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Surgeon General: Gays and lesbians have 'major role' in health care reform

By S. JAE ARKEEN
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

For the first time in history, the U.S. Surgeon General addressed a national gathering of lesbian and gay health-care providers, offering praise for innovative work and pleading for help.

The 16th National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and 12th Annual AIDS/HIV Forum wrapped up June 25 in New York City. The history-making keynote address by Dr. Joycelyn Elders was among the highlights of the conference, which drew as many as 1000 participants.

The gay and lesbian community has become "the nation's example of prevention and outreach" since the AIDS epidemic hit more than a decade ago, Dr. Elders told those attending the event, sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and the George Washington University Medical Center.

In a complimentary speech

that left hundreds of cheering participants on their feet, Elders called the group's role "critical" because, she said, the United States is "at an important crossroads."

"We are coming upon a time when we are dealing not just with issues of sexual orientation but of issues related to many of our young people," Elders said. "Issues of life and death, rights and the lack thereof; issues of power and powerlessness."

"I came from Arkansas. I know a lot about power and powerlessness. And I know that you know," she said, "power is never given...it must be taken away."

Elders, the top adviser to the president on national health issues who is known for her sharp tongue, had some harsh words for right wing religious groups that in recent years have fought against civil rights for gays and lesbians from coast to coast.

We are living in a time when many groups choose or want to sit

on God's judgment seat and decide who, what, when and where," Elders said. "But we all know that no man is good enough, nor do they know enough, nor do they love enough to make decisions for other people. We've got to make sure we don't let that happen."

She challenged gay people everywhere to "let those ministers know it's not good enough to moralize from the pulpit and preach to the choir." The nation's churches have great power and prestige, she said, "and we've got to use it."

Citing a recent study of gay male youth that shows 14 percent are HIV-positive, Elders said she is worried about the toll AIDS and other societal pressures are taking on today's gay youth.

"This is a tragedy," she said. "We cannot reach the most valuable resource in our society and we've got to find a way. There is higher rate of suicide (among gay teens) because of how society has treated these bright young people because of their

sexual orientation."

"Be strong enough," Elders said, "to stand up against those people out there who are selling our children in the name of religion."

Elders urged prevention and education.

"We've got to teach our young people early on how to protect their health," she said. "They get 15,000 hours of television; 11,000 hours of reading, writing and arithmetic; and 44 hours of health education. What good is reading, writing and arithmetic if you're not emotionally, physically or psychologically fit?"

The witty, former Arkansas health commissioner, widely criticized by conservatives who have accused her of promoting sex among young people, countered: "Nobody has to teach us how to have sex. God teaches us how to have sex. We need to be taught responsibility and how to make decisions."

Elders came to the conference to tout President Clin-

ton's health care reform package, calling the current, \$940 billion system "a sick care system" that had become "the sorriest delivery system in the world" despite having the world's best nurses, doctors, hospitals and research.

"Ninety-nine point one percent of all health care dollars is spent on taking care of people who are sick and not on trying to keep people well and healthy," she said, adding that 50 percent of all premature deaths are preventable. "We don't educate our young people early enough so that they change their behaviors."

"We've been doing too little, too late," she said.

The United States spends \$23 million an hour on defense and \$8.7 million an hour on bailing out Savings and Loans—but only \$1.3 million an hour on health care and our children, Elders said. "We pay for everything else we want," she said, "We can pay for health care."

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Theater's closing draws early curtain on two shows

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

The abrupt closing last week of the Westheimer ArtBar and Theater left two productions geared to a gay and lesbian audience searching for an alternate home, and once again raised doubts as to whether there will ever be a successful live theater space in the Montrose area.

Nicholas Vastakis, who operated the tiny theater-bar combination in the Charlie's Coffee Shop building, said the building's owners decided to convert the space into a bar because they felt the theater was not profitable.

It is the second time the theater, originally called West-Mon Repertory, has had to drop the curtain for monetary reasons. Vastakis said the original effort shut down because his former partner was unable to pay the bills.

This time, he said, "I thought everything was going good...I was meeting the goals I had set (for the theater)." However, he said, the owners received what they considered a more attractive offer, "and they said, 'go for it.' And I was out."

"It came down to economics...there are no bitter

feelings," Vastakis said. "Of course, I was disappointed."

Vastakis said he was not leasing the space and had only a casual, verbal contract with the owners. Albert Callas, owner of Charlie's, was unavailable for comment at our press deadline.

The ArtBar had been renting its theater to production companies to mount their own, independent productions. In July, The Group (Theatre Workshop) had been scheduled to open its popular Lesbian/Gay Pride Week production "Closets: A Stone-wall Celebration," for a four-weekend run.

Instead, "Closets" will have a single encore performance, at Stages Repertory Theatre, where the show had its premiere. The final performance of the show, created and performed by local, gay and lesbian writers and actors, is scheduled for Friday, July 29 at 8:00 p.m.

"I found out about (the theater closing) last Thursday," said Joe Watts, The Group's director. "Closets" was to open this Friday night.

Watts said he planned to take no action regarding the cancellation of his contract with the theater. "At this point, it would have been

impossible to predict how many people would have come to see the show, anyway," he explained. "If it were a situation where we already had advance reservations, it would be different. But we hadn't sold anything in advance."

"I really don't care...or I care, I just don't have time for (a dispute). I don't want to get involved," Watts said.

However, the producers of another show that had been booked in July have indicated that they are considering legal action against the facility's owner. Daniel Dyer said he signed a contract to present his one-man show, "Divine...Portrait of a Sex Goddess" at the Art Bar starting July 8, and that the show's producer, Dan Poston Jr., was considering filing a lawsuit.

Vaughn Monroe, the "Divine" show's creator and writer, said the production would be moved, probably to the Tower Theater.

Vastakis said the ordeal has not soured him on the idea of live theater in Montrose. "If I ever do open another theater it will definitely be in the Montrose area," he said. "I had some of the best experiences in my life in that space...I got to work with Edward Albee there," he said.

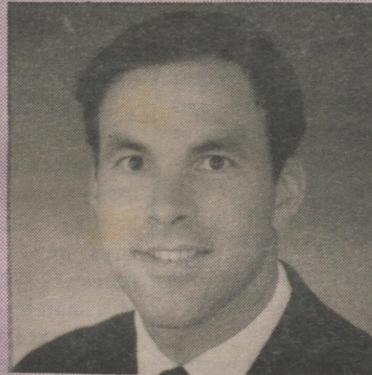
Rights bill gathering diverse support in Congress, community

From STAFF and WIRE REPORTS

(Washington, D.C.)—A bill that would prohibit job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation has gained an impressive showing of bipartisan support from members of congress—and the seemingly unprecedented approval from diverse groups is mirrored in the gay/lesbian and civil rights community.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would provide equal rights in the workplace for lesbians and gay men, won 30 sponsors in the Senate and 112 in the House soon after the bill's introduction on June 23.

The original Senate sponsors of the bill are Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sen. John Chafee (R-R.I.). In the House, original co-sponsors include Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.); Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) and Rep. Constance Morella (R-Md.). They have been joined by representatives and senators from 30 states, Guam and the District of Columbia. (Sponsoring the bill from Texas are Reps. Craig Washington of Houston and Henry Gonzales of San Antonio). No civil rights bill covering gay and lesbian Americans has enjoyed such broad-based initial support.



Log Cabin director Rich Tafel: "There has never been a bill like this before."

However, even within the community, previous attempts to introduce civil rights legislation protecting lesbians and gay men against discrimination have gotten a cool reception from many Republicans. The ENDA, which was drafted with extensive bipartisan input and differs from previous "gay rights bills" in several key ways, has

been endorsed by Log Cabin Republicans, the nation's largest gay GOP organization.

Log Cabin national director Rich Tafel, in a press statement encouraging support for the bill, said traditionally conservative groups are supporting the ENDA because of its provisions prohibiting "quotas" and exempting small businesses and religious organizations, and because it does not require employers to provide domestic partner benefits.

"We are confident that this is a bill the Republicans can support," Tafel said. "There has never been a bill like this before, and all of the data shows that it reflects the values and concerns of an overwhelming majority of Americans who believe that merit should be the sole basis for hiring."

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Gay HPD recruit who called anonymously told 'We don't hire queers'

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Houston Voice Editor

John Doherty was seeking a career change and a challenge when he enrolled in a police academy, convinced he had chosen a profession in which he could also meet his desire to serve the public well-being and be proud. Today, Doherty (not his real name), a tall, burly man with expressive eyes and reserved manners, is certified as a peace officer in the state of Texas. He is also a high ranking, promising recruit for the Houston Police Department, who has already cleared most of the steps in the rigorous selection process.

"I've already passed the exams and taken the physical. I'm up for selection," he explained.

However, Doherty now knows that in spite of his commitment and his qualifications—and in spite of recent assurances from the department and community leaders that recruits are no longer asked questions regarding their sexual orientation—he will have to walk a very fine line if he is accepted into the department.

Doherty, who is gay, made an anonymous phone call to a sergeant in recruiting a few weeks ago to tell his story, just to see what the response would be.

That response, he says, "Stunned me."

"I had called some time back, several months ago, before I went through the process," he said. "The sergeant I talked to that time was, I'd say a lot more careful with the choice of words."

"This time, when I called, after I explained the scenario... the sergeant who answered just said, point blank: 'We don't hire queers.' And he hung up."

The insult angered him to an extent that he could not simply ignore, and Doherty said he then made a few more calls.

First, he spoke with gay activist Ray Hill, who he said told him some things he was unaware of regarding some police officers' treatment of gay and lesbian people in the Montrose area in recent months, including:

—Four men who claim they had broken

no laws were arrested last week as they walked in the Westheimer area dressed in drag. The men claimed they were picked up by police officers wearing ski masks and were falsely charged with hitchhiking. They said they were later told they could be held in jail indefinitely if they did not plead guilty to the charges.

—Mike Stubblefield, president of the Alternative Broadcasting Service gay television collective, claims he called police two weeks ago to report assaults by a group of youths on pedestrians in the Pacific Street bar district. The officers refused to take a written report, he said.

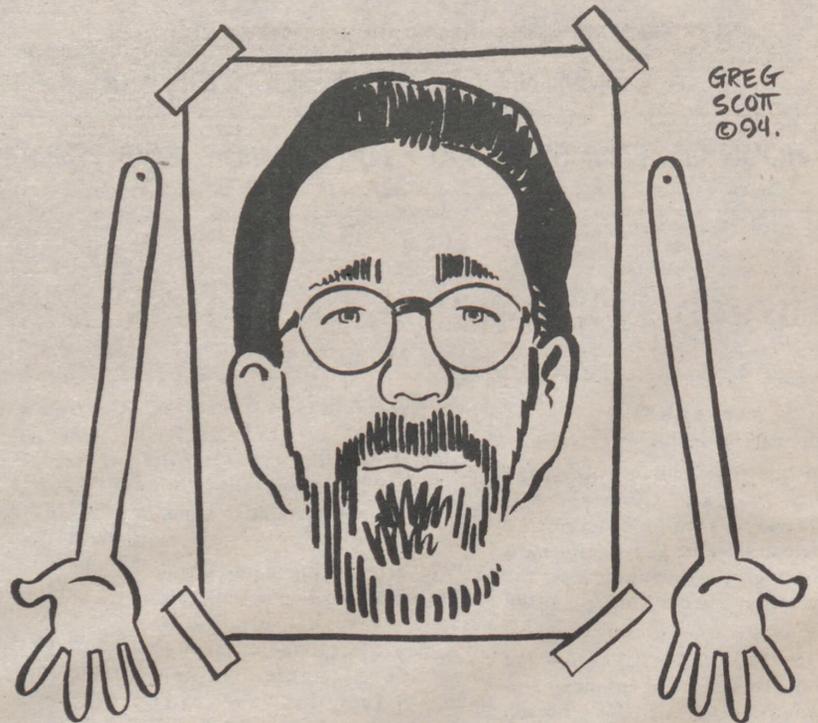
After Hill told him of instances in which incident reports on two anti-gay assaults could not be located in the police computer—even though those assaults had been reported in the media—Doherty said he was even more disturbed by the picture of a community, his own, not being treated equitably by its police department. He said he decided to join Hill in protesting proposed tax increases to be used for the police department, unless HPD improves the way it treats gay and lesbian citizens...and opens up its policy on hiring of openly gay officers.

Doherty said he called the offices of two Houston City Council members, Joe Roach and Sheila Jackson Lee, to complain about the tax proposal and explain his position. The spokespersons were "diplomatically vague," he said.

However, he said, he is encouraging others to speak up. Doherty said he believes the political pressure could lead to significant changes. "I just think the police department of a city has a responsibility to be fair to all of its citizens," he said. "I believe most (police officers) are not bigoted, There are many who are." It will take time, and the efforts of those who do not agree with the old-line, prejudices to change things, he said.

The time for change, however, is coming, according to Doherty, who says he knows several other gay recruits. "The department has been in a major recruiting drive," he said. "There are lot of people like myself waiting to get in."

Houston Spotlight



MICHAEL PERANTEAU

While funding for the arts was coming under increasing attack by self-appointed guardians of the public morality at the turn of the decade, Michael Peranteau stirred up the generally peaceful ranks of Houston artists to the rally cry, "Don't GAG the arts!" as a founding member of GAG, an anti-censorship artists action group. Peranteau is best known in the city's arts circles as the openly gay and openly gutsy long-time co-director and present executive director of DiverseWorks, a local alternative art and performance space whose

special projects include an annual gay and lesbian film and performance series, and regular exhibitions by gay and lesbian artists and performers. Peranteau is also a well-known and respected member of Houston's art community in his own right. He serves on the board of the Cultural Arts Council of Houston, and on several panels of the National Endowment for the Arts; he was a founding member of Houston Art Against AIDS, the Texas Performance Network and the Houston Coalition for the Visual Arts.

Gay partners of NY state workers would get benefits under Cuomo plan

ALBANY, N.Y., Wednesday, June 29 (AP)—New York would become the second state to provide health benefits to the partners of homosexual state workers under a plan announced by Gov. Mario Cuomo.

Cuomo made the announcement Tuesday at a reception commemorating the 1969 Stonewall riots at a New York City gay bar, considered the beginning of the gay rights movement.

"We hope to be offering health coverage to domestic partners by the first of the year," said Cuomo, who is running for a fourth term.

State officials did not know how many people would be eligible or how much the plan would cost. Details must be negotiated with unions representing 162,000 state workers.

New York would become the second state, after Vermont, to offer homosexual partners the same benefits as spouses of state workers, said Dick Dadey of the Empire State Pride Agenda, a statewide gay lobby.

"It sends a message to the citizens of the state that lesbian and gay relationships should be increasingly recognized by government, by companies and by society," Dadey said. "We're way ahead of the curve."

Gay rights bill' concentrating on employment has broad support

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Coretta Scott King, widow of the late civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King, spoke at a press conference at the bill's introduction. She highlighted the commitment of the civil rights community to equal rights for gay Americans, "who have worked as hard as any other group, paid their taxes like everyone else, and yet have been denied equal protection under the law." She was joined by Ralph Neas, head

of the nation's leading civil rights coalition, who committed his organization to championing the bill through Congress. The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights includes 185 organizations representing minorities, women, persons with disabilities, labor, older Americans, and major religious groups, and has helped pass every major civil rights law in the past century.

The bill's introduction comes at a time when national

surveys are uncovering a mixed bag of experiences for gay men and lesbians in the work place. While a steadily increasing number of corporations are adopting non-discrimination policies, stories of blatant discrimination are still widespread.

Currently, no federal law protects people from being refused work, fired, demoted or otherwise discriminated against on the job because of their sexual orientation.

National polls show that 76

percent of Americans support equal employment rights for gay people, according to the national organization Human Rights Campaign Fund. Most Americans, however, do not realize that anti-gay job discrimination is still legal and widespread.

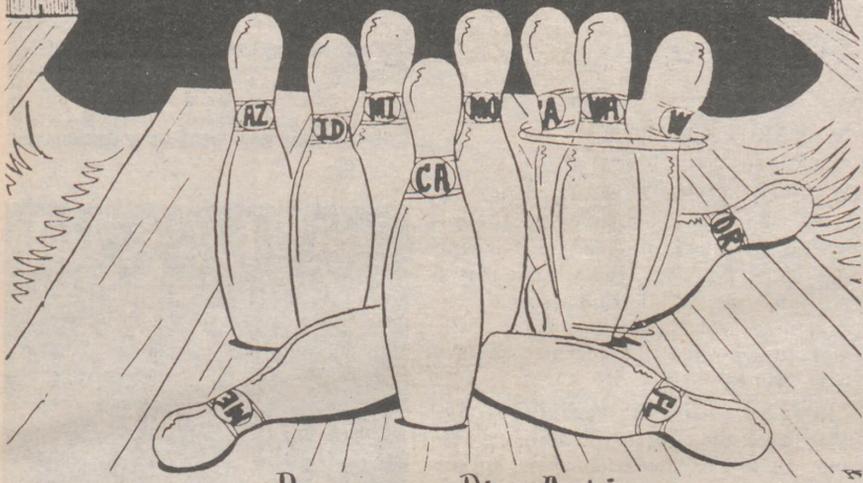
HRCF is collecting personal stories of discrimination in the first nationwide project ever to document job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Individual cases will be made

available to the news media and presented to Congress during hearings on the non-discrimination act.

(Readers with stories they wish to be documented are encouraged to contact the Human Rights Campaign Fund at 202-628-4160. Individuals may call Congress at 202-224-3121 to urge their Senators or Representatives to co-sponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act—bill number S.2238 in the Senate and H.R. 4636 in the House).

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OPINION

'Have we learned or accomplished anything in 25 years?'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From RAY HILL

Houston, Texas

In June of 1969, at a bar very much like the Atrium with a similar clientele, a police raid resulted in the rebellion that we celebrate each year as Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. Many of us with enough resources just returned from an international march to commemorate that rebellion's twenty-fifth anniversary. The event was billed and promoted as the internationalization of our movement. Presumably the entire world can join the gay and lesbian movement in the United States in the spirit of courage and commitment illustrated by the brave gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transpeople who fought the cops on Christopher Street those who rebelled at Stonewall could ill afford to attend the events in New York. Even those of similar age and occupation living in New York now were left out of the planning and not welcome at the events.

Just before we left for New York a band of three skinhead types prowled the 600 through 900 blocks of Pacific Street attacking everyone they

could isolate. Those seeing them coming ducked into cars and businesses to avoid contact. Only Mike Stubblefield called the police. When the police came (40 minutes later) no report was taken. In fact the offices refused to take a report.

While some of us were gone to New York to remember the Stonewall, the Avondale Association, including the gay and lesbian members thereof, began a major push to close the Atrium. The Stonewall has been reopened after 25 years; its Houston descendants of those who fought to protect the right for the Stonewall to exist in peace. One wonders who the enemy has become. Several of those who are working hard to close the Atrium were honored at this year's pride week parade. Others active in trying to close the Atrium were busy last month trying to organize the celebration of HouStonewall 25, our local pride week events. I do not think I would actively organize events commemorating the rebellion to protect places similar to those I am actively trying to close now. It certainly seems hypocritical to bask in honors while trying to accomplish the same ends sought by the New York Police in 1969.

'Voice Mail...' comments from our readers (and we thank you, too!)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From DEL FULLEN, ATTORNEY AT LAW

Houston, Texas

As chair of the 5th Annual Pet Patrol benefit which was recently held at the Black Labrador Restaurant and on behalf of the Pet Patrol I would like to express our deepest appreciation to all of 450 people who recently attended our function. The Rockets final game could not keep our community from turning out to make this benefit the most successful one in the history of the Pet Patrol. Due to the hard work of my Co-Chairs, Randy Lamb and Donna Sullivan we were able to raise over \$13,000 for our benefit.

The coverage from the Houston Voice was an important part of the success of our benefit. From the coverage from Carolyn Larson both before and after the benefit to the general story information you provided, your publication once again showed its importance to the gay community by providing an outlet for AIDS Related Charities to

get the word to our community about fund raising efforts.

If there is one entity to thank it is your publication and the members of our community it reaches. You provide one of the most vital information services in Houston and we at the Pet Patrol urge all of our beneficiaries to support the Houston Voice not only with its readership but with its advertising dollars.

Thank you from all of your two-legged and four-legged friends at the Pet Patrol.

Thanks from PIM

From RICHARD SILVERMAN, M.D.
Houston, Texas

On behalf of People in Medicine/Houston Physicians for Human Rights, I would like to thank Sheri Cohen Darbonne and the Houston Voice for the article you ran about our organization on April 29, 1994. The board of directors were pleased that you succinctly portrayed us, our goals and its relevance to the community.

We have had some positive feedback

from the community and hope our self promotion will garner both new members and recognition as a service and educational organization.

We welcome members of Houston Voice at any future meetings. We look forward listing ourselves in your community directory should that develop in your paper. Thank you for the kind words.

More Thanks

From SERGIO

'The boy from Buenos Aires'

I liked Leonard Earl Johnson's column "Yours Truly in a Swamp/Sweet Spring, the boy from Buenos Aires." I am that boy.

I loved some things as changed from the way things happened. You really showed me much better of what I am. I think, than I do. Thank you.

I am sending you a poem that I had read a few days after I came back from the United States and it reminds me of the trip which was the longest and farthest I've ever done (New Orleans, Washington, New

York City, and Costa Rica).

I am studying at UBA (University of Buenos Aires) which is the best university in Argentina. No American students believed me when I told them that UBA is absolutely free.

Give Vidor a Break

From TIM CAMPBELL

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Being a native of Beaumont and a fairly avant guard faggot myself, I was delighted when I first read in the Voice that the Lesbian Avengers planned to eat fire in Vidor. After reading the follow-up story in the most recent issue of the Voice, however, I felt the Avengers' stop in Vidor was too vaguely substantiated to generate only good will.

