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Gay Post columnist may be reinstated, but protests continue

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

Juan Palomo, a popular columnist for the Houston Post, was fired last Friday, Aug. 30, after a series of conflicts with his supervisors stemming from a July 9 column in which Palomo wanted to come out of the closet.

By Tuesday, however, some Post staffers—who rallied to Palomo's defense by circulating a petition at the paper's offices over the Labor Day weekend demanding he be rehired—said the administrators appeared to be waffling and planned to offer the columnist his old job back.

Palomo confirmed Tuesday that supporters at the paper were trying to arrange for him to meet with the editor who fired him, but said he still had not been offered his job back and that he was undecided about the meeting. "Things seem to be moving positively ... I'm hoping," he said.

He also noted that a national gay legal group, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, had offered its support.

Palomo's editors had offered him an alternate position with the paper's Op-Ed section before dismissing him. Palomo turned the offer down, saying the job would have reduced him to editing Post editorials instead of doing his own writing.

In addition to the reporters' protest, the lesbian/gay rights group Queer Nation picketed the high-rise home of Post Editor Charles Cooper on Sunday, Sept. 1, demanding the columnist be returned to his original position. The group was scheduled to vote Tuesday night on whether to boycott the Post. Local Hispanic leaders also joined in the fray, and by press time activists with two Hispanic organizations had committed to working with gay activ-



Juan Palomo, the Houston Post columnist who was fired Aug. 30, may get his job back, following a series of protests organized by Queer Nation, Hispanic Activists and Palomo's former co-workers

ists on Palomo's behalf.

The controversy began with a column written for the Post in the heat of an outcry against hate crimes in the gay and lesbian community last month.

Palomo, after his editors ordered the ad-

mission of his sexual preference cut from the column, came out anyway in another newspaper, the weekly Houston Press, in a cover story ultimately slanted at the Post's action and titled "Cutting the Heart Out of a Column."

"I was canned this morning," said a distraught Palomo. He claimed the reason given was that he was insubordinate to his superiors at the paper. "I was accused of having my own personal agenda ... they said that I violated an agreement with them not to say anything more (about the column and disputes) after the (Press) story came out."

He said while he was not fired because of his sexual preference, the entire dispute had arisen from his desire to come out in the column, which dealt with the July 4 gay-bashing murder of Paul Broussard. In the fierce, introspective column, Palomo chastised himself for remaining silent while co-workers made jokes about the crime. He had intended to end by admitting his own homosexuality, which he hoped would make some of his more mainstream readers think about their own prejudice.

Palomo said he did speak out again in violation of the agreement, but only in self defense after he heard that Houston Post editors had sent out a letter attacking him.

"I felt an obligation to defend myself, after that," he said.

Sources differ on who sent out a letter from former Post Editor David Burgin, in which Burgin said if he were still in charge at the Post Palomo would be fired. The letter was distributed to other media, but Palomo denies any involvement.

Cooper, who reportedly made the decision to let Palomo go, did not return calls from The New Voice, but he later sent a memo to Post staff indicating that Palomo had been terminated for continually "stirring up public confrontation" over what should have been an inner office dispute.

Despite the petition, Cooper claimed most of the paper's staff supported his decision.

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Late funds cause layoffs at San Antonio AIDS Foundation

By the Associated Press

Volunteers will keep the residential care home of the San Antonio AIDS foundation open day-to-day, but all 22 foundation employees have been laid off because of a cash crunch.

The layoffs were required because of delayed state payments for an AIDS grant of \$122,000 per year, foundation officials said.

"It hurt a lot," said former employee Francis Presock. "We're really scared."

City Health Director Dr. Fernando Guerra said the city also experienced a delay in receiving payment on a \$530,000 AIDS grant.

He said he expected a delay of up to two months because of special legislative sessions to balance the state bud-

et.

Robert Edwards, director of the AIDS Foundation, vowed to keep the foundation's residential care home open as long as possible with volunteers and not to turn away any needy clients.

"It's going to be day-by-day," he said.

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Activists say Bush negligent in fight against AIDS

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
FOR THE NEW VOICE

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, Sept. 1 (AP)—Fifteen hundred demonstrators staged a symbolic "die in" on the road near President Bush's vacation home to protest what one called his "murderous, deliberative negligence" on AIDS.

Scores of local police, state troopers and Secret Service agents clamped a tight security net over this resort town during the protest on Sunday.

The demonstrators, blowing whistles and carrying banners, were turned back at a police barricade on Ocean Avenue, a half-mile from Bush's seaside compound.

The street was sealed off by about 40

state troopers, most wearing black winter gloves or surgical gloves that drew taunts from the demonstrators.

The march was sponsored by ACTUP, the Aids Coalition to Unleash Power, known for its disruptive tactics and occasional use of civil disobedience. Sunday's demonstration was peaceful and police said there were no arrests.

After lying on the ground in symbolic representation of the 114,000 Americans who have died from AIDS, the demonstrators marched out of town.

The demonstrators strung up a papier-mache effigy of Bush and clobbered it with golf clubs. When the figure was broken, out spilled condoms, leaflets, empty drug bottles and other AIDS-

related paraphernalia.

Jon Winkleman, 24, of New York, dressed up as Barbara Bush and headed a street troupe that presented a mock miniature golf course.

"George pays more attention to golf than he does to the deaths of 120,000 Americans," Winkleman said.

Jon Greenberg, an HIV-infected activist from New York, said the demonstrators came to Bush's vacation home to let the president know there is "no vacation from AIDS ... for hundreds of thousands of people who will contract HIV disease this year and in the years to come because of your murderous, deliberative negligence."

Lawrence Kessler, a member of the

federal National Commission on AIDS, said Bush should declare AIDS "the No. 1 domestic crisis of our times."

Bush stayed inside his 11-acre estate and apparently did not see the protest. As he went out to dinner later that day, Bush was asked if he had any thoughts on the demonstration and replied, "No, no thoughts on it."

His daughter, Dorothy, jogged through the march at the side of the street. Accompanied by a man believed to be a Secret Service agent, she went unrecognized by the group.

Bush told local reporters on Aug. 16 that, "I don't like it that people choose to exercise their first amendment rights by demonstrating in this small town."

Last week's announcement by Dr. Simon LeVay of the Salk Institute of his preliminary and acknowledged incomplete study of the brain's hypothalamus is disturbing to gay men, if for no other reason than coming up short on anything as compared with straight men.

But seriously, folks, Dr. LeVay noted he does not claim to have discovered the, or even a, cause of male homosexuality but rather has laid the groundwork—as have others in similar experiments—for further study.

Even within the gay community his findings get mixed reactions as noted by Natalie Angier in Sunday's New York Times. But here, those who are gay and critical of LeVay assumed his findings claimed finality on the issue of causation. LeVay, himself gay, proposes only a starting point for further research.

The real importance of LeVay's study is to revive the issue of the origins of homosexuality. Typically, one instant response came on "Nightline" with Ted Koppel, whose guests included Dr. Evelyn Hooker, probably the foremost therapist on the subject and an early pioneer of the theory of innate causation as opposed to the "choice" school represented on the program by Rev. Jerry Falwell, who offered nothing to this discussion of a scientific question and spewed out the usual generalizations of the bedrock religionists who camouflage their hatred with professions of love for the sinner but not the sin. Falwell, for instance, pointedly noted Dr. LeVay's homosexuality, as if that explained his entire research, and thus discredited it.

The most frustrating aspect of this old argument over a lifestyle chosen or predestined is that the only subjects for such a study are homosexuals themselves, and yet the proponents of the "choice" theory disavow

the word of any homosexual. It is as if in a study of cancer you excluded anyone with cancer from the study. We, like every other gay person we've spoken too, know that we have always been gay. We, like many others, fought those feelings and even married because of the overwhelming pressures of a heterosexual monopoly on societal norms.

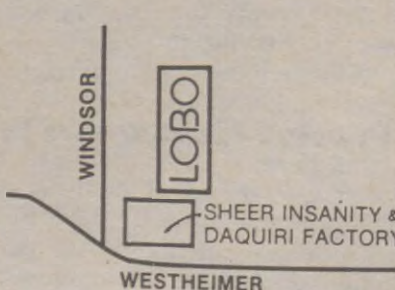
Ultimately, research such as Dr. LeVay's will strengthen the theories of Dr. Hooker and others who attempt to approach the subject of homosexuality impartially, and those like Falwell and Lou Sheldon of California, who base their opposition on scripture are not likely to abandon their prejudices in the face of scientific evidence on this or any other issue. We have long ago ceased to be amazed by the ability of certain religions to cling to disproved tenets with the obstinacy of our native Missouri mule—with a corresponding amount of intelligence, but then perhaps we defame that noble if sterile beast.

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We note with deep sorrow Juan Palomo's departure from the Houston Post. And we further noted the glimmer of hope for a reconciliation buried in the Post's first report of the firing two days after the fact. While Juan states he was not fired because he was gay, we think he would concede that whatever issues ultimately led to his firing, his attempted coming out in the Post and the subsequent Houston Press exposure certainly triggered the reaction culminating in his dismissal.

While, for Juan's sake, we hope he and the Post are reconciled, if such is not the case we would at least hope that he will have the opportunity to apply his talents within both the gay and the larger community—and not as a waiter, even if Juan is a frustrated chef.

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Several quit as March on Austin moves to resolve concerns

By CHRISTOPHER LUTHER
TNV Austin

The successor organization to the 1991 March on Austin executive committee moved to allow an independent review of the March on Austin records following allegations of mismanagement and financial improprieties.

In addition, in an emotional five hour meeting held Saturday, Aug. 24, in Austin, Gilbert Casillas of San Antonio, the co-chair of the '91 march, resigned his position as chair of the MOA executive committee vowing "never to fight (for gay rights) at the state level again." Several other MOA executive committee members admitted that mistakes were made in the running of the march and expressed regret

at ever getting involved with the event.

The controversy centered around allegations raised in an article which appeared in the Aug. 16 issue of the Dallas Voice. The article focused on an unsecured \$800 interest-free loan made to Casillas on April 29 and due 90 days from the date of the issue. Casillas is recorded in the minutes of the final March on Austin executive meeting as denying that a loan had been made, however, he has since stated that all he denied was that there had been a political loan. Casillas presented a check of \$800 in repayment of a loan at the Saturday meeting.

Internal Revenue Service regulations prohibit personal loans to individuals "intimately connected" with a foundation. According to an IRS agent quoted in the

Dallas Voice, a 501(c)3 foundation can make loans "if they are issued for the purpose of garnering interest and thereby making money for the foundation. But a tax exempt foundation cannot make interest free loans, especially not to one of their own officials."

The March on Austin finances were administered through a checking account of the Allan G. Calkin Educational and Research Fund Inc. The Calkin Fund is a non-profit, tax exempt foundation set up by the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas to serve as an umbrella organization for lesbian and gay events throughout the state. Acting as fiscal sponsor, the Calkin Fund was financially responsible for the actions of the March on Austin.

Members of the Allen Calkin board at-

tended the interim committee meeting to formally request a review of the MOA books to confirm that there were no other discrepancies. Casillas, along with other members of the interim board, while agreeing to a review, strongly objected to Calkin Fund's request that the MOA pay for it. Calkin fund board member Mike Nealy agreed that there were no other specific concerns that the Calkin board had information on, but said that the books should be reviewed nonetheless.

The MOA interim board eventually approved an informal review by an independent auditor with members of both boards present. The decision as to who would pay for the review was postponed until after the review, dependent on if further discrepancies are discovered.

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24th Miss Camp America Pageant to be held at the Music Hall

September means back to school, the end of summer, the turning of the leaves, the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J., and the Miss Camp America in Houston, Texas.

The Miss Camp America Pageant is a parody of the Miss America Pageant in the style of "La Cage Aux Folles." It has music, dance, clever dialogue and costumes that look like they came straight from Broadway. The pageant will be held at the Music Hall on Sept. 14 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

This parody of the real New Jersey event began in 1969 in Houston when 11 guys gathered to watch the event on national television. When the top ten finalists were named, the state's names were drawn out of a hat by 10 of the 11 attendants at this Houston party, members of the host organization said. Before the evening was over, the story goes, the first self-proclaimed "Miss Camp America 1970" was crowned, by virtue of "her" state winning the title in Atlantic City.

Since that time, the party has grown far beyond a simple drag party. This year will mark the 24th pageant for the organization, which has grown to a full social club



This year's Miss Camp America Pageant will be held Sept. 14 at the Music Hall. Curtain is at 8:00 p.m.

and a dominant figure in the community in fundraising for AIDS charities.

At monthly meetings, contributions are accepted for the Stone Soup Pantry; quarterly, the group makes visits to patients in local hospitals, bringing with them "a

smile, a small gift and the reassurance that someone cares"; they also volunteer as entertainers for other organizations' fund raising events.

The show's completely amateur cast is made up of all males, from all walks of life.

Proceeds from ticket sales are used to support local AIDS related organizations. This year, three organizations were chosen as beneficiaries. They are the Bering Dental Clinic, the Pet Patrol, and the Assistance Fund.

The actual planning is a nine month project from start to finish. The show itself is as lavish as a Sigfried and Roy Las Vegas Act, with costumes and gowns that might have come "from the drawing boards of Bob Mackie or Guy—Rex."

Special guest appearances by recording artists Pamala Stanley and Robin Stanley are also included in this year's production.

"The Magic of...Miss Camp America" is being produced for the second year in the Houston Music Hall. Tickets can be reserved by calling (713)783-1872. Tickets are also now on sale at Basic Brothers and Appearances and can be purchased the day of the event at the Music Hall Box Office. Reserved seating tickets range in price from \$15-45; persons registered with AIDS Foundation Houston, Bering Care Center, and PWA Coalition Houston may contact those groups for information as a limited number of complimentary tickets are available.

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Juan Palomo is guest as KPFT's After Hours begins 5th year

Juan Palomo, the recently fired Houston Post columnist, will be the featured guest this week on "After Hours" as the radio program begins its fifth year on KPFT (90.1 FM).

Palomo, who wrote a column against gay bashing following the July 4 murder of Paul Broussard, was dismissed from the Post on Aug. 30 in what Charles Cooper, the Post senior editor and vice president, called "a difference in philosophy over the direction and content of the metro column (Palomo) had written since October."

Palomo's admission in the July 9 column that he is gay was deleted by Post editors who termed the revelation too personal. Many in Houston's gay and lesbian community are convinced his firing is blatant homophobia, according to After Hours co-host Buddy Johnston. Billed as "Radio celebrating life from



After Hours producer Buddy Johnston and co-host Jim Carper will introduce the fifth year of the gay and lesbian radio program this Saturday, Sept. 7 on KPFT

the heart of Montrose," After Hours has been broadcasting weekly since Sept. 6, 1987. Palomo's appearance inaugurates the show's fifth year on Pacifica radio station KPFT. The program of music, guests and features of interest to the gay/lesbian community is hosted by Johnson and Jim Carper.

Johnston, who is openly gay, works as a dispatcher for the Houston Police Department. Until his recent appearance on a Town Meeting held by KTRK TV (Channel 13), Johnston said, "Many of my co-workers at HPD didn't seem to mind After Hours." However, he reported, being seen on television stating he was "a member of HPD and a member of Houston's gay community, I am seeing first hand just how many homophobic people really are out there."

After Hours is broadcast every Saturday Night at midnight on KPFT 90.1 FM.

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Massachusetts senate candidate: homosexuality can be cured

BOSTON, Aug. 30 (AP)—A state Senate candidate says he believes homosexuality can be cured.

"It's not an unchangeable condition, like being black or a woman," Friday's Boston Herald quoted Republican Douglas Dagarin as saying.

Dagarin, 40, a lawyer from

Northampton in western Massachusetts, said he feels compassion for homosexuals, and added, "I believe there's a cure," particularly through prayer.

Dagarin said he supports abolishing the state's gay-rights law because state and federal laws offer equal protection for everyone.

"It's time to uphold Judeo-Christian views and say 'no' to those who practice illegitimate lifestyles," he said.

Dagarin got 48 percent of the vote to win a three-way Republican primary election this week. He faces Democratic state Rep. Stanley Rosenberg of Amherst in a special election Sept. 24 to fill

the Senate seat vacated when Democrat John W. Olver was elected to Congress.

Rosenberg said of Dagarin's comments: "He has got 19th century values in a 20th century world. I'm trying to look to the 21st century, not back to the 19th."

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART ONE

Oasis opens; Maude's at Gentry; bicycling in the Heights

By TAD NELSON

TNV Houston

Hello Houston!

Are your lives starting to settle down now that the Fool Moon—I mean Full Moon—is gone? Mine is, but it was still a crazy weekend, whether you were laboring or not.

Well, if you weren't, Austin had the answer. Last Splash was a ball. I have never seen so many people at Hippie Hollow. By the way, why does Austin have a Texas exclusive on nude beaches? We saw John and Debbie, Dog Lips and Donald, Jeff and Zack, David, J.R., Wayne, Larry L., Bruce, randy, Dan, James, Jeff and Benny, cute little Tom of Austin and yes, Shawn, we saw what you were doing on the rocks; Angela (UNO's) and girlfriends were there and even the group from Holy Trinity Church, Raul and John and lots of hunks and babes. Great party at Hippie Hollow!

If you missed last week's opening of Oasis, you missed quite a crowd. Go by and check out the good looking new bar on Tuam. Barry, our staff photographer, was there to take some pictures of the action.



Tom is the Happy Hour bartender at the Mine on Saturdays

Del at Gentry tells me that after seven years at J.R.'s and four month's at Mother's, Maude is now at Gentry as the new promotions director. Look for Maude and her new events coming soon to 2303 Richmond, of course.

Among new events at Gentry is the Tuesday Pizza Party with Rita from 6:00 p.m. 'till?—with pizza compliments of



Opening night at the Oasis was too good to miss

Bambolino's.

By the way, Rita, rumor has it you've been sleeping with a beer can—I mean Michael. Yes, ma'am!

Go by and check out the new greenery on Gentry's patio, courtesy of Bill Reeder from Wolfe Nursery.

Lambda Bike Club is having a "Cruise the Heights" bike ride on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 9:00 a.m., starting from the Bacchus parking lot. It will be a leisurely 20 mile ride. More on this next week.

David at the Venture-N is interested in hearing from new artists who want to hang their work in the bar's gallery area. Contact him at 522-0000 for information.



J.R.'s barback staff—Art, Jody and Angel



Brian covering a shift at Gentry for Rita, who had car trouble in New Orleans. (Trouble was she couldn't remember how to drive)



Norm Brackman, DJ at the Oasis

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AFH announces cutbacks, changes in services due to funding cuts

AIDS Foundation Houston is drastically changing its structure and available services, including elimination of its Financial Assistance Program and suspending Mental Health Services, according to AFH's acting executive director.

AFH this week announced major changes in its available services due to "significant cuts in funding." The Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, which administers funds that provide a principal source of income for AFH, had slashed this year's grant funds to the organization by \$65,000.

The cutbacks, according to interim director Linda Mullins, will force AFH to suspend the Financial Assistance Program, organized in 1984, which provides rental and utility assistance. Also suspended will be Mental Health Services, which provides psycho social support, mental health assessments, and crisis intervention for PWA's. These suspensions will "obviously result in a loss

of response time in meeting client needs as well as the ability to effectively provide quality of service to those clients already in the system," according to a press release sent out Thursday, Aug. 29.

The release said the cut by GHAA will "severely impact the ability of the Foundation's social services department to continue providing direct services. Alternative funding is being explored, but there are no feasible sources at this time."

Last year, AFH provided direct financial assistance to 369 clients, and the agency's mental health coordinator realized 1524 contacts.

In addition to the budget cutbacks, AFH has undergone significant organizational restructuring, including the resignation of AFH executive director Evelyn Cox, described by AFH board chair Janice Thomas as "a mutual decision" reached between Cox and the board. The AFH board of trustees appointed Mullins, previously director of

Social Services, as interim executive director. Richard Franz was named interim director of Social Services, and Susan Patania, CSW, will assume the position of interim clinical supervisor.

The agency, founded in 1982 and currently serving 1156 active clients, is also hinting at a change in emphasis. According to the release, "much of the community still sees the AIDS pandemic as a gay-related illness, and as a result, many believe that AFH provides services only for that interest group. However, it should be strongly emphasized that with the continued spread of the disease, almost half... of the current client base is heterosexual. Additionally, the Foundation is witnessing alarming increases in both the African-American and Hispanic populations, and is making a concerted effort to be pro active in these communities by providing education and outreach."

On the average, AFH intakes 35 new clients each month, most of whom are referred by other AIDS service provid-

ers. To facilitate transition, Information and Referral Services will be responsible for directing existing and potential clients to other AIDS related services, AFH officials said.

Persons with mental health concerns may wish to contact the following agencies: (for emergencies such as suicidal or non-psychotic episodes with a non-intoxicated person), MHMR Crisis Clinic, 2850 Fannin, (713) 752-0717, 24 hours; Montrose Counseling Center 900 Lovett #203, (713) 529-0037, or The University of Texas Mental Sciences Institute HIV Program, 1300 Morsund, (713) 792-7979; (phone crisis intervention), Crisis Hotline, (713) 228-1505 or (713) 333-5111, 24 hours, seven days.

In related news, AFH has signed a lease for a new office location. The office address will be 3202 Wesleyan, Houston, TX 77027; phone numbers will remain the same, (713) 623-6796 office and Hotline, (713) 524-AIDS. AFH offices will be closed Sept. 16 for the move and will reopen Sept. 17.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Homosexuality sparks Des Moines school board campaign debate

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 31 (AP)—Homosexuality has become an issue in the Des Moines school board campaign, with one candidate accusing another of trying to promote homosexual causes.

