds."

LeVay, who will be co-director, is starting the school in conjunction with the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Los Angeles.

He hopes to expand the program within five years into an accredited, degree-granting program for undergraduates.

The more than 50 courses will address

traditional disciplines including science, social sciences, literature and the environment, but focusing on gay issues. Other courses will deal primarily with gay health and political questions.

Some universities have small study programs about gay issues, but LeVay said he knows of no other independent school that offers such a breadth of academic courses for gay students.

LeVay is taking an indefinite leave of absence from the La Jolla research institute to guide the school, beginning Friday.

"We are sorry to see Simon go," said Inder Verma, chairperson of the Salk faculty. "We value him enormously. He's a first-rate intellect. We hope he'll think about coming back."

LeVay said he will conclude one piece of

research under way studying anatomical differences in the brains of gays and heterosexuals. That study involves making images of the corpus callosum, the bundle of nerves that connects the two hemispheres of the brain. The nerve bundle is thought to have a role in influencing verbal abilities.

LeVay reported last August that a section of the hypothalamus in homosexual men is smaller than it is in heterosexual men.

Since the tiny region of the hypothalamus he studied is associated with sexual behavior the difference was thought to be significant. It remains unproven whether the biological difference gives rise to behavior or whether sexual behaviors might influence the development of those brain cells.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

NO-AIDS Task Force getting more, but smaller, grants this year

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Jeff Campbell, director of the NO/AIDS Task Force, says the organization's efforts to win more money to fight the AIDS war is "Chalking up more wins than losses" even though most funding agencies are giving less than expected. NO/AIDS fundraising efforts are increasingly forced to turn to private sources for more than \$600,000 to meet their 1992 budget of \$1.8 million.

Eight grants totaling about \$1.1 million will finance many NO/AIDS programs in 1992, with revenues from this year's NO/AIDS Walk and "Heart Strings," along with annual giving and corporate donations making up the projected difference.

"The grants we have obtained are evidence of the trust we've built up with our funding sources. They acknowledge our professionalism and the quality of our services," Campbell said.

The 1992 grants include, for the first time in the AIDS organization's nine-year history, Louisiana state money. This and

other sources will be used to fund expansion of case management and continuation of early intervention services, and coordination of NO/AIDS volunteers at the Medical Center of Louisiana (formerly Charity Hospital).

Other NO/AIDS funding sources released by Campbell are: the Federal Centers for Disease Control, which renewed a grant for education, prevention, counseling and testing, but is giving only \$210,000, \$10,000 less than last year.

These services are particularly important in the wake of basketball star Magic Johnson's announcement he had tested HIV positive. Appointments for HIV testing and counseling have increased from \$250 a month to over 600 this past January. "We've added plenty of extra appointment slots, yet we're seeing a decrease in money to provide this service," Campbell noted.

Federal Ryan White Title II funds will provide NO/AIDS with \$267,000 in 1992, a decrease of \$70,000 from last year, to fund volunteer services, case management programs and mental health services.

A \$7,500 award from the Greater New Orleans Foundation plus some Title II funds will allow NO/AIDS to establish a hot meal delivery program to be called "Food for Friends."

Ryan White Title III will provide \$36,000 to supplement early intervention services such as lab tests and blood work.

NO/AIDS Task Force will continue to administer an emergency assistance and pharmacy fund from the city of New Orleans, set at \$112,000 for 1992.

Tulane University School of Medicine will provide a \$57,000 grant to establish an adolescent street outreach program. Two outreach workers have been hired. Ultimately the program will encompass a drop-in center and clinic for adolescent services. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration will pay \$5,500 to fund NO/AIDS hotline's consumer complaint component, which encourages awareness and reporting of possibly fraudulent medical treatments.

While these grants are essential for maintaining, and in some cases expanding, Task Force services, Campbell is

quick to point out their limitations. "We couldn't operate without these grants, but most of them fund only direct services, not administrative costs and overhead expenses," he explained. "And every grant has its own complicated reporting process. We bear a formidable financial burden in staff time and other expenses to document every single grant dollar we spend."

The NO/AIDS Task Force staff increased from 17 this time last year to 44 today. Last year, case managers handled approximately 17 cases. In 1992 the number will rise to 44 or more. Early intervention clients are expected to triple.

New needs continue to be identified and resulting solutions implemented. Campbell said, "This year we will be starting 'Food for Friends,' similar to 'Meals on Wheels' for the elderly, to provide clients with hot meals twice a day, five days a week. We'll address the nutritional needs of people with AIDS, establish a kitchen with all the necessary permits, and hire a part-time chef and prep person. We have start-up funding but after that runs out we'll have to find alternative sources."

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

BAHR to present workshop on lesbians, gays and sexual harassment

The Bar Association for Human Rights of Greater Houston (BAHR) will be sponsoring a panel discussion on "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: Issues for the Gay and Lesbian Community" on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Montrose Palace. The program is free.

The panel will consist of two lawyers specializing in employment law: Margie Harris from the law firm of Butler and Harris and Robert Johnson from the law firm of Baker and Botts. Chris Bacon, an employment lawyer from the law firm of Vinson and Elkins and vice president of BAHR will serve as the moderator.

Sexual harassment in the workplace has received considerable attention from the mainstream media ever since the confirmation hearings of Clarence Thomas. The effect that sexual harassment has on the gay and lesbian community has been largely ignored. Bacon noted that members of the gay and lesbian community, particularly women, are more likely to be victims of sexual harassment, and that often the fear of being "outed" deters gays and lesbians from reporting such incidents.

According to Bacon, sometimes both the victim and the harasser are gay men or lesbians.

The panel will discuss the remedies,

legal and otherwise, available to a victim of sexual harassment. In addition, the panel will discuss harassment suffered because of an individual's sexual orientation. (For example, while the employee who is the object of flirtations from his boss may have a legal course of action, the employee who is subjected to hateful comments because of his gayness may not).

The program will address the problem of sexual harassment from both an employer and an employee's perspective. There is no charge to attend the program; non-members and non-attorneys are welcome.

—GLSH training

The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston will conduct volunteer training sessions the weekends of March 13-15 and 21-22. Training is conducted quarterly for all persons interested in volunteering at the Switchboard.

GLSH is in its 11th year of providing telephone information, counseling and referrals, and recently inaugurated the new Gay and Lesbian Hate Crimes Hotline.

The March training will prepare volunteers to answer both lines and to effectively address all situations that they may encounter. For more information or to sign up for volunteer training, contact the Switchboard at (713) 529-3211

between 3:00 p.m. and midnight any day of the week.

The number for the new Hate Crimes Hotline is (713) 529-9615.

—Prime Timers

Prime Timers of Houston, a social organization for mature gay and bisexual men and their friends, holds its monthly meeting Saturday (March 21) at 2:00 p.m. at the Montrose Branch Library (Montrose at Richmond in the Campanile Center).

Highlighting the open meeting will be a performance by the Montrose Men's chorale. Refreshments are served during a social period which traditionally concludes the meeting.

For additional information, call (713) 981-8440, or write to Prime Timers, P.O. Box 30381, Houston, TX 77249-0381.

—CODA meetings

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) meetings are being held again each and every Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd, Suite 203, Room 13. For more information, call (713) 266-2448.

—Ice skating club

Ice skaters who have been attending informal gatherings sponsored by the Lambda Rollerskating Club, Houston Outdoor Group and Chain Gang Bicycle

Club are considering forming an organized club to promote ice skating in the gay and lesbian community.

Meanwhile, the three sports organizations plan to continue their promotion of monthly ice skate nights every second Tuesday at the Galleria Ice Skating Rink. Tuesday, March 10, 8:00-10:00 p.m. is the ice next skate night at the Galleria; admission is \$4.50, including skates and skaters are urged to wear St. Patrick's Green.

Persons interested in planning other events or organizing a club may call (713) 523-6381 for more information.

—MCCR scavenger hunt

The second annual Scavenger Hunt benefiting the Capital Gifts Campaign of Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection will be held on Saturday morning, March 14. This year's hunt will have a Las Vegas theme, with chances for participants to "try their luck and skills" a ten checkpoints scattered throughout the community, organizers said.

Prizes will be awarded for the most points garnered by the teams coming in first, second and third place. Additional participation prizes will also be given. Each team must consist of two individuals and the entry fee is \$50.

For more information, call the church office at (713) 861-9149.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Coroner angers activists by wanting to quarantine AIDS patients

CINCINNATI, Monday, March 2 (AP)—The Hamilton County coroner has upset gay-rights groups by suggesting that people with AIDS should be quarantined, a newspaper reported today.

Dr. Frank Cleveland said in today's Cincinnati Enquirer that quarantining could stop the spread of AIDS because it would separate people who are infected with AIDS from those who don't have the disease.

"As it stands, a physician has to report (a new AIDS case) to the (state) health department. That's mandatory. So we're not changing anything," Cleveland said.

"AIDS needs to be diagnosed, quarantined and contained until a cure is perfected," Cleveland wrote in the winter 1992 issue of Cincinnati Medicine magazine.

"Quarantine may seem an ugly word in this day of individual liberty, but its efficacy in arresting the spread of an epidemic has been proven and cannot be dismissed."

The magazine is published quarterly by the Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati, which is made up of doctors from the area. Cleveland's comments appeared in the magazine's "Reader's Forum" section.

"It's hard to believe that someone at that

level still holds this opinion," said Betsy Gressler, president of Stonewall Cincinnati, a gay and lesbian rights organization. "His demonstration of ignorance is not suitable for someone in public office."

"You'll see this all surface again when he's up for re-election," she said.

Cleveland, a Republican who has been coroner since 1965, is up for re-election in November.

Cleveland wouldn't say whether he was in favor of mass AIDS testing, nor how people with the AIDS virus could be identified for quarantine.

"But you have to look at one simple fact," he said. "No one has survived AIDS. It is a uniformly fatal disease. You can do nothing about it if you have no knowledge of who has it."

He wouldn't isolate children with AIDS because they are "innocent victims," he said.

Quarantining AIDS patients hasn't been considered a public-health option in Ohio, said Ohio Department of Health spokesperson Randy Hertzler. AIDS usually is spread by people who don't realize they have the virus that causes the disease, he said.

Maryland Senate panel kills gay rights bill in close vote

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Tuesday, Feb. 25 (AP)—A bill that would extend state civil rights protections to homosexuals was killed Tuesday by the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on a surprisingly close 4-6 vote.

The bill's chief sponsor, Sen. Janice Piccinni, D-Baltimore County, blamed

the defeat of her bill on lawmakers being unwilling to support an unpopular cause. She said several committee members voiced sympathy for the measure in private but voted against it Tuesday.

"They don't want to be perceived as condoning (homosexuality)," said Ms. Piccinni.

However, Sen. Howard Denis, R-Montgomery, said he was encouraged by the closeness of the vote and said he will support another attempt to pass the bill next year.

Sen. Norman Stone, D-Baltimore County, opposed the bill, contending

that the state Human Relations Commission "already has enough to do." He also said that homosexuality shouldn't be treated the same as race or religion.