Picking on Vidor just because it is regularly the brunt of East Texas humor may have been in bad taste. Queers are the brunt of unfair jokes too often ourselves. Seems we might have some sympathy with poor Vidor. Why, some of the best hustlers in Texas come out of there! Even Janis Joplin had some of her best times there! Give Vidor a break!

Jury selection begins in Tyler hate slaying

KERRVILLE, Texas, Thursday, June 30 (AP)—A pool of more than 450 jurors has been selected in the capital murder trial of a man who has admitted killing a Tyler medical clerk because he was gay.

State District Judge Joe D. Clayton said he and attorneys would spend today and Friday going through the pool qualifying potential panelists and giving questionnaires to those who make the first cut.

Selection of the prospective panel was completed Wednesday.

Individual questioning of potential jurors is scheduled to begin next

Wednesday in the trial of Donald Aldrich, 29.

Aldrich was identified as the ring-leader of a loose-knit gang of more than a dozen people suspected in a string of burglaries, drive-by shootings, robberies, carjackings and arson in the Tyler area.

Also charged with capital murder are David Ray McMillan, 19; and Henry Dunn, Jr., 19. The three men and others met after talking on CB radio.

In a videotaped confession that surprised Smith County sheriff's department, the three men not only admitted killing Nick West last Nov.

30, but boasted of it, saying they frequently sought out homosexuals to rob and beat up.

West's bullet-riddled, half-naked body was found about 10 miles outside Tyler.

In their statements, the defendants said they were out gay-bashing when they came across West at Bergfield Park, a few blocks south of downtown Tyler. The Park was known as an after-dark meeting place for homosexuals.

They said they took West to a gravel pit about 10 miles southwest of Tyler, where they shot him repeatedly with a shotgun and two .357-caliber Mag-

num revolvers. More than two dozen entrance and exit wounds were found on his body.

The trial was moved from Tyler because of news coverage.

The arrests and confessions drew hundreds of gay rights supporters from Texas and neighboring states to Tyler in January for a rally in support of gay rights and in support of police for acknowledging West's killing as a hate crime.

District Attorney Jack Skeen is seeking the death penalty for all three defendants, who have pleaded innocent and will be tried separately.

Miss Camp America hosting glittery Pre-Pageant Party at the Tower

QUICK NOTES

This Saturday, the Miss Camp America Foundation Inc. is inviting all of its friends and supporters to don their rhinestones and glittery garb for a star-studded pre-pageant preview party at the Montrose area's historic Tower Theater, 1201 Westheimer.

"Rhinestones and Studs: The Pre-Pageant Party" may be one of the last events to grace the Tower. The land at the corner of Westheimer (at Yoakum) that the theater has dominated for decades is for sale.

The Pre-Pageant Party will feature a silent auction of jewelry, art and other merchandise. Representatives said that over 100 items have been donated for the event.

Scheduled entertainers include David Pace, Mr. Gay All America; Chris Graham, Mr. Gulf Coast, and the Whorehouse Girls. The Top Nine Contenders for Miss Camp America 1994 are also scheduled to appear.

The goal of the party is to raise funds for the Foundation's designated charities for 1994: Names Project Houston, the PWA Coalition of Houston, the Assistance Fund, the Colt 45's and the Pet Patrol. In addition to the auction and entertainment, a raffle for travel packages and other prizes will be held.

Miss Camp America Foundation Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, organizes the annual Miss Camp America pageant, a spoof of Miss America that raises funds for local charities. Tickets for the pageant will be available at the Pre-Pageant party, 7:00-11:00 p.m. Saturday, July 9 at the Tower.

Red Cross HIV/AIDS Education

A series of free one-hour presentations on the basic facts about HIV is scheduled to be held starting Thursday, July 21 at the Greater Houston Area Red Cross, 2700 Southwest Freeway at Kirby Drive.

"These presentations are for anyone who wants factually-based information on HIV infection, transmission and prevention," said Lynne Tyer, director of Red Cross HIV/AIDS education.

All presentations will from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., including those on August 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

A 30-minute video will be shown at each presentation, and there will be a brief lecture period with time for questions and answers. The latest statistics will be discussed and information on HIV testing will be provided. For more information, call (713) 526-8300.

AFH Names New Executive Director



MCA's "Pre-Pageant Party" is this weekend at the Tower

The board of trustees of AIDS Foundation Houston has announced that Sara Speer Selber has accepted the position of executive director for the Foundation, effective July 1. Selber is a native Houstonian who has just returned from Oklahoma City, where she was development director for Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma.

Her expertise lies in grant writing, training, financial development, public relations and administration. She has a Master of Arts degree from the University of Houston, and was co-owner of a development and training company.

She is a member of Leadership Oklahoma City, the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, Junior League and has served on many boards and committees. Selber married and has two children.

Community Meetings and Events:

The Houston chapter of the Rice University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association will have a dinner social Saturday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Spaghetti Warehouse, 901 Commerce at Travis. RSVP to Don Baker, (713) 523-0170.

GOAT SONG, a theater group, will hold auditions for "Last Splash," the production that will open the group's second season, this Saturday and Sunday, July 9-10 beginning at 2:00 each afternoon at Kuumba House Repertory Theatre, 3414 LaBranch (at Holman). "Last Splash," slated to open Aug. 19 at Kuumba House, is a look at Splash Day at Austin's Hippie Hollow, as seen through the eyes of local playwright Gary Laird ("The Doppler Effect;" "Christmas Present.") There are five speaking roles for males between the ages of early 20's to late 40's. One non-speaking role requiring nudity is also available for a male in his 20's. Actors are asked to bring a recent head shot to the auditions. For more information, contact John Tate, 850-0384.

Spielberg says schools must teach tolerance to youth

By MARCY GORDON
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, June 28 (AP)—Director Steven Spielberg, whose Oscar-winning movie "Schindler's List" has been seen by more than a million high school students in a special program, told senators that young people must be educated against hate crimes.

"Hatred exists not because people have never seen or heard of a Jew, or a Latino, or an African-American, or an Asian, or a Native American or a homosexual," Spielberg said at a hearing of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution. "It exists because people learn to hate."

"Hate is so ingrained. It's a tattoo that never comes out," he said.

The hearing on the 1990 Hate Crime Statistics Act took place as the FBI released a report of 7684 hate-crime incidents in the United States last year. Hate crimes are those that show evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnic origin.

According to the FBI report, there were 32 hate crimes reported in Maine in 1993. That included ten crimes against gay men; one against a Hispanic person; six against Jewish people; five against black people; one against an Indian; four against Asian people; one against a multi-racial person; and four against white people.

"Hate crimes infect and threaten our communities and the very fabric of our society," said Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine. "It is time we marshal all our resources to combat this debilitating, sometimes deadly phenomenon."

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., the subcommittee's chairperson, said the data indicate "there is a rising problem in our country" of hate crimes. "We still have a great deal of work to do," he said.

Spielberg testified that high school courses on intolerance should be required by states. At present, he said, education about the Holocaust and black slavery in the United States is required by only four states.

"Teaching and discussing empathy as part and parcel of history and current events is an imperative first step," he said.

"History has to cease being facts and figures, stories and sagas from long ago and far away about them or those. In order to learn from history, rather than just about history, students need to rediscover that those people were people just like us."

In addition to the Holocaust and slavery, Spielberg said, students should be taught about the struggles of American Indians, the internment of Asian-Americans during World War II, recently ended apartheid in South Africa, the ethnic conflicts in Bosnia, Rwanda and other areas, and violence against homosexuals.

Spielberg said he has worked with officials in 38 states to show "Schindler's List" in high schools free of charge. As a result, more than a million students have seen the film, a portrayal of the story of German businessperson Oskar Schindler, who rescued 1161 Jews from Nazi extermination.

The director said he also is working on a project to create "testimony" on videotape from some of the 350,000 living survivors of the Holocaust, which is to be donated to archives and memorials.

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Tennessee researcher says study should increase concern

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Wednesday, June 29 (AP)—A study showing that health care providers engage in riskier off-the-job behavior should increase public concern that they might be infected with the HIV virus, a researcher says.

The study, conducted in part by assistant professor Matthew Zagumny of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, assessed the behavior of 132 medical students both on and off the job.

It found that although medical students are careful when dealing with patients on the job, they are not as cautious when they go home.

"Our concern of health-care workers being infected with AIDS is to some degree justified," Zagumny said. "They don't seem to be exhibiting behaviors that are safe in their non-occupational settings."

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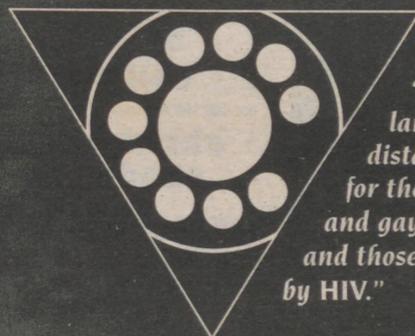
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Estranged husband sues for custody of unborn child in Washington

FRIDAY HARBOR, Wash., Thursday, June 30 (AP)—A woman trying to prevent a gay couple from adopting her 4-year-old son could lose custody of her daughter and an unborn child to her estranged husband.

A hearing is scheduled next Tuesday in San Juan County Superior Court on a move by Wade Lucas to require that his wife, Megan, 23, surrender custody of the child she is carrying as soon as she gives birth.

She "has a long and significant history of drug and alcohol abuse that remains both a threat to her own health and safety as well as that of her children," said Mary Symons, a social worker appointed by the court as a custody evaluator in the case.

Megan Lucas, due to give birth the third week of July, has been hospitalized twice after apparent suicide attempts, most recently for an overdose of four medications in April, Symons reported.

The overdose "put the child in significant jeopardy, and it is unknown whether there will be any medical repercussions for the child until after the birth," she added.

The latest development could further damage efforts by Megan Lucas to regain custody of her son, born before she was married, from a gay couple, Ross and Luis Lopton of Seattle, with whom he has been placed in foster care.

The Loptons and the Lucases have filed competing petitions to adopt the boy. The state Court of Appeals ruled in April that the Lucases could not be considered as adoptive parents because she had ceded her parental rights in September. That case is now on appeal to the state Supreme Court.

The Lucases' lawyer in the gay adoption case, Richard C. Kimberly, said

today the latest developments would have no bearing on the appeal but could have in impact if the issue is returned to Whatcom County Superior Court.

Morgan Witt of Mount Vernon, a lawyer for Megan Lucas in the more recent custody debate, said today she had been unable to provide much information for the social worker's investigation.

For more than a month, Megan Lucas has been on bed rest with relatives in Bellingham under doctors' orders, and lack of funds further hampered her ability to have her say in Symons' review, Witt said.

"I'm not happy with the results ... but, realistically speaking, it's pretty tough to challenge a court-appointed investigator's report," he said. "She is very competent and professional and pleasant to deal with."

Witt said Megan Lucas had raised the possibility that another man, whom he did not identify, might be the father of the unborn child—an issue that could affect the custody dispute between her and her estranged husband.

"I don't know how strong of a possibility that is," he said. "Paternity has not been legally established."

She has previously said Wade Lucas is the father, and unless she takes further action he will be listed as such on the birth certificate, Witt said.

On Tuesday, court Commissioner Donald Eaton issued a restraining order requiring that she give birth only at St. Joseph Hospital in Bellingham and immediately turn the baby over to her husband or state officials.

In the next round, a judge is being asked to continue the emergency order and to accept Symons' recommendation that the husband also be given custody of the couple's 2-year-old daughter, who has been living with him.

Conference theme: making the 90's the 'Stonewall of health care'

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Elders, whose speech came amidst the celebration in New York for the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riot, said mainstream America can learn some important lessons from the birth of the gay liberation movement.

"You have taught us we have to be bold and take some risks," she said. "We have to go out and push for the things we know need to happen and we have to think about problems clearly and without rancor. We must move forward with confidence and optimism."

Elders said the gay and lesbian community has "been a model of prevention. You have done many innovative and good things in your community that will help us reach and take care of many people. When it comes to AIDS and HIV, challenge your despair with clarity and purpose, assertiveness and understanding. You have a major role to play in health care reform."

But she said all Americans must lobby for health reform because statistics are staggering: 39 million in the United States have no health insurance and another 59 million are in danger of losing their health insurance.

"We must get the power brokers to agree," she said. "We must have universal health care that is available, affordable and high quality. We can't be satisfied with anything less if we're going to make a difference."

The New York City conference, which started Tuesday, June 21, was held at the Roosevelt Hotel in mid-town Manhattan. Highlights, in addition to Elders' address, included plenaries covering lesbian health, being openly gay in public service, AIDS updates, and the history of the gay and lesbian movement.

The conference celebrated the 25th anniversary of the movement and wished to "give a clear message to the

Administration and Congress that our health needs must be adequately addressed in the reform of our health care system," according to the preliminary program. The theme of this year's conference was, "Taking Pride in Our Health: Making the 90's the Stonewall of the Health Care Revolution."

More than 180 workshops were programmed into seven educational tracks: AIDS/HIV Forum; Lesbian and gay health; mental health; Strategies for Inclusion; Substance abuse; Prevention and Research. Cooperating organizations included the Cambridge Institute, the national Association of lesbian and gay Alcoholism Professionals, the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies/New York Psychiatric Institute, Gay Men's Health Crisis, Community Health Project, and Broadway Cares.

With speakers from across the United States, Germany, Sweden, London and Australia as well as a number of speakers from Texas, it was the largest lesbian and gay-identified conference for providers of health care to our community. Speakers from Texas included Michael W. Ross of the University of Texas-Houston, who holds a doctorate degree and master's degree in public health; Andrew T. McPhaul of San Antonio, who holds a masters of arts and is a licensed professional counselor; Richard C. Elbein, Ed Bradshaw and Patrick J. Vachon, a licensed master social worker and advanced clinical practitioner, all from Houston.

David Cramer, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and Sunny Lansdale, who holds a masters of arts, spoke on Lesbian and gay affirmative psychotherapy. Both are from Austin. Other Texas speakers included Chwee Lye Chng, Ph.D., of Dallas; Jeffrey T. Huber of Denton, and Jimmy Hoffpauir of Beaumont.

Hearing planned on alleged harassment of Sister Spirit operators

JACKSON, Miss., Thursday, June 30 (AP)—Two congressmen are to take part in a hearing here next week examining allegations of harassment against the lesbian operators of a feminist retreat in Jones County.

Organizers said Wednesday's hearing, to be attended by U.S. Reps. Barney Frank, D-Mass., and Jerrod Nadler, D-N.H., would focus on whether Mississippi and local officials had adequately protected Brenda and Wanda Henson, founders and operators of Camp Sister Spirit near Overt.

The Hensons, who consider themselves to be married, claim the retreat provides shelter and encouragement for battered women and others in need of help. Many local residents, however, see activities at the one-time pig farm as a den of sexual misconduct.

Frank, who is gay, raised the possibility of a congressional hearing in March after meeting with the Hensons in Washington. Frank and Nadler are members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

"This will allow us to publicly tell about how we have not been taken seriously by anyone in this state," Brenda Henson said. "This stuff has gone

on long enough."

Brenda Henson said women at the retreat had been harassed since November in incidents ranging from threatening telephone calls and gunfire to dead animals left at the retreat.

While the Hensons will get an opportunity to air their grievances, so will a group formed to oust the couple and their retreat from the community of 600.

James Hendry, who heads Mississippi for Family Values, said three members of that group, including himself, were invited to testify at the hearing. Richton attorney Paul Walley and the Rev. John Allen were also invited, he said.

"We get to tell our side too, and that's great," Hendry said. "It would have been bad if the Hensons and Barney Frank had turned this into a dog-and-pony show."

The Hensons have made trips outside Mississippi making others aware of their plight.

"We've lived in peace," Hendry said. "The Hensons have gone to San Diego, Washington and New York telling these horrific stories of harassment and drive-by shootings."

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SPORTS NEWS

Two independent Houston volleyball teams placed in the top five in their respective divisions at Gay Games IV.

Bringing home the Silver Medal in the BB Division was Gentry, which defeated the Dallas Roundups and teams from Montreal and Madison, Wisc. on the way to the championship round against the San Francisco Snow Peas. San Francisco won 2 out of 3 to claim the Gold, while Madison got the Bronze medal.

In the B Division, Pacific Street's volleyball team placed fourth out of a field of 66 teams, missing the Bronze by mere points, representatives said.

The medal-winning Gentry team is scheduled to participate in the Hot-Lanta volleyball tournament on July 29 in Atlanta.

Ice Picks Skate

The next monthly Montrose Ice Picks ice skating get-together is Thursday, July 21 at the Galleria Ice Rink, 5015 Westheimer from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 plus \$2 for skates.

The rink is also open to the general public, so lesbian and gay skaters are urged to wear something purple this month or your favorite gay/lesbian t-shirt.

The Ice Picks will join the Movie Club on Saturday, July 16 for dinner and a movie and Wednesday, July 20 they will go roller skating with the Lambda Rollerskating Club. Call Angel (713) 630-0707 for details or to get on the free mailing list.

Bowling Tournament

Over 140 bowlers gathered in Houston last weekend for the 9th annual Texas Invitational Tournament. Bowlers were from California, Florida, Ohio, Arizona, New Mexico, Okla-

homa, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kansas and of course, Texas. First place in all events went to Houston Bowler Brian Elley. First place in singles was taken by Gardy Harvey also of Houston. First place doubles was captured by Suzy Chaney and Stan Marion of Miami, Florida. First place team was taken by Houston team "Baba Yega Goes Cosmic" composed of Mark Freeman, Lyn Van Noy, Randy Gooch and Tom O'Dell.

Co-directors Terry Long and Andrea Black happily report that the combined fund raising efforts yielded over \$4,400 to be distributed to your local charities—The Bering Foundation, The Pet Patrol, Body Positive and the Thomas Street Clinic, and extend their thanks to all the local merchants who donated raffle items, the talented performances among the bowlers and of course the generosity of the bowlers.

The monthly candlelight doubles tournament will be this Saturday, July 9, at Fairlanes Southway at 8:00 p.m. As usual, registration starts at 7:00 p.m., costs \$11 and if you don't have a partner—don't panic—they'll furnish you one.

HOG Activities

In June 13 members of the Houston Outdoor Group attended a pool party at the beautiful home of two of the members, Dana and Phil. Twelve members camped on the beach for a night near Corpus Christi, enjoying the tall sand dunes covered with beach Morning Glories, the white sand, and beach volley ball.

In July HOG will have another pool party and horseback riding near Houston. August will offer rafting the Guadalupe River in Hill Country. If you are interested in any of these activities, call KAMPOUT for information and a trial newsletter. The group welcomes new members.

Med Research Request

Baylor College of Medicine is requesting volunteers for a study on the effects of disuse on nerves and muscles at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Participants will be required to wear a leg cast for four weeks prior to placement of the cast and following removal. Must be a healthy 18 year old male or female. Participants will be paid \$450. upon completion of the study. Interested? Call (713) 794-7117 for information.

Clergy group opposes proposed Missouri constitutional amendment

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Wednesday, June 29 (AP)—A coalition of ministers has come out against a proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution that would prohibit specific legal protections for homosexuals.

The amendment "would threaten basic human freedom that Christian churches in America have long defended," according to a statement by the group calling itself Clergy United for Justice.

The coalition, which includes 275 ministers from several Christian denominations, announced its position at a news conference Wednesday.

"We firmly oppose government measures at any level to restrict civil rights based on sexual orientation," said the Rev. Jane Ralph Rehwaldt, minister of St. James Lutheran Church in Kansas City.

The Amendment Coalition, a group mainly of conservatives and church leaders, has until July 8 to collect enough signatures to put the measure on the state ballot in November.

A lawsuit pending in Cole County Circuit Court alleges the proposed amendment is unconstitutional. No hearing has been set for the lawsuit filed by Show Me Equality, a coalition that includes gay rights groups.

There is no special language protecting homosexuals in either state law or the constitution. Cities which have enacted specific legal protections for homosexuals include Kansas City, St. Louis, Columbia and Festus.

The ministers' group came together "to safeguard the human and legal rights possessed by all citizens," said its president, the Rev. Mark Miller.

Johns Hopkins testing oral AIDS vaccine

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, June 28 (AP)—Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions is taking part in a study toward developing the first oral AIDS vaccine.

Thirty volunteers at Johns Hopkins and the University of Rochester will receive either the vaccine or a placebo in the study funded by the National Institutes of Health.

The study is designed to gauge the side effects of the vaccine. If all goes well, in about two years a larger study will determine whether the drug protects people against the virus which causes AIDS.

The vaccine won't infect volunteers because it is made of synthetic

protein, not the real virus.

All other experimental AIDS vaccines have been administered by injection and stimulate antibodies only in the blood, said Dr. John Lambert, clinical director of Hopkins' AIDS vaccine studies.

It is hoped that an oral vaccine will produce an immune response in the mucus membranes as well.

Greg Neumann, a researcher in Hopkins' Earth and Planetary Sciences Department, said his reasons for volunteering are personal.

"Friends of mine have had friends die of AIDS, and this is one little thing I can do," he said.

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Gay male couple from Chicago to become co-pastors of Seattle church

By **KIMBERLY GRIFFIN**
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

Two years and more than 100 rejection letters later, an openly gay Chicago couple has finally realized their dream: A congregation in Seattle on June 12 officially called the pair to their church to share a position as associate pastors, marking the first time a mainline Protestant church has done so.

In their Hyde Park home last month, just days after the announcement, Peter Ilgenfritz, 32, and David Shull, 35, said they still couldn't believe it was real.

"We did not know when we walked out of the church what the vote was going to be," said Shull.

After nearly a week of meeting hundreds of parishioners of University Congregational Church/United Church of Christ, a 1,200-member congregation, and answering a myriad of questions about their philosophy of the church, their calling to the ministry, and, of course, their homosexuality. Ilgenfritz and Shull preached during the Sunday morning service June 12. They then headed to a friend's

home three blocks away—"biting our nails" the whole time—while the congregation debated their fate.