"I think it is an agenda item for him, the sexual orientation issue," Martin Mauk said of rival candidate Harold Wells.

Wells said he is a victim of

homophobia, and denied Mauk's allegation.

"That is absolutely not an agenda of mine," Wells said. "A person's sexuality, I think, is not an agenda."

Wells and Mauk are among seven candidates vying for two board seats in the Sept. 10 election.

Mauk has been trying to call public attention to an article about Wells in the

local Gay and Lesbian Resource Center newsletter. Wells is quoted in the article as saying: "I think homosexuality will probably surface in this campaign ... It is not 'the' issue, it is one of 50 issues that is important. I'm just a candidate who happens to be gay."

Mauk said he heard about the newsletter from several people.

"They felt if there was going to be policy being made as a result of his sexual

orientation, they thought people should be informed of that," Mauk said.

Wells said the issue has nothing to do with education.

"It has to do with propoganda and trying to stir hatred up," he said. "It really detracts from the issue that we have before us of providing better education."

"It really is just an indication of the homophobia that is out there."

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Man says he was raped, beaten and robbed on Montrose

A man who ran semi-nude into a service station on Alabama Street late Tuesday, Aug. 20, told police he had been raped and beaten during a robbery in the 3500 block of Montrose.

The man said he had been drinking at two area gay bars earlier that evening and walking toward the Walgreen's drug store on Montrose when he was tackled into the bushes. He said the assailant, who he described as "young and attractive," punched him in the leg in a manner that made him fall, ripped his pants, raped him and ran off with the pants, in which he had his money and identification.

He described his attacker as a white male, about five feet, ten inches tall with blonde hair and a moustache. He said he appeared to be 18-25 years old and that "he seemed to know what he was doing, as

if he'd done it before."

Sgt. G. Mormon of the HPD Sex Crimes Unit, who interviewed the man Friday, Aug. 30, agreed with some aspects of the story but expressed concerns about the man's description of, and reaction to, the alleged rape. "It was just very strange ... his reaction was not like that of anyone I've ever talked to that something like this has happened to," Mormon said.

"He didn't seem at all angry or frightened. Instead, he seemed almost analytical about it," he continued.

However, Sgt. Mormon said, bruises found on the victim's leg were consistent with blows that could cause a person to collapse as he described.

The victim said he was unable to talk coherently to police during the initial in-

vestigation because he was too shaken up. "I cut everybody off," said the man, adding the investigators wound up having to ask some questions to his roommate. The police, he noted, "took almost two weeks to get back to me."

Also unusual, according to police, was the man's later report that he had found a pair of shorts that had been "returned" to the site of the incident. The man said he combed the area after the incident looking for the shorts because he suspected the robber had not found some money he had in them.

He did not find the shorts the first time, he said, but on Aug. 30, someone brought them back in two pieces, with the money missing. He said this discovery proved the other man was still in the area, and was watching him.

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—RODNEY WAYNE HARRIS

On Aug. 18, 1961, a little bundle of joy was brought into the world and given the name Rodney Wayne Harris. He came into this world fighting for his life.

On Aug. 16, 1991, Rodney left this world doing the same, fighting for his life.

Of those 30 years, I had the pleasure of sharing eight with him.

Rodney had dreams and wishes like any other man. His wishes were not for material possessions. His dreams were for things that involved life: to be happy, live a good life, and bring happiness to others. He did those things.

Rodney did have a love for large cars and diamond rings. He had both of those. I do hope that they have Cadillacs in Heaven, then I know Rodney will be happy until we meet again.

Rodney unselfishly did things for other people and did not ask for anything in return except their friendship, happiness and a few kind words.

Rodney's love for people brought him into organizations that let him meet and be with people. One of those organizations was the Texas Renegades. The Renegades are a social club oriented to a cowboy and western way of life. The Renegades provided Rodney another opportunity to do one of the things he loved. It provided him the outlet of dancing. He loved to Country and Western dance.

"Dear God, your little bud of life that you gave us thirty years ago has now been returned to you for safe keeping. Please watch over him and guide him. Dear God, tell Rodney something for me. Tell him to keep the lantern in the window lit so that I will know where to find him when I come to be with his someday. And tell him to say hi to our little Macha Diane and give her a big hug for me."

—Your companion for life, Ike Thomas

—BILL NAPOLI

Bill Napoli, AIDS activist and former president of the People With AIDS Coalition/Houston, died Wednesday, Aug. 28 at Park Plaza Hospital. He was 47.

Napoli was one of the longest diagnosed PWAs in the country and one of the first people in Houston to be diagnosed in Houston, in 1981. He was a board member of the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance and a former board member of AIDS Foundation Houston. He resigned from the AFH board in 1989.

He was instrumental in helping to develop several outreach and service programs of the PWA Coalition.

Born in Miami, he had lived in Houston since 1978. He taught history at Barbara Jordan, Jess H. Jones and Lamar high schools.

He is survived by a 21 year old son and two teenage daughters.

Following a fight in a van, man run over, killed

A man described by police as a prostitute and parolee died after being run over by a van driven by a Montrose business owner late Monday. The driver, who was arrested at the scene but released uncharged, said it was an accident.

Houston Police Department Homicide Sgt. W.C. Wendel said Chris Carter Robinson, 26, was dead at the scene in the 1100 block of Truxillo at about 11:15 p.m. Monday. Witnesses told police they had seen Robinson fighting with the van's driver, Steven C. Wright, shortly before Robinson either fell or was pushed off the back of the white Ford

van.

Police said Wright then put the van in reverse and backed up, running over Robinson and striking the carport of a building.

According to Sgt. Wendel, Wright had picked up Robinson earlier, and Robinson had asked for money. Wright told police he gave the man \$20 but that Robinson then reached into his pocket and took his wallet, Wendel said.

A fight broke out between the two, apparently as Robinson tried to run out of the van through the back, and Robinson either fell or was pushed out. Police

said Wright told investigators he did not know where Robinson had gone by the time he got back in the driver's seat, and did not intentionally hit him.

He said he did not know the man was a prostitute when he offered him a ride earlier at a convenience store.

Wright was released on Tuesday. No charges were filed but the case was referred to a grand jury for review. The grand jury may choose to indict, police said, but possible charges were unclear.

Sgt. Wendel said the dead man, whose address was unknown, was a parolee and street hustler who was wanted for parole violations.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Michigan State opens state's first gay fraternity

EAST LANSING, Mich., Sept. 1 (AP)—The state's first known openly gay fraternity offers fellowship among men with similar interests—like any fraternal organization at Michigan State University, its founders say.

But other fraternities in the university's traditional Greek system don't seem likely to accept the members of Delta Lambda Phi as brothers.

"If they get established and get going, they're going to take a lot of abuse," said

Tobias Vogelsang of Sigma Delta Chi.

Delta Lambda Phi was founded in 1987 by gay college graduates in Washington, D.C. The group now claims 500 members in 19 chapters across the country. The Michigan State chapter is the first in the state.

"This provides people with an opportunity to be openly gay and not have to worry about that, and yet still enjoy the fun things offered by the Greek system," chapter President Doug Scheidemantel

said.

"It's exactly, exactly the same as any other fraternity," said Vernon Strickland, a Washington attorney and national trustee of the group. "Delta Lambda Phi is not a club. It's a brotherhood."

Scheidemantel and fellow student John Follmer said they founded the Michigan State chapter out of frustration with the lack of gay social activities around the East Lansing campus.

Experts doubt sex toys ban would prevent infection

By JEFFREY GOLD

FOR THE NEW VOICE

NORTH BERGEN, N.J., Aug. 27 (AP)—AIDS activists and health officials said Tuesday an attempt by the township to ban the sale of sex toys is a misguided attempt to prevent the spread of the disease.

And the lawyer for Tonnelle Books—believed to be the first store in North Bergen to sell such devices—contends the ordinance and a zoning dispute are smoke screens to run his client out of

town.

But township attorney Herb Klitzner disputes the allegations.

He said the ordinance, which would prohibit the sale of sexual aids or devices by anyone except a physician or pharmacist, is still being drafted.

"We noticed these devices, for sale, for the first time in North Bergen. And it raised the question, 'Are these things safe?'" Klitzner said.

The ordinance would apply to "any-

thing that could transmit a sexually transmittable disease," he said.

Health experts contend that is a groundless fear.

"We haven't had any case of that occurring," said Chuck Fallis of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. "And of course, HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) can't be transmitted in any way except through an exchange of blood through sex, or an exchange of needles."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Sylvia Ayres to run for Beverley Clark's at-large council seat

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

In an unexpected twist, controversial activist Leslie Perez announced Aug. 28 that her mother, Sylvia Ayres, is seeking the at-large Houston City Council seat that Perez had earlier expressed an interest in. Ayres, 72, herself a long time political activist for a variety of causes ranging from AIDS and women's issues to seniors' rights, formally announced her candidacy Friday, Aug. 30, at City Hall.

In July, Perez had filed papers to begin fundraising for a council campaign, but did not announce that she intended

to run. She is listed as treasurer for her mother's campaign.

Both said that Ayres is basing her campaign on her own track record a promise to provide an open, representative "voice" in city government.

Perez said she believed her mother had a better chance of winning the seat. "She has the (mainstream political) background more than I do, and we want to win the seat," she said. Ayres is running for At Large Position 1, currently held by Beverley Clark.

Perez also said she felt her own involvement with the Harris County Democratic Party might restrict her ability

to conduct a campaign that crosses party lines. She did not, however, mention her loss in last year's election for county Democratic chair. In that race—which hit the front pages of national supermarket tabloids—Perez, a transsexual, unexpectedly got into a runoff with Ken Bentsen (now party chair). Much of the publicity surrounding the election focused on the fact that Perez had served time in prison on a murder conviction.

She said she planned to "keep a low profile" during her mother's campaign.

Ayres, a retired real estate broker, has also been active with the Democratic Party. She serves as a precinct judge in

Pct. 39.

So far, three others besides Clark have filed or announced plans to file as candidates for Council At-Large Position 1. They are Ken Willett, 45, who said he wants to see the emphasis at City Hall placed on "the relationship between violent crime, drug and the overburdened health care system"; John Kelly, 58, president of Associated Trading Inc., who is involved in the promotion of scholastic athletics; and Mark Mitchell, who is basing his campaign on public safety and neighborhood issues. All are long time residents of Houston backgrounds in business.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: SAN ANTONIO

Laid off SAAF employees choose to remain as volunteers

Employees of the San Antonio AIDS Foundation who were laid off Aug. 29 when payments from a \$122,000 state grant were not received returned to work at SAAF House, the foundation's residential facility, as usual Labor Day weekend...but on a volunteer basis.

The layoffs, resulting from a delay in state funding that the city health director says could last up to two months, virtually wiped out the city's entire paid staff.

The problems, according to Dr. Fernando Guerra, San Antonio health department director, is partly the result of a delay in state payments to the city on a \$530,000 AIDS grant. The hold up could last until the conclusion of special

legislative sessions to balance the state budget.

The immediate reaction of SAAF president Papa Bear was to issue an emergency call for volunteer assistance on Thursday, Aug. 28, the day before the layoffs. A press release sent out by Bear announced "The San Antonio AIDS Foundation is accepting volunteers to be assigned duties at the headquarters in San Antonio. Volunteers may serve through direct support, staff assistance or outside activities, such as fund raising...currently we need persons with vehicles to provide transportation for medical appointments and delivery of meals. We also need clerical assistance in our office. Other volunteer assignments include recreational activities,

planning fundraising events, receptionists and operators, HIV testing, data entry, kitchen help, the buddy program and other duties, the release states.

The press release did not mention the layoffs or funding problems, but other sources confirmed that over 20 SAAF employees were released last week, most of whom chose to continue working as volunteers.

The San Antonio AIDS Foundation is not the only AIDS agency in the state currently experiencing money woes. Houston's AIDS Foundation is presently overhauling its administrative structure, a move the administrators claim was necessitated by funding losses.

SAAF has always utilized volunteers to provide services which would other-

wise be unavailable, according to Bear, who has announced that he is committed to keeping the home and other foundation services running as close to usual as possible with volunteer workers.

A number of community organizations and businesses were planning emergency fundraisers to assist the agency.

SAAF provides an orientation sessions monthly to acquaint prospective volunteers with AIDS facts and the foundation's services. The next orientation meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7:00 p.m. at 818 East Grayson Street.

For more information, or to reserve a space for the orientation meeting, contact Christina Shively, volunteer coordinator, at (512) 225-4715.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Candidate says Neighborhood Oriented Policing needs revisions

Neighborhood Oriented Policing (NOP) is headed in the right direction but needs better management and greater citizen involvement to drastically reduce crime, according to city council candidate Annise Parker. Parker who is also a member and the former chair of the Houston Police Advisory Board, urged the city to implement a modified version of the Cresap report and also suggested further reorganization, as well as professional benefits to boost police morale.

Parker's campaign statement on crime and policing combines Cresap recommendations with some of the successful elements of NOP.

"Obviously, we need more officers on the streets now," said Parker. "But I don't think anyone can say, at this point, exactly how many officers are needed because so many crime reduction plans are getting underway or changing."

For the most part, Parker said, immediate patrol needs can be met by implementing Cresap's recommended staggered shifts and modified response patterns; consolidating the Central, Westside and Southeast jails and transferring those officers to patrol; expanding "civilianization" and retaining more benefits for officers.

She believes her plan can be accomplished by reallocating current department resources. Parker's long term plan includes: speeding up Cresap plans to get the city out of the jail business and trans-



Annise Parker continues her "Montrose Whistle Stop" campaign with an appearance at Bering Care Center, a day center for PWA's. The city council candidate, who represents gays on the Houston Police Advisory Board, also recently released her campaign statement on crime

ferring classified personnel to more vital crime fighting duties. According to Cresap, booking felons and Class A and B misdemeanants directly into county jail would eventually save the city about \$4.5 million by closing city jails and transferring personnel. Parker would transfer classified personnel and use much of the savings to boost police pay another two percent.

Parker also proposes contracting supervision of the remaining Class C misdemeanor to MHMR and the Texas Council on Alcoholism, since Class C involves mostly public intoxication and public lewdness charges.

With modifications, Parker said, NOP can be highly effective. She pointed to the success of Community-Oriented Policing in Santa Ana, Calif., near Los Angeles. Admittedly, the city of 240,000 is much

smaller than Houston, hence an easier place to implement the strategy. Nevertheless, Parker said, the city with California's fastest growing crime rate in the mid-1970's cut crime in half in some areas and reduced it significantly city wide in 1987.

Since July, Parker has been promoting grass roots anti-crime efforts in Montrose, including the "whistlestop campaign." Recently, she addressed the clients of Bering Care Center at the center director's invitation, to distribute the whistles and a list of crime prevention "Do's and Don'ts."

Jewel Gray, kitchen coordinator for the center, said Parker was invited to speak because several clients had recently been attacked or robbed, some for their monthly Social Security checks. "We've had some bad experiences...I hear stories just about every week," said Gray, who noted that PWA's are targeted because they usually have no transportation. Most clients walk to the center and to pick up their disability checks, she said.

Gray said most PWA's who are robbed or assaulted do not report the crimes because they feel "burned" due to bad experiences with authority figures, including police, or because they are afraid to disclose their HIV status.

Center director Lindy Huffman said she is considering inviting other speakers to address the crime problem. "My concern is that this is a group of people who are in a fragile physical condition and are particularly vulnerable (to crime)."

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

An interview with New Orleans' own 'poster boy,' Buddy Clark

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Everyone has seen the ads. It seems they run in every publication in America from this one to the New York Times. A figure is featured looking introspective; they are saying something about how they felt on learning they were HIV positive. Obviously, they did not feel great about it.

In the one Buddy Clark calls "the Liberace Poster," Clark is silhouetted beside a grand piano, hands firmly planted on the instrument. No candelabra is in the picture but a fancy decanter can be seen. The scene is clearly upscale, positive. The room had tall, draped windows and gleaming hardwood floors. The important message is down in the left corner, an insert of a smiling Buddy Clark saying, "Today, I'm back in control!"

The ad campaign is called, "Living With HIV" and gives one of those troublesome telephone numbers in letters that are easy to remember but hard to find on the keypad: "1-800-HIV-INFO" and the slogan, "The sooner you take control the better."

The ad is usually paid for by local AIDS agencies, national AIDS organizations and the Burroughs Wellcome Pharmaceutical Company. Therein lies a controversy. Burroughs Wellcome is the manufacturer

of AZT, the expensive drug manufactured with tax money and sold only by Burroughs Wellcome. But, hey, better the drug and the ads than not.

Buddy Clark and I talked at one of the many health conferences around the United States under the sponsorship of Life Link, the Washington, D.C. Coalition of People With AIDS and Faces of Hope, a current campaign "Where we go out and show people that you can live with this disease for a long period of time. The eighteen months, two years theory is out the window now because of early intervention, good care, good medical attention and learning to live and living to learn."

Clark knows of what he speaks. "I'm a seven year P.W.A. (Person with AIDS)." And a poster boy? "I'm a poster boy, isn't it exciting?" he said with a strong tone of defiance.

Of course it is exciting, when people approach him they do it with the unmistakable thrill of meeting a celebrity. "I didn't have to be an HIV individual to be a star, I was a star before I ever became infected." We both laugh but we both know he has spoken the truth. He has that "star" personality.

Clark told me he had been the 1962 national baton twirling champion and under

sponsorship of the American Legion he had visited New Orleans at Mardi Gras to lead the Rex Parade. I said that was wonderful and he retorted, "I've been a faggot longer than most people have been alive." Again we laugh.

Originally from Atlanta, Clark lived in New York City from 1975-77 and moved to Washington, D.C. to take a Presidential appointed position under the Carter Administration to the Regional Post Master General. "I retired on disability in 1986. I was the first federal employee to go out with AIDS on his personnel records as cause of disability retirement."

I asked if he is paid for the "Living With HIV" campaign. "I get a modeling fee from the agency that puts it together. I'm on the HIV advisory board for Burroughs Wellcome and I am national person with AIDS spokesperson for the company."

Clark has been working in the "Living With HIV" campaign for two years. "I was the initial model. They wanted other people and I got them Janice, who is a heterosexual woman whose husband was an I.V. user and this girl," he pointed to a picture of a young woman, "she was date raped and became infected." He then points to a new ad featuring himself and says something he asked me not to print. "Don't say

that, say it was conceived in love."

Clark said he was not directly paid by Burroughs Wellcome but "They had provided the money for 'Life Link' to set up this booth and they take care of all our expenses. To help educate. I haven't seen any Bristol Meyers people here."

Bristol Meyers makes DDI, the new HIV intervention drug to be on the market in September. I pointed out they were later out of the gate and Clark repeated, "They are late out of the gate, they just got approved," adding "Burroughs Wellcome has been involved in community AIDS work for eight years. They spend a million dollars a day on AIDS research. Most people don't know that."

(It is the last month to enter the contest to name in one sentence what the citizens of the U.S.A. won in the Persian Gulf War. Enter as often as you like but each entry must be in a separate envelope mailed before Sept. 30 to: Contest/Yours Truly In A Swamp, Leonard Earl Johnson, P.O. Box 72002, New Orleans, LA 70172, and the entertaining ones will be reprinted here. Winner, selected by me, will receive a "Bourbon Street, No. 13" poster, pictured in the ad in this issue. President Bush and members of his administration are not eligible to enter).

After years of hiding, Japanese homosexuals cautiously going public

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

FOR THE NEW VOICE

TOKYO, Aug. 14 (AP)—A court case accusing the Tokyo municipal government of discrimination is the clearest sign yet that Japan's homosexuals are coming into the open.

"Our choices are to keep our identity secret and remain in mainstream society, or to tell the truth and fight against discrimination," said Masanori Kanda, a 26-year-old English teacher who is among the plaintiffs. "I chose to be faithful to the truth."

Except for a few flamboyant transsexual entertainers and patrons of the scores of gay bars in Tokyo's Shinjuku entertainment area, Japanese homosexuals tend to hide their sexual preference. In a conformist society, they fear discrimination in jobs, housing and other areas.

Homosexuality was an accepted part of Japanese society until the mid-19th century, when the pervasive influence of Western culture made it a taboo. It was particularly widespread among the elite samurai soldiers.

Last year, film director Yasufumi Kojima could not find any homosexuals willing to participate in the first Japanese documentary on the subject.

This year might bring a different response. If so, one reason would be the lawsuit.

Three members of Occur, a gay rights organization, are fighting Tokyo's decision to bar homosexuals from a government-run suburban facility for meetings, recreation and

lodging.

About 250 people belong to Occur, nearly all of them men. Members said they chose the English word as a name because they "hope to make things happen."

Members of Occur used the facility once, in Feb. 1990, and claimed harassment by

other visitors, including a soccer team and a church group.

Officials refused an application from Occur to use the lodging facilities three months later, on grounds of possible friction with other guests. Hideki Ishiyama of the Tokyo government's social education division argues that homosexuals could "threaten healthy development of naive teenagers."

Members say they were disappointed by the decision because they had developed good relations with the government earlier in preparing a brochure on AIDS prevention.

No official figures are available on homosexuality in Japan. Yasumasa Tanaka, a sociology professor at Gakushuin University, estimates 10 percent of the nation's 123 million people are homosexual or have such tendencies, and Occur agrees.

About 400 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome have been reported in Japan and approximately 13 percent are homosexuals.