The bill would have prohibited discriminating against homosexuals in housing, employment and public accommodations.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Survey: 15 Fort Worth candidates back laws protecting gays, lesbians

FORT WORTH, Tuesday, Feb. 25 (AP)—More than half the political candidates in Tarrant County who answered a gay rights group's survey said they backed stronger protections against discrimination of homosexuals.

The Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance released the survey results in a news conference Monday. The group endorsed a proposal scheduled for a vote Tuesday night by the city's Human Rela-

tions Commission.

The alliance said 15 of 26 candidates who responded said they would support changing laws to protect homosexuals from discrimination in jobs, housing and public accommodations. The survey was mailed to 105 candidates.

A similar questionnaire mailed to 30 candidates in last April's municipal elections was answered by only one person, and returned by a second in an envelope

marked "refused."

"The fact that candidates are answering a gay questionnaire is a change in attitude," Ron Streff, alliance treasurer, said. "It is not a taboo subject."

But a political consultant warned against comparing last spring's non-partisan municipal election with the current primary campaign.

Democrats "are more likely to answer these kinds of questions because they see

(gay voters) as a natural constituency within their party," said consultant Bryan Eppstein.

Dub Bransom, a Democrat running for sheriff, and Democrat Bob Bass, in the state Senate District 10 race, opposed the legislation, the alliance said.

Three other candidates did not endorse changing the law but wrote comments favoring equal rights for all citizens.

▼ ▼ ▼ NEW ORLEANS SOAP

Mardi Gras Carnival Time was as mad and merry as ever in New Orleans

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

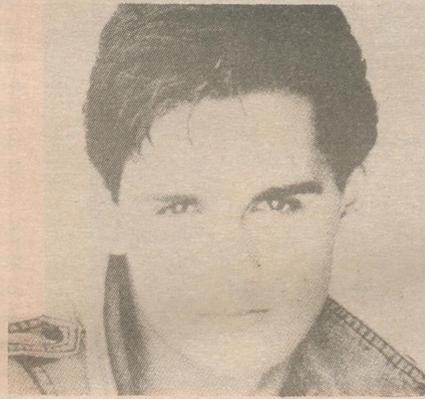
"You put a nickel/and I'll put a dime/We'll get together and drink us some wine..." Al Johnson has lived in New Orleans all his life. He writes songs, drives a taxicab, and sings when he gets a gig. Around "Carnival Time," which is the title of his best known composition, Johnson can be heard a lot in New Orleans clubs and on Gulf Coast radio stations.

If you were in New Orleans for the just-ended 1992 Carnival season you heard "Carnival Time"—though you may have been passed out on the bar room floor when you did.

What a party! On the last week of Carnival season (Epiphany to Ash Wednesday), parking was banned in most of the Quarter and huge ships-of-land berthed on the tiny streets of the lower Vieux Carre' and adjacent Faubourg Marigny. Figures are not in, but it seemed like everybody in the world was here, half of them in motor homes, the other half sleeping in my living room.

At the Babylon parade a group of wholesome, blond Oregon State University students looked agape as flambeaux carriers strutted their kerosene-fueled flames high atop flambeaux poles. "What's the point of those?" a big toothed, wide-eyed Oregonian asked. They threw light on night time parades before there was electricity, some local explained.

"Why have them now, when you got street lights?" It is tradition; lots of Mardi Gras stuff is traditional. "All the men with flambeaux poles are black, are they



Model/entertainer David Burrell will perform at The Mint on Friday the 13th



We were told this mysterious Carnival character is really a well known local artist



George and Ernie (Lords of Leather, Celestial Knights) head for costume contest in the Quarter. (Photo by Alan Robinson)

members of the same krewe?" A black family harvesting beads nearby burst into laughter.

"The queen's room is smoking/Throw my baby out the window/Let the joint burn down/All because it's Carnival Time/And we're all having fun..."

I never saw colors of beads so brilliant as against the night time Babylon sky. It must have been my location, Canal and rampart. Maybe it was the urge most everyone felt to have a happy Carnival even though Council Member Dorothy Mae Taylor and the upper crust Krewes of Comus and Momus were flaked at each other. They were feuding about City Council's extending newly passed civil rights laws to cover private clubs, including Mardi gras krewes. To understand this it is best to repeat the adage: "New Orleans is a city built on the Mississippi and organized around

Mardi Gras."

Momus and Comus, in that order, quit parading and noted fear of violence as their reason, a racist sounding thing coming from a whites-only club, in a town nearly three quarters black. I thought it interesting that the first violence to erupt occurred in the suburbs when whites attacked a mostly black high school band.

Predominantly black New Orleans was calm as a spring sea, save for one inevitable punk with a ubiquitous handgun. Explain again, cher, why everyone needs a gun to keep everyone from using a gun...

Some times people do hurtful things to themselves, which they are certain others caused them to do. This odd situation was never more clearly displayed than in the controversy over applying New Orleans' civil rights laws to Carnival krewes and other private clubs. It sounded as if the two krewes not parading were saying, "Look what we've done, we've cut off our noses and that Dorothy Mae Taylor made us do it!"

And Councilmember Taylor reduced her credibility by asking for regulation to ban a satirical rendering of her from Mardi Gras parades. A bad idea with no chance, great lady.

Momus and Comus had small but handsome parades that mostly entertained Momus and Comus. They were notoriously sparse with their throws, the part of any passing Mardi Gras parade that most touches "Whee the People." It is a shame they did not parade this year. I hope they, like the flambeaux, live on for the sake of their beauty; I hope they have not become a lost

tradition of the past. They will miss a lot of fun and their loss will be noticed by all, but Mardi Gras will live on, regardless.

On Lundi Gras night, I opened the shutters and listened to bands of cheer-filled celebrants singing happy songs of nights without worry or concern. "The whole street was rocking from one side to the other/the joints are jammed and jumpin'/I'm a childless mother..." ("Carnival Time" by Al Johnson/Maison Soul label, from Rounder "Best of Ric Records").

—David Burrell at The Mint

You have seen him in hundreds of ads looking at you with come-hither eyes. David Burrell has reached a kind of super-star status for gay models. In the orbit, they swing out into the universe of bar room dancing and closer contact with the fans who have made them famous.

He writes his own songs with charming titles like "Coverboy," and a Latin sound that will tickle your ears. He also has a dance video I've not seen, but I expect it would make your pants want to get up and dance.

"I'm really proud of the ballad 'Say Goodbye,' which I wrote when I was 16, and 'Dance With Me,' which was the first dance music I'd ever written, and also the song 'Do It With Me,'" Burrell said of his songs.

He is coming to New Orleans to perform at The Mint (corner of Esplanade and Decatur) on March 13, 11:00 p.m. Advance sales are available (\$10). This ticket is a better \$10 bet than any lottery.



Alan Robinson (Faubourg-Marigny Books), bedecked for Carnival



Jay proudly displays his "regal" Mardi Gras costume

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

North Carolina agency quits national victims' assistance group

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Wednesday, Feb. 26 (AP)—A state agency that helps crime victims has dropped its membership in a national victims' assistance group because of its focus on homosexual issues.

The National Organization for Victims' Assistance has too broad a definition of victims, said Art Zeidman, director of the state Division of Victim and Justice Services.

"There are people—and gays and lesbians are but one example—who perceive themselves to be victims of discrimination," Zeidman said. "They choose their lifestyle. The woman who is raped on the

street does not choose to be a victim."

But some victims' advocates are criticizing the decision to end the state's 17-year affiliation with NOVA, which counsels victims of crime and natural disasters and trains victims' assistance groups.

Zeidman "presumes to judge given his own prejudices about sexual orientation," said Christina Davis-McCoy, executive director of North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence.

"Gay men and lesbian women are among the most victimized groups in North Carolina. When an agency has a responsibility to protect them as victims of

violence and hatred, we don't understand why he has taken that position," she told The Charlotte Observer.

Ten cases of harassment targeted at homosexuals were reported in North Carolina in 1991, according to figures from Ms. Davis-McCoy's group.

Zeidman's decision was outlined in a Jan. 23 letter, in which he said NOVA "is concentrating efforts on those who advocate and practice immoral and illegal behavior, to the detriment of innocent victims of crime."

State law doesn't outlaw homosexuality but prohibits oral and anal sexual activity.

Zeidman wrote that he was distressed by an outline of the national organization's goals. NOVA states it is "particularly concerned with outreach and services for traditionally underserved population groups," including racial and ethnic minorities, children, the elderly, gay men and lesbians.

A NOVA spokesperson said the Washington-based organization tries to help crime victims regardless of background.

"When they are singled out solely because of their lifestyle, they are indeed victims of crime," NOVA President William Schenck said. "If they are truly being victimized, then we have got to be there for them."

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Coming up: Green Party and anniversary at Wild Club; Visions Grand Opening

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT
The New Voice

Look—up in the sky! It's a plane; it's a bird, it's...no, it's a hole in the ozone layer. No, really, it's The New Voice Man with this week's edition of San Antonio Soap!

Up, up and away—to the Moon: The Paper Moon, located at 1430 N. Main, never has a cover on Monday with their 50 cent drafts, \$2 well drinks and long necks, along with the Shady Lady Show with musical chairs. The idea of the game is that four or five chairs are placed on the floor, and then people from the audience participate in going around the chairs. Each time the music stops a chair is removed and the last person with a chair wins. This is a fun game for all the customers in the club. Tuesday night is Pauletta's Talent Night; Muscles in Action on Wednesdays. This is another chance for the audience to participate in fun games.

This game works with the men in Muscles and Action coming out and dancing for you; then, after they dance, they have a drawing from the tickets you received at the door and whoever has the winning ticket gets a special reward. Fridays and Saturdays: Muscles In Action, after hours 'till 4:00 a.m., draft beer a mere 75 cents, and on Fridays, the emcee is Chanel White. On Saturdays, don't miss the Sweet Savage Show. Sunday—no cover 'till midnight, with draft beer all night going for just a quarter. New at the Paper Moon on Sunday is after hours, and don't forget the Super Sunday regulars—Shady Lady, Sweet Savage, Pauletta Leigh and on March 8, the special guest will be Nikki Foster. Look forward to seeing more on the Paper Moon in upcoming editions of The New Voice. The Paper Moon is a place to go and unwind and I recommend the Shady lady Show on Mondays...

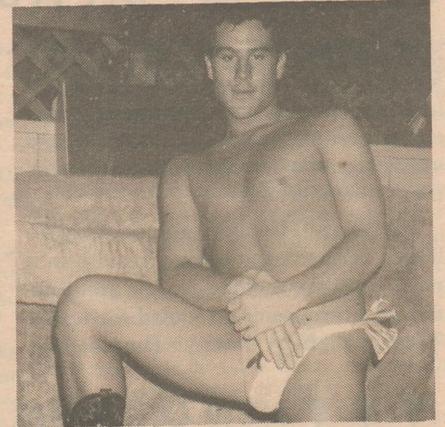
The Silver Dollar, located next door to the Paper Moon at 1418 N. Main, is where you can find one of my favorite bartenders in san Antonio, Lonnie. Lonnie is well known for his good looks, and his outgoing, charming, sensitive personality, and he always has a good joke to make a customer feel comfortable and at ease. Besides having good bartenders, the Silver Dollar also has great dance music, pool tables, cozy and comfortable lighting with a patio in the back to get away from some of the crowd and to be with your significant other, perhaps, and great drink specials.