An hour and a half later, the word came. They needed at least two-thirds of the vote be called: The final vote was an overwhelming 76 percent in their favor.

When they walked back into the sanctuary that afternoon, the congregation was standing, applauding their new ministers. But for the two ordained pastors who chose five years ago to leave their parishes rather than remain in the closet, it was the members of the church who deserved the standing ovation.

"It was the most incredible experience I'd ever had in my life," Shull said.

"It was an utterly holy moment," Ilgenfritz agreed.

Both of their families, to whom they have been out since 1988, were elated to hear the good news. "They were both terribly aware of how much it hurt us to leave the parish, and how much we wanted to return," Shull said.

Ilgenfritz and Shull met 10 years ago as first-year students at Yale's divinity school. At the time, neither man had

acknowledged his homosexuality. But by the end of their second year at Yale, their relationship had developed fully, leaving them with monumental decisions to make about their future.

Shull, a Presbyterian from Wooster, Ohio, chose to stay closeted rather than be denied the pastorate by his denomination, which does not ordain an openly gay or lesbian ministers.

Ilgenfritz, who was raised in a United Church of Christ congregation in the Boston suburb of Lynnfield, also opted to keep his homosexuality a secret. While the United Church of Christ denomination as a whole is considered the most liberal of mainline Protestant churches (they were the first to ordain an openly gay minister in 1972), the local autonomy of congregations creates a varied spectrum of acceptance from church to church.

When Shull and Ilgenfritz graduated from Yale in 1987, nobody knew the true nature of their relationship. But during the next two years, their lives began to change drastically.

Both were called as associate pastors to fairly conservative congregations; Ilgenfritz at a United Church of Christ parish in Ithaca, N.Y., and Shull 300 miles away at a Presbyterian church in Kattanning, Pa., near Pittsburgh.

The strain of living split lives—and seeing each other only once every three weeks—became too much. Although Shull was out to a few ministers in the Kattanning area, he wouldn't have dreamed of coming out to his parishioners. "The real pain for me," he said, "was that nobody in that church could know that I was gay, or know the most important person in my life."

In Ithaca, Ilgenfritz joined the local AIDS Task Force—the only clergy member at the time to do so—and slowly came out to friends, as well as the senior minister of the church, but still was not comfortable enough to come out to the whole church. Much of both men's reticence about coming out to parishioners rested in their respect for the pastoral relationship, which they did not want to destroy.

After months of agonizing, Ilgenfritz said the couple decided to be open about their relationship, even though it meant giving up their work they loved.

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YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

By **LEONARD EARL JOHNSON**
Houston Voice/New Orleans

I read to AIDS patients. It is a tender experience. When I told my editor, the response was a bland: "Nice." Editors are aware and busy people. Perhaps because of that, they often show emotion slowly—if at all.

Writers—particularly poets, novelist, and, hey, even columnists—show emotion for a living. "I wouldn't say, 'nice,'" I said, "maybe, 'tender.'"

We were having this conversation on the telephone. After hanging up, I thought "tender and nice."

One day, the words I read were from, "Riverday/The Day The Man Jumps in The River." It is about a suicide thwarted by friends from a homeless camp. When I finished, a man in a wheelchair asked, "Have you ever been depressed?"

When first I came to read, I was introduced to a modern Catholic nun. She wore street clothes and smiled warmly. She told me, "We demystify death here." I had asked what would happen if I cried.

"You might give someone else the chance to cry." She paused, adding, "They already think anything you might think."

I told the man, "Yes, I have been badly depressed."

He said he was terribly depressed. "I know I will never walk again, and I know I will have to live here." He moves his arm around, overhead and back down to his lap. We are on the balcony of a pleasant street, under a huge magnolia tree.

He rolls his chair back and turns it towards the tree. "I don't think you could live in a hobo camp with

AIDS." In the story I just read a sixteen year old white boy and a black man are living near the river in a camp.

The story spoke of a day when a man jumps in the water to kill himself.

"Did you see somebody? For your depression, I mean, or just get over it?"

"I see a woman still," I tell my new friend. "When I started getting better, I told her, 'I had hardly know how depressed I had been.'"

Visitors arrive and I leave the balcony to them. I go below. Through kitchen windows I notice my bicycle is chained near a hug fig tree bulging with fruit. A black woman passes and says, "They sweet too."

A young white woman in a suit touches my arm and asks if I will co-witness AIDS Law documents.

In one room, there is a boy of about nineteen, twenty, twenty-one (?). In another room, another boy of about the same years. I sign as witness for both.

The first boy has nothing to say. The second talks of names, and the locals custom of dropping first names. "You would be Ear, not Leonard."

I carried my end of the conversation wishing we were not here doing what we were doing. He sat up in bed. I kicked his tennis shoes and noticed they were big. It is a set-up conversation, repeated in damn near every males life. I started to say "You got feet big enough to fill these shoes?" But I didn't.

I feared it sound sexy. I'd never before thought much about that, but sexy seemed out of place now.

We said good-by, and I went outside. I stopped by my bike and looked at the fig tree. I closed my eyes and felt the tears dropping on my hands.

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Couple blazes trail for gay and lesbian participation in church life

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"I needed to move on," Ilgenfritz said. "Choosing life for me meant for us to move to Chicago to share our lives together and move on to another kind of ministry."

Shull enrolled in the University of Chicago's school of social work in 1989, a move that was very depressing for him. "I was around all these people who were excited about social work, who felt social work was exactly what they were supposed to be doing," He said. "I was only there because the church had closed its doors to me, basically."

Ilgenfritz was hired as the founding executive director of Better Existence with HIV (BE-HIV), based in a church basement in Evanston, where he worked until last December. But what he dreamed of was a time when he could do the same work—reaching out to those who have historically been alienated and hurt by the church—upstairs.

The couple began to wonder "if we would be doomed forever to create enthusiasm about jobs that had interest for us but were not our calling," said Shull, currently a social worker for the Hospice of the Great Lakes, based in Northbrook. Ilgenfritz is currently development director of HIVCO and of the Chicago Rehab Network.

Although a few denominations, including the United Church of Christ, have begun ordaining openly gay and lesbian ministers, their chances of being called by a congregation are still relatively slim. Shull and Ilgenfritz had another strike against them: Not only were they openly gay, but they were hoping to be hired as a couple to share one position.

Against the advice of virtually everyone they talked to, the couple began applying for openings at United Church of Christ congregations around the country and in Canada as an openly gay couple.

"Many people told us we were shooting ourselves in the foot by being open from the start," said Shull. But the flip side of being upfront, they both agreed, was not having to worry about coming out later. It has been of the utmost importance to them both in the search to be completely honest.

The Rev. Bob Fitzgerald, assistant minister at the Seattle congregation where Ilgenfritz and Shull will begin working in mid-August, said the pair "rose to the top" out of 50 applicants from across the country.

"From the beginning, Peter and Dave in their profile, in their letters and in their conversations with people here were openly gay," said Fitzgerald. "All issues were on the table from the very beginning."

Although the congregation voted several years ago—with more than 80 percent in favor—to become a church open and affirming to gays and lesbians, hiring an openly gay couple to be their associate pastors was a different step altogether. Welcoming gays and lesbians in the pews is one thing; asking them to preach from the pulpit is quite another, Ilgenfritz said.

But the process of becoming an affirming congregation made the church members more prepared for the most recent decision, said Fitzgerald, a proud 67-year-old father of a gay son, for whom he performed a commitment ceremony several years ago. (Unfortunately, they've since "divorced," he added.)

Ilgenfritz and Shull were dealt a devastating blow by a congregation in Columbus, Ohio, last year, when they generated less than half of the members' support. After trust, they remained somewhat skeptical about the Seattle congregation, although

ever hopeful.

Following a week of attending various church meetings, the couple led the church service Sunday morning, attended by about 800 parishioners—more than twice the regular number, Fitzgerald said. After their exit, the congregation got to work, preparing for the final vote.

The energy during the discussion was immeasurable—and their contributions—one longtime member of the church, a married man in his 40's with children, walked up to the associate pastor and handed her a check for \$10,000.

"Some would call that a miracle," said Fitzgerald.

But that wasn't all. At one point during the open mic discussion, an unassuming 73-year-old woman walked up to the front of the sanctuary, looked out as the congregation, and proceeded to come out as a lesbian.

"When we heard about that," Shull said, "we lost it. You just want to cry. It's really saying the whole process this church has gone through to look at our candidacy has opened up possibilities for people in the church to be more honest."

And the couple hopes their positive influence will not stop at the church doors. Judging by their front-page treatment their appointment garnered in the local Seattle dailies and the coverage in local television media (not to mention their story being picked up by the wire service and appearing in papers nationwide), they are confident that they can be positive role models, particularly to gay and lesbian teen-agers and gays and lesbians of faith.

"For a prominent church in a large city in the country to say we will...stand up and say that Christianity embraces homosexuality as part of God's plan is amazing," Shull said. "And we will not only say that on paper but give a foundation to that by calling (openly gay) clergy."

"What difference that would have made for me," said Ilgenfritz.

With agonizing wait over, and reality sinking in, Shull and Ilgenfritz are looking forward to moving to their new home in the Pacific Northwest. But before they leave, the two will have one last hurrah in Chicago: On July 23, they will become the first gay couple to be united in holy union at St. Paul's United Church of Christ on the North Side, where they have been active participants.

"This has really been such an important community for us these past five years," Ilgenfritz said. "We have to do it with people who have been our real support and who have helped us through some tremendous years of our lives."

The Rev. Randy Deckworth, the associate minister at St. Paul's who will perform the service, said the couple will be missed come August.

"There's sort of the bittersweet of wishing they would stay but realizing they have gifts to carry on and share with others," Deckworth said. "We're proud of them."

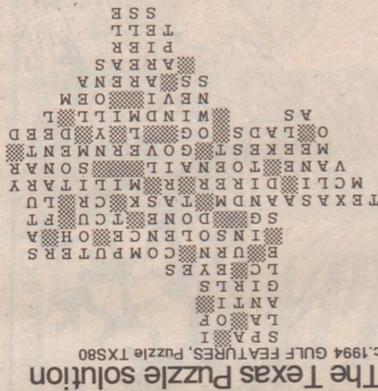
Shull and Ilgenfritz are overwhelmed that this actually is happening: They had prepared themselves for the real possibility that it very well might not happen in their lifetime. But the rage and pain of all the letters of rejection are behind them, and all the people who told them they'd never get a church have been proven wrong.

"Certainly 24 percent of the church didn't think it's a good idea," Ilgenfritz said. "But there was such energy last week. This is the kind of church we want to belong to."

(Kimberly Griffin is a reporter for Chicago's Windy City Times. This article reprinted with permission.)



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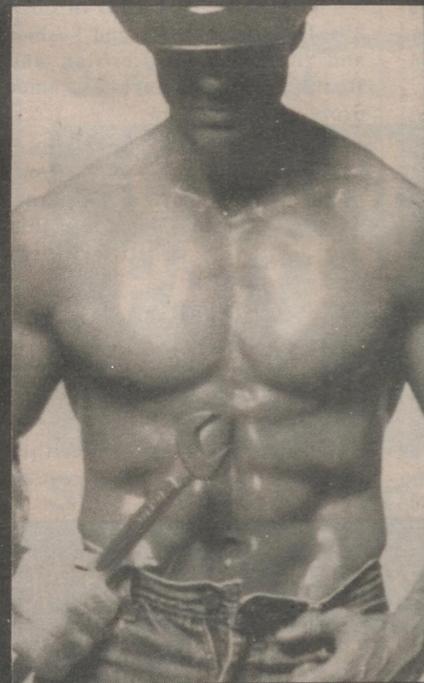
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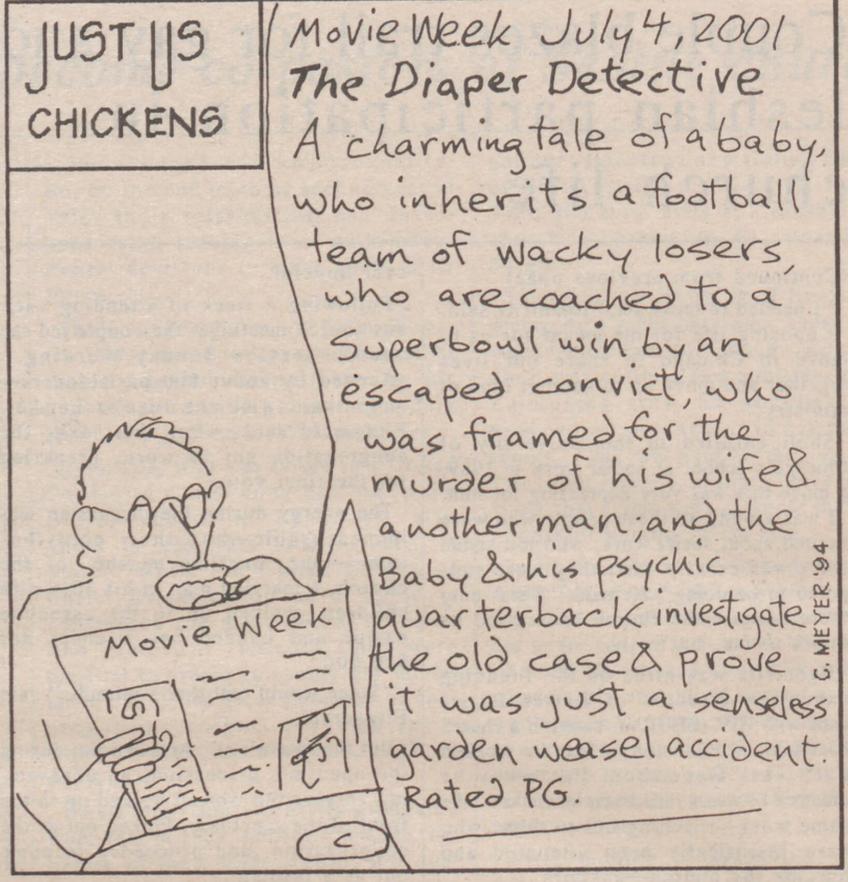
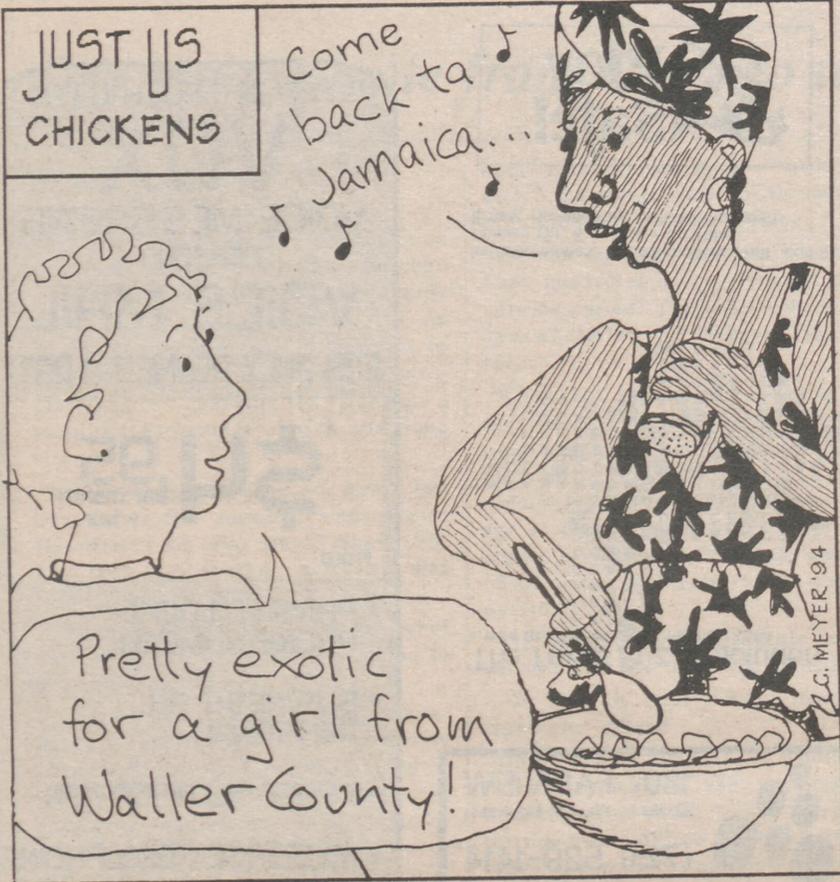
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National coalition formed to advocate for gay and lesbian youth

(Washington, D.C.)—Lesbian, gay, and bisexual young people, as well as youth with gender identity issues, are among the most neglected and vulnerable of youth constituencies. Most of these young people are severely isolated and are at disproportionate risk for a range of problems including suicide, homelessness, exploitation, abuse and neglect, substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS. It is only recently that the needs and concerns of these youth have been recognized by service providers and policy makers.

In most parts of the United States today, the mere existence of young people who are gay, lesbian and bisexual as well as youth with gender identity issues has yet to be acknowledged. The few small steps that have been taken to serve them often been met with negative reactions including national and local efforts to deny information, funding, and essential services.

Last week, however, groups and individuals all over the country banded together to show their concern and, with time and luck, make a difference. The New York-based Hetrick-Martin Institute joined a host of major youth-serving organizations in establishing the National Advocacy Coalition on Youth and Sexual Orientations.

The stated mission of the Coalition is "to advocate for and with young people who are lesbian, gay, or bisexual as well as youth with gender issues. The

Coalition seeks to end discrimination against these youth and to ensure their physical and emotional well-being."

Thirty-five organizations have signed on to the Coalition's mission statement as "Participating Organizations" including national organizations as diverse as the National Education Association, Child Welfare League of America, and American Psychological Association and community-based organizations from coast to coast including the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) in Washington, DC, the Indianapolis Youth Group, the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community Services Center of Colorado, and Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS) in Los Angeles. The National Gay and Lesbian Task and the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation are also among the project's endorsers.

More than 70 organizations have been represented at Coalition meetings. The Coalition is planning a national outreach campaign this summer to invite additional organizations to join.

The Hetrick-Martin Institute received a three-year grant from the Joyce-Mertz-Gilmore Foundation for \$300,000 this spring to support the advocacy activities of the Coalition. This funding has enabled the Institute to hire a full-time Coalition

Coordinator and establish an office in Washington, DC, and The Hetrick-Martin Institute, the first and largest group in the country dedicated to serving lesbian, gay and bisexual youth, was founded in 1979 and now serves more than 2000 young people each year through counseling, an after-school drop-in center, a street outreach program, education, and advocacy. The Institute has published a resource directory of over 170 groups serving lesbian and gay youth around the country called You Are Not Alone.

The Coalition grew out of a colloquium on lesbian and gay youth that was convened by the Hetrick-Martin Institute in Oct. 1992, in Washington, DC. "There has been an explosion of concern for lesbian and gay youth issues in recent years," said Frances Kunreuther, executive director of Hetrick-Martin. "The Coalition will coordinate youth initiatives across the country and work in partnership with mainstream organizations." According to Jenie Hall of the Bridges Project of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, "There's been no national coalition formed until now. The Coalition's goal has been to combine the grassroots efforts of community-based organizations with the clout of national groups who are taking up this cause."

This past November, representatives of the Coalition met with senior

officials of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) including HHS Counsel Peter Edelman and Patsy Fleming, special assistant to HHS Secretary Donna Shalala. Among the issues discussed were the need to fund research on gay and lesbian teen suicide and to include this population explicitly among lists of high risk youth to be addressed by HHS-funded programs. The HHS officials were particularly moved by the personal testimony of the gay, lesbian and bisexual youth represented at the meeting. The youth spoke of the severe isolation and violence that they face growing up and how they dealt with prejudices within their schools, families, and communities. Tia-Nicole Leak, a youth representative on the Coalition's steering committee, said, "We really felt heard in Washington for the first time in our lives."

The new Coalition coordinator, Rea Carey, of Washington, DC, said, "We're already receiving calls from representatives of HHS including the Centers for Disease Control and HRSA as well as the National Community Service Corporation and concerned members of Congress. This coalition is clearly filling a critical gap in national advocacy efforts for and with gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth."

The Coalition holds quarterly meetings. For more information call Rea Carey, Coalition Coordinator, in Washington at (202) 783-4165 ext. 49.

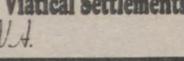
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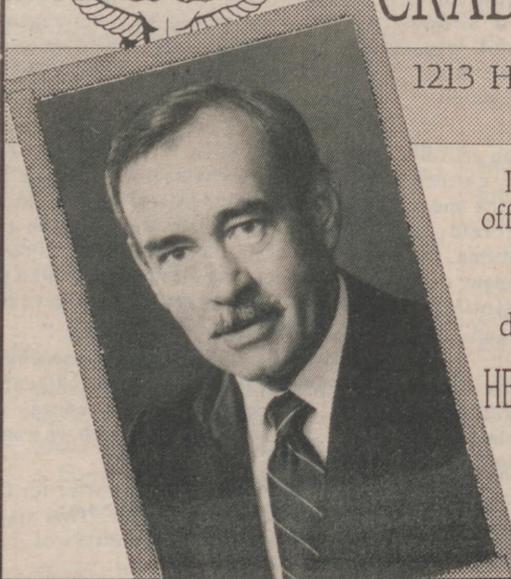
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GLAAD says network coverage of Stonewall 25 mostly competent

GLAAD MEDIA WATCH

By AL KEILWASSER

For the Houston Voice

For the most part, the major networks offered competent coverage of various "Pride Month" events, including the Stonewall 25 March, Gay Games IV, and the International Lesbian and Gay Association's annual conference for the community, including an African-American lesbian activist. CBS also pointed out that, despite the success of the June events, the international struggle for queer equal rights is 'only in its early stages.'