Fear of the fatal disease has led to increased prejudice against homosexuals in Japan, but it is not generally viewed as a major threat because of the relatively few cases.

Media attention to homosexuality resulting from the court

action has been generally positive.

Plaintiffs in the case, which could take up to three years to resolve, ask total compensation equivalent to about \$50,000.

Young people flooded the district court for the first hearing in May and clamored for tickets to the second session July 22. Some researchers believe that reflects the beginning of a return to the traditional Japanese acceptance of homosexuality.

"I have never been confident in my future as a gay because there has never been a movement to gain gay rights and social understanding," said one of the defendants, Takashi Kazama. "But now, we have finally reached the starting line to begin fighting for our rights as homosexuals."

Noriaki Fushimi, whose book about his gay love life has sold more than 10,000 copies since it appeared in June, believes Japanese society is becoming more tolerant toward homosexuals.

Again, he said, the influence is from the West, where societies are more accepting of different lifestyles.

"Thanks to the information flow from overseas, Japanese society has become at least a little bit open to people who are different," he said.

Occur members joined 600,000 other homosexuals in June in a gay rights parade in San Francisco.

"We cannot win equal rights and political power unless we fight as aggressively as they do," said Hiroshi Niimi, who showed a video of the parade at an Occur meeting. "I believe we can do it in Japan too."

District drops ban on first-aid calls to AIDS patients

ARVADA, Colo., Aug. 21 (AP)—A policy preventing volunteers in a fire protection district from answering first-aid calls from people with AIDS and other infectious diseases has been dropped, officials say.

The decision was reached by chief Bob White of the Arvada Fire Protection District on Monday and was announced Tuesday night at a board meeting.

White said the policy was implemented as a protective measure for the volunteers, but officials had not expected a flood of protests and threats of lawsuits.

"We weren't looking for any kind of a court case," White said. "We were not looking to discriminate against anybody. We were looking out for the safety of our firefighters."

Questions had been raised by a variety of protesters, including the Governor's AIDS Council and the American Civil Liberties Union, which both wondered whether the policy would violate the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The ACLU had threatened a lawsuit if the policy remained in effect.

Calif. gov meets with author of anti-discrimination bill for gays

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 30 (AP)—Gov. Pete Wilson met Friday with the author of the bill to ban discrimination against gays, but said he has not decided whether to sign or veto the bill.

"I have questions about it and he gave me a packet of material," the Republican governor said after his meeting with As-

semblyman Terry Friedman, D-Sherman Oaks.

"I'm going to read it and scrutinize it. When I've done that, I'll make a decision on the bill," Wilson said.

"It was a substantive talk. He asked a lot of questions," Friedman confirmed.

Friedman said he will not move the bill, which is on the Senate floor, until after Wilson contacts him again next week.

Wilson had said earlier this year that he probably would sign the bill, but he said Friday he is concerned whether the bill is needed and whether it would

prompt "a flood of litigation."

The bill, AB101, originally would have banned job and housing discrimination based on sexual orientation. But Friedman amended it this week to drop the housing portion to gain support in the Senate for the Assembly-passed bill.

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Study linking brain to sexual orientation draws mixed reaction

By DENNIS GEORGATOS

FOR THE NEW VOICE
 SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31 (AP)—A study suggesting biology may be a determining factor in male homosexuality has met with skepticism, resentment and curiosity in the gay community.

Some feared the research may somehow be used against them.

Others expressed hope the groundbreaking research by neurologist Dr. Simon LeVay could lead to greater societal understanding and acceptance of homosexuals.

LeVay, a researcher at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego, examined brains from 41 cadavers, including 19 homosexual men.

He found that a cluster of cells in the hypothalamus—a marble-sized part of the brain regulating such functions as appetite, body temperature and sexual behavior—was much smaller in gay men than their heterosexual counterparts.

The study, published Friday in the journal *Science*, did not include a consideration of lesbianism.

"People already think we're ill. This is all they need to jump on a band wagon and say we have some kind of brain deformity," said Gene Riendel, 43, a volunteer office worker at Concord's Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, which serves a predominantly gay congregation of 200.

"To me, it's bogus," Riendel said. "Judge me for myself, not for my sexuality, not for the size of my brain stem core. I feel that my lifestyle is the way I was created by my maker. This is the way God made me. I'm satisfied and happy with it. Those who aren't, that's their issue to deal with."

San Francisco gay activist Paul

Boneberg, who estimated the city has 80,000 gay people among its 724,000 population, viewed the research "with the greatest skepticism" because it used such a small sampling.

"There's been speculation for ages on what causes people being gay," said Boneberg, executive director of Mobilization Against AIDS. "The theories come, the theories go. There really is no practical impact."

Dr. Leon McKusick, a psychologist with the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California, San Francisco, said traditional psychoanalytic theory on male homosexual behavior has focused on environmental factors and upbringing.

"But I've treated many men who were aware of their homosexual feelings as very young children, long before they were even aware of what it is to be gay," McKusick said. Those observations, said McKusick, lead him to believe that some people can be "born gay."

But the research does lend support to what many gays have been saying—that they were born with their sexual orientation and that it was not a result of upbringing, or a "sinful" choice as argued by some Christian groups.

"It's an important study. It has to be replicated and expanded," said Dr. Richard Green, a psychiatrist and lawyer at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Green said there could be wide-ranging cultural and legal ramifications if LeVay's preliminary findings are verified.

"From a legal standpoint ... groups that are stigmatized and discriminated against receive special protections, if, among other things the trait for which they're stigmatized is immutable, or unchangeable," Green said. "So if it can be

demonstrated that sexual orientation is brain-determined, then legal protections for homosexuals under anti-discrimination statutes could increase."

He also said condemnations of gays by some religious groups might ease "if homosexuality turned out to be a brain variation that is not much different from left-handedness."

Some gay activists said they were concerned the research could open the door to some sort of prenatal genetic tinkering to fix an "abnormality."

"It's open to wide interpretation, both good and bad," said Dr. Robert Scott, vice president of Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, a group that supports and promotes issues related to gay and lesbian health.

"A part of it combats that sense among people who aren't informed that (homosexuality) is somehow a choice rather than an innate part of the

person," he said.

"But when something like this hits us out of the blue, it's also subject to a lot of misinterpretation. This ... could be construed as showing there is a some kind of abnormality," Scott said.

Teen-ager gets 10 months for videotaped gay-bashing

SAN JOSE, Calif., Aug. 27 (AP)—A teen-ager convicted of a hate crime for beating up a gay neighbor while a video camera in the victim's window recorded the attack was sentenced to at least 10 months in a youth jail.

Juvenile Court Judge Thomas Edwards on Monday could have ordered Joshua Huff confined until he turns 25. Huff, 18, was 17 at the time of the attack.

Edwards ruled Huff was motivated by hatred for homosexuals when he beat William Kiley on June 11. Huff also was convicted of assault and battery.

Kiley, 44, suffered two black eyes, a swollen nose, a concussion and bruises. He had set up a camera in his home across the street to get evidence of what he said had been years of harassment by Huff and his family.

The videotape showed Huff calling Kiley a "faggot" as he pummeled him with his fists and feet.

Kiley is suing the Huff family for \$20 million.



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Police chief supports enforcement of Minnesota sodomy law

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 30 (AP)—Police Chief John Laux says his remarks in a Christian newsletter that the state sodomy law ought to be enforced don't conflict with his support for hiring gay and lesbian officers.

"I'd be extremely disappointed if it were not enforced," said the police chief in a recent edition of *Twin Cities Christian*.

"Sodomy is a serious law violation, and I'd want my officers to take the appropriate enforcement action."

In an interview earlier this week, he reiterated that he was not advocating "sodomy patrols" and was referring to acts of sodomy in public places.

"The comments, even if they are nothing but pandering to a Christian audience,

lead me to think that Laux's misgivings about gay cops and other pro-gay action by the cops has less to do with pragmatism and more to do with his own excessive moralism and bigotry," said gay activist Ken Darling.

Laux said he has always tried to separate his religious and personal beliefs from his role as a police chief. He said he does

not believe that his personal views on gay and lesbian issues have affected the way he runs his department.

"I have my views when I go to church. I have my views when I go to the voting booth. But I've tried very hard to keep that part of me away from the public part of me," he said.

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Denomination celebrates homosexuality as others fret about it

By **GEORGE W. CORNELL**
AP Religion Writer
 FOR THE NEW VOICE
 PHOENIX, Aug. 28 (AP)—On a large sign

in front of a national meeting of gay and lesbian Christians were these words of Christ from the Book of Revelation: "I have opened a door."

Man ordered to stand trial in AIDS-related extortion

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28 (AP)—A man who allegedly sent letters to a doctor threatening to expose that he carried the AIDS virus was ordered to stand trial on charges that he tried to extort \$10,000 for his silence.

John Michael Fountain, 21, who said he was a Harvard University student majoring in English literature, was arrested after the doctor called the sheriff's department and said he had received threats.

In a brief preliminary hearing Wednesday, sheriff's Deputy Ken Clark recited the pertinent facts of the case from department records and Municipal Judge David Horwitz ordered Fountain bound over for trial.

His Superior Court arraignment was set for Sept. 11 and Fountain remained jailed with bail set at \$5,000.

Authorities have said Fountain was working for the doctor's accountant when he found out the doctor had tested positive for the AIDS virus and used the information to send extortion letters.

The implication in that particular setting was that the door of faith was opened to sexually active homosexuals, an issue wracking several Protestant denominations.

However, full-fledged acceptance of that lifestyle characterizes the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and its representatives demonstrated delight at it in song, laughter and prayers.

"Sweet Jesus, our brother and friend, we are thankful for learning to love," said the Rev. Troy Perry, the church's founder and moderator. "We proclaim your word, your teachings and your love."

He is a stocky, gentle-mannered minister of 52 with gray, crew-cut hair, a short gray beard and gold cross hung at the front of clerical garb, pleased with the vigor shown at his church's general conference here last month.

"I was delighted at the whole tenor of our meeting," he said in an interview. "Our people have finally reached the maturity that for the first time in our 23-year history we could open our meeting to the press."

"Some in the past had fears about being identified, but those anxieties have been alleviated and we were completely

open."

The conference, with a reported 1200 in attendance, included a full program of worship, business meetings, lectures, concerts and workshops.

A responsive reading went this way in part:

Leader—"There are different gifts."
 All—"But it is the same spirit who gives them."

Leader—"God works through different people in different ways."

All—"But God's purpose is served through them all."

Perry, once a Pentecostalist pastor who was excommunicated when he declared himself homosexual, founded the denomination as a haven for homosexuals in 1968 in Los Angeles, where it is based.

It espouses traditional Christian beliefs and considers the Bible the "divinely inspired Word of God." It now reports 27,000 members and 264 congregations in 17 countries.

Perry said thousands of others attend services but don't list themselves as members out of fear they may lose their jobs or suffer other bias. He announced an evangelistic drive to recruit heterosexuals, who make up about 15 percent of the church.

Roman Catholic moral theologian Daniel Maguire of Marquette University told the meeting, "There is nothing specifically heterosexual or homosexual about love. ... Don't be afraid of love because it is the gift of God."

With a corps of visiting reporters on hand to watch, Perry at one point had member couples who had been together for extended periods stand to show the durability of homosexual unions.

When he asked those united for more than 30 years to rise, two female and two

male couples stood to applause and cheers.

There was similar acclaim for about 10 couples together for more than 20 years, for about 30 couples united for more than 10 years, and for about 30 other couples together more than five years.

"In spite of the prejudice against gays and lesbians in our society, we choose to stay together and make our lives together," Perry said.

Defending his church's blessing of same-sex unions, Perry related that bishops in Virginia blessed hounds for fox hunts and he added, "If you can bless hounds you can bless people."

He then asked couples wishing to renew their vows of union to come forward. About 150 couples crowded the aisles and chorused "yes" to Perry's questions, pledging "with God's help to care for one another, pray for one another and share your lives with one another as long as you love."

As they kissed afterward, Perry remarked, "Society says we can't touch the one we love. But you certainly can."

He said about 4000 church members have died from AIDS since 1984. The church has an extensive program to help those with the disease. Perry said he now emphasizes monogamy as "God's will" for all human beings.

He termed a "historic moment" his introduction to the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church which held its convention in Phoenix at the same time. He said it was the first such recognition by a mainline church.

However, that denomination turned down a proposal to approve ordination of sexually active homosexuals, as had been done earlier by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). But the issue still simmers.

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▼ ▼ ▼ NEW ORLEANS SOAP

Bars show great Southern hospitality over Decadence Weekend

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

It started like a day Snoopy, the cartoon canine, would write about: "... a gray and threatening sky lurked overhead." But it did little to dampen the spirits of the 1991 New Orleans Southern Decadence Parade, an event with no other objective than to costume, parade and visit as many watering holes as time and stamina permitted.

Festivities got underway at a 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning breakfast and makeup party at the Phoenix Bar, hosted by Grand Marshal Jamie Temple. An early hour for some but a late one for those still living from the previous night's bar scene. One celebrant—outfitted in red, right down to a red balloon bosom—said, "Honey, if you don't know how to parade in the rain, you don't know how to parade!"

New Orleans newcomer Jeffrey Phillips, who had just moved from Seattle three weeks before, said it looked fine to him, adding, "The rain here is warm and pleasant." Phillips is director of Project Lazarus, a community organization providing shelter to those sick and homeless.

Grand Marshal Temple's chosen theme for the day was "Shirley Temple Black Leather." He was strikingly attired in black leather cap and jacket over a short, ruffled lace skirt and black and white nylons. The scepter he carried was a large black leather lollipop, and he was accompanied by Guard of Honor Skip Brown, bedecked in a black caveman-ish sheath and sporting a spear. "I am Gonad the Protector."

Also in full black leather was John Wilson. His outfit, one of the best in or out of the Great Mother Swamp, not only claimed him the title of Mr. Leather New Orleans but caused eyebrows to raise in his city administrative office when the Times-Picayune ran the story, complete with photograph earlier this year. "Everything is cool now," he said.

Two O'clock parade time found the French Quarter engulfed by a cloud burst. Nonetheless, over 200 sordid souls gathered near the River on the banks of the Golden Lantern Tavern for immersing in the free-flowing liquid of the gods.

First stop was the Mint, Esplanade at Decatur, where the siren voices of the Born



PHOTO By WILLIAM LIERMANN

One of the more creative costumes was spotted outside Good Friends Bar before the Miss High Hair contest. In background are parade grand marshal Jamie Temple and escort



PHOTO By WILLIAM LIERMANN

A jubilant crowd dances in the street in front of the Bourbon Pub on Southern Decadence Day

Divas—two women, each the size of a BMW, and with an even larger talent—beckoned a packed house to remain. Danny, the back room's Vault bartender, said, "I didn't stop for a cigarette from three until seven-thirty."

Andy Boudreaux's Mississippi River Bottom (MRB) greeted the parade-weary with a free BBQ. Bar manager Blanche said, "We had a wonderful time and served up to 70 pounds of chicken and 70 pounds of ribs." Everyone has to tip their hat to Boudreaux and Blanche for creating one of the Parade's most enjoyable stops.

Every bar in both the Faubourg Marigny and the Vieux Carre' was unbridled joy for Southern decadence Day and nothing topped the high hatted "Miss High Hair Award Ceremony" at Good Friends Bar. Winner was Varla Mermin, whose high hair was sculpted into nothing

shorter than the Empire State Building.

Costumed revelers filled the streets in the lower Quarter in nothing short of a mini Mardi Gras. A couple of the more notable among many great costumes were "Miss Atlanta is Burning," with a flamboyant sun bonnet sculpted with tiny "Hotlanta" buildings surrounded by orange, red and blue flames of wind-whipped cellophane.

And my personal favorite, "Frederick's of Chalmette," a banner waving display of makeup and lingerie artistry, complete with Polaroid pictures of overworked drag queens. If you do not understand the significance of Chalmette in greater New Orleans folk lore, be advised it is a suburb noted for such earthy charms as leading hosts and hostesses finishing every dinner party by counting the plastic knives and forks.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: SAN ANTONIO

Benefit concert planned for San Antonio AIDS Foundation

The San Antonio AIDS Foundation and SAAF House, its residential facility on Grayson Street, will be the beneficiaries of a benefit music showcase at the Cameo Theater on Sept. 10, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Produced by Dr. Eddy Stone, "hipster" poet and satirist and R.B. Blackstone, musician and recording engineer, the session will feature groups including Surprise Package, Toat Le Bluz, Glass Heart, Eddie and the All Nighters, Hank Stone and the Texas Music Co. and Tears of Joy. The benefit

is in memory of David Hashke Houston, who died of an AIDS related illness and "was just like one of our family," said Stone. Among the event's supporters are the owners of then Cameo Theater, LSA Inc., Carlos O'Brien's Restaurant, Stone City Attractions, MusicMakers Light and Sound and Harry Sundown. Donations are requested, with all proceeds going to the San Antonio AIDS Foundation.

—"Pennies From Heaven"
SAAF has launched a new fundraising program of its own, called "Pennies

from Heaven." The effort appeals to patrons of local gay bars and businesses to contribute pocket change into brightly marked boxes.

—Gay Fiesta raffle

Tickets for the San Antonio Gay Fiesta Raffle will be on sale beginning Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Gay Fiesta booth at Fallfest in San Pedro Park. The Fiesta Raffle, the idea of San Antonio AIDS Foundation fundraising coordinator Evan Pope, is meant to be a fun and exciting way for the community to participate in helping to raise funds for AIDS.

The Foundation, in conjunction with Anchors Away Cruises and Tours, the Seahorse Inn on Padre Island, Magnolia Gardens, Cafe Camille, Rosario's and Little Naples, are offering many prizes, including a round trip air fair package for two to New Orleans; a weekend for two at the gay owned/operated Seahorse Inn in Port Aransas, Texas, or a gourmet dinner for two at four San Antonio restaurants. Tickets are \$2 each, with each ticket giving three chances at winning. The tickets will also be sold before Gay Fiesta at San Antonio bars and businesses.

▼ ▼ ▼ SAN ANTONIO LIVE

New play 'Cheap Talk' to open Jump-Start's 1991-92 season

Jump-Start opens its 1991-92 season on Friday, Sept. 20, with Sterling Houston's new play, "Cheap Talk." Performances will be on Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 12 at 8:00 p.m. at the Jump-Start Theater, 1035 S. Alamo in the historic King William District.

The show will feature the Jump-Start Company as host, staff and guests on a bizarre, out-of-control television talk show. Criminal justice, demonic possession, sex-positive political correctness, international banking and extra-terrestrial life all come under scrutiny in this fierce satire of American popular cul-

ture on the verge of the millenium.

Playwright Houston also directs the show.

The production is designed by Robert Rehn and Ben Vargas. Original music is composed by James Cobb. Video is directed by Bill Celaya. The cast of

"Cheap Talk" includes Cathy Pollack, Kim Corbin, Steve Bailey, Chuck Squier, Michael Verdi, Max Parrilla, Robert Rehm, Brian Pogue, Gertrude Baker, Sandy Dunn, Skye Heather Daniels and Rebecca Verdi.

For more information, call (512) 227-JUMP.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

Councilmember Giarusso says debate on gay rights must wait

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

City Councilmember Joe Giarusso has expressed concern that some councilmembers may have misled the public into thinking council would consider legislation at its meeting Thursday, Sept. 5, on the matter of outlawing discrimination against lesbian and gay citizens.

After the introduction of any new or-

dinance, a minimum of one week is required before debate is taken up by the council. Council still intends to consider the legislation to prohibit such discrimination, following the time lapse requirement following the introduction of such a proposal.

Giarusso, who voted against similar legislation in 1986 and 1984 would not state his position on this proposed ban, which has been specifically drafted by

its supporters to remove the primary objection expressed by some religious organizations.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans led the successful fight against the other two proposals, based on the contention that many churches and schools feel it is necessary to discriminate.

Council members were addressed by Mayor Sidney Barthelemy at their Aug. 15 meeting, where he spoke in favor of

the legislation.

Also, Councilmembers Johnny Jackson Jr and Dorothy Mae Taylor have expressed an interest in introducing such a ban.

Advance notice of when the issue will be debated "will be provided to the press," Giarusso told ONS. The first possible date for debate would be Sept. 12 if the proposal is introduced Thursday, Sept. 5.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

2nd annual NO-AIDS Walk kickoff party is next Friday, Sept. 13

The second annual NO/AIDS Walk will kick off this year with a "1930 Speakeasy Gala" Friday, Sept. 13 to thank major donors.

Co-chairs Sam Ross, John Kramer and Roger Ogden issued a statement saying the event will "feature the works of George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Noel Coward" performed by a ten piece orchestra made up of New Orleans symphony members and the singer Judy Blazer. Blazer starred in the Broadway

production of "Me and My Gal" and was in the original New York production of "The Fantasticks." She also played the character Ariel in the television soap "As The World Turns."

Other featured performers are Richard Hutton, Julie Nice and Joan Witschey.

A highlight of the gala will be the unveiling of the limited edition "1991 NO/AIDS Walk Poster" by artist Maureen

Donelan.

Walk Gala committee members are John Bullard, Michael Hammerschmidt, Diana Lewis, Jim Morgan, Mark Romig, Leonard Salvato and Phyllis Taylor.

The Walk is Sunday, Oct. 6 at Audubon Park, New Orleans. For information on either the Gala or the Walk call Gretchen Bosworth at (504) 948-4000.

