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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

The military debate continues: an interview with James R. Wiltberger

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans

Jim Wiltberger is the power behind J.R. Wiltberger & Associates, an accounting and consulting firm. He lives in an apartment in the near-geographic center of the French Quarter. In this bohemian setting, even in the summer heat, Wiltberger wears "a tie, every day but Mardi Gras."

On Mardi Gras, when most of New Orleans does everything from cross-dressing to no dressing at all, Wiltberger shows himself in black slacks and open-throat white shirt.

Today, Wiltberger is a handsome man of 49. He recalls being 19, and bound for the blue skies of the U.S. Air Force. "I took one year of collage after high school then went into the Air Force."

"Boot training was in San Antonio. After that I was stationed in west Texas, at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Big Spring; and Webb Air Force Base, in San Angelo.

"I worked for the chief of military personnel as his clerk. For the most part it was office work."

LEJ: "Did you know yourself to be gay at that point?"

JW: "oh, yeah. As far as I know, I've been 'gay' all my life. Certainly since about the age of four."

LEJ: "Had you had sexual experiences with other men?"

JW: "Yes."

LEJ: "In the military?"

JW: "Yes, I was gay all the time I was growing up. I went in the service, and when I applied they had the question are you now-ever-been-wanna-be a homosexual? and I checked 'No.' Like most people I lied."

LEJ: "I sort of hear you saying you had an on-going sexually active life that continued from civilian life into the military."

JW: "No, I think it was very much restricted in the service. As a matter of

fact, the reason I ended up being stationed in west Texas was that I had been investigated on charges of homosexuality."

"I had finished tech school, in the security service, and had a top secret clearance. I had orders to go to Germany. I was home visiting my parents in New York when I got a phone call saying my orders had been canceled and I was to report back to my old base. At that point I didn't know why, I just went back."

"I, and a number of other people I did not know, were included in an investigation. Someone had been caught by the

OSI, the Air Force's investigative arm—Office of Special Investigation, I think it was. They had been caught having sex in the city park. That person indicated he had sex with a number of people, some of whom were in the military."

"I was identified by him from photographs as maybe one of those people. There was this huge line-up. My god, there must of been twenty people standing in a row in the back yard of one of the base buildings!"

"The fellow fingered some, but he did not identify me as one of the people he had sex with. But that was sufficient for them to investigate further."

"I was asked if I was homosexual. I refused to answer that. I said I didn't think that was an appropriate question. That, of course, peaked their curiosity."

"They kind of suggested some sorts of threats about kicking me out of the service, and still continuing the investigation, of contacting everybody I ever knew, and telling my parents. I said, very calmly, 'Hey guys, I tell you what I'm gonna do. I'll admit to association with a known homosexual if you give me an honorable discharge, and we'll call it quits right here and now.'"

"They said no. If it was just association they didn't

want to lose me (because) they'd spent all this money training me."

"I said that's as far as I'm going with this. 'I'm gonna tell you what, I've been in the company of a known homosexual.' And they said, 'Well, who is that?' I said, 'I don't know who it was.'"

"Of course, they don't allow you to have an attorney, and you don't really know what your rights are. I asked for an attorney at some point and they said, 'Well, if you're going to have an attorney then we have to charge you with something.'"

"I must say, they were very nice and I never felt (physically) threatened or endangered."

LEJ: "You didn't feel psychologically threatened over being labeled queer? A lot of boys at nineteen would?"

JW: "No., because I was already aware I was gay. I had suffered most of my (coming-out) trauma around age sixteen. I knew I was gay, and that was that. I certainly didn't want it made public because I didn't want my father to know. I thought he was the kind of person who would literally kill me. But if they gave me an honorable discharge I would not be labeled queer."

LEJ: "Did you make your peace with your father? I assume he has since passed away."

JW: "Yes, he has. And, no, I did not."

"During the investigation they made me see the base psychiatrist and he asked me if I was homosexual. I said to him, 'do we have privileged information here?' I was just about to tell him that I was, and he said, 'there is no such thing as doctor-patient privilege in the service. I have to report everything that you say. And if you have something that you don't want to be known you ought not to admit it to me.'"

Wiltberger admitted nothing, served his full term, and after a tour in Vietnam was released with an honorable discharge.



Jim Wiltberger

DATELINE: HOUSTON

Houston activist Annise Parker named to national Victory Fund board

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The New Voice/Houston

Local community activist Annise Parker has been named to the board of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

The Victory Fund, established in 1991, provides fundraising support for openly gay and lesbian candidates for political office nationwide. The group has grown rapidly. Parker was recruited as part of an effort to expand the Victory Fund's presence in major cities. Prior to her recruitment, the only other Texas

member was John Ramos of Dallas.

Parker describes the Victory Fund board as a "working" rather than "honorary" unit. She said that local support of Victory Fund activities was growing, but far from large enough.

As the Fund aids openly lesbian and gay identified candidates for office, Parker, when asked, says she still plans to seek political office locally, even if that means she may have to eventually resign from the Fund's board. For the short term however, she says that she hasn't seen "an opening to squeeze

into."

She had considered a city council run, however, redistricting has created a dearth of incumbents. Parker predicts that Harris County Judge John Lindsay's announcement that he will not run again will open the field—leading many current office-holders into the fray.

As part of its effort to expand local membership and support, the Victory Fund is planning a fundraiser in a private home for late October. Guests will include openly gay Massachusetts Congressman Gerry Studds and Texas State

Representative Glen Maxey.

Further information about local and national Victory Fund activities can be obtained by writing to P.O. Box 66513, Houston, TX 77266 or by calling (713) 520-7702.

Parker, a co-owner of Houston's Inklings Bookstore has served as president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (1986-88) and has served as its Police Committee chair since early 1992. She has also served as a delegate to all state Democratic party conventions since 1980.

DATELINE: AUSTIN

Austin Lesbian-Gay Political Caucus pushes insurance benefits for unmarried partners

AUSTIN, Saturday, Aug. 7 (AP)—An organization of gays and lesbians—citing increased support from the Austin City Council—has renewed discussions with City of Austin officials about providing health insurance benefits for employees' domestic partners.

The subject has been raised with individual council members recently because members of the Austin Lesbian-Gay Political Caucus believe a majority will support it, said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, a co-chairperson of the caucus.

In the past, the caucus has been unable to garner enough support for the policy on Austin's seven-member Council.

But Council members Gus Garcia, Brigid Shea and Jackie Goodman have confirmed they now support extending family and medical leave benefits as well as health insurance coverage to employees' domestic partners and related dependents.

"The definition of family belongs to

the family," Goodman told the Austin American-Statesman. "I'm not interested in delving into someone's private life if they want to register as a family."

Shea agreed, saying the policy would allow the city to extend health insurance benefits to uninsured people.

Garcia said including domestic partners in the policy's definition of family also would help single men take responsibility for their relationships.

"It's much more than a gay and lesbian issue, because many of the domestic partners come from heterosexual relationships," Garcia said.

Mayor Bruce Todd and Council Member Max Nofziger were not in the city Friday. Mayor Pro Tem Charles Urdy and Council Member Ronnie Reynolds could not be reached.

Ms. Hardy-Garcia defined domestic partnerships as "lesbian, gay and unmarried heterosexual couples in a

committed relationship sharing both emotional and economic bonds."

City personnel director Joe Canales said city administrators are gathering information to determine how much extending medical benefits to domestic partners and their dependents would cost the city. He said results should be available within three or four weeks, he said.

No Texas cities have policies that extend insurance benefits to employees' domestic partners. However, several cities in California do, as well as places such as Washington, D.C., Seattle, Wash., and East Lansing, Mich.

Ms. Hardy-Garcia said the caucus wants council members to include domestic partners in the definition of immediate family in relation to an employee's family and medical leave benefits as well as his or her medical, dental and life insurance coverage.

The city now extends family and med-

ical leave benefits to an employee's parents, spouse, children, sisters, brothers, grandparents, the parents and grandparents of an employee's spouse and any relative living in the same household with an employee, Canales said.

Medical, dental and life insurance coverage is extended to all of the city's 9480 full-time employees, as well as to their legally married or common-law spouses and their unmarried children.

Betty Dunkerley, the city's director of finance and administration, said the council could consider expanding the city's definition of family later this month, when it reviews the city's personnel policy in conjunction with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act that took effect this week.

Gay and lesbian caucus members have an appointment Wednesday with City Manager Camille Barnett to discuss their concerns, Ms. Hardy-Garcia said.

Usually a television program titled "Why Am I Gay?" would be the exclusive terrain of Public Television and, in the case of Houston's PBS station, held for some late-night slot so as not to offend all those good Christians who are in bed by ten.

But just such a titled program appeared on Home Box Office, the same cable network which will be bringing us Randy Shilts' "And the Band Played On" next month. Actually the complete title for HBO's effort was "America Undercover: Why Am I gay? Stories of Coming Out in America."

For every gay person there is a coming-out story, so many variations of similar themes, and to a gay audience the four stories related here all probably struck home, from the Bronx cop to the midwestern lesbian. Even young Ira fighting his homosexuality is not all that unfamiliar.

"Why Am I Gay?" also focuses on two organization dealing with younger gays. The Freedom-at-Last Ministry in Wichita, Kansas, uses a strict regimen of work, Bible study and supervision to convert homosexuals into heterosexuals.

Of more interest, particularly here, is the Houston Area Team Coalition for Homosexuals, better known as HATCH. HATCH was the creation of Jay Asher who continues his involvement in this attempt to reach out to teenage gays and lesbians, most of whom still live at home.

The teen-age years are, for most gays, some

of their most difficult. This is usually the time we can finally put a name on those strange feelings of being different that began even before puberty. It is also an age in which peer pressure is its most intense. And, because of the fear of charges of recruitment, it is teens with whom the gay community is most reluctant to approach.