For instance, Monday is 25 cent drafts, \$1.50 wells and long necks. Tuesday—25 cent drafts and \$1.50 well and long necks and free dance lessons from 9:00 p.m. to midnight; Wednesday, 50 cent drafts and \$1.50 wells and long necks and Muscles In action; Thursday, 25 cent drafts; Friday and Saturday, 50 cent drafts. On Sunday, the bartenders do like to rest so their bar doesn't open until 2:00 p.m., but once they do there are 25 cent drafts, \$1.50 well and long necks, T-dance from 5:00-9:00 p.m. and Muscles In Action at 9:00. There is never a cover.

Coming at the Wild Club, 820 San Pedro, on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, they will have the First Annual Green Party. Yes, be there in green—paint your body green, color your hair green—just come in green, because Nate, the bartender says he is going to pinch everyone on the butt who doesn't! things that make you go Hmmm. I wonder how many are not going to wear green now. Anyway, on March 19, Miss San Antonio USA in Review Show will be at the Wild Club, starring all of the former



Deb Lance, Davie Farris and Mary Rivelli at Nexus of San Antonio



Dave strikes a pose at the Nite Owl



Rose Mary (manager) and Margie (bartender) of Las Gueras



Julie, Barbara and the staff of the Nite Owl



Ernest, doorman at the Executive Spa

Miss San Antonio USA's and emceed by Tandy Andrews. March 26 is "Switch Night." This is the night when you will be able to pinch Nate back, while he is in a dress. And March 27 is the Wild Club's first anniversary. That night, I recommend all of San Antonio mark on their calendars to stop by and give a big hands up to Randy for bringing the Wild Club to San Antonio.

While flying over San Antonio, "The New Voice Man" managed to look into the Crew, downtown at 309 W. Market, with his X-ray vision. Since the doors reopened last year, The Crew has been slowly remodeling, starting by ripping out all that old, nasty carpet that had been there for years, getting rid of some of the not-so-friendly bartenders, repainting the walls and taking down all kinds of things that just made the place look cluttered up. Now the bar has just built a dance floor, surrounded by mirrors and great lighting. As you remember, last year I told you that The Crew was well on its way to becoming a totally new Crew, where all of the out-of-town guests who come in so often can find a great atmosphere and that great Texas hospitality and environment. I really like the surroundings and the new crew at The Crew. I suggest you stop by Nick and the rest of the crew...

Well, the Hard Hat at 8011 Rubbles

has been around for a few years and it has changed its format and has grown, adding on almost half its original size as far as its occupancy capacity. I dropped over and was visiting with Mike just the other day, and I was given an excellent tour of the newly remodeled Hard hat. I thought that black and white checkered floor was outstanding. The dance floor, surrounded by colored lights and combined with the exquisite sound system and the additive of a smoke machine and with a little bit of imagination you would think you were at the Bonham Exchange. The Hard Hat provides two pool tables, dart machines, comfortable, cozy and quiet seating with laid-back bar stools around the bar.

Flying like an owl in the night, I came upon the Nite Owl, located at 330 San Pedro. The Nite Owl had the battle of the ex-bartenders last Saturday, Leap Year Day. Out of four teams, team No. 3—Mike and Marissa—were the grand prize winners with \$253.65, and the grand total for the evening was \$484.50, which goes to the Alamo Area Resource Center. If everybody is still wondering, yes, she did fire him once and again. Monday, all day and night, is Safe Night—25 cents per drink goes into the SAJ jar and will also go to the San Antonio AIDS Foundation. Coming up, Chain of Command

will be holding their one year anniversary at the Nite Owl, and the Names Project is having a garage sale on the Nite Owl parking lot this Saturday, from noon until everything is gone.

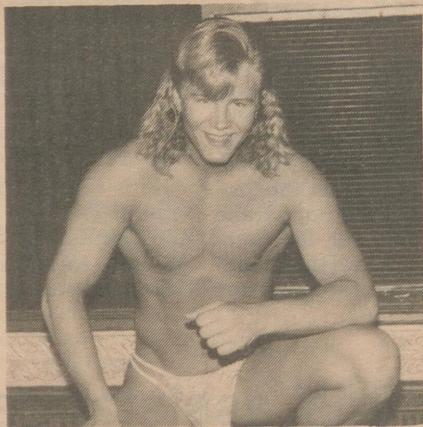
Memories, 6402 Callaghan, will celebrate Miriam's birthday on March 16—any drink in the house for \$2 and a little surprise. Stop by and wish her a happy one! Monday night is Pool Tournament Night—no entry fee but a grand prize of \$50. Beginning March 3, every Tuesday night will be Steak Night from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For only \$6 you'll receive a 14-ounce T-Bone with salad and baked potato, and Happy Hour prices until 9:00 p.m. On Wednesdays there's a free Mexican Buffet from 6:00-9:00 and on Thursdays there are still two male and female strippers. Friday and Saturday specials are \$2 for every drink in the house.

Last week, I told you about Nexus' Patio of Many Colors, and I was asking if anything else could be thrown in. Well, guess what? Nexus seems to have done it. They have something for everyone in San Antonio. Sundays are pool tournaments starting at 8:00 p.m. with \$30-50 cash prizes, 50 cent Miller Liters, \$1.50 well drinks and \$2 Margaritas. Well, just when you thought there was nothing else they could throw in. They seem to be just dashing out with new ideas, but of course, seeing that this is a new bar and one of the largest in San Antonio, that is their job.

For instance, take a look at this: Tejano Music Night starting at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday—no cover, 50 cent Miller drafts, \$2 Margaritas and \$1.50 well drinks. And remember, Nexus has great Chicano music with a little bit of Top 40's thrown in for extra spice, and yes—the second largest wooden dance floor in town. Wednesday is "Beat the Clock Night" at Nexus from 6:00-11:00 p.m. From 6:00-7:00, 25 cent well drinks; 7:00-8:00, 50 cent well drinks; 8:00-9:00, 75 cents; 9:00-10:00, \$1, and from 10:00-11:00, \$1.25 well drinks. Long necks are \$1.50 from 6:00-11:00 and Miller Lite draft is just 25 cents a glass all night long. And don't forget, country dance lessons are free at Nexus of San Antonio.

Over on the South Flores Strip, hands up to the newest club in San Antonio, Visions at 5709 S. Flores at Southcross Blvd. Drop by and move your feet to the sounds of a live DJ with Rock-N-Roll Rick's wild and crazy music during the Grand Opening Party and Donna Nehlen's (the first lady) birthday party on March 7. The night includes hot dance music and a show, free barbecue and dollar long necks all night, and there'll be special guest stars for the show. Come see Visions' big dance floor and light show. Set-ups available, BYOB. Come to Visions early and bring your friends, call 922-9992 for more info.

Until next week...



Dancer Lance at the Bonham Exchange



Tandi Andrews at the Noo Zoo

▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

Bears and Brunch at the Chain Drive; Mardi Gras madness at Charlie's

By CHRIS LUTHER

TNV Austin

Here under the homely eyes of the Goddess of Liberty. March came into the Capitol City like a lamb. Middle aged hippies and T-shirt vendors once again filled the Renaissance Plaza. In Pease Park there was sunshine and flowers and frat studpuppies in biking shorts just waiting to be plucked.

With the spring's renewal just around the corner, native wildlife is reappearing with increased vigor. In fact, lady luck smiled on me this past weekend when my trusty stealth camera caught a couple of rare Ursus Butchness stretching after several months of hibernation. After years of being on the endangered species list, these massive yet gentle creatures, commonly referred to as the Austin Butch Bear, are beginning to make a comeback in these parts. This resurgence is due largely to recent measures to control the spread of their mortal enemies, the Izodian Alligator.

The two beasts were found scratching their backs on the large tree towering above the Chain Drive's back patio. While keeping a safe distance, and careful not to disturb them while they scrounged for nuts. I was able to study them for some time with my zoom lens. Apparently, they were part of a UT habitat study, as they were tagged and identified as "Jake la Bear" and "Leather Bear" Upon closer examination I discovered that Leather Bear was also tagged a little anodized pink aluminum and leather tag which said, "If found please contact Third Coast Bears, 512-929-3944." Delighted with my photos, I moved on, leaving these two magnificent beasts alone to rule the wild kingdom.

Also leaving the wildlife alone were TG Rogers and David Childs. Instead, they were enjoying more than a few fabulous fajitas. The Sunday patio cookout, part of CD's rotating benefit brunch program, is one way local charity and social organizations raise money. This coming week, TGRA cowpeople will be manning the chuckwagon, but last Sunday the meal was masterfully prepared by the Capital City riders and respectfully served by one of their Pledge Puppies.

Inside the bar I found only one person who knew the true meaning of Pledge—Pat, the unsinkable mother of almost-too-cute bartender Ricky. After meeting this incredibly self-disciplined and giving person, I can understand where Ricky developed his sense of character, as well as his penchant for spankings.

At Frisco's I found Jill being comforted by her wife, Kim, after losing a tough round of Air Hockey with the boys. Kim, obviously one who does not take well to the thought (much less the reality) of losing, was rationalizing Jimmy Connor's style. "They (her girlfriends) talked me into playing. I came to play pool, that's what I'm good at. And be-



Missy and Alison at Nexus



UT's Gay/Lesbian Student Association held their Friday afternoon social outside the Cactus Cafe



Frank and one of CD's better assets, Richard



Brandy, Joedy and Lynne: fabulous Hippie Hollow sun worshippers with Attitude



Kim and Jill at San Fran Cisco's pool tournament



Pam and guests welcome you back to "BYOB'out Time"



TG Rogers and David Child are served by a Capital City pledge puppy



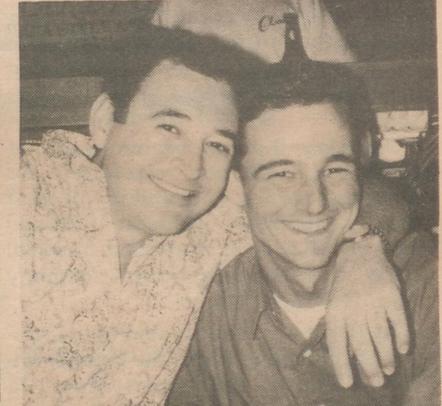
Scooter is tired of being called "a friendly bartender"



Ricky's mother Pat applies some gentle discipline



Local bears Jake and Ray scratch their back on the Drive's



Ray and Darren hide out at Charlie's

sides, I drew first to play against all these guys." Kim steadily patted and consoled Jill.

When I walked over to one of everybody's favorite bartenders, Scooter, I could tell immediately that something was wrong. As I raised my hand to request my usual drink, a Pink Lady, Scooter uncharacteristically snarled like a rabid dog. "Just one other person call me a friendly bartender, just one other person..." he mumbled, I guess he was expecting moi to say something cute. Wiser than that, I kept my mouth shut (for a change) and quietly thanked him with a sufficient tip.