—Alex Cuoco Shoe Show

Shoe sculpturer Alex Cuoco will exhibit his work at the NO/AIDS Task Force Art Windows through Oct. 6. Also on exhibit will be an assortment of walk related materials, including the "1991 Walk Poster" which is to be unveiled Sept. 13 at the NO/AIDS Walk Gala.

Cuoco is an internationally acclaimed actor, dance producer, director and costume designer, according to Elwood Richardson, NO/AIDS Task Force Art Director.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

MSL's Montrose Mining Co. takes third place at Gay World Series

The Montrose Softball League's Competitive Division representative at the Gay World Series finished third overall in the event, losing only two games, to the ultimate first and second place winning teams. The Montrose Mining Company team was defeated by the Los Angeles team, which went on to win first place, and the Atlanta team which took second place. The competition included league champion teams from throughout the United States and Canada.

The Gay World Series, hosted by the North American Gay Amateur Athletics Association, was held this year in Boston Aug. 17-26. The week long schedule also included the NAGAA's fall meetings, during which Los Angeles was decided as the host site for next year's Series.

The Gentry team represented MSL in the Recreational Division at the Series.

The Montrose Softball League is always looking for new competitive and recreational players, noted Mike Harwell, manager of the Mining Company team.

—Montrose Singers

The Montrose Singers, Houston's gay men's chorus, will present their fall concert, "Happy Together," on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the University of St. Thomas' Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum street at Sul Ross. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at LOBO, 1424-C Westheimer at Windsor, and Inklings, 1846 Richmond at Woodhead. Details are available by calling Jeff Cothran, (713) 862-5518.

This will be the first all popular music concert in the group's 11 year history. The music ranges from 1950's "do-wop" pieces to works from Broadway shows such as "Miss Saigon" and "Jekyll and Hyde." The performance will showcase "outstanding individual talents," according to a spokesperson for the group.

The Montrose Singers is a community men's chorus, currently of 22 voices. Nearly half of the members are semi-professional musicians, and over half of the group has formal training in music. As well, members can claim many combined years of theater experience.

The Singers most recently performed in Star Nite '91, as the featured entertainment at the Pride Awards Banquet and at the 1991 Briar Patch Follies. In the past two years, they have also performed in Vancouver at Gay Games III and in Austin, and presented a Tenth Anniversary Concert and an end-of-year concert, "A Season for Us All."

—Names Project in parade

The Houston NAMES Project and its volunteers have been invited to march in the Foley's Thanksgiving Day Parade on Nov. 28, 1991. The volunteers will assist in car-



Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, was the surprise special guest at a celebration hosted by Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection for its pastor, John Gill, on Gill's 20th anniversary with MCC. Other guests at the service and reception included Mayor Kathy Whitmire, who presented a proclamation declaring Sunday, Sept. 1 "John Gill Day," City Controller George Greanias and State Rep. Debra Danburg. Speakers were also present from MCC churches all over the country, and a number of public officials sent letters and resolutions of support

rying one of the larger than life balloons. The parade will be broadcast in over 65 television markets across the nation in addition to Houston.

Foley's has a history of supporting the AIDS Memorial Quilt. In 1988 they displayed panels in their Main Street store windows. In 1990, Foley's again displayed panels in their windows and also was a major underwriter of the NAMES Project Southwest Display at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

NAMES Project volunteers wishing to take part in this event can contact the Houston NAMES Project by calling (713) 52-NAMES.

—MCCR Spiritual Renewal

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection's Spiritual Renewal Weekend is set for Sept. 7 and 8. Special guests are the Rev. Jo Crisco, senior pastor at Trinity MCC in Arlington and the church's director of music, Albert Hayes.

Rev. Crisco's involvement in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches began in 1975. She served as MCCR's music director. In 1981, Rev. Crisco became licensed as a UFMCC clergy person and served as Senior Pastor of Little Rock MCC and Fort Worth MCC before accepting her current position at Trinity MCC in 1984. Since 1985, she has spoken at Spiritual Renewals and revivals in five states.

Hayes will provide the musical entertainment and will share Spiritual Weekend activities with Rev. Crisco.

The schedule is as follows: Saturday, Sept. 7, 10:00 a.m.: prayer breakfast in the fellowship hall; 7:00 p.m. pot luck dinner in the fellowship hall with an "Evangelism Workshop" for church members and friends. Sunday, Sept. 8, 10:45 a.m. worship service with Rev. Crisco preaching and Albert Hayes providing special music; 7:15 "Old Fashioned Revival Service" with Crisco and Hayes.

The public is welcome at all events.

—HIV insurance workshop

Ed Streeter, a licensed insurance agent, will present a free seminar on insurance options for HIV-positive people on Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold, in the fellowship hall.

Covered topics will include how to file insurance claims, how to purchase insurance if you are healthy and if you are not healthy, Social Security benefits and how to apply for them and using life insurance death benefits while still alive.

For more information, call Streeter at (713) 823-7622 and leave a message.

—New evening mass

A new evening mass has been added to the Sunday schedule at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1218 Welch. The 6:30 p.m. liturgy will feature contemporary music with guitar accompaniment, directed by Alfredo Tijerina, music minister. The new Mass is offered to accommodate those whose schedule makes it difficult for them to attend the 11:30 a.m. service, or who prefer a less formal atmosphere. For more information, call the parish office at (713) 523-8412.

—"Girls in the Nose"

Cubby Hole Productions will present "Girls In The Nose" at Zelda's (downstairs at Fitzgerald's) on Saturday, Sept. 7. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and the show starts at 9:30 p.m. The lesbian/feminist entertainment event will also include go-go dancers.

Girls in the Nose was founded by Kay Turner and Gretchen Phillips (currently with Two Nice Girls) in 1987. The act is known for "electric guitar guts and lacerating lyrics" and a provocative sense of humor, according to Cubby Hole. Their songs include "Menstrual Hut" and "Prisoners of Pantyhose." This is their first Houston appearance since playing Atlanta's Rhythm Festival.

Cubby Hole Productions, which markets and promotes gay-related entertainment events, is also seeking gay performers, especially in the area of progressive/dance music. The company's founder is a former MCA Records representative who has been in the business nine years. For more information, call (713) 526-4042.

—Kingdom garage sale

The Kingdom Community Church evangelism committee is sponsoring a garage sale Saturday, Sept. 7 at the church, 614 E. 19th Street, to raise funds to support KCC's bar, street and shut-in ministries. Items "for all tastes" will be available, said members. The sale begins at 10:00 a.m. For more information call (713) 862-7533.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Activities board apologizes for printing lyrics

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 30 (AP)—The University of Kentucky Student Activities Board has apologized for printing a racially stereotyped line of the original lyrics of "My Old Kentucky Home" on a school datebook.

The publication of the line "Tis sum-

mer, the darkies are gay" on the back of the "Wildcat 1991-92 Datebook" upset some students and campus officials.

The University Bookstore has ordered the back covers on the datebook destroyed and is offering refunds for those already sold. It is now giving the books

away free, minus the back cover.

The Student Activities Board, which produced the datebook, conducted a public forum Thursday about racial sensitivity to discuss the issue. About 60 people attended.

K.C. Watts, the board's president,

read a statement from the organization to apologize for the mistake.

"No current member on this board is responsible for this year's date book. As an organization, we wanted to take responsibility," Watts said. The book was printed this summer.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Controversial request for AIDS program grant withdrawn

DALLAS, Aug. 29 (AP)—A request for a \$700,000 federal grant to help stop the spread of AIDS among young women who use drugs was withdrawn because it also would have paid for condoms and kits to sterilize intravenous needles.

"I realize this is a very, very emotional and political issue," Dallas County Health Director James Farris said during Wednesday's meeting of Dallas County Commissioners.

Some members of the court opposed the grant because it would have funded the distribution of condoms and bleach kits to sterilize intravenous needles.

Commissioner Nancy Judy and County Judge Lee Jackson said a campaign advocating abstinence is ineffective if condoms are distributed as part of the program.

As for bleach kits, they "may send a mixed message that it's not that bad to do drugs because the government encourages it," said Commissioner Jim Jackson.

Farris said that if the controversial items were removed from the request, it would lessen the county's chances for winning the grant.

"This would have been a new initiative, something that has not been implemented in the Dallas area," he said. "We were anxious to be among the first in the country."

The proposed 5-year pilot project would have targeted hundreds of women under the age of 25 who either use crack cocaine, who are intravenous drug users, who have sexual relationships with people who inject drugs, or who trade sex for money and drugs.

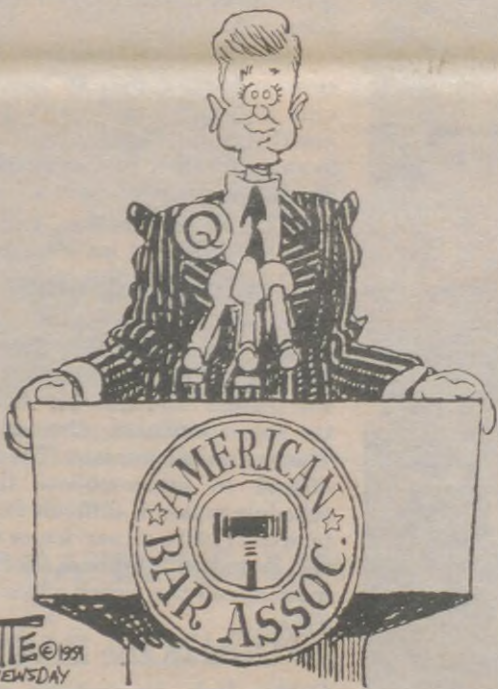
It also was designed to prevent their babies from being infected with acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Commissioners Chris Semos and John Wiley Price supported the proposal because of the increasing incidence of AIDS in the county.

The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, which would provide the grant, has reported that the AIDS virus epidemic represents a "significant threat" to public health in Dallas County.

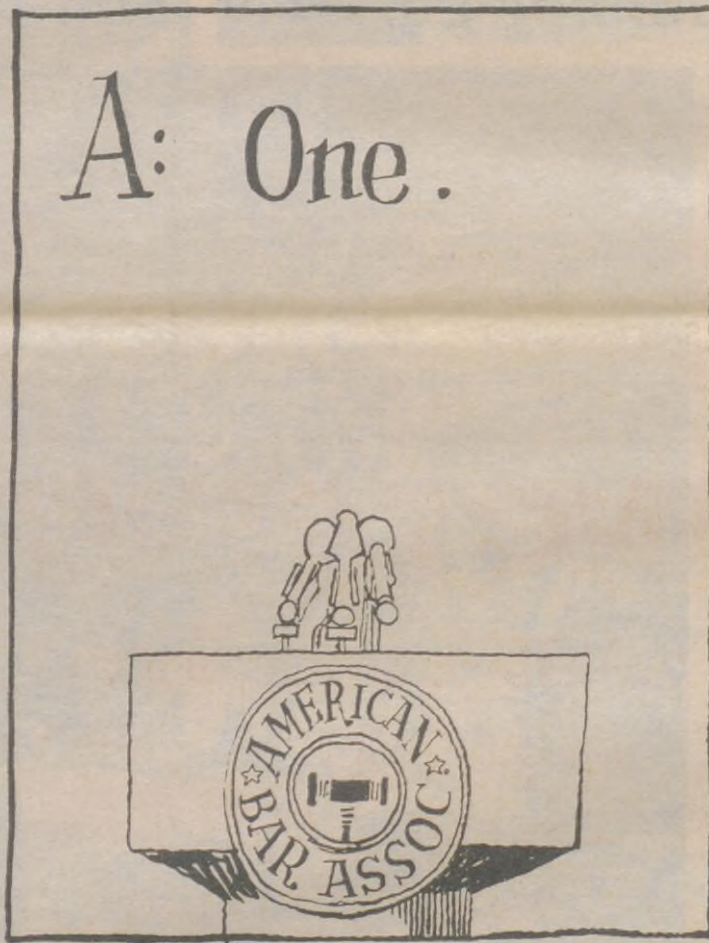
A recent study indicates more than 20 percent of county residents between the ages of 18 and 54 engage in behaviors that could lead to infection with the AIDS virus.

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▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

Midtowne Spa's changes; more roller skating; going to Ft. Worth

By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

Have you been to the Midtowne Spa lately? Well if not, you might be pleasantly surprised. The manager, Larry Goode, has made some nice changes, additions and updates to the private club. It's a nice, comfortable mix of men, Goode says: members are about 40 percent white, 40 percent black, 10 percent Hispanic and 10 percent Asian.

Even though the Midtowne's owners are based in Terrence, Calif., they are attempting to return something to the men of Houston through salaries, free admissions with Stone Soup donations and free HIV screenings, among other things. The largest club of its type in Texas, the Midtowne provides confidential memberships, 89 rooms, 40 video rooms with three adult gay channels, weight facilities, heated indoor pool, 10-man jacuzzi, nude sundeck, TV room, show room (live shows), vending area, lockers, showers and a variety of other amenities. Larry is also offering free tours between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day. Go by and check them out. By the way, did you know there's a new Midtowne opening in Hawaii soon?

MCCR is having a roller skating party at Carousel Rink Sept. 10 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. for \$5 per person. It will benefit the MCCR Capital Gifts Campaign.

Also up and coming in Fort Worth, it's the eighth anniversary of the Cowtown Leathermen on Sept. 14. For you club members who haven't made plans already, go up and play with Carl and the



JR climbing the rocks at Last Splash

gang in Cowtown—you know they're always up to something fun!

Speaking of always up to something (fun or not) Miss Vera of the canoe paddle fame (a spoon wouldn't do because she stirs too much) has graciously granted me more dirt on her friends this week. But before we get too dirty, Vera wants to know, who has been placing those before 7:00 a.m. phone calls to our Mistress of the Morning at the BRB, and what was in your hand when you were asking those lengthy questions?

Steve Cantrell (BRB), your chest is becoming proportionate to other parts of your anatomy. Are you working out or are they implants?

Jo Ann (BRB), what were the chains on



Mark, Vince, Jason, Lola and Haldon serve up all you can eat on Wednesdays for \$3.99. (Spaghetti that is!)

your boots and who were you trying to do with them, girl?

In case anyone is wondering why Little Joe looked so tall in our photo of "two giants and a little princess" last week, he was standing on a box (not shown in the picture). So now you know.

Mike, whose phone number did you get and not let Albert know about? Could it be Clear Lake?

Michael G. (611) seems to have gotten a Shimer husband reject.

Mark (VN) has a new name. It's Markie

de Sade—it goes with all the suffering while alone. It seems the entire Wolf Pack left him and went to Southern Decadence.

Bon Voyage to Scotty (E/J's dancer) who is moving to Denver.

Happy belated birthday to Jim of Printex Plus. What do you mean, "No picture this time, please?"

And last but not least to those crazy gals of Mary's and Sundance, happy anniversary to Reenie and Vickie with our best wishes for many more.

Bye for now!



Our own Daddy of Montrose, Donald, was seen lounging on the lake in Mary's boat



J.R., David and Wayne enjoying the sun at Last Splash

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay-rights groups criticize Wilder for 'waffling' on gay bars law

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 29 (AP)—Gay-rights activists have criticized Gov. L. Douglas Wilder for refusing to denounce the state's law banning bars that cater to homosexuals—a law Wilder supported as a state senator in the 1970s.

Wilder said Thursday that he and other legislators declined to overturn the law after a "rather graphic" presentation from the state attorney general's office showing that some of the establishments were sites of "lewd and lascivious conduct."

But he refused to say what he thinks now about the issue, which resurfaced this week when Alexandria's French Quarter Cafe filed suit to overturn a rarely enforced law from the 1930s making it illegal for bars to hire gays or serve as a gathering place for them.

Wilder, the nation's first elected black governor, has been outspoken on most discrimination issues. But during an im-

promptu news conference after a two-day trip to test presidential waters in New Hampshire, Wilder said he didn't know enough to comment on Virginia's prohibition of gay bars, especially since the issue is in litigation.

He said he is opposed to "blanket statutes which discriminate," and added that he made that very point when he was greeted in New Hampshire by a transsexual.

"You can't sit on a civil-rights fence," said Robert Bray, a spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "The governor will be seeking gay and lesbian votes as he runs for president. Without a clear and hard-hitting statement that condemns institutional discrimination, we remain incredulous of his support. Now is not the time to waffle."

Patrick W. Heck, spokesperson for Virginians for Justice, said he had

hoped that Wilder's own experience with discrimination would make him more sympathetic.

"I would think that he particularly would have insight into our plight," Heck said. "I would think that the governor would recognize the problems with this (law) and would not sidestep the issue."

For at least the last decade, the Virginia attorney general's office has advised the state Alcohol Beverage Control Board not to enforce its gay bar prohibition because it may not be constitutional, said Deb Love-Bryant, a spokesperson for Attorney General Mary Sue Terry.

Last week, however, ABC Board Chairperson George M. Hampton Sr., a Wilder appointee, visited the French Quarter Cafe and told owner Murray I. Greenberg that the state was being pressured to enforce the prohibition because

of complaints from at least one resident. Alexandria resident William M. Glasgow Jr. said the cafe threatens "family life," and that not enforcing the law is a "pathway to anarchy."

Despite urgings from Heck's group and other gay-rights activists, the General Assembly has not addressed the gay bar law recently.

"I don't think you'll find anyone in the General Assembly ready to commit political hara-kiri and put this in," said Sen. Emilie F. Miller, D-Fairfax. "Right now it's not a burning issue. Why stick my neck out when my constituents don't want me to?"

"I thought we elected leaders to lead people into enlightenment, not to uphold bigotry and intolerance," Bray said.

Hampton declined to comment, as did ABC Board spokesperson Thomas Weedon.

Study shows AIDS attitudes hinge on homosexuality biases

MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 27 (AP)—College students are more tolerant of heterosexual AIDS patients than of homosexuals with the disease, a Ball State University professor says.

Psychology professor Michael Stevenson surveyed 259 women and 200 men and published the results recently

in the Journal of Psychology and Human Sexuality.

Stevenson found that women are more tolerant of people with AIDS than are men students.

The study also found that students are more tolerant of people who contract AIDS through blood transfusions than

through sexual encounters, and that they are less likely to have social contact with AIDS patients who contract the disease through sexual relations.

Stevenson said results of the survey indicate a link between anti-gay prejudice and the stigma of having AIDS. To combat the prejudice, he said, AIDS

awareness programs must also provide education about anti-gay prejudice.

"We must be careful to help people care for and protect themselves without increasing their fear of people who may have engaged in high risk behavior and those living with AIDS," he said.

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Labor Day Weekend in San Antonio--some days and nights to remember

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT
TNV San Antonio

Labor Day Weekend in San Antonio and environs (the cloud covered hills of Central Texas), brought some days and nights to remember. Here's the blow by blow.

For me, the weekend began on Thursday night with a stop at the Hard Hat. This is the club that recently introduced San Antonio to that great new sport, Hot Oil Wrestling. The match on Thursday featured Brent vs. Lance, two 22 year old cheerleaders from San Antonio. As you might expect, these guys knew each other's moves pretty well. So it was a close contest, with Brent taking two out of three. (Don't worry, Brent, some women actually pay to have hot oil put in their hair). If you haven't visited the Hard Hat to take in this new, electrifying form of entertainment, you've missed the setting trick.

This past Saturday, the Wild Club continued its series of them soirees by inaugurating its First Annual Military Party. As you know, San Antonio is one of the biggest military outposts in the country. So if you've lived here for more than a few months, you're bound to have collected some kind of soldier or sailor gear. Well, this was evident Saturday night as the W.C.'s patrons trotted out every kind of military garb imaginable. Remember that old saying about a man in a uniform? Well, the Wild Club showed us that it's true.

On Sunday, Dennis and I hooked up with Will and Alfred, our friends from Rosario's, and buzzed over to Lake Travis for Austin's answer to the Rites of Fall, a little party known as Splash Day (Last Splash). As Dennis guided our boat around the last point before Hippie Hollow, we literally had to catch our breath. I swear it looked like Regatta Day at Newport, with dozens of ski boats, house boats and barges dotting the horizon. Eventually, we managed to navigate through all the bottoms bobbing up and down on silver floats to within a few yards of the beer barge. The sky was cloudy, but Splash Day spirits were as high as ever. My girlfriend C.C. popped her top and—looking like one of the Tahitian extras in Brando's version of Mutiny on the Bounty—joined me for a boat hopping. "Permission to come aboard, Sir?" Believe me, guys, going boat hopping at Hippie Hollow with a bare-breasted girl can open a lot of doors for you. Say, C.C. is that guy in the pink thong staring at you or me?

On Sunday night, it was time to head back to the same place where the weekend began, the Hard Hat. As if Thursday night's Hot Oil Wrestling had not been enough, the Hard Hat topped itself on Sunday with a Bartender Stripoff. The New Voice sends congratulations to Tim, who took a well-deserved first place. And hats off to Scott Gambuti, first of Anchors Aweigh, who came in second. This guy can mix your drink, plan your vacation and keep you entertained all at the same time!

Speaking of cruises (as opposed to cruising), you guys who were too busy to take a few days off this summer need to consult Anchors Aweigh about getting away this fall. This travel agency features a lot of great vacation packages that are specially tailored to the inner circle. So sit down with that person you really care about and plan a fall cruise with my old friend, Scott Gambuti. Need a suggestion? Scott tells me there is some availability on a Halloween Cruise that leaves Oct. 26 and returns Nov. 2. This trip takes you to Key West, Cancun and Labadie Shores aboard the Crown Monarch, a beautiful new ship. A vacation like this should improve your disposition, as well as your tan.

