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P-FLAG New Orleans presents first college scholarships and honors

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

The New Orleans chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and gays honored politicians and presented college scholarships to gay and lesbian students at a gala held Saturday, May 16 at American Aquatic Gardens, 621 Elysian Fields.

Rich Sacher, owner of the Aquatic Gardens, welcomed the assemblage and introduced emcee Stewart Butler. Among officials honored were Gov. Edwin Edwards, for signing the nation's 20th statewide gay/lesbian non-discrimination decree; Councilmember Johnny Jackson Jr., for his work supporting the fight against anti-gay and lesbian discrimination, and Dorothy Mae Taylor, for her steady hand at the helm in sailing the Human Rights Ordinance (also known as the "gay/lesbian civil rights ordinance") through the treacherous narrows of New Orleans City Council.

Butler, referring to the controversy that followed not so much the human rights ordinance but the related, later passed Carnival and private club integration ordinance, said: "If we wait for perfection in those we honor, we will never get to honor anyone." Later, Taylor was quoted as saying to anti-homosexual clergy testifying before city council: "You have quoted me so much of the Bible, but all I can recall is, 'If you do it to the least of them, then you have done it to me.'"

Neither Taylor nor Edwards were present. Jackson addressed the assembly speaking of commitments to freedom for all citizens of New Orleans, and



Scott Hourcade was among five recipients of the first (1992) P-FLAG scholarships

praising P-FLAG for its commitment to freedom, dignity and education. He noted his pride at having a 1993 P-FLAG scholarship named in his honor. "I wish my father were here to see it," Jackson said.

Event committee members were Michael Aucoin, Butler, Betty Caldwell, Greg C. Golden, Dr. Norma Kearby, Sandra Paillet and Steve Marchese. Marchese introduced public officials who were present.

—Scholarships awarded

Dr. Niki Kearby introduced the scholarship selection committee, Mollie Wallick, PhD, chair; Bruce King, PhD, and Barbara Posey, BCSW.

Sandra Paillet presented the scholarships to Missy Abbot, Scott Hourcade, Dayna Leumont, Gus Rodriguez and Glenn Sigl.

Missy Abbot is presently in her junior year at Southern University, New Orle-



New Orleans P-FLAG officers Betty Caldwell and Sandra Paillet at scholarship ceremonies at Aquatic Gardens

ans. She intends to pursue a graduate degree in library and information science at Louisiana State University. She has done volunteer work for many organizations including the New Orleans Museum of Art, Audubon Zoo, NO/AIDS Task Force and Covenant House.

Scott Hourcade temporarily stopped his education at the University of New Orleans due to lack of finances and plans to return to school with the help of his P-FLAG scholarship. His goal is to become a role model for gay and lesbian youth.

Dayna Leumont, a 1991 graduate of Marcy Academy, is currently working full time to finance her college education at Delgado Community College. She is pursuing a degree in management "hopefully" in an area related to dance.

Gus Rodriguez graduated cum laude at Loyola of the South. Presently in his second year at LSU School of Medicine, Rodriguez hopes "to have a large gay

and lesbian clientele in my future practice."

Glenn Sigl also graduated from Loyola University and has been accepted for graduate study in library and information services at the University of South Carolina. He hopes to attend law school.

—Scholarship designations, 1993

To date, funds have been set aside for P-FLAG scholarships by individuals, groups of individuals, organizations and/or businesses honoring individuals, organizations and events.

Some 1993 scholarships will be designated as follows: In Memory of Bruce Rohrs, "A talented and dedicated gardener who died in 1991 at 29, of AIDS." Given by Billy Dailey and Richard Sacher, owners of American Aquatic Gardens.

In Honor of Molly and Doug Webster, Founding Parents of New Orleans P-FLAG. Given by "Grateful Friends."

In honor of Mollie Wallick, PhD, Professor of Psychiatry, LSU Medical School, and by appointment of the Dean: Faculty Liaison to Gay and Lesbian Medical Students. Given by Norma Kearby, MD and Mark Townshend, MD.

In Honor of Councilman Johnny Jackson Jr. Given by Alfred M. Doolittle and Stewart P. Butler.

Additional contributions or pledges for the Scholarship-Education Fund may be made by sending a tax-deductible check, payable to P-FLAG-NO, to P-FLAG-New Orleans, P.O. Box 15515, New Orleans, LA 70715. For more information, call (504) 895-3936 or 581-2749.

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Eighth annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial march held in New Orleans

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

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The Patty Adams Chamber Trio played as the names of some lost to the AIDS pandemic were read aloud by those who remembered.

It was the eighth New Orleans AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization, held "down by the river" at Woldenberg Park last Sunday, May 17 at twilight.

The march was preceded by a ceremony including the names, poetry readings, music and speakers:

A eulogy was performed by the New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, followed by greetings from Dean Krumme; "saludos" by Carlos Adame. Signing was arranged by the Deaf Action Center.

A poem was read by Donn Peabody. "Curtains of the Night" was performed by the New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, followed by the speakers, Margaret LaGrange and Donald Michael. Then, a second poem was read by Joan Ladnier.

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee" was performed by the N.O.G.M.C., followed by a few words from Peter Braswell and closing instructions for the Candlelight March.

A group of about 175 walked down the



About 175 people marched through the French Quarter in the AIDS Candlelight Memorial procession

river to Jackson Square, past Saint Louis Cathedral, along Rue Chartres, turning past Lafitte's in Exile. They went up Bourbon to the Bourbon Pub, down Saint Ann, past the Lower Pentalba and back to the river at Battery Park. There, candles were held high and then extinguished.

Along the walk, the group was flanked by blue-lighted police cars. The mood was very somber, no one spoke and those passed on the sidewalk also grew silent. At the cathedral, a group of neckties and suited young men watched. On the marchers' other side, a well-dressed tourist



The New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus started the program held before the candlelight march on Sunday, May 17

couple asked, "What is your group's cause?" A marcher on the end said, "It's a commemorative. A memorial for those who died of AIDS." The woman smiled sadly and said, "Oh, AIDS!"

At the bars, music stopped and people hung over the balconies, came to the doors and stood in groups on the banquette. At the Bourbon Pub a young man leaned into the group and spoke a name as tears came down his cheeks.

New Orleans was one of 225 cities in 43 countries that reportedly held candlelight memorials that night. The memorial was coordinated in New Orleans by the AIDS Candlelight Memorial Committee. Committee members are Keith Cromley, Dean Krumme, Joan Ladnier, Donald Michael and Garland Provost.

International coordination was by Mobilization Against AIDS, based in San Francisco.

With the Perot Factor, this election year is shaping up as one destined to shake up the Conventional Wisdom. Will Perot fade in the stretch like previous third-party candidates or will his money carry him home. Already the Perot Factor is forcing the Republicans to rethink their fall strategy—from a solid base in the South and West to contending for every state. At least the folks in Boise will probably see real presidential candidates this time around.

What has Republicans and Democrats alike, as well as some of the rest of us, confused is the appeal of Ross Perot. During our years in Dallas we lived a few blocks from his fortress (he's added an even higher fence lately) on Strait Lane, and from customers who worked for him in those days we know that periodic witch hunts for gays were common.

We have already made known our thoughts on Bush, and Clinton has yet to excite us. All of which brings us to the serious question of leadership in the United States as we enter the third century of this great republic. At the time of our Revolution the colonies had less than one percent of today's population and, according to our historians, only about a third of the colonists supported the war against the mother country.

Which means out of less than a million people we came up with rabble rousers like Sam Adams and

Tom Paine, leaders like John Hancock, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Jay, Patrick Henry and others, and military men the likes of George Washington and company.

This leadership not only pulled off a revolution but created a form of government still unmatched today. By all rights we should have a hundred times that talent today. In fact—in government at least—we're lucky to have a hundredth of that talent.

During the Revolution the closest thing to scandal was the treachery of Benedict Arnold and some of the questionable financial dealings of Robert Morris. In this age of Reagan-Bush we have our government dealing arms to Iran and Iraq, both in violation of our own laws, a government which—in the guise of the war on drugs—passes laws which remove the presumption of innocence in certain cases and allows seizure of property without proof of guilt. We have a president so eager for re-election he makes concessions to big industry on the

environment—spotted owls don't vote let alone make political contributions.

Clinton, the Democratic hopeful—and let's face it, he will get the nomination—has spent most of his time trying to convince voters he is not as bad as rumors would have it. And now Ross Perot, the squeaky voiced savior of a frustrated electorate.

This is what American electoral politics has come to—hopefuls waiting to read the latest poll to determine their next stand. And then turning to a babble of speech writers to invoke what the people want to hear. The last presidential candidate, to our knowledge, who wrote his own speeches—and, worse, believed what he said—was Adlai E. Stevenson, the hero of our youthful idealism. Now we have Peggy Noonan to coin the apt phrases for a nearly incoherent President. Hell, our presidents not only don't write their own words, they don't

even sign their own names—this is left to an Autopen machine programmed with a variety of signatures for every occasion. It is said that Lyndon B. Johnson's Autopen in the LBJ Library was still whirling out his autographs even as he was cold in the ground.

Maybe instead of looking for an inept white knight in the form of a computer magnate from that city to the north we should commence a national re-examination of leadership, of national priorities.

There is doubtless

much talent in this country, women and men with abilities equal to those of our Founding Fathers. There is even some talent among those in politics today. But the Peter Principle is alive and well in politics. What rises to the top is not the cream but a sour substance fostered on big money and big business.

Just as the wealth of this nation is more and more concentrated with a few, so too is political power. And just as wealth has no lock on brains so also politics as usual is no attraction for intelligence. In fact, the way the game is played the intelligent are usually not welcome at the highest levels.

Ah well, all this will perhaps keep our interest to some degree during this election year. In a land where a B-talent actor can reside in the White House for eight years anything is possible except, perhaps, the likes of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln or Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Today these men wouldn't make it through the first primary—a crumpy general, an oversized introvert and a crippled patrician, no they just wouldn't sell in today's political marketplace.

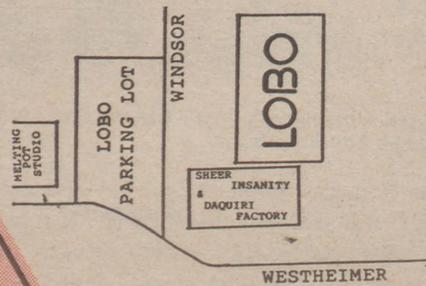


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Hundreds of gay/lesbian visitors expected for GOP convention

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

The decision to hold the 1992 Republican National Convention in Houston will carry an unplanned side effect, from the perspective of the heavily conservative leadership of the Republican Party's convention process. An estimated 1,000-2,000 gay and lesbian out-of-towners are expected to converge on the city along with the convention's delegates and the swarm of national media expected here during the week of Aug. 15-21.

While most of the visitors will be here for several protests and awareness actions being organized by national gay rights organizations and a coalition of direct action groups, an estimated 300 gay Republicans and an unknown number of gay and lesbian journalists are also expected to attend convention-related activities of various groups.

National gay/lesbian groups planning activities here include the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), and a national coalition calling itself "ACT UP/RNC"—actually comprised of individual ACT UP and Queer Nation chapters in

several cities. Organizers from these groups give estimates ranging from 800-2,000 visiting demonstrators who will be representing gay/lesbian or AIDS related issues.

Log Cabin Republicans is also planning to hold its national convention the weekend of Aug. 14-16 in the Woodlands. An estimated 200-300 members of the gay Republican group are expected to attend.

The Republican National Convention will be held in Houston's Astrodome Aug. 17-20.

Among actions tentatively scheduled for the week of the convention, from a list provided by Gay and Lesbian Voters in Coalition for the Election (VOICE), a joint project of NGLTF and HRCF:

Saturday, Aug. 15—ACT UP/RNC arrival reception; Sunday, Aug. 16—Pre-action rally for next day's march sponsored by ACT UP/RNC; Anti-hate crimes action organized by NGLTF.

Monday, Aug. 17—AIDS rally and march sponsored by ACT UP/RNC from Hermann Park to the Astrodome, 4:30 p.m.; Delegate reception sponsored by HRCF, details to be announced.

Tuesday, August 18—Military discrimi-

nation action organized by Queer Nation/Houston, details to be announced; "Target State delegates," sponsored by ACT UP/RNC all day.

Wednesday, Aug. 19—domestic partnership "Marry-In" sponsored by Queer Nation/Houston at noon; Mothers March sponsored by United for AIDS Action; individual organizational actions for Presidential Nomination Roll Call at the Astrodome; "Pick Your Enemy" organized by ACT UP/RNC all day long.

Individual organizational actions are also expected during the nominee's acceptance speech at the Astrodome on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Other related events in the planning: "Come Out Voting," a gay and lesbian voter registration drive with video public service announcements and other information, is planned prior to the general election. For information contact Steve Smith, (202) 462-8970 or HRCF, (202) 628-4160.

Party platform testimony by NGLTF at the Republican National Committee platform hearings in Salt Lake City, Utah on May 27 was planned (slot was requested, but confirmation was not verified at press time.)

—Controversial consultant hired

Providing a classically ironic contrast to its possible emergence as a top-draw event for gay and lesbian visitors to Houston, the Republican National Convention has hired as a communications consultant the highly controversial former press aide to President Bush, Mark Goodin, accused of gay-baiting former Speaker of the House Tom Foley in 1989. Goodin was in Houston Monday to attend a walk-through tour of the Astrodome for media and other non-delegate participants, and will reportedly be dividing his time between Houston and Washington until August.

It was Goodin whose memo, which he claims was sent out without the knowledge of his Republican National Committee supervisor Lee Atwater, compared the voting record of newly installed Speaker Foley with that of openly gay Rep. Barney Frank. It was headlined "Tom Foley—Out of the Closet Liberal," and enraged both Democrats and Republicans after it was distributed on June 1, 1989. Goodin later said that he used bad judgment, but that the memo was not intended to imply Foley was gay, only that he had a liberal voting record.

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MCCR's Revival Week and Spiritual Renewal Weekend take place May 25-31

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection is celebrating a "Revival Week" May 25-31, with three prominent speakers scheduled to bring their special message to MCCR members and friends. The theme is "Women Know Their Place in Our Church: They's in the Pulpit," and three dynamic women of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches are the guests. The schedule follows:

Sunday, May 24 is Lay Ministry Sunday, celebrating the contribution of the laity to worship in the church. The morning worship service will be entirely lay led. The special guest speaker at the 10:45 a.m. service is JoNee Shelton, chair of the UFMCC's laity commission and a member of New Orleans' Vieux Carre Metropolitan Community Church.

At 1:00 p.m., a mass training session will be held for anyone interested in ushering, singing in the choir, leading in prayer, reading scripture or other leadership roles.

On Wednesday, May 27, evangelist Dolores P. Berry returns to MCCR with her powerful spoken and musical messages: 5:00-6:30 p.m., Wednesday dinner in the Fellowship Hall; 6:45 p.m., worship with Rev. Berry in the Sanctuary, with a dessert reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

Friday, May 29, the Rev. Jeri Ann Harvey begins a three-day Spiritual Renewal with worship at 7:15 p.m. Harvey, the former pastor of MCCR, will speak on the topic, "Now is the Acceptable Time."

Saturday, May 30, Spiritual renewal continues in a social setting with a covered dish dinner, sing-along and ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 7:00 p.m.

On Sunday, May 31, Spiritual Renewal

draws to a close with: 10:45 a.m. worship, Rev. Elder Harvey preaching (new members join during this service); 1:00 p.m., new members' brunch; 7:15 p.m. worship, S.P.A.C.E. (Spiritual Praise and Celebration Experience)—Rev. Harvey preaching.

Rev. Dolores Berry, a nationally known evangelist with a unique style, was a co-founder of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays. She began her ministry in UFMCC in 1976 and has been doing full-time evangelism in UFMCC since 1987. She is currently a member of New Life MCC, Norfolk, Va., where she resides with her spouse, Judy Kiser and her mother Inez.

—Coalition of Color

In other news from MCCR, the church's outreach to people of color, sponsored by the UFMCC's Department of People of Color/White People Healing Racism, will hold regular meetings on the third Friday of each month, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (unless otherwise announced.)

The next meeting of the coalition will be held June 19 at Miller Outdoor Theater for a city wide Juneteenth celebration. July's meeting will be at the home location, 1919 Decatur near Houston and Washington avenues, on the fourth Friday, July 24. The group will participate in the coming freedom rally in Dallas on July 4th with Rev. Troy Perry.

The new outreach plans to explore the diverse racial heritage of lesbian/gay people, and to impact racism and quality of life through positive, pro-active approaches.

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

—NLA:Houston events

The May meeting of the Houston chapter of

National Leather Association was the first Annual Meeting of the General Membership in accordance with the group's new revised bylaws. As set up in the bylaws, the general membership elected a board of directors, which in turn met and elected the 1992 officers for NLA:Houston Inc.

The board of directors and new governing officers are Dean Walradt, president; Jim Bernard, vice president; Michael White, secretary, Tom Shahan, treasurer and Carolyn Larson, at-large representative and International Council representative. The new board will continue pursuit of 501(c)3 status with the IRS.

In other business, NLA:Houston is extending congratulations to NLA:Austin on that chapter's successful first "Texas Leather Pride Weekend," held in conjunction with Austin's First Splash. Also, members of the group wished new member Armand Primeaux good luck in his bid for the Mr. International Leather title. Primeaux will be sponsored by Leather By Boots in the competition, scheduled this weekend in Chicago.

Other announcements included the group's first benefit of the year. Now being organized and scheduled to be held June 20 at the Venture-N, the event will be a "Daddy Auction," a concept "fathered" and originally conducted by the Time Survivors. The NLA auction will be in conjunction with the group's Leather Jock and Harness theme party at the Venture-N, an official event of Houston Lesbian/Gay pride Week 1992. Coincidentally, the event will be held Father's Day Weekend. A beneficiary for the auction's proceeds will be named later.

NLA:Houston is a social, service and educational organization that meets the sec-

ond Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. For more information on any event, write P.O. Box 66553, Houston TX 77266-6553; phone (713) 434-2417 and leave a message or FAX (713) 434-2823.

—Q.N. in Peace March

Queer Nation Houston has endorsed and will be participating in the "No Justice, No Peace" march, scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) at the Transco Tower fountain by the Galleria, 2800 Post Oak. The march will end in River Oaks, where a rally will be held.

The march is being organized by a coalition of minority groups and anti-racism activists to protest the not-guilty verdict handed down by an all white jury in the trial of the Los Angeles police officers charged in the brutal beating of black motorist Rodney King. The beating was captured on a videotape, and the acquittal of the officers in spite of the tape sparked the recent L.A. riots.

Queer Nation member Paul Mullen said gays and lesbians suffer similar police oppression and are routinely denied justice by the same court system. He cited as examples the January 1991 beating of Rev. Michael Piazza of the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church by Dallas Police department officers in the church parking lot, and the sentencing by a San Antonio district judge of the admitted murderer of a gay man to ten years deferred adjudication.

The march, whose coordinators include black activist J. Don Boney and the Black United Front, is also endorsed by gay activist Ray Hill and the Houston chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

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New group Mishpachot Alizim sets Sabbath services for gay/lesbian Jews

Mishpachot Alizim, a newly formed Jewish organization for lesbian and gay Jews and their friends and families in Houston, is planning to hold monthly Sabbath services on the first Friday of each month. Other activities planned include a Sabbath dinner on the last Friday of each month, as well as social gatherings and educational programs.

Membership in the new organization is already 80 strong, representatives said. The group encourages all gay and lesbian Jewish people, as well as their friends and families, to get involved.

The next Sabbath service will be June 5 at 8:00 p.m. For locations, membership contacts and other information, call Marla at (713) 862-3630, or Denise at

(713) 728-4802.

—HIV food safety workshop

Montrose Counseling Center will be presenting a workshop on food safety and sanitation in their HIV/Nutrition Series. The discussion will cover the importance of food safety and sanitation for those who are HIV positive and how to maximize safety and avoid potential health problems due to improperly sanitized food.

The workshop will be presented by Clint Stevens, MJ, RD, LD on Wednesday, May 27 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett. There is no charge to attend. For more in-

formation, call the Counseling Center at (713) 529-0037.

—Berry visits Dawn of Faith MCC

The Rev. Dolores Berry will lead a special service at Dawn of Faith Metropolitan Community Church, 10595 Telephone Road at Fuqua, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26.