The NBC Nightly News focused on the increased visibility of lesbians, gays and bisexuals at many levels of society. Significantly, NBC also featured an interview with an older drag queen, acknowledging the fundamental role that the drag and transgendered communities played in the Stonewall Riots.

ABC World News offered a lengthy piece on the history of lesbian and gay activism. Unfortunately, however, the piece did not air in New York or Chicago.

Despite the fact that the Gay Games ranked among the largest sporting events of the year, they were given relatively insignificant coverage. Locally, the "Bad Press" award goes to the San Jose Mercury News, which all but ignored the Games. Requests for an explanation of this defamation by omission have gone unanswered.

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AFA Targets Disney?

The homophobic American Family Association (AFA) has recently

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The AFA list these "propaganda pieces" as follows: Beverly Hills 90210, Birdland, Roseanne, Roc, Northern Exposure and Melrose Place. With all due horror, the AFA also reports that Disney is producing "their most explicit movie yet," which will feature "a lesbian encounter and frontal nudity."

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Media Briefs

* The August 1994 issue of "Freedom Writer," published monthly by the institute for First Amendment Studies (P.O. Box 589, Great Barrington, MA 01230), provides an excellent overview and resource guide to "the organized assault on gay rights."

* According to the Star (June 28), "General Hospital" is the first network soap opera to "openly hire an HIV-positive actor in a key role." Actor Lee Mathis appeared on the soap on June 21.

* The Center for Media Education (CME) has launched a major initiative aimed at educating nonprofit organizations about the technological changes taking place in the media system and the opportunities they will create. For details, contact CME, 1511 K St., NW, Suite 518, Washington, DC 20005, tel. (202) 628-2620, fax (202) 628-2554.

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(Al Keilwasser is with the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of GLAAD).

Wisconsin governor signs HIV testing bill

STEVENS POINT, Wis., Thursday, June 30 (AP)—Gov. Tommy G. Thompson signed legislation Thursday that requires AIDS tests of suspects in sexual assault cases.

Chris Ahmuty, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin, criticized the new law as an invasion of privacy.

Thompson said the new law makes Wisconsin statutes consistent with federal law, preserving the state's eligibility for federal funding that currently amounts to about \$680,000 a year for anti-drug efforts.

Ahmuty said subjecting crime suspects to blood tests to see if they carry the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) invades their privacy prior to a trial without establishing whether they have AIDS.

"This doesn't serve a legitimate health interest," Ahmuty said. "They're doing this to put the victim at ease, but one test doesn't always determine whether a person is HIV positive."

"Once the accused is convicted, I have no problem with the testing," Ahmuty added.

Wisconsin law has allowed testing of defendants but did not require it, Thompson said at the bill signing ceremony.

The new law requires doctors who handle the tests to disclose the results to the defendant and the victim, and to parents of the victim if the victim is a minor.

The bill was introduced at Thompson's request in the recent special session of the Legislature. It was approved unanimously by the Assembly and Senate.



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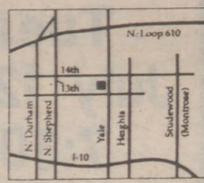
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New York gay police officers out in force

By TOM HAYS

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW YORK, Saturday, July 2 (AP)—Five years ago, Officer Jim Andruszkewicz was exactly where he sensed most cops wanted him: in the closet.

On the job at a Greenwich Village precinct, the gay patrolman would refer to his new love interest only as "a girlfriend."

Today, a color portrait of a uniformed Andruszkewicz and his lover, Patrick Hutchinson, hangs at New York Police Department headquarters. Next to it is their certificate of domestic partnership.

"We wanted to let people know that we're not a bunch of raving queens," said Andruszkewicz, who contributed the photo for a gay pride exhibit.

"We thought, 'Let's show people how ordinary we really are.'"

Officer Andruszkewicz, 34, is out, proud, and not alone.

Scores of gay and lesbian cops have gone public with their sexuality, forcing change in an institution not known as a bastion of tolerance.

Membership of the Gay Officers Action League, a fraternal organization founded in 1982, now numbers about 1,000. Perhaps a third of GOAL's members, which also include transit, housing and correction officers, are out, said league president Carroll Hunter.

The 31,000-officer department, the nation's largest, has quietly recruited and promoted gays and lesbians for nearly 10 years.

But it took the June celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Stone-

wall riots—an event seen as the beginning of the gay rights movement—to show just how far the chasm between cops and gays has closed.

The old police department sent officers to arrest gays on public morals charges at a speakeasy called the Stonewall Inn in 1969. A violent riot erupted.

The new department—looked the other way on June 26 when several radical gays and lesbians whipped off their clothes and marched past St. Patrick's Cathedral in an illegal parade. Police Commissioner William Bratton labeled the parade "a successful event—no injuries, no arrests."—Allowed lesbian police officers to use the department's official moniker—"New York's Finest"—as the name of their softball team competing in the Olympic-style Gay Games.—For the first time permitted an exhibit at police headquarters which traces the history of GOAL. The exhibition space normally is occupied by Irish, Italian, African-American and Asian groups.

This week, GOAL also held a celebration in the department auditorium hosted by Bob Kohler, 67, one of the gay rioters at Stonewall.

While Bratton and other police brass sat with wooden smiles on a dais, a lesbian folk singer serenaded them with lines like "She's suffering PLT—pre-lesbian tension. It's a terrible thing to watch." Other lines featured some risqué double-entendres.

The scene "was pretty mind-blowing for me," said Kohler, who made a career out of provoking cops.

"Some people must have been rolling over in their graves. But it said a lot

for both sides."

Still, rampant hostility toward gay cops is a fresh memory.

Sam Ciccone, 49, a former sergeant who co-founded the gay officers' league, got hundreds of anonymous death threats after sending out recruitment fliers in 1982.

"They'd say things like 'You're disgusting. We're going to get you,'" Ciccone recalled. "And we'd say, 'No you're disgusting. If you had any guts, you'd identify yourself and come down here with your guns.'"

In recent years, GOAL encouraged members to appear in uniform on TV talk shows and at community events—all "a calculated effort to increase our visibility," Hunter said.

"We want to create a situation where others are not afraid to stand up and throw the privacy of their lives to the wind."

Despite some strides, the department's gay leaders concede that gay and lesbian officers are not free from discrimination—everything from "fag" scrawled on lockers to damning remarks from fundamentalist co-workers.

GOAL's activities "are totally offensive," said Detective Floyd Patterson, president of the 450-member Police Officers for Christ.

"What they're doing is promoting something that is against the word of God."

Events in recent days, however, "have cemented things," Kohler argued.

"Suddenly, they can't say 'We don't want gay cops.' There's no turning back now."

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External evidence looks at whether other historical material confirms or denies the internal testimony of the documents themselves. In other words, what sources are there, apart from the literature under analysis, that substantiate its accuracy, reliability, and authenticity?

Two friends of the Apostle John confirm the internal evidence from John's accounts. The historian Eusebius preserves writings of Papias, Bishop of Hierapolis (A.D. 130): "The Elder (Apostle John) used to say this also: 'Mark, having been the interpreter of Peter, wrote down accurately all that he (Peter) mentioned, whether sayings or doing of Christ, not, however, in order. For he was neither a hearer nor a companion of the Lord; but afterwards, as I said, he accompanied Peter, who adapted his teachings as necessity required, not as though he were making a compilation of the sayings of the Lord. So then Mark made no mistake, writing down in this way some things as he mentioned them; for he paid attention to this one thing, not to omit anything that he had heard, not to include any false statement among them.'"

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (A.D. 180. Irenaeus was a student of Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, who had been a Christian for eighty-six years, and was a disciple of John the Apostle) wrote: "Matthew published his Gospel among the Hebrews (Jews) in their own tongue, when Peter and Paul were preaching the gospel in Rome and founding the church there. After their departure (death, which strong tradition places at the time of the Neronian persecution in 64), Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, himself handed down to us in writing the substance of Peter's preaching. Luke, the follower of Paul, set down in a book the gospel preached by his teacher. Then John, the disciple of the Lord, who also leaned on his breast, himself produced his Gospel, while he was living at Ephesus in Asia."

Archaeology often provides powerful external evidence. It contributes to biblical criticism, not in the area of inspiration and revelation, but by providing evidence of accuracy about events that are recorded.

Dr. Clark H. Pinnock, professor of systematic theology at Regent College, states: "There exists no document from the ancient world witnessed by so excellent a set of textual and historical testimonies, and offering so superb an array of historical data on which an intelligent decision may be made. An honest (person) cannot dismiss a source of this kind. Skepticism regarding the historical credentials of Christianity is based upon an irrational bias."

If a person discards the Bible as being unreliable historically, then he or she must discard almost all the literature of antiquity. It is inaccurate to apply one standard or test to secular literature and another to the Bible. We need to apply the same test. Having done this, I believe we can say, "The Bible is trustworthy and historically reliable in its witness about Jesus." Suggested Reading: Evidence That Demands A Verdict or More Than A Carpenter by Josh McDowell.

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Justice Dept. asks 9th Circuit to delay Cammermeyer's reinstatement

SEATTLE, Friday, July 1 (AP)—The Justice Department has gone to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals with its bid to keep a lesbian National Guard colonel out of uniform for the time being, a spokesperson said Friday.

Margarethe "Grethe" Cammermeyer, discharged by the Washington National Guard in 1992 after acknowledging she is a lesbian, was ordered reinstated by U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly

on June 1. Cammermeyer sued over her involuntary discharge, and Zilly ruled that the government had violated her Fifth Amendment rights to due process and equal protection.

The government wants her reinstatement put on hold until the 9th Circuit rules on its appeal of Zilly's ruling, or on a similar appeal filed in the case of Keith Meinhold, who was ordered reinstated to the Navy after his discharge for being gay.

On June 24, Zilly denied the Justice Department request for a stay, rejecting its argument that returning Cammermeyer to duty would cause the military "immediate and irreparable adverse impact."

The government filed a motion for a stay this week with the San Francisco-based appellate court, department spokesperson Joe Krovisky said Friday from Washington, D.C. The motion was mailed Wednesday, he said.

The court could rule on the issue within the next 30 days, said Kimberly Reason, executive director of the Northwest Women's Law Center here, which is supporting Cammermeyer's case.

Cammermeyer, 52, a 26-year-veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star for her service as an Army nurse in Vietnam, was chief nurse for the Washington National Guard when she was discharged.

She disclosed her sexual ori-

entation to an investigator in 1989, when she was being interviewed for top-security clearance she had sought in her bid to become chief nurse for the Guard in Washington, D.C.

Cammermeyer was discharged under the old military ban on homosexuals. Zilly found the ban was based solely on prejudice and also criticized the current "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

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Wisconsin Ethics Board rejects complaint against lesbian lawmaker

MADISON, Wis., Friday, July 1 (AP)—A complaint claiming a legislator violated ethics rules with her involvement in formation of a new political coalition for gays and lesbians was dismissed Friday by the State Ethics Board.

The board said Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, did not give advance permission for use of her office telephone number on a national computer bulletin board by Action Wisconsin organizers.

Judy Trampf said she did not get advance approval before posting Baldwin's name and office number on the America Online computer bulletin board.

Officials said Baldwin's name and number were dropped as the group's contact person June 11.

Baldwin, the first avowed lesbian to serve in the Legislature, signed a letter in January asking gays, lesbians

and bisexuals to be part of a statewide political coalition. It also asked anyone interested to call her office.

R. Roth Judd, executive director of the Ethics Board, said that letter did not violate state law barring legislators from using their office to raise money for groups with which they are associated.

"Legislators often become involved in building coalitions and support networks on policy issues that may come before the Legislature and may provide information to constituents and others about existing special interest organizations," Judd said.

The complaint was filed by Charles Lee, a political conservative and host of a call-in television program on an Eau Claire public access cable channel.

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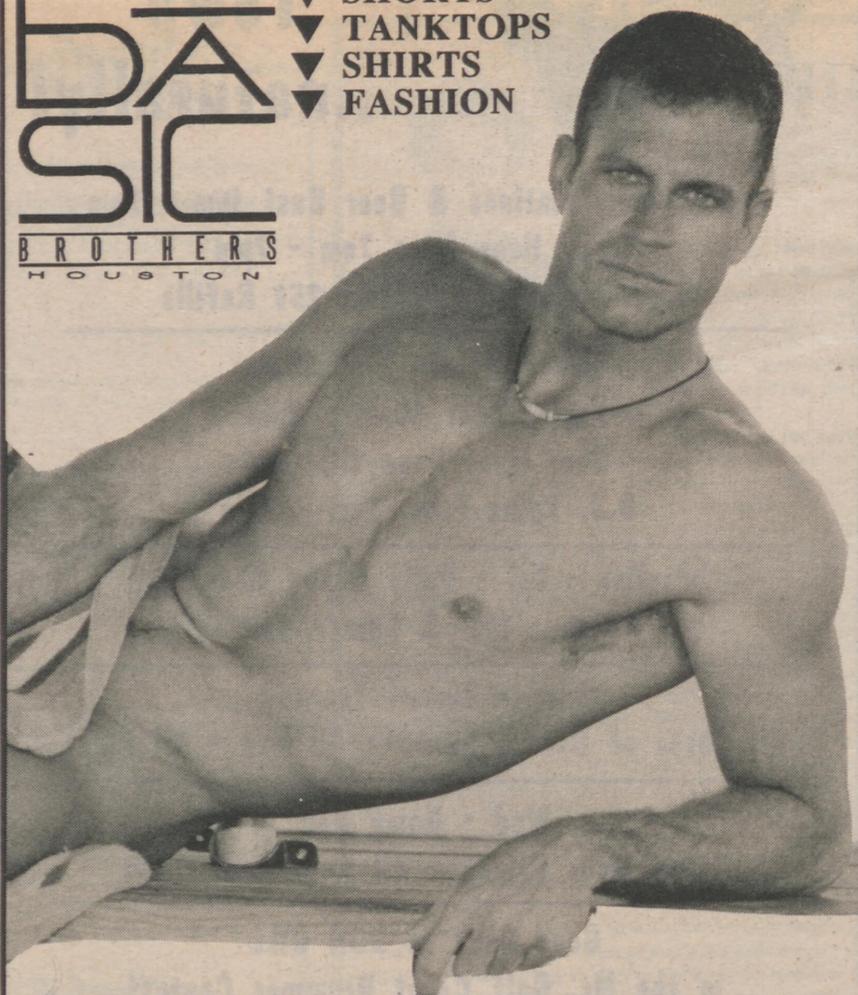
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A ground breaking discovery that could guide the development of future treatments for AIDS, as well as the prevention of cancer and some inherited diseases, has been published by a collaborative team of researchers from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) and The University of California at San Diego (UCSD). Their discovery of the crystal structure of a DNA enzyme, or polymerase, appears in the June 24 issue of SCIENCE.

The findings help explain how genetic material, or DNA, is transmitted from one generation to the next during cellular reproduction and how DNA is repaired when damaged. Transmission of genetic information is initiated by enzymes, acting as catalysts in the body. During reproduction and repair, the challenge a cell faces is to replicate DNA accurately. Two studies by the UTMB/UCSD research team recorded the first-ever view of an enzyme poised to copy DNA. The enzyme "caught in the act" was mammalian beta-polymerase.

"Until now, this area of the DNA polymerase mechanism has been a 'black box,' with scientists working in the dark," said Dr. Samuel H. Wilson, director for the Sealy Center for Molecular Science and professor of human biological chemistry at UTMB. "These findings will help us design future experiments aimed at protecting the integrity of genetic material."

Beta polymerase is suspected to play a critical role in the development of cancer and may also have a role in the initiation of genetic diseases. The findings provide new information that may prove critical to understanding the origins of these diseases and aid in their prevention.

The discovery may also lead to new strategies for the design of improved anti-HIV drugs, since beta-polymerase is similar in structure to reverse transcriptase, the enzyme responsible for reproduction of the HIV virus.

HIV/AIDS Forums

Informational community forums are scheduled to be presented on the following HIV/AIDS-related topics in July:

"A Community Forum on Anti-Retroviral Therapies" will be held on Monday, July 18, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. This forum is being presented by the HIV Projects Office of the Harris County Hospital District, the Burroughs-Wellcome Company and the New Counseling Center. It will be facilitated by Bill Scott, LMSW-ACP, with faculty including: Wayne Bockman, M.D., Southampton Medical Group; Penny Jaffe, M.D., Baylor College of Medicine at the Thomas Street Clinic, and Didier Piot, M.D., Plaza Clinical Trials Center.

"A Community Forum on Oral Sex and Possible HIV Transmission" is scheduled to be presented by the Houston Clinical Research Network on Thursday, July 28, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Doubletree Allen Center Hotel, 400 Dallas. Guest speakers include Michael Samuel, Dr. P.H., Division of Epidemiology, New Mexico Department of Health; Dorothy Lewis, Ph.D., Baylor College of Medicine; David Parr, M.D., University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston; Debbie Brimlow, Ph.D., University of Texas School of Public Health. The speakers will discuss the biology, virology and epidemiology of the virus in regards to oral transmission. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Admission is free to both events.

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Cincinnati vice officers file pandering charge against gay shop

CINCINNATI, Friday, July 1 (AP)—A gay bookstore and three employees were charged with pandering obscenity after undercover police rented a video of the 1975 Italian film "Salò: 120 Days of Sodom."

Cathy Adams, lawyer for the Pink Pyramid bookstore and the employees, called the arrests Thursday another example of city officials' homophobia.

"I think they suspect they have a gay film, but it's not," Adams said. "It's an anti-Fascist film. It's a very disturbing film, but it has great artistic value and has received a lot of artistic acclaim."

The Video Movie Guide 1994 describes Pier Paolo Pasolini's film as "a shocking, repulsive film set during World War II in Italy, where a

group of bourgeois Fascists brutalize and sexually degrade teenagers."

Italian courts declared the film obscene and delayed its release for months. Cincinnati Safety Director William Gustavson said the film has no artistic or social value.

The misdemeanor charge carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and \$1,000 fine. An arraignment is scheduled for July 14.

In 1990, Cincinnati tried unsuccessfully to prosecute the Contemporary Arts Center for displaying homosexually graphic photographs by Robert Mapplethorpe.

Last November, voters passed a ban on anti-discrimination laws for gays. A lawsuit challenging the ban is pending in federal court.

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Thailand developer building town for gay men

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"Gay men need a place to live where they can feel comfortable and accepted," said Dejdeow Sri-chai, a gay and the manager for the project to be completed in August in the northeastern province of Korat.

He said today that the 80-acre resort about 100 miles north of Bangkok will include apartment buildings, houses, mini-marts, restaurants, pool halls, bars and health clinics. The exact location is being divulged only to buyers.

An advertising leaflet says the resort will have "handsome and charming" male staff to bring "excitement or entertainment to your room, everything and everywhere."

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Dejdeow said 30 percent of housing units have been sold, 10 percent of those to foreigners.

A similar development is being built in Pattaya, a seaside resort town near Bangkok.

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Detectives in Henrico County, a suburb of Richmond, are investigating Gary R. Bowles as a suspect in the recent fatal shooting of antiques dealer Henry W. Weatherford Jr.

First-degree murder warrants have been issued for Bowles in Nassau County, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; and Montgomery County, Md., said Detective Michael Turner of the Montgomery County Police Department.

The FBI also has an interstate warrant accusing Bowles of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, according an FBI investigator tracking the trail of slayings that apparently began in Florida and continued along the Interstate 95 corridor.

Bowles, 32, is a transient construction worker who was born in Clifton Forge. Police tracking Bowles, who also has used the name Joey Pearson, describe him as a street hustler and confidence man.

"He's not a very nice guy," Turner said.

Investigators said all of the victims have been white men, most of whom Bowles met in gay bars. Bowles befriended the men and apparently moved in with them before killing them, the investigators alleged. In at least two cases, the victims' cars were taken.

"Some of these look (like) mirror cases," said Lt. Harold Ragan of the Savannah, Ga., police department. "Older homosexual, took his car, credit cards. This guy has got it down pat."

Rick Valentine of the Henrico County Division of Police is investigating the slaying of Weatherford.

"We're certainly looking very hard at (Bowles)," Valentine said.

"We're looking as hard at him as we are anyone else ... being as he is accused of murdering people up and down I-95."

Weatherford's car, a 1983 Oldsmobile with Virginia license plate ZWT-7320, is missing. So is his wallet. Police said he apparently knew his killer and let his killer into the house.

Investigators said the violence began shortly after Bowles was released last December from a Florida prison, where he served a two-year sentence for robbery and probation violations.

The murders that followed:

—John H. Roberts, 59, Daytona Beach, Fla., found dead at his home March 15 "from a blunt-force trauma to the head," said Al Tolley, a spokesperson for the Daytona Beach Police Department.

—David A. Jarman, age unavailable, of Montgomery County, Md., found strangled in his apartment April 14.

—Milton Bradley, 72, of Savannah, Ga., found May 5 near a golf course utility shed. He had been beaten and strangled.

—Albert Morris, 37, Nassau County, Fla., found May 19 at home. Morris had been strangled and shot.

—Weatherford, 50, of Richmond, found shot to death June 13 at his home.

Officer Sidney Bennett, a spokesperson for District of Columbia police, said detectives are investigating Bowles in connection with at least one homicide there. "He's someone we're looking at most seriously," Bennett said.

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Gay and lesbian rights in America: gay people and family law

Second Of Two Parts

By WILLIAM B. RUBENSTEIN

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Lesbians and gay men form relationships with one another in the same way heterosexuals do. Unlike heterosexual unions, however, lesbian and gay relationships are not protected by law. In seeking protection for relationships, lesbians and gay men are looking both to guarantee the privacy and autonomy society provides to heterosexual couples—particularly to marriages—and to gain the public recognition and economic responsibilities and benefits that accompany marital status. Additionally, lesbians and gay men have children. Some gay people have children from prior heterosexual marriage; some lesbians have had children through utilization of alternative insemination, or with a male friend; many lesbians and gay men adopt children or become foster parents. Regardless of how they came to be parents, lesbians and gay men are confronted with a myriad of legal issues that arise because society's misperceptions about the relationship between sexual orientation and parenting ability.