Before we get to previews of coming attractions, let me tell you about two other local businesses that you should keep in mind. If you're reading this column, you're probably part of the San Antonio community. So when you have a choice about where you do business, why not keep things in the inner circle? The first place I have in mind is Anderson Insurance, a locally owned and operated business that has successfully managed to gear its services to the community. Anderson's will try to find you the best deal on medical insurance or disability coverage, regardless of the nature of your situation. In addition, Anderson's offers hassle-free life insurance that will let you name your special friend as beneficiary. All consultations with Anderson's are strictly confidential. So if you've been thinking about your insurance needs but haven't gotten around to dealing with them, call M. Slater Anderson at (512) 734-7911 for a private appointment.

The second firm you should keep in mind is Homeland of San Antonio, which provides the San Antonio community with high quality remodeling and home maintenance services. If you've never gotten around to painting that spare bedroom or replacing those ugly fuchsia cabinet



The wild bunch at the Silver Dollar—Michael Field, Beverly Balboa, T.S. Isley (from Saks Fifth Ave.) and Tom McLain

doors, call Rod Medinger at (512) 673-7537. No job is too small.

Now then, let's start thinking about next weekend. Three big events are working for Friday, Sept. 6. First, the Bonham Exchange takes on a tropical ambience with its annual Jungle Party. Now, the difficult part is deciding what to wear. Shall I pull on my loincloth and go as Tarzan, or pull on my monkey suit and go as Cheetah, or pluck my brows and go as Jane? Decisions, decisions!

Meanwhile, over at the Paper Moon, Sept. 6 is Carmen Miranda night. Be on the lookout for Chanel White, who will be backed up by Muscles in Action. I expect there will be a run on fresh fruit this week in San Antonio.

Finally, for those of you who are culturally minded, David Casas will be performing on Sept. 6 at the Guadalupe Cultural Art Center. You've probably read about David before in San Antonio Soap. He's a local performance artist whose work is sensitive to the gay Hispanic community. It looks like next Friday is one of those nights when your reporter will have to be in three places at once.

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, the Wild Club will host a big benefit for SAAF, with all proceeds (including the bartenders' tips) benefiting this worthwhile cause. The New Voice congratulates the Wild Club on this great demonstration of the club's community spirit. I believe this will be the W.C.'s

first venture into hosting impersonation shows, and the whole community should plan to turn out for this one.

Looking a little further into the future, Terry Neal says that things are shaping up for San Antonio's Fallfest. Here again, SAAF will be the major beneficiary of a spectacular show featuring imported talent. Circle Sunday, Sept. 15 on your calendar and plan to be at San Pedro Park to see Dina Kay, Marissa Marlowe, Shelly Jeans and Ericka Raye. By the way, the rumor mill says that Dallas's phenomenal Chili Pepper will be there, as well as the current reigning Mr. TGRA.

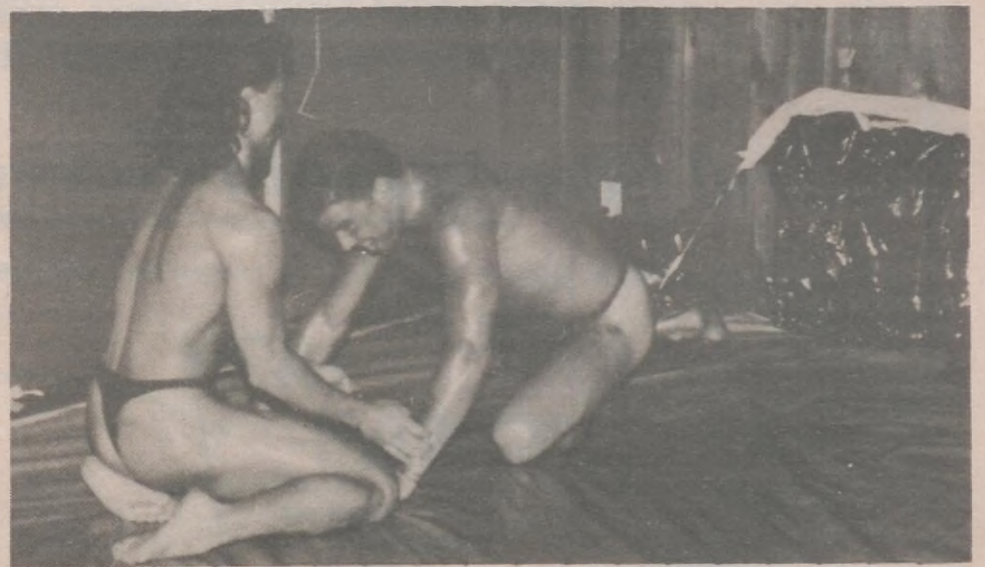
Speaking of SAAF, let's pause for a minute at the community bulletin board. During recent weeks, financial difficulties at the San Antonio AIDS Foundation have led to a severe reduction in staff. Personally, I can't believe that the San Antonio community is letting something like this happen. Even if you're not in a position to attend the many benefits given for SAAF, at least get behind SAAF's Pennies From Heaven program. Just look for the big glass jars in bars all over San Antonio and deposit your change.

The theme for this year's Gay Fiesta is "Stepping Out in the 90's." And we can now confirm that Pamala Stanley will be appearing at Gay Fiesta. Stay tuned for more details.

Got some news for San Antonio Soap? Call us at (512) 824-47325.



Dennise Fairchild does Madonna at Miss Gay Texas



Jason and Jack, Hot Oil Wrestling at the Hard Hat

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO QUICK NOTES

SAAF to present HIV-AIDS workshop for health care providers

The San Antonio AIDS Foundation will present "Get To Know Us II," an informational workshop for nursing health care providers, on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 818 East Grayson Street.

"Get To Know Us II" is the second in a series of workshops to help health care workers become more familiar with procedures for referring their clients to the foundation for needed services. This event will be geared specifically for nurses. Future workshops will be directed to counselors and home care providers.

This program will emphasize problem solving by a panel of San Antonio AIDS

Foundation staff members and will include actual examples of case studies, and referrals to other agencies when appropriate. The featured speaker will be Melanie Rice, R.N., director of nursing, who will describe specific therapies used to treat HIV/AIDS clients.

Other speakers and their topics will be: Papa Bear, San Antonio AIDS Foundation president, who will welcome the attendees; Yvonne Baker, entitlement assistance specialist, who will report on government programs; Nikki Austin, senior case manager, who will describe counseling services; Christina Shively, VISTA/Volunteer coordinator, who will outline various services

provided through the volunteer program; and Ann Marie Mimms of Caremark Inc., which provides home intravenous treatments.

This workshop will include a buffet lunch following the presentations. The workshop is offered free of charge and space is limited. To make a reservation please contact Fran Mendez at (512) 225-4715.

—Procession Of Hope

The fourth annual Procession of Hope, sponsored by the Hispanic AIDS Committee for Education and resources and the Bexar County HIV/AIDS Consortium,

will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15.

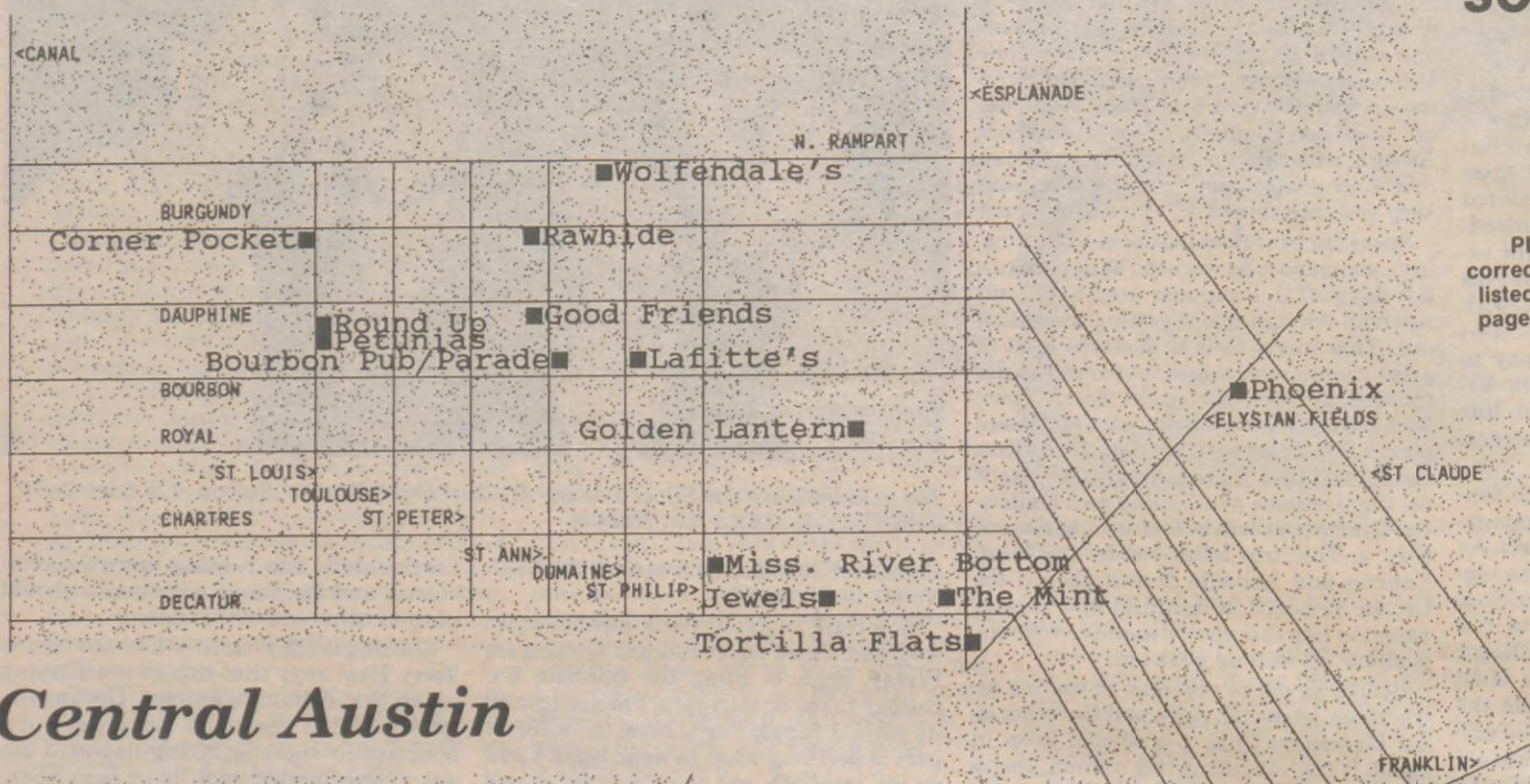
The event is marked by a candlelight procession beginning at Alamo Square and concluding at San Fernando Cathedral. After arriving at the Cathedral, an ecumenical service will be held, with music provided by the Alamo City Men's Chorus. Eric Solar of hearts in harmony will be the featured entertainer at the service.

Immediately following the procession, HACER will host the annual Celebration of Hope. The event will be held at Magnolia Gardens restaurant and will include live entertainment, and auction and buffet. The Celebration will benefit HACER. For more information, call (512) 227-2204.

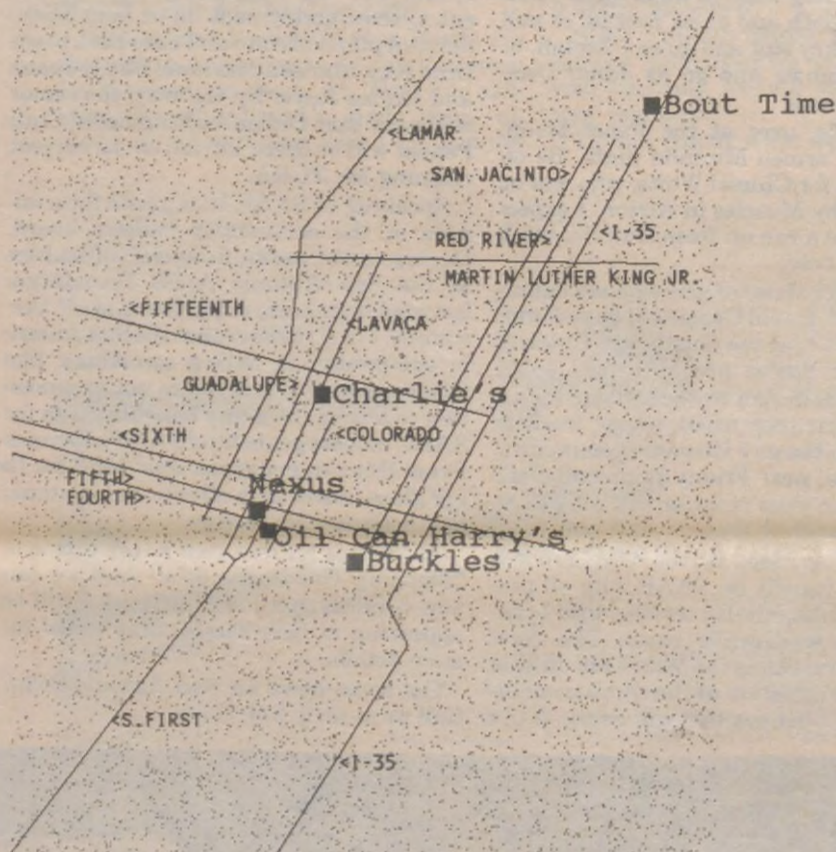
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Here are some of our favorite places

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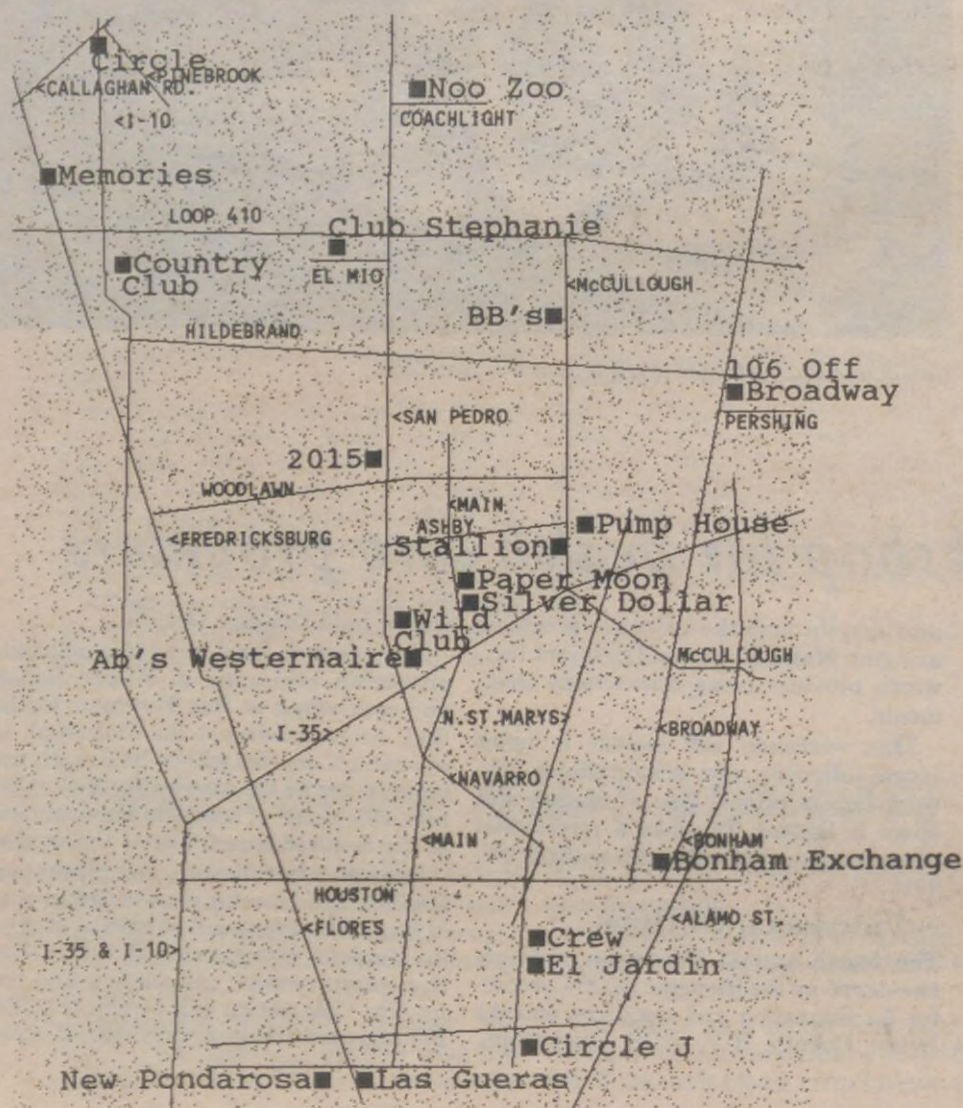




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Take a chance in business matters if you must, but play it safe in love. Your personal dynamism will work well at work, making just the right impression; but in a romantic relationship, it could prove to be a bit much for things as they now stand.

Gemini

You gain strength by helping those around you. Your generosity goes a long way in bringing happiness in places where it's really needed. Your acts of kindness will be reciprocated sooner than you think.

Cancer

Stop and go. Yes and no. Life offers a series of interesting contrasts this time. The serious side of things is serious, indeed, requiring lots of concentration. The lighter side is so light and amusing that you're tempted to laugh it all away.

Leo

All of that incredible sexual energy that started out has become inspirational. Your desires may not be lessened, but your mind is working overtime on creative projects. You've been blocking them up 'til now! Create your own life!

Virgo

You may be feeling unusually adventuresome. Don't fight the urge to try something out of the ordinary. Without taking dangerous risks, try venturing into new, uncharted areas. You'll be surprised at who you meet along the way. Enjoy the journey.

Libra

The blaze is now a conflagration. Passion is a 24-hour affair. Body and mind are in a state of rapture. That's the possibility; let it happen. To do so requires showing all the sides of your personality and being completely open.

Scorpio

The search is on. You're digging deep and far and wide for answers. Don't take the first one that comes along. Illusion is easy to grab hold of, and that's the danger. Let it pass by until a very firm reality sets in.

Sagittarius

Traveling is definitely on your mind. Now is the time to plan, but don't do your planning alone. Surprises are fun, but your partner is likely to feel left out if you can't let him or her in on the fun and excitement.

Capricorn

Sex comes home, and you're glad of it. Looking for it in strange places was a drain on you, and you're happier to be on an even keel again. Bright and alert is how you're feeling, glad to wake up in the morning to see who's beside you again.

Aquarius





Can love and business go hand in hand without some disastrous results? You'd like to think so. Someone you're involved with in a working relationship could become something far more. Things could become quite complicated.

Pisces

"Men at home" is the theme this time. Whether it's father, brother, lover, boss or whatever, there will definitely be a man around the house who wasn't there before. He will affect you deeply, completely and require something of you that could change your life.