Berry, of the Evangelistic Team of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) has held pastoral duties at a number of UFMCC churches. She has also been active on many national committees benefiting the broader gay and lesbian community, including the one which organized the first National March on Wash-

ington in 1978.

Rev. Berry is widely known for her uplifting style of preaching which includes a hearty dose of Gospel singing. Her messages are of joy, help and self-worth. All are invited to attend the service.

—University bike tour

The Chain Gang Bicycle Club will repeat one of its more popular tours, visiting the various Houston universities, on Sunday, May 24.

The ride starts at 10:00 a.m. at the parking lot of Heaven, 800 Pacific in Montrose. Everyone is welcome and there is no fee. This is an "Easy Rider" division ride, and will be at an easy pace and about 20 miles in length. For more information, call (713) 522-4481.



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—JOSEPH BRIAN WAGNER

Joseph Brian Wagner, born Aug. 17, 1951, died May 20, 1992 after a valiant fight against AIDS.

Joe was an original founding member of the People With AIDS Coalition Houston and originator of the organization's Household Goods Program. As an AIDS advocate, he provided information and support to people newly discovering they were HIV positive. Through his own diagnosis and experiences, Joe instilled self-empowerment in other people with AIDS, encouraging them to live their lives to the best of their ability.

Joe is survived by his life-mate, Wayne Joy; one brother, Van Wagner of Wichita, Kansas; his dear friends, Tess and Charlie Thomas; his former wife, Rosie Wagner and their children, Anggela, Melodie, Robert and Jeffrey.

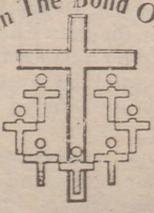
A memorial service will be held at the Rothko Chapel on Saturday, May 23, 1992 at 5:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Joseph Wagner to the Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry, 701 North Post Oak Rd., Suite 330, Houston TX 77024.

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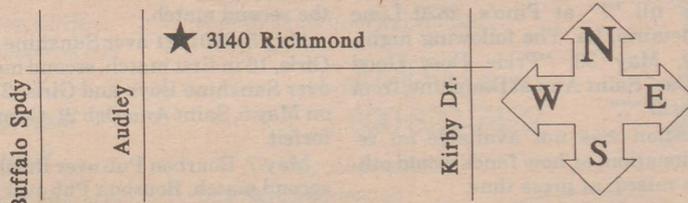
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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE HOUSTON

HIV-AIDS transportation program narrowly avoids collapse; trouble looms

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

The Greater Houston area's only comprehensive HIV/AIDS transportation program may be in jeopardy. A shortfall in expected funding could slash the program's budget from over \$12,000 to \$2,400 in the next five months. Coordinators and community leaders blame a combination of factors, including budgeting of anticipated federal supplemental funds that never came through; slow communication between administrative agencies; a complacent attitude regarding the importance of transportation as an HIV/AIDS service need and a severe client "crush" on the barely one year old program in the last few months due to de-funding or elimination of other projects.

An emergency move by the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance Tuesday (May 19) helped the program avoid a projected collapse at the end of this month, by diverting funds from proposed non-service uses to transportation in a budget that was scheduled for review and approval at the meeting. According to a GHAA board member, the Alliance temporarily scrapped a proposed staff position for a Ryan White Council planner, and transferred additional funds slated for other administrative projects to give the program four months full funding at its present level—a total of \$48,000.

Board members emphasized that the

changes would not affect the funding of other service providers or programs.

Meanwhile, administrators say they will use the found time to look for new funding.

The program, administered by the American Red Cross-Houston, provides bus tokens and passes for a six-county area and vouchers for taxicab rides as well as a local van program to the Thomas Street Clinic Monday through Friday and to Stone Soup Food Pantry and local grocery stores on Saturday. The problems would primarily affect clients' access to the free bus passes, and tokens could also be severely rationed if new assistance is not found.

Already, the agency has been cutting back the program in ways deemed least likely to affect the client, according to Lynn Tyer, director of HIV/AIDS education and services for the Red Cross. "We've started the cutting back process this month...actually, we started in some ways back in March, for example, we started asking clients with handicapped (certification) to show it so that we could save on bus passes, that kind of thing," she said.

Tyer pointed to a number of factors that she says contributed to the problems now faced by the program:

The number of clients served by the Red Cross transportation project has steadily increased since was activated last August and especially since December, 1991; for example, the number of bus passes issued to clients almost doubled from 189 in Decem-

ber to 370 in March of this year.

New agencies have established case management and have referred increasing numbers of new clients to the service.

Other programs have shut down or were not funded. (For example, AIDS Foundation Houston had a grant from the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS to provide transportation for AFH clients; that grant ran out this year and those clients' transportation needs have been absorbed into the Red Cross program.)

The budget of the transportation program jumped from \$3,900 to \$10,000 in less than two months due to its increased use from December, 1991 to February, 1992.

Although the service provider community has identified transportation as an HIV/AIDS need, there seems to be a reluctance to assign a priority to that need. "I personally don't feel anyone was aware, until recently, of how much of a need (transportation) is," said Tyer.

Virtually no HIV/AIDS service agency got what it anticipated this year from federal supplemental funding, because Houston has received only \$3.3 million of an allocated \$14 million in federal Ryan White funds.

Transportation programs do not meet the criteria for many private grant sources.

The AIDS Equity League, alerted by clients of the service to the problem, sent a letter on May 13 to Dr. Thomas Hyslop, chair of the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance

charging in part that "...neither the American Red Cross nor the administration of the GHAA have reacted to this crisis in a timely, decisive manner." The letter urges the GHAA to undertake an emergency project to find additional private sources, and to investigate the circumstances which led to the crisis to avoid similar problems in the future.

"What concerns us is that the issue was not taken care of, not brought up sooner," said AEL member Gene Harrington. "They (the Alliance) has known for some time that the money would run out...why have they not been working on some kind of contingency plan, and why did (AEL) have to hear about this problem from PWA clients?" Harrington said.

But Tyer said the Alliance should not be held accountable for not foreseeing the problem. "I think the only thing we could accuse them of, if anything, would be perhaps being young, and a bit naive," she said, adding she felt the program was "Basically, a victim of bad timing."

Tyer said the Red Cross has scheduled a meeting with Metro officials to ask for temporary assistance in providing bus passes and is expecting to be able to expand its van transportation program by July 1 with state funds. The agency is also looking into obtaining sponsorship for bus passes from private or corporate sources. "However, when we do that, we have to be careful that we're not crossing any United Way guidelines," she said.

▼ ▼ ▼ AUSTIN QUICK NOTES

Capital City Community Center group to hold monthly meetings and picnics

Capital City Community Center, an organization devoted to establishing a gay and lesbian community center in Austin, is in the process of applying for 501(c)3 non-profit corporate status. The group, in formation since late last year, has been quickly developing since the Austin Town Meetings held in January and April, where members say the idea was met with much interest by the community.

C.C.C.C. is currently planning to hold monthly community meetings and picnics to share ideas and promote involvement in the center project. The meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month. The picnics will take place on the last Saturday of each month through the summer and early fall, said Capital City spokesperson Glen Dolfi.

The first picnic is planned for May 30,

noon to 6:00 p.m. in Eastwood Park (one block north of Duvall and 26th). The first community meeting will be held June 13, 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Austin Public Library, 800 Guadalupe, in the Fourth Floor Auditorium.

For more information, write to Capital City Community Center, 227 Congress Ave. Suite 390, Austin TX. 78701, or call Glen Dolfi, (512) 447-5042.

—Gay and Lesbian journalists meet

The Texas chapter of the National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association, meeting in Austin on May 8, participated in a panel discussion with executives from major newspapers and news organizations on gay and lesbian work place issues. "It was an enlightening and frank discussion

about gays in the newsroom...they told us, not their views, but the way things are," said Juan Palomo, Houston Post columnist and a founding member of the chapter.

The meeting, the second in Texas, was not as well attended as the first planning meeting, Palomo said. The 17 participants discussed holding regional, rather than statewide, meetings because of schedule conflicts of the representatives in different cities, but decided to stay with the statewide format. They also selected tentative coordinators for the Texas group.

The interim state coordinators are Clifford Pugh of the Houston Post and Joe Cutbirth of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Also at the Austin meeting, the group put on hold its plans to host a reception for gay and lesbian journalists during the Republican National Convention in Houston,

Palomo said. While the national GLJA may decide to plan such a reception, local organizers decided they would not have the time to organize it, he said. He noted many members of the Texas group will be heavily involved in covering the convention and will have little free time during the week. "We don't have the time, the money or the people," he said.

NLGJA is a non-political organization providing support and networking opportunities for gay and lesbian journalists who work in the mainstream print or broadcast media. Its goals are to support equal opportunity for gay men and lesbians in the field, offer support for those who are facing work place problems related to their sexual orientation, and to support a fair and professional standard for reporting on gay and lesbian people and their issues.

▼ ▼ ▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

Alliance of Pride fundraiser; Water volleyball scores; 'Voices in the Dark'

The New Orleans Alliance of Pride will hold a fundraiser next Friday, May 29 from 9:00 p.m. till "???" at Pino's, 2820 Lime Street, Metairie, La. The following night, Saturday, May 30, "Pride Does Good Friends Bar," Saint Ann at Dauphine, from 9:00 p.m. till "??"

Information was not available on requested donation, or how funds would otherwise be raised, at press time.

—Country Club water volleyball

The scores for recent water volleyball play at the Country Club:

April 28, first match, Rawhide over Saint Ann Deli, 21-9; second match, Rawhide over Saint Ann Deli, 21-19. First match, Bourbon Pub over Backboners 21-13; second match, Bourbon Pub over Backboners 24-22.

April 30, Mint Nauticals lost to Petunia Fish in the first match 9-21, but beat them in the second match 21-19, and in a third match in was also Mint Nauticals over Pe-

tunia Fish, 21-11. Mint Warriors beat La Peniche 21-0 in the first match and 21-6 in the second match.

May 5, 2601, 21 over Sunshine Boys and Girls, 16 in first match; second match, 2601 over Sunshine Boys and Girls, 21-17. Also on May 5, Saint Ann Deli 21, Corner Pocket forfeit.

May 7, Bourbon Pub over Rawhide, 21-9; second match, Bourbon Pub over Rawhide, 21-11. Petunia Fish forfeited to La Peniche.

Coming matches: Tuesday, May 19, Rawhide v. Backboners; Mint's Naughty Nauticals v. La Peniche; Thursday, May 21, Petunia's v. Warriors, 2601/Boots v. Corner Pocket; Thursday, May 28, Sunshine Boys and Girls v. Saint Ann Deli and Rawhide v. Mint's Naughty Nauticals.

—"A Krewe Production" schedule

"A Krewe Production" airs Monday, 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. on New Orleans Cable channel 49.

Featured currently: Drew Givens' masks, pins, earrings at the NO/AIDS Task Force Windows Gallery through Mardi Gras, 1992.

Also, Karen Lentini with her horse Sara and other horses she cares for at LaBranche Plantation and Tommye Myrick of "Voices in the Dark," the all-black production company creating plays, film ("Shadows") and other projects; Mary Pappas with new music videos.

—Voices in the Dark

"Voices in the Dark" founded as a forum for African-American women, will debut May 22 at 9:00 p.m. in a benefit for Prevail HIV/AIDS Education Services for New Orleans.

The benefit performance will take place at Charlie B's music club, 829 Convention Center Boulevard. Performances will be 9:00 p.m. May 23 and 5:00 p.m. May 24.

Tommye Myrick is the founder of the company, which combines dramatic poetry with theater.

Sharon Bridgforth, a Los Angeles native now living in Austin, wrote the poem from which "Voices in the Dark" takes its name. She works in an AIDS outreach program in the Austin black community. The debut performance is a collection of Bridgforth's writing.

Company members are Barbara Tasker, Gwendolyn Foxworth, Alozia Saint Julian, Tracy George, Monica Domingue, Soulan Johnson, Gayle Jupiter, Tia Battiste, Ivy Gaston, Doniese Williams and Barbara Gray. Choreographer is Nicole Boyd; musical director is composer-flautist Lateta Theresa.

Myrick is a member of the University of New Orleans Theater Department. He has directed "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill" at Gisclair's, "Fences" at La Petite Theatre du Vieux Carre and "Memories" at the Contemporary Arts Center.

Tickets are \$25 for the debut show; \$10 for all other performances, available through Ticketmaster.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Hawaii Supreme Court will hear appeal on gay marriages

HONOLULU, Friday, May 15 (AP)—The state Supreme Court says it will hear an appeal of a decision preventing gay couples from legally marrying.

Daniel Foley, the lawyer representing the three gay couples that filed the lawsuit, says the court decided Wednesday

to hear the case, but didn't set a date.

The lawsuit was thrown out by Circuit Judge Robert Klein—now on the Supreme Court—in September. Klein said gay marriages aren't a fundamental right under the state Constitution.

Foley said there were other parts of the

judge's ruling that were inappropriate, including what he called the judge's use of excerpts from a newspaper column by conservative Cal Thomas.

The lawsuit also contends the state Health Department violated the couples' right to privacy, equal protection and due process.

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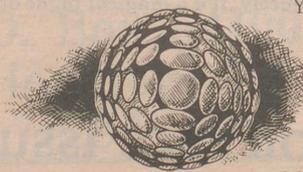
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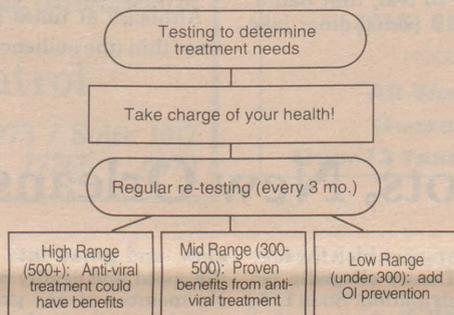
Standard treatment guidelines point to anti-viral therapy when the T-cell count approaches 500, although some researchers now believe that therapy at the 500+ level can produce meaningful results. When the count falls below 300, preventatives against opportunistic infection are indicated.

For the best picture of your own health, get your T-cell level tested quarterly. This establishes a trend which is far more reliable than the result of any individual test in guiding treatment.

Is combination therapy something I should consider?

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▼▼▼ HOUSTON LIVE

'Forever Plaid' at the Alley: Fun-filled, nostalgic musical romp

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice

The New Voice reviews are best when the subject overview is confined to a particular period, genre or theme. Stuart Ross, the writer, director and choreographer of "Forever Plaid," being presented at the Alley Theatre through June 7, chose all-male pop groups of the 50's as his subject for tribute in this lively, fun-filled romp through a land of sha-booms, do-wop-ditties, and, oh yes, lots of plaid.

The songs comprising the show included the popular enough to have achieved the measure of popularity required for them to be familiar years after they had left the air waves. Still, most of them are from a pop musical period before my time (gloat!)

The background for the fictional group, and how it comes to perform before the audience, is smartly clever. The Four Plaids are Frankie (Bobby Smith), Jinx (Todd Heughens), Sparky (Ray Wills) and Smudge (Grant Norman). Friends from high school, who met when they all joined the audio/visual club, the four teens started singing together at parties and local clubs in eastern Pennsylvania—a gig that finally land their big break, a night at an Airport Hilton nightclub, the Fusel Lounge. Enroute, however, they are struck and killed by a bus carrying a load of Catholic high school girls on their way to New York for the Beatles' appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. Through the strange workings of astrological mumbo-jumbo, a hole in the ozone layer and the "power of harmony," the Plaids leave their astral plane and re-enter the physical world to perform the con-

cert which was robbed from them in life.

Post-life, pre-performance jitters take the quartet as they prepare to take the stage. Their nervous symptoms—nose bleeds, hyperventilating, indigestion—provide a continuous source of gags, which appropriately wanes as the group grows more comfortable.

The four co-stars share a cozy chemistry. It's a well sugar-coated, a little dorky, a lot of likable youthfulness and a tad of ashucks mentality. In actuality, much more would have been nauseating, but at just under 90 minutes, it works with a sparkling innocence.

The program includes a hysterically modified version of the Beatles' "She Loves You." Other pleasers are a combination of "Sixteen Tons" and "Chain Gang," at rousing "Perfidia," which they dedicate to their high school Spanish teacher; a mellifluous and mist-shrouded "Shangri-La," a smile-popping "Day-O" and "Matilda," certainly made more so because the viewers are encouraged to join in the chorus of the latter; and a warmly sonorous "Rags to Riches."

The best part of the show though, is a loony interpretation of "The Ed Sullivan Show" complete with jugglers, acrobats, plate twirlers, fire-eaters and animal acts, all performed against the background of "Lady of Spain" being played on an accordion. The actors all have rich, strong voices and they pull off their comic foolery with the same perky cuteness that permeates the show. The set was a catchy sort of blues, from turquoise to teal, that had a vague resemblance to a period diner juke box.



Todd Heughens (Jinx), Bobby Smith (Frankie), Ray Wills (Sparky), and Grant Norman (Smudge) are the Four Plaid's in "Forever Plaid," at the Alley Theatre through June 7

Although at times "Forever Plaid" does wear thin (the audience Participation song is on the corny side), it nonetheless pleases immensely. It's a magical night of music.

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

In the shadow of L.A. riots, New Orleans fumbles on race issues

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

Consider two videos. One, shows black Rodney King, taken from his car last year and beaten by four white policemen. Two, made this year shows white Reginald Denny, pulled from his truck and beaten by four black men.

Black, white, woman, man, straight, gay, nouveau poor/old poor, or the less than one percent of Americans who have grown more than 100 percent richer in the past 12 years, none of us can be free in a nation ablaze. When the elephants fight the grass gets trampled and any sane person trembles.

Los Angeles' scattered neighborhoods/suburbs are connected by the famous, free ways that dispersed the population, and by the less famous aqueducts that nurtured its growth. And now by fear.

Thousands of new guns were "liberated" by rioters and unleashed on those free ways. Not little Saturday night specials but high powered assault weapons. Assault weapons were always available for cash. Now, they are available to anyone with the "enterprise"—legal or otherwise—to get them and the belief they will be better off with them. Many do.

This should worry you! The 8-Trey Gang-

ster Crips, the street gang to which the four black men who beat Denny allegedly belong, are calling for retribution. So is L.A. Police Chief Darryl Gates. Can you feel how hot things have grown in the nation's second largest city?

Most of us do not feel "socio-economic" heat unless we are in the kitchen. I guess, that is why otherwise good people let very bad things happen. I guess, that is why battle lines are drawn in distant and near places.

Just after the L.A. riots got under way, New Orleans City Council met and fumbled the hottest political football ever tossed in The Great Mother Swamp. It involves Mardi Gras and race.

In the rarefied climate of subtropical New Orleans nothing is more important to most denizens than Carnival. It is often said, New Orleans is built along the Mississippi and organized around Mardi Gras. True, but usually misunderstood by both critics and admirers.

Take race, everyone who lives in New Orleans knows an affection exists between many blacks and whites. The hatred championed by George Wallace 20 years ago and David Duke today finds little support among New Orleanians. But it finds some.

Bigotry is an insidious social cancer. It starts as a little blemish, born in righteous

glow, and grows into a malignancy with the speed and deadly results of melanoma. No member of any group has not experienced prejudice and practiced it. That does not mean it is the only way people can be.

The Race Issue Meets Carnival: City Council has always set rules governing Carnival. The recent attempt to outlaw krewe membership discrimination for reasons of gender, sexual orientation and race has been greeted by old-line, old-moneyed krewes and their supporters as an affront to centuries old order. Not just of Carnival but of New Orleans and who runs it.

In a smashing example of Carnival's importance, the entire matter grew into a huge controversy, captivating nearly everyone for over a half year. It also became a perfect metaphor for shifting political tides. This city, once a major center off the black slave trade, is now two-thirds black and governed by a black majority City Council.

Lineage of old-line Carnival krewes leading back to the daughter of C.S.A. President Jefferson Davis is charming for some. It is not for whose lineage goes back to the auction block.

Councilmembers Dorothy Mae Taylor and Johnny Jackson, Jr set out to loosen some real chains, some binding gay and lesbian New Orleanians. In the toss and

tumble of politics, Taylor and Jackson formed an alliance with the gay/lesbian community. While Jackie Clarkson, who represents the city's most visible homosexual neighborhoods, voted against the Human Rights Ordinance, a.k.a., the "Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights Ordinance."