Across town at Charlie's I found them cleaning up after a busy weekend. It was Mardi gras, a more than suitable excuse to have a party and decorate (as if they needed one). Frequent chairs of the decorating committee and front bartenders Darren and Ray seemed to enjoy them-

selves surrounded by the festivities. The sparkle and glitter somehow seemed to hold magical powers over Darren, and Ray...well, he was a little confused with all the Mardi Gras beads and began to recite "Hail Marys" over his past and numerous sins.

In the crowd I found best friends Carson and Carlos. While from the way they carried that certain UT style they "looked" as though they were undergrads, this was not the case. "No, WE have jobs," Carson said. (Note: out-of-towners should be advised of what an admirable feat this is in Austin). I quickly found out that Carson and Carlos have been friends since they went to high school together in a "Hick town in Louisiana." (Having only visited the splendor of N'Orleans I was surprised there was such a thing—wink.) Carlos was a senior and Carson a sophomore when they first revealed their true

selfes to each other. "Did you...uh...well..." I began to question, stumbling for words.

"Oh no, never, never, never," Carson replied. "I never sleep with my friends."

Carson is not the first person to tell me this rule; heck, I've said it myself. But on hearing it spoken again it begs the question, if you don't sleep with a friend, who do you sleep with?

"I just couldn't sleep with a friend, sex is only for a relationship. Sex never brings anyone closer together," Carson said.

Then why have sex? Maybe I'm dreaming, but is too much to ask that a lover be a friend plus? How many times have we gone to bed with someone that we wouldn't go to dinner with? Maybe in our search for a partner we are unnecessarily eliminating people who have the greatest potential. Just maybe.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

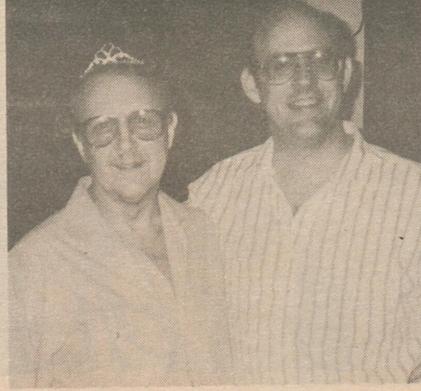
Message to guests from all over: 'Let Us Entertain You!'



David and surprise High Test Guest party at the VN



Cowboy of the Month at BRB was Wade Burwell in last Sunday's contest



Barry found the Queen and King of the MCCR Sock Hop, Allen (left) and Ed



After LUEY Friday and Saturday, party with Rita at Mary's After Hours

By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

Well, it's Let Us Entertain You Weekend. And for those of you not familiar with LUEY Weekend—get ready should you decide to participate.

This is the 19th year for this after-Mardi Gras celebration and it has continued to grow with each passing year. The weekend will be put on by the Houston Council of Clubs and the participating host clubs are: Colt 45's, Texas Renegades, Texas Riders, Sundance Cattle Company and Time Survivors. Any member of these clubs should be able to help you should you have any questions regarding LUEY.

Having been a participant for only a few years, I can tell you it's a great party with lots of interesting people, but follow the advice of the chair of the HCC, Rick Holman, who says, "If you have too much to drink, please don't drive. If out and about at night, please stay in groups. Play safe and have a good time." This is advice from someone who knows!

Registration for LUEY begins at 9:00 p.m. at the Venture-N on Main Street. You will be asked to sign in and go through your registration materials including buttons, game sheets, directions (maps), schedules, etc. and then enjoy snacks by the Texas Riders from 10:00 p.m. 'till ? and a special party by the Texas Riders at midnight when registration is complete.

Oh, by the way, cost is \$10 for in-town registrants and the weekend is free to out-of-towners, and they are expecting about 300 or more people to sign up this year.

Saturday the fun begins again at 10:00 a.m. with late registration for those just getting here and it will be at Mary's. Breakfast begins at 10:30 and goes on 'till noon at Mary's and a special party by Sundance Cattle Company from 11:00 a.m. 'till?

At 1:00 p.m. the party moves to Cousin's off Fairview, where the Time Survivors will have a special party from 1:15 'till ? with snacks provided by the Imperial Court of the Single Star.

At 2:45 it's on to BRB on Brazos, where TGRA will host a special party from 3:00 p.m. 'till ? and then everybody gets to relax from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 at the BRB, followed by the last special party of the evening, hosted by Texas Renegades at 9:30 p.m.

Later Saturday at 10:30 p.m. a party

begins at Pacific Street (the club) called Diamonds and Studs, put on by Jay Allen and staff. And the remainder of the evening is free time.

On Sunday rise and shine to a noon brunch at the BRB with a special party by the Colt 45's, followed by HCC's showtime at 1:00 p.m. and awards at 3:00 p.m.

You'll be fed, filled and have lots of fun.

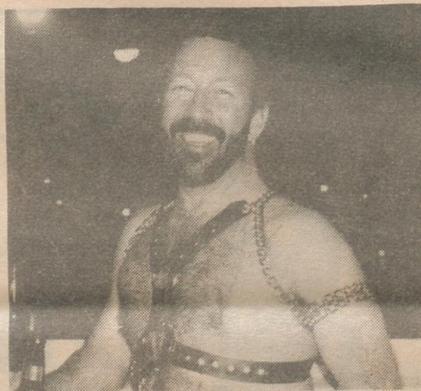
Following the fun Sunday evening will be a special show at the Venture-N, a benefit for "Ernestine" aka Randy Zachary with some of Texas' top entertainers putting on a night of outrageous comedy. I've heard the likes of Naomi Sims, Patsy Cline, Pickles and many, many more will make you laugh 'till you cry and some of the Ernestine's performances will be shown via video. The emcee for the whole shebang will be the wonderful Rebecca Plant, a great entertainer herself.

Other goings-on around town will be a new C and W night of Thursday for Gentry, who moved their video classic night to Tuesdays.

E/J's begins their Sizzling Steak Night Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., followed at 8:00 p.m. by "open



DJ Michael Lowery spins for you at Heaven



Cuddles (of Dallas) was on the balcony for the bead toss



Bob and Steve (PS): "Throw me some beads, Mister..."



Jay's quite a wooper at Mother's, and that's good!

mic" entertainment with emcee Toni Rae.

You can still catch a few days of the Pretty Boy of the Year contest at Mother's on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with finals on Sunday. (And Woof—they have some pretty boys entered for sure).

At 800 Pacific, Thom Collins is back for special appearances at Heaven with Dee-Drags girls on Thursday, and Friday he joins the Men of Santa Fe for some riveting gyrations. When Thom's not working, look for him "hanging out" so to speak with the men of the Montrose Mining Company.

The Montrose Softball League is getting ready for this season's play. If you are interested in sponsoring a team or in playing on one, contact Mike Harwell at 880-9009.

Ripcord will have a "Lattice Buffet You" buffet at 5:00 p.m. Friday (if you haven't tried a Ripcord buffet—it's great) and Saturday they host the Ugly Colors Party, which is your last chance to wear those Mardi Gras colors and beads.

...Pacific Street was Bourbon Street for some 10 days starting with the first major Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992 fundraiser. The

pre-Mardi Pride Party raised \$600, and guests got to see the crowning of the Montrose Mardi Gras King, Richard Bang and Queen, Tarrin Nicole. The momentum kept up throughout the weekend and interesting costumes were the rule through Fat Tuesday.

Now for some Montrose mud: from a very reliable source, we understand the Possum Queen contest is fixed and the buffet has been kidnapped. Anyone wishing to donate to the Return the Possum to Mary's Fund contact Rita Boulevard or Maude at Gentry. In addition to the standard criteria required for Possum Queen, three new qualifications have been added: fire baton twirling, yodeling and butter churning for speed and accuracy. (By the way, the missing possum's name is Fluffy.)

Walter Carter was recently awarded the Blue Ribbon for the Livestock Show's Pot-bellied Pig Race. Congrats to Walter.

And other pigs in the news: Pookie the Pig (E/J's) won the grand champion award of \$70,000 at the Livestock Show and girls, at 213 estimated pounds of fun that's \$328 per pound. Congrats to Loretta Lick aka Pookie.

Happy Belated Birthday to the Empress of the Eggplant Evening!

John (TNT Shirts), Travis (the dog) will look great in that new leather jacket you signed him up for at the Soiree Aubergine, but we understand that Travis is now terribly depressed because you won't buy him the bag and pumps to match.

Speaking of leather—Leather by Boots now has a new employee, Skip. Go buy and see him six nights a week at the L.B.B. shop in the Ripcord.

Richard Smith (Gentry) is doing the 76 truck stop revue this weekend between Houston and Shreveport, and he says he's bringing Maude along in case he has to "work" his way back.

Kenny (E/J's) is it true what they say about redheads?

There's a new daytime bartender at the Venture N. Go by and say hi to Carolyn of National Leather Association: Houston.

Seems the Wolf Pack howled in New Orleans last weekend, but the pictures aren't fit to print. Well, guys, if you'd leave the hotel it might help!

Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow? Well, Karen, yours might do great if you'd fill in between the railroad ties with dirt!

Bye for now!



Marvin at Pacific Street selling...or is it the grab bag for sale?

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▼▼▼ AUSTIN QUICK NOTES

Austin Festival of Dance to benefit AIDS Services of Austin

On Saturday, March 21, Austin's leading dance performers will participate in the Austin Festival of Dance, start 8:00 p.m. The festival is a dance gala benefiting AIDS Services of Austin (ASA). Participating in the performance are Ballet Austin, Sharir Dance Co., Tapestry, Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklorico de Texas, Heywood "Woody" McGriff, Deborah Hay and the choreography of Kay Braden performed by Kate Warren. (This is the first time these major groups and artists in the Austin community have performed on one stage for any cause). The dancers are donating their time and talent to help raise funds for the fight against AIDS.

The purpose of the festival is not only not only to provide an entertainment

event featuring quality dance, but to create a fund raising event for ASA with appeal to all segments of the community, organizers said. The Austin festival of dance is hoped become an annual event.

Support and endorsements for the event have come from all segments of the community, including Gov. Ann Richards, Land Commissioner Garry Mauro and Mayor Bruce Todd. Major sponsors include Manuel's Downtown, Centex Beverage, Padgett Printing, KVUE Channel 24, KGSR 107.1, the Austin American Statesman and the Austin Chronicle.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$45 and are available through any UTTM ticket outlet. For more information on the festival

contact Charles Santos, producer, at (512) 451-4639 or Dara Gray of ASA at (512) 406-6113.

—Mishpachat Am Echat

Mishpachat Am Echat, Austin's gay and lesbian Jewish organization, has announced that Rabbi Steven Folberg of Beth Israel and his wife Sandra Goldman will be the special guests at the group's March 14 meeting and pot luck dinner. Goldman was an organizer of last December's "Day Without Art/Night Without Light" AIDS Awareness event in Austin.

The organization is planning many other activities and events in the coming months, including a bagel brunch on March 29 and an April 18 Passover Sedar.