In 1981 no public or private entity in the United States recognized lesbian/gay relationships, and few in the lesbian/gay rights movement prioritized family recognition. One exception was a series of lawsuits brought in the early 1970s challenged the constitutionality of

marriage laws that prohibited same-sex marriages. These cases, brought in Minnesota, Washington State, and Kentucky, were each rejected by the courts in those states, without being taken very seriously.

The 1980's witnessed an explosion of attention to relationship issues within the lesbian and gay community. Among many developments, two central events of the 1980s helped spur this family rights movement for lesbian and gay men—AIDS and the Sharon Kowalski case. AIDS has made the consequences of not having a legal relationship crushingly apparent to lesbian and gay couples. For instance, a gay man whose partner is dying may have difficulty inquiring about his condition or visiting him in the hospital because the men have no legal relationship to one another. Once the lover dies, his surviving partner will not automatically share in his estate, nor enjoy the tax benefits of so doing, and may indeed lose control of property the couple purchased together. He may also face eviction from his home. The survivor, moreover, could well face legal challenges from his partner's biological family regarding a will or even the disposition of his lover's remains.

The situation of Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson has similarly focused attention within lesbian and gay male communities on family rights. Kowalski and Thompson lived together as partners for four years when, in 1983, Kowalski was in a tragic car accident, leaving her physically and mentally disa-

bled. For more than nine years after the accident, Thompson fought with Kowalski's biological family of the right to be Kowalski's legal guardian. The plight of the couple received considerable attention within lesbian/gay male communities and highlighted the consequences of the legal system's failure to recognize same-sex relationships.

Because of AIDS, because of Sharon Kowalski, and because of many similar though less publicized cases, lesbian and gay male couples have become increasingly sophisticated about preparing legal documents to secure their relationships to one another. But for many, such second-class attempts to make a relationship resemble a marriage do not go far enough. A number of same-sex couples around the country have filed challenges to their states' marriage statutes; statutes have also been introduced in state legislatures that would change the definition of marriage to include same-sex couples. Other activists strongly believe that marriage is not the answer, based on their belief that lesbian and gay male couples should not appropriate the mechanisms of oppression—particularly of the oppression of women—in order to secure legal recognition of their relationships. Rather than focus on marriage, many in the lesbian and gay community have centered their attention on developing a new form of recognition for relationships: entitled "domestic partnership," this concept was invented as a

basis for the recognition of lesbian and gay and other close familial relationships.

This growing movement for legal recognition of lesbian and gay relationships has yielded a number of significant milestones in recent years. As of 1994, dozens of municipalities and many more private institutions recognize lesbian and gay relationships through "domestic partnership" programs, according different types of benefits to these newly acknowledged unions. Additionally, the highest court in the state of New York recognized gay couples as "family" in a 1989 decision. And perhaps most significantly, in 1993, Hawaii's highest court reinstated a legal challenge to the constitutionality of Hawaii's marriage law, signaling the possibility that Hawaii might soon recognize gay marriages. While the trial court has granted the government's motion to dismiss the case, the state's high court held that denying same-sex couples the opportunity to marry was discrimination on the basis of gender; under Hawaii state constitutional law, gender discrimination triggers the closest review by the court. The Hawaii Supreme Court sent the case back to the trial court with instructions to apply this strict constitutional standard; the state of Hawaii will now have to demonstrate that its ban on same-sex marriages is necessary to serve a compelling state interest which cannot be achieved in any less restrictive way.

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Lesbian and gay male couples' legal situation still distressing

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Despite significant gains over the past decade, lesbian and gay male couples' legal situation remains abysmal. Not one state recognizes lesbian and gay relationships by permitting gay people to marry one another—not one. While advances are inching ahead at the local level, the only real breakthrough—the Hawaii marriage decision—could lead to a backlash that limits the gains that have been made. If Hawaii recognizes same-sex marriages, it will likely touch off a nationwide debate about gay relationships. Generally speaking, marriages in one state are recognized by another state, unless they violate public policy of the second state. Courts will be called on to interpret what this means in each of the other 49 states and the District of Columbia. At the same time, state legislatures, and perhaps Congress, can be expected to step into the picture in an attempt to limit the recognition of Hawaii marriages in their states. Regardless of the outcome of the Hawaii decision, though, it is clear that the issue of the legal recognition of lesbian/gay relationships will remain a matter of significant public debate in the coming years.

As noted above, lesbians and gay men are parents and have become parents through a variety of routes: some have children from heterosexual marriages they were in; some lesbians have had children as a result of alternative insemination, or with a male friend; many lesbians and gay men adopt children or become foster parents. In 1987, it was estimated that approximately three million gay men and lesbians in the United States were parents, and between eight and ten million children were being raised in gay or lesbian

households.

Traditionally, lesbians and gay men could be deprived of their children solely on the basis of their sexual orientation. Many states had judicial opinions that stated that sexual orientation per se was a reason to deprive a parent custody to, or visitation with, his or her own biological children; the court did not have to show that the children were somehow harmed by the parent's sexual orientation—it was presumed to be so. Such decisions were based on a series of concerns about having lesbians or gay men around children, including, for instance, the irrational fear that homosexuality was somehow related to child molestation; the concern that a lesbian/gay parent would raise children to be gay; and the consideration that the children of lesbian/gay parents would face ridicule and stigmatization by peers. Similarly, it was extremely difficult, if not impossible, for lesbians and gay men to adopt or become foster parents; two states (Florida and New Hampshire) even explicitly ban homosexuals from adopting. And in many places, lesbians cannot avail themselves of alternative insemination services, as these are made available only to married women, a status denied lesbians.

Yet, as in the area of coupling, developments have permeated parenting law as well, with state courts less and less considering a parent's sexual orientation as a pertinent factor in custody and visitation decisions. Most states have adopted a "nexus" test, according to which a parent's sexual orientation is only taken into account to the extent it can be shown to have some relationships to her parenting ability. Moreover, courts in about half a

dozen states have recognized "second-parent adoptions," permitting a lesbian/gay co-parent to adopt his or her partner's biological children.

At the same time, lesbian and gay parents still face enormous deprivations. In about a dozen states, lesbians and gay men continue to be deprived of custody of, or visitation with, their children solely because of their sexual orientation. For example, in 1993, a court in Virginia deprived a woman named Sharon Bottoms of her child solely because Sharon was a lesbian; the court transferred custody of the child to Sharon's mother, the child's grandmother. While the decision was overturned by an appellate court and Bottoms regained custody, the grandmother has appealed that decision, and Virginia law still leans towards a rule that allows lesbian and gay parents to lose their children to the child's other biological parent solely on the basis of sexual orientation. Moreover, the Florida ban on gay adoption was recently upheld by an intermediate appellate court in Florida as being perfectly constitutional; that decision will now be reviewed by the state's highest court.

In sum, even as we develop new family structures with one another and with the assistance of emerging technological advances, lesbians and gay men still have no legal protection for the families we form. We remain a strange anomaly to the area of family law, challenging the very structure of an edifice constructed upon the model of a mother, father, and 2.4 children.

The gains made by lesbians and gay men in the legal arena in the past 40 years have been against great odds. Those battling for rights have been brave men and women who have risked their comfort,

livelihood, families, and, in some cases, lives for justice. Lesbians and gay men have been denied the right to form social and political organizations, to meet with one another in bars and restaurants, to arch for equal rights, and to speak publicly about their issues.

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution—the right to free speech and association—has generally provided the most constitutional protection for gay people. With some notable exceptions, the First Amendment has successfully protected lesbian and gay male political organizations in the fight for gay and lesbian rights. For example, the First Amendment has protected the right of a male high school student to take another male to his high school prom; it has safeguarded numerous lesbian and gay student groups in their quest for recognition at state universities throughout the country; and it has been successfully employed to fight government censorship of lesbian and gay male speech. The protections provided by the First Amendment are important because the struggle for lesbians and gay men of legal protections are keeping pace with the enactment of those protections.

The law represents a unique promise to members of our society and, at the same time, can reflect the basest desires and most repulsive instincts of human beings. Despite this tension, the struggle for legal rights for lesbians and gay men is, for good reason, at the heart of our revolution—because the law holds out the hope that our society is capable of treating of its citizens, including lesbians and gay men, with dignity and respect that each deserves.

San Diego teacher reprimanded after gay son talks to second-graders

SAN DIEGO, Thursday, June 30 (AP)—When her second-grade students spoke disparagingly of gays, teacher Toni Wanic thought she knew a simple way to teach tolerance.

She invited her 27-year-old son, who is gay, to come to her class and answer questions.

Wanic's students asked: Do all gay people have AIDS? Does everyone with AIDS die? When did you know you were gay? Was your mother mad at you when you told her? Have you ever had sex with a man?

"I just told them: 'Hey, whatever you are, be happy with that,'" said Wanic's son, Nick Ashton-Hart. He told them he'd had sex with a man, "and that was the end of it."

Wanic, 48, considered the session "a supreme education moment" because it allowed her students' questions to be answered and their fears of the unknown to be overcome.

But when the principal at Oak Park Elementary School heard that Ashton-Hart had talked to his mother's class, she demanded Wanic apologize to parents for not notifying them in advance.

That would have allowed parents to withdraw their children from the class if they did not want them to hear the discussion, said Principal Juel Moore.

When Wanic refused, Moore formally reprimanded her for breaking district policies, which require a teacher to notify both parents and the princi-

pal before bringing in an outside speaker, particularly on a controversial topic.

"At the beginning of the school year, we discussed the district-approved curriculum," Moore wrote. "Currently, alternative lifestyles is not among subjects we are permitted to teach."

One father said he asked his daughter what she had learned at school that day and she "proudly pronounced, 'I learned that gays are born that way, and that we shouldn't make fun of them or tease them because what they do is not wrong,'" the father said.

Kimiko Fukuda, an assistant area superintendent for San Diego schools, said "parents were upset, and they had every right to be."

Wanic is backed by Al Best, chairperson of the San Diego Civil Service Commission. Although the commission has no authority in school matters, Best, who is gay, wants to take the issue to the school board.

He is upset at the idea that having someone discuss the need to respect gay people is tantamount to teaching an alternative lifestyle.

Wanic, too, is concerned that the mini-controversy could have a chilling effect on other teachers who want to curb homophobia.

"If we're ever going to teach people not to hate each other," Wanic said, "we've got to start before they are 30."

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Variations and hysterics...Two queer revolutions off-Off Broadway

ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE

From the opulent theaters of midtown to the basements and lofts of Greenwich Village, gay and lesbian voices are resonating strongly and eloquently throughout all levels of the American theater.

In the past month, Tony Kushner won a Tony Award for "Perestroika," to put on the mantle next the Pulitzer Prize that he received for "Millennium Approaches," the first installment of his two part epic, "Angels in America." When accepting the Tony on national television, he dedicated the award to the Stonewall celebrations. And Edward Albee, winner of the 1994 Pulitzer Prize for his latest work "Three Tall Women," was the first playwright invited by the Clinton Administration to dine at the White House.

Of the many different venues in New York, Off-Broadway theaters have proven themselves the most willing to produce plays and performance pieces that explore the gay and lesbian experience. One of the most interesting and innovative off-off Broadway companies is En Garde Arts, which recently mounted a production of "Stonewall, Night Variations," a music theater spectacle billed as "a remembrance and celebration" of the 1969 Stonewall riots.

En Garde Arts specialize in "site spe-



Michael Malone and Barney O'Hanlon in a scene from "Stonewall, Night Variations"

cific" performances, staging productions at unlikely locations throughout New York City—in ballrooms, the meat packing district, Central Park, and even an abandoned nursing home. En Garde Art's executive Director Anne Hamburger stated in a pre-curtain speech for Stonewall that she felt that theater should not be cloistered away in some dark building, that plays should be performed in the places where people work and live. Whatever else they may be, En Garde Arts productions certainly are alive.

And "Stonewall" is a theatrical event.

Entering onto Pier 25 in Manhattan's Tribeca district, where "Stonewall" is performed, the spectator is confronted with a carnival of characters and images from the 1960s. A towering, ebullient black drag queen in platform shoes and a mini skirt approaches you and asks you what you are looking for. She then guides you to a hustler in skin tight bell bottom jeans and a tank top. An Andy Warhol/Factory crowd wannabe pontificates about Pop Art, as two butch lesbians argue with a police officer exhorting them to move along. On one deserted section of the pier, a closeted gay man weeps in anguish in the privacy of his bedroom at the death of Judy Garland, playing her records over and over. And all this before the play even begins.

As the sun sets on the pier jutting into the Hudson River, the audience takes its seats and is introduced to an eclectic cast of characters. A closeted business executive recounts his wrenching experience with electroshock treatments while undergoing aversion therapy for homosexuality. The scion of a wealthy Northeastern family describes how he fled his stifling, affluent life to become a flamboyant street hustler in Greenwich Village. A Vietnam veteran who has been discharged for having sex with his colleagues relates the poignant story of falling in love for the first time in a small Southern town.

The realities of this singular moment in 1969 are quickly established. It is a hot sweltering night in New York. Greenwich Village is peopled by outcasts: Latino drag queens, effeminate hustlers, and butch bull

dykes. Police harassment and brutality are routine and accepted without question. But Judy Garland's funeral was just held that afternoon, over 20,000 people—many of them adoring gay men—waited in line for hours to view her casket, and nerves are strung wire tight.

Tina Landau, a lesbian and one of the most adventurous, imaginative young directors working in the American theater today, does double duty on Stonewall, serving both writer and director. She shows herself a director capable of creating stunning stage pictures, manipulating a cast of fifty actors with ease into beautiful theatrical tableau. And she imbibes the production with a wonderful, over-the-top theatricality, mixing angels, snippets of text from The Wizard of Oz, direct first person testimony from participants in the Stonewall Rebellion, and torchy Broadway ballads composed especially for this production by Ricky Ian Gordon.

"Stonewall" definitely has its short comings. It takes an hour and a half for the play to arrive at the actual riots. The pace of the production sometimes lags, and certain sections of the piece feel overwritten. But Stonewall's virtues far outweigh its flaws. And it succeeds on its own terms—as a vivid evocation of a seminal moment in Queer history.

In another Off-Broadway theater, the Playhouse on Vandam, a completely different type of revolution is taking place—an extremely personal, intimate one. Leslie Jordan, a television sitcom regular best known for his turn as Murphy Brown's assistant, relates the story of his fight from the repressive hills of Chattanooga to the wide-open vistas of Hollywood in "Hysterical Blindness and Other Southern Tragedies That Have Plagued My Life Thus Far."

A pounding gospel score drives this musical relentlessly forward, as a supporting chorus of six performers portrays the characters that Jordan encounters along his journey: wacko Southern Baptists, preternaturally serene Buddhists, and temperamental television directors among them. Throughout the performance, Jordan displays relentless energy, a



(Clockwise) Blair Ross, Terri Girvin and Leslie Jordan cope with "Hysterical Blindness"

camp-fired with, and a smooth way with a throw-away line. (He is especially good at the homespun epigram. "I know that bad taste is universal, but it is especially prevalent in the South," he draws languidly in his strong Southern accent.) He also gets a lot of mileage out of his genteel Southern mother's inability to come to grips with his sexuality.

After a certain point, however, the breakneck pace of the performance and Jordan's ever-so-cute mannerisms start to grate on one's nerves. But anyone who has attended one too many sessions of Vatican Bible School, negotiated the boundaries of a relationship with a dysfunctional parent, or spent longer than a year in the South can certainly empathize with Jordan's troubles.

"Stonewall, Night Variations" is performed nightly Tuesday through Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on Pier 25, between Chambers and Lighthouse Streets, in the Tribeca section of New York. Performances continue through July 17. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by calling (212) 779-9777.

"Hysterical Blindness" continues through Labor Day at the Playhouse on Vandam, located at 15 Vandam Street between Sixth Avenue and Varick. Tickets are \$30 for weekdays and \$35 for weekends and may be purchased by calling (212) 691-1555.

Robin Williams breaks up audience at Shanti Project celebration

By LISA ALCALAY KLUG
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, June 29 (AP)—Actor and comedian Robin Williams brought his zany humor to promote a serious cause—the Shanti Project, one of the country's oldest AIDS service organizations.

Williams wielded a huge pair of scissors that he claimed said "Property of Congress" as he presided over a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday for Shanti's new offices.

Williams, who most recently portrayed "Mrs. Doubtfire" in the feature film of the same name, has lived in San Francisco since he was 16 and has lost many friends to AIDS, he said. He urged the packed audience to give its support to Shanti, named after a Sanskrit word meaning "inner peace."

"So please help, whether it's with your actually service, whether it's with your heart or whether—a check would be really nice," Williams deadpanned. "Money, anything. You're open 24 hours, right? There's a number flashing at the bottom of the screen right now."

Governmental and private fund-

ing make up nearly equal portions of Shanti's annual \$3 million budget to help people with AIDS and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. But private donations to the organization dropped by \$500,000 in 1993 and this year it also lost a \$34,000 care-giver support contract with the city, Executive Director Gloria Sandoval said.

A generous rental lease at the organization's new offices will allow it to save \$180,000 a year in rent. Shanti is working to make up the remainder with a campaign called "Task Force 20," in honor of the organization's 20th anniversary.

"Your presence attests to the critical importance of our mission: to enhance the quality of life and independence for people with HIV while reducing their need for institutional care," Sandoval told Williams and other guests.

Shanti was founded in Berkeley in 1974 by Charles Garfield, a best-selling author, Olympic weight lifter and computer analyst for the Apollo 11 moon landing design team. Originally it provided support for people with terminal illnesses. By 1984,

the group moved to new offices in San Francisco and AIDS and HIV infection replaced other terminal illnesses as Shanti's focus.

Over the years, more than 7000 volunteers have contributed 2 million hours to shopping, child care, cooking, cleaning, driving patients to doctor's appointments and giving them counseling and emotional support.

"When you add all of that together... the practical aspect has been to save these clients millions of dollars," said spokesperson Harry Tuttle.

The project's army of peer counselors, who help fight the despair associated with AIDS, has been duplicated around the world, Sandoval said.

Board of Supervisors President Angela Alioto recalled volunteering for Shanti in 1982 and praised the organization.

"The staff in those days was incredible and the staff today is incredible," Alioto said. "I can't imagine how many lives Shanti has enriched over the last 20 years. I know how many lives it has enriched in the past 12 years during this horrible, horrible epidemic."

A brief history of the Shanti Project

Tuesday, June 28 (AP)—Here is a brief history of the Shanti Project:

—In 1974 the Shanti Project was founded in Berkeley by Charles Garfield to provide support for people with terminal illnesses; the name is a loose translation of a Sanskrit word meaning "inner peace."

—In 1980, the San Francisco Department of Public Health confirmed that 36 men had been diagnosed with GRID—Gay Related Immune Deficiency, the first description of the syndrome now known as AIDS. One year later, Shanti volunteers began providing services for men with GRID;

—In 1982, Shanti moved to San Francisco;

—In 1983 the project opened a counseling service at San Francisco General Hospital's Ward 5A, the nation's first AIDS ward; AIDS funding from the city and county of San Francisco became Shanti's main source of income;

—In 1984, Shanti changed its focus to provide services to people with AIDS and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS;

—During its 20 year history, Shanti has trained more than 7,000 volunteers who have given over 2 million hours of service to Bay Area residents.

Lesbian sues ex-partner for visitation

SALT LAKE CITY, Sunday, July 3 (AP)—A lesbian has filed an unprecedented lawsuit in 3rd District Court seeking visitation rights with a child conceived through artificial insemination by her ex-partner.

Details of the lawsuit were revealed in a copyright story Sunday in The Salt Lake Tribune. The newspaper guaranteed the women anonymity, identifying them only as "Amy" and "Marsha."

The lawsuit has the potential to define the legal rights of gay and lesbian parents in Utah, the newspaper reported.

The paper reported the two women met and fell in love eight years ago and moved into a Salt Lake City home. Martha, with a son from a previous relationship,

became pregnant after the couple decided they wanted a second child.

The story said the couple pored over biographies of sperm donors, looking for an educated man with a dark complexion to reflect Amy's Spanish heritage.

Martha gave birth to a second boy, identified as Gary, in August 1990.

The baby was born on Amy's 39th birthday, and she claims she became his "second mother" and has loved him like a son.

Last fall, though, Martha and her children moved out. Since then, Amy's contact with the toddler has been minimal. Arranged visits are canceled at the last minute.

"I can't be on this roller coaster any-

more," Amy, an accountant by profession, told the newspaper. "I've got to get off because it's making me sick."

So she filed the lawsuit, which is set for trial before Judge Leslie Lewis in September. A hearing is set for next week to determine whether Amy will be granted temporary visitation rights.

While Amy has no legal or biological tie to the child, her attorney, Suzanne Marelius, argues that the emotional bond between them demands legal recognition.

"I can't point to a law, a case, a statute that says my client has a right to visitation," Marelius said. "My argument will be: Let's look at the reality. You can't just wipe out the bond, the love."

Martha's lawyer, Jean Robert Babilis of Ogden, disagrees. Martha acknowledges her relationship with Amy but says the decision to have another child was hers alone. Amy is no different from a neighbor who developed a close friendship with a child, Babilis argues.

"It boils down to whether there is a right of visitation for a lesbian lover," he says. "If you don't have a relationship that's legal, how can you have legal rights to the child?"

Marelius counters that no current Utah law would ban the visitation, and that the state's courts have traditionally been lenient toward granting parental rights in non-traditional relationships like polygamy.

State constitutional gay rights amendment proposed

PORTLAND, Ore., Saturday, July 2 (AP)—A Portland civic group has released a study it hopes will lessen the divisiveness in Oregon over homosexuality.