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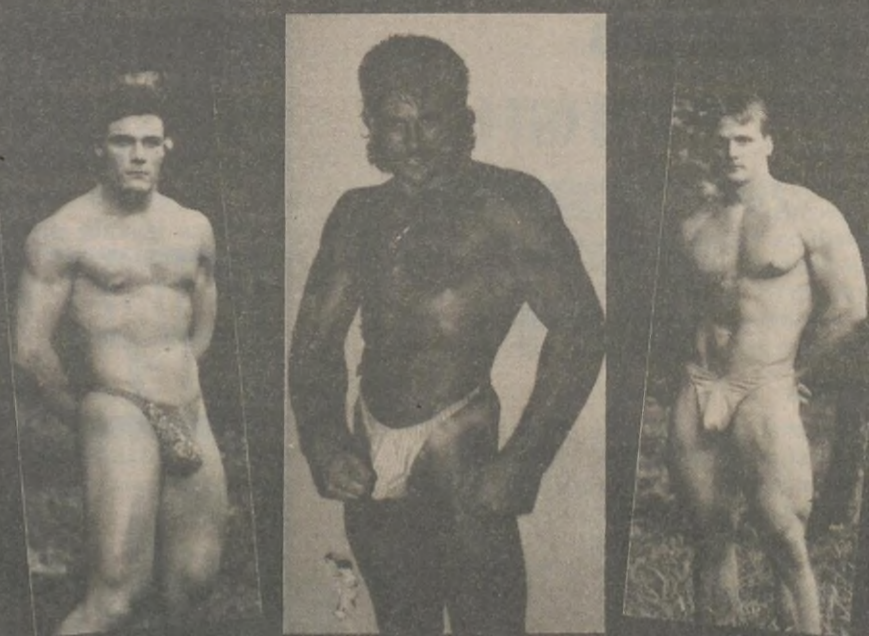
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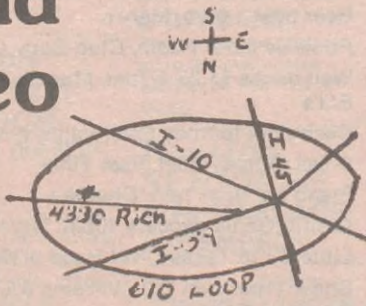
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Dancing, dash for cash midnight, Las Gueras
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Liquor rush 7-11pm, male strippers 11pm, Club Stephanie's
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

50¢ draft all the time, Denise's Buck Burgers, Pump House
\$1 Beer noon-2am, Club Basse West
Free pool tourney, Ab's Westernaire
Liquor Rush 8-11pm, male dancers 11pm, no cover, Wild Club
No cover after 11pm, Bonham Exchange
Male strippers 11pm, Club Stephanie's
Female strippers 11:30pm, Las Gueras

●MONDAY, SEPT. 9

50¢ draft all the time, Denise's Steak Night, Pump House
Social Hour all day, all night, doubles pool tourney 8pm, Ab's Westernaire
Mad Money Mondays, Wild Club
Talent Night, Bonham Exchange
Free pool, 75¢ draft, Club Stephanie's
Free pool, 25¢ draft to 11pm, Stallion

●TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

50¢ draft all the time, pool tourney, Pump House
10¢ draft, \$1 longnecks, Las Gueras
Social Hour all day, all night, Ab's Westernaire
Beer bust, buffet, Stallion
Benefit for SAAF 10pm, Wild Club
Wild Wheel drink specials, Wild Club
Steak night 6-9pm, Memories

●WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House
10¢ draft, \$1 longnecks, Las Gueras
Free pool tourney, Ab's Westernaire
Beer bust, buffet, Stallion
Male strippers 11pm, Wild Club
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House
25¢ draft, Las Gueras
Free pool, Stallion
River City Pool League, Ab's Westernaire
\$1.25 drinks 8-11pm, no cover after 11pm, "Stud Night" amateur strip off 11pm, Bonham Exchange
Amateur strip, Wild Club
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House
Free buffet 4-7pm, Rosario's
Buffet, Stallion
Dance 9pm, strippers 11pm, no cover to 1am, after hours, Wild Club
Female strippers 11pm, New Ponderosa
Male strippers 11pm, Club Stephanie's
Friday night specials, free breakfast tacos 12:30-1:30am, Memories
Dancing, dash for cash midnight, Las Gueras
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House
Buffet, Stallion
Dance 9pm, strippers 11pm, no cover to 1am, after hours, Wild Club
Liquor rush 7-11pm, male strippers 11pm, Club Stephanie's
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Hors d'oeuvres 6pm, Gentry Gents dancers 10pm, Gentry

"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
All Male Revue 11pm, MC Rainbo de Klown, E/J's
After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center

●SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's

Theme party with Rita noon-8pm, Gentry
Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
Poolside BBQ 1-3pm, Club Body Center
Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's

Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N
9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Gentry Gents dancers 10pm, Gentry
Little Bit of Texas C&W Band 9:30pm, BRB
Show 11pm with B.J. Williams & Lee Chardon, E/J's

After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center

●SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

\$2.50 pitchers, \$1 mugs all day, E/J's
Poolside BBQ 1-3pm, Club Body Center
Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night 4-6pm, Mary's

TGRA goes to Gentry, 2pm
Mary's annual dog show 4pm
Beer bust from 4pm, Montrose Mine
Burgs & Dawgs 5pm, Venture-N
Pool tourney 5pm, steak-n-taters 6pm, Gentry Gents dancers 8pm, Gentry
Steak night from 5pm, Miss BRB Pageant 6pm, BRB

Cash & prizes midnight, E/J's
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
After-hours Club Body Center

●MONDAY, SEPT. 9

Red Party all day, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
"Brief Encounters" strip contest 9pm, Gentry
Half price admission with Stone Soup

donation, Midtowne Spa
\$1.25 well, schnapps 10-11pm, male dance contest 11pm, E/J's

After-hours Club Body Center

●TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

Half price lockers 6am-6pm, Midtowne Spa
Hamburgers by Pickles noon-3pm, Mary's
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

Pizza Party with Rita Boulevard 6pm, Gentry

C&W dance lessons, 10pm BRB
Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

Talent contest 10:30pm, MC Giovanni, E/J's
After-hours Club Body Center

●WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

Steak night 6pm, talent show with Lee Chardon 10:30pm, E/J's
Bare Chest Night, Venture-N
After-hours Club Body Center

●THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

Half price lockers 6am-6pm, Midtowne Spa
Hamburgers by Pickles noon-3pm, Mary's
Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center

\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

50¢ hamburgers 6pm, dance lessons 7:30pm, BRB

Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
Skate Night Special, Venture-N

Video classics 9pm, Gentry

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Show 10:30pm with Brittney Paige, E/J's

After-hours Club Body Center

●FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

Hors d'oeuvres 6pm, Gentry Gents 10pm, Gentry

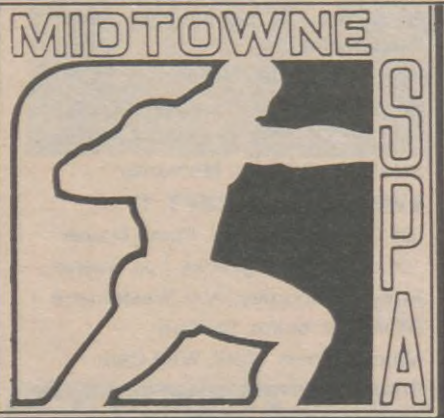
Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne Spa
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

Male review 11pm, E/J's

After-hours Mary's, Club Body Center



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38, GWF outgoing, friendly, attractive. Looking for GWF with similar interests for friendship and more with right individual. I enjoy sailing, wind surfing, golf, camping and photography. I like

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All ads in this category should be strictly individual to individual. No commercial offerings. Nothing for sale. No promotions. Nothing to give away

Almost 40 GWF seeks GF for friendship and/or romance. I am a real homebody and enjoy gardening and love animals. I like eating out occasionally, going to movies, baseball games and spending time with my friends. I drink very little and don't smoke, do drugs or casual sex. I would like to meet someone with similar interests but I'm open to sharing new experiences with someone special. Photo would be nice but not essential. Reply with phone # to Box 25177.

Alpha Romeo convertible following blond in black Jeep on Montrose and 14th St. Saturday August 3 - sorry I couldn't stop, late for appointment, would really like to meet. Box 25231

Attractive GBM, 6'3, slim build, 34, masculine, very well equipped, would like to meet GWM, ages 30-45 for romantic sensual

passionate discreet encounters. Natural men plus, versatility and safe-fun a must. Returnable photo appreciated. AD 25888

Creative Pisces, attractive GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., forty-something, in good shape, mentally and physically. My interests run the gamut. Fantasy/ security, independence/ support, laughter/ tears. Desires attractive GWM, 28-45, mature, but capable of boyish charm, to explore and cherish the wonders of living and loving. Reply with phone #, photo a must! to Ad 25093

For the best in laid-back, hassle-free French service, write to this 6'1", 173#, br/ br, gdlngk, 39 y.o. GWM. AD 25133

Former college ball player dark hair, hazel eyes, 5'8, weight proportionate to size, 24 year old, GWM, fairly new to city, looking for friendship & possible relationship. College degreed, law student, and statistical consultant. I like sports, especially football, movies, suspense and work. Looks are no major factor by NO DRUGS. Write or leave Voice Message. AD 25906

GWM, 32, 5'11, 200, HIV+, very healthy, hot bottom seeks hot tops, 18-25 for safe fun and games. Enjoy movies, TV and anything else, non smoker preferred. No druggies. Couples are okay. Photo and phone get reply. AD 25243.

GWM, 40's, professional, educated, stable, masculine, attractive, excellent health, good sense of humor, 6'1, 190lbs, moustache, clean cut. Enjoy: movies, reading, working out, cooking, my job, good SAFE sex. You should be: late 30's to early 50's with all or most of the above and weight in proportion to height. Letter with photo (optional) and phone gets a reply. AD 25197.

GHF, 37, 5'1 1/2, 115 lbs., attractive, olive complexion, androgynous, intense brn. eyes, witty, educated, creative, spiritual, compassionate, incredibly romantic about love and life, seeking feminine GHF or GWF, 28-43, non-smoker, social drinker, intelligent, affectionate, romantic, honest, financially secure, monogamous. Please write and include photo of yourself, if possible. Box 25183.

GWM, 50s, looking for GWM HIV neg 35-55, like serious and affectionate person to trust. Am average man who enjoys food (American & Spanish), movies, music, evenings at home, non smoker, occasional drinker. Send photo and letter. AD 25125

GM couple, early 30s, for hot and wild safe sex 3 ways. Looking for GM 18 to early 30s, masculine looks and manners, weight in proportion to height. Please respond with photo & phone. AD 25109

Grr/Brn/Olv Hispanic. Euro/Medit looks, 33, 5'10", 160, healthy, fit, masculine, sensitive, fun-loving, traditional values. Seeks consort with Caucasian, 40-, proportioned frame, chest hair a plus (not required), similar disposition, smoke/chem. free, knows/able to execute relationship's essentials, likes outdoor activities, sports, music, arts, life's simple pleasures. AD 25128

GWF - Attractive Blonde (30's) looking for sensual pleasures without relationship. Can be very creative. AD 25814

GWF, 33, seeks GWF, 30-40, for a serious friendship/ lover and doesn't play mind games. I enjoy sports, dancing, quiet times and romance. No heavy drinking or drugs please. If you're serious about life and relationships please write. Photo is appreciated. I'm stable and know what I want out of life, hope you do too. AD 25205.

GWF/ 32/ college educated, career I love & own home. Not partial to any particular type, however, if you like 2-stepping, romantic movies, travel, sports and good conversation, we're sure to have fun. AD 25341

GWM 44, 6'4, 195, mas-

culine professional, egalitarian, liberal, seeks masculine, open minded, educated (formally or informally) responsible yet adventurous, unpretentious GM (35-50) for friendship or more. Some interests: jogging, working out, the arts, movies, some sports, politics, current events. All heights ok. AD 25037

GWM, 27, attractive, 6'1, 165#, I enjoy outdoors, beach, bicycling and partying, especially live music. You are a GWM or GHM 18-23, slim, attractive, and with little or no body hair. AD 25893.

GWM, 30 something, green eyes, red hair, enjoys cuddling, movies, TV, music, occasional happy hour. Exceptionally excellent FR active. Let's get to know each other. Possibilities unlimited. Send letter with photo and vital statistics. AD 25200

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GWM, 40, 5'7, 160lbs, excellent health, stable, professional, tired of bar scene, enjoy going to movies, plays, dinner. Non-smoker who cares for animals and environment. Looking for man 30-40's with same interests, and willing to have one on one relationship. Photo, telephone and letter telling your interests and hobbies. AD 25219

GWM, 44, medium build, HIV-, Regular guy, true romantic, eclectic interests. Seeks same, late 30's up. Most important: honest, willingness to date and spend quality time together, relationship oriented. Send intro letter with phone, photo optional. One stamp could mean a difference! AD 25195

GWM, 5'10, 155, 49, attractive, non-smoker, HIV-, professional, enjoy eating out, movies, working out, aerobics, and C/ W dancing. Sense of humor, masculine, seeks slim athletic GWM 25-40 who is a non-smoker and HIV- for friendship/ dating. Photo please. AD 25901

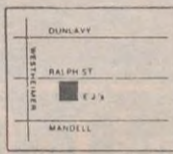
GWM/ handsome/ tall/ sincere/ professional seeking an attractive black or hispanic male or transsexual for companionship. Let's talk. Respond to AD25536

I feel very uncomfortable going to the gym but I want to tone up my body and become more defined. If you are a bodybuilder with equipment in your home and you can help me get on a fitness program for both nutrition and exercise, please contact me so we can talk about the details. I am a GWM, 32. I am serious about my endeavor. I have had very little weight training and what I have had has been sporadic. AD 25171



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<p>Male Dance Contest 11 pm Cash Prizes MC Rainbo de Klown \$1.25 well drinks & schnapps 10-11 pm</p>	<p>Talent Night 10:30 pm Cash Prizes MC Giovanni</p>	<p>Steak Night 6 pm then at 10:30 Talent Night II Cash Prize MC Lee Chardon</p> <p>***** CRAZY SUNDAY *****</p> <p>2.50 Pitchers 1.00 Mugs all day—all night Cash Prizes Midnite</p>	<p>Brittney's Back & Bad as Ever! Show Time 10:30 pm with many special guests</p>	<p>Male Review 11pm Bon Voyage to Scotty (The Dancer) with Special Guests MC Rainbo de Klown</p>
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ATTRACTIVE, ATTACHED, GWF

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BUT SERIOUSLY

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CAN YOU BE HONEST

I am 45, looking for a good looking GBM who can be honest and share his love with me. Have many interests and things I like to do. Please send picture and phone number to AD 25903.

CHRISTIAN

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

CHUBBY SEEKS CHASER

GWM, 50, 6', 300+, blonde/ blue, HIV-, versatile, honest, sincere, romantic, no drugs or heavy alcohol, am looking for GWM under 35 in good shape, versatile, HIV- who is sincere, honest and willing to work on friendship/

relationship. AD 25899

COME ON!

There has to be a GF between 35-55 who is educated, attractive, emotionally mature, honest, comfortable with her sexuality, caring and has a good sense of humor and ready to find her lifemate. I'm 45 and have all the above qualities. I am a smoker. If that bothers you, read on. AD 25892

COUNTRY BOY FROM KENTUCKY

GWM, 44, 6', 185, brown curly hair, hazel eyes, masculine, attractive, open minded, have many interests, seeks bottom but can be versatile. Looking for close friendship. Someone caring, honest, sincere, 25-45. Letter w/ photo and phone gets reply. AD 25220

CUTE ROMANTIC SOFT BUTCH

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DARE TO DARE

28, 6', 195, blk/ green/ brown eyes. Intelligent, well educated, attractive, financially secure professional. I like to run, bike, read and dance. A gourmet cook, I also volunteer with PWAs. I'm healthy, non drug and/ or smoker. Seeking GWM 20-30 with similar taste. Sound to good to be true? You'll never know unless ... AD 25247.

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DO YOU LIKE COUNTRY LIVING?

GWF-B wants to meet GWF-F 45-55 who has a good sense of humor and old-fashioned morals. I like small social groups, dancing and quiet dinners. I'm a homebody that smokes some, drinks little. If this sounds compatible, please contact/ write me. AD 25804

DOMINATE TOPS WANTED

GWM couple, early to mid thirties, would like to meet other singles and couples for hot safe fun. We are looking for dominate tops or versatile men who are uninhibited and who enjoy B & D within limits. If possible, please respond with a photo and phone. AD 25210

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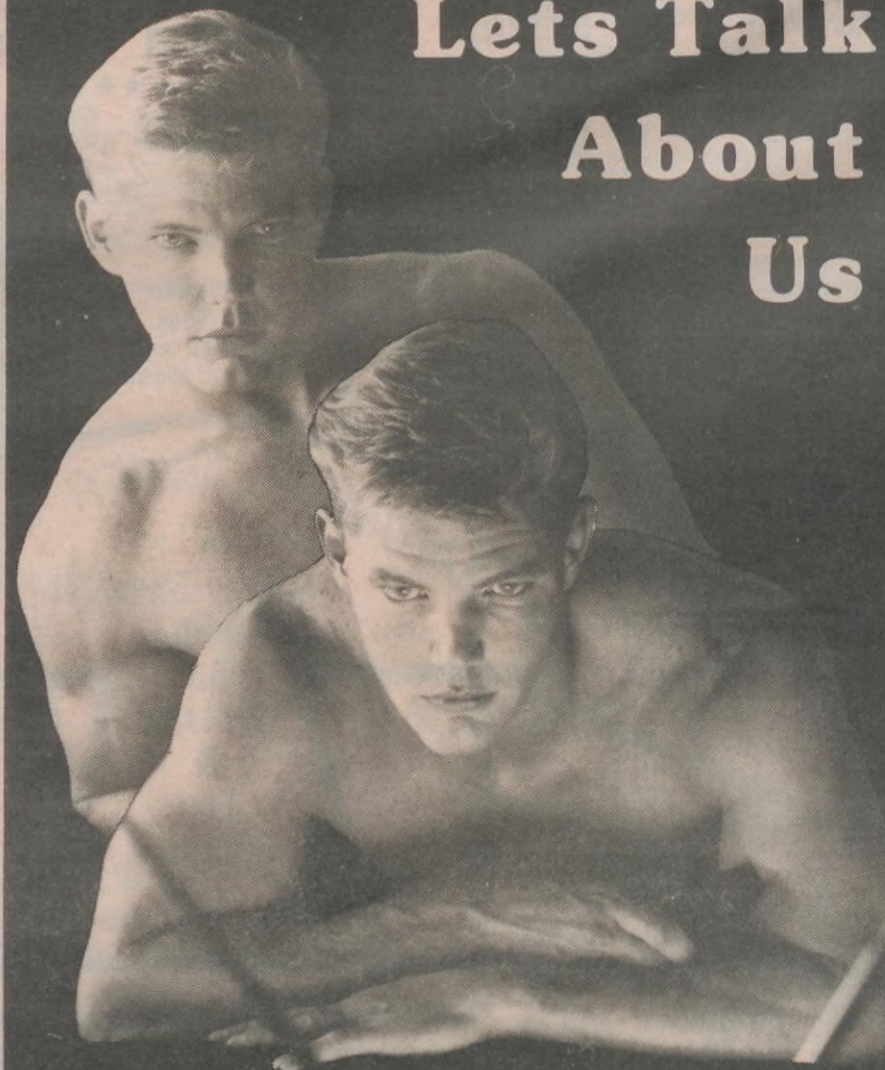
GWM, 5'1, 26 yrs, seeking same for stable companionship and hopefully more. 5'5 a plus. Your search for a sincere, honest, warm companion has ended. I am an understanding, compassionate and affectionately laid back person. I don't get the opportunity to meet many guys with the same qualities who can return them. Write Box 25182.

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I seek a sincere, handsome, honest man to 35 yrs who desires a stable relationship with professional and may be interested in living in my home. I am a GWM, 34, 5'10, 165 lbs., workout, runs, HIV neg., handsome, blonde, sexy arms and legs, likes gardening and bicycling in country. Your photo gets mine. Respond with letter to AD 25170.

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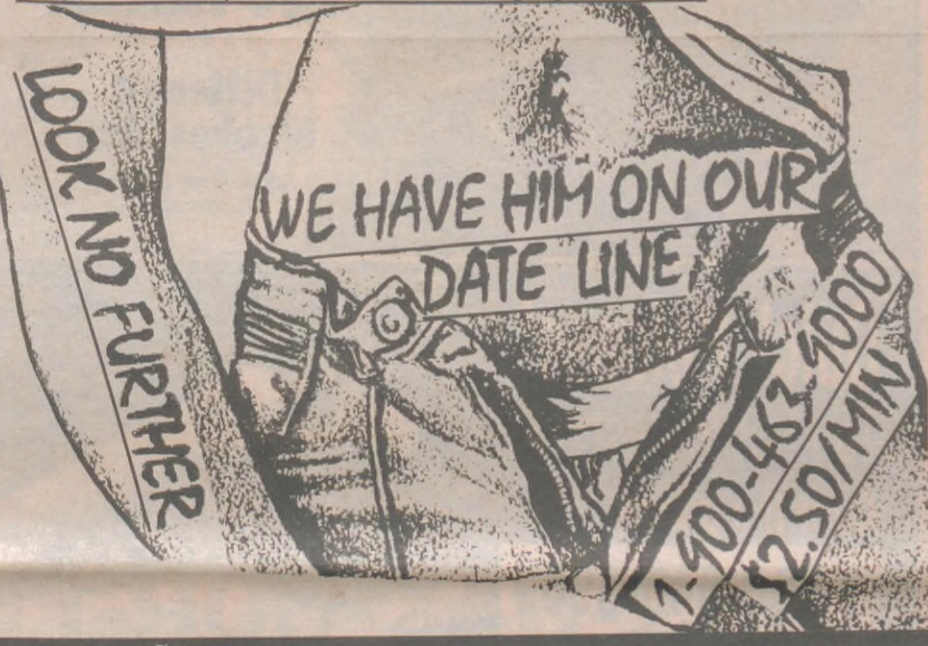
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Yo. 30 anos, 6'2", desee conocer hombre 25-40 anos. Please respond in English or Spanish. Ad 25072