For more information on these events or the organization itself, call (512) 451-7018 or write Mishpachat Am Elliot at P.O. Box 9591, Austin, Tx. 78766.

—"Queer Past"

Liberated Learning, Austin's Free University is presenting "Queer Past/Queer Defiance," a discussion course on lesbian and gay history "from Gilgamesh and Ruth to Queer Nation and Bimbox," with an emphasis on the contribution of lesbians and gay men to the growth of Texas and Austin. Classes are held at 5:30 Sundays at 505 San Jacinto (the ACME Art Warehouse).

Liberated Learning classes are free and open to everyone. For more information, call (512) 474-5825.

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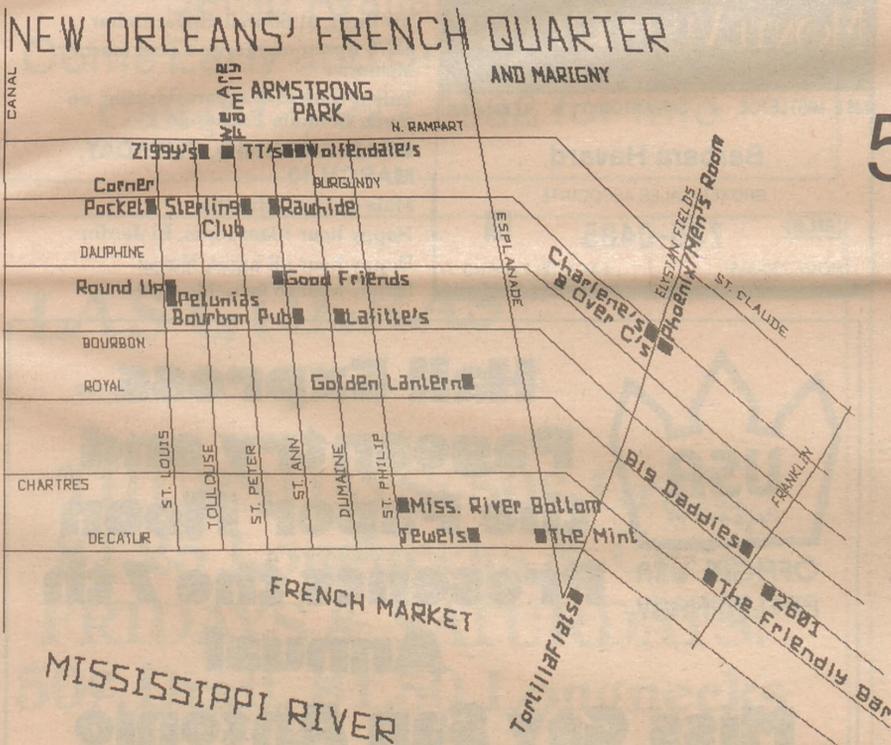
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The Wild & Wicked Sunday



Show



Tandi, Amanda, Monique

(Nancy Taylor, Not
Pictured)

Liquor Rush 9-11

After Hours

Coming

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day
Green Party

March 19th, Miss Antonio USA in
Review Show

March 26th, Switch Nite

March 27th, 1st Anniversary of
Wild Club

PWA benefit show 11pm, Noo Zoo
 \$1 well & longnecks, pool tourney 10pm, Noo Zoo
 Male dancer 9pm, Nite Owl
 Amateur male strip, 50¢ draft, Wild Club
 No cover, Bonham Exchange
●SAN ANTONIO, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
 50¢ draft, country night, Nexus
 Strip dancers 11pm, Wild Club
 Muscles in Action, Paper Moon
 Cowboys in Action, 25¢ draft, \$1.50 well, Silver Dollar
 Hot oil wrestling with Victoria West MC, 75¢ draft, \$2 frozen margaritas, Wild Club
 Open pool tourney 8pm, Nite Owl
 50¢ well, talent night 10:45pm, Noo Zoo
 \$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories
 Hot chest contest, 50¢ well & draft (cover charge), Bonham Exchange
 Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
●SAN ANTONIO, THURSDAY, MARCH 12
 Steak night 7pm, Nexus
 Tandi's Talent Nite, 75¢ draft, Wild Club
 25¢ draft, Silver Dollar
 Adults no cover to midnight, amateur male strip contest midnight, 25¢ draft, boxer shorts theme, Bonham Exchange
 Sassy St. James host strippers 9:30pm, Memories
 \$1 well & longnecks, show 11:45pm, Noo Zoo
 50¢ draft, \$1.25 cans & longnecks, Las Gueras

River City Pool League 8pm, Nite Owl
 Hot oil wrestling, Hardhat
 Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, MARCH 13
 Friday the 13th
 Buffet from 6pm, Mandy Woods at Happy Hour, Nexus
 Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, 75¢ draft, \$1.25 schnapps, Wild Club
 10¢ well & draft 8-10, strip show midnight, after-hours, Noo Zoo
 Men & munchies 8pm, Nite Owl
 50¢ draft, Las Gueras
 All drinks \$2, Memories
 Adults no cover to 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, male & female strippers, after-hours, Bonham Exchange
 Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
 O'Boys Hamburgers open to 3am
●LATER
 March 17: St. Patrick's Day "Par-tA", Nexus
 March 17: St. Patrick's Day Green Party, Wild Club
 March 19: Miss San Antonio USA in Review Show, Wild Club
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 Lunch on the patio 11am-2:30pm, Chances
 Weird Cousin, Pork & Peg Tassey & Proud of It, Chances
 UT Gay/Lesbian Student Assn. socail 5pm, Cactus Cafe
 Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
 Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, The Crossing
 Happy hour buffet 6-9pm, San Fran Cisco's
 Happy hour buffet & Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, 25¢ well all day & night, Charlie's

●AUSTIN, SATURDAY, MARCH 7
 Lunch on the patio 11am-2:30pm, Chances
 Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, Crossing
 Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
 Happy hour buffet, live music with Bonnie Baker, 7:30-9pm, Nexus
 Int'l Women's Day celebration with Susan Colton, Irie Jane, Native Daughters, Nancy Scott and Kate McLellan with Ruth Huber, Chances
 Live band, no cover, Buckles
●AUSTIN, SUNDAY, MARCH 8
 Patio cookout, Crossing
 Patio cookout for National Leather Assn., Chain Drive
 BBQ beer bust, Buckles
 Fajita buffet 3pm, Air hockey tourney 9pm, San Fran Cisco's
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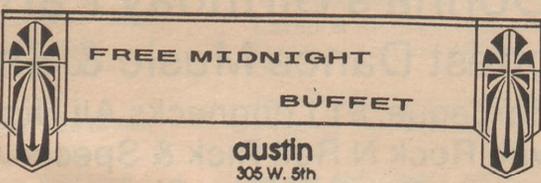


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C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran Cisco's
Lone Star Male Review, 10:30pm & 12:30am, Charlie's

●AUSTIN, TUESDAY, MARCH 10
Lunch on the patio 11am-2:30pm, Chances
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
Steak night 6-8pm, amateur dance contest, Charlie's
Austin Gamblers Bowling League 7:30pm, Capitol Bowl
Dark tourney, Auntie Mame's
Pool tourney 9pm, Nexus

10:30pm, Buckle's

●AUSTIN, FRIDAY, MARCH 13
Friday the 13th
Buffet midnight, Nexus
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C&W dance lessons 7:30pm, Nexus
Lone Star Male Revue 9:30-11:30pm, Buckle's

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Lunch on the patio 11am-2:30pm, Chances
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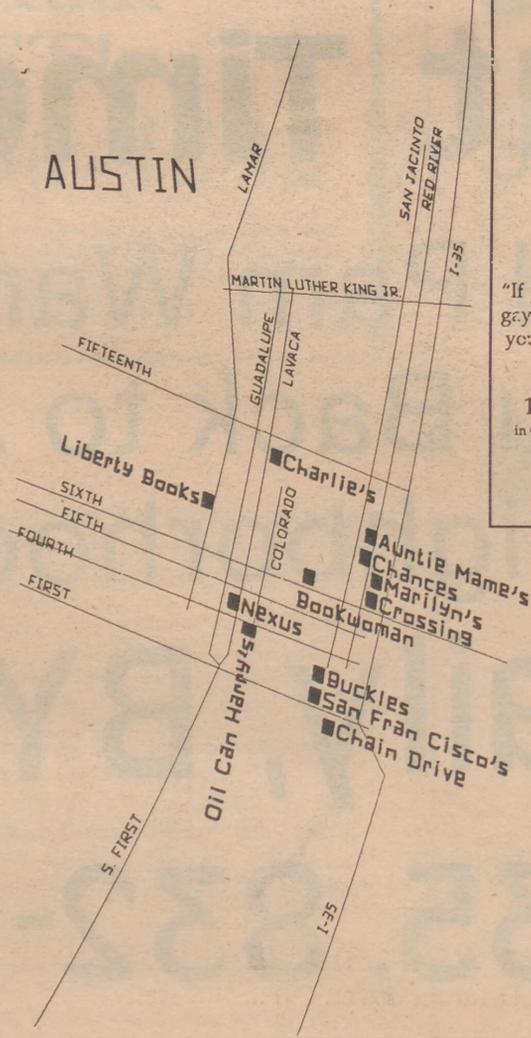
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Thursday, March 12
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GEMINI: A relationship that you feel with another will be strengthened by the events unfolding. At first you will be confused, but then the light will shine. This person will light up your life.

CANCER: Say what you need to say to co-workers and neighbors. Be diplomatic with it, but go ahead and say it. You will find that they are actually expecting it.

LEO: Talk things over with friends down the street. They will have advice on the subjects you were thinking about recently. Their collective advice will be far more valuable than any individual's advice. Pay attention.

VIRGO: Your heart is in your home. And at your job. Both places have been shifted a degree to make them they way you desire but go ahead and perform a major tilt. The more they're the way you want, the better for you and the others.

LIBRA: Preparation helps ensure happiness. But other factors come into play too. Some of them you cannot control. So just accept. However, making preparations is everyone's full time job.

SCORPIO: Do you have a spiritual understanding of what you share with others? You are here, at this time, and so are we all. Contemplate this. This time will come and go and will never return.

SAGITTARIUS: Forget that dilemma you were caught in. Some things take care of themselves. Let's go on to the next dilemma. Like getting a date for next weekend. Now there's a real problem to work on. Go to it.

CAPRICORN: Aren't people truly surprising? For example, take that yo-yo you met last week. You thought you had it all figured. And then ... Oh well. Life is an educational experience.

AQUARIUS: Frustrated? Looking for romance and not finding any? Well, change your hunting grounds. Join a new group. Visit a new club. Jog on a different trail. Then, romance will come looking for you.

PISCES: Let's do get physical. Hot, sweaty, sexy? Sure, try that this weekend. Even if it's just a little dancing. Oh, the places you'll see. The people you'll meet.