A City Club of Portland report Friday calls for a state constitution amendment to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in jobs, housing and public accommodations.

The amendment also would prohibit affirmative action programs, hiring quotas and discrimination-based hiring quotas based on sexual orientation.

A bill to amend the constitution to prohibit such discrimination died in the Legislature last year.

"Most Oregonians oppose discrimination against anyone on the basis of their sexual orientation. But many Oregonians also fear that legal protection from discrimination would lead to affirmative action programs, quotas and hiring preferences, which they oppose," a report on the City Club study says.

City Club members will vote July 8 on whether to accept the recommendations from an 11-member committee

assembled to look at the issue.

The study stemmed from Measure 9, a statewide anti-gay rights initiative rejected by Oregon voters in 1992. The City Club opposed Measure 9.

Since then, about two dozen local anti-gay rights ordinances have been approved by voters. The Oregon Citizens Alliance continues to collect signatures for another statewide initiative, which a court has disqualified on technical grounds.

Scott Lively, OCA membership director, said he was not surprised by the study's recommendations.

"It clearly reflects that the Portland City Club is pro-homosexual in its perspective," Lively said.

Korleen Kraft, study committee chairperson, said the panel "wanted to present a serious report that would help stop some of the emotionalism that surrounds this issue."

The committee interviewed 48 people and consulted writings on the subject. Among those interviewed were Charles Hinkle, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union and an opponent of the OCA initiatives, and Bruce McCain, an OCA lawyer.

The study's other recommendations:—Schools in Oregon should adopt a program similar to one in the Portland School District. The district treats students' questions about sexual orientation as a sensitive subject best left to family and trusted adults.—Employers should develop "conduct-based" standards regarding homosexuality in the workplace. "These standards should focus on the job to be done and the kinds of professional behaviors that are and are not acceptable."

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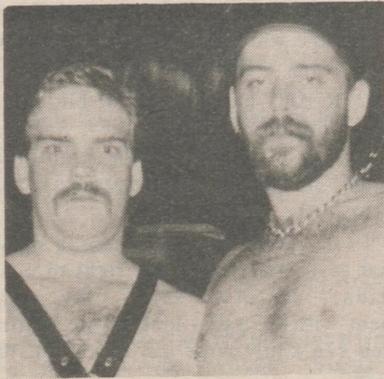
KARAOKE NIGHT at 9:00 p.m. with Ray Wilkening

THUR CLUB NIGHT ON THE PATIO HOSTED BY ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE CLUBS

Fourth of July weekend was festive all over town; John Benavides is the new Mr. Texas Drummer



Danny and Simply Divine at Divine's birthday party last week at Rich's



The "Davids": left, runner up and right, winner of the Bear of the Month contest



Winner, center, and others of Mr. Texas Drummer

HOUSTON SOAP, PART 1

By CAROLYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston

Hello Houston!

Last Week:

Houston City Limits wowed the crowd at Gentry this past Sunday. They were part of the "Cracker of a Jam" show hosted by Mr. Gerald Ennis, Candidate for Mr. TGRA 1995. Congratulations on a successful show!

Congratulations to Gentry's Volleyball Team for winning a Silver Medal at the Gay Games!!! Yea Team!! Congrats are also in order to the Volleyball team from Pacific Street! Out of 66 teams, they came in 4th, just barely missing the bronze medal!!

Heaven was packed for its Fourth of July Sunday Super Show! The Ultra Hot Chocolate brought down the house with her incredible impersonation of Tina Turner. Tandi Andrews in from San Antonio to perform in the extravaganza that also included Houston's own Lindsay Love.

I have heard numerous reports on the entertainment at Midtowne Spa on the Fourth. Porn Star Chad Ulery sent off more fireworks than the City of Houston did!! I wished I could have been there to see his explosive show!!

The New Mr. Texas Drummer is John Benavides!! Congratulations!! If you missed this contest, you missed a great night of hot men and fantasy style entertainment!! Thanks to Pacific Street for a great time!!

The Freedom Party at The Club was a splashing success!! The waving of the Red, White and You was a tribute to our country and to their customers!! When Damion and the guys throw a party...it is ALWAYS one of the best in town!



David, the new weekend afternoon bartender at Gentry

Congrats to Chip Klien for bringing home 2 Gold Medals from the Gay Games!!

I was a judge for the Bear of the Month Contest at the Mine this past Wednesday!! I would like to thank the Mine, Brian Keever, Don Gill and Lee Baber for a delightful evening for fun and fur!! Congrats to David the winner and David M. as runner up!

National Leather Association: Houston is pleased to announce the newly elected Board Members. President: Calvin Buckley, VP: Mike Geinzer, Tres: Michael White, Sec: Dean Walradt, At Large #1: Orlin Cullever, and at Large #2: Brian Keever.

Friday, July 8

Mr. Houston All-American Contest is at the Brazos River Bottom tonight at 7:30 p.m. This is a contest not to be missed!

The Boy Toy Dancers entertain you at Gentry tonight from 6:00 pm until 2:00 a.m. If you like young, smooth, and sexy, You will adore the Boy Toy Dancers.

The most fun way to spend Friday after a long, hard week at work is to head over to J.R.'s. This is a way to recoup and beat the heat with five different frozen drinks that are only \$3.25 during Happy Hour. Drop in on the way home from the office and say hello to Miss Carol and try a Russian Quaalude. they will make you want to defect!

Saturday, July 9

There is a car wash on the parking lot of Gentry from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will wash anything with wheels!! Happy Hour Prices are extended to 10:00 pm when the clubs hot male dancers take to the stage.

Miss Camp America is proud to invite you to a Pre-Pageant Party tonight at the Tower Theater!! For the first time in Miss Camp America's history this will be a FREE party! They have rented the Tower Theater from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for this event! This year's theme is "Rhinestones and Studs." The entertainment line-up is: Marsha Carlton, The Whorehouse Girls, Southern Country Dancers, Randy Huffman, the 1994 Top Nine Miss Camp America and more!! There will also be a raffle for a free round trip to Las Vegas, and other goodies. So get out your Rhinestones and or your Studs and check out this festive party!!

Good Luck to Mr. Don Gill and Mr. Calvin Buckley. They are both representing Houston's Hottest Leathermen in the Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer Contest in

Dallas tonight!!

Sunday, July 10

Karl Thomas returns to Pacific Street! Stallion Video's Porn God cums back to "Show Off" his latest creation "Inside Karl Thomas." Get there early to take advantage of No Cover from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Also tonight is the screening of the new TV show "Gay 90's." This is a preview of a new show to be aired on Access

TV. This is a news magazines format offering a variety of topics from local news and serious issues, such as HIV Clinical testing, nutrition, book reviews, restaurants reviews and many other items of interest. The show will be aired at 8:00 p.m.

Suck down a cold one and catch the Gentry Boy Toys starting at 5:00 p.m. Hang around until 9:00 pm to see the Imperial Court presenting "Just Watch My Lips."

Don't miss Lindsay Love as she performs at Heaven, this time with Florida's most Popular Impersonator Tiffany Areiagus and four gorgeous male dancers. Best wishes to Lindsay Love as she competes at Entertainer of the Year in Dallas later this Month!

It's "Christmas in July" tonight at Rich's. This event gets bigger each year, so be sure to get an invitation from one of the hosts, because you don't want to miss this big splash!!

Is it a holiday weekend? The "Christmas in July" fundraiser is at the Brazos River Bottom starting at 7:30 tonight! This is not to be confused with the party sponsored by the hosts held at Rich's. (This is even confusing to me!!)

Something new to do on Sundays: Midtowne Spa is proud to announce on Sundays between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm they are offering lockers, rooms and video rooms at HALF PRICE!!

YEA! BUFFET! at the Venture-N every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Hal and Jim really put out for this spread! The bar provides the food, Hal and Jim provide their services. For all of this, they ask for a donation to the Colt 45's Trouble-fund Box!!

I don't think I even have to remind you that the Brazos River Bottom has Steak night every Sunday!! It is only \$5 for a hunk of beef you can cook yourself, with all the trimmings!!!!

The 611 Hyde Park Pub has brunch every Sunday at noon! The menu changes weekly, so be sure to check out the spread this Sunday!

Monday, July 11

Monday at Gentry, you'll find Vanna aka Barry serving DQ attitude and stiff drinks during Happy Hour. All hairdressers are invited to stop by and provide Hair and make UP TIPS. Ouch!!

It is Clubber's Night at Pacific Street. If you work at a bar, night club or a restaurant, OR you wear Club Colors you can get in Free!! This has built up to quite a party every Monday night. It is also a chance to party with your favorite bartenders and wait staffers while they are on the same side of the bar as you are!!

Tuesday, July 12

It is Amateur Talent night at E/J's. Brittany Paige takes the stage in search of fresh local talent. This week is week # 5. The contest starts at 10:30 p.m.

It is HALF PRICE day at The Club! That means Half Price on lockers, video rooms and regular rooms!! Such a deal!

If you want to give me some dirt... you can almost always find me where the Cuervo is Cold and Cheap!! It should be Mary's (Naturally).

Wednesday, July 13

Sizzling at Gentry's tonight is the Hot Miss Gay Texas, Dyan Michaels. She will host the clubs fabulous Male Strip contest. Without a doubt, this contest brings in one of the best crowds in town. Miss Michaels takes the stage at 10:30 p.m.

It is Buddy Night at The Club! You get a room and your "Buddy" gets a locker free!

(Continued on following page)



Club Houston's management and staff during July 4 weekend pool parties

Sealed With A Kiss

Coming events: Greek weekend at Pacific Street; Christmas in July at the BRB



This is the only way to shut him up!

HOUSTON SOAP, PART 2

(Continued from previous page)

Dinner and a show at E/J's every Wednesday night. Lucy cooks hot meat off the grill starting at 6:00 p.m. Steak, Potato, and salad for only \$5.50. Ray Wilkening warms up the Karaoke machine at 9:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday you can get a free Spaghetti Dinner at Midtowne Spa. The dinner bell rings at 7:00 pm until 9:00 p.m. It is also Half Price day for video rooms, regular rooms and lockers!

Bare Chest and Harness night at the Venture-N. Happy Hour prices until 11:00 pm if you are appropriately (un)dressed!

It is Hump Day and Night at Mary's. They offer Happy Hour all day and all night to help you make it thru the hump in your long week!

Thursday, July 14

It is Club Night at E/J's. Each Thursday night a different club serves icy cold ones on the patio!

Club Hedonism is still the place for pleasure on Thursdays. Tons of Hip Club Kids, Wild Fashions and Fierce Music makes Hedonism one of the hottest places in Houston.

It is Club Night at the Venture-N. Happy Hour prices for all Club members. Each week a different Club will tend bar! Tonight is a special Club Night. Anyone interested in meeting the new officers for NLA:H are invited to attend this special social night out. NLA:H members will be guest bartending on the Farside from 8:00 p.m. until Midnight, and through out the evening a 50/50 raffle will be held benefiting Bering Dental Clinic. Other small prizes from area businesses will be drawn from the raffle. Please come and meet the new officers and have some while supporting a worthy cause.

The 611 Hyde Park Pub has Steak night tonight! For only \$5.00 you can get a Steak, Potato with all the trimmings, and a salad. Such a bargain!!

Coming Events

If you would like something listed in this section, please call 529-8490 or fax 529-9531.

July 15 * Scooter Lee at the Brazos River Bottom.

July 15 * GO GREEK weekend at Pacific Street. Tonight starts with a Toga Party! No Cover if you are in a Toga.

July 16 * Warrior Party at Pacific Street. No cover for erotic leather or a warrior costume.

July 16 * DEMO at the Ripcord hosted by Brotherhood of Pain: Exploring the SM lifestyle. Don't be shy!! Starts at 9:00 p.m.

July 16 * Estate Planning for the Terminally Ill. Seminar at the River Oaks Health Alliance. Call 528-0144 for info.

July 17 * Hot Tropical Afternoon III. (A fashion show) Call 498-1234 for info.

July 17 * Thomas Rodriguez presents "A Taste of Texas" starring some of Houston's Hottest entertainers!

July 17 * ROME IS BURNING at Pacific Street. This is an evening of decadence and debauchery. No Cover from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

July 17 * The Misfits 2nd Anni-

neighbors!

July 31 * "New Year's Eve in July" At Pacific Street. 2nd Annual Party!

August 12 * Sundance Cattle Company Anniversary

August 13 * Bear Auction at the Venture-N. This is a fundraiser for The Court. This event is sponsored by Lee at Leather Forever and Anita Mann!!

August 15 * Gay Night at the Laff Stop

August 19 * Bay Area L & L "Hot Tuna 94" in Corpus Christi

Other Important Stuff:

Come down to Gentry and meet David, the new afternoon bartender. Be sure to rub his lucky rabbit's foot for a good weekend hunting!!

Pantheon of Leather V will be held in New Orleans the weekend of Feb. 17-20 in conjunction with the beginning of Mardi Gras. This event is sponsored by The Leather Journal. Mark your calendars!!

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:00 pm you can get Hamburgers and Hot Dogs at E/J's. This is a fund raising project to help the E/J's softball team's Travel Fund for their next trip to Nashville!

11:00 a.m. until 4:00 pm and on Friday and Saturday from 11:00 am until 7:00 p.m.

Don't forget that The Club has a clothing optional sun deck and pool! What a way to NOT get tan lines!

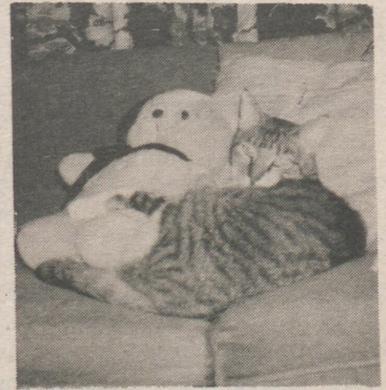
Boot, Scoot and Boogie to the Brazos River Bottom for Happy Hour every day 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 pm and on Sundays starting at Noon until 5:00 p.m.

The Triangle Bar and Grill is the newest eatery in town! The restaurant is open 24 hours a day, offering breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets, as well as a full menu. I'm rather fond of this place because they even have a vegetarian menu! The bar offers Happy Hour drink specials that rival the Montrose bars, with a munchie bar full of finger foods and other yummie stuff!

Theater Info

THEATER LaB HOUSTON has extended "The Kathy and Mo Show" until July 23rd. This is a great comedy! Call 868-7516 for info and tickets.

CURTAINS Theater is proud to present "Having It All," featuring Michelle Britton. This is



Who owns this pussy? The kitty's name is butch...and so is his owner, Lee from the Ripcord

John Mata (RSICSS): Why did you lick your lips sooooo much at the Bear of the Month Contest? and What is this I hear about you sending someone to the hospital in NYC!!

Which Don was on his knees through most of the Bear of the Month Contest? I'll buy the first person a shot of Cuervo that correctly identifies this "Don"!

Diesel (Lee B.'s Lady): You looked so cute in last weeks issue!! It has been told to me that I was your "Close encounter of the fishy kind!!"

I met the hunkiest guy this past weekend named Wes!! He just moved here from Kansas. Welcome to Houston Honey!! Love the muscles!

Ken (The Druid) So I hear you wear little booties under your boots!!

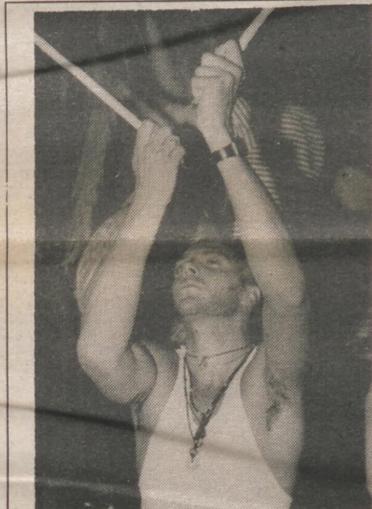
I have a special thanks to "The Rowdy Girls..." Jim and Russ! They told me that every Saturday morning they read Soap to help with their hangovers and some how I "cure" them. I think it is because I write so much about the bars that they get tipsy just from reading about booze!! Love Ya !!

Congratulations are in order to Elizabeth, the Newest Member of FIST, (that is Females in Search of Trouble!!)

Ok Guys, I have a real bone to pick with some of you male types!!! I truly don't mind sharing rest room facilities with you guys, actually I rather enjoy it. It is the kind of thing that someday might actually unite the sexes! But, if one MORE little "twinkie type" gives ME a hard time about the time it takes to pull my panty hose back up, I'm gonna take my whip out and pulverize his cute little buns! (and this will be out of anger, not deviant sexual pleasure!!) Some of us female types do frequent the guys' bars with very few problems, but don't you ever give me attitude when you are in the Ladies room!!! (Talk about me and a SOAPbox!!)

Well it is almost Cuervo time...TTFN

Cuervolyn



Rich's tribal drummer, Shaheen Shary, back by popular demand last Saturday



Chad Ulery, Playgirl centerfold, with Tranae Chardon, center; Mark, left and Jacy, right at the Midtowne Spa's July 4 celebration

versary show at the Brazos River Bottom.

July 24 * "Christmas in July" Carnival at the Brazos River Bottom. Call Chris Severson for info 526-4392.

July 30 * Viatical Settlement Seminar at the River Oaks Health Alliance. Call 528-0144 for info.

July 31 * Denim Party at the Brazos River Bottom

July 31 * Garden Party is ready to trash Rich's. Trailer Park Trash is this year's theme, so get your flamingo's, curlers, and fuzzy slippers and plan to dish the

The Montrose Mining Company is the best place in Houston to cruise men! Cruising hours have been extended on the weekends until 4:00 a.m. on Fur-day and Saturdays. On Sundays, you will find that all the bears like to play on the patio at the Mine. They still have Houston's biggest beer bust beginning at 4:00 pm with \$1.00 buy in and 25 cents refills of Miller Lite Draft Beer and the party doesn't end until the beer bust does at 2:00 a.m.

When Bill Pearse, Manager of Basic Brothers, said they were taking it off for you, he wasn't kidding. See the ad in this week's issue. Save 20% to 40% on selected summer merchandise!!

Katherine and the Party Boys are working on a big bash. This disco ball have disco drag contests and lots of hot bods. Keep an eye out for further details on this party to be at Rich's.

The Venture-N opens every day at Noon and has Happy Hour until 7:00 p.m.

Leather By Boots is having a sale!! Jackets are 20% off and a clearance sale on women's latex and rubber wear.

Chris' Boot Shine is open at the Venture-N Thursday thru Sunday.

Vivian's New Resale Shop has changed their hours. They are now open Tuesday thru Thursday

written and directed by Dan Barclay. The show will run thru July 31. Ticket info is available by calling 461-8394.

"Go Fish" is currently showing at the River Oaks 3. Call 524-2175 for show times.

A new mainstream movie opens this week, "Forrest Gump" with Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinisee, Mykelti Williamson and Sally Field. I have already seen this one, and I highly recommend you see it. This movie will make you laugh, cry and remind many of us about lessons in history we might have forgotten.

Dirt, Dirt

Kenny "Wilma" Lee (Gentry's): Has that bite on the inside of your thigh healed yet? And since when does a softball leave teeth marks?

Bill H. (BRB) says NO more foam on the cocktails!! Good Luck JoAnn on your next Bubble!! Also JoAnn, Does Patsy Cline really have a new album out?

Glen (Q-Patrol): How come you had to go all the way to NYC to pick up a guy from Big D?

Bobby Fife: Happy Belated Birthday Honey! I hear on the "one to grow on" a pinch to the nipple works better than that last Birthday swat!



Damon, Mel and Steven of Houston City Limits wow Gentry patrons



Diane and Teresa party at the Ranch

Newspapers censor ads for anti-gay-rights-initiative campaign

SEATTLE, Thursday, June 30 (AP)—A full-page ad aimed at drumming up support for anti-gay rights Initiative 608 was edited to remove sexually explicit material at the request of the six newspapers that carried it.

The full-page ad appeared in Thursday's editions of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, The Seattle Times, The Herald in Everett, The News Tribune in Tacoma, The Sun of Bremerton and The Spokesperson-Review in Spokane.

"We were uncomfortable with the language and the descriptions and felt many of our readers would be, too," Shaun Higgins, director of marketing and sales for The Spokesperson-Review, told the Post-Intelligencer.

For some newspapers, Initiative 608 supporters trimmed sections of the ad that quoted a sex-education curriculum describing safe-sex techniques. At least one newspaper, The News Tribune, left that section intact.

All deleted descriptions of homosexual activities excerpted from a medical journal.

But the Times included the explicit descriptions of some homosexual sexual practices in an article about the ad.

"The news department's job is to provide readers whatever we believe is necessary to help them understand what is happening," said Managing Editor Alex MacLeod.

"The material in question is pretty clinical and straightforward and important to readers' understanding of the position of the initiatives' proponents," he said.

The Initiative 608 campaign is scrambling for the 181,667 signatures it must submit by July 8 to get the measure on the November ballot. Prospects also appear poor for Initiative 610, a similar measure.

Both initiatives would ban civil rights laws protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination in employment and housing, and bar public schools from presenting homosexuality as acceptable behavior. Initiative 610 also would ban adoptions by gays and prevent the granting of child custody to divorced gay parents.

The Washington Public Affairs Council, which is running the Initiative 608 campaign, spent about \$20,000 to run the ads.

"We believe that it's going to help get our message out to our friends that we've only got a short time left—to send in all their signatures. This is doable if everybody puts their full effort into it," council chairperson Doug Burman said Thursday.

"I think it's going to send a message to the general public as well ... about the dangers of granting special rights based on homosexuality."

The ad included a warning that some of the material is not suitable for children, he said.

"We find it ironic that papers that like to talk about First Amendment free speech want to censor" clinical language describing behavior that "many of these people want to give special protection to," Burman said.

He said he does not understand why the newspapers refused to print material from a curriculum used by public schools in Seattle and elsewhere.