Of course we know that most child molesters are heterosexual, and we understand that most

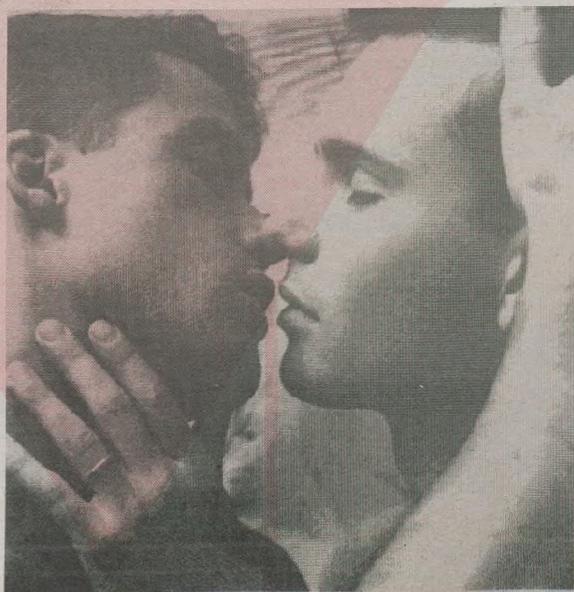
gay men are not attracted to younger males. But the myth of child seduction has created such a barrier that to most the risk is too great.

All the more reason for such organizations as HATCH where gay teenagers can interact and share their experiences while at least having the opportunity to relate to older gays and lesbians.

It is probably not a coincidence that HBO chose for these contrasting views of homosexuality two locales in the Bible belt Wichita and Houston. And, while providing some balance,

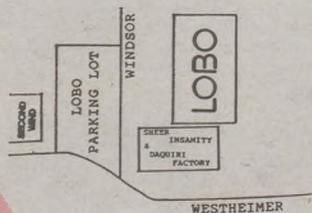
the experts appearing in this special make it abundantly clear that homosexuals are born with strong tendencies in that direction. Ira and those like him have undertaken to fight their very natures, and many self-accepting gays can testify to the error of that struggle.

Hopefully, many of you watched this special. But, in any case, keep in mind that an organization like HATCH depends on private contributions and if you are disposed, send such donations to HATCH.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Planned Parenthood-Houston and Southeast Texas denies charges of critic

From PETER J. DURKIN, Executive Director,

Planned Parenthood, Houston
I am writing in response to Matt Lochlin's letter about Planned Parenthood's clinic for HIV-positive women (August 6, 1993).

Frustration about inadequate care for HIV-positive women and men is universal and understandable, but Planned Parenthood of Houston has worked hard to be a positive force in HIV services. We are not the enemy.

Planned Parenthood formed an inter-

national AIDS task force in 1987 to address the threat of HIV to our clients and to assess our community-wide role in HIV prevention and health care in Houston. We began offering anonymous HIV counseling and testing in 1988 (and currently provide it at eight sites.) We have worked with diligence and sincerity to do our part. Most people who work in the AIDS services community understand that.

In 1991, we opened the Ryan White-funded clinic at Thomas Street to reach HIV-positive and high-risk women, most of whom do not easily enter the

health care system. Although the clinic has experienced a change in leadership since July 27th, staff are returning clients calls as they are received, and clinic was held on schedule August 5th at the County Jail. There has been no "mysterious cancellation" of the clinic.

We do plan to re-evaluate the program to this extent: The clinic and outreach model seem excellent, but we want to serve more clients.

The Ryan White contract states the clinic will serve 200 unduplicated users, providing 400 visits per year. At the end

of the first fiscal quarter of 1993 (May through July), the clinic had served 38 women for a total of 59 visits. The clients we want to serve are often hard to find, have special needs, and have difficulty staying in the system. Therein lies the challenge: to get health-saving reproductive health care to more of the women who need it—and the sooner the better.

For 57 years, Planned Parenthood's mission has been to make reproductive health care available to all those who need it. We continue to work towards that goal.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Boycott group condemns Pope's Colorado visit, protests message

DENVER, Sunday, Aug. 8 (AP)—A New York gay-lesbian group says this week's visit of Pope John Paul II to Colorado should be boycotted because it sends a message of approval "of a moral climate in Colorado that is overtly hostile to lesbians, gay men and bisexuals."

And, the organization said on Sunday, the visit also indicates approval of Amendment 2, a voter-approved measure that bars equal rights statutes or ordinances protecting the rights of gays.

The group, called New York! Boycott

Colorado, said while it condemns the visit "we are not surprised that Colorado was selected as the site for this pilgrimage. Under John Paul II, the Roman Catholic Church has promoted anti-gay violence and discrimination."

Duncan T. Osborne, a spokesperson for the group, said in a letter to bishops last year, the church approved of discrimination in certain professions against lesbians and gay men.

In a 1986 letter to bishops, the church minimized anti-gay violence, describing it as "a kind of disregard for others," Osborne claimed. He said it gave "tacit

approval to that kind of violence."

He said the letter added that "when civil legislation is introduced to protect (homosexual) behavior, neither the church nor society at large should be surprised when other distorted notions and practices gain ground, and irrational and violent reactions increase."

Amendment No. 2 was approved by Colorado voters last Nov. 3. On July 19 the State Supreme Court, on a 6-1 vote, upheld a temporary injunction that bars the amendment from becoming law.

Gov. Roy Romer and Attorney Gen-

eral Gale Norton said they would ask the Supreme Court of the United States to review that ruling, and ask a Denver District Court judge to not hold a trial on the constitutionality issue until the federal high court has ruled.

But last week a Denver District Court judge held he would hold a trial, thus stalling the appeal onward until the trial's conclusion.

Osborne told The Associated Press that his organization has no protest rally plans during the Pope's visit, but he understood at least one lesbian group does.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Navy Secretary indicates a decline in 'witch hunt' investigations of gays

By BRIGITTE GREENBERG
FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN DIEGO, Monday, Aug. 9 (AP)—New Navy Secretary John H. Dalton said Monday he expects to see far fewer investigations into alleged homosexuality among military men and women as the start date for a new gay policy nears.

Dalton, who was confirmed to his post by the Senate on July 21, was in San Diego to meet for the first time with members of the fleet and gauge their morale after a series of Navy gaffes that include the Tailhook sex abuse scandal.

Dealing with the punishment of those involved in Tailhook will be among his top priorities, Dalton said. More than 80 women and men were assaulted by Navy and Marine Corps officers at a 1991 convention of Tailhook Associa-

tion members in Las Vegas.

"I was just sworn into office two and a half weeks ago, and at that time I was given the files for the senior naval personnel, the flag and general officers who were involved," Dalton said.

"I'm spending a great deal of my time on that issue, and I plan to deal with that issue as expeditiously as I can."

Dalton also said he expects the armed forces to curb inquiries of alleged homosexuals in the coming months as President Clinton's new "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy begins to take hold. The policy is set to take effect Oct. 1.

"I think there will be many fewer investigations that will take place in the future," said Dalton, 51, a Naval Academy graduate who was on active duty

for six years, leaving the service as a lieutenant.

"I think we will not be in a posture where there will be witch hunt-type investigations," he said.

Dalton did not specifically comment about a recent raid on a civilian's apartment in which investigators searched for a videotape of the man having sex with a male Navy petty officer.

Norman Furnace, a former Navy sailor himself, has claimed the Navy violated his civil rights in the July 29 raid of his home.

Dalton said he does not believe that issues like women in combat or gays in the military are the primary concern among rank-in-file sailors. But those questions must be dealt with nonetheless, he said.

"If it's on their minds, they haven't expressed it to me," said Dalton, who talked to members of the media as he toured the 32nd Street Naval Station San Diego. "I'm here to listen, to learn from them."

The sailors' foremost concern is receiving pay raises, Dalton said. The House and Senate Armed Services committees have agreed to a 2.2 percent pay raise for military personnel effective Jan. 1.

Commenting on some recent complaints from Navy personnel that defense cuts might be hurting ship readiness, Dalton said he would try to find out on this trip whether those criticisms are accurate.

"We will not have a readiness problem or a hollow force on my watch," he said.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Georgia's Cobb County expected to back resolution condemning homosexuals

MARIETTA, Ga., Sunday, Aug. 8 (AP)—A week after Atlanta moved closer to granting benefits to unmarried partners of city employees, county officials in this suburban community are preparing to condemn gay lifestyles.

The Cobb County Commission is expected to vote Tuesday on a measure that says gay lifestyles are incompatible with community standards and state laws. It would apparently become the first county in Georgia to enact such legislation against gay rights, civil liberties activists say.

"The board of commissioners believes that this policy will serve and protect the health, safety and welfare of its constituents," the proposed resolution says.

The commission also plans to hold a public hearing Tuesday on a proposal requiring arts groups to prove their commitment to "family-oriented standards" before they can receive public funding.

"I'm a firm believer in the First Amendment," said commission Chairperson Bill Byrne. "But when we're dealing with taxpayers' money, we have

an obligation to address their needs and demands."

The move to condemn gay rights comes a week after the Atlanta City Council approved domestic partnership legislation strongly backed by gay activists. Mayor Maynard Jackson, who vetoed an early domestic partnership law, has said he will sign the city council measure.

Cobb County officials say they want to send a message that such domestic partnership legislation wouldn't be welcome in the suburbs.

"I don't think they're an entitled group," Commissioner Gordon Wysong said of homosexuals.

But civil liberties groups say they plan to file lawsuits challenging the arts proposal if it is approved.

"This would have an enormous chilling effect on the arts," said Elliot Minberg, legal director with People for the American Way. "Look at a lot of the classic plays by Shakespeare and you'll find the absence of a lot of those standards. Does that mean 'Romeo and Juliet' or 'Macbeth' can't be put on in local theaters."

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

New York City Police put together team to help with gay stalker investigation

NEW YORK, Thursday, Aug. 5 (AP)—After hearing complaints that it wasn't doing enough to investigate the dismemberment slayings of five gay men, the Police Department announced Thursday that it had put together a team to try to solve the murders.

"It's too little, too late," said Bea Hanson, spokesperson for the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. "We have been trying to get the police department to respond to this since July of last year."

Police in three states are investigating the slayings. Authorities say they may be looking at a serial killer who stalks Manhattan bars.

Investigators have not determined for certain that the killings are related, but they say there is reason to believe this, including that all of the victims' bodies were found chopped up in plastic bags.

A team of detectives was put together this week to work with police in Rockland County, New Jersey and Pennsylv-

ania, said Lt. Raymond O'Donnell, a department spokesperson.

"Detectives have canvassed bars downtown, and we have been in contact with the FBI," O'Donnell said. "We've gone in and out of locations, asking questions and talking to people about what they might have seen."

The bodies were all found outside of New York City, so the department has not played the lead role in the investigations, O'Donnell said. "But we are helping, lending our assistance where we can," he said.