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HOUSTON, FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Houston Council of Club's Let Us Entertain You Weekend

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's

1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa

Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord

Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 10pm, Gentry

No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street dance bar

"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Male dancers 8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

Pretty Boy of the Year preliminary contest, Mother's

L.U.E.Y. registration 9pm-midnight, Venture-N

Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's

Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm, E/J's

Show midnight, Club Guadalajara

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HOUSTON, SATURDAY, MARCH 7

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 Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's
 L.U.E.Y. registration 10am-noon, breakfast 10:30am, Sundance party 11am, Mary's
 Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
 BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa
 L.U.E.Y. TGRA cocktail party 3pm, dinner 7-9pm, cocktail party 9:30pm, Brazos River Bottom
 Capital City Queens' "Sisters in the Name of Fun" 8pm, Past Time
 Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's
 Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.
 Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N
 75¢ vodka 6-11pm, Mother's
 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time
 Movies 9pm, Midtowne Spa
 Ugly Colors Party (last chance to wear Mardi Gras colors) 10pm, Ripcord
 Caged Heat/Men Behind Bars strippers, Pacific Street
 L.U.E.Y.'s Diamond & Studs 9pm, Pacific Street
 Pretty Boy of the Year preliminary contest, Mother's
 Maude's Madcap Mayhem talent showcase 10pm, Gentry
 Super Show 11pm, E/J's
 Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
 After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

HOUSTON, SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Houston Council of Club's Let Us Entertain You Weekend
 \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's
 \$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all day, E/J's
 Leather day and beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night 5pm, Mary's
 BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa
 Beer bust noon-11pm, Montrose Mine
 Food & blue light specials from 5pm, Venture-N
 \$1 schnapps 4-8pm, pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's Place
 L.U.E.Y. brunch noon, show 1pm, awards 3pm, Brazos River Bottom
 Steak-n-tater 5pm, dancers 7pm, Gentry
 No cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street dance bar
 Steak night 5-9pm, blue light specials 6-11pm, Brazos River Bottom
 Pretty Boy of the Year finals, Mother's
 \$1 beer, 50¢ draft, daBronx
 Charlie Collins presents benefit show 7-9pm, Brazos River Bottom
 \$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all night, E/J's
 Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's
 A Barn Yard Party 7-9:30pm, E/J's
 Randy "Ernestine" Zachary benefit from 6pm, Venture-N
 Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
 Show midnight, Club Guadalajara
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

HOUSTON, MONDAY, MARCH 9

75¢ mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's
 Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
 Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N
 "Clubbers Night" 9pm, Pacific Street dance bar
 Happy hour all day, all night, Brazos River Bottom
 Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center
 Male strip contest 10:30pm, Gentry
 Half price admission with Stone Soup donation, Midtowne Spa
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

HOUSTON, TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
 Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center
 \$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
 Burgers noon-3pm, Mary's
 Pizza party 6:30pm, Gentry
 Strip contest with Dyan Michaels 10pm, Mother's
 Chili night & \$1.50 beer, Juliet's Place
 Dart & pool tourneys, daBronx
 Young executive night, Pacific Street
 C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River Bottom
 Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
 Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's

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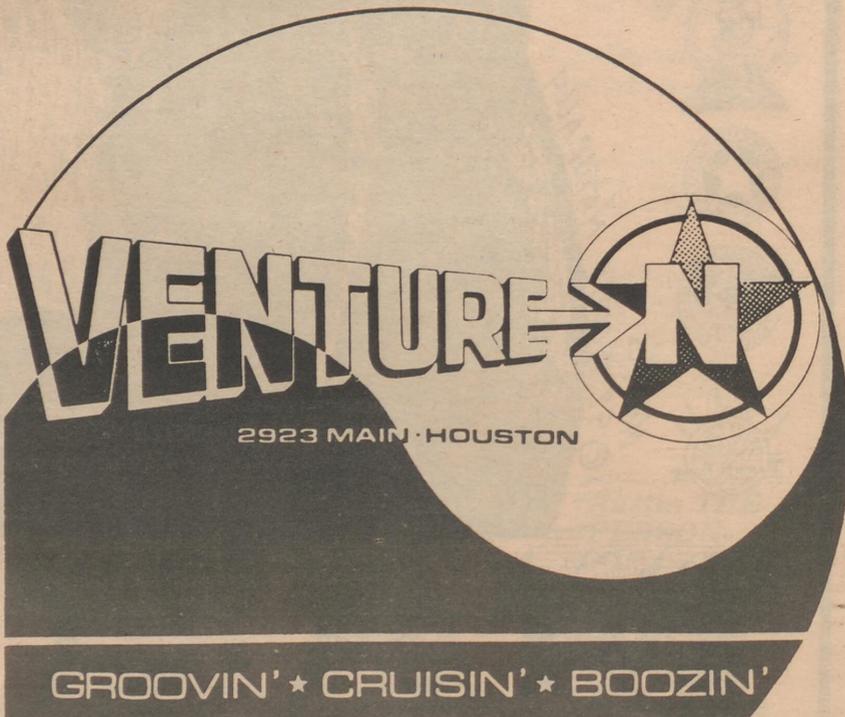
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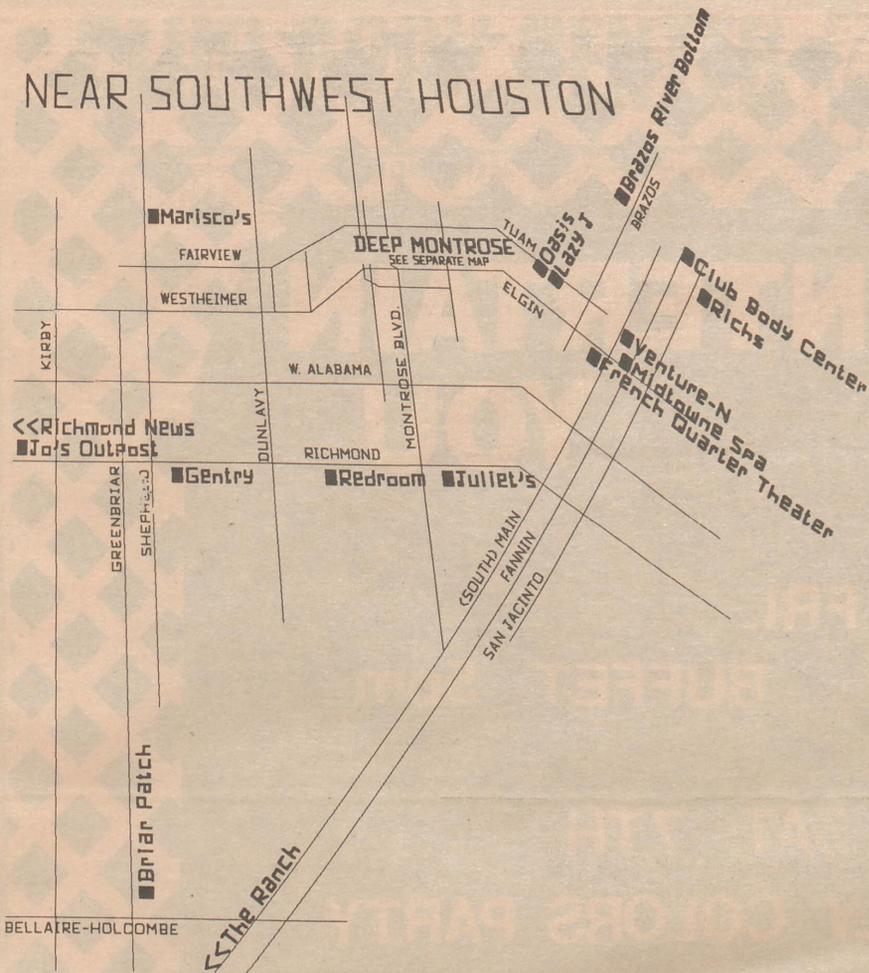
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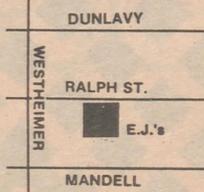
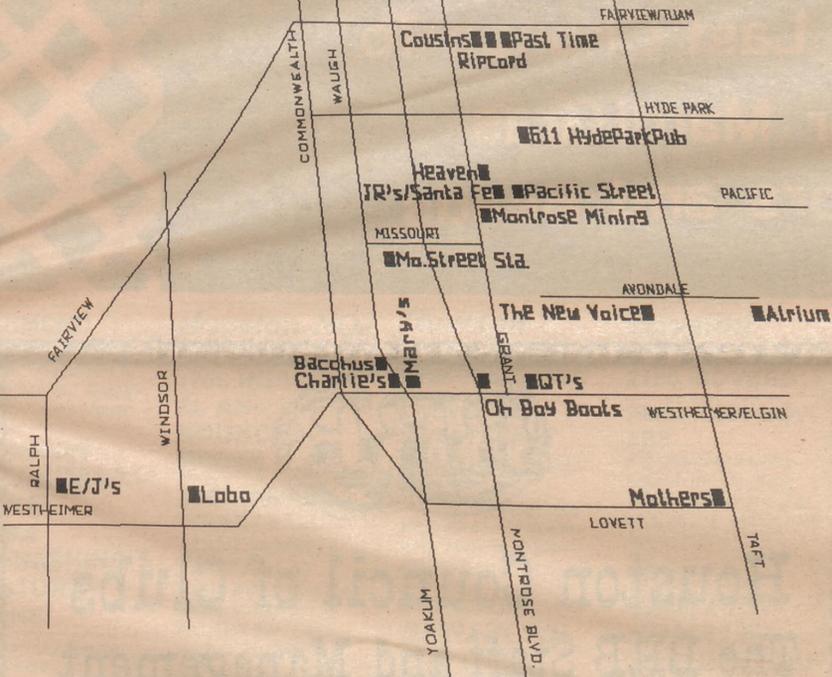
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10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool
tourney 11:30am, Mary's
"The Bear Club for Men," Montrose
Mining Co.
Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, Gentry
White Hot Wednesday, Pacific Street
1/2 price night, daBronx
Steak night 6pm, Open Mike Night 8pm,
E/J's
Slop shot pool tourney 7pm, Learn to Clog
7pm, Brazos River Bottom
Bare Chest Night, Venture-N
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne
Spa

●HOUSTON, THURSDAY,
MARCH 12

\$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's
Half price lockers for 6-mo. members
10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
Burgers & BBQ noon-3pm, Mary's
Room & locker specials noon-midnight,
Club Body Center
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose
Mining Co.
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lessons 7:30pm, advanced dance
lessons 9pm, \$1.50 longnecks all night,
Brazos River Bottom
\$1 vodka, dart tournament, Juliet's Place
Brittany Paige & Co. 10:30pm, E/J's
Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
Country Night, Gentry
Show, daBronx

Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am,
Charlie's
Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne
Spa

●HOUSTON, FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Friday the 13th
1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm,
Midtowne Spa
Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose
Mining Co.