Months later, during the passion of the "Carnival Controversy," Clarkson asked lawyers hammering out the "Mardi Gras Compromise" to remove a clause granting discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

Politics makes for strange bed-fellows. Some white, lesbian/gay New Orleanians would have preferred their own bondages to integrating Carnival krewes. As openly gay politician Larry Bagneris put it, "Some people would rather cut their own legs off at the knee and walk around on the stubs than admit they are wrong."

An uneasy peace has fallen over America, from the desert city of Los Angeles to the great swamp city of New Orleans. We may have heard the wake up call.

We may have a chance to solve our colossal, back-breaking problems. We may avoid becoming grass trampled beneath fighting elephants. "Maybe not," is almost to horrific to think about. Believe me, some are thinking about it. The Crips and the L.A. Police, for example.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: LOUISIANA

Louisiana AIDS statistics following national trends

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, Friday, May 15 (AP) Louisiana AIDS cases last year followed ominous national trends in moving from the traditional high-risk groups into the mainstream populations of women, children and minorities.

"We really had a shift in cases during 1991," said Sue Troxler, AIDS surveillance coordinator for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals' Public Health Office.

The office recently finished its review of the completed 1991 reports. The findings show the disease is spreading from

its initial high-risk groups: homosexual men, intravenous drug users and blood transfusion recipients.

"Most of these figures are telling us it's moving more and more into the heterosexual population," Troxler said.

Among the findings:

- Eight pediatric cases were reported in all of 1991, but nine cases in patients under 13 years of age have already been reported this year. Eighty-five percent of all pediatric cases are the result of exposure from the mother, Troxler said.

- The rate for blacks doubled in the past two years. In 1989, the rates for

blacks and whites was about 12 cases per 100,000 members of the population. Last year, the rates for blacks shot to 23.5 cases per every 100,000. The rate for whites is up only slightly, to 13 per 100,000.

- Women with AIDS made up 8 percent of the infected population in the last year, compared to only 4 percent in 1984.

Troxler said the increases are due to higher drug use, cultural differences and infected mothers passing the disease along to their children.

"Perhaps the minority population is harder to reach for education and prevention programs," Troxler said of the

increase among blacks.

Because of the five to 10-year incubation period of the disease, most of the cases revealed by these numbers were contracted in the mid-80s or earlier, she said.

Troxler said the risk of teenagers contracting the disease is also increasing.

So far, 3352 cases of AIDS have been reported in Louisiana since the disease first appeared in 1981. Of those, 772 cases have been reported in people between the ages of 20 to 29.

Of the 3352 people diagnosed with the disease, 2125, or 63 percent, have died, she said.

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '92 brings back Bar Decoration Awards

In an effort to increase awareness of Lesbian and Gay Pride Week and to promote a festive atmosphere during the annual celebration, the Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992 committee is reinstating a time-honored tradition of earlier pride weeks.

The Bar Decoration Awards provided a fun opportunity and an "extra" reason to tour community's many gay and lesbian bars during the first weekend of the pride observance in the late 70's and early 80's. It helped build enthusiasm and excitement toward the upcoming parade, said committee members.

"The decorations created spirit and enthusiasm among customers and involved

the bars and their employees in more than just the parade. It made everyone feel more a part of Pride Week as a whole," said Lady Victoria Lust, who will chair the Awards this year. "It is for these reasons that we want to bring this tradition back to the Houston community."

For the sake of fairness in the competition, bars will be divided into two divisions based on size (determined by the fire marshal's assigned legal occupancy capacity). Three trophies will be awarded in each division. Participants are encouraged to use this year's logo and slogan, Pride Equals Power, or any other symbols, colors, slogans and so on that they feel will best pro-

mote the spirit of pride. Color, creativity and a personal touch are encouraged, organizers said.

A panel of judges will make the final decisions during bar tours on Friday evening, June 19 and Saturday evening, June 20. Winners will be announced Sunday, June 21 and trophies will be delivered to winning bars.

—Prime Timers anniversary

Approximately 50 Prime Timers from chapters in Austin, San Antonio, Dallas and Shreveport will be in Houston on Memorial Day weekend (May 22-24) to mark the local group's first anniversary.

Formed last May, the Houston group of

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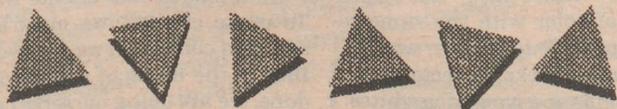
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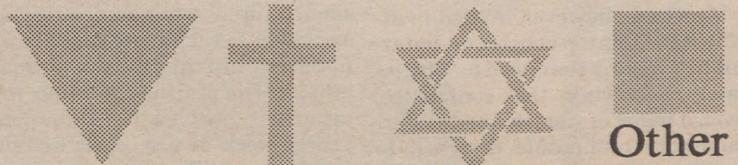


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▼▼▼ DATELINE TEXAS

Women from all over state attend Texas Lesbian Festival in Dallas

By TAMMYE NASH

The Dallas Voice

Organizers estimate more than 500 women attended the fifth annual Texas Lesbian Conference, held last weekend in Dallas, topping attendance figures at previous conferences.

"The whole thing came off very well," said TLC co-chair Susan Melnick of Lesbian Visionaries, the local organization which sponsored the conference. "We got a lot of good feedback from the women who attended. Everyone I talked to seemed to enjoy it."

The theme for the 1992 conference was "Diversity, Unity, Community," and Melnick remarked afterward, "We did have a lot of diversity like we promised. We had blacks, Hispanics, a nice mixture of cultures and people and of all ages. That was really special to us."

TLC '92 steering committee member Dilia Loe said that organizers were pleased with the turnout and gratified that women attending the workshops, "really seemed to like the workshopt, and they were all very enthusiastic about Kate Clinton. I was really happy about the support we received from the community, and the great response we got from everyone."

TLC treasurer Elizabeth Harvey said she, too, was pleased with the outcome. "It was excellent, just excellent. Of course, we had some off the snafus you get in putting on any big event, but overall it went really well. I had a lot of people come up and tell me how much they enjoyed it."

Harvey estimated that about half of those attending the conference came from outside of Dallas, from cities such as El Paso, San Antonio, Austin, Houston, Lubbock and Denton, as well as rural areas of the state. "We even had some women in from out of state, from California and Virginia and Louisiana. One woman just happened to be in Dallas for the weekend. She heard about the conference and decided to come over and check it out."

The conference was a financial success, as well. Harvey said that although she had no exact dollar figures yet, "I expect it will come out very well." Of the proceeds from the conference, "a certain sum will be set aside and passed on as seed money for next year's conference. Then later the steering committee will meet to determine how to distribute the remaining funds." The 1993 TLC will be held in Houston, she said.

In years past, she added, TLC proceeds have gone predominantly to organizations within the lesbian community, but some has also been given to organizations working for both men and women of the community.

Men were not permitted to attend the workshops, keynote addresses or the Sunday brunch which closed the conference. Men were, however, invited to attend the Kate Clinton concert on Saturday night, swelling the crowd to 700. Immediately following the conference, however, a panel of women and men led a community roundtable designed to discuss the differences and similarities between the men's and women's communities.

Approximately 50 people attended the roundtable, and the discussion was "really, really interesting," Melnick said. "There was a lot of heated discussion, but no one attacked one another. I think it was a really positive thing, and I'm glad that once again (TLC) is in the forefront in bringing up these important issues."

Ideas raised during the discussion included the possibility of forming a task force to deal with problems like racism and sexism within the community, and workshops designed to "bridge the gap" between the genders, Melnick said.

Rev. Carol West, assistant pastor of the Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church and facilitator of

Sunday's panel discussion, said many at the hour-long event were "most aware of the fact that this was the first Texas Lesbian Conference to have the courage to invite the men in for this kind of discussion. We talked about the fact that we have come a long way, and we spent a lot of time patting ourselves on the back for what we have accomplished. But we still have a long way to go."

Issues discussed included the fact that "the patriarchy does still exist in some of our organizations, and how people of color are still being in some areas of the lesbian and gay community," West said. "We talked about the healing that needs to be done within some of our organizations, and about how we, as the oppressed, have in some ways become the oppressors."

West said she was "pleased to see so many facets of the community represented" and with the diversity represented at the discussion. Bruce Monroe, president of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance, was one of the men sitting on the panel. He described the discussion as "a very positive step" and said he hopes it will be just the first phase in a process that will break down the gender and racial barriers within the gay and lesbian community as a whole.

"All in all, this at least was a start in seeing that the men and the women need to talk to each other if we have problems with each other. That's the only way solutions can be found," he said.

Monroe also noted that "it was very informative, from my perspective, to understand what different women think about the male perspective in the community it ranged from outright anger to some acceptance."

Monroe also pointed out that among those at the discussion, "there was sort of a consensus that we need to get our act together internally" on racial issues, "or racial issues, "or we have a weak standing there. Most people seemed to feel that we have to address the racial and gender issues within the community as we move along, or we won't get our civil rights. It's hard for us to ask honestly for our civil rights when we are guilty of discrimination ourselves."

Sue Schrader, a staff member at Cathedral of Hope MCC, and DGLA's Monroe have begun discussions about the possibility of both organizations co-sponsoring a seminar dealing with issues such as racial and gender discrimination within the gay and lesbian community. The proposed seminar was tentatively scheduled for Dallas' second yearly week of gay pride activities in September. "We were planning to launch a steering committee for the project during Gay Pride Week activities in June," Monroe said.

During the round table discussion on Sunday, Monroe recalled, one lesbian leader suggested "setting up a task force to deal with these issues, so I'm hoping we can all get together and work this all into one project," Monroe said.

—Sabrina Sojourner Keynote Speech

For most of the women attending the Texas Lesbian Conference here in Dallas last weekend, recent events in South Central Los Angeles were a terrifying reminder that race relations in this country are a seething cauldron of hatred and resentment; a warning that our cities could be next. But as terrifying as

they were, the L.A. riots were, to most at the conference, still distant images of burning buildings, blood and guns.

But for TLC keynote speaker Sabrina Sojourner, the uprisings in Los Angeles were immediate and personal and all the more terrifying because buried with the bodies of the 58 dead, lying shattered among the ruins of burned-out buildings were "my hopes and dreams of a global community," she said. And those dreams, she said, cannot be resurrected unless people of all races, all ethnicities, all religions and all sexual orientations can learn to respect one another, honor each other's differences and face up to the pain and rage that has built up through years of oppression.

Sojourner, a legislative aide to Maxine Waters, the California Congress member whose district includes South Central Los Angeles, admitted that "even before the Rodney King verdict, my own feelings, my own expectations for a change in race relations were somewhat less than optimistic." Since the uprisings—"Notice I call them uprisings, not riots," she pointed out—"my feelings are all over the emotional and political map. I'm grieving for my country and all her people. We have all been injured by these events and others around the country."

In addition to her grief, Sojourner said she is angry, too, she is "tired of too many white people who are too ambivalent, tired of too many people who are able to learn to talk like a duck, but never quite get the walk." The L.A. uprisings have "created a sense of urgency" about the need for an end to oppression, but "Most of us, particularly white people, are not ready to take the next step" necessary to reach those goals, she declared. "I believe all peoples and all individuals are entitled to respect. The existence of prejudice and bigotry damages all of us, be we the perpetrators or the targets."

After defining the terms prejudice, power and oppression, Sojourner spoke of the different manifestations of prejudice, and said that the next step for ending oppression of all kinds is "substantive dialog." She defined prejudice as pre-judging a person or group of people based on incorrect assumptions. Power is the ability to have access, and oppression is prejudicial power.

Prejudice manifests in three ways, Sojourner said: overtly, covertly and aversively. Overt prejudice is the easiest to recognize, appearing in the form of the Ku Klux Klan, various neo-Nazi groups, stereotyping and "the use of racial and ethnic fears to further personal agendas." There is also the belief that the lives and experiences of white people.

Sojourner's example to explain covert prejudice was whites who say they are working for "a color blind society." Such a society is "not acceptable," Sojourner said. "We need to acknowledge our differences because they exist and they are not going to go away." Aversive prejudice is perpetrated by "well-intentioned but unaware" whites who "fail to provide people of color with the same resources you provide to whites, who fail to have the same level of expectations of people of color as you would for whites."

In order to be ready for the kind of dialogue necessary to begin eradicating oppression, Sojourner said, "We must make four assumptions. Number one, let's assume that we understand that oppression is multi-faceted, pervasive and overwhelming. Number two, if we are sincere in wanting to improve our world,

to make change, we must make a life-long commitment to be part of the solution even as we make problems. Three, the more comfortable one is with one's own ethnicity, the more easily they can accept the differences of other."

The fourth assumption, she added, is that each person has a responsibility. Those who perpetrate oppression have the responsibility. "to change our steps in the dance." Those who are targets of oppression must "resist the role of token or victim." And everyone has the responsibility to "oppose injustice where ever it appears."

"Then we are ready to take the next step, then we are ready for a substantive dialogue on our differences and our similarities. But we must understand that substantive dialogue means there will be tension. It won't be easy," she said. "This will be a personal discussion, not an intellectual discussion. Talking about differences makes people nervous."

As children, "we are all taught not to mention another person's differences. Not to point them out," Sojourner said. Those who oppress are taught to "hold that person who is different accountable for their difference," while those who are targets of oppression are taught "that acquiescence and martyrdom were the best response. When we as targets challenge (oppression), we are told we are the ones creating the problem, not the oppressors," she said.

Whites avoid the kind of substantive dialogue which Sojourner is calling for because they "are afraid they'll be held accountable for the sins of their ancestors," she said. But those who are targets of oppression are also afraid of the kind of dialogue that is necessary. "We as people of color are afraid of our rage. Rage that comes from years of being treated as other, of being told our culture and our language were worthless at the same time it is being appropriated for white profit," she said, adding that other oppressed groups including gays and lesbians, and women, are also afraid of the rage discussing the 'isms'—racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism and all the others—because each of us brings such an incredible amount of pain to the discussion. We fear our vulnerability, "she said.

"The uprisings in Los Angeles are a consequence off all that pent-up anger, of the pain and rage of being black in America," Sojourner said.

To improve relations between people and to create a truly just society, she continued, "we have to talk about our pain, we have to affirm each other's pain, and we have to learn about each other's differences instead of trying to pretend the differences don't exist. "Building right relations is dependent on our respect for each other and ourselves," Sojourner said. "We have to honor our differences and learn to respectfully disagree. We have to allow one another to make mistakes—after all, we are all only human—and we have to admit our own mistakes. we have to recognize that it is possible for more than one truth to sit in the same place at the same time, that another's reality and truth does not necessarily invalidate our own reality and truth."

Although all people have "the right to say anything they want, no matter how offensive," Sojourner said. "But I have the right and the moral obligation to say I am offended and debate the content. To make change, we must stop being afraid of conflict. If we are avoiding conflict in the name of getting something done, we are doing ourselves and our allies a disservice. our compliance is killing us."

"Healing is what awaits us if we are willing to go through the discussion, to go through the pain," Sojourner declared. "We must refuse to be silent in the face of injustice. We must become allies to social justice."



Sabrina Sojourner, one of TLC's keynote speakers, discussed prejudice, power and oppression.

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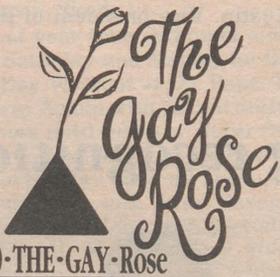
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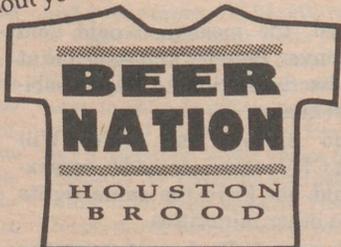
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▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

Jennifer Holiday dazzled at the 404; Mondays are back at Chain Drive

By JOHN ARAUJO

The New Voice/Austin

The Chain Drive is ready to re-open on Mondays, after closing the past three Mondays for repairs and well needed rest. Prime Timers will be meeting there this Monday, May 25, 8:00-11:00 p.m.

The Miss Gay Austin Pageant will be held at The 404 on Sunday May 25, stayed tuned for the time. Trash Disco is on Wednesday with no cover and \$1.25 domestic beer all night. Thursdays will feature Muscles in Action at 10:00 p.m.

Speaking of the 404, the fabulous Jennifer Holiday performed there Saturday,

May 15. She fought through the crowd to the stage and electrified the Austin community singing her title track "I'm On Your Side" and her most successful track from "Dreamgirls," "And I'm telling you."

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Bout-Time celebrated their first night to serve alcohol last Saturday after being only a BYOB club for 'bout five months. Pam one of the bartenders was on hand to serve the first cocktails of the

evening. Good Luck on the liquor license, it's 'bout time.

Just to let everyone know Austin's Club has changed its name to Austin's. Go by and enjoy the sounds of Danny Cardiel who plays on Saturday nights.

Sunday, May 24 at Charlie's, it's Lone Star Male Revue at 10:30 p.m. and a special midnight show starring Nichole. (Military attire encouraged).

Classic Chassis Car Club will have its opening reception, called "The Golden Girls Reception" on the patio at Auntie Mame's this weekend.

Chili Pepper, Deshannon, the Baptist women and the Capital City Queens recently raised \$235 at Mame's for the Austin Pediatrics League for Children with AIDS.

San Fran Cisco's will start a new series of dance lessons next week, please contact Dan the manager for more info.

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▼▼▼ FROM THE EDITOR

The New Voice adds advertising representative, correspondent in Austin

The New Voice would like to introduce two valuable additions to our staff. John Araujo joins us as Austin representative for advertising and distribution; Rick Antoine is our new correspondent in the Capital City. Both are well known residents of Austin with impressive professional and community credentials.

Rick Antoine is a long time communications professional with eight years experience in news reporting, over four years in research writing, and two years as a self-employed media relations consultant. He is a former staff writer (1976-1984) for the News-Sentinel in Fort Wayne, Ind., recipient of a Pulitzer Prize for general local reporting in 1983. In the

Austin community, he is also known for his volunteer work as co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Coalition (GLAVCO) and with other important projects.

John Araujo, formerly of San Antonio, is already known to many of our readers in Austin. Vice president of the Austin

Tavern Guild for two years, he's familiar with and established in the Austin gay and lesbian business community, and is experienced in advertising and promotions. He is also currently a part-time employee of the Chain Drive.

We are proud to welcome these fine professionals to The New Voice team.

▼▼▼ NEW VOICE FEATURE

Clinic's Deaf HIV Outreach gaining recognition as national model

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

TNV Editor

The Deaf Outreach Services of the Montrose Clinic, officially less than a year old, is becoming a national model for HIV/AIDS education in the hearing impaired community, and its director, Bert Bares, believes it is because those involved have an advantage over many educators: direct cultural awareness.

Late last week, Bares excitedly conversed via TDD with a representative of the Washington, D.C. based Gallaudet University, the nation's leading university for the deaf. Gallaudet, he learned, is planning to send an intern to Houston to train in deaf HIV outreach using the Clinic program's methods.

The Gallaudet representative reports that the Montrose Clinic's statistics are becoming recognized nationally as the most realistic regarding HIV in the deaf community. "This program has become the model," boast Bares, signing as he speaks.

The Clinic's statistics, which differ greatly from some that have been reported in other areas, are surprising. Bares said they have shown the deaf community has about an eight percent greater chance of contracting HIV than the general population. About 20 percent of deaf people tested at the clinic in 1991 were HIV-positive, as compared to the general 8-10 percent.

Conceptualized in April of 1990, the Deaf Outreach was not established as an official program of the Clinic until July 1, 1991. Funding came from private sources: the United Way, the Moody Foundation and the Houston Endowment.

The program is one of only 18 formal HIV/AIDS outreaches for the deaf nationally. In Houston, the Clinic is the third agency to offer HIV services for deaf people: Montrose Counseling Center started an early program, and Vocational Guidance Services offered a project targeted at drug and alcohol abusers.

Locally, the program has received honor-



The Montrose Clinic's Deaf Outreach recently received a donation of \$3,000 from the Colt 45's. From left are Bert Bares, program director; Scott Pott, HIV educator and Steven Hunter, case manager

able recognition in the larger deaf community. Last year, Scot Pott, HIV educator, was selected as the deaf pride Association's Deaf Man of the Year and the Montrose Clinic was named outstanding agency, even though the clinic was not listed among nominees on the formal ballot.