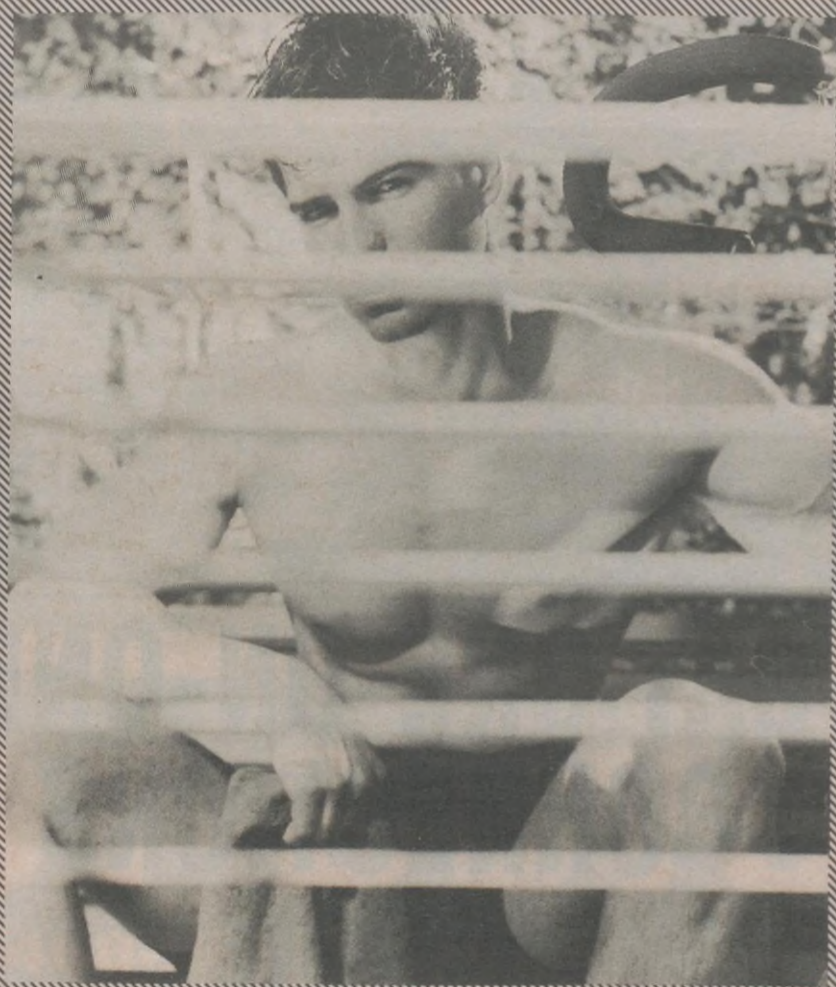
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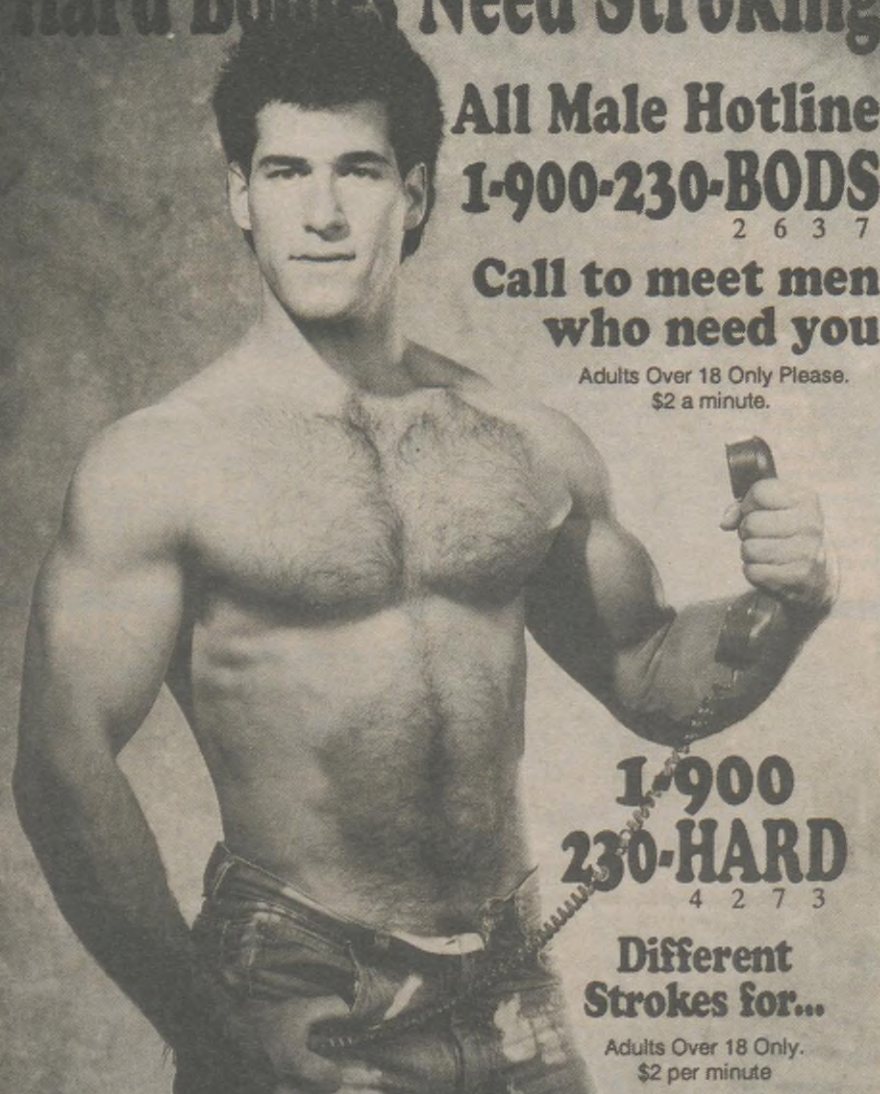
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other gay male or female couples or individuals for friendship. Our interests include sports, shopping, movies, eating out, camping, dancing, etc. Couples with children welcome to respond. All responses will receive reply. AD 25089

GHM looking ...

for honest stable trustworthy mate. Enjoy cooking, movies, quiet evenings at home, going out with and having friends over. I'm a Capricorn, romantic at heart, want some back from other person. Must be humorous, understanding and monogamous. Start as friends and possible relationship. AD 25087

GIVE YOUR VCR A REST

Tired of celluloid and want action now? Well so do I. GWM, 35, 5'10, 160lbs, interests vary from travel to theater, football to fishing, I es-

pecially like hard hot sweaty workouts at the gym. Instant gratification not soon enough, then answer this. 25809

GOOD LOOKING "DADDY" TYPE

GWM, 52, 6'4", 190, dark thinning hair, trim beard, professional, wants to meet an attractive, intelligent and sensuous man under 40 for friendship, romance and ultimately a relationship. Please write and tell me about yourself. AD 25021

GWF READY TO SETTLE DOWN

Christian, 32, secure homeowner, seeks GWF. No smoke, drink, drugs, children. Me: attractive, affectionate, honest, intelligent, able to commit totally to right woman. You: same. Well-endowed and good cook are pluses. Also desire to start family. Prefer brown hair/eyes, medium skin. Phone and photo appreciated. AD 25092

GWM 21

HIV-, caring, out-going, spontaneous, sincere, varied interests, versatile, would like to meet that special someone. A relationship isn't easy but I'm willing to give 100 percent if you are. Looking for a partner to share life with. Go ahead, reply to this ad and let's make each other's lives sparkle. AD 25203.

GWM DESPERATELY SEEKING ULTIMATE TEDDY BEAR

Average joe mechanic type. You're HIV-, over 35, versatile, hairy, chubby, bearded, respectable, employed. This bear cub's 26, 5'10, 140 lean, smooth boyish looking, not effeminate, good job, morals, sensitive, honest, not out long but know what I want. For possible relationship write - send

photo. AD 25193.

GWM SEEKS FRIENDS

I am 38, 6'2, 180#, stable, sincere, and fun loving. YOU - white, Hispanic, or Asian, 25-45, weight and height are proportionate, likes dining out, movies, is independent, and does not take life too seriously. Don't be afraid to write. Reply to AD 25896

GWM SEEKS MATURE ROMANTIC GBM

Handsome sexy and professional! at 39, 5'10, 160, I'd like to share my fantasies with you. Prefer large tops, and great sense of humor. Enjoy home-life, cooking, music, and loving. Can do anything with right man. AD 25230.

GWM SEEKS TALLER GWM

GWM, 5'7" seeks taller GWM who is playful, HIV-, versatile, into nudism, with sense of humor, and a cut (small to medium) endowment. Must be a congenial guy interested in companionship and more. AD 25104

GWM, 37

6', 160 lbs., health care professional wishing to meet Houston area professionals, 20's-40's, who appreciate romance, the arts, dining out, travel, children, and so on. Am interested in an eventual relationship. Prefer non-smoker who is light social drinker. Let's meet for a date. AD 25181.

GWM, 43, 6', 150

31-inch waist, hairy, looking for safe sex circle of friends. Act out fantasies together, boxer shorts, jock straps, briefs, also like movies. AD 25241

HANDSOME GWM PROFESSIONAL:

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pepper hair/ blue eyes/ degree/ professional/ masculine. Interests: travel, working out, collecting antiques, writing, self-improvement, dining out. Good Listener. Great conversationalist! Seeking significant relationship with good-looking GM of similar or intriguing qualities. Could this be THE one for you? Let's get together and find out! Note/ phone/ photo, Please! AD 25237

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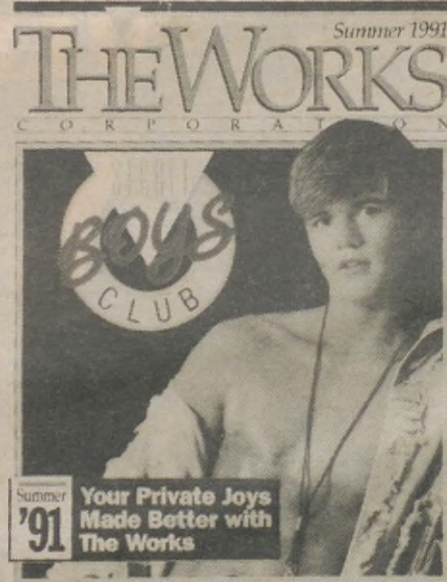
Shy but great looking GBM ready to welcome you home. Wants to get close to you mentally and physically. You, just as myself, are in great shape, open minded, and drug free. A person of color who should take a few more chances. I invite you to take a chance now. AD 25216.

HIV+; LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

30 year old Latin male, 165 lbs., in good health, who works out daily at the gym, would like to meet someone in same situation for friendship/ possible relationship. I'm honest, very loving and extremely handsome, with time on my side. For that special someone out there please respond with letter and photo to AD 25070, c/ o Montrose Voice.

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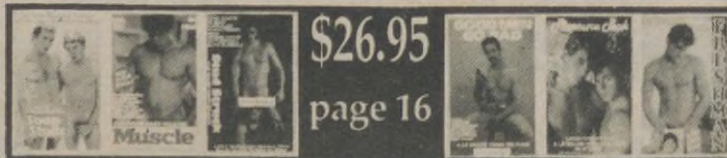
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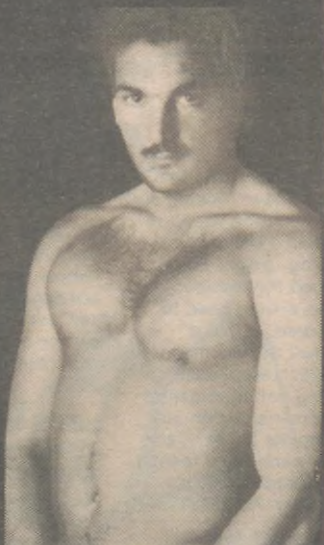
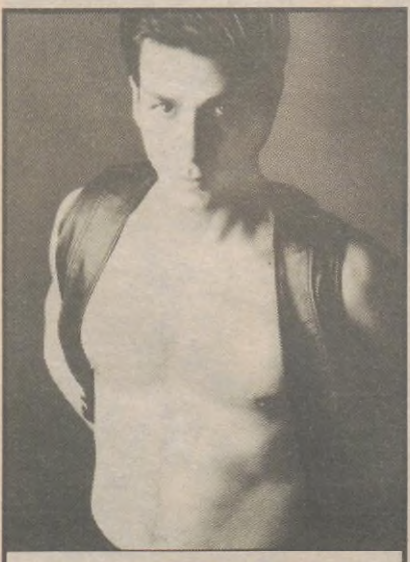
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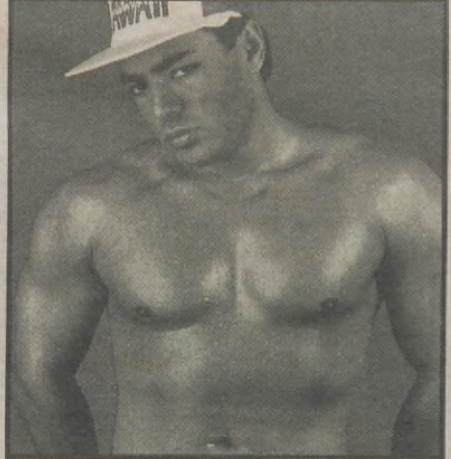
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You - attractive Hispanic - appearing man with book. Me - slender caucasian with glasses. our eyes met at International House of Pancakes on Richmond, Saturday afternoon, August 24. Would like to meet you very much. AD 25900

I'M MR. RIGHT. WHERE ARE YOU?

GWM, 24, 5'10", swimmer build, knows that you've been looking but maybe in the wrong direction. I enjoy song writing, weight lifting, valued friendships. Have driving need to succeed. Is that a crime? Seek someone 19-29, "responsible," offering not mind-games and manipulation but complete honesty, sincere caring and faithful heart capable of monogamy. Ad 25191

I'M THE HAYSTACK - YOU THE NEEDLE?

GWM, 6', 185lbs, former model, 40-ish looking, masculine, salt and pepper hair, educated, healthy, happy, sensitive, non-smoker, drug-free, but fun loving. In search of an attractive, discreet, responsible, intelligent, straight appearing, sincere, goal oriented, GWM, under 40, for a very, very, special relationship. Recent photo and phone. AD 25199

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young, healthy, mentally & physically, free of drugs and alcohol and desire a friendship/relationship with a healthy, mature, honest, sensitive, 40-ish professional who enjoys touching, quiet times, movies, the beach at night and other fun times. A quality guy seeking a quality friend. AD 25105

INTELLIGENT, ENERGETIC GWF

If you like wood, pastels, thought provoking conversation, the Houston music scene, sex and romance, being creative, bike riding and don't mind some who smokes, drinks, and

speaks their mind, early 30's, please write AD 25897.

JUST FRIENDS

Attractive, GHM, 23, 5'10, 160 seeks attractive, intelligent, masculine, open-minded, GHM or GWM ages 20-30 for friendship, no commitments. Weight in proportion to height. Youth equals bliss, so let's enjoy it while we can. Send a letter and tell me how. AD 25215

LEATHER, CIGARS AND SEX

WM, 24, bottom boy slave looking for top daddy master into S&M, leather cop uniforms, bondage, cigars and sex. Let's get hot, sweaty and screaming with pleasure. AD 25196.

LET'S DO LUNCH—THEN WHO KNOWS???

ME: GWM, 38, 5'11, blue, black, conservative, handsome, discreet, professional, healthy, endowed, drug/ smoke free, like cycling, outdoors, classical music. YOU: 18-25, GWM, slender, healthy, drug free, and interested in the above. US: Call/ write and we'll meet over lunch/ dinner. At worst, we'll have a nice meal and talk. AD 25224.

LET'S GET NAKED

GWM nudist couple 35 & 25 wants to meet other nudist couples & singles for fun in the sun. We travel frequently to Hippie Hollow and also enjoy weekend camping trips. We answer all mail, not to be confused with another ad. AD 25099

LET'S HAVE A DATE

GWM, nice looking, adventuresome, sensuous, sexual, Pisces, looking for someone to have fun with and possibly settle down with. Latin, European, foreign and natural men are a plus. I am tired of the bar scene, aren't you? I am a 34 yr old professional with a college degree, non-smoker, 6', 170#, green eyes, HIV-, and well built. I have some-

thing interesting to offer and am looking for someone special. Let's connect! AD 25895

LIGHTNING BOLTS WILDLY ACROSS THE SKY

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

LOOKING FOR FEMALE FRIEND

WM, middle age, 5'7", med. build, youthful looks and progressive attitude, college-educated, artistic aptitude. Likes playing several sports, socializing and some night life. Not into sexual pressures. I seek to know one who needs an energetic, warm, caring and fun guy around. I like kids too. Let's talk soon. Ad 25185

LOOKING FOR LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP

GWF mid 20's, 5.7, 150, attractive, outgoing, feminine, thoughtful, honest, romantic, responsible, mature, food morals, enjoy playing sports, going to movies, dancing, walks on beach, traveling. Music interests include: jazz, classical, C/ W and Top 40. No mind games. Non-smoker. No drugs. You: should have similar interests. Phone and photo appreciated. AD 25909.

LOOKING FOR MATURE BI/ GWF ONLY

35-45 yr professional, non-smoker. Light drinker, no drugs, clean, attractive, to share with WM, 2 bed - 2 bath apt in NW area. Extra clean, security, pool, tennis court. I am 50 yr look 40 very open and seek same. Straight but into cross dressing. You won't be sorry. Send photo, phone AD 25235.

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SINCERE AFFECTIONATE MAN

GWM, 42, 5'8, 135, HIV+. I have a Master's Degree, travel frequently, like movies, theater, evenings at home and like to go to the bars occasionally. Seek GWM 35 - 45 HIV+ to share fun times and quiet evenings. I'd like to take things slowly and get to know you. Photo optional. AD 25907

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

Professional GWM, 36, 6', 168 lbs, brown hair & eyes. I am looking for that someone special 25-45 for a monogamous, loving relationship. Race, color or creed unimportant. I am honest, sincere and healthy. My interests include biking, outdoors, movies, TV, Nintendo, cards and sports (especially football). I prefer a non-smoker, non-drinker and someone who is not into the bar scene. Please send photo if possible. Ad 25156

LOOKING FOR THE MORE MATURE MALE?

Would you enjoy sharing a sunset, a movie, a mid-night snack, a hug, those last few dollars just before pay day? Sincere mature gentleman, early 50's, 5'11, 198, HIV -, salt/ pepper hair, moustache, seeks quality person for sharing and caring to mid 40's. All cultures welcome. Preference to non-smokers. Ad 25178