Hors d'oeuvres 5:30-7:30, male dancers
8pm-2am, J.R.'s
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DaBronx
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord
Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers
10pm-2am, Gentry
No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street
dance bar
Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne
Spa
Little Bit of Texas Band, Brazos River
Bottom
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am,
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Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action
dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm,
E/J's
Show midnight, Club Guadalajara
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●LATER

March 14: Grand opening weekend, buffet,
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March 15: Moana Little Mores Coming
Out Party, Brazos River Bottom
March 17: St. Patrick's Day "Come Get
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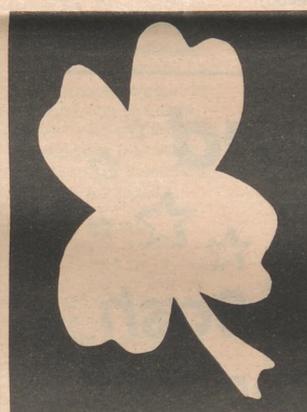
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Mature GWM, HIV-, 5'11, 155, wants other GWM's to come to my home near Westheimer & Dairy Ashford to play the following games: cards, dominoes, checkers, cribbage, Chinese checkers or chess, or put together jigsaw puzzles. Also FREE body rub. Ad 25320

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Professional GWM, 40, 6', 150 lb., brn, grn, good looking, HIV-, stable, educated, non-

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Smooth oriental 27, 5'11, 155, HIV-, good-looking swimmers body, outgoing, sense of humor, busy worker. Seeks GWM, HIV-, 24-35, good-looking, weight in proportion to height. Please respond to Ad #25384.

This attractive, mid-50's, GWM has affection, energy & talent to share. Insist on replies from dependable, stable men with no alcohol or drug problems. Defined tastes, fun-loving, sexual & spiritual awareness combined, promise a rewarding friendship/relationship. Ad 25358

A QUALITY GIFT FOR ME

GBM 6'1, 190, br/haz, 40ish, discrete, hairy, masculine, professional, well educated & traveled in search of a sincere, sensitive, attractive professional GM, 30-50, non-smoker, drug-free, enjoying cultural arts, dining out & romantic evenings at home, surprises. Not into bar scene, lets get together & talk. Ad 25316

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GWM, 26, 5'9, 145, HIV+, shoulder length black hair, green eyes, med build, attractive & masculine. Likes C&W music, camping, hiking & movies. Non-smoker, casual drinker, don't tolerate drunks or drugs of any kind. Looking for an attractive masculine GWM, 20-30 for very honest, sincere monogamous relationship. If you have similar interest & meet my requirements, please respond to ad #25335.

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BEAUMONT

Professional GWM, 38, 5'9, 165, masculine, good body, drug & tobacco free, HIV-, wants to meet similar MEN 30-40 who are intelligent, masculine, well-built, & healthy for friendship & possible relationship. My interests include classical music, working out, cooking, travel, outdoor activities. Ad 25066

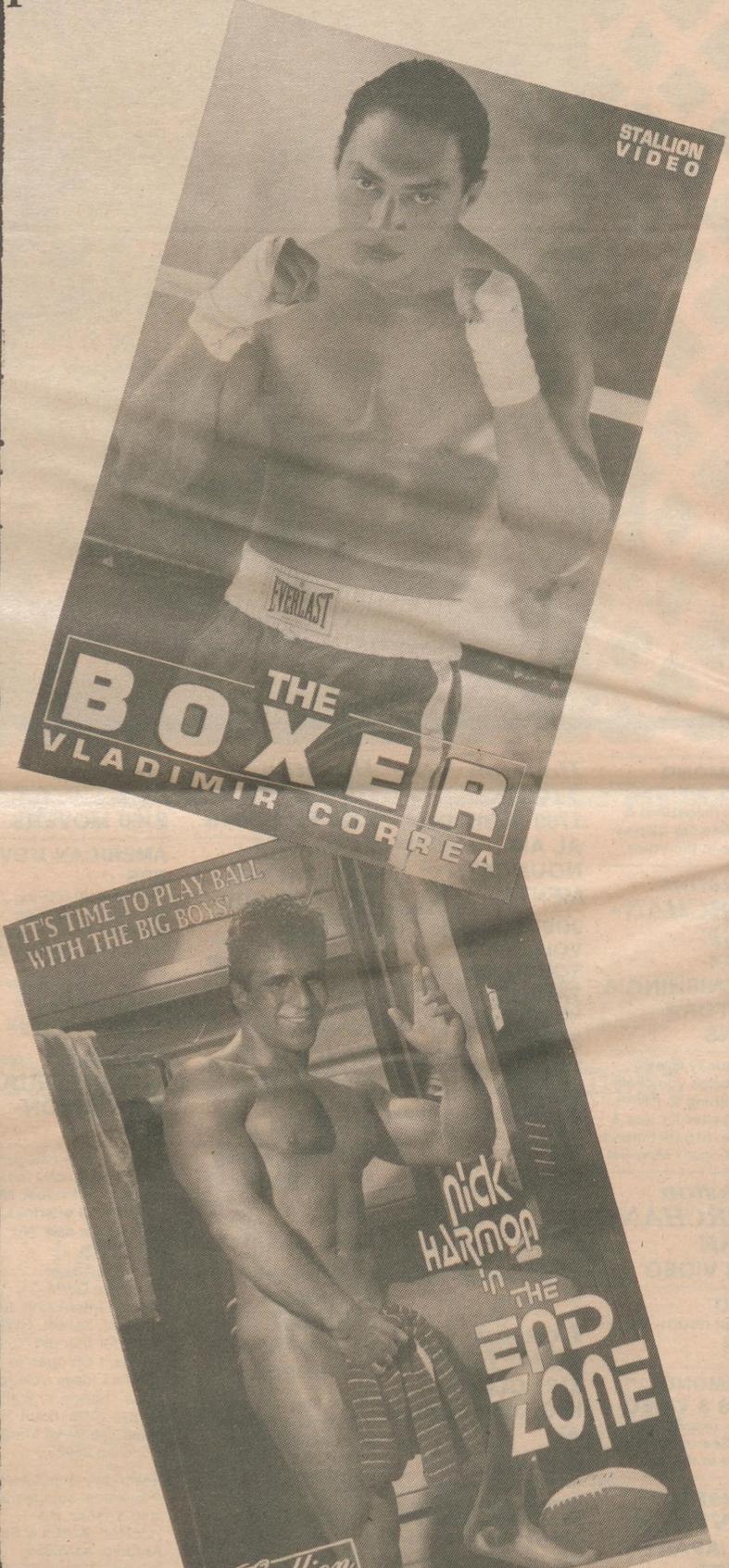
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COME ON!

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CUTE ROMANTIC SOFT BUTCH

GWF, 40-plus, blonde,

brown eyes, cute professional, mature & stable & believe in honesty, trust & communication. Have great sense of humor & am incurable romantic. Don't smoke, drugs or drink & enjoy outdoors as well as indoor activities. Looking for new adventures to share with new friends or partner. Ad 25225

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GAY ASIAN MALE

Age 40, needs good friends for fun & possible relationship. Love movies, cooking & eating out. Needs lots of T.L.C. Please reply to ad #25394.

GBM & GWM

GWM, 46, very tall, thin, very hairy, HIV-, seeks GBM or GWM. You: 25-40, smooth, weight in proportion to height, HIV-, non-smoker, drug-free, interested in safe fun or something more. Ad 25380.

GET REAL

Me: GWM, 6'1 BIK/ Brown 250 lbs of Teddy Bear!, Semi-Hairy, 33 yrs old with black beard. My friends say I am nice looking. I do smoke, I do drink, I do go to the bars & I'm HIV+. I don't want to make love on the beach, have quiet times with someone special at home or go to movies. I want, You: 30-55yr old GWM or GHM who likes to be pleased in every way you can think of. Let's Party & have some fun & get real! Ad 25297.

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GWM SEEKING GHM

Me: 26, 6', br/ green, stocky build. I enjoy working, eating, laughing for no reason & cuddling up with a nice pair of fruit-of-the-looms!. Looking for GHM 20-35 with traditional values, but also able to drive the loop in their underwear, butch at heart, a plus!. ad 25321

GWM, 40, 5'9, 145, br/ br

slim but very firm. Big moustache, big heart, responsible, sincere, stable. I enjoy music, anything from country to disco, also enjoy movies, opera, theater, the outdoors & quiet evenings at home. Looking for someone who is in good shape, 35-45 years old, good sense of humor. Ad 25956

GWM, TOP SEEKS BOTTOM

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HAIRY CHESTED, MOUSTACHED GW MEN WANTED

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HANDSOME GWM PROFESSIONAL:

42/ 5'11/ 170 lbs/ salt & pepper hair/ blue eyes/ degree/ professional/ masculine. Interests: travel, working out, collecting antiques, writing, self-improvement, dining out. Good Listener. Great conversationalist! Seeking significant relationship with good-looking GM of similar or intriguing qualities. Could this be THE one for you? Let's get together & find out! Ad 25237

HEY, CAN WE TALK SERIOUSLY?

GWM, 31, 6', 180, B/BR, hairy chest, attractive, seeks GWM, GHM boy-next-door type, 21-30, slim, smooth, stable & attractive. I have varied interests & enjoy life. Need a special person to share it with. Need someone open, honest & not into games. ad 25314.

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I am GWM, 6', 155, HIV pos, & smoker. I'm looking for more than one nighters a lover. I'd like someone similar: independent, intelligent & honest, who wants companionship/ romance. We can share meals, time at home & some travel. Ad #25391.

INTERESTING
GWM, 21, seeks same 18-30 for friends first, who knows next. Must be mature, loving, but fun & honesty & trust is a definite plus. Are you that special one out there. Well let me know. There is no greater bond than the one of love, & friendship is part of the bond that holds that together. Ad 25929

LET'S MEET!
GWM, 39, br/blu, 6'2, moustache & beefy, looking to spend quality time with hot men 21-41, HIV status irrelevant, but must be healthy. Prefer non-smoker, non-pet. I am all the animal you can handle. Please respond to ad 25222

LISTEN UP NOW
Seek handsome GWM with a nice body, dark hair, 5:00 shadow, unclipped thick curly

dark chest & stomach hair, employed, easy going, healthy yet HIV+, kinky, into leather, masculine, & not looking for a meaningful, monogamous relationship, or walks on the beach or quiet quality times alone. Do not respond if you don't have all of above traits. Ad 25318

LONG MAGICAL WAND
I want a man with heart, brains & a creative imagination; someone aware, awake & a little wild. I am 39, 5'10, 165, HIV-, handsome, muscular, learning & growing. I want to share life, love, laughs & my long magical wand with one fine man. Please respond now. Ad #25392

LOOKING FOR A TEDDY BARE?
GWF 42, 5'9, heavy set, carry weight well, bluish grey eyes, salt & pepper hair, soft butch, romantic, passionate, good sex appetite, quiet evenings, soft music, candles, incense, reading, pets, outdoor activities, photography. Love to love women. Ad# 25389.