"I've not seen them object to the sex-ed programs that depict homosexual sex, yet they cannot print what's in textbooks. I see that as ironic, if not hypocritical."

While he opposes presentation of such material in schools, Burman told the Times the ad would just repulse children and turn them against homosexuality.

"This is clinical language," he said "There is nothing here that appeals to prurient interests."

AIDS educators and gay-rights advocates challenged some of the assertions in the Initiative 608 ad.

It cites, for example, a finding by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that the average person with AIDS has had more than 1100 sex partners. The Northwest AIDS Foundation says the study was skewed by an unreliably small sample of people interviewed when the AIDS epidemic began.

The foundation said a Columbia University School of Public Health researcher later found the median number for gay men was about 30—similar to that of heterosexual men.

Don't Sign On: Idaho anti-gay initiative has qualified for ballot

BOISE, Idaho, Friday, July 1 (AP)—Opponents of the anti-gay initiative on Friday conceded the opening round in their battle with the Idaho Citizens Alliance.

Brian Bergquist of the Don't Sign On campaign said a survey of all 44 county clerks showed that the alliance and founder Kelly Walton have already certified more than the 32,061 registered voter signatures needed to put the proposition on the November ballot—but not by much.

Walton was scheduled to turn in his petitions next Wednesday, two days before the deadline.

"Obviously we're disappointed that Idaho is going to have to fight about this," Bergquist said. "But Don't Sign On has always said we thought it would get on the ballot. Frankly, we're surprised it took this long."

"We've always been geared long-term working toward November," and he said opponents, working under a new but still undetermined name, hope to raise \$500,000 to defeat the initiative at the polls.

Walton has indicated he wants to spend at least that much and possibly more to win adoption of the proposition that bans state and local laws prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals.

Although opposed by nearly every political and civic leader in the state, including a once noncommittal Republican Congressman Michael Crapo, supporters claim the proposal is needed to stop homosexuals from gaining what they call special rights and to prohibit the teaching of homosexuality in public schools.

Critics, maintaining neither has occurred or could in a conservative state like Idaho, have argued that the initiative would strip homosexuals of their basic civil rights, and they have promised a court challenge if voters adopt it. Attorney General Larry EchoHawk has twice said he believes the proposition is unconstitutional.

Although failing to stop the issue

short of the ballot, Bergquist said opponents took heart in the fact that Walton and his cadre of paid signature collectors certified only 32,733 signatures through Thursday and would likely submit only about 35,000—well below Walton's target.

Last December during a swing through Idaho Falls, one of the initiative's relative strongholds, Walton said he wanted to gather 100,000 signatures to build up a mailing list and demoralize the opponents.

"We are going for a 70 percent landslide" in the fall, Walton said then.

At the same time, however, he admitted that financial support for the campaign was flagging and he was having to pump \$2,000 a month from the family business in Heyburn into the operation to keep it afloat. Since then, financial disclosure statements have showed the Walton company pumping in nearly \$62,000 of the \$93,000 spent on the drive through March.

Opponents spent less than \$13,000 during the same period.

"If I were Kelly Walton, I'd be a little nervous," Bergquist said. "What is significant is the hundreds of thousands of Idahoans who didn't sign on. The residents of Idaho have simply said to Kelly Walton and the out-of-states who initiated this effort that Idaho values tolerance more than discrimination."

Bergquist acknowledged opponents remained concerned that because the initiative has run into trouble in a number of other states—including neighboring Oregon and Washington where its prospects were dim—that its supporters in those states would dedicate their efforts to Idaho.

But he said he believed Idahoans will provide the financial support to defeat the initiative now that all doubt has been removed about its ballot status.

"A lot of people sat it out and said, 'It's not going to be on the ballot,'" he said. "Now it's July 8, it's going to be on the ballot and it's time to pony up."

Report: Stonewall 25 hundreds of thousands in debt

NEW YORK, Thursday, June 30 (AP)—The Stonewall 25 group that spearheaded Sunday's gay-rights march and Central Park rally has a deficit of hundreds of thousands of dollars, New York Newsday reported today.

"The most recent figure I heard was \$300,000 in debts," one staff member who asked not to be named told Newsday.

Allen White, who was a media coordinator for the event, said Stonewall 25 owed him "over \$5,000" for three months' pay. The group was formed to run last weekend's 25th anniversary of the clashes between police and gay patrons of the Stonewall bar in Greenwich Village that sparked the

modern gay-rights movement.

Stonewall 25 national co-chairperson Franklin Fry told Newsday the organization would "pay off every single one of our debts. I'm not even thinking about anything else."

Fry refused to say how large the budget gap was, adding that the organization would release figures next Tuesday.

Stonewall's budget projections took a dive last Sunday when Parks Commissioner Henry Stern refused to allow organizers to collect money during the rally in Central Park.

Parks Department spokesperson Parke Spencer said Stonewall 25 had not applied for a permit in time to raise money.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Houston **I'VE BEEN A NAUGHTY BOY:** GWM, 6', stach, 36, seeking men

interested in spankings and being disciplined. #30258

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

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

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

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

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

Houston **MUSCLES ON MUSCLES:** 40 yr. old GBM seeks friendships with macho

San Antonio **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE DAY KIND:** Day time encounters only; very non committal; I am a 6'1" Bln/Green Swede with good build. #29496

San Antonio **SKY'S THE LIMIT:** Music and movie lover; Everybody likes me and you will too. #29505

Austin **GO OUT FOR A PASS:** 5'5", 140, into workouts. Hispanic guy with a well-defined body and red hair seeks a receiver. #28713

Austin **LIKE A FENCEPOST:** 24 yr old GWM, 6', slender guy seeks a similar partner. #28745

Austin **NO BARFLIES ALLOWED:** Seeking quality, athletic, GWMs who are masculine. I am a 5'9", 165, handsome Hispanic guy. I am the frat-type all-american. #28825

Austin **BEEFCAKE:** 5'9" 165lb. GM with a beautiful smile who enjoys outdoors.

Looking for a 25-35 yr. old beautiful, smooth-skinned man. #26627

Austin **GREAT BALLS OF FIRE:** 40 yrs. old drk. red hair professional. Love animals with a wide variety of interests. Looking for GWM professional for friendship and more. #29298

Austin **PROFESSIONAL:** 38 yr. old seeks a guy around his age. Please be professional and not into games. I like quiet evenings, hippie hollow, and partying. #28703

Houston **DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS:** 32, 6', 185. Seeking an Hispanic or Anglo guy for fun and friendship. #27142

Houston **SHOWER ME:** 21 yr old Latin guy, 5'11", 160, clean cut. I am cute and like cats, music. Seeking a daddy

who would like to dance and go to the movies. #27585

Houston **PEDAL PUSHER:** 5'8", 150, blonde and blue. Seeking a guy who likes to ride bikes and workouts. Hry chest A+. #27458

Houston **I'M READY TO GIVE IT A GO:** 18 yr old WM, bi-curious seeks Mr. Right. Any race is OK. #27726

Houston **VERY CULTURED:** Seeking friends to share some action. French, Greek and groups. Call if interested. #27582

Houston **NORTH SIDE:** I am seeking any and all yng guys. Any race is OK. I aim to please. #27644

Houston **BLACK AT YA:** 6'2", brn hair, grn eyes and a stache. I love sports and having a GOOD time. Seeking a good looking, in-shape black male. Call me at home. #27860

Houston **THE RIGHT KEY:** College sophomore, violinist seeks a music lover. I love dancing and the quiet stuff. I hope to meet a special friend. #27917

Houston **I'VE BEEN BAD:** Seeking older WMs who are great administrators. #27819

Houston **CHOCOHOLIC:** Chocolate sought by 32 yr old Hispanic. Please 24-34 yrs old. #28304

Austin **WELL BUILT:** I am a gym rat, masculine and smooth. 5'9", grn/brn. I am sane and healthy and seeking a guy who can handle me. I have varied interests from music to the outdoors. #26627

Austin **YOUNG FUN:** 18 yr old, 5'10", brn/brn. Seeking an athletic guy into bikes, dancing and the clubs. #26836

Austin **BIG BROTHER:** 35 yr old WM top seeks smooth, slim guys. #26901

Austin **WHEN IN ROME:** I am 5'11", 170, brn/brn, rough top. #26919

Austin **NORTHEAST:** Blonde Swede, 6'1", muscular seeks guys for daytime fun. Black/Hispanic/Anglo preferred. #27006

Austin **STRIP POKER:** Cute GWM seeks others for Truth or Dare. #27054

Austin **COME ON OVER, BOYS!:** Seeking young Anglos, 18-30. Must like the outdoors, BBQs and music. I live on a ranch and would love to have you over. #27243

Austin **TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC:** 26 yr old is fresh to town. 6'2", 185, brn/bru. I am seeking new friends for fun times. I love dancing and going out. #27259

Austin **THE BEST OF TIMES:** 25 yr old seeks guys for a really good time. I am in shape, 6'1", 175, and lean. No strings meetings with this top. #26861

Austin **LOVE, BRUCE:** 32, Blonde; Looking for fun guys, going to clubs; looking for guys with similar interests #28110

Austin **DIVE RIGHT IN:** Blonde hair, blue eyes; like swimming 5'9". Looking for friendships. #28126

Austin **GHM:** 28, 5'8". Great bodied BTM with a dynamite tan seeks an older top who appreciates good legs. #28080

Corpus Christi **SOUTH SIDE:** 32 yr old guy seeks a yng man for a meaningful relationship. #28272

San Antonio **TALLER THE BETTER:** 25 yr old blk male, 6'3", 200. Seeking a WM, 20-30, tall A+. #26885

San Antonio **IT'S YOUR SERVICE:** Asian male, 31, 5'10", 160. Into movies, tennis and friendship. Seeking a blk male, 25-35, who is stable. #26997

San Antonio **FLEX-ABLE:** GHM, 30, 5'6", muscular. I am into jogging and am sexy and romantic. I am monogamous and seek an attractive guy, 20-40. #27193

San Antonio **YEE HAW:** Bi-WM, seeks a guy, 25-40. Hispanic cowboy A+. Hoping for a special relationship. #27627

San Antonio **I NEED A TOWEL:** Hot Latin stud with lots of muscle seeks guy under 25 who are good looking and ready for brief and swty encounters. #27735

San Antonio **WITH THE LIGHTS OUT:** 18 yr old, 5'8", blk hair seeks masc guys near his age. #27791

San Antonio **DO YOU WANNA DANCE?:** 27 yr old, overweight Hispanic seeks a guy, 18-30, to get wild at the clubs with. Please be a WM or Hispanic. Come see me at talent night. (I'll be the one with the dozen carnations at the Wild Club.) #27785

San Antonio **TOP GUNS WANTED:** 20 yr old, 6'3", seeks a GM for friendship and maybe more. Tops only pls. #28195

TX SMALL TOWN BLUES: These people have peas for brains! 6', green eyes, 46" chest. I am very attractive and masculine. I love horse back riding. #27534

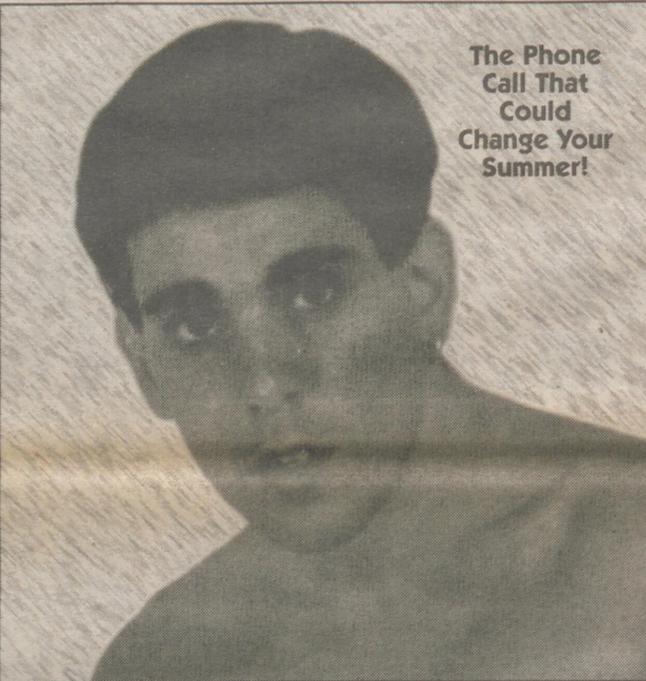
817 Area Code **ZESTY:** 23 yr old, 5'8", 132, seeking a guy for a relationship. I am a lot of fun and love movies, skiing and dining out. #27223

817 Area Code **GRIDIRON GOD:** 26 yr old, 6'4", blonde smooth football player's build. I am into quiet times and a little watersports. #27910

Austin **FLEX-ABLE?:** 47 yr old WM attractive, 5'8", 165, blonde and blue with a short beard. Seeking similar. Big muscles are A+. #25706

Austin **ROCK MY WORLD:** GWM, 29, new to area, 5'9", 180. Casual dresser/drinker/smoker seeks an outgoing loving cuddler for LTR. #26436

San Antonio **BLACK LIKE ME:** 39 yr old masc blk male seeks other black guys who are masc/slim/well-built, under 41. #20081



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Houston **MANLY MEN:** Seeking Latin men who are masculine. Staches A+. Ages, 20-45. I am looking for good times-nothing serious. #28513

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

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

Houston **TAKE IT OUTSIDE:** GBM, bbuilder, 31, brn/brn. Masculine, vers, intelligent guy loves to cook and spend time in the outdoors. Seeking a guy who takes care of himself emotionally, physically and spiritually. #28857

Houston **COME ALL YE GENTLEMAN:** 29yrs. Bln/Blu looking for singles, couples, groups, whatever. #29417

San Antonio **HI THERE!:** 5'10" 165lb. looking for a 25-32 yr. old for friendship and possibly more. I love dancing and biking. #26691

San Antonio **LET BILLY GET YOUR GOAT:** I am Billy, a 24 yr. old looking for fun times and games. I am Looking for Hispanic 18-35 yrs. old. #29433

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Kentucky Democratic congressman joins Republican criticism of Elders

LEXINGTON, Ky., Tuesday, June 28 (AP)—U.S. Rep. Scotty Baesler said Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders' comments and views are undermining efforts of President Clinton's administration and the Democratic-controlled Congress.

In response to a caller on the statewide radio program, "A-OK Prime-Line," Baesler said Monday he thinks Elders "should be gone. I think she should have been gone a year ago."

A firestorm of criticism has surrounded Elders with her remarks that the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts discriminate against gays, that the legalization of narcotics should be considered, that girls should take condoms when they go on dates and that smoking should be severely restricted in most of the nation's public buildings.

Last week, 87 Republican House members wrote a letter to President Clinton, urging him to fire Elders.

Baesler, D-6th District, said after the show it was Clinton's call whether to keep Elders "but from my perspective, I think she should go.

"Her effectiveness is nil. Her comments offend the sensibility of most Kentuckians and she can't offer much to the Democratic cause."

Mike Russell, a spokesperson for Elders in Washington, D.C., said he would have no comment on Baesler's remarks.

Elders' views on sex, drugs and other issues have created controversy since Clinton appointed her last year.

Baesler, a tobacco farmer who plans to make a second race for governor next year, said Elders got off on the wrong foot with Kentuckians by suggesting that the nation outlaw Kentucky's No. 1 legal crop but consider legalizing marijuana.

He said she has taken on the Roman Catholic Church by saying that gays and lesbians should be allowed in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and by questioning the fact that "a celibate, male-dominated church," as she put it, leads opposition to abortion.

(Baesler supports the right to abortion but not government funding of it.)

Last week, in a speech to a gay and lesbian group, Elders said the "un-Christian religious right" is "selling our children out in the name of religion."

Rep. Tom Barlow of the 1st District, the other Kentucky Democrat running for re-election to Congress this year, said he thought Elders "was an unfortunate appointment."

"At some point I hope the president would replace her," Barlow said.

The Democratic nominee in the 3rd District, former state Rep. Mike Ward, said he did not agree with Elders' position on tobacco but "I don't see any reason for her to resign."

The 2nd District nominee, Owensboro Mayor David Adkisson, said he didn't know whether Elders should go because "I have not followed her closely enough to jump to that conclusion. However, clearly some of her statements have made her a lightning rod ... and I don't think she's helping the administration very much with her statements."

Baesler also said on the radio show that he disagreed with remarks made last week by Clinton and California Rep. Vic Fazio that right-wing evangelical groups such as the Christian Coalition were using "subterranean tactics" to subvert the Republicans.

Fazio leads the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, a party group trying to keep Democrats in control of the House as they have for most of a half century.

Some Democrats loyal to Clinton are fearful of crippling losses in November's mid-term elections and have declared war against the fundamentalist Christian right-wing activists of the Republican Party.

The "attacks" by Fazio and Clinton were "ill-defined and too broad-based," Baesler said.

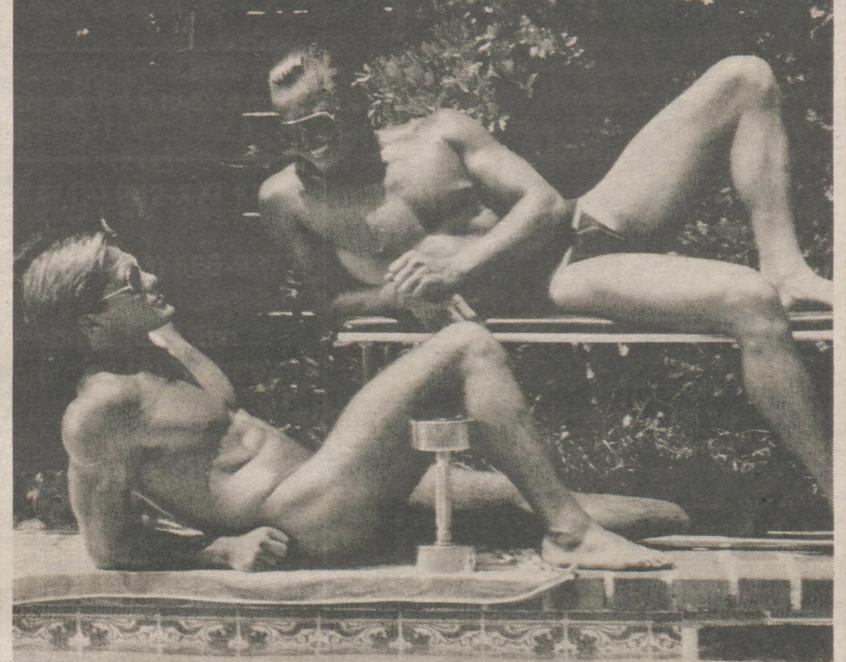
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NY mayor hails police handling of unsanctioned Stonewall march

By JOHN SHANAHAN
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW YORK, Tuesday, June 28 (AP)—Mayor Rudolph Giuliani says the police acted properly in allowing a splinter march by gay activists to proceed despite a court order against it.

The march began at the site of the Stonewall bar in Greenwich Village and proceeded up Fifth Avenue Sunday while a much larger parade—which had a permit—was held on First Avenue.

Both of Sunday's marches

marked the start of the gay rights movement, the 25th anniversary of the riot against a police raid of the Stonewall bar.

Giuliani said Monday that letting the unlicensed march proceed was simply the best way "to get it over with in as smooth a way possible and as quick a way possible."

He said police acted "to avoid civil unrest and to have as peaceful a day as possible. ... I think the actions they took were absolutely correct."

Tens of thousands of people

took part in the larger parade, while police estimated about 6500 participants in the unsanctioned march.

Organizers of the larger parade and a rally afterward at Central Park estimated that 1.1 million people took part.

On Monday the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation denounced the police figures.

"We clearly can't rely on the city for reliable information about how many people attended yesterday's events," said the Gay Alli-

ance executive director, Ellen Carton. "We get one set of numbers for non-political events and another for rallies like Stonewall. And neither set seems credible."

The Police Department justified the estimate by saying that the park's Great Lawn holds 180,000 people and that it was about half-full.

Carton pointed out that the figure contradicted past estimates for the lawn's capacity, such as 500,000 for Luciano Pavarotti's concert last year.

Also on Monday, about 100 people from the gay organization Out Around the World demonstrated outside the U.S. Mission to the United States to protest the ban on visits by foreigners with the AIDS virus. Four people were charged with disorderly conduct for sitting in the street in front of the mission, according to their lawyer, Karen Moulding, and the police.

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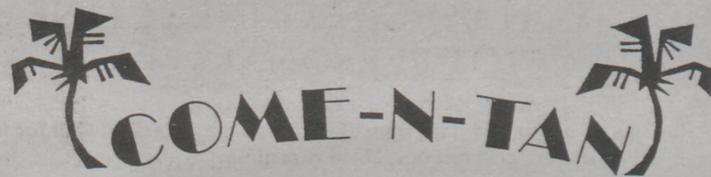
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New Lutheran regional head vows to heal split over gay ordination

WALNUT CREEK, Calif., Tuesday, June 28 (AP)—The Rev. Robert Mattheis says he wants to heal the Lutheran church, which has been divided over the ordination of gays and lesbians. Now he is in a position to do just that.

Mattheis was installed Sunday as the new bishop of the Sierra-Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church.

Mattheis will take the helm of a synod that has recently seen a sharp division among its ranks regarding the ordination of gay men and lesbians.

In the East San Francisco Bay area, a conference of Lutheran congregations elected the Rev. Ross Merkel as its leader. Recently Merkel was defrocked by the Lutheran denomination for being "a practicing homosexual."

But St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oakland retained Merkel as a pastor,

emphasizing their need for divinity over division.

"That is an indication of the support they have among their brother and sister congregations," Mattheis said.

However, in an example of the variety of opinion within the church, the San Francisco conference elected the Rev. Jeff Johnson as their leader. Johnson is an openly gay man.