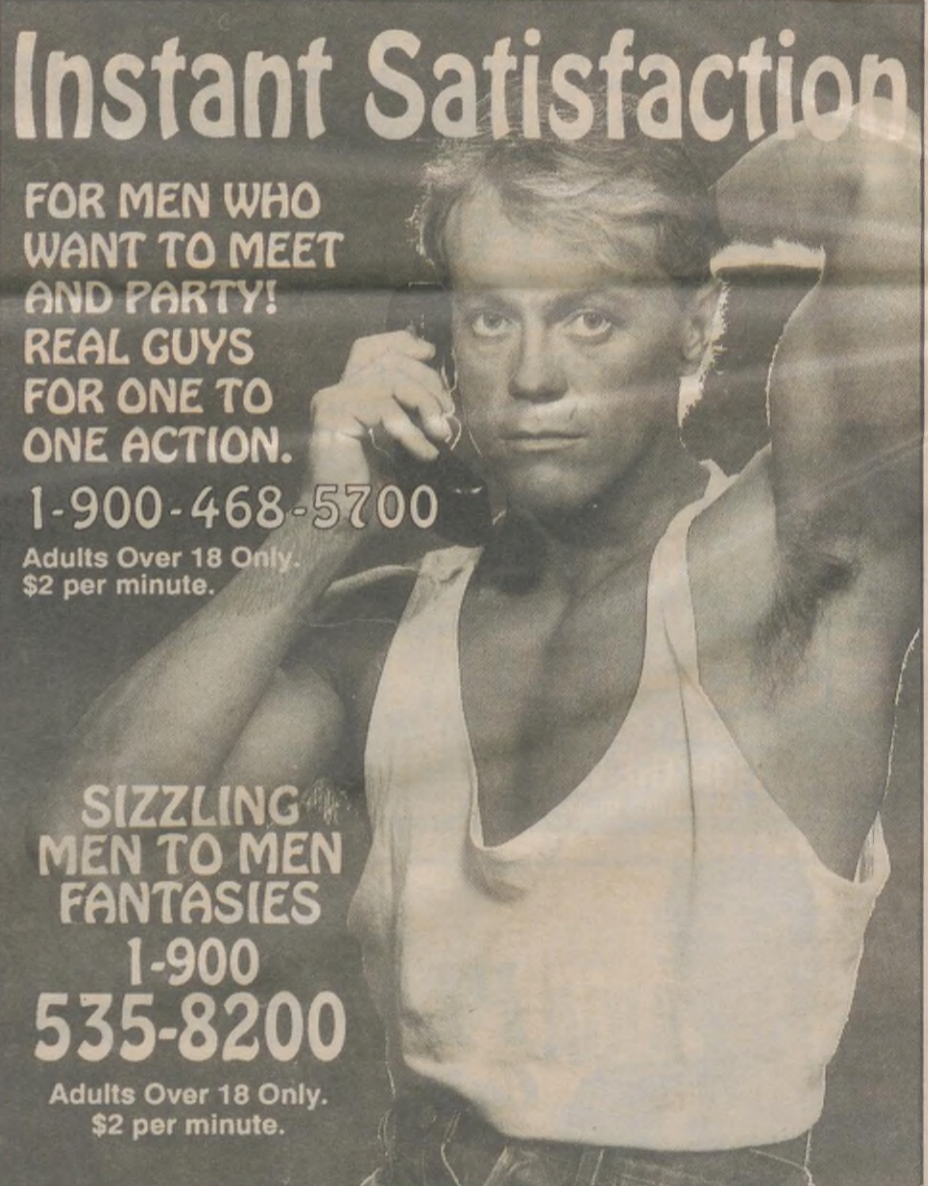
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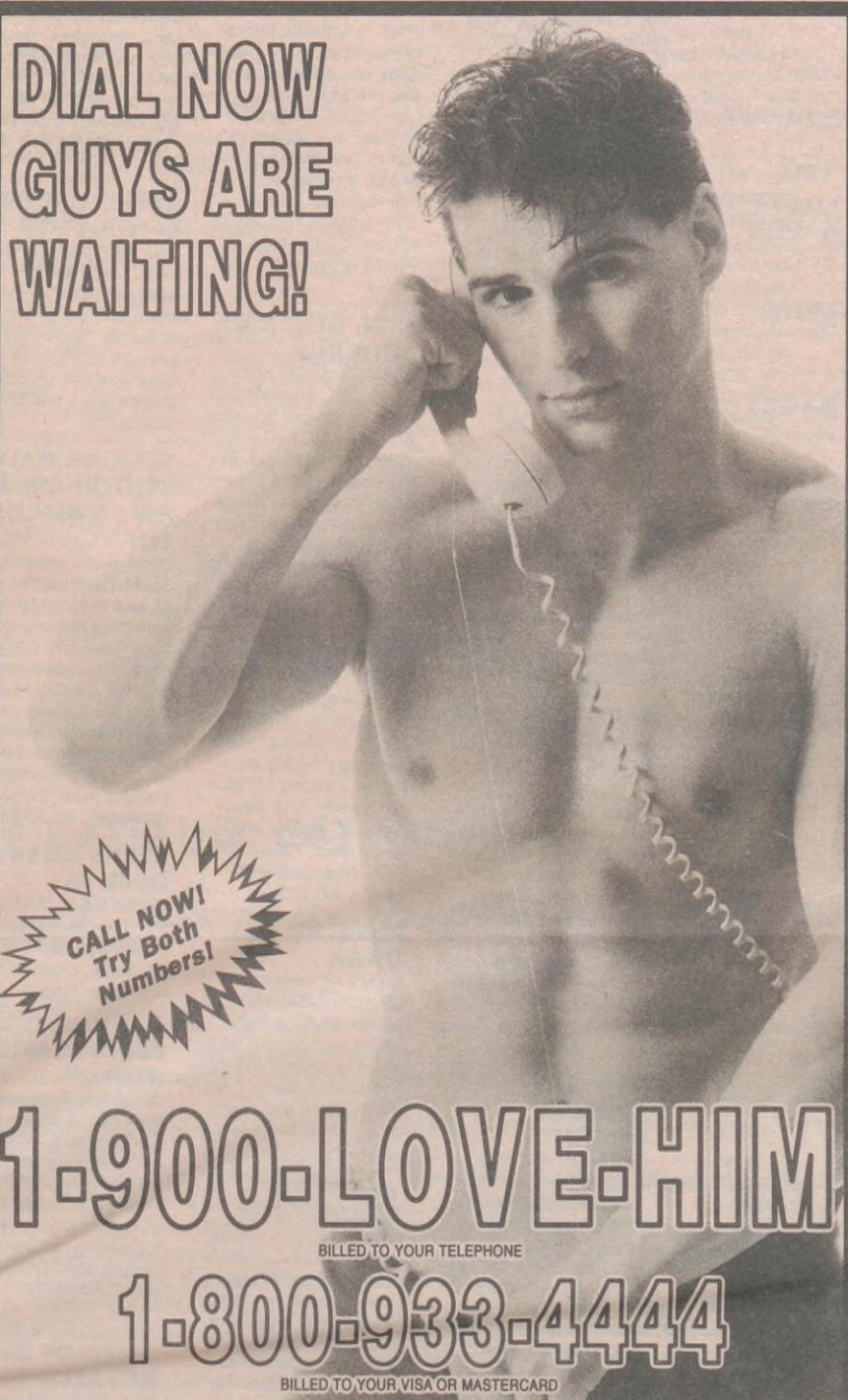
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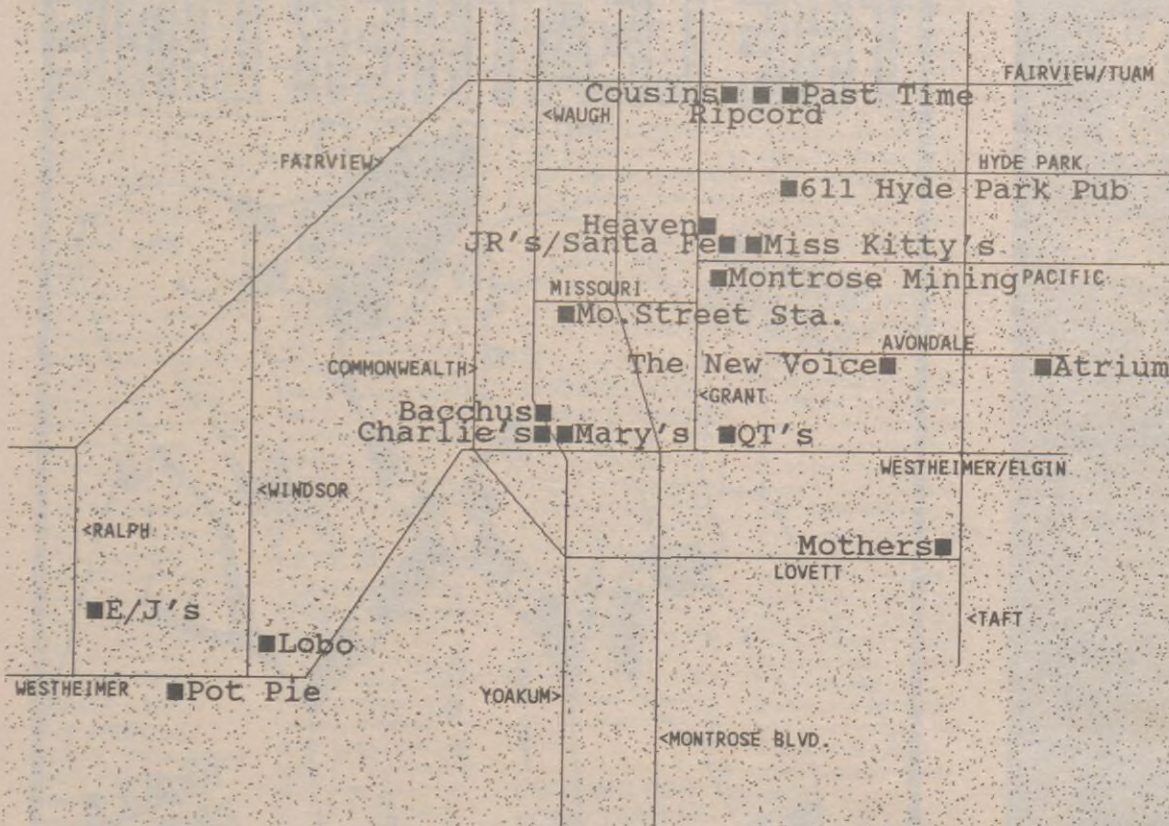
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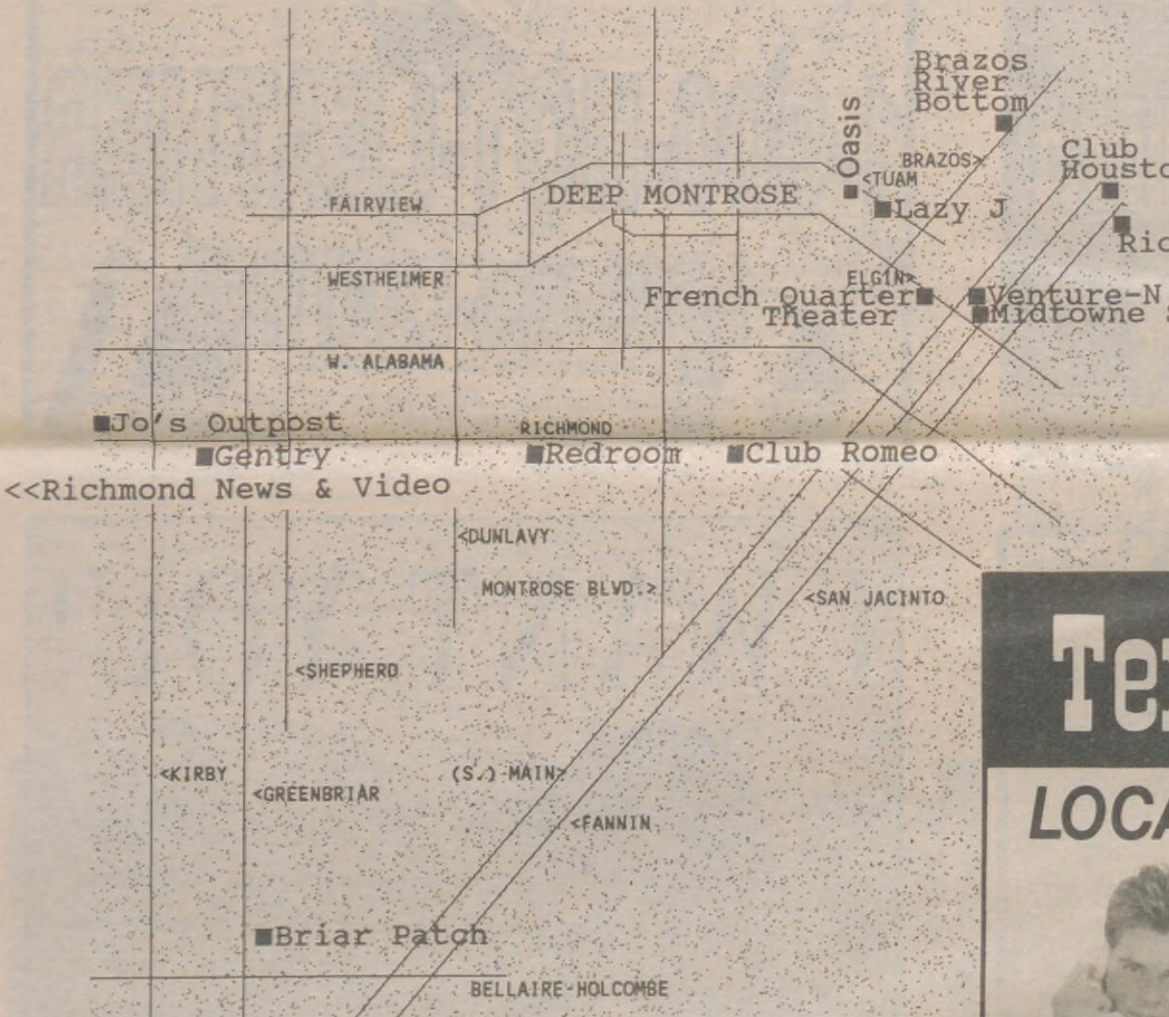
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MAN TO MAN
Masculine, above average GWM, 26, HIV pos. but extremely healthy, and great attitude. Works out regularly. I'm looking for another masculine man in same situation to be companion, friend and above all offer moral support for each other. You must also be average looking, weight proportion to height and self supporting. Please reply with recent photo. Ad 25008

MOUSTACHE SEEKS MOUSTACHE
GWM, 31, 5'10, moustache, slim, attractive, masculine, intelligent, HIV-, professionally employed and mostly in jeans. Seeks HIV- GHM or GWM 28-40 with moustache, drug free, non smoker, for serious monogamous long term relationship. AD 25244.

MUSCULAR, SEXY AND HANDSOME
I'm 39, 5'10", 165 lbs, muscular, sexy, handsome, intelligent, creative, curious, compassionate, concerned about the world and doing what I can to make things better. All I want for myself is deep love and wild sex with one special person. Write or call now if you want the same. 25132

NEW AGE FRIENDS SOUGHT
GWM/ 38/ 6'2/ 212/ tall-husky build/ masculine/ healthy/ tender heart/ enjoy New Age Unity/ reading/ hiking the Rockies/ snow skiing/ computer professional/ non-smoker/ light drink/ beginning workout program/ like to meet friends for dinner, movies, working out, long walks, talks, perhaps relationship/ photo appreciated, introspective letter encouraged. AD 25698

NEW AGE/ OLD

FASHIONED
Athletic build, masculine GWM, 33, 172, 5'10", blk/hazel, moustache, likes workouts at gym, old classical movies, the mountains, a good book, a spring shower, the feel of autumn. Seeks masculine GWM, athletic build, non-smoker, non or light drinker, age 30-39 for companionship. Photo appreciated. Ad 25159.

NICE GUY, NICE LOOKING
GWM, late 30s, br/br, 5'10", 155. Emotionally mature, financially stable, healthy, well-educated professional. Enjoys playing the piano, sports, animals, opera and public affairs. Seeks nice looking, non-smoking GWM, 20s or 30s. Send photo if possible. Ad 25169

NORTH HOUSTON, CONROE, HUNTSVILLE
Versatile 27 yr old GWM, 6' 165lbs, hairy with very bushy moustache, looking for lonely cowboy who likes campin', kissin' and good beer. Facial Hair a plus. Respond with photo. AD 25240.

PUMP ME TILL DAWN
That's all I want. GWM, 25, br/ br, 5'9, 150# wants physically fit studs with ample equipment to pound me into the next century. Let's cut right to the quick and get on it. Time's a wastin' ... AD 25890

READY TO START OVER
GWM, 32, 5'7, 140lbs, br/ gr, HIV+, versatile, mostly bottom. Have many interests, what about you. If you are 5'9 plus and age 35-45 with good personality and looks, please respond with photo and phone and what interests you. AD 25220

SEEKING A HOT MAN WITH A GOOD MIND

GWM, 38, 5'9", 165, HIV-, good body, versatile, seeks other intelligent, educated, masculine, well-built men age 30-40, under 6'. I'm looking for men who are interesting outside of the sack as well as in it. Ad 25066

SEEKING CINDY IN HOUSTON
tall, cute, genetic engineer. Our dance at the Ranch August 17 was the highlight of my trip to Texas. Wish I had asked sooner. Like to have a friend up north? Please write me at AD 25898.

SEEKING GALVESTON AREA HIV-, GWM/GHM TOP
GBM seeks affectionate GWM/GHM under age 43 and under 170 for an enduring, long-term friendship. This HIV-, GBM, 31, meets above criteria. Seeking a truly considerate slim or muscular GWM.GHM, top, who can verbally express his feelings. Hairy a plus. Drug-free expected. Ad 25009.

SEEKS GUYS OVER 40
Under 5'8 by WM, 48, 5'7, 150 lbs, straight appearance, discreet, professional, creative, affluent for fantasy, fun, friendship. Ad 25242

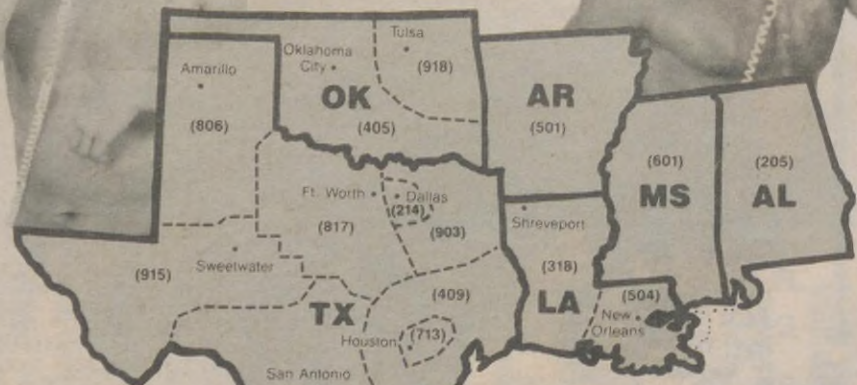
SERIOUS BODY HAIR
GWM 30s, blue eyes, dark hair & beard. Goodlooking, masculine, stocky & versatile. Smoking & drinking ok. Seeking to meet another stable, hunky HIV+ for dating and mating. Please send DOB with reply. Ad 25162

TIRED OF SLEEPING ALONE?
34 yr. old little boy needs daddy to hold him all night long. I'm HIV pos., 5'6", 135. Sex is not my main interest. Ad 25211

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▼▼▼ **DATELINE: GAY AMERICA**

About 55 people protest restaurant's hiring policies

COLUMBIA, S.C., Sept. 2 (AP)—About 55 people filled the booths at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store to protest the company's policy of discouraging the employment of homosexuals.

The protesters dawdled over their meals at the restaurant for about three hours at midday Sunday to pressure Cracker Barrel management into reversing a selective employment policy that has triggered similar protests around the country.

At least 20 people affiliated with the activist group "Queer Nation/Atlanta" lent support to the Columbia protest, organizers said.

Queer Nation and affiliated groups have been targeting Cracker Barrel since homosexual employees were fired earlier this year. Several were arrested at a protest in suburban Atlanta, but that wasn't the

case in Columbia Sunday.

Officers from the Lexington County Sheriff's Department appeared at the restaurant just off Interstate 20 as protesters were leaving. Officers photographed participants and license plates on their vehicles.

Sheriff's Department spokesperson Bob Ford said Monday that the restaurant's manager had told the protesters that if they didn't leave right away, they would be trespassing.

The protesters left when asked. Ford said the photographs were taken to ensure that the correct people would be arrested for trespassing if they returned. He said none of the protesters returned.

The company policy against homosexuals led to employee firings and was announced in January by William Bridges, a

Cracker Barrel vice president. Supervisors at individual stores then met with workers to explain the policy.

"It is inconsistent with our concept and values ... to continue to employ individuals in our operating units whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values," the policy said. Cracker Barrel has since softened its stance publicly.

Homosexual activist groups say they remain angry at management because of an unwillingness to acknowledge it erred, or to meet with protesters to discuss complaints.

The protesters were encouraged to tip well because they didn't mean to hurt the waiters and waitresses.

Ron Bowen, the restaurant's general manager in Columbia, acknowledged

business volume was down compared with other Sundays during the summer, but he said he could not attribute it to the protest.

He noted the Sunday during Labor Day weekend is not the busiest travel day of the holiday.

Bowen said from his perspective, the protesters had not been disruptive and he didn't plan to confront them as long as they behaved themselves.

Protesters blended in with the restaurant's clientele for the first hour and 45 minutes. At about 12:45 p.m., they discarded shirts and blouses in unison to disclose T-shirts emblazoned with a large pink "Q" and Queer Nation slogans.

As 2:00 p.m. approached, protesters began tapping their glasses and burst into song, singing "We Shall Overcome" and chanting protest slogans.

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Residents, shopkeepers takes AIDS protest rally in stride

By DAVID SHARP
FOR THE NEW VOICE

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, Sept. 1 (AP)—Residents of this seaside town shrugged off Sunday's protest by a national AIDS group and considered the loss of business on one of the busiest weekends their donation to the fight against the deadly illness.

"I think it's great. They are educating the people," said Maureen Blue, who watched from her porch as busloads of demonstrators arrived in front of her house.

The protest by the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, known as ACT-UP, kicked off a 30-day series of demonstrations across the country to call attention to AIDS. Police said none of the approxi-

mately 1500 demonstrators were arrested.

The protest fell on the holiday weekend that marks the unofficial end of summer, but most residents took the demonstration in stride.

Demonstrators marched from Kennebunk, through Dock Square in Kennebunkport and down Ocean Avenue to a barrier a quarter-mile from President Bush's summer home. The protesters blew whistles and chanted, and others beat tambourines.

After the protesters moved through Dock Square, local shopkeepers began sweeping up pamphlets and condoms left behind. While they toiled, locals said they have become accustomed to the protests.

"I think everybody packed up or stayed at home," said Pat Murphy, co-owner of Meserve's Market, a neighborhood grocery founded in 1865.

Tourists and visitors lined the route to record the march with video cameras.

"It's an unexpected delight," said Greg Bezanson, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, who watched the protesters assemble outside the window of the Rose Arbor Tea Room, a half-mile from downtown Kennebunkport.

The Tea Room's owner, Stacye Zazuzmer, didn't let the noisy protesters tear her from the chore of serving brunch at 10:00 a.m.

Zazuzmer, juggling tea, yogurt and fruit, said the protest drove business

away.

"Many people who would have made this a vacation destination stayed away," she said. "I'm not resentful. This is America."

Others were less cheerful toward the demonstrators, most of whom traveled from New York by bus.

"They should have stayed away," said Barbara Callioras, owner of the Port Gardens Inn and Restaurant.

"Who needs it?" said Joan Fricke as she surveyed condoms along the parade route. "I think that there are other ways of handling a problem, instead of coming to our town and throwing garbage on the roads and ruining a beautiful weekend."

Former lover of Rock Hudson gets settlement, attorneys say

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29 (AP)—A settlement has been reached in the \$5.5 million lawsuit by Rock Hudson's male lover who accused the actor who died in 1985 of concealing the fact that he had AIDS, attorneys said.

Attorneys for Marc Christian, 37, confirmed the settlement but declined to divulge the dollar amount.

A \$5.5 million judgment against Hudson's estate had been recently upheld by a state appellate panel. A state Supreme Court in San Francisco dropped a further appeal from its docket Wednesday, revealing the settlement, the Los Angeles Times reported in its Thursday editions.

"It was a matter the parties had been

discussing and they were able to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement," said Kent L. Richland, a lawyer for Christian. He declined to provide further details.

Ellis J. Horvitz, an attorney for the Hudson estate, said he did not negotiate the settlement and could not say whether the award was reduced.

But Horvitz said, "Obviously when you're going to the Supreme Court and there's a settlement offer for a significant reduction, there's some incentive to take it."

Christian filed suit in 1985, seeking damages for the emotional distress he suffered from the fear he had contracted the deadly disease from Hudson, who died at

age 58 that same year.

Christian testified he lived at Hudson's Beverly Hills estate and the two engaged in sex for eight months after Hudson was diagnosed as having AIDS. However, Hudson never told him about the disease, Christian said.

Christian accused Hudson of conspiring with his personal secretary, Mark Miller, to conceal his illness. Miller has since reached a settlement with Christian.

A Los Angeles Superior Court jury found in 1989 that Hudson had been responsible for "outrageous conduct" and awarded \$21.75 million to Christian.

Superior Court Judge Bruce R. Geernaert later said the amount was ex-

cessive and reduced it to \$5.5 million.

A Los Angeles state appeals court, in June, rejected an appeal by Hudson's estate, saying the \$5.5 million compensated Christian for the "ultimate in personal horror, the fear of slow, agonizing death."

Since filing suit, Christian has taken 19 tests that indicated he had not contracted AIDS.

Attorneys for the estate argued the award was too high because Christian repeatedly tested negative for the deadly virus, despite his fears.

Lawyers for Christian argued he suffered extraordinary emotional distress from his fear that he would eventually develop the malady.

A view of last weekend's last splash at Austin's Hippie Hollow