Because the Montrose Clinic program's facilitators are themselves deaf or hearing impaired, Bares explains, the relatively young outreach has had from the start an understanding of problems foreign to the staff of many HIV/AIDS agencies. The most blatant of these is the vast gap in interpretation between English dialogue and the language common to over 70 percent of the deaf population—American Sign Language. This gap in communication, related to HIV/AIDS education, is critically important, and not easily understood by hearing people.

A minority of deaf people—about 30 per-

cent, primarily those who have been "mainstreamed" or were not deaf from birth—communicate in Signed English, which uses the alphabet and words of spoken English. To these people, it is easier to translate HIV information used by most agencies.

But for the majority in the deaf community, many words used in AIDS education have no meaning, or can be easily confused, Bares said.

"American Sign Language is a language of concepts rather than words," Bares explained. "It is easy for these people (whose language is ASL) to understand some of the basic facts of HIV if the educator is not aware of the differences."

Some startling misunderstandings Bares said he has found in interviews with deaf people about HIV: some took HIV-"positive" to mean "good"—i.e., not infected, and assumed "negative" to mean "bad," i.e. infected; only the passive or only

the insertive partner is at risk; one man believed if he stopped having sex, the HIV virus would go away.

In written interviews with 353 deaf workshop participants, the Outreach found only one in nine had any knowledge of the existence of HIV infection.

Many in the deaf community also have no understanding of condoms, and even fewer have knowledge as to what constitutes "safer sex," Bares noted. "The deaf community is about eight years behind most of the rest of the world (in HIV knowledge)," he said. "HIV education for the deaf is still in its infancy."

Part of the problem is that deaf people are often poorly educated regarding sex, biology and psychology to start with, he added. "The deaf community is held hostage to what the world believes they need to know," said Bares.

The approach of the Outreach is to not only educate the deaf, but to educate those who are providing education, said Bares. The program, he says, is unique in this commitment.

"We are the only city in the nation that provides an HIV (introductory course) for deaf educators," Bares said.

The success of the Houston program, according to Bares, actually only highlights the hunger for information in the deaf community nation wide. "It's a reflection of how little (education) really exists," he said.

The point is echoed in the TDD tape of the conversation with the Gallaudet representative, which compares the Houston program to one at Washington's nationally recognized Whitman-Walker Clinic: "There is no case manager for the deaf, no deaf people (to conduct) HIV testing and counseling, there is only one deaf social worker...one deaf person works there (at Whitman-Walker)...deaf people come in and do the same thing as hearing people and it is not that easy for them to communicate..." the D.C. resident typed.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Colorado gay rights initiative to be on November ballot

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Tuesday, May 12 (AP)—An anti-gay rights initiative that would prohibit the state or any political subdivision from passing legislation aimed at homosexuals will appear on the November ballot as Amendment No. 2.

Colorado for Family Values, the Colorado Springs group that gathered enough signatures to get the measure on the ballot, announced Tuesday that the Secretary of State had officially ap-

proved the action.

CFV needed 49,279 to get the initiative on the ballot. They turned in 84,475 signatures but over 19,000 were found invalid for a variety of reasons, said Kevin Tebedo, the group's founder.

The group fighting the initiative, the Equal Protection Campaign, said CFV's work is "an attempt to legislate the belief system of a few through a campaign of fear and deception."

If passed, the measure would void laws in Denver, Boulder and Aspen that prohibit discrimination to gays, lesbians or bisexuals.

Colorado Springs car dealer Will Perkins, a CFV organizer, said homosexuals should not have the same rights granted to other minorities.

"The 'Pandora's Box' could mean the dilution of civil rights to a meaningless status," he said.

Judy Harrington, EPOC manager, said the measure would "write discrimination into our state constitution," as well as take away voters' rights on local issues.

"We now face the challenge of overcoming the misleading language of the amendment itself, as well as the use of slick campaign slogans like 'no special rights' designed to trick and scare the voters," she said.

▼ ▼ ▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Memorial Day Weekend special events planned at most San Antonio clubs

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT

The New Voice/San Antonio
Pull out your pens and calendars to mark your Memorial Day events!

The New Zoo will be having its annual Memorial Day Street Dance Festival on Sunday, May 24, starting at noon (this is their 9th annual event, by the way). There will be festival-related partying until 8:00 p.m. Booth space is available—just call (512) 341-4187. There will be all kinds of games, and prizes will be awarded. Games will include egg-tossing, watermelon seed spitting, jalapeno eating, wet T-shirts and Hot Buns Contest, and Best Booth Award prizes. Come join all the fun and dance under the big tent that will be provided along with beer, wine, sodas and all kinds of beverages.

The Wild Club will have the Wild Shady lady Show, with "her" original Musical Chairs, with \$1.75 wells and 75 cent drafts and cash prizes. You may have heard that the Shady Lady was recently shot (May 5) in the chest by a robber while coming out of a convenience store. It's true, but she's doing well and will definitely be there for the Sunday and Monday shows soon. Drop Shady Lady a line at 211 W. French, Apt. 231, San Antonio TX 78212 to wish her a speedy recovery. Shady Lady asked that we extend thanks for all of the phone calls and everything that has been done...



Come see Mama for great tacos at the Noo Zoo

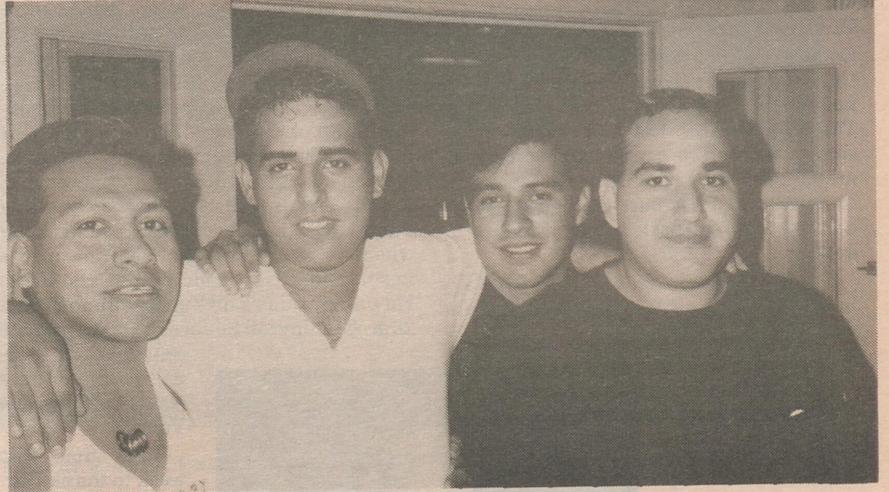


Remember Maxee's one woman concert Saturday, May 23 at El Jardin

Mark June 6 on your calendar, when The Wild Club presents the Underwear Night. That's right boxers, briefs, Calvins, BVD's, you name it if you wear it under your garment, come and show it. Don't forget every Sunday, the Wild and Wicked Sunday Show with Shady, Naomi, Amanda, Vanessa Gordon and Kimberly Gordon, with liquor from 9:00-11:00 p.m. and after hours until...?!?! From the Wild Club's owners and staff, have a happy and safe Memorial Weekend. (And they hope to see you soon, Shady.)

Pull out your pens and mark a big red "X" on Saturday and Sunday for the Memorial Day Workout at the Paper Moon. Muscles in Action with 75 cent drafts and after hours until 4:00 p.m. Super Sunday no cover until midnight and 25 cent drafts. On Super Sunday, welcome Donna Day to the regular cast with Sweet Savage and Pauletta Leigh, along with special guest Misty Duvall. Memorial Day Madness, Monday will feature Chanel White with the original Musical Chairs and special guest Vanessa Gordon. Coming on Friday, June 5: The "biggest" USA pageant in Texas, featuring some very big talents, Miss Gay Texas At Large-USA.

The Silver Dollar salutes all the men and women in and out of uniform. Special Memorial Day wishes. Join them for hot C&W dancing and drink specials here in



Tony Juarez, Mark Munoz, Chris Martinez and Joaquin Flores, out having fun at the Bonham

the Alamo City...

The Bonham Exchange says "Come Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend" with them. If you just don't feel like getting out and doing "the regular" scene day after day, come back home to the Bonham on Sunday, May 24 to see San Antonio's own Jimmy James perform his Marilyn Monroe and Patsy Cline impersonations. Jimmy James' performance will be held upstairs in the main ballroom and tickets will be for sale (separately) at the door for \$10 per person. As usual, there will be no cover charge at the Bonham on Sunday, unless you want to attend this really special show!

At El Jardin this Saturday (May 23) beginning at 10:30 p.m. sharp, don't miss Maxee performing as Liza Minelli, Judy Garland and others along with eight male dancers and a male stripper. Come to the oldest bar in Texas and be entertained by some of the best talent in show business.

Sparks, 8011 Webbles, will be having a Luau Party on Sunday, May 24. The party features a buffet starting at 8:00 p.m. with \$1.50 Mai Tais and Slings, with male dancers.

Also, every Monday, there is a dart tournament and a free buffet at Sparks begin-

ning at 7:00 p.m. There are always strippers from Sunday through Thursday night. And, Sparks now has three or four TV's hooked up for video television and music to complement their remodeling. Come check out the changes!

Tandi Andrews, our new Miss Gay USA is starting her new life with the first preliminary on Saturday in West Virginia, and she says this is almost like the beginning of all the madness. Tandi is booked until the middle of September—in less than a week after the contest! From West Virginia to Colorado, to Miami, back to Texas (for two days only), then to North Carolina, then to Nashville, then to Virginia. et cetera. Tandi's special thanks go to her dancers, Al, Artie, Raphael, Oscar, the Wild Club, Amber, Rudy, Mr. Steven Yearick and everyone else who has supported her in her endeavor and made this possible.

P.S. to all of San Antonio: if you have anything that may need to be mentioned about your club, restaurant, shop, store or organization; contact Richard Wright of The New Voice at (512) 737-2615. Organizations: you may send your press releases to The New Voice in Houston or fax it to (713) 529-9531.

▼ ▼ ▼ SAN ANTONIO QUICK NOTES

PLWA Advisory Council being formed to advise directors of SAAF

A Persons Living With AIDS (PLWA) Advisory Council is being formed to provide advisory services to the board of directors of the San Antonio AIDS Foundation.

SAAF is helping the group get started in order to better respond to the special needs of HIV-affected individuals and is seeking people with HIV/AIDS to participate. The council will assist the foundation in re-

sponding to the needs of PLWA's by submitting regular recommendations to the SAAF board of directors.

The organizational meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. at

SAAF House, 818 East Grayson Street in the recreation room. Attending individuals identities will be protected. For more information, contact James Hashaw at (512) 225-4715.

▼ ▼ ▼ GUEST COMMENTARY

Stay out of the woods: Park arrests can be expensive and damaging

By THE BAR ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

(This column is part of an occasional series sponsored by the Bar Association for Human Rights of Greater Houston. BAHHR members are legal professionals who are concerned with human rights issues and who seek to provide a forum for the discussion of important legal issues facing our community. For specific legal advice relating the general information provided in this column to particular facts, situations or individuals, seek the assistance of competent legal counsel.)

During the last months of 1991, hundreds of men have been arrested and charged with indecent exposure. It was the apparent policy of the Houston Police Department to fill the parks with undercover officers who made many arrests and who went to almost any length to do so. And they were quite successful; one Houston vice officer testified that he had arrested 200 men during a 15 day period. While the Houston Police Department has now agreed not to use undercover agents in the parks, thanks to Mr. Ray Hill, that may change in the future; and HPD can use uniformed officers in the parks for the same purposes, or undercover agents elsewhere.

Indecent exposure is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by a jail term of up to 180 days and a fine of up to \$1,000. Using the language of the statute, a person commits the offense of indecent exposure when

"he exposes his anus or any part of his genitals" with the intent "to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person," if he is "reckless about whether who will be offended or alarmed."

Vice officers cruise men in the parks in plain clothes. Many of those who have been arrested report that the vice officers rub their groins or simulate sexual activity with a partner. If you unzip your pants in response, you will be arrested. Unfortunately, you may be arrested if you so much as look at the officers, with any sexual response or exposure.

Once arrested, you will be entitled to be released on bail. However, that takes time—you can expect to spend 12 to 24 hours in jail. For a first offense, bail will normally be set at \$500; for the repeat offender, bail will normally increase with the number of offenses. If you have enough cash, you will be able to post a cash bond and your money will be returned to you six to eight weeks later once your case has been disposed of (less a small sheriff's fee). If you don't have enough money, you will have to get a bonding company to issue a surety bail bond for you. You will have to pay a premium, which varies from bonding company to bonding company and may range from \$125 to \$175. You will not get the premium back, even if you are later acquitted.

Once you have been charged, you will need an attorney to advise you. If you can

afford to post bail, an attorney will probably not be appointed to represent you, and you will need to pay for one. An attorney will have to spend time dealing with your case, and be paid for that time. Attorneys do not come cheap.

If you believe you are innocent, you may want to go to trial. It is your constitutional right to have a trial, and to insist that the prosecution prove you guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. So far, the prosecutors have been quite successful in such trials. And your attorney will have to spend a considerable amount of time preparing your case for trial; be prepared to pay your lawyer \$1,000 and up in legal fees for a trial. Moreover, if you are found guilty after a trial, you may go to jail.

You may feel that you have been entrapped by the police. Entrapment is a defense which has a very specific definition in the law, which is quite different from the common understanding of the term. Proving that you have been entrapped is not easy; you need to consult your attorney and have him review the situation and advise you on the likelihood of success in raising such a defense.

If you plead guilty, you can normally expect one of three possible penalties: (1) deferred adjudication for six months to a year, plus a fine and court costs; (2) probation for six months to a year, plus a fine and court costs; (3) a fine and court costs.

Deferred adjudication means only that

the court records will show that your case had been dismissed after the period of deferred adjudication had passed, if you have had no other problem with the law during that period. Such dismissal will enable you to say truthfully, to any prospective employer for example, that you have not been convicted of any crime. If you get probation and fines, your criminal record will show that you have pleaded guilty to a crime. Having such a criminal conviction on your record may affect your ability to engage in any occupation which requires a state license—nursing, real estate, hair dressing, etc. You should therefore consult an attorney before you agree to plead guilty.

During the period of deferred adjudication, and during your probation if you get that penalty, you must report to a probation officer monthly, and pay \$25 a month in fees.

The simplest and best advice is never to go to a public park and try to pick up a trick. It may cost you a significant amount of money which you could put to better use. And there are better and safer places to pick someone up. If you do go to a public park, don't cruise, don't try to pick someone up, and don't even talk to strangers. And do take a friend along to be a witness if necessary. Remember, there is no constitutional right to engage in sexual activity, or to solicit for or suggest such activity, in a public place. That may be unfair and ridiculous, but it is the law, and breaking the law can be expensive.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS SOAP

The Crescent City prepares for Celebration '92 and Gay Pride Month

By BUNCH BRITAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

Congratulations to U.S. Navy lieutenant Chris Thorne. It seems that Lt. Thorne announced on ABC's "Nightline" this past Tuesday that he was homosexual. That same afternoon he sent a letter to his commanding officer announcing this choice bit of news which I'm sure thrilled the Navy all the way to the dark offices of the Pentagon.

Of all of the branches of service the Navy has been most ruthless in identifying and discharging gays. In 1991 there were 542 men and women given administrative discharges for this reason in the navy compared to less than 200 in the army and even less in the air force and marines. This young man who graduated tops in his flying class and has since been named one of the navy's "Top Gun" fighter pilots has laid his entire future on the line for a principle and deserves our greatest respect and support.

On the same day a bill was introduced in the U.S. Congress which would forbid any military service from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. You are encouraged to write our congressmen and senator urging the immediate passage of this much needed legislation. One of the ironical points made by Ted Koppel was that many memos were distributed during the gulf war instructing military commanders to defer any action against gays in their command until after the war was over.

As you consider your choice for President this year remember that President Bush has consistently refused to order an end to this particular form of bigotry in our military services. Governor Clinton is on record favoring a presidential directive that would put an end to discrimination against gays in the armed forces. I don't know how Mr. Perot stands on the issue but hopefully it's one of the items he is now preparing to answer for the public. A recent poll shows

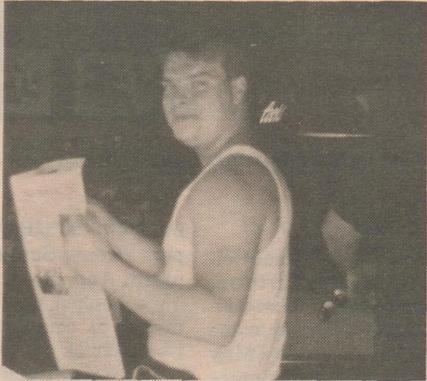
that 81 percent of the voters believe gays should be allowed in the military.

With all of these exciting events happening around us this year's Gay Pride Month has taken on even more important meaning for all of us. New Orleans will kick off the Gay Pride Month festivities with Celebration '92 at the Marriot Hotel on June 5, 6 and 7. This will be followed by many events to be topped off with Pride Weekend when we will all be participating in the Lesbian and Gay pride Parade and Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28 at Washington Square Park. A complete schedule of events will be in our next issue of The New Voice.

Take time this week to thank Garland Provost and all of the volunteers who arranged for the 1992 Candlelight Memorial and march from Woldenberg Park through the French Quarter. This 9th worldwide march was participated in by 225 cities and New Orleans' ceremony was especially impressive on the banks of the Mississippi with participation by several hundred in the audience and groups such as the chamber quartet furnishing music as the crowd gathered and the New Orleans' Gay Men's Chorus providing several selections.

New Orleans was also honored to have the National Commission on AIDS meeting Monday and Tuesday of the past week to receive testimony from scholars and administrators from around the country concerning human sexuality. Ten of the twelve commissioners were present as well as persons representing the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Health and Human Services. Many of the commissioners asked probing questions of the presenters and seemed especially anxious for guidance in overcoming some of the political road blocks preventing the formation of a national policy. Our hats off to Dr. June Osborn, Chairperson, and all of the commissioners for their work. The Commission will be meeting in Austin, Texas later this summer to hear further testimony.

The Phoenix is kicking off this Memorial



Tim catches up on his reading at the Rawhide



Boots' Water Volleyball team: (standing, from left), B.J., Chip, Walter, Don, Tom, Evans, Tony and Tom; (kneeling), Pat and Steve

Day Weekend with their usual festivities including the Men's Room upstairs. Their Memorial Day B-B-Q starts at 2:00 p.m. Monday.

We mentioned Boot's water volleyball team's victory in last week's column but can now show you a picture of the full team. Boot's big brother, the 2601 Club is planning a big splash this Memorial Day Weekend with one of those famous Crawfish boils this Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and a Memorial Day Buffet on Monday at 6:00 p.m. Don't miss either one.

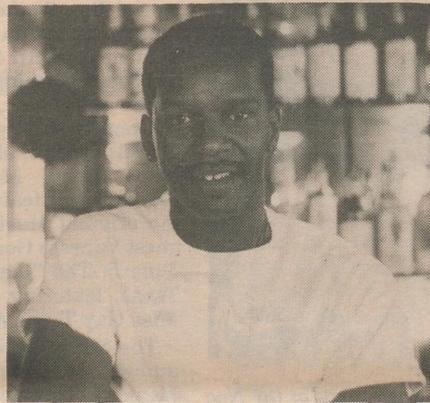
Welcome to Andy Boudreaux's MRB and Wolfendale's as new advertisers this week. Wolfendale's Memorial Day B-B-Q starts at 6 pm, Monday and MRB's at 7 pm with Chef Clyde doing the honors. Thanks Blanche and Steve for your outstanding bars. See their ads for a full listing of their daily specials.

Yes, Jewel's Tavern is continuing their Celebration 15 prices until further notice.

Those of you who took advantage of Burgundy Street Laundrette's opening specials will be happy to know that they now have a \$4 per load wash and fold service where Dave does everything for you and

even provides the soap and bleach.

I know I promised to reveal the name of the next person The New Voice would profile in New Orleans but arrangements for their interview have not been completed. Suffice to say that it will be one of our outstanding lesbians and should have special meaning to all of us at the beginning of Gay Pride Month.