Mattheis replaces Lyle Miller, who is retiring as leader of the 218 churches in the Northern California and Northern Nevada region.

"I'm not ready yet to say what is going to happen with the congregations," Mattheis said. "It is something we have to deal with pastorally to find a creative solution that is healing."

"For us to imagine that a strong healthy synod is one that agrees on everything is a delusion," Mattheis said.

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Gay rights opponents target city-level politics

CINCINNATI, Sunday, July 3 (AP)—
Self-described "pro-family" groups
have shelved a plan to put a statewide
anti-gay rights initiative on the
November ballot, The Cincinnati
Enquirer reported Sunday.

Such an initiative would lead to a court
battle like the one in Cincinnati over a
municipal ban on civil rights protec-
tions for gays, leaders of the groups
said.

"Another (ballot) petition drive
would play into the hands of homosexu-
als because they would win in court and
achieve their goal," said Phil Burress,
chairperson of Equal Rights, Not Spe-
cial Rights, which put the Cincinnati
ban on the ballot last fall.

Instead, the groups will focus on Pro-
ject Spotlight, a plan to defeat city
council candidates in Cincinnati,
Columbus, Dayton and Toledo who are
supported by homosexuals.

That movement, aimed at 1995 elec-
tions, has been slow as well, the newspa-
per said.

"We're at ground zero," said Scott
Ross of Bethel, director of the Ameri-
can Family Association of Ohio,
which is spearheading Project Spot-
light.

"We don't have any money," Ross said.
"We don't have any petitions out on the
streets."

In Cincinnati, the gay-rights group
Stonewall Cincinnati endorsed coun-
cil members Roxanne Qualls, Bobbie
Sterne, Todd Portune, Dwight Tillery
and Tyrone Yates last year.

Project Spotlight will target all five
if they run for re-election and other can-

didates that gay-advocacy groups
endorse next year.

"People are going to have to choose
sides on this issue," Burress said.

The Cincinnati ban bars the city from
enacting or enforcing legislation
based on sexual orientation. It also
removed sexual orientation as a basis
for discrimination claims under the
city's 1992 human rights ordinance.

Gay-rights advocates sued to chal-
lenge the ban as unconstitutional. The
lawsuit was tried last month before U.S.
District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel. A rul-
ing is expected in a few weeks.

Scott Greenwood, an attorney for the
gay-rights advocates who filed the law-
suit, said he is not convinced the anti-
gay rights groups have given up on a state-
wide ballot campaign.

"It's the same sort of duck-and-cover
ploy they used" in the petition drive to
get the Cincinnati ban on the ballot, he
said. "They disappeared for a while,
worked at it quietly, and reappeared."

If the anti-gay rights movement has
shifted its strategy, "it shows they are
maturing politically, which means we
have to be prepared," Greenwood said.

Though little organizing has
occurred, Ross said he expects Project
Spotlight to work.

"We are going to do this," he said.
"We're going to be out there trying to
influence voters in Cincinnati."

The project includes registering
voters and circulating petitions to
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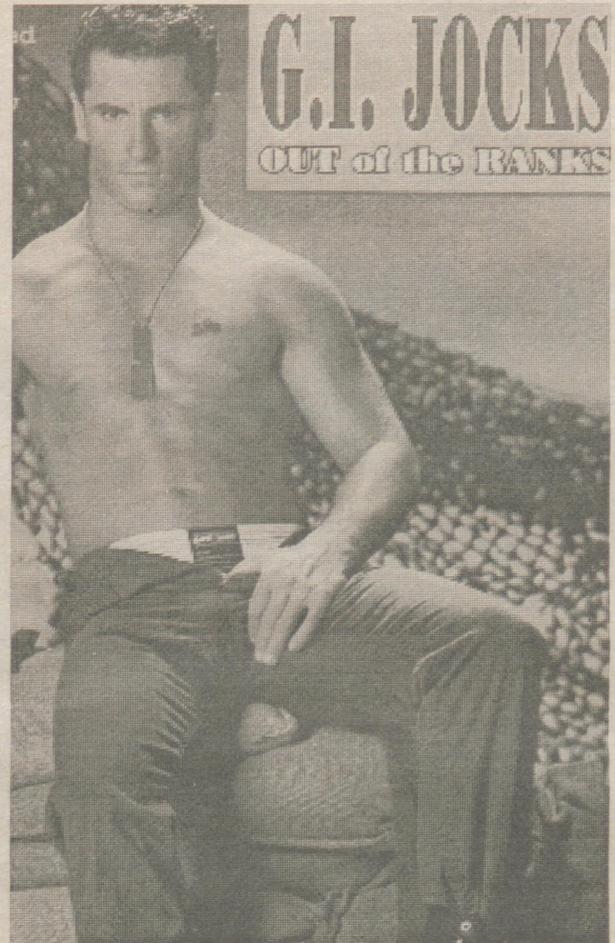
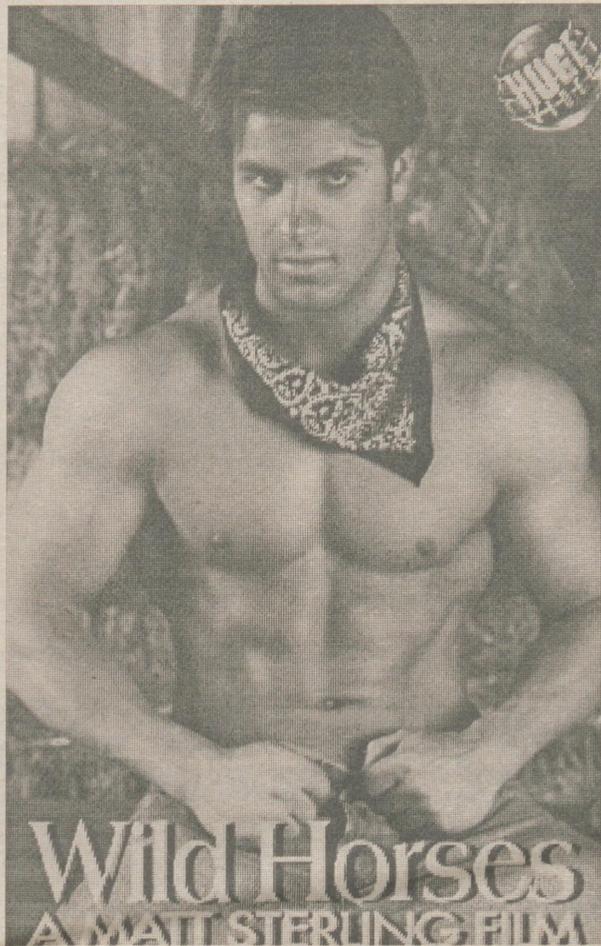
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Friday & Saturday
11am - 3am
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Matinee**
\$4 All Day
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HOUSTON VOICE PERSONALS

Our very own! All are REAL! All are CURRENT! All are from readers of the HOUSTON VOICE!



• To PLACE a Personal Ad by Phone:

First, before you call, write out your ad. Use up to six (6) words in a bold headline and up to fifty (50) words in regular type. Call us at Houston (713) 529-8490 or Nationwide (800) 729-8490. After you've read your ad to us, and we prepare it to go to print, we will give you an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-digit personal identification number (PIN). Call the 800 number using a touch-tone phone and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. (Somewhere in the verbal ad, say what city you live in.) Cost is \$24.95 for up to a year. We will mail you a bill. You can change your ad as often as desired during the year, but you must call us every four weeks to keep your ad running.

• To PLACE a Personal Ad by Mail:

Write out your ad using up to six (6) words in a bold headline and up to fifty (50) words in regular type. Then mail it with your check for \$24.95 to the Houston Voice, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006. Please enclose your name, mailing address and telephone number where you can be reached during the daytime. We will mail back to you an 800 toll-free number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-digit personal identification number (PIN). Call the 800 number and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. You can change both your voice and written ad as often as desired but you must phone or write us every four (4) weeks to keep your ads running.

• To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Phone:

Call 1-900-454-3576. Listen to the verbal instructions. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill. You can respond verbally, leaving your name and phone number, to as many personal advertisers as you wish. You can browse through all the personal advertisers until you hear someone that interests you. As the individual advertisers periodically check their incoming verbal mailboxes, they will retrieve your response. Call (713) 529-8490 (Houston) or (800) 729-8490 (Nationwide) for more information about this service or to obtain information about a pre-paid toll-free answering account. You must be 18+ to use this service.

• To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Mail:

Place your written response inside a blank sealed envelope and write the 5-digit ad number on the envelope. Place this envelope along with \$2.00 inside another envelope and mail to the Houston Voice Personals, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006. Your response will be forwarded to the advertiser the same day received by first class mail. You may mail multiple responses in the same envelope, but enclose \$2.00 for each response mailed. Responses received without fees will not be forwarded nor returned. Call (713) 529-8490 in Houston or (800) 729-8490 Nationwide for information about this service or to obtain information about a toll-free answering account. You must be 18+ to use this service.

• To RECEIVE Responses to Your Personal Ad:

We will forward to you daily, unopened, at no charge, all responses received by mail. To see if you have any verbal messages waiting, call the 800 toll-free number we gave you when you placed your ad. If the recording says you have verbal responses waiting, have your 5-digit code and secret 4-digit PIN handy and call 1-900-454-3576 to retrieve your verbal messages. A charge of \$1.49 a minute will appear on your phone bill. Call (713) 529-8490 in Houston or (800) 729-8490 Nationwide for information about this service or to obtain information about a toll-free answering account. You must be 18+ to use this service.

• ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

To take advantage of this \$24.95-per-year offer, you are required to participate in the "live voice" aspect of our Personal Ads by calling the special 800 toll-free number you will receive when you place your ad. You must record, in your own voice, your personal ad. If you do not participate in this "live voice aspect" your ad may be discontinued after the first week without reimbursement. If you do not desire to participate, you may instead purchase a personal ad at the rate of 55¢ per word weekly. Additionally all ads, both in print and voice should not contain references to sexual acts or organs. All ads should be "positive", that is describing only those people or traits desired. People or traits not desired should not be listed.

THE TEXAS PUZZLE

Includes Clues About Texas, Current Events & Standard Crossword Clues

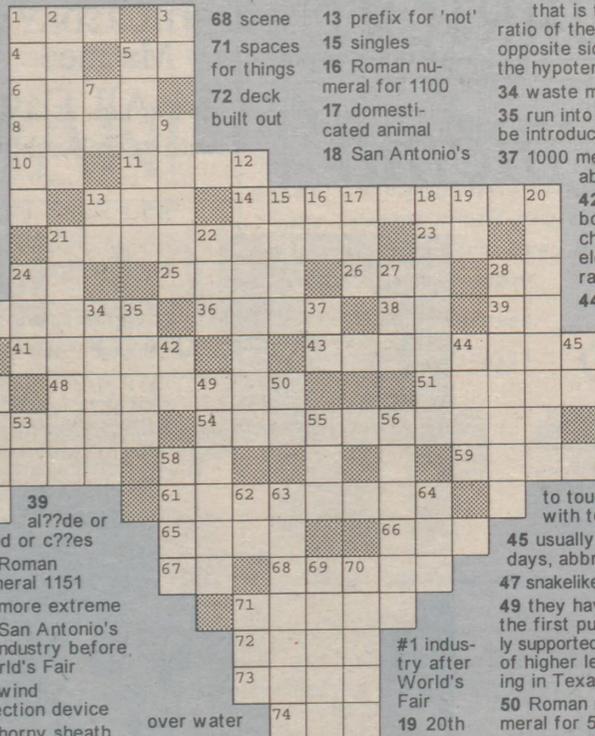
By Henry McClurg
ACROSS

- 1 watering place
- 4 state with magnolia as official flower, abbrev.
- 5 distinguished by
- 6 prefix for the opposite in kind
- 8 besides boys, they too can now

play Texas high school football

- 10 late entertainers Chaney & Costello, initials
- 11 view
- 13 large coffee pot
- 14 Austin's #1 industry today (employing 55,000 people)
- 21 boldness, disrespect
- 23 Buckeye State, abbrev.
- 24 American film mogul Goldwyn, initials ("No person who is enthusiastic about his work has anything to fear from life.")
- 25 complete
- 26 Add-Ran College was the predecessor of this university in Lubbock
- 28 third of a yard, abbrev.
- 29 Southwest Conference turned Big 12 university at College Station, 4 words
- 36 assigned work
- 38 symbol for chemical element chromium

- 39 al??de or f??id or c??es
- 40 Roman numeral 1151
- 41 more extreme
- 43 San Antonio's #1 industry before World's Fair
- 46 wind direction device
- 48 horny sheath of a toe
- 51 submarine listening device
- 52 humblest
- 54 Austin's #1 industry a few years ago
- 57 boys
- 58 Officer of the Guard, abbrev.
- 59 an action, some are good, some are bad
- 60 because
- 61 world's tallest, 114 feet, is in Littlefield, Texas
- 65 birthmarks
- 66 original equipment manufacturer, abbrev.
- 67 steamship, abbrev.



over water

- 73 relate in detail
- 74 direction Abilene to Brownsville, abbrev.

DOWN

- 1 Bob, Texas Democratic Party chairman
- 2 sudden conquering fright
- 3 whether
- 5 football winners of the 1993 Governor's Cup
- 7 26th U.S. President, soldier Roosevelt, initials ("If I have erred, I err in company with Abraham Lincoln.")
- 9 governing group
- 12 movie plot
- 13 prefix for 'not'
- 15 singles
- 16 Roman numeral for 1100
- 17 domesticated animal
- 18 San Antonio's
- 19 20th century American author Hemingway, initials ("Cowardice ... is almost always simply a lack of ability to suspend the functioning of the imagination.")
- 20 soak thoroughly
- 21 set afire
- 22 share
- 24 heavy-hearted
- 27 Roman numeral for 250
- 28 soft napped fabric
- 30 typesetter's paragraph-indent space
- 31 Roman numeral for 95
- 32 administered by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas
- 33 in a right triangle, function of acute angle that is the ratio of the opposite side to the hypotenuse
- 34 waste matter
- 35 run into or be introduced to
- 37 1000 meters, abbrev.
- 42 symbol for chemical element radon
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- 45 usually 365 days, abbrev.
- 47 snakelike fishes
- 49 they have the first publicly supported school of higher learning in Texas
- 50 Roman numeral for 55
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GALAXY GAZER A HOUSTON VOICE EXCLUSIVE

HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 9 - JULY 15, 1994



HOUSTON VOICE Readers born this week share with film/video superstar, Jack Wrangler, the desire to be front and center when the action is heavy and with the ability to 'get it on' even in front of the camera.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) The next two weeks will show an increased level of confidence in yourself. The normal tendency that you have to be noticed takes a change making you more assertive at work and at home. Be aware that others may challenge you to see if you really mean business. I believe that you will like this 'new self' and others will be impressed with your previously unseen talents.

LEO (July 23 Aug. 22) Your interest in travel heightens this month, even if it is only to Galveston. Rather than to consider travel as a departure from normal activities, think of the new people and places as a way of observing how other people accomplish your same goals but in a different manner. Upon returning, make a list of clothes that you did not wear to lighten your packing upon the next trip.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) The next two weeks are perfect to add to your wardrobe some wonderful items of clothing, if you take advantage of the sales. Read the newspaper carefully and compare prices of each store. Stay away from high fashion items, and purchase styles and colors that are still going to be in vogue a year from now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) Going with your intuitions makes sense during the next two weeks, as you have some good ideas and have made some accurate observations about your boss at work and friends at home. People will not be used to your assertiveness and will challenge you and try to have you back down. Have confidence in your correct hunches.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) Your sensitive side to your personality has a chance to shine this week and next. Caring for an ill friend or neighbor is what you will do best. Try not to wear your heart on your sleeve as you tend to get overly emotionally involved with others at times. Be reasonable in the expectations when caring for an ill person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Leave your past relationships behind as you can not fall in love again, until you have fallen out of intense love with your former lifemate. You tend to cross your bridges too often, and this becomes a self defeating behavior pattern. It is appropriate to learn from ones past, but do not relive it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan 19) A full length mirror at home becomes your best friend, as you take advantage of this month to reshape your image to be much more successful at the Office and at home. Body language, tone of voice, and mannerisms are all to be looked at as you make plans for a new you. The future looks wonderful for new opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Self Discipline is the key phrase for your success this month, as you have been living a somewhat hedonistic life recently as you 'do it if it feels good'. Look at the hours of sleep, balancing of diet (no more donuts for now), and illicit drugs use to get your body back to order. Surround yourself with new friends who have their acts together to support you in this new discipline.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Watch out for users who want to take advantage of yourself. Be very selective as to whom you loan money to, or it will probably be the last time that you will see these dollars. And equally bad are those who want to use your spare time for their activities which have no particular importance to you. Saying 'no' is very important at this time.

ARIES (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) This month holds a high level of energy for you to draw upon. Whether it be in body building at the gym, giving your living space a thorough cleaning, detailing your automobile or bike, or working extra hours at a second job for extra dollars; you will be able to run circles around others. A whirlwind of activity is yours to be had.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20) New opportunities at work present challenges to you, but more importantly they present wonderful openings for great success in the future. You have the talent and the background to do very well financially and position wise. Your special friend enjoys the extra attention to detail that you are giving to your life.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) The disconnect recent past begins to fall in place and order, giving you the sense of purpose which is so important to Gemini's. Being direct and clearly listing objectives are two skills you need to work on. You are tending to rely more on yourself than on others, which is okay for the present time.

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOUSTON (AC 713)

MONTROSE INN
408 Avondale 77006 - (713) 520-0206
(800) 357-1228

BARS

GALVESTON (A/C 409)

EVOLUTION
2214 Mechanic - 763-4212
KON-TIKI
315 Tremont (23rd) - 763-6264
ROBERT'S LAFITTE
2501 Avenue Q - 765-9092

HOUSTON (A/C 713)

611 HYDE PARK PUB
611 Hyde Park - 526-7070
AMIE'S
403 Westheimer - 523-0030
BABY BRONX
11611 West Hardy - 691-3200
BACKYARD BAR & GRILLE
10200 S. Main - 660-6285
BERRYHILL II
15346 Kuykendahl - 587-8810
BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM
2400 Brazos - 528-9192
BRIAR PATCH
2294 W. Holcombe - 665-9678
COUSIN'S
817 Fairview - 528-9204
E/J's
2517 Rallph - 527-9071
GENTRY
2303 Richmond - 520-1861
HEAVEN
812 Pacific - 521-9123
JR's
808 Pacific - 521-2519
LAZY J
312 Tuam - 528-9394
MARY'S
1022 Westheimer - 527-9669
MONTROSE MINING COMPANY
805 Pacific - 529-7488
MS. B's
9200 Buffalo Speedway - 666-3356
OUTPOST
2818 Richmond - 520-8446
PACIFIC STREET
710 Pacific - 523-0213
QT's
534 Westheimer - 529-8533

RANCH

9200 Buffalo Speedway - 666-3464
RED ROOM
1419 Richmond - 529-3367
RICH'S
2401 San Jacinto - 759-9606
RIPCORN
715 Fairview - 521-2791
TRIANGLE BAR & GRILL
4020 SW Freeway - 622-4211
VENTURE-N
2923 Main - 522-0000
XTC
9200 Buffalo Speedway - 666-3464

CHURCHS/

RELIG. ORGANIZATIONS

HOUSTON (A/C 713)

ARCANE EPIS. CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kipling @ Mt. Vernon - 529-5363
BERING MEMORIAL UMC
1440 Harold - 526-1017
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH
501 E. 18th - 880-9235
DAWN OF FAITH CHURCH
8405K Alameda-Genoa - 991-6766
DIGNITY HOUSTON
1307 Yale, Suite K - 880-2872
FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
5200 Fannin - 526-5200
HOUSTON MISSION CHURCH
1505 Nevada - 529-8225
INDEP. BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CH.
880-4915
INTEGRITY
P.O. Box 660088 77266 - 432-0414
KINGDOM COMMUNITY CHURCH
4404 Blossom @ Snover - 862-7533
KOLBE HOUSE
P.O. Box 666669 77266 - 522-8182
MARANATHA FELLOWSHIP MCC
P.O. Box 667032 77266 - 528-6756
MCCR
1919 Decatur - 861-9149
MISPACHAT ALIZIM
P.O. Box 980136 77098 - 748-7079

FITNESS CENTERS

HOUSTON (AC 713)

CLUB HOUSTON
2205 Fannin - 659-4998
MIDTOWNE SPA
3100 Fannin - 522-2379

RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD



I guess it's time to give you a recipe that impresses people and is pretty easy to make. It also gives you a chance to pinch a lot of tail, this time don't leave it up to your guests.

SHRIMP AND ARTICHOKE CASSEROLE

- 1 - 14 oz. can artichoke hearts (drained - don't use marinated hearts)
- 1 1/2 pounds shrimp (shelled, deveined and boiled - remember what I told you about deveining - if you don't buy real large shrimp, you don't need to devein - don't overcook)
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 onion or 4 green onions, chopped
- 1/4 pound mushrooms, sliced, or 4 oz. can, drained
- 1 - 10 oz. can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry (I have used white wine, just as good)
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 - 10 oz. package frozen, chopped spinach (be sure to thaw early, you will want to squeeze excess water out)
- Salt, pepper and paprika to taste

Place artichokes in buttered 2 quart casserole. Add shrimp. Sauté garlic, onions and mushrooms in butter. Add undiluted soup, mayonnaise, Worcestershire sauce, sherry, cheese, salt and pepper. Add spinach which has been thawed and well drained. Pour this mixture over shrimp. Sprinkle with more cheese and paprika. Bake 20 minutes at 375 degrees or until bubbly. This may be garnished with chopped parsley or bread crumbs. Serves 6.

Don't turn up your nose at this if you are not a spinach lover, it's really very good, and also very rich! If you like crunchy, add a can of sliced water chestnuts that have been drained.

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!

KUNTRY KIDD