LOOKING FOR GWF-F 40-50 YEARS,
who knows that pines whisper & gossip. Likes to hear the critters sing the sun to sleep each night. Likes to see dawn flirting across the sky & thru the trees. Knows that showers wash away soil & 1 but not the love of soulmates or nature. ad 25305

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MARRIAGE MINDED
Attractive GWM, 21, 5'8, br/br, slim swimmers build, clean cut, HIV-, Ital/Spanish Amer., seeking GWM or GHM, 21-40 for a truly monogamous relationship that can last forever. I have a lot of love to give & want someone I can love & trust forever. Someone special who believes in a two-way commitment. Serious replies only. Ad 25372

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

MARRIED W/BI MAN
I am a married professional man seeking same. I am in the closet & so are you. I am 37, 5'11, 160, br/grey. You: red hair (not a must) married, white closeted man, 21-40 discretion a must. Small tool, no problem. Enjoy golf, hunting, hiking, camping, reading, cooking, relaxing & nude swimming. Beaumont is better, but come to Houston once or twice a month, prefer non-smoker/drugs, weight in proportion to height. I am HIV- & serious about safe sex. Ad 25300

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I am a middle-aged professional, sensitive, caring & decent. seek that young, healthy, clean cut Boy-next-door type for friendship/relationship & more. Not attracted to men my own age, but can be a great companion to someone younger. I love touching, eating out, movies, quiet

evenings at home. If you are a quality young person seeking a quality older guy, please reply, I'll give a quick response. Ad 25105

ROMANTIC GHM, 34
br/br 6'1, 170-175, attractive, workout, smoker, social drinker, professional. Enjoy quality time with special person. Seeking GWM, 18-35, attractive, weight in proportion to height, honest, sincere, tired of the games, for friendship and/or possible relationship. Ad 25971

ROMANTIC SEEKING SPECIAL LADY
GWF, 37, sincere, mature, stable, not into head games or role playing. Looking to meet similar lady for dating and/ or lifemate. Age or weight not a factor. ad #25329.

SEEK SLIM, FEMININE T.S., HIV-
I am Bi-WM 5'10, 160, smooth body, HIV-, non-smoker/ drugs, workout, great pecks. Ad 25322

SEEK TV OR SMOOTH-BODY GUY
Have 2 jobs, a wife, little time. Bar-hating MWM, 5'4, 130, 41, nice average-looking. Interests: French (69 or unrecipitated). No Greek. Am very stable, together, discrete, health conscious, professional. Couples OK (M/M or M/F). Must be dependable weekends, drag, disease-free. Could be generous to right party. Ad 25088

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GBM, 36 complex, honest man seeks young GWM with a spirit of adventure to share my interests. I've searched long enough, let's get together. Ad 25236.

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PROFESSIONAL BUT CASUAL

Friendly nice looking GWM, 32, 5'9 1/2, Br/Br, moustache, hairy chest, non-smoker, HIV-. Seeking relationship oriented GWM, 26-36, med-build who enjoys movies, dining out & good conversation. Friendship or romance could result. Ad 25326

SEEKS TRUE LASTING RELATIONSHIP

Asian Indian male, mid 30's, (looks young), 5'7, 132, educated, professional, well mannered. Seeks masculine top refined Black Male of compatible background & vision. interested in committed companionship & different cultural outlook. Interests include travel, cultures, reading & of course, Romantic Rendezvous. Please respond. Ad 25307

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Southeast metro: LaPorte/ Baytown area. Gay Anglo male, 49, 6'5, 220, honest, friendly & sincere. Have wide variety of interests but loves outdoors, horseback riding, working cattle, country music & dancing. Looking for younger, Anglo male, slim or trim smooth or hairy, masculine yet

somewhat submissive, for friendship or more. Ad 25369

WANT TO PLAY?

I seek men of varied sexual interests but I am particularly interested in those who enjoy being of service. I am 42, 5'9 1/2, hairy, Italian, assertive. Ad 25134

WANTED GWM COMPANIONS

GWM seeks other GWM(s) for companionship & hopefully more. I am 5'7", average looks, shy but friendly & willing to develop a value-for-value relationship. You need only be easy-going, playful, open-minded & willing to meet in person, HIV neg. I like nudism, giving/getting sensuous body rubs & meaningful time spent together. Ad 25104

WHAT IS TRULY ESSENTIAL IN LIFE ...

is invisible to the eye. True vision is an element of heart & mind combined. A certain level of vulnerability must exist in order for one to fully embrace life. I'm a GHF, 5'2, 37, shy, soft butch who is an artist at heart. If your beauty glows from within you, we are destined to meet. Ad 25183

WHERE ARE YOU?

Where are you? I've been looking & I can't find you! I am a GHM, 23, HIV-, attractive, well educated & a aggressive, stubborn, humorous, honest & dedicated to living life to the fullest. I enjoy the arts & long conversations. I'm looking for a GWM-GHM, 23-33 with similar traits, who is interested in becoming good friends or whatever comes after. AD#25333

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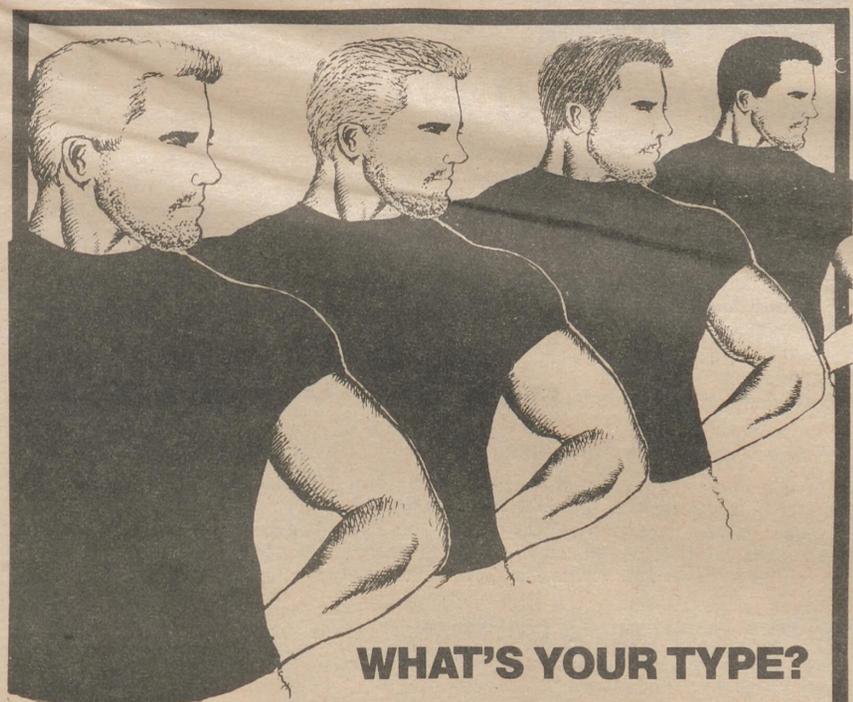
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Bail set at \$2 million for suspect in Minnesota gay killings

MINNEAPOLIS, Thursday, Feb. 27 (AP)—Bail was set Thursday at \$2 million for a man accused of killing two gay men and writing in a journal that he wanted to be one of the nation's best-known serial killers.

Jay Thomas Johnson was described as "extremely dangerous" by Assistant Hennepin County Attorney Pete Connors, who requested the high bail.

Public defender Scott Holdahl argued for a lower bail and noted that Johnson is under a doctor's care.

But Judge Ann Montgomery agreed to

the higher bail and set Johnson's next court appearance for March 12. Connors said the case would go to a grand jury.

It was the first court appearance for the 24-year-old former Bethel College student, who was charged Wednesday with first-degree murder in the deaths last summer of Joel Larson and former state senator John Chenoweth.

Larson, 21, of Minneapolis, was killed July 31 in Loring Park. Larson formerly lived in Urbandale, Iowa. Chenoweth, 48, of Minneapolis, was slain on a secluded Mississippi River beach Aug. 10.

A second man, Cord Draszt, 19, of

Coon Rapids, was wounded in the Chenoweth shooting. Johnson is charged with attempted first-degree murder in Draszt's shooting.

The complaint said forensic tests indicated all three men were shot with a .38-caliber pistol found in a briefcase in Johnson's car.

Johnson's journals, entries of which appeared in a criminal complaint filed Wednesday, contained his reflections on learning he had the HIV virus, which causes AIDS.

"In these moments I knew what I had to do," Johnson wrote, according to the

complaint. "My dream of committing homicide on a large scale and entering the ranks of the nation's most notorious serial killers, ambition which had grown as dormant as the AIDS virus now in my cells, were now reawakened. They had found a new sense of urgency.

"I fully intend to expedite a number of souls on their journey to the gates of heaven or the dungeons of hell"

Police would not confirm that Johnson had the HIV virus.

The journals were found in a search of Johnson's Roseville rooming house, the complaint said.

AIDS activists invite New York state legislators to visit programs

By DAVID BAUDER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

ALBANY, N.Y., Tuesday, Feb. 25 (AP)—Several hundred activists invited state legislators to visit organizations that help AIDS victims in hopes that lawmakers would increase state funding to aid those with the disease.

The New York AIDS Coalition asked the state Legislature on Monday to add \$30 million in funding to the \$370 mil-

lion Gov. Mario Cuomo has budgeted for the fiscal year beginning April 1 to treat people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome or the HIV virus.

More than a third of that money, or \$10.5 million, should go to community organizations that offer counseling or other services, the coalition said.

The \$21 million budgeted for these organizations hasn't been raised since 1990, even though some groups have

seen caseloads double in that time, said Jeffrey Reynolds, spokesperson for the Long Island Association for AIDS Care.

"In our eyes, that's inadequate," Reynolds said.

The activists, many of them from New York City, stopped by legislators' offices and invited them to visit community service organizations in their districts.

Although they've been critical of

Cuomo, activists have largely targeted the Republicans who control the state Senate in protests about state services for people with AIDS.

On Monday, security guards asked people to show legislative IDs before entering the hallway outside the Senate chamber. Two years ago, the activists ACT UP disrupted a Senate session with a noisy demonstration.

Judge dismisses discrimination suit over Cole Porter play

By PAUL GEITNER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Thursday, Feb. 27 (AP)—Certain things can't go in Cole Porter's "Anything Goes."

U.S. District Judge Louis Freeh on Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit by the producer of a gay version of the musical who wanted to cast a man in the role made famous by Ethel Merman on Broadway.

Producer Donald Shea had accused

Tams-Witmark Music Library, which holds the licensing rights to the 1934 musical, of discriminating against homosexuals in refusing to license his version.

But the judge ruled that Shea failed to substantiate his claim under New York civil rights law.

"It's one for the homophobes," Shea's lawyer, Raoul Felder, said of the ruling.

Shea produced a version of the play, with Merman's character of Reno

Sweeney played by a man, at the Dallas Alliance Theater in Texas last year.

But, according to Shea's lawsuit, when he sought to renew his licensing agreement so he could take the musical on a national tour, Tams-Witmark refused because men had played Reno and other characters in the Dallas production.

Reno's sex is never specified in the musical's text, but the evangelist-turned-nightclub singer falls in love with a

man.

Sargent Arborn, a Tams-Witmark vice president, said he was pleased with the ruling. He refused further comment.

Felder said Tams-Witmark's position was ironic, given Porter's homosexuality. He said he will appeal.

"It's hard to believe that these people allegedly protecting the literary estate of Cole Porter have not taken into account his own sensibilities," he said. "It's really not acceptable in 1992."

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