Michael, bartender at the 2601 Club

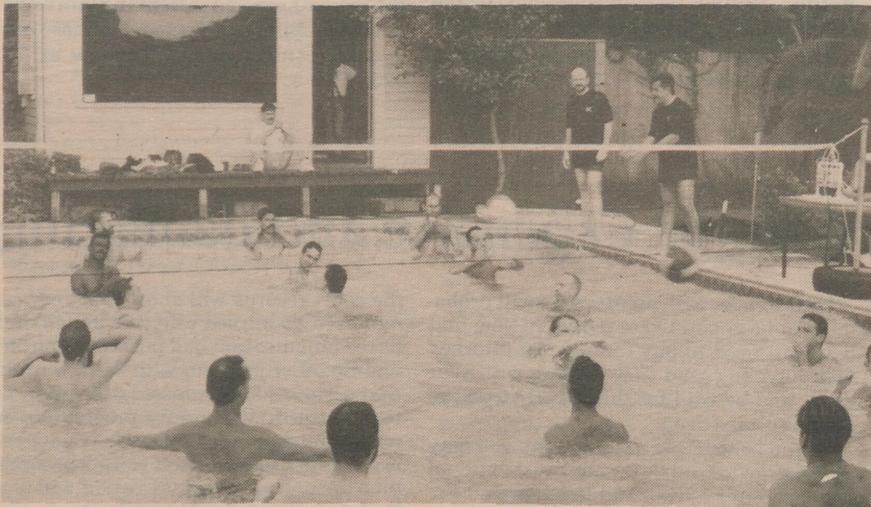
Director Jeff Campbell of the NO/AIDS Task Force has had financial problems with the Task Force recently brought about by Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals' bureaucratic bumbling with paper work on monies due them for the past five months. Jeff held a news conference Monday and spelled out the details for local TV stations where his

remarks were prominently shown on their 10:00 p.m. newscasts.

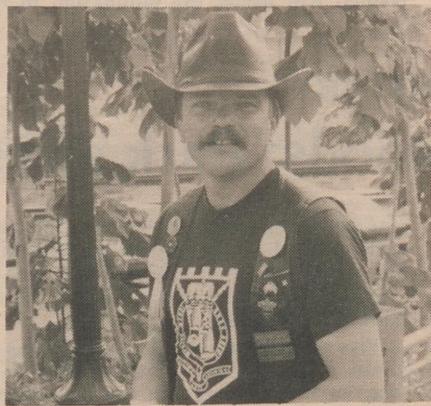
Suffice to say that after Secretary Pillely in Baton Rouge heard of this Dr. Ted Wisniewski, head of the HIV program office informed The New Voice late Tuesday that the Ryan White Act money grant had been approved and a check to NO/AIDS would be received within 7 to 10 days. This particular \$125,000 contract was submitted in January, 1992 and was supposed to cover a six month period of paying for Food for Friends, rent and medical assistance for NO/AIDS clients. NO/AIDS had advanced enough money to pay the five thousand dollar weekly expense until they just exhausted their resources. If the Friendly Bar hadn't agreed to advance some money this past week these vital payments would have stopped. Thanks to the angels at the Friendly Bar.

We hope Dr. Wisniewski gets his office under more control before the next grant becomes due. Imagine, five months of paper work boo boos to administer a six month grant.

Enjoy yourself this Memorial Day Weekend in New Orleans and above all—be safe!



Water Volleyball in action at the Country Club



George (Lords of Leather) was among volunteers at the AIDS Candlelight March

▼▼▼ DATELINE TEXAS

National convention of Black and White Men Together to be held in Texas

The National Association of Black and White Men Together will hold its 12th annual convention in Dallas during the week of June 22-28. This year's Convention '92 activities will surround the theme "Bridging the Gap With Brotherhood." Participants in the week-long conference will explore personal growth through meetings, speakers, workshops and seminars, organizers said.

Confirmed speakers are Mario Solis-Marich, co-chair of the National Latino/Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO); Dr. Marjorie Hill, New York City liaison to the mayor's office; Mandy

Carter, member of the board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and Chris Luna, Dallas City Council member.

In conjunction with the convention, the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention is planning to hold a one-day institute devoted to education and prevention of HIV/AIDS among people of color. National speakers for the institute include John E. Bush, Ph.D., special assistant to the Chancellor of Affirmative Action, University of Massachusetts; Phill Wilson, AIDS coordinator for the city of Los Angeles; Belinda

Rochelle, director of the Washington D.C.-based AIDS Action Network, and H. Alexander Robinson of the American Civil Liberties Union. Participants from Texas-based AIDS service organizations are also scheduled to speak on issues facing at-risk populations locally. The national institute is third in a series of four which focusing on people of color. (The second event in the series was scheduled to be held this weekend at the LLEGO's national conference in Houston).

NABWMT is a nationally known gay multi-racial, multi-cultural organization

devoted to fighting the social inequalities of racism, sexism and homophobia, and fostering supportive environments where racial and cultural barriers can be overcome.

The NABWMT 1992 Convention will be held at the Ramada Hotel Love Field. Current registration of \$125-\$145 includes all speakers, workshops and seminars, banquet and luncheon and opening session. For information on how to register, write to NABWMT Convention '92, P.O. Box 190611 Dallas, TX 75219; phone (214) 650-0760 or (214) 521-4765; or national toll-free number, 1-800-NA4-BWMT.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART ONE

Memorial Weekend plans at Pacific Street, EJ's, 800 Pacific, Ripcord

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston
Hello Houston!

First off let me make a major apology to one of our newest advertisers, Jobs by James. If you happened to be reading Soap last week, you were probably astounded to see that I wrote that James was an expert in car detailing and if it made a difference, he's cut, too. Well, folks, I really don't know the details about that last fact and what was supposed to be printed was that he's cute, too. Sorry, James and Wes. And thank you for pointing that out.

Today, Thursday the 21st, Miss Gay America, Tiffany Boney returns to Texas for an exclusive Houston Appearance at Heaven as a special guest for Deee Drag Show.

This Thursday, May 21 at 8:00 p.m. at the Venture the National Leather Association-Houston will be guest bartending on the Far Side so get down there and see them.

New for Summer at Pacific Street. They are now open Thursday Nights with a \$3 cover charge and great music.

They promise many surprise events and always low prices of 75 cents well and \$1.75 domestic longnecks.

Rainbo De-Klown is having his Friday Night

All Male Review at 11:00 p.m. at E/J's and this week he's featuring Sebastian, L.B.A., Cobra and the winner of the Thursday Night Show with the beautiful



Trixie Galore was seen doing her thing at J.R.'s recently. Actually I heard her's wasn't the only thing she would do



The gang at Venture N did their MASH impersonation for Armed Forces Day

and talented Brittany Paige. There is also supposed to be movies on the patio with Giovanni, but I don't know the titles. And what is this I heard about 101 Dalmations running when I told everyone it was Bette Davis Classics?



Scott of Gentry shows his Vanna White style with a James Preuss painting

Pacific Street wants you to start your holiday with them for the TGII Weekend Preview, at Pacific Street with those special Men Behind Bars. All visitors with an out of town I.D. will receive a free entry without a cover charge. Many out-of-towners find 710 Pacific Street a great

place to meet their friends or make new ones and also plan their weekend events.

Saturday Night, May 23 at 9:00 p.m. the Ripcord in Houston is hosting the

Bare As You Dare III Party subtly subtitled "Bare Behind Bars."

Saturday Night at Pacific Street, they are offering no cover for men who show up in Leather Chaps or Jock Straps. The beat picks up later in the evening as the dance floor fills and hot gyrating men watch Caged Heat/Men Behind Bars.

The Saturday Super Show at E/J's this week will include Lee Chardon, Loretta Lick, Evonne Supreme and Stevie Nicks. Don't miss Miss Lick and the others in what is sure to be a fine show and on of the few shows in town without a cover charge.

The Wolf Pack invite you to join them for Wolf Dawg "CoCo"'s 40th birthday

at the Venture N at 11:00 p.m. this Saturday 23. Guests from New Orleans, Corpus Christi and Austin will be for the fun. Who will be the Flavor of the Month or Year, CoCo?

Saturday night once again finds the holy denim set descending on the Montrose Mining Company, sight of the monthly gathering of the worshipers of the Torn Levi. Then of the mine invite you to come and explore the many exposed options available to you at the bar that makes holiness an erotic attraction, the Montrose Mining Company.

Saturday is the next hot night, when Pacific Street hosts Party Naked at the 2nd Annual Sleeze Ball '92. Doors open at 9:00 p.m. with no cover charge for men in chaps, leather jock straps or much less... Clothes check will be available. The Staff of Pacific Street asks Men the eternal question: How low Can you Go? This is a party for the muscle men, leather men, bikini men, and all of their hot admirers.

Sunday for Memorial Day Weekend at Heaven the fabulous Siros returns to Houston with Androgyny, the White Knight out, featuring the Go-Go Kids Dance Club and his guest of honor, adult video star Blade Thompson who will all be presenting the most forbidden evening of live performance ever to be seen in Houston. Should make for a memorable Memorial Day!

Sunday, May 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ripcord it's the Jail House Rock Party with a Bread and Water Buffet.



Ed (E/J's) and Cindy (The Ranch) were seen recently partying on the patio at E/J's



Vera, you may have a prison husband, but you're doing all right on the outside



Toni Rae has some pretty good entertainment at her Open Mic Nights at EJ's

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

'Minister Mike' forming group for fans of political, religious satire

Michael "Minister Mike" Morrow, whose Access Cable video shows have parodied televangelism, religious hypocrisy, censorship and the Pro-Life Movement, has announced that he is expanding the concept of the videos into an organization. Morrow said he is looking for people who are interested in performing political and religious satire as actions in conjunction with various events, as well as for entertainment.

Morrow said he envisions the as yet unnamed group as "peaceful, humorous activists who will make appearances as members of 'The Saving Center' at rallies organized by fundamentalist Christians.

"Whether it is a rally intended to intimidate homosexuals or intimidate Planned Parenthood, I want Minister Mike and his flock to be there" to mock their behavior, he said. "My idea is to be peaceful, yet we would attempt to make a point about judgment."

The first action is tentatively planned to coincide with the Republican Nation Convention, in response to a reported planned "storm" of Houston by pro-life demonstrators, he said.

For more information, contact Morrow at (713) 523-9309.

"The Minister Mike Show" and "Minis-

ter Mike Show II" will be airing June 28 at 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 10:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on the Access Houston cable channel. Morrow's company, Little Video Productions, is presently working on "Mini-Mike 3: Undercover Christian."

The M.M. group also plans to enter a unit in the Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade on June 28.

—Women's Network meeting

On Wednesday, May 27, 1992 the topic for the Montrose Counseling Center's Women's Network meeting will be "Recreational/Cultural Activities for Lesbian Women in Houston." Representatives of 10-20 lesbian and lesbian/gay recreational and cultural organizations will talk about the activities of their groups and how to join.

The purpose of this Network meeting is to inform the lesbian community of the varied opportunities available in Houston to connect with lesbian women (and gay men) in a relaxed and fun activity. A resource list will be provided for Network participants.

The Women's Network is an educational and support group established to serve the lesbian and bisexual women's community of Houston. Any woman who is sensitive to

and comfortable with lesbians is also welcome to attend. It is held from 7:00-9:00 pm on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Suite 201 in Room 15. For more information call Sue Long at (713) 529-0037.

—Houston Wrestling Club workout

Houston Wrestling Club has found a unique way to package sweating. The club is having a "Get Soaked Day" fund-raiser on Saturday, May 30.

At the workout, that begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center on Gray, participants will have no choice but to work up a sweat since everyone that attends the club's instructional sessions will be on the mats. Immediately following the instructional session, the club will hold a pool party/barbecue to help those at the workout unwind.

To encourage participation at the workout, the requested donation for the workout and pool party is \$4 (paid at the workout) while the donation for just the pool party is \$5. Additional information about the May 30 event is available through The Wrestling Switchboard, HWC's voice mail sys-

tem. Dial (713) 522-5994, then 9992n.

—Milam House garage sale

Milam House of Houston, a non-profit residential center for persons with AIDS, is accepting donations of garage sale items to sell to raise funds for this unique facility. The garage sale will be held at the corner of Alabama and Graustark on Saturday, June 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Milam House of Houston is a residential facility for persons with HIV in our community, focusing on holistically meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Anyone who wishes to help turn the dreams of this facility into reality is asked to donate usable clothing, books, appliances, kitchen wares, linens, furniture or artwork to this worthy cause. Call Ken or James at (713) 528-6288 to arrange pick-up or delivery of items. Receipts for tax purposes will be available.

—New number for P-FLAG

P-Flag Houston has a new telephone number, (713) 867-9020.

The group's mailing address will remain the same: P.O. Box 692444, Houston, TX 77269-2444.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

Back to Fuschia Party is at Gentry, Prime Meat Party is at the BRB

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston

Sunday May 24 from 8:00-10:00 pm at Gentry the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star and Imperial Princess Royale VIII Regina Dane present Back to the Fuschia. A shocking pink salute benefiting Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992.

Memorial Day Weekend the Prime Timers will host their Prime Meat Party from 1 to 6:00 p.m. at the BRB to celebrate their 1 year anniversary which will be followed by steak night and a show by Mr TGRA 93 Candidate, Mike Romero, called a Blast from the Past and benefiting Colt 45's General Charities.

Gentry has a pretty fabulous Sunday Steak Night with a choice sirloin strip, baked potato and salad bar which will be served up for only \$5.

Monday, May 25 it's a Picnic on the Patio with chefs—Brian and David.

Monday is also the BRB's Annual Memorial Day Buffet beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Monday at Gentry, the ever plump and talented Maude will host Male Strip Nights at 10:30 p.m. and then the plump one does wet jockeys on Wednesday nights.

Miss Dee at E/J's wants you to come and play Dominoes with her each day from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sure, Dee, and I want any person with large equipment to come and see my new singles flat.

Don't forget Steak night and open Mic Night at E/J's each Wednesday. Go by and sing live with host Toni Rae and the regulars. I heard some pretty good voices there last Wednesday night.

Wednesdays at Pacific Street is the white hot heat of music and video extravaganza when DJ/VJ Victor Toledo plays some of Billboards selection for the week as well as Pacific Street's selections and the men



Texas Rider, Gary was eager to serve anything for Full Moon Madness last Saturday



Seems, Jane Hathaway possessed David of the Venture N who is giving bird watching lessons to Buzz



Giovanni serves up beverages and hamburgers on the patio at E/J's and sometimes he show a good movie or two, too



Bob is ready to help you at Studz

gather to dance as Venus spins it's exciting light show all around the bar. Definitely a sight and sound show to experience.

And on Thursday, May 28 at Heaven it's the return of a Texas Legend... you've seen her in the pages of the Globe and the En-

quirer, you've seen here on A Current Affair and Maury Povich and now, see her live on stage in Texas only at Heaven, the prettiest girl on the Las Vegas Strip, and Texas' most famous transsexual, Jahna Steele.

Friday, May 29 Little Bit of Texas will be at BRB for you Boot Scootin' pleasure.

Sunday, May 31 there will be a memorial service at the BRB for two of our friends who have passed to greener pastures in the sky, Bruce Burr and Jay Armstrong. It will be at 4:00 p.m.

At E/J's on June 19 they will be having the Mr. E/J's contest and on June 20 Miss E/J's. It will also be your chance to get over and say good bye to Lee Chardon (who is rumored to be retiring) and Mr. B.J Williams who is currently a candidate for Mr. TGRA.

Let's try this one again and get it right this time. There is a new car detailing business in Montrose run by one of our own, called Jobs by James. James has recently transplanted here from Ft. Lauderdale and is an expert in the field of car detailing, interior and exterior. He is also offering a \$15.00 introductory offer and if it makes a difference he's cute, too! For info or an appointment, call James at 522-6650.

Club Body Center—Houston will be having Fajitas, guacamole, tostadas, and

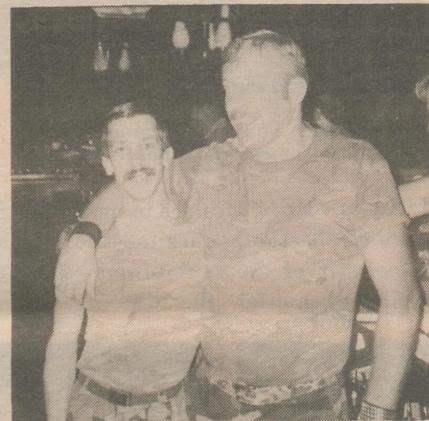
refreshing beverages from south of the border on Sunday May 24 for you out on their patio and then on Memorial Day they will be having hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, apple pie and your favorite All American beverages. As usual call the club for details on all of their daily and weekly specials at 659-4998 and tell them you read about them in The New Voice.

There will also be a picnic on the Sun Deck of the Midtowne Spa on Memorial Day from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Dubias Construction along with Montrose Pet Grooming and the Hyde Park Civic Association helped with new street lighting for the parking area of Quick Stop on Waugh Drive and Welch. This is another example of concerned citizens and businesses working in cooperation to make your neighborhoods a safer place to live.

For those of you who will miss the dirt usually appearing in Soap, I'm sorry. But you know those little bar napkins I usually write the dirt on. Well, it seems I washed my jeans and cleaned the dirt off them and all I had in my pockets was little wads of stuck together white paper. But I just want to say a very special goodbye to Guhrlinda Lynn Magoo Macglicutty who is leaving the tree house for bigger and better things.

Bye for Now.



Red and Buck partying at the Ripcord



This is the staff of the Mining Company's 4077 Division



Chris was caught cleaning tennis shoes at Mary's

▼▼▼ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Northern Lights Alternatives Southwest not affected by L.A. closing

From STEVEN BRADLEY

Northern Lights Alternatives Southwest This clarification is in response to the (Associated Press) report that appeared in The New Voice April 17-23 about Northern Lights Alternatives Los Angeles regarding the agency's closing.

What happened with N.L.A. Los Angeles is unfortunate and saddens all of us across the country who are involved with Northern Lights Alternatives. It is important to know that, like other community based organizations around the country (i.e. Body Positive, PWA Coalition, ACT UP) we share the national name of Northern Lights Alternatives. However, we have a separate board of directors and separate 501(c)3 (non-profit status), and each region maintains their own financial responsibilities and management of their programs.

N.L.A. Southwest is an all-volunteer organization sponsoring workshops in Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, Miami and Oklahoma City. We present weekend programs for people affected or infected with HIV disease for adults, child-

ren (8-12 years old) and adolescents (13-17 years old). In Houston, our next adult program will be July 24-26 and children's program will be held June 13-14. For information for the adult program, please contact John McGinley, (713) 686-8664; for children and adolescent programs, contact Lyjet Stewart, (713) 692-1465.

—Q-patrol update

From MARK GARTNER, Houston

Ever since Q-Patrol began in October, 1991 we have constantly been asked questions about who we are, what we are doing and how to get in touch with us to sign up. We have designed a new "business" card that we hope will answer these questions. On the back side of the card are safety tips that we recommend.

While on patrol, we pass out these cards to people on the street. In addition to the cards, Q-Patrol is also distributing condoms, attached to a brochure on their proper application and use. (We believe that when people are leaving a bar, they may not have their best judgment available, due to alcohol consumption, thus

we are putting these condoms into people's hands at just the right hour.)

If you should have any questions about our distribution of business cards or condoms...or any questions regarding the Q-Patrol, contact Mark Gartner at (713) 645-5252 or Keith Stewart at (713) 524-5110.

Q-Patrol is an all volunteer citizen patrol dedicated to the reduction of hate crimes in the Montrose gay community.

—Alpha 2 Omega changes

From THE ALPHA 2 OMEGA FOUNDATION, Houston

All the artists of the Alpha 2 Omega Gallery have appreciated the public's support. In reviewing our efforts, we discovered that our shows have been enormously popular. Therefore, in order to lower our overhead and raise the share of funds that we can contribute to the community, the gallery closed at the end of March, 1992.

In its place, the Alpha 2 Omega Foundation will be sponsoring more shows featuring area artists and celebrities. We

will continue to notify you as we transform into an active group of artists and other community supporters.

The Texas Art Supply Gallery will be hosting our group show of multi-media works. The members of Alpha 2 Omega have created special new works for this show, "A New Beginning." The opening reception will be Sunday, June 7, 2:00-5:00 p.m. The showing is May 31-June 27 at Texas Art Supply, 2001 Montrose.

Alpha 2 Omega Foundation is a non-profit foundation organized to generate funds for benefiting non-profit health and education organizations. Funds raised through A2O at this time go primarily to Omega House, a Houston based hospice for persons with AIDS.

—Queer Nazis?

From KEN HAUGHT, Houston

Re: "Queer Nation confronts Anita Bryant at book signing in Houston," The New Voice, May 15-21, 1992:

So now Brian Bradley and Queer Nation are destroying books. Does their action remind you of Nazis in Germany?