The Rockland County district attorney, Kenneth Gribetz, said Wednesday that there are "striking similarities between the cases," but added, "that does not mean there is a serial killer."

New Jersey state police contacted the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project in July of last year after the body of one of the men, Thomas Mulcahy, was found in Ocean County.

Police wanted any information the organization might be able to provide, Hanson said.

"They knew he had been picked up at a gay bar in New York," Hanson said. "When the Marrero case came up in May, New Jersey state police told us they might possibly be connected."

Hanson said her organization contacted New York City police on both occasions, but that they did not become actively involved.

"That's fine (city police) are doing this now ... but three, possibly five, gay men are dead and this could have been stopped earlier," Hanson.

The most recent victim, 54-year-old Michael Sakara Jr., was discovered Saturday by a hot dog vendor in Haverstraw. His head and arms, packed in a plastic bag, were found stuffed in a trash can. He was last seen in a Greenwich Village piano bar, officials said.

The other victims are:—Mulcahy, 56, a married father of four from Boston, who was found dismembered in seven plastic bags along a highway in Ocean County, N.J., on July 10, 1992. He was last seen at the Townhouse bar in New York City bar.—Edward Marrero, 44, who was discovered chopped up in six plastic bags in Ocean County, N.J. He was last seen in a New York City bar not identified by police.—Guillermo Mendez, 50, whose head was found in a Schenectady, N.Y., cemetery, and his body parts in plastic bags at a nearby landfill in Rotterdam, N.Y., in July of 1992. It's not clear whether Mendez, who lived in Schenectady, was in Manhattan before his death.—Peter Anderson, whose mutilated body was found in eight garbage bags along the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Lancaster in May 1991. A 56-year-old Philadelphia banker, he was last seen alive in May 1991 in the Townhouse Bar on Manhattan's East Side.

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NO-AIDS Task Force again seeking volunteer assistance for home meals

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans

The NO/AIDS Task Force's home delivery meal program is again asking for volunteers. Drivers are "desperately needed" to deliver meals during weekday lunch hours, according to NO/AIDS spokespersons Ted McCarthy and Tracy Saunders.

Food For Friends presently delivers two balanced meals daily to more than 190 people in the metro New Orleans area. Thirteen routes are presently handled by drivers who are "stretched to the limit," McCarthy said.

Routes include Uptown, Mid-City, French Quarter, Faubourg Marigny, East Jefferson, West Jefferson and New Orleans East.

The home delivery meal program began in 1992. To become a volunteer driver call the Food For Friends kitchen at (504) 944-6028.

Cafe Lafitte raises \$4,820 for Food For Friends

Cafe Lafitte manager, Robin Malta presented a check for \$4,820 to the NO/AIDS Task Force's Food For Friends program. Food For Friends is a meal home delivery service for AIDS sufferers in metropolitan New Orleans.

The money was raised through a "Red Party" held at Cafe Lafitte in June. Party organizers included Malta and NO/AIDS Food For Friends volunteer Roger Smith, along with many others.

Also, four women have become new staff members at New Orleans oldest AIDS service organization. Sharon Cook will be a case manager at the HIV Outpatient Clinic at the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans (Charity Hospital). She is an individual, marriage and family counselor at a non-profit agency, and has worked with spouse abuse victims and their children at state agencies in Alabama and Virginia.

Cook is a native of Alabama and earned a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's in counseling at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

Torie Kranz will be an administrative assistant at the NO/AIDS offices. She previously worked as a technical recruiter for Conrad Consulting Group. She is a St. Louis native and earned her bachelor's degree in English and communications at Springhill College in Mobile, Alabama.

Michelle Minyard joined the NO/AIDS staff last April after a requisite year's internship with NO/AIDS and Project Lazurus. She earned her master's degree in Social work at Tulane University.

Lorrie Simmons-Scott, a New Orleans native, is NO/AIDS new minority outreach health educator. She earned her bachelor of science degree in public health and health education at Dillard University and is certified in elemen-

tary education. Prior to joining NO/AIDS she was a psychiatric counselor at River Oaks Hospital and Methodist Hospital Psychiatric Pavilion. She also taught four years in the Orleans Parish school system.

Also, the Board of Directors of the NO/AIDS Task Force recently appointed six people to one-year terms on the board and two to fill unexpired elected terms.

The new appointees are Karen Collins, principal at Francis Gaudet Elementary School; PWA and volunteer Mark Deal; Bruce Gallasserol a political and public relations consultant and NO/AIDS Fund Development Committee member; Patti Garcia, an attorney with Holden and Garcia, and president of the New Orleans Bar Association.

Also re-appointed were Glen Kahrman regional sales director for Crabtree and Evelyn; Cornelius King a PWA; Arthur Roger owner of Arthur

Roger Gallery, and Mit Seilert M.D.

Just For The Record wins 1993 "Hometown Video Festival"

Valda Lewis, executive producer of New Orleans' popular bi/lesbian/gay cable television show, "Just for the Record" announced last week that her show had won the 1993 Hometown Video Festival.

The national competition for cable programmers and producers selected Just for the Record from a slate of over 2000 entries. Plaques were awarded at an awards banquet in Atlanta on July 22nd.

A plaque was awarded Lewis and the Community Access Corporation, which administers Public Access in New Orleans. One of the plaques will be on display at Community Access Corporation's offices.

Special mention was made of Mindy Milam's "Of Sound Mind," a video dealing with dating skills. Part of Milam's video was shown at the Awards Banquet.

"Last Call at Maud's"

The monthly "Movies at the Marigny" series at Theatre Marigny on Frenchmen St. will screen "Last Call at Maud's—The Movie" August 24th through the 30th, at 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. For information call (504) 943-3067.

This same venue screened a "work in progress" version of "Last Call" last year. The completed film is now running in movie houses throughout the country to a chorus of rave reviews.

It documents the closing of the last lesbian bar in San Francisco, featuring Del Martin, founder of Daughters of Bilitis, activist Sally Gearhart and writer Joann Loulan.

An opening night special champagne reception will be held after the film at Over C's, on Elysian Fields. The film's producer Paris Poirier will be speaking.



Last Call at Maud's

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

San Francisco study asks why gay men continue to engage in unsafe sex

By MARK EVANS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Aug. 4 (AP)—Low self-esteem, the despair of losing lovers and friends and society's pervasive homophobia need to be addressed to prevent the spread of AIDS among gay men, according to a report released Wednesday.

The study involved two dozen San Francisco health care and AIDS education experts who sought underlying reasons why gay and bisexual men continue unsafe sexual practices in the face of the deadly virus. More than 100 gay and bisexual men were interviewed.

"It began with a conversation that many gay men have had for years now: Why, with all the information that is available and all the tragedy ... are friends, acquaintance and lovers still becoming infected?" said Dana Van Gorder, an aide to Supervisor Carole Migden.

Migden and the city's Department of Public Health led the coalition that produced the \$40,000 report.

The reasons gay men engage in unprotected sex are varied, the report says. Among them:—The belief that contracting AIDS is inevitable—Overwhelming loss and grief in the face of others' AIDS-related deaths—A desire to lead fuller sexual lives.—Beliefs that an AIDS cure either won't come or is near-at-hand—Denial of the deadly nature of the virus—The stresses of dealing with pervasive homophobia and resulting low self-esteem.

Others have unsafe sex because "the need to belong and feel valued outweighs the need to remain HIV-negative," the study says.

"AIDS is not just a health problem, but a social one," said Don Wohlfeiler, education director of the STOP AIDS project. "It's not about delivering a service—it's about mobilizing our communities."

The report recommends that a "new generation" of AIDS prevention programs should help gay men understand the likelihood that they may have to practice safe sex for the rest of their lives.

Van Gorder said the study would also be used in seeking funding for AIDS-related projects from government and private sources. He hoped the new report would show that simply promoting condom use isn't enough to stop spread of the disease.

"We're trying to send an alarm bell because we need a community-wide mobilization around this," Van Gorder said.

AIDS is the leading cause of death among San Francisco men aged 25 to 44. About 43 percent of gay and bisexual men in the city are HIV infected, according to 1992 federal and city health statistics.

The report summarized some 700

pages of transcripts from 36 hour of "focus group" interviews among gay and bisexual men, who spanned a range of age and racial groups.

"In each group, men used the word 'numb' to describe how they were feeling," said Jeff Henne, who helped conduct and compile the interviews.

One man interviewed said he had stopped having unsafe sex for awhile. But, as friends and lovers began dying of AIDS, he reverted to his old practice. The man since has contracted HIV.

"It was like at first I was just at the periphery, then I knew more and more people, and it was inevitable that I was going to be sucked into it at one point or another. And finally, I am," he told the interviewers.

Another man said, "Sometimes when the grief gets too big, you just want to go out and do something that will make you feel good and happy, and not think about the consequences."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Those who know accused Arkansas gunman say shooting was a shock

FAYETTEVILLE, Monday, Aug. 9 (AP)—The mother of Kenneth Junior French says the man accused of killing four and wounding seven others in a shooting rampage never voiced concern about homosexuals in the military before Friday's carnage.

Police charge that French, a sergeant at Fort Bragg, walked into Luigi's restaurant around late Friday and began shooting a rifle and two shotguns while shouting about "Clinton letting faggots in the military."

French told family members he does not understand what happened, The News & Observer of Raleigh reported today.

"He keeps saying, 'Mama, I don't know why. I don't know why,'" Sandra French said as she sat in the lobby of the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

Mrs. French and a stepister said his childhood was marked by an abusive father who owned a salvage yard in Bronson, Mich., where the accused gunman grew up. Junior French killed himself in May 1991, the same month his estranged wife won a court order forcing him to stay away.

The physical abuse French, 22, suffered at the hands of his father might have laid the groundwork for the shooting spree, Mrs. French told the Fayetteville Observer-Times.

"It was his dad's spirit that did this,

not him," Mrs. French said. "I guess something just snapped. His father had possessed him when he did the shootings."

Sandra French said her husband beat her well before the family moved from Michigan to Florida in 1989.

"He was very abusive to me," she said. "I don't know why I stuck with him. He was a good provider for me and the kids but I used to take some bruises. He put me in the hospital once."

It wasn't until after Junior French committed suicide during a trip back to Michigan that Sandra French learned about the way he treated Kenneth, she said.

"After his dad died, he told me how his dad would hit him with whatever he had, kick him with his steel-toed shoes," Mrs. French said. "He was rough on him but I didn't know about it."

The stepister, Renee Buholz, said: "He treated Ken like he was a dog."

French has been charged with four counts of murder and six counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. A seventh person also was injured, although police said late Sunday night that no charges have been filed in connection with that shooting.

Magistrate Sam Mathis held a probable cause hearing Saturday in French's hospital room. No bond was set on the murder charges.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

National gay rights lobbyist Stephen Endean dies from complications of AIDS

WASHINGTON, Friday, Aug. 6 (AP)—Stephen Endean, a former executive director of the Gay Rights National Lobby and founder of the Human

Rights Campaign Fund, is dead of AIDS at age 44.

He died Wednesday at his home in Washington.

Before moving to Washington from Minnesota in 1978, Endean had worked as an organizer and advocate of expanded civil rights legislation.

He was born in Davenport, Iowa.

Survivors include his father and other and a sister, all of Minneapolis.

DATELINE: THE WORLD

International lesbian and gay rights group obtains unprecedented status

In an unprecedented move, a lesbian and gay rights advocacy group—the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA)—was granted a roster consultative status as Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at its meeting in Geneva on Friday, July 30th.

Center ILGA, the local chapter of ILGA sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay community Services Center in New York and coordinator for ILGA's UN Project, was the driving force behind the lobbying effort for consultative status. Roster consultative status allows ILGA to formally submit papers to the UN on issues concerning the worldwide lesbian and gay community.

"Our application for consultative status was deferred two years ago, and we were braced for more of the same treatment this round," said Rina Malonzo, co-chair of Center ILGA. "Some member states registered strong objections against—and I'm not quoting here—our 'nefarious and evil acts' and the patho-

logical problems which may harm our children," she said. "It took a great deal of time and effort to work past the resistance."

"This is a ground breaking turn of events," said Center Executive Director Richard Burns. "Center ILGA and other ILGA delegate groups from around the world have been working for years for permission to participate at the United Nations. It's a long-awaited victory."

A total of 43 applications for NGO status were approved by ECOSOC at the Geneva conference, and only two of those—from ILGA and Human Rights Watch—were contested. Both were opposed by Syria, which spoke for the "group of 77," a loose political coalition of non-western states. Later during the roll call vote, ILGA's application was supported by 22 states, with four votes against and 17 abstentions. Western states voted as a block in favor of ILGA, supported by major Latin American and Eastern European countries.

Nations voting in favor: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium,

Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Russian Federation, Spain, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Nations opposed: Malaysia, Swaziland, Syria and Togo.

The approval for consultative status represents a compromise victory, however. ILGA had requested approval for Category II, which would have allowed the group to speak before the UN as well as submit papers.

The original lobbying effort was started over ten years ago by ILGA. The lobbying effort here in New York was spearheaded by Center ILGA members Harold Kooden and the late Michael Weltman.

In 1991, ILGA became the first lesbian and gay group to be accepted as an affiliate Non-Governmental Organization with the Department of Public Information (DPI). As such, Center ILGA represented the worldwide ILGA membership at weekly NGO briefing at the UN. This approval of consultative

status, which permits ILGA a more active role, and increases its impact on UN affairs.

Founded in Europe in 1978, the International Lesbian and Gay Association was conceived as a worldwide, interactive network of grass roots organizations to overcome legal, social, cultural and economic discrimination on a global level. Today, there are over 300 ILGA members (both organizational and individual) in more than 60 countries on all five continents.

In 1990, the Center joined ILGA, and formed the Center ILGA Committee, one of the few member groups focusing exclusively on the ILGA agenda.

In addition to the UN Project, Center ILGA also works with Amnesty International on behalf of lesbians and gay prisoners of conscience, and on immigration and asylum issues. The Center ILGA Committee will host the 1994 ILGA World Conference in New York in June 1994, to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion and the Gay Games.

HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Montrose Counseling Center founder to offer inspirational talk Tuesday

Empowerment for Living will have a special guest speaker Tuesday, August 17th. Bill Scott is one of the most highly respected individuals in the United States on AIDS.

Scott was appointed to the Texas Board of Health by Governor Ann Richards. He is the only HIV positive person serving on the board. He is the founder of the Montrose Counseling Center and currently is in private practice as a psychotherapist.

Empowerment for Living meetings are held every Tuesday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish "pot luck" supper, followed by the HIV+ and HIV —group meeting at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to come as early as 6:00 p.m. for fel-

lowship. And, if you feel creative, a covered dish would be most appreciated. If not, there is always plenty.

Haircares

Houston Haircares, in association with local salon owners, hair stylists, and business organizations, have banded together to host a Charity Ball benefiting local hairdressers and beauty industry professionals with AIDS. Houston Haircares, a chapter of the national Haircares organization, offers financial support to hair stylists in the Houston area with AIDS or AIDS related illnesses.

The black tie optional affair on Sunday, August 22, 1993, will be held at the Stouffer Presidente Hotel. Francie Wil-

lis of Urban Retreat serves as Chairperson for the event, and newscaster Dave Ward of KTRK-TV Channel 13, will be Master of Ceremonies for the evening. City Controller, George Greanias, will be the featured Guest speaker.

The ball will include a cash bar and buffet dinner. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening with bidding on such items as jewelry, trail rides, artwork, Alley Theater tickets, a trip to Mexico, and furs. Keys to a surprise treasure chest will also be available for a donation.

Also on the agenda is a "Hair Extravaganza" with the latest hair styling trends by Urban Retreat, Visible Changes, and Toni and Guy salons plus

many more. Clothing will be provided by Tootsies. Afterwards, guests can dance to the music of the Rob Landis Trio.

The charity ball begins at 7:00 p.m. Individual tickets are \$50.00 each and reserved tables of 10 are available for \$1,000. Underwriters of reserved tables will enjoy special gift bags for each guest and a banner displaying their name or their company's name. Banners are also available without a reserved table for \$250 and include a business card size ad in the event program. All donations are tax-deductible and tickets are available by contacting Haircares at 4102 Way Out West Drive, Suite J, Houston, Texas 77092. Or call (713) 690-6100.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Aide to South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond dies of AIDS

COLUMBIA, S.C., Sunday, Aug. 8 (AP)—For nine years, Michael Boyle lived a double life.

A trusted aide to Sen. Strom Thurmond, the 30-year-old Boyle shared the South Carolina Republican's conservative ideology and rural upbringing. But what he didn't share with Thurmond for years was the knowledge that he was gay and infected with the AIDS virus.

Finally, in 1991, he told Thurmond. From then until his death on April 22, he worked to teach people about the disease that took his life.

"When he told me he had AIDS, I was just surprised and felt sorry for him," Thurmond said in an interview published in The (Columbia) State newspaper Sunday.

"And I just hate to see a man of the

qualities he had—he had ability, he was very courteous and capable—I just hate to see someone like that have AIDS and die from it."

Boyle lived with the Thurmond family for a time, caring for the senator's children. At his funeral in Aiken, Thurmond sat in the second row, although the senator had buried his 22-year-old daughter, Nancy Moore, just the week before.

Boyle knew he was gay early on, but he said he also knew that in his hometown of Aiken he had to remain in the closet if he wanted to fulfill his dream of a political career.

So the scholar and community activist led a double life, dating pretty girls while a student at the University of South Carolina, but always getting

them home by 11:00 p.m. so he could go meet gay partners later in the evening.

Boyle was working for Thurmond in 1986 when he learned he had the AIDS virus.

"I was infected with HIV early in the epidemic not because I am a gay man, but because I engaged in high-risk behavior," he once said. "I did not know that this activity would put me at risk for anything, much less cut short my life. I was 23 years old. I was going to live forever and make a great success of my life."

It was two years before he told his lover and four years before he told Thurmond.

After he went public he plunged into volunteer work for different AIDS organizations and at a health center at

Virginia's George Mason University.

"He truly had a mission. If his truth was going to help someone else, they should know it—so that none of the children would have to sit in the chair where he was 10 years from now," said Penny Lane, director of the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry.

Boyle's politics also changed. The lifelong Republican began to speak out against funding cuts for AIDS education, and last year he voted for Bill Clinton for president.

Although Thurmond's politics began to bother him, Boyle didn't let it deter the deep love and respect he had for the senator, Boyle's sister, Marie, said.

"He also knew that Senator Thurmond is 90 years old; you don't change someone who's 90 years old," she said.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Senators urge Pentagon to release study on gays in military

By DONNA CASSATA

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Aug. 4 (AP)—Eight Democratic senators are urging the Pentagon to release an independent study that they say finds no substantive basis for keeping the ban on homosexuals serving openly in the military.

The House and Senate planned to consider the fiscal 1994 defense budget, which writes into law a policy barring homosexual conduct by service members, this week, but the lawmakers argued that it would be ill-advised to do so without the report.

"If the Congress codifies the revised policy based on insufficient and inaccurate information, the policy will lack credibility both with the public and the courts," the lawmakers said in an Aug. 2

letter to Defense Secretary Les Aspin.

Signing the letter were Sens. Tom Harkin of Iowa, Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein of California, Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois, Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, Paul Wellstone of Minnesota and Patty Murray of Washington.

The \$1.3 million study commissioned by the Pentagon from the Rand Corporation favors an end to the ban, congressional sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, have said.

The lawmakers said that published reports verified by people familiar with the study show that the report found "no substantive basis for maintaining the existing ban."

"The Rand findings also cast serious doubt on the wisdom of adopting the revised policy," the lawmakers said.

President Clinton announced a policy on July 19 that says homosexual orientation is not a bar to military service but that gays in the military must keep their sexual preference a secret and that homosexual conduct is grounds for discharge.

The House and Senate Armed Services committees wrote policies in their versions of the budget that are far more restrictive than Clinton's, stating that the military is unique and that homosexuality would undermine readiness and unit cohesion.

Boxer, in an interview, said she spoke to Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., Armed Services Committee chairperson, and was told the issue of gays in the military would not be debated until September.

The Senate tentatively has planned to begin work on the defense bill Thursday but will not finish the bill until after Congress' August recess. The House devoted several hours Wednesday to general debate only.

Trying to avoid riling lawmakers before they vote on Clinton's deficit-reduction package, the House leadership decided to postpone debate on the fractious issue of homosexuals in the military until September.

In testimony to Congress last month, Aspin said the Pentagon would try to report on the study to lawmakers. Questioned about the lawmakers' call Wednesday, Pentagon spokesperson Kathleen deLaski said: "We're planning to release it, probably not much more than a week from now."



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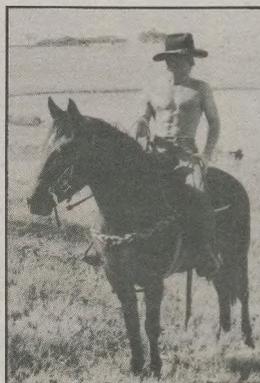
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▼▼▼ FILMCLIPS

'The Fugitive' stands out among selection of usual summer movie fare

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice/Houston

"The Firm" and "In the Line of Fire" are both great movies. In most other years they would have stood as representative examples of the suspense thriller genre. In this year, however, they are relegated to the shadow of "The Fugitive."

This movie is riveting suspense from the onset. Yet even with the tension keeping your mind on high-wire alert and your heart going at an aerobic pace, the filmmakers manage to convey a sense of airiness, akin to semi-forced laughter in the face of danger.

The story is taken from the popular television series of the 60s. Dr. Richard Kimble (Harrison Ford) has been taken in for questioning by the Chicago Police Department in connection with the murder of his wife. No one believes his story of the "one-armed man" who Dr. Kimble surprised in his home. Sentenced to death by lethal injection, Kimble is enroute to a penitentiary, when the other convicts aboard the prison bus attempt a break-out causing the bus to veer out of control and onto the path of an oncoming train.

Kimble survives the collision and is now a fugitive. Deputy U.S. Marshal Sam Gerard (Tommy Lee Jones) launches an intensive manhunt to recapture Kimble. The doctor returns to Chicago determined to unlock the secret of the real killer.

Harrison Ford is super as the unjustly convicted Kimble. His performance packs a wallop. Tommy Lee Jones is even better, a veritable smash as the hard-nosed but likable Gerard. That is in fact, the beauty of Jones' performance. Although the character is unwavering in his pursuit, as portrayed by Jones he has a convincing charm. Both Ford and Jones are headed for Oscar nominations.

The tension in this movie is utterly relentless. Better yet, director Andrew Davis and screenwriters Jeb Stuart and David Twohy accomplish without a heavy dose of violence. This is the thrill without the gore, and it's a thrill you feel up and down your spine. Will it keep you on the edge of your seat? Hell, you'll barely be able to keep your seat. It's one of the ten best films of the year.

"Chain of Desire"

AIDS and the circuitous route it can take through today's society are the subject of "Chain of Desire." This film, though is not a preachy, dire foreboding of some sexual apocalypse that has seized the late 20th century populace. Rather, the links of direct sexual contact are broken, as the chain's path covers lust more than conquest.

The story is taken from a play by Arthur Schnitzler which tracked the spread of syphilis in early 20th century society. Like the play and a 50s movie, "La Ronde," which caused quite a sensation, the narrative is passed from one character to the next as each goes through a sexual encounter, just the way the disease can be passed.

The chain begins with Alma (Linda Fiorentino), a chanteuse in a chi-chi

New York night club. She receives a call from Michael, who says he must see her even though they've already broken up. Alma flees to a church where she encounters Jesus (Elias Koteas), a painter. They enjoy brief passion, but then Jesus goes home to his wife, Isa (Angel Aviles). Angel seduces her husband; at work the next day Isa, who is a maid, must deflect the advances of her employer, Dr. Jerold Buckley (Patrick Bauchau), who is also a masochist. Dr. Buckley finds relief at the hands (whip) of his mistress,

Linda (Grace Zabriskie), who is dressed like a maid. Unfulfilled Grace returns home to her husband Hubert (Malcolm McDowell), with whom she has no success seducing.

This sexual passing of a baton continues to a young, male hustler; to a gay social worker; to his bisexual lover; to a young woman anxious to lose her virginity; to a philandering artist; to his knowing wife; to a canvas stretcher in the artist's studio; to a neighbor and participant in a voyeuristic encounter; and comes full circle back to the night club singer.

"Chain of Desire" has some seductively powerful scenes, and its strength indeed comes from its provocative crackling. It's okay to be turned on because much of the "chain" has no sex or has sex that is completely safe. And



Linda Bailey and Grace Zabriskie in "Chain of Desire"



Harrison Ford in "The Fugitive"

something that should be passed around. This is a great date movie.

**1/2

Five Losers

No summer movie season could be complete without its glut of bad films. Right in the thick of the crop fatuous comedies, a hugely disappointing thriller and an unimpressive screen debut.

"Coneheads" was bred from the success of the SNL "Wayne's World" sketches. The huge box office receipts from the latter prompted Hollywood producers to try and capitalize on the recognition of the former. Except it doesn't work. The film will have Dan Akroyd and Jane Curtin reprising their roles from SNL days as Beldar and Prymaat from the planet Remulac which intends to invade the Earth.

Though there supposed to be an advanced guard for the invasion, Beldar and Prymaat work hard and live the American dream, even producing a little Conehead in the process, Connie (Michelle Burke). All the while, they are tracked by Seedling (Michael McKean), an ambitious INS officer. There are funny moments, most of which are rehashed sight and verbal gags that were used in one of the original sketches, and this is of course nothing more than a thin plot holding separate sketches together. Even as

patched together sketches though, there just isn't much here.

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"Robin Hood: Men in Tights"—Mel Brooks had his moment in the sun. In the 70s with "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein" he was at the forefront of American cinematic comedy. It's been a long downhill slope ever since. His latest foray utilizes the same humor he's used before. And it simply doesn't work anymore. This version is a spoof more on Kevin Costner's version than Errol Flynn's. Cary Elwes plays Robin, but it isn't much of a performance (of course in a movie like this, it doesn't have to be). It's all sadly silly and not very funny.

1/2

"So I Married an Axe Murderer"—How's this for a plot? This guy named Charlie (Mike Meyers), a beatnik poet, has had terrible luck with women: a klepto, a Mafia goon, one who smelled like soup. He meets Harriet (Nancy Travis) and she seems perfect. His life seems set to take a primrose path when Charlie starts to think that his new wife might be a serial killer. Knowing that much you can pretty easily predict the gags that comprise most of this movie. Meyers does alright, but he doesn't show much range. The film is helped considerably by four strong cameo appearances from Charles Grodin, Phil Hartman, Michael Richards and Steven Wright. The best thing about this flick is a cool soundtrack.

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"Rising Sun"—If I had only the films to judge, I could hardly believe that "Rising Sun" and "Jurassic Park" were both based on novels by the same author. The filmmakers of "Rising Sun" have massaged the story so that it more closely resembles the cop-buddy formula. John Connor (Sean Connery) is the older, wiser cop, and Web Smith (Wesley Snipes) is the brash, younger cop. Connor is so thoroughly familiar with Japanese culture that he is brought into a murder case that turns out to be politically sensitive. And a good deal of time is spent listening to Connor instruct Smith on the ways of the Japanese. The filmmakers try and make something of the culture clash but even that loses its interest.

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"Poetic Justice"—Director John Singleton was hailed as new wonder kid after his powerful directing debut with "Boyz in the Hood." I imagine the praise will be a bit more sparse after this movie. A young woman, Justice (Janet Jackson), writes poetry (now do you get the title?) and works in a beauty salon. She is still bitter and unhappy years after the death of her boyfriend, and she keeps a tight lock on her emotions. Urged on by friends, she takes a road trip with a mailman, Lucky (Tupac Shakur) and slowly her heart returns to the living. Singleton is promoting this film as a "street romance," but the two principals fail to engender any concern for their respective characters. Jackson's performance in particular underscores her talent as a singer. This is more a criminal limerick that poetic justice.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Four shot to death by soldier shouting about gays at restaurant in North Carolina

By MARTHA WAGGONER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., Saturday, Aug. 7 (AP)—A Fort Bragg soldier armed with three guns and shouting about President Clinton and gays in the military allegedly shot and killed four people before being shot down by police.

Army Sgt. Kenneth Junior French, 22, was in stable condition today at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center with gunshot to the wrist, face and leg, said nursing supervisor Jo Anne Hamilton. Four people, including the gunman, were admitted to the hospital and all were listed in stable condition, Hamilton said.

At least seven other people were treated at the hospital, she said. A pregnant woman was among the wounded.

The gunman walked into Luigi's restaurant, about a mile from the Army post, Friday night carrying two shotguns, a rifle and a bag of ammunition, said police Chief Ron Hansen.

"He came in the restaurant talking about Clinton and gays in the military and mumbled a few other words and then started shooting," said a police spokesperson, Sgt. Mike Ballard.

Dawn Gabriel, a waitress at the restaurant, told the Fayetteville Observer-Times the gunman shouted "I'll show you, Clinton."

Ms. Gabriel said the man appeared to be irrational and shot people at random, at one point shouting, "You think I'm not going to do this? I'll show you about gays in the military."

An off-duty police officer, Christopher

Pryer, was working at a grocery store across the street when several bullets hit the side of the building, about 200 yards away.

Pryer ran across the street and shot French in the leg through a restaurant window, Hansen said. The gunman went down, but got back up and continued firing.

After more police arrived, Lt. Bill Simmons crawled through a rear door on his stomach and shot French again, disabling him.

Among the dead were the Italian restaurant's owners, Peter and Ethel Parrous, employees said.

Patrons scattered for cover as gunshots rang out. Hostess Anita Wheeler said she and her husband heard what they thought were firecrackers.

"The first time, we all just kind of looked around," she said. "The second time, somebody yelled 'Hit the dirt ...' So we all got down."

Her husband was heading for an exit with their 19-month-old son Jeremy when a waitress reached out from a bathroom and told him to give the toddler to her.

"And the guy came in the back, pointed the gun at my husband, pulled the trigger, but the gun didn't fire," she said. "It didn't have a round in it."

Fayetteville, 50 miles south of Raleigh, is bordered on its northwestern edge by Fort Bragg.

The suspect told police he had never been to the restaurant before last night, Hansen said.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

San Francisco Board of Supervisors' committee votes to urge commissioner be removed

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Aug. 5 (AP)—A Board of Supervisors' committee voted unanimously Wednesday to urge the mayor to oust a member of the Human Rights Commission who called homosexuality "an abomination against God."

However, Mayor Frank Jordan has said he would keep Rev. Eugene Lumpkin on the commission.

Lumpkin was unavailable for comment on Wednesday's vote of the Government Efficiency and Labor Committee. He has said that as a pastor, he must preach against homosexuality but that he would uphold the rights of gays and lesbians despite his religious beliefs.

"I feel that Rev. Lumpkin can say what he wants to as an individual," said Supervisor Terence Hallinan.

But as a public official ... he has an obligation to conduct himself in a certain manner. He has to remember that human rights are the rights of all humans...He should not have a place on the Human Rights Commission," Hallinan said.

A supporter of Lumpkin said religious leaders should have the same rights as

other to serve the city.

"You are sending us a message that no Christian in this city has the right to political process, that we cannot serve on boards and commissions," said Rev. David Innes, a pastor at the Hamilton Square Baptist Church.

The full board is expected to consider the issue at its Aug. 16 meeting.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

French town cracks down on homosexual acts on nudist beach

CAEN, France, Thursday, Aug. 5 (AP)—A seaside resort stepped up police patrols Thursday to stop homosexual activities on a nudist beach frequented mostly by families.

Regional officials issued an order Wednesday to enforce "good moral behavior" on the beach at Merville-

Franceville, a village of 1,300 people 230 kilometers (140 miles) north of Paris.

Judge Olivier Paz, who signed the order, said that the beach had become a meeting place for about 100 homosexuals each year who often perform sexual acts in view of vacationing nudist families.

"Every year, I receive letters from holiday makers horrified by the scenes they see," Paz said. "A lot of them don't want to go back to the beach."

Isolated dunes are used for homosexual prostitution and drug-taking, Paz said.

A local ordinance dating from 1982

prohibits nudity on the four-kilometer (2.5-mile) strip of sand on the Channel coast. But authorities have turned a blind eye to nudist families.

Paz said that the police would be expected not to discriminate against homosexuals and to issue warnings only if they come upon sexual activities.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Cottage Grove City Council postpones anti-gay rights election

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Thursday, Aug. 5 (AP)—The City Council here has postponed an election on a proposed anti-gay rights charter amendment until next May.

Mayor Jean Sinclair said the delay, approved by a 5-1 vote Wednesday night, would allow the courts to sort out the issue.

The Legislature has passed a law that prohibits local governments from enact-

ing anti-gay rights measures. But the Oregon Citizens Alliance, which has sponsored the initiative measures in many cities and counties, says it will challenge the constitutionality of the law.

The American Civil Liberties Union also has vowed to go to court to try to force cancellation of votes scheduled in September and November.

The Cottage Grove vote had been scheduled for Sept. 21.

Meanwhile, the ACLU has filed a lawsuit challenging an anti-gay rights measure passed by Linn County voters in June.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday in Linn County Circuit Court is the latest in a series of ACLU court challenges to such measures in cities and counties around the

state.

The measures backed by the OCA prohibit the local governments from granting special group status on the basis of sexual orientation. They also prohibit spending money to promote homosexuality.

The latest lawsuit asks the court to declare the Linn County ordinance unconstitutional and seeks to have it voided under the new state law.

HOUSTON SOAP

Sundance Cattle Company turns 13; Nancy Ford at The Ranch; A little dirt

By TAD NELSON
The New Voice/Houston
Hello Houston!

Well the ballet was great! We had one of the boxes with comfortable chairs and little foot rests that pulled out from under the seats. Lots of room to it (you know—seats four to eight depending on if the party is the vertical or horizontal sort). And it was kind of reminiscent of the cab of the Peterbilt, but without the built in fridge, VCR or sling. Martha Butler (lead female in a tutu) was great in her dual role as Swanilda/Copelia. And the other dancers were all superb. But have you ever been to a ballet? I didn't realize just how noisy those toe shoes were. For light footed ballerinas they clapped around the stage like cows in tutus. Maybe my ex ballerina boyfriend could explain to me, why that is so. Seriously, Dutchboys in wooden shoes could make less noise.

I also didn't realize that ballet was a two hour mime performance. But even so, it made much more sense to me than any of the operas I have seen so far. The sets and costumes were magnificent and I highly recommend this particular ballet to anyone who enjoys live performances of a lively comic nature with grand sets, costumes and great acting as well as superior dancing. And be sure to take a pair of opera glasses (miniature high powered binoculars) to check out the dancers baskets. They swear they don't stuff their fronts, but in a couple of pairs of tights, the trucker thought he could see the ribbing of a pair of socks. Thanks, Trucker for another fun weekend of culture and fun.

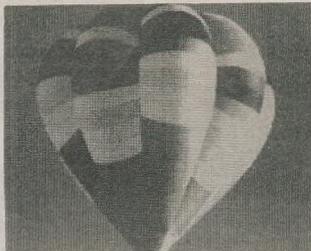
Last Weekends Car Wash and La Cage Aux Jocks Show at Gentry raised \$1,868 to help send Gentry's softball team to the Gay World Series.

The benefit for Montrose Clinic at the Ranch this past weekend was based on the ever popular Best Little Whorehouse in

Texas which originally opened at the Tower Theater. FYI—the original marquee is hanging on the fence on Mary's patio. This effort by several organizations raised \$6,800 for the clinic. Those gurlhs were busy Sunday night. Heidi Fleiss would be proud of Mona and the gang.



Miss Chicago does Houston at E/J's



Trucker's birthday balloon

And the Patrol Party at Pacific Street raised over \$300 for the Q-Patrol. Crowds of well wishers filled the place in an effort to honor and pay respect to one of the most outstanding service groups in the community. This hard working group has enabled many of us to enjoy a safe evening out for the past two years.

Coming up this Saturday August 14 the Imperial Court (RSICSS) is having a court sponsored Car Wash on the Gentry parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. So save the dirty royal carriages, etc and take them for a scrub down. Then on Sunday, the Court will present "A Night of Camp III" a benefit for Colt 45's Stone Soup Fund. Donations of non-perishable food items will be appreciated. Don't forget to arrive early and enjoy Gentry's famous Ribeye Steak dinner before the show.

Thursday at Ms B's check out the fun and frivolity of Houston's home grown comic, Nancy Ford. Nancy as you recall traveled across the nation this spring before the March on Washington doing her one woman show. She has also been seen at various clubs around town and on Houston's Access channel. If you haven't caught her act, it's definitely one to see. Showtime is 8 pm on Thursday August 12.

Sundance Cattle Company's 13th Anniversary Run takes place at Mary's and this weekend should be truly crazy.



The fearless BRB staff at Mary's

According to Mr. D.D. there are cocktail parties out the wazoo. Not to mention the crazy games and the new Master and Mistress of Montrose (a camp contest). There are going to be many clubs participating from out of town so be sure to attend and see your club friends from Corpus, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, New Orleans, etc. Congratulations to Sundance on this 13th year.

Sunday August 15 beginning at 7 pm at the BRB is the Resurrection of the Church of the Neon Cactus. Join TGRA Candidates, Tim Davenport, Kim Haraway and Chablis Lee Love for this revival benefiting the Colt 45's. The occasion is a memorial to those who have passed before.

This Monday, Pacific Street will honor Robert Kennedy in a celebration of his life at 8:00 p.m. There will be vid-

eos of many of Robert's witty antics from several of the bars he managed: The Galleon, Miss Kitty's and Pacific Street. The memorial services will be a fitting close to a man who loved life and loved the stage. Robert loaned his many talents to community efforts when ever asked, from theater to charities.

Tuesday at Venture—N is Movie Day with AJ. He will be showing some of your favorites from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. each Tuesday and of course they have popcorn with cool drinks and clean bathrooms. Oh boy!

The Ranch is still having volleyball each Tuesday night on the patio. Go by and bring a friend or two (men are more than welcome to play). The games begin each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday nights are pretty busy at the BRB. They have happy hour until 11:00 p.m., with \$1.00 margaritas. Joanne said to be sure and drop by to see her and she will mix you a great one. Then beginning at 8:15 p.m. the Southern Country gang will teach you some of their favorite dance steps. Free dance lessons each Wednesday night at BRB.

You'll find a crowd at Gentry's Hot Wednesday Night Male Strip Contest. Go by and check out the meat rack before Rita and Steve get all the Prime Choice cuts.

Spectrum Center has moved. No longer at the Audubon location, you can now find it located at 4100 Westheimer in Suite 235. The times for Michael K. Wilson's Self-Healing Classes are still the same though—each Wednesday from 8 to 10:00 p.m. On August 18, Reverend Dr. Stephen Ruback will speak on quartz crystals, vibrational energy, and vibrational healing as it pertains to "Your Spiritual Growth." The following Wednesday, Bill Bingham will speak on "There Is Life After Life." You will join a group of life filled individuals who medically died and were brought back to life and what they experienced. Questions from participants are encouraged and while all classes are free, donations are accepted to help keep the program funded.

And now for some dirt: Damion tells me that one thing they never have to buy at Club Houston are shiny new hooks in the dungeon room. As soon as they take them down—new ones appear almost miraculously. Narene, what's this about shopping at Fiesta for that BRB bitch, Vera? I hear she wasn't happy cause the items weren't dark or big enough. I heard this week that a certain unnamed empress person is running for next year's Miss Greater-Than-Thou Montrose At-Large. Will the rumors



Hey Eric! Good to see you in town



Gentry's softball team held Car Wash to help World Series travel plans



Betsy (Ranch) & Mona (Whorehouse)

ever cease?

Vera also told me lies about when she was in the war and had to play Florence Nightengale. Can you imagine her coming at you with a bed pan and thermometer? By the way, does anybody know precisely how old you have to be to remember when nurses sharpened needles?

Congratulations to the girls in Miss Houston for Female Impersonators. Nancy Taylor took first place, Paivi second and Obsession third.

Happy belated 60th birthday Hank! Happy belated birthday Fred (Wolfpack) Perry!

Hey, Cow Woman! That was an interesting picture of you in that new publication last week! A little risky business don't you think gurlh?

Happy belated birthday to Clarence of Brazos River Bottom. Beau you bitch, don't keep all the good stuff for that dusty crystal ball!

Congratulations to Reverend Ralph Lasher who again became fully ordained as his ordination transferred to MCCR recently. Ralph just celebrated 40 years in ministry as well as his 38th anniversary with lover, Harry and had a birthday (65th ?) to boot. Way to go Ralph.

Coming August 22 at 7 pm at Stouffers Greenway Plaza Grand Ballroom, Hair Cares presents "This Is The Moment" a benefit to provide direct financial assistance and care to fellow industry members suffering from AIDS or ARC. More information on this later, but for now also check Houston Quick Notes in this issue.

Coming up way in the future for all you cow and cowboy fans, the 10th Annual TGRA Rodeo will take place this year in the Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio, Texas on Nov. 4, 5, 6 & 7th. Tickets are available through San Antonio Ticket Master at (210) 224-3000 or through your local TGRA Chapter. For general information call the TGRA Hotline at (713) 270-TGRA.

Bye for now!



Randy White with Club Houston manager, Damion. Photo by: Jeffery Photography



Rita & Steve—Gentry "glamourusses"

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay rights groups: Ohio candidate's message may lead to anti-gay behavior

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 8 (AP)—Homosexual rights activists will campaign against a gubernatorial candidate who tried to keep gays from distributing literature at the Ohio State Fair last year. Stonewall Union and others fear the message sent by independent candidate Billy Inmon will lead to violence against gays. They plan to organize opposition to his message. Inmon was the fair manager last year when he tried to keep Stonewall Union from distributing literature at the fair. But Attorney General Lee Fisher said the Ohio Expositions Commission,

which oversees the fair, could not deny space to anyone. Last week, Inmon announced he was running for governor and said one of his campaign planks would be his opposition to "special rights for homosexuals." Stonewall Union members and other gay-rights groups said they only want the same rights as others. "The gay and lesbian movement is not asking for special rights," said Ed Pfeiffer, president of Stonewall Union's 1,100-member Columbus chapter. "All we're asking for is that our civil rights be protected. We have a right to

keep our jobs, to have access to public accommodations and to be secure in our own homes," Pfeiffer said. Inmon's view of who should have full rights includes only "married, heterosexual people with 2.1 children," Pfeiffer said. Pfeiffer said Stonewall Union will counter Inmon's campaign with educational material, speakers and contributions by its political action committee. Stonewall Union also has contacted other gay-rights groups and the National Organization for Women, he said.

"He has already shown his propensity to use government office to trample on the civil rights of others," Pfeiffer said, referring to Inmon's attempt as fair manager to ban Stonewall. Inmon said he had not changed his stance. "This is America, and people are entitled to go to bed with who they wish, and I am not for harming or bashing these people," Inmon said in announcing his candidacy. "However, don't ask good, decent people to create laws that advocate or endorse such a lifestyle. "I believe homosexuality is unnatural and a perversion," he said.

THIS WEEK AT THE ROTHEUDT/ DIZINGER (RD) FOUNDATION

We purchased more art from the Chism collection, including some outstanding sculptures which are displayed in our reception area. It's a must see!

Thanks to Michael B. we enriched the program with the first pieces of photographic art. Michael has also agreed to teach a photography class which should be a lot of fun.

Richard is working on our first Newsletter and if you are knowledgeable in desktop publishing, please call us and help him out.

I am presently on the East coast for 3 weeks and I will be checking out similar art-programs to benefit PWA's in the Washington, D.C. area.

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Arizona group prepares petition to forbid laws favorable to gays

MESA, Ariz., Wednesday, Aug. 4 (AP)—Arizona could become another battleground for gay rights if a conservative group succeeds in its drive to outlaw ordinances that protect homosexuals.

Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona expects to begin its campaign this month, said the group's chairperson, Frank Meliti.

He wouldn't provide specifics but suggested the group would launch a statewide initiative to put a measure on the ballot barring laws intended to protect gays from discrimination on the state and local levels.

Meliti said the group claims 8000 members and is backed by the national Traditional Values Coalition. The Anaheim, Calif.-based group helped advance a controversial Colorado law which would ban state and local laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"This is an equal rights initiative. It's not one that discriminates against homosexuals, it prevents reverse dis-

criminations by homosexuals," Meliti said.

"They're in our schools. Colleges and cities are enacting special legislation to force us to accept homosexuality as a legitimate lifestyle, which it is not," he said.

One gay-rights activist, Bill MacDonald of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, said he didn't consider Meliti's group a threat yet.

"But if he starts taking out petitions, then I guess at that point, unfortunately, we would have to start doing something," he said.

In Colorado, the high court ruled that Amendment 2, which also would strike down gay rights ordinances in Aspen, Boulder and Denver, was unconstitutional. The state Attorney General's Office is appealing the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

To qualify his proposal for the 1994 general election ballot, Meliti would need at least 105,541 signatures.

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▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

San Fran Cisco's cowboy auction offers purchase opportunities this Sunday

By JIM RAWSON

The New Voice/Austin

All right, Austin—we can all catch our breath and relax for a couple of weeks until the next barrage of parties. Honestly, does no one in this city know how to schedule non-conflicting events?

This last weekend we drank with the devils at Chain Drive, donned penguin attire for Charlie's masquerade ball, and camped it up with the fabulous Glamorelles at Socials, Etc. It took all day Monday to recuperate!

San Fran Cisco's is planning another of their popular cowboy auctions for this Sunday, August 15th. The last one brought in over \$3300 for Christopher House, and the guys from Cisco's and the TGRA hope to top that figure this time. Come on out Sunday afternoon and buy a cowboy—we know several we would like to have! If you're brave enough to be on the auction block, call

Cisco's for details at 479-6939.

One of our favorite activities is thrift store shopping, and we found a gold mine recently. The store's name is Top Drawer, and it is operated as a fund-raising venture by Project Transitions, the AIDS hospice group. This place has a little of everything, all of it at ridiculously low prices. We walked out with a shopping bag full of goodies for about four bucks. Manager Sandra Martinez was all smiles watching the traffic on opening day. Stop by Wednesdays through Sundays at 4902 Burnet Road.

Project Transitions is seeking an office manager. The position involves handling clerical and office duties for the group's director and managers. A bachelor's degree and some experience in a business office setting are required. To request an application call 454-8646.

The first ever Heart of Texas Tournament, a bowling competition with cash prizes, gets under way this weekend in the capital city. You can still register to participate until midnight this Friday at Chain Drive or until 11:00a.m. on Saturday the 14th at Capitol Bowl, 5700 Grover Avenue. Singles and doubles will compete on Saturday and teams bowl on Sunday. A portion of the entrance fees will be donated to AIDS Services of Austin.

Tonight the one and only Candy J performs at the 404. Although we have not witnessed her show before, many folks tell us that it is not to be missed. Keep in mind that the 404 has absolutely some of the best and most varied dance music in the city. Deeja's Michael Hernandez, Danny Cardiel, and Stephen Williams take turns programming their own unique sounds and every night is a treat.

The board of directors of the Capital City Community Center will have their monthly meeting at 6:00p.m. on Mon-

day, August 16th at the Moondance Diner on Congress Avenue. Public relations chair Sean Thompson says that members of the community are welcome to come and voice opinions or make suggestions. For information on C.C.C.C. call 472-2222.

Changes are in the air at Socials, Etc., the big little bar out on Springdale Road. New manager Wayne Marion and owner Warren are planning all kinds of events and innovations to appear in weeks to come. Wayne says any organization that needs a space to hold a fund-raising party or show is welcome to use his club—call 339-0102 to make arrangements. If you need directions to Socials, Etc. call 929-7928. Our recent trip there reminded us of a treasure hunt (go four miles west, look for the Dr. Pepper sign...) and we had a great time once we were there. It really is much cooler out in the country!

Who was the man in the Phantom of the Opera drag at Charlie's



What does T.C. stand for anyway?

masquerade ball last week? We really wanted his phone number—Music of the Night indeed.

Auntie Mame's is where you can find handsome James manning the bar most afternoons. Mame's has some type of entertainment on the schedule every night, and their showings of the Rocky Horror Picture Show Saturday midnights have become so popular that another television had to be added. Come camp along with Frank Furter, but leave the water guns at home.

Over at 5th Street Station planning is in progress for their summer theme party, Planet Mercury, on August 21st. We don't have all the details yet, but we

do know that we have to buy some new undies before the 21st.

Rest up everyone—another round of parties, shows, and events is coming around the end of August, and Pride Fest and Last Splash are only three weeks away...



Sandra at Top Drawer



James at Mame's

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Lefty in jail: society must be protected; Bambi gets birthday surprise

By LEFTY TAYLOR

The New Voice/San Antonio

Good evening or morning as the case may be. I have no really truly exciting news or rumors to report. I do know that thanks to a very good lawyer, I kept myself out of jail the other night at Sparks. See what happens when you go to every bar and everyone wants you to drink. Wow. I haven't been in jail in months. Of course most of the Hardly Girls can tell you about jail experiences anyway. Most of them were true. I was very disappointed in my unfortunate incarceration.

At the El Jardin on the 19th is the surprise birthday party for Bambi. How it's going to be a surprise I'll never know. But of course, Billy Walker never could keep a secret. And no one is supposed to ask me how old Bambi is either. I'm not going to count the rings, but if you want a hint, she's somewhere between Sam and Birch. On Saturday the 21st, Miss Walker presents her return from the dead dinosaurs show. This show will feature talent that hasn't been seen in a long time and some seen very recently.

People are still telling me that the 2015 is planning on opening another bar somewhere near the bus station. Dick swears it's not true, but these rumors seem to go around a lot. New bars opening and closing, sometimes it gets very confusing. The happy hour at the 2015 is from 2p.m. till 8p.m. everyday

and Monday and Tuesday all day long. Coming soon is the Pointless Sisters Annual Toaster Awards Show. Everyone needs to get ready and see this show. I was there last year and it's very funny.

Now, coming soon to the San Antonio Bed and Breakfast is a brand new jacuzzi. Not only can you now relax in downtown historic King William, but you can soak it all up from a hot tub. It's really a nice place to stay.

On Sunday the 22nd at Memories is going to be an all variety show to help raise money for the women's softball team. I think they need new uniforms. Now on Wednesdays, Yvette is in the D.J. booth and does this girl have a butt. Jim is serving up \$2.00 Long Island Teas and the dance music goes on all night. Coming Sept. 4th is the new all-women hot oil wrestling. This is going to be something to see.

Right down the street from where I was pulled over is Value Housing, home of Ken Bradshaw. He is always ready and willing to help anyone into a nice new home. If I had lived there, I wouldn't have had far to drive to Sparks or the pet stores.

And speaking of Sparks, they have Dreamboy strippers every night. On Tuesday nights it's hot oil wrestling and Monday and Thursdays it's Karaoke Night. Now here I have to make a retraction from last week. In no way have I had an affair with Robert. If I do, you will be the first to know. After all, I love sharing all my secrets with a few thousand people every week.

If you go down Austin Highway to Broadway, turn right on to Basse, turn left to the Yard, you can go to Textures Bookstore. Its more than just a bookstore. Now they have tickets for the Women's Folklife Festival and you had better get your tickets before they start going up.

Now back to Downtown...At the Wild Club Saturday the 14th, will be the First Annual Triangle Party. Wear your triangle and get in free. There will be giveaways all night long with \$1.75 well drinks and 50 cent draft. Percent male dancers will be there to entertain you and you can dance until 4 A.M.! On Saturday, August 28th will feature adult video star Damien and an underwear night to boot. On the holiday weekend we can then expect Ryan Idol.

The week is absolutely full of plans at the Papermoon. On Monday, Chanel White hosts musical chairs; Tuesday nights Pauletta hosts talent night with Kourtney Deveraux and cash prizes; on Wednesday nights, Shady Lady presents San Antonio's hottest male dancers. Thursday is Tandi's Tea featuring Erica Andrews and Ariel Andrews; Saturday, Sweet Savage wows you with the dynamic men from the Papermoon. They will strip for you until 2:00 a.m. And finally, it's the Ultra Hot Super Sunday Show with Tandi, Shady Lady, Pauletta and Donna Day.



Alice at Papermoon

San Antonio AIDS Foundation is having a Hawaiian Luau Potluck Dinner, Monday, August 23rd at 5:00 p.m. The address for SAAF is 818 E. Grayson, San Antonio, TX 78208. Bring your favorite dish and your grass skirt. Call Bob Schreiber or Jessica Kennedy at (210) 225-4715 to let them know what you are bringing or for suggestions. Old clients, new clients, family and friends are invited to get acquainted with the SAAF staff.

Well now I have my week cut out for me. For those of you who have asked, yes the new snake is getting along fine and no Jim doesn't like him one bit. Just for the fact that he's black and green. Oh well, the cats like him. I see more snakes for me in the future. Now I leave you with the immortal words from my dog...Chow!



Betty's birthday

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

American Booksellers Association gives \$10,000 to fight Amendment 2

DENVER, Wednesday, Aug. 4 (AP)—The American Booksellers Association has given \$10,000 to the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado to support the fight against Amendment 2, an ACLU spokesperson said on Wednesday.

The anti-gay constitutional change

was approved by voters last November but has been stayed, pending a lawsuit in a Denver district court.

"Our membership is strongly opposed to Amendment 2 in Colorado as well as all similar attempts to legalize discrimination anywhere in the country," said Chuck Robinson, of Bellingham, Wash.,

president of the ABA.

The ABA, a national trade association of America's retail book business, passed a resolution at a meeting earlier this year to make the money available to fight Amendment 2.

James H. Joy, executive director of the ACLU of Colorado, estimates that his

organization will spend at least \$75,000 on Amendment 2-related expenses by November.

"That's a major piece of our budget but it's a small price to pay to defend the rights guaranteed to all Americans under the U.S. Constitution," Joy said.

▼▼▼ IN MEMORY OF



JOEL D. BRIDGES

A memorial service will now be held on Sunday, August 22 at 2:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur, Houston, 77007. This is a change from the original date of August 15. For those desiring, Building Fund of the Metropolitan Community Church, Joel's friends are invited to attend.



ROBERT DUNCAN KENNEDY

Robert Duncan Kennedy 38, left the many friends and family he loved on Wednesday, August 4, 1993. Robert's passing ended one of Houston's longest battles against AIDS. He was a caring and loving person to all and seldom acknowledged his own achievements. He graduated from Baylor with a B.A. and Masters in Business Administration. He worked in marketing and advertising in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he became Mr. Tulsa 78.

After returning to his home of Houston in 82' he went to work at the Galleon. Miss Kitty's and was one of the creators of Pacific Street. He was active in community theater. He directed the Diversity theater and performed numerous productions. His favorite part was that of Dr. Scott in the production of the Rocky Horror Show.

Always there to help the community he donated his many talents to AIDS fund raising and other charities. He will be remembered by his many friends. You are part of my past, part of the present and will be remembered forever.

Jay Allen

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Omega House. A memorial celebration will be held Monday, August 16, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. at Pacific Street, 710 Pacific.

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▼▼▼ GALVESTON SOAP

Miss Black Velvet returns to the Island City; women descend in droves

By JERRY STUART

The New Voice/Galveston

Oh my! Has it been a week already?

Well, I guess time flies when you're having lots of fun.

First off, the folks at the John Sealy Hospital AIDS unit would like to express their appreciation to Ron and Bill, owner and manager of the Kon Tiki Club here in Galveston for their help in raising the money for their new blenders. A very special thanks goes out to Mr (Mrs?) Tony Mullis and the Kon Tiki Mermaids for their donation from their performances at the Kon Tiki.

The new blenders just would not have been possible without all of your help. Good going girls!

While we're on the Kon Tiki, Miss Black Velvet was in town again, performing in her usually fabulous fashions. Miss Velvet is becoming quite a regular at the Kon Tiki on weekends. There is nothing like a fresh drag queen to wake up a crowd! And wake up a crowd she did, right along with the reigning Miss Gentry 1993, Rochell Romoane. Boy does that girl have talent! The drag shows just seem to get better and better. It seems Galveston is getting a lot of new talent from the outside lately. There is always room for one more queen on our campy little island.

Also rejoining us at the Kon Tiki this weekend was Miss Shawna Brooks. Miss Brooks is one of the finest drag queens I have ever met. The girl has got talent. The only time my body moves like that is when I am in the throes of...well you know what I mean. Miss Brooks is back from her tour of the East



Rochell Romoane



Velvet & Shawna

coast. She came back with quite a new look. She left as a brunette and came back a blonde. I guess she had just a little too much sun while she was away. (Or she got some new cotton. What do you think?)

Evolving right along, we skip over to Evolution to see the sights. To my surprise, what a sight it was. There was this gorgeous "straight" boy dancing with his leading lady. I got so wet watching this boy move, I almost dropped my camera. He was so straight, he took his girly friend home and came back alone. This time I did drop my camera, but only after I got a few good shots for all my devoted readers out there. (You should see the ones they wouldn't let me print). Scandalous!

This past weekend seemed to be ladies week out. There were lots and lots of lesbians out and about. These two lovely beauties came in the Island Room at Evolution where I was serving tea and proceeded to introduce themselves to me. They were from Colorado and just love the hot weather and the night life in Galveston. I don't blame them for leaving, with that unfortunate scandal back home. Why! a girl can't even get off anymore without being arrested. I just hope Colorado sees the light and gets a grip on their attitudes.

Oh, I almost forgot! I had an interesting conversation with a friend of mine and discovered that the bars don't seem to be the only night life in Galveston anymore. It seems that our local gay beach has become quite a hang-out on week nights. It gets even more interesting when you discover what kind of

night life goes on out there. The mosquitoes aren't the only thing that are biting after dark. I will just have to leave the rest up to you to find out for yourselves! (Or for goodness sakes be careful, we still have some crummy law here in Texas too! I wouldn't want any scandals to break out. (Well, not unless I was there).

So remember: No Glove, No Love!

Just a quick tidbit before I go, I have moved to a new location with a new telephone number. If you have any ideas or thoughts you would like to put in The New Voice, give me a call at (409) 740-7403. See ya next week.



Susan & Jennifer

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Florida judge denies gay father's parental rights because of lifestyle

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Saturday, July 24 (AP)—A judge has ruled a gay divorced father gave up his rights to share in decisions about his children's upbringing when he moved in with his HIV-infected lover.

Calling Scott McAbee's lifestyle "detrimental to his children," Circuit Judge A.C. Soud rejected the man's visitation request.

"His homosexual lifestyle," Soud wrote, "is so indicative of moral infirmity that it disqualifies his ability to live up to and perform the societal duty of parenting children."

Soud expressed concern about the safety of the children, ages 8 and 3, if they were to visit their father at the one-

bedroom apartment he and the other man share in St. Petersburg.

Gay rights advocates lashed out at the order, which Soud issued Thursday. The American Civil Liberties Union immediately contacted McAbee's attorney to discuss an appeal.

"We're appalled by the judge's decision," said Nina Vinik, legal director at the ACLU's state office. "To say that gays are incompatible with being good parents is just dead wrong."

McAbee and his former wife, Sarah McAbee, both 32, had been married more than 10 years when he informed her in March 1992 that he had fallen in love with a man he met in a Tampa bar. McAbee quit a \$27,000-a-year Navy job

in Jacksonville to move in with the man, who has tested positive for the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS.

Although the couple agreed the children should live with Mrs. McAbee in South Carolina, her husband requested unrestricted visitation rights. Soud denied the request, citing the HIV status of McAbee's lover and Florida laws forbidding sodomy, gay marriages and adoptions by gays.

Instead, the judge allowed McAbee to visit the children in South Carolina under Mrs. McAbee's supervision only if he shows up without a male companion, submits to two HIV tests annually and agrees not to discuss his lifestyle or partner.

Soud also allowed McAbee an annual two-week trip with the children to visit their paternal grandparents in Idaho.

"The trauma and conflicts of divorce experienced by the minor children of the marriage are enormous and follow them for years," Soud wrote. "To subject the minor children to added conflicts arising from their homosexual father's lifestyle and sexual conduct is a pound of flesh that this court will not exact from them."

Alyn Wambeke, spokesperson for the Lesbian and Gay Community Association of Jacksonville, said the judge's opinion may be based on stereotypes. "To mandate that this man can never be open with his children about his life or his partner is particularly tragic."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Successful topless fund-raiser in Santa Cruz benefits lesbian safer sex calendar

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Sunday, Aug. 8 (AP)—Holding