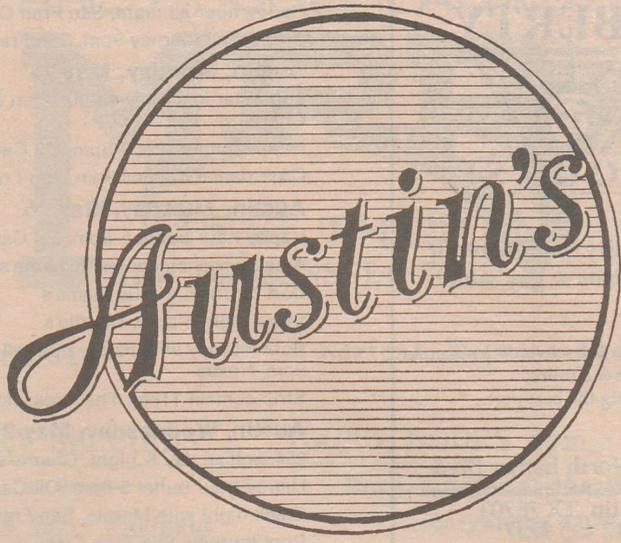
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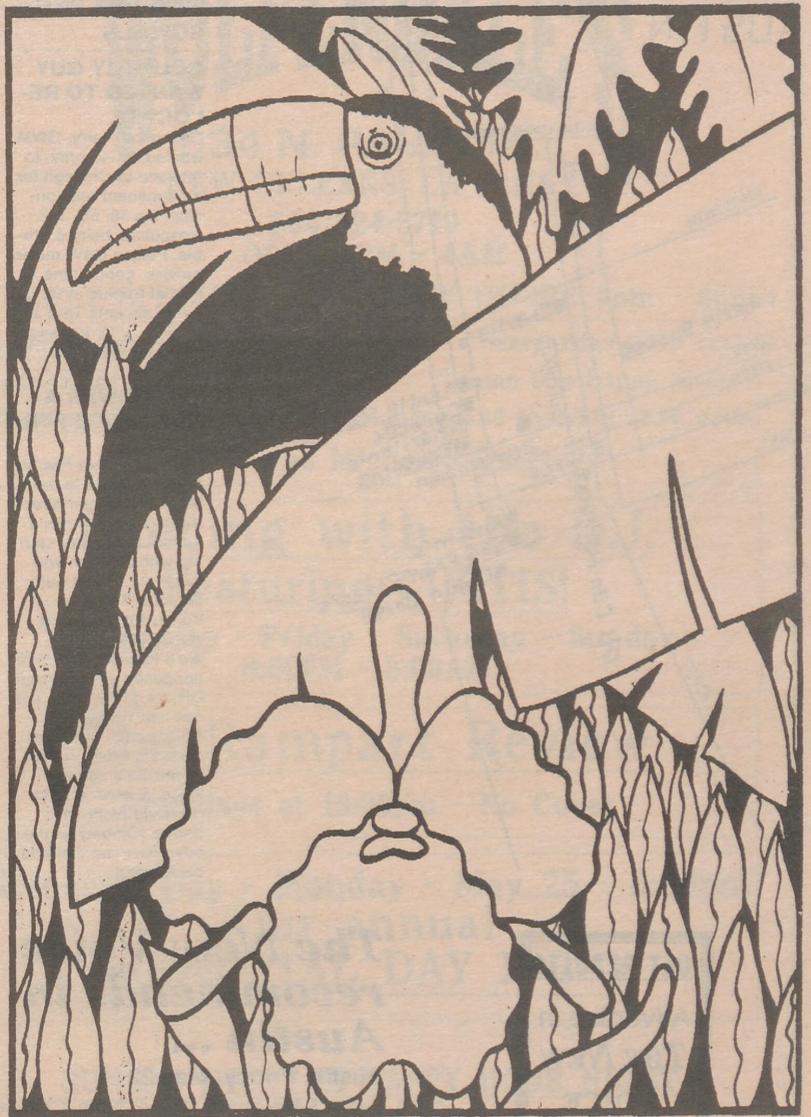
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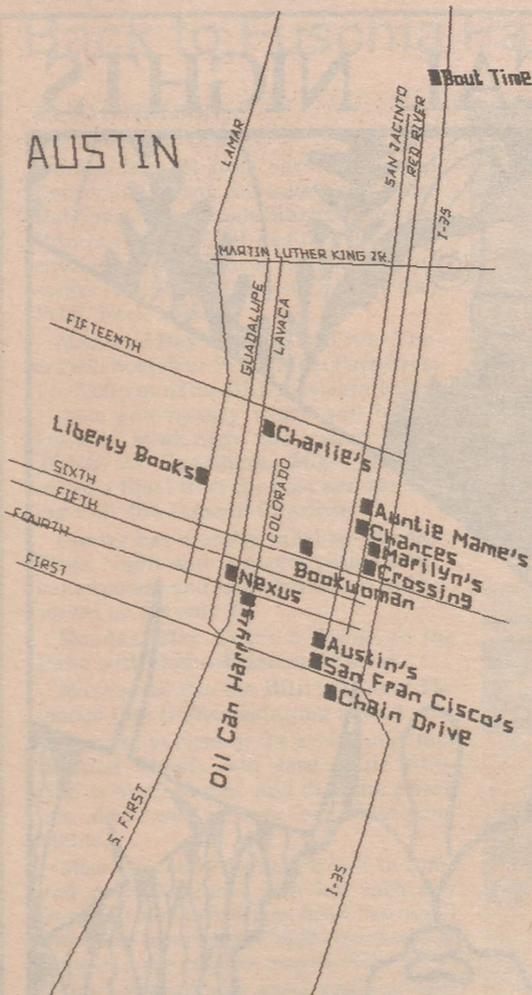
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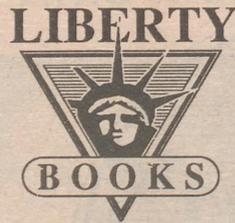
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C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran Cisco's
Austin, Tuesday, May 26
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
Amateur dance contest, Charlie's
Dart tourney, Auntie Mame's
Steak night 6-8pm, Charlie's
Pool tourney with happy hour all night 9pm, Nexus
Strip contest 11pm, The Crossing
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Austin, Thursday, May 28
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The New Voice recommends in Austin ...

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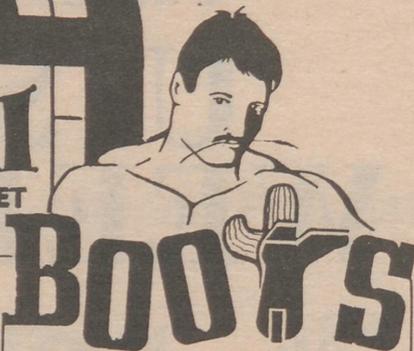
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Sunday, May 24
4:00pm

MEMORAIL DAY BUFFET
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New Orleans, Friday, May 22
Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern
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Bear's beer bust 8-11pm, Boots
New Meat Night dancers 10pm, Corner Pocket
Beer bust 10pm-1am, Jewel's
Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One
New Orleans, Saturday, May 23
Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern
Happy hour 2-7pm, The Roundup
Happy hour 2-7pm, The Wild Side
Happy hour 2-7pm, Ziggie's
Happy hour 2-8pm, We Are Family
Beer bust 4-7pm, The Phoenix
Happy hour 4-7pm, Corner Pocket
Happy hour 4-8pm, Jewel's
Happy hour 4-8pm, Wolfendale's
Pool tourney 4pm, The Phoenix
Happy hour 4-9pm, Twenty-Six-O-One
Happy hour 4-9pm, Bourbon Pub
Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint
Happy hour 4-9pm, MRB (Mississippi River Bottom)
Happy hour 4-9pm, The Phoenix
Happy hour 4-9pm, The Sterling Club
Happy hour 4-9pm, TT'S
Happy hour 5-9pm, Good Friends
Happy hour 5-9pm, Cafe Lafitte in Exile
Happy hour 5-9pm, Rawhide
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New Orleans, Sunday, May 24
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\$1 juice drinks 8am-noon, Corner Pocket
Happy hour 2-6pm, Jewel's
Happy hour & buffet 2-7pm, The Roundup
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Happy hour 2-8pm, We Are Family
Trash disco 3-9pm, Cafe Lafitte in Exile
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Crawfish Boil 4pm, Twenty-Six-O-One
Tea dance 5pm, The Parade Disco
Beer bust 5-9pm, The Parade Disco
Happy hour 5-9pm, Good Friends
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Bear night with 1st drink free for facial hair 6-9pm, Rawhide
Beer bust 6-9pm, Jewel's
Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One
New Orleans, Monday, May 25
Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern
Memorial Day BBQ 2pm, The Phoenix
Happy hour with beans & rice 4pm-midnight, Twenty-Six-O-One
Happy hour to 1am, Big Daddy's
Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar
Memorial Day Buffet 6pm, Twenty-Six-O-One
Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's
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Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One
New Orleans, Tuesday, May 26
Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern
Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar
75¢ well, The Parade Disco
Pool tourney 8pm, Twenty-Six-O-One
Pool tourney 9pm, We Are Family
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New Orleans, Wednesday, May 27
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Happy hour to 2am, MRB (Mississippi River Bottom)
Happy hour to 2am, Wolfendale's
Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar
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Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Ohio gay activists picket Boy Scouts National Council meeting

CINCINNATI, Friday, May 15 (AP)—Gay activists protested against the Boy Scouts of America National Council's ban on gays outside the group's annual awards banquet Friday night.

The 18 protesters chanted and waved placards outside the convention hall where about 3000 people attended the Scouts' three-day meeting.

"We're going to be there to greet them and to let them know their policy is wrong," said Scott MacLarty,

spokesperson for the Cincinnati Gay and Lesbian March Activists.

MacLarty said he is a former Scout, and said he considers the exclusion discriminatory.

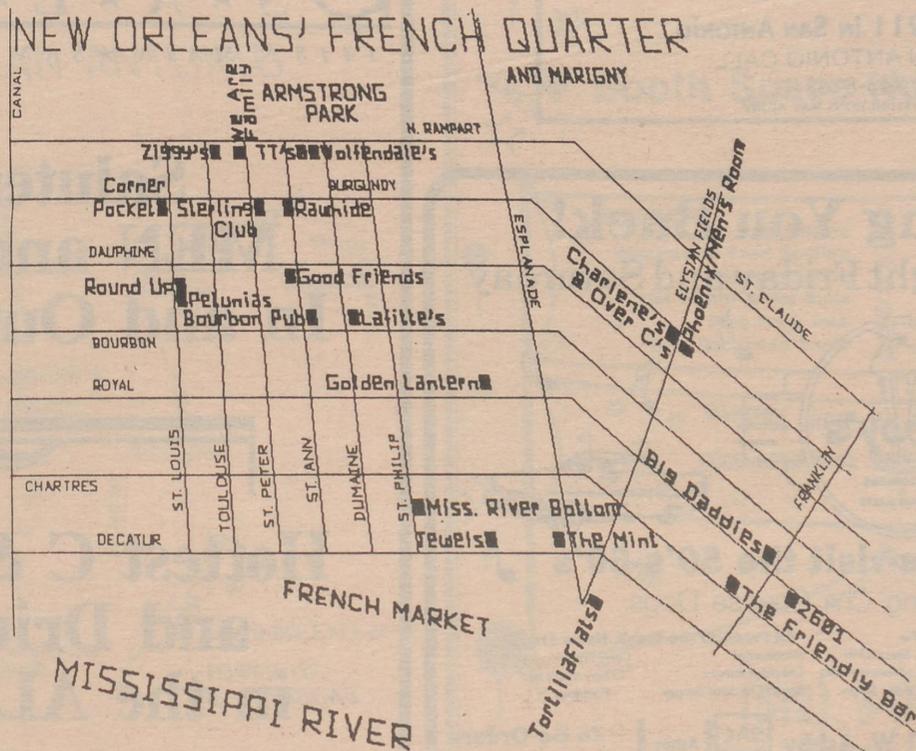
Scouts spokesperson Blake Lewis did not return two telephone calls seeking comment.

In February, the Boy Scouts of America renewed the charter of a troop in San Jose, Calif., that had defied a national policy by announcing it would accept

gays as Scouts and leaders. But the troop did not yet have any acknowledged gay members, and a Boy Scouts' regional director said its charter would be revoked if it did admit homosexuals.

Last month, the United Way's San Francisco chapter ended direct funding to six Scout councils, amounting to \$849,000 this year, because of the group's ban on homosexuals.

Gas activists in Cincinnati have asked the Cincinnati chapter of United Way to stop funding Scouts.



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\$1 well & longnecks & male dancers 6-8pm, 2015
 50¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras
 75¢ draft, Wild Club
 Donna Daniels Show & dancers, Visions
 Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, Wild Club
 Mr. Texas Newcomer Stripoff, Sparks
 Muscles in Action & Chanel White, Paper Moon
 Men & munchies 7pm, Nite Owl
 50¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar Saloon
 75¢ draft all night, Paper Moon
 25¢ well & draft 9-10, Noo Zoo
 Open to midnight, O'Boy's Hamburgers and Famous Malts
 Strip show midnight, Noo Zoo
 After-hours 2am, Bonham Exchange
 After-hours 2am, Paper Moon
 After-hours 2am, Wild Club
 After hours 2-4am, Noo Zoo

San Antonio, Saturday, May 23

\$2 drinks, Memories
 50¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras
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 Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, Wild Club
 Muscles in Action & Sweet Savage, Paper Moon
 Adults no cover to 10pm, Bonham Exchange
 \$1.25 drinks 8-11pm, Bonham Exchange
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 Male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl
 After-hours 2am, Bonham Exchange
 After hours, Nexus
 After hours, Wild Club
 After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon
 After-hours 2-4am, Noo Zoo

San Antonio, Sunday, May 24

9th annual Memorial Day Street Dance noon-8pm, Noo Zoo
 Buck burgers 4pm, Nite Owl
 25¢ draft & \$1.50 well & longnecks to 9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon
 \$1.50 well & \$1.25 beer, Bonham Exchange
 \$1.75 Cuervo Ole, Memories
 25¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras
 50¢ draft & Cowboys in Action 9-2, Silver Dollar Saloon
 50¢ draft, Nexus
 Adults no cover, Bonham Exchange
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 No cover til midnight & Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon
 Sunday show, Wild Club
 T-Dance, Silver Dollar Saloon
 Open pool tourney 8pm, Nite Owl
 Pool tourney 8pm, Nexus
 25¢ draft all night, Paper Moon
 25¢ well & draft 9-10pm, Noo Zoo
 Liquor rush 9-11pm, Wild Club
 Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, Memories
 Show 11pm, Bonham Exchange
 Female strippers 11:30pm, Las Gueras
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Every Monday **The**



WILD SHADY SHOW

w/ special guests & musical chairs
\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$
\$1.75 well & 75¢ draft

Coming Saturday June 6th
 The 1st of Monthly

UNDERWARE NIGHTS

Wear your favorite boxers, briefs,
 Calvins, BVD's or Fruit of the Looms

The WILD and WICKED SUNDAY SHOW



Shady Lady



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Naomi Sims



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and Kimberly Gordon

LIQUOR RUSH 9-11pm ■ AFTER HOURS!!!

Donna Daniels Show & dancers, Visions
 Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James,
 Wild Club
 Mr. Texas Newcomer Stripoff, Sparks
 Muscles in Action & Chanel White, Paper
 Moon
 Men & munchies 7pm, Nite Owl
 50¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar Saloon
 75¢ draft all night, Paper Moon
 25¢ well & draft 9-10, Noo Zoo
 Open to midnight, O'Boy's Hamburgers and
 Famous Malts
 Strip show midnight, Noo Zoo
 After-hours 2am, Bonham Exchange
 After-hours 2am, Paper Moon
 After-hours 2am, Wild Club
 After hours 2-4am, Noo Zoo
San Antonio, Saturday, May 30
 \$2 drinks, Memories
 50¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras
 75¢ draft, Wild Club
 Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James,
 Wild Club
 Muscles in Action & Sweet Savage, Paper
 Moon
 Adults no cover to 10pm, Bonham
 Exchange
 \$1.25 drinks 8-11pm, Bonham Exchange
 50¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar Saloon
 75¢ draft all night, Paper Moon
 25¢ well & draft 9-10pm, Noo Zoo
 Open to midnight, O'Boy's Hamburgers and
 Famous Malts
 Male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl
 After-hours 2am, Bonham Exchange
 After hours, Nexus
 After hours, Wild Club
 After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon
 After-hours 2-4am, Noo Zoo

San Antonio THE PERSONALS 2220 (INDIVIDUAL) PERSONALS

40 year old Asian, seeking safe-sex friend around my age or younger. I'm very honest & sincere. Please responds to ad 25139.

COMMITMENT & convenience

Stable professional GM's sought for mutually advantageous marriage to professional non-sexist GM. Let's talk about benefits. Discretion assured. respond to ad 25445.

COUNTRY GUY WANTED TO RELOCATE

Masculine, hairy, GWM wanted. 35-45 only, to relocate to Chicago for a permanent relationship. I'm 38, 5'6, 142, masculine, hairy & stable. I enjoy C&W music, movies, good home life. Partial to blue eyes, hairy, accents. Into affection, J/ O, massage, safe sex. Ad 25408.

GHB, 37, 5'5
 Honest, open-minded, friends first, looking for same. If romance is on the stars, let it happen without pushing. Please no Buch or Bi. If you like what you read please respond to ad 25443

VERY ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL SWF

Seeking an attractive, affectionate, feminine woman equally comfortable in a dress or jeans, who enjoys music from Bach to Bonnie Raitt, intelligent movies, intimate dinners out, quiet dining at home, fine wine, witty conversation, the beach, love making, Sunday brunch, The Sunday paper & Sunday love making, not necessary in that order. ad 25044.

WANTED

Male, any color, any race, age 18-45, Qualities, 5'7, not overweight, not feminine, kind, intelligent, decent looks & build. Offering Male, 5'7 bk/br educated, 135, nice size & great smile. 25942.

LAS GUERAS

5930 S. Flores, San Antonio, 923-7944

Thursday Nights—25¢ Drafts and Jumbo Drafts (Quart) \$1.00
 Friday and Saturday Nights—\$1.50 Long Necks and Cans, 50¢ Drafts and Jumbo Drafts for \$1.00

Sundays—25¢ Drafts, \$1 Jumbo Drafts, Female Strippers at 11:30



Female Strippers
 11:30
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After you've read your ad to us, and we prepare it to go into print, we will give you an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-letter PIN. Call the 800 number using a touch-tone phone and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. (Somewhere in your verbal ad, mention what city you live in.)

Cost: \$19 for up to a year. We will mail you a bill.

You can change your ad as often as desired during the year. You must call us every 4 weeks to keep the ad running.

► **To PLACE a Personal Ad by Mail:**

Write out your ad using up to 6 words in a bold headline and up to 50 words in regular type. Then, mail it with your check for \$19 to New Voice Personals, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006.

We will mail back to you an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-letter PIN. Call the 800 number and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad.

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Additionally, you can, if desired, listen to verbal ads placed through other gay newspapers in major U.S. cities. This can be valuable if you're planning a trip.

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We will forward to you daily, unopened, at no charge, all responses received by mail.

To see if you have any verbal messages waiting to be retrieved, call the 800 toll-free number we gave you when you placed your ad. Follow the verbal instructions. If the recording there says you have verbal responses waiting, have your 5-digit code and secret 4-digit PIN handy and call 1-900-454-4242 to retrieve your verbal responses. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill from "Micro Voice."

► **RULES of Etiquette:**

All personal ads, and all responses to personal ads, should be in good taste. An advertiser may not describe sexual activity or anatomy. All advertising should be "positive." That is, describing only those people or traits desired. (People or traits not desired must not be listed.)

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As of Sept. 1, 1991, to take advantage of this \$19-per-year extraordinary offer, we require that you participate in the "live voice" aspect of our Voice Phone Personals by calling a special 1-800 number we will give you at the time you place your ad. There, by following the verbal instructions, you will record, in your own actual voice, your personal ad.

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Weekend
Saturday**



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**SUNDAY,
MAY 24TH
After the Beach
Party**

COME AS BARE AS YOU DARE
HAPPY HOUR PRICES
AND
25 CENT DRAFT
UNTIL 7 PM

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Coming Memorial Day Weekend

RIPCORD



715 FAIRVIEW

SAT., MAY 23 9:00pm
Bare As You Dare III
"Bare Behind Bars"

SUN., MAY 24 3:00pm
Jail House Rock Party
w/ Bread & Water Buffet

MON., MAY 25 HOLIDAY HOURS
Open 7:00am
Picnic on the Patio @ 1:00pm
w/ Chefs - Brian & David

The New Voice recommends in Houston ...

Houston, Friday, May 22

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, Mary's
Happy hour 7am-noon, Mary's
Slop shot pool tourney noon, Mary's
Recession busters \$1 well & \$1.50 longnecks 2-5pm, Gentry
Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom
Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.
Hors d'oeuvres & office party & male dancers 4:30-10pm, J.R.'s
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord
75¢ well, Pacific Street
Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm, Red Room
Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, Gentry
Movie night on the patio 7pm, E/J's

No cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street
Male dancers 8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's Restaurant
Lone Star Male Revue 10pm, Gentry
Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm, E/J's

Show midnight, Club Guadalajara

After-hours 2am, Mary's

After-hours 2am, Ripcord

Open all night, Club Body Center

Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Saturday, May 23

Happy hour 7am-noon, Mary's
Happy hour 7am-7pm, Brazos River Bottom
Happy hour 7am-8pm, Ripcord
Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's
Recession busters \$1 well & \$1.50 longnecks noon-5pm, Gentry
Complimentary hamburgers 1-3pm, Club Body Center
Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, E/J's

Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.
Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N
Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm, Red Room
75¢ vodka 6-11pm, Mother's
9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time
Torn Levi party, Montrose Mining Co.
Leather & Flesh 9pm, Pacific Street
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's Restaurant
Lone Star Male Revue 10pm, Gentry
Bare as Your Dare III, "Bare Behind Bars", Ripcord

"Super Show" with Lee Chardon, Loretta Lick, Evonne Supreme, Stevie Nicks 11pm, E/J's

After-hours 2am, Mary's

After-hours 2am, Ripcord

Open all night, Club Body Center

Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Sunday, May 24

Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom
Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord
Recession busters \$1 well & \$1.50 longnecks noon-5pm, Gentry
\$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's
Beer bust noon-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.
Complimentary hamburgers 1-3pm, Club Body Center
Leather day & beer bust on patio 1-6pm, Mary's
Prime Timers' Prime Meat 1st Anniversary Party 1-6pm, Brazos River Bottom
\$3.00 pitchers & \$1 mugs all day, E/J's
92¢ vodka juice drinks to 10pm, J.R.'s
Memorial weekend cookout 3-5pm, Midtowne Spa
\$1 schnapps 4-8pm, Juliet's
3-in-1 happy hour to 11pm, Montrose Mining Co.
Beer blast 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.
Happy hour to 11pm, Past Time
Burgs & dawgs from 5pm, Venture-N
Steak night 5pm, Mary's
Steak-n-tater 5pm, Gentry
Mandance & no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street
Steak night 5-9pm, Brazos River Bottom
Pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's
\$1 beer & 50¢ draft, Da Bronx

Show tunes & Sha-Boom balloons, Venture-N
Blue light specials 6-11pm, Brazos River Bottom
BVD dancers & 25¢ well 7-10pm, Heaven
Mr. TGRA candidate Mike Romero show 7-9pm, Brazos River Bottom
Lone Star Male Revue 7pm, Gentry
Back to the Fuchsia, Shocking Pink Salute
Pride Week benefit from 8pm, Gentry
\$3.00 pitchers & \$1 mugs all night, E/J's
Show Directors' Gayla 9pm, E/J's
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's Restaurant
Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's
Siros' Androgyny '92 annual White Party, Heaven
Jail House Rock Party with bread and water buffet, Ripcord
Grab for Cash contest, J.R.'s
Show midnight, Club Guadalajara
Open all night, Club Body Center
Open all night, Midtowne Spa
Houston, Monday, May 25
Happy hour 7am-noon, Mary's
75¢ mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's
Slop shot pool tourney noon, Mary's
Light well \$1.25 noon-8pm, Past Time
Open at noon, \$1 well & \$1.50 longnecks noon-8pm, Gentry
Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center
Picnic on the Patio with Brian and David 1pm, Ripcord
Recession busters \$1 well & \$1.50 longnecks 2-5pm, Gentry
Happy hour all day & night, Brazos River Bottom
Annual Memorial Day buffet 3pm, Brazos River Bottom
1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa
"Club night" classic rock & roll, Montrose Mining Co.
Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N
"Clubbers Night" 9pm, Pacific Street
Male strip contest with Maude 10:30pm, Gentry
Grab for Cash contest, J.R.'s
Open all night, Club Body Center
Open all night, Midtowne Spa

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invites you to relax and enjoy yourselves seven days a week from 3pm to 2am, with the best music to dance to and the best transvestite shows every weekend.

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7am - 2am
Sunday
Noon - 2am

Happy Hour
Monday - Saturday
7am - 9pm
Sunday
Noon - 5pm

Daily

Monday
Happy Hour
all day/all night

Tuesday
Dance Lessons
10pm

Wednesday
Southern Country
Dance Group 8pm

Thursday
Domestic Longnecks
\$1.50 all day/all night
Hamburger Night
5pm - 9pm
Dance Lessons
7:30pm and 9:00pm

Friday
Happy Hour Buffet
Saturday
Happy Hour 7am - 9pm
Sunday
Steak Night 5pm - 9pm

Sunday, May 24

1 - 6pm
PRIME MEAT PARTY
Congratulations
Prime Timers
on your 1 year
anniversary

7 - 9pm
MI TGRA '93 Candidate
Mike Romero
presents
'A Blast from the Past'
benefiting
Colt 45's General Charities

Monday, May 25

3pm
The BRB's
Annual
Memorial Day
Buffet

Coming Up
Friday, May 29
**Little Bit
of Texas**
May 31 @ 4PM
A Memorial Service for
Bruce Burr and
Jay Armstrong

GOOD LUCK
BRB Softball Team at Texas Shootout Tournament
Rodeo Contestants at Oklahoma City



528-9192 **GET HOT OR GET OUT** 2400 Brazos

Houston, Tuesday, May 26

Happy hour 7am-noon, Mary's
Burgers 11:30am-3pm, Mary's
Dark well \$1.25 noon-8pm, Past Time
6 month membership special noon-
midnight, Midtowne Spa
Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight,
Club Body Center
Backgammon tourney 2pm, Mary's
Recession busters \$1 well & \$1.50
longnecks 2-5pm, Gentry
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose
Mining Co.
1/2-price rooms & lockers with food
donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa

Dart & pool tourneys, Da Bronx
Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose
Mining Co.
Young executive night, Pacific Street
Video classics 9pm, Gentry
C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River
Bottom
Chili & \$1.50 beer night, Juliet's
Strip contest with Dyan Michaels 10pm,
Mother's
Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's
Grab for Cash contest, J.R.'s
Strip contest 11pm, J.R.'s

Houston, Wednesday, May 27

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, Mary's
Happy hour 7am-noon, Mary's
Slop shot pool tourney noon, Mary's
\$1 schnapps noon-8pm, Past Time
6 month membership special noon-
midnight, Midtowne Spa
Happy hour 1pm-2am, Ripcord
Recession busters \$1 well & \$1.50
longnecks 2-5pm, Gentry
Steak night 6pm, E/J's
1/2 price night, Da Bronx
1/2-price rooms & lockers with food
donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa
White Hot Wednesday, Pacific Street
Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm,
Red Room
Bare chest night, Venture-N
Slop shot pool tourney 7pm, Brazos River
Bottom
Open Mike Night with Toni Rae 8pm, E/J's
Southern Country dance group 8pm,
Brazos River Bottom
Bear of the Month contest, Montrose
Mining Co.
Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, Gentry
Grab for Cash contest, J.R.'s
Open all night, Club Body Center
Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm,
Red Room
Beginners dance lessons 7:30pm, Brazos
River Bottom
Country Night 8pm, Gentry
Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
Dee Drag Show presents Jahna Steele,
Heaven
DJ Paul Lampkin 8pm, Venture-N
Advanced dance lessons 9pm, Brazos River
Bottom
Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
\$1 frozen margaritas, 75c schnapps, Grab
for Pesos drawings 9pm-midnight,
Montrose Mining Co.
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Restaurant
Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's
Brittany Paige Show & all male strip
contest 10:30pm, E/J's
Show midnight, Club Guadalajara
Open all night, Club Body Center
Open all night, Midtowne Spa

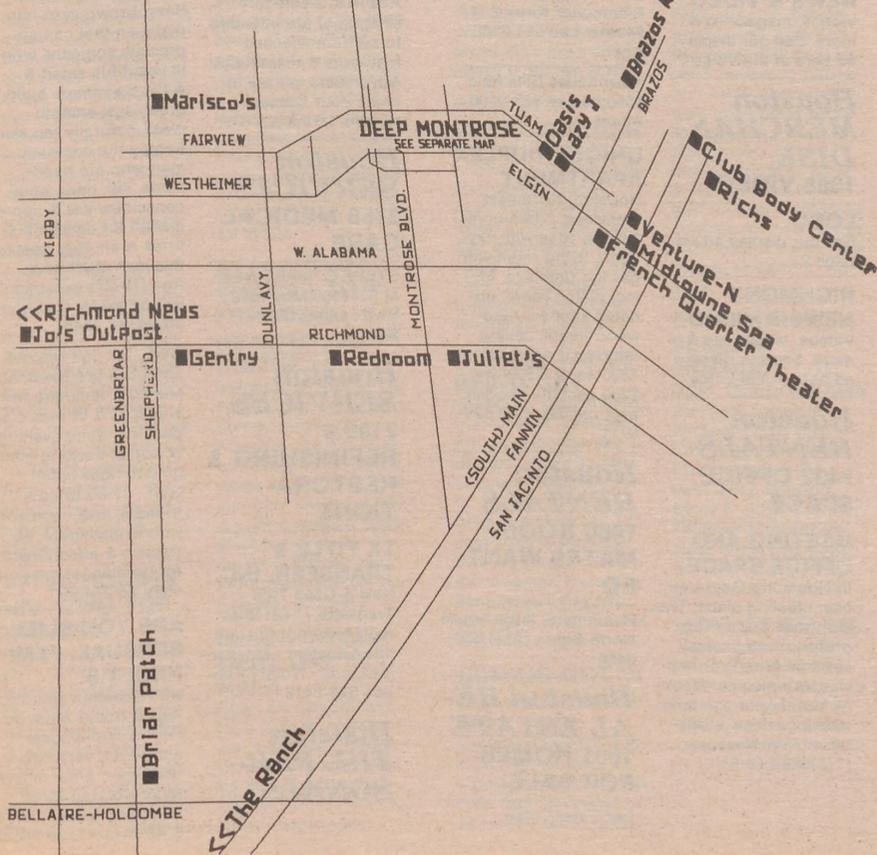
Houston, Friday, May 29

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, Mary's
Happy hour 7am-noon, Mary's
Slop shot pool tourney noon, Mary's
Recession busters \$1 well & \$1.50
longnecks 2-5pm, Gentry
Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom
Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.
Hors d'oeuvres & office party & male
dancers 4:30-10pm, J.R.'s
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord
75c well, Pacific Street
Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose
Mining Co.
Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm,
Red Room
Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, Gentry
Movie night on the patio 7pm, E/J's
No cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street
Male dancers 8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
Little Bit of Texas live band, Brazos River
Bottom
"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's Restaurant
Lone Star Male Revue 10pm, Gentry
Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm,
E/J's

Houston, Thursday, May 28

Happy hour 7am-noon, Mary's
\$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's
Burgers 11:30am-3pm, Mary's
\$1.25 longnecks noon-8pm, Past Time
6 month membership special noon-
midnight, Midtowne Spa
Rooms & lockers half price noon-midnight,
Club Body Center
Recession busters \$1 well & \$1.50
longnecks 2-5pm, Gentry
\$1.50 longnecks all day & all night, Brazos
River Bottom
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose
Mining Co.
Hamburger night 5-9pm, Brazos River
Bottom
\$1 vodka & dart tournament, Juliet's
Show, Da Bronx
Hamburgers on patio with Giovanni 6pm,
E/J's

NEAR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON



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GWM, 39, 5'10, 165, top, Blonde hair/ hazel eyes, HIV-, I enjoy animals, cooking, gardening & all the other things that normal guys do. I am drug, alcohol, & smoke free. I'm old enough to settle down but young enough to play. You should be Asian, Hispanic or Middle Eastern of similar qualities but aware that opposites attract. Let's meet & share our heritages. ad 25402.

GWM, 46, 240lbs, 5'10 Physician, Work long hours, Music, theater, reading, travel. Wanted 28-40, professional or gainfully employed who can accommodate separate times, plan for future & be loyal to one special person. ad 25432.

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

GWM, early 60's look early 50's, 160, 5'10, thinning light br hair, hazel eyes, professional, discreet loves outdoors, travel, music, & movies. HIV-, non-smoker, non druggie, light drinker. Love cuddling, some cooking. Tired of bar scenes. Looking for GWM or GHM approx 40, HIV- of small frame. Must have stable work & honesty. Let's get together, talk & see what comes of it. Ad 25354

Handsome married WM is forming network for those interested in B&D or S&M. Open to all (males, females & couples) who would like to interconnect, explore or indulge in the lifestyle; whether dominant or submissive with those who share the same interests. please respond to ad 25419.

Handsome professional BIWM, 33, 6'5, 210, HIV-, non-smoker, tired of bar & relationships with no commitment. Playful romantic looking for quiet life in suburbs with secure, masculine guy. Metaphysics/ Eastern religion a plus, as are love for music, movies & travel. ad 25436

I'm a 40 yr. old GWF who loves animals, eating out, going to movies & many other things. I've been trying to learn to C&W dance with limited success. I don't smoke, do drugs & drink very little. I'd like to meet women 30-45 who can go out & have a good time, but also enjoy just staying home. My main objective is making new friends, but I'm not against a little romance with the right woman. Ad 25406.

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

AFFECTIONATE HIV- GWM TOP WANTED
GBM seeks humorous, HIV-, GWM top. Desire sincere GWM who is satisfied with one intimate friend, yet maintains other platonic friendships & interests. Let's keep separate residences for dates. Must be under 42 & under

170 pounds. This GBM meets same exact criterion. I am drug/smoke free. Muscular okay. ad 25028

AGE - ONLY A STATE OF MIND.
Professional, GWM, 40ish, 5'9, 155, very healthy HIV+, attractive, non-smoker, drug-free, well traveled, stable, romantic, prefer GBM/ GHM, but open, for friendship/ affection, enjoys working out, quiet dinners, movies, computers, dancing, want to share committed companionship. Ad 25429

ALRIGHT! I'M BACK AND IT'S TIME
to start this party again. Hot, GWM, 35, 5'11, br/ br, slim & trim, smart, witty, Big tool, HIV+ & not worried about it. Casually looking for Hot Daddy type not afraid to be versatile, but ready to take command. You must smoke, drink & be hairy, merry & all that jazz. Look, you know you like me already & I am sizzling for you, so let's meet & get started. respond & love it. ad 25434

ASIAN MALE
21, HIV neg., college student, looking for males for friendships & possible relationship. Must be fun loving, HIV neg. Ad 25969

SEEKS FRIENDS
Mature, sincere christian, well educated GWM, 30, French, 5'5, 140, Hobbies include movies, plays, dining, reading, music & exercise. Seeking GWM or GHM 25-40 with similar interest, financially & emotionally stable. Drug free & HIV- only. Must enjoy meeting people & developing friendships. Lets talk & get to know each other. Ad 25452

ATTENTION PERSONAL ADVERTISERS
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ATTRACTIVE CLEAN CUT PROFESSIONAL FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Masculine GWM, 47, 5'10, 185, Blonde, tattoo, smooth body, likes same. Prefer 35-50, sense-of-humor & no drugs. Like gardening, T.V., musician, movies, dinner in/ out. Likes cuddling, homebody. Friendship & possibly more. Instant attention to muscular non-hairy body. Will answer all. Ad 25324

ATTRACTIVE, SINCERE, PROFESSIONAL, HEALTHY, MASCULINE
weight in proportion to height, great sense of humor, non-smoker, non-drinker, non-drug user, very affectionate, seeks same, 25-45. I enjoy roller skating, bowling, long walks & talks, aerobic workouts, cooking, movies, photography, volunteering, safe-sex. ad 25011

BLACK INTELLIGENT GAY FEMALE
BIGF 34, non-smoker, light drinker, responsible, educated, mature, honest with a sense of humor. Enjoy dinners, sports, movies, sunsets, quiet storm music.

SUNDAY 8:00
IMPERIAL COURT PRESENTS
BACK TO THE Fuchsia
A SHOCKING PINK SALUTE

BENEFITING GAY PRIDE WEEK 1992

STEAK-N-TATER 5:00
MEMORIAL DAY
OPEN AT NOON WITH
\$1.00 WELL AND \$1.50 LONGNECKS
EXTENDED TO 8 PM

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OPENING TO 5:00 EVERY DAY
HAPPY HOUR PRICES 5-8 PM

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Open-honest conversation (which includes listening). Interested in meeting other GIF's who's matrix consist of honesty, dependability, self-esteem & morals. Answer if you feel you possess these & other qualities that developed you into a beautiful woman. ad 25031

BODY CONTACT OR TENNIS
GWM, 35, 6', 168, br/gn, non-smoker/moderate drinker, HIV-. Looking for adventuresome GWM or GHM with good physical qualities for body contact, friendship, relationship or a couple of sets of tennis. I am athletic, above average in looks, well built in all areas, have a college degree & am looking for someone special to spend versatile & enjoyable times with. Let's meet & check it out. ad 25895.

BOYISH TYPE SEEKS TOP MEN
Me: HIV+ GWM, 28, very attractive boyish type. Med build, bottom, non-drinker/smoker looking for an attractive, masculine GWM, 18-28 for honest & sincere monogamous, friendship & possible relationship. ad 25407

COMFORTABLE BEING GAY
GWM, 22, cleanshaving, non-smoker, romantic, fun. Seeking sincere individual who's comfortable with their sexuality. Interest include, deep conversation, foreign films & romantic evenings. Let's share the laughter, tears that life brings. Long hair, earrings a plus, but not required. ad 25441

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COUNTRY GUY WANTED TO RELOCATE
Masculine, hairy, GWM wanted, 35-45 only, to relocate to Chicago for a permanent relationship. I'm 38, 5'6, 142, masculine, hairy & stable. I enjoy C&W music, movies, good home life. Partial to blue eyes, hairy, accents. Into affection, J/ O, massage, safe sex. Ad 25408.

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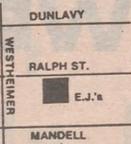
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 GWM, 37, 5'9, healthy HIV pos., slim, attractive, masculine, educated, traveled, sober professional, still a touch wild, sexually versatile, adventurous, leather oriented. Love outdoors, cultural pursuits, new experiences. Seeking GWM, 30's with similar qualities, also capable of passion, intimacy & affection, mature, stable & looking for a meaningful relationship. Ad 25960

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GHM, 32, 5'6, 125, SELF-MOTIVATED PROFESSIONAL
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GOODLOOKING DADDY TYPE
 Seeks intelligent & attractive men under 40 for sharing good times & friendship, & a possible relationship. I'm a GWM, college teacher, 53, 6'4, 195, green eyes, hairy, dark thinning hair with trimmed beard. Ad 25334

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GWF, 29, SEEKS FUN PEOPLE
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GWM 22
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GWM SEEKS ASIAN FRIEND
 Me: 35, 5'11, slim, ordinary looks, masculine, smoke/ drug free, HIV-, Financially stable, discreet, interest include music, cultural events, movies, dining out, foreign languages, travel & reading. Would like to meet similar Asian man for friendship or possible relationship. ad 25451

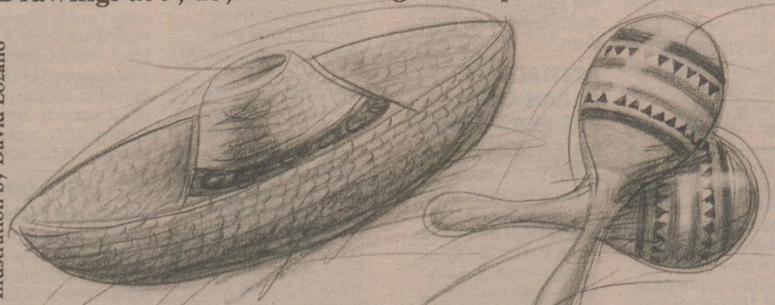
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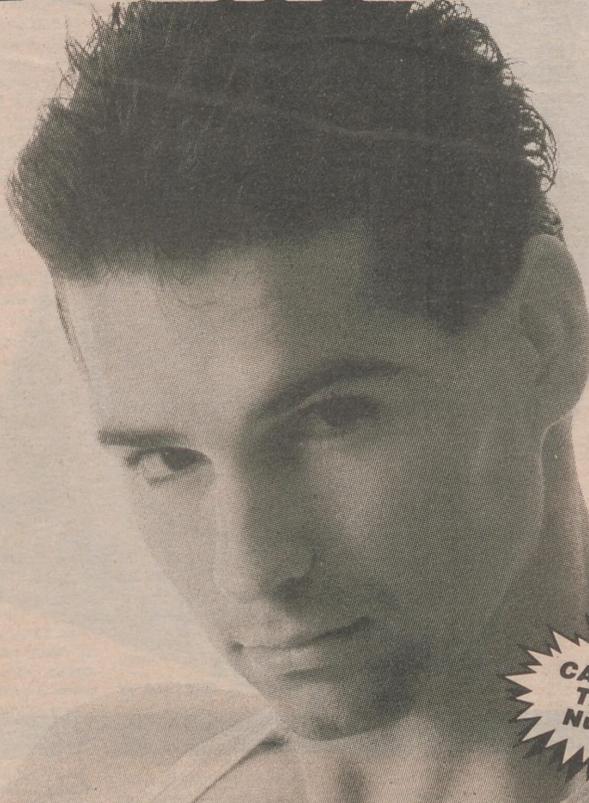
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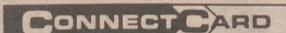
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I WANT A SHOULDER LEAN ON

Goodlooking guy, small build, 30, enjoy outdoors, staying fit, quiet times, movies, dining in-out, not into bars or gay scene. Searching for relationship with very masculine goodlooking guy with similar interests, 35-42, in good physical shape, tall, discrete, somewhat dominant yet easygoing, drug free. ad 25433

I'M TIRED OF BEING ALONE

6'2, GWM, 210, I need someone caring & honest to share my life with. I need someone stable, not a closet case or a barfly. I do smoke, & I'm not fond of housework. If that's not a problem, I could be your man. ad 25365

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LETS GROW TOGETHER
GHM, 5'11, 40, professional, average look, bald but very hairy, goal oriented, interested in the arts, physical exercise, & quite evenings at home. Looking for a honest, masculine, 35-50 professional, drug free, healthy (HIV-) GM, for friendship & possibly more. The reward can be sincere, stable & lasting. ad 25446.

LIFE IS TOO SHORT NOT TO BE IN LOVE. Prof GWM 35, light brown hair, dreamy green eyes, hairy, 5'10, 155 healthy HIV+. Like working out, talking through 4 hour dinners, outdoors, travel, current latin music & literature. Speak Spanish. Seeking HIV+ - Hispanic male for safe sex, fun times, perhaps more? ad 25442.

LIKE 'EM BIG? WRITE ME!
Me: GWM, 28, 270, 5'11, br/ br, hairy chest, moustache, average looks, love kissing, cuddling, friendship/ romance & versatile love making. If this appeals to you, please respond to ad 25440.

LOOKING FOR T.L.C.
GWF, 48, 5'7 1/ 2, slim build, HIV-, attractive, blonde hair, romantic, passionate, outdoor activities, pets, good times, quiet evenings, sports, pleasurable, no game playing, friends first, maybe more, then friendship later. Love to love women. ad 25431

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GWM, 32, br/ blu, 5'9, 160, seeks friends under 35, especially those who live in East Texas. Possible relationship with special guy who can accept & return lots of love. Let's go fishing or just cuddle up & watch a good movie. Tell me about you. Ad 25005.

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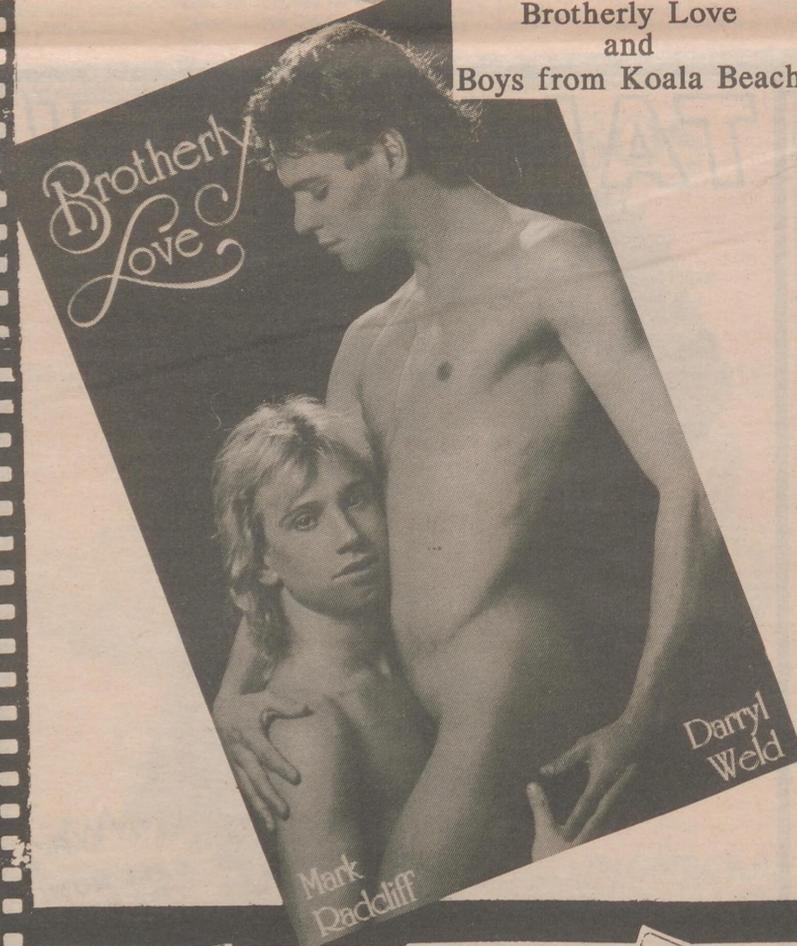
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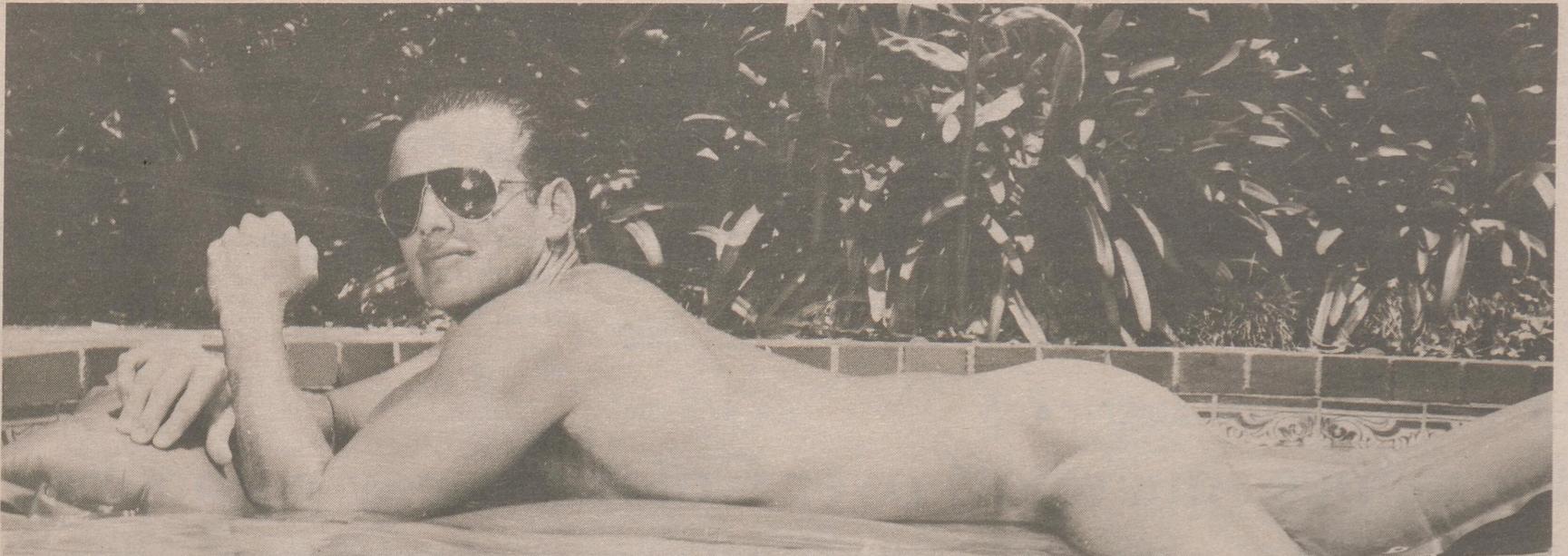
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TIRED OF BEING USED

GWM, 25, HIV- who's tired of giving all he's got & getting taken for it. I'm romantic, outgoing interesting & enjoy life. Not into the bars, but do enjoy dining out, dancing, parties & quiet times. Looking for GWM's 25-40 who are financially & mentally secure & have similar interest & are willing to be friends first before anything else. ad 25399

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A handsome professional, 6'0, 185, GWM. Well educated & traveled, enjoying a unique lifestyle: opera, ballet, theater, collecting antiques, restoring autos, classic movies, loving animals, working out, dining by candlelight. In search of attractive, masculine, non-smoking/drug-free, healthy GWM, 25-45, discrete, responsible, sincere & sensitive, for a very special, long term, monogamous relationship. ad 25373.

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GWM, 29, 6'2, 185, trimmed beard. Just all-around everyday, 100% guy, middle class. Emotionally/mentally mature. Somewhat devious sense of humor. Barhopping gets old after awhile. Seeking GW/HM 18-36 whose grown-up & comfortable being masculine. No pressure, friends first. 25427.

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GWM 22, cleanshaving, non-smoker, romantic, fun is seeking sincere individual who's comfortable with their sexuality. Interest include deep conversation, foreign films & romantic evenings. Let's share the laughter & tears that life brings, long hair & earrings a plus! but not required. ad 25441

SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL SEEKS permanent RELATIONSHIP

Looking for a lover, 18-30, white or hispanic, husky or hunky, 180-250 lbs is great. Inexperience or shy or stu-

dent, a plus! We're both clean shaven, HIV-, healthy, smoke & drug free, little alcohol, bars occasionally. I am a very successful, well educated professional GWM, 44-year old looking, 5'10, 250lbs, but working on it. Like antiques, movies, travel, museums, romantic evenings at home. Want someone special for long term relationship. ad 25026.

WANTED

Eyes Brown, Hair dark, Height 5'7 or taller, Weight, in proportion to height, Race, White. Wanted for braking & entering my dreams night after night. He is looking for me, a blonde/ blue male, 5'8, 151. His looks is dominating, but versatile at times. He knows that I am nice looking with nice body & HIV-. There is a substantial reward on this man. If anyone has any knowledge of the man of my dreams, contact me. ad 25430

WANTED: BIG BUTCH HUNK OF MAN

One nice Euro looking GWM 20's seeks relationship with honest attractive, kind, caring, butch, loving man. I'm 6'2, brn/ green, slender build, HIV-. I enjoy reading dancing writing & I'm a lover of all kinds of music. I'm a diehard romantic, very sensitive, love long walks on beach in middle of night. Seeking butch GWM, 21-35 very tall (6'or over) dark hair, HIV-, proportion weight, non-smoker/ drinker. who enjoys music, movies, walking on beach, quiet nights, romantic, possible relationship, but friends first, tired of games, ready for something lasting. ad 25045.

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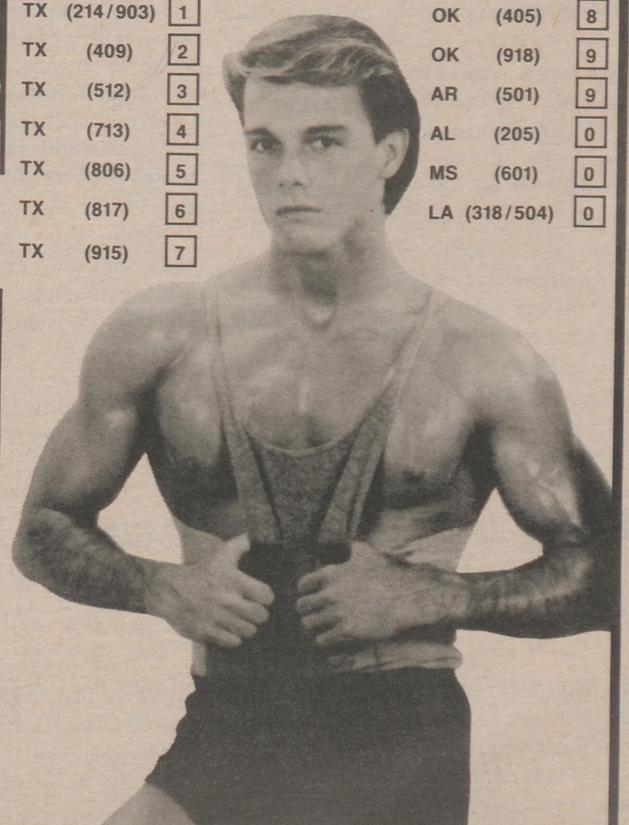


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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA**Big names square off over Colorado gay rights ban**

By PEGGY LOWE

FOR THE NEW VOICE

DENVER, Wednesday, May 13 (AP)—Colorado leaders are choosing sides for what promises to be one of this election's most emotional issues—an initiative that would ban civil rights protections designed specifically for homosexuals.

University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney, who calls homosexuality "an abomination of almighty God," and former Sen. Bill Armstrong, R-Colo., have sided with the group backing the initiative.

The honorary chairperson of the opposition is Gov. Roy Romer, who says he will not "allow Colorado to become a place where prejudice has a home."

Colorado for Family Values, a Colorado Springs group formed to "stop gay activists before they trample on your freedoms," this week received word from Secretary of State Natalie Meyer that their initiative will appear on Colorado's November ballot as Amendment No. 2. The group gathered 16,000 more signatures than needed to place the measure on the ballot.

The group fighting CFV, the Equal Protection Campaign, or EPOC, says the plan is nothing more than an attempt at "legalized discrimination."

The plan would prohibit the state or any political subdivisions from passing any civil rights laws protecting gays, lesbians or bisexuals. Laws banning bias against gays in housing, employment, health and welfare services have passed in Denver, Boulder and Aspen. If approved, Amendment 2 would void the laws in those three cities.

CFV founder Kevin Tebedo said his group's action is an outgrowth of its successful campaign against a gay rights measure in Colorado Springs late last year. He said homosexuals are already protected under the U.S. Constitution and do not need any "special rights" that would give them an advantage over others.

"Primarily the reason we're doing this is that homosexuals in our nation are not an oppressed class," he said. "Homosexuality does not meet any of the civil rights criteria."

EPOC's supporters argue that protections for gays, lesbians and bisexuals in housing and employment are not written into the Constitution and "special rights" is a subterfuge to legalize prejudice.

Housing, employment and other protections are not special rights, said Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, who supports EPOC.

"Those who would legislate discrimination do not represent the family values I was raised with or the family values of the majority of people of Denver or of this state," he said.

McCartney's support of CFV, along with the use of his name and university title in one of the group's pamphlets, created an uproar on the Boulder campus. He was reprimanded by CU President Judith Albino, who told him he had violated university policy by using his position to support a personal cause.

Other CFV supporters have also courted controversy through their affiliation with the group.

Armstrong, who served in the U.S.

Senate from 1978-90, wrote in a CFV fund-raising letter that further civil rights protections would "force you and me to give our state's legal blessing to aberrant homosexual behavior and lifestyles."

Armstrong also blamed the AIDS epidemic on the "self-created miseries of pleasure-addicted gays," and said taxpayers shouldn't have to shoulder the costs of AIDS treatment through higher insurance costs.

EPOC has been joined by many of the state's minority and religious groups, including the Hispanic Institute, Colorado NOW, the Anti-Defamation League and the ACLU. EPOC spokesperson Bobbie McCallum said many see the CFV campaign as an assault on not only civil rights, but on privacy issues, such as abortion, and on local control.

"We're going to make sure the voters see this amendment for what it really is," said Rabbi Steven Foster, an EPOC co-chair. "It is an attack on civil rights. It is an attack on your right to vote. It disgraces our state. And it should be defeated."

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By A.J. HOSTETLER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 15 (AP)—Researchers have concluded they may never know how a Florida dentist directly infected five of his patients with the AIDS virus.

In today's issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, the Centers for Disease Control and Florida health officials conceded defeat in their two-year investigation of Dr. David Acer, who died in 1990.

A CDC official said no further investigation would occur unless another of Acer's patients develops the disease. The five infected patients include Kimberly Bergalis, who died of AIDS complications in December.

Researchers did rule out several possibilities.

They said Acer did not deliberately infect the five; none of the patients had sex with Acer, ruling out one means of spreading the disease; and Acer's strain of AIDS was not particularly potent.

The CDC had suspected poor hygiene as the source of transmission, but determined Acer observed proper hygiene techniques. Because the five patients had the same strain of virus that Acer had, investigators concluded they contracted the virus from him, not from other patients.

"We don't have any more leads to follow, from that point of view, because the practice has been closed and the dentist is dead," Dr. James Curran, the CDC's acting deputy director for HIV, said Thursday.

Acer is the only health provider known to have infected a patient. Since then,

the CDC has devised guidelines that recommend doctors and dentists be tested for AIDS and those infected refrain from "exposure-prone" procedures.

Acer learned he was infected with the human immunodeficiency virus in 1986 and developed AIDS symptoms in 1987. He gave health officials a single interview, six months before his death.

In an accompanying editorial, CDC researchers said the risk of doctor-to-patient transmission is quite small, between 1 in 42,000 and 1 in 420,000 surgical procedures.

The "global HIV epidemic remains largely spread by sexual contact and injecting drug use," wrote Drs. Mary Chamberland and David Bell.

Philip Weintraub, spokesperson for the American Dental Association, said

the group was pleased by other studies cited in the article that said no other AIDS cases have been linked to dentists' and doctors' offices.

"We feel the information ... reaffirms the safety of the dental office," he said.

The CDC reported the infections among Acer's patients last June. Three other infected patients acquired the virus elsewhere, according to the *Annals* report. Acer treated more than 2,000 patients in his private practice in Stuart, Fla.

As of Dec. 31, 220 dental workers were known to be infected with AIDS, and 163 of those have died, according to the CDC.

Overall, 218,301 people in the United States were HIV-positive as of March 31. Of those, 141,233 have died, the CDC said.

Rae said Williams has used gay volunteers in her campaigns and should not be opposing the ordinance.

Williams said she had only two gay volunteers in her first campaign for the council in 1989 and none when she won re-election last year.

Johnson has tentatively scheduled a council vote on the ordinance for June 16, giving gay activists a month to find the two votes needed for passage.

A similar anti-discrimination ordinance was defeated in 1985.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA**Arizona gay activists push for anti-discrimination ordinance**

PHOENIX, Sunday, May 17 (AP)—Gay activists are lobbying for an anti-discrimination ordinance and view Mayor Paul Johnson as the key for getting a majority of the Phoenix City Council to back it.

So far, council members Calvin Goode, Craig Tribken and Mary Rose Wilcox have been the proposal's only public supporters.

That leaves the ordinance two votes shy of the five needed for passage.

Johnson and Councilmen Skip

Rimsza and John Nelson have said they are concerned that the measure would inflict unnecessary government regulations and costs on small businesses.

Meanwhile, Councilwomen Kathy Dubs and Frances Barwood said such a ban could create a backlash against the gay community.

Vice Mayor Thelda Williams said she does not want the city to endorse violations of state laws prohibiting homosexual acts.

The measure would prohibit discrimi-

nation citywide against gay men and lesbians in jobs and in public accommodations, such as restaurants and theaters.

There are an estimated 100,000 gay men and lesbians in Phoenix.

Leaders of the gay community said they view the ordinance as a civil-rights issue.

Phoenix attorney Roger Rae, a gay activist, said if Williams does not vote in favor of the ordinance, gay activists will work to unseat her when she comes up for re-election in 1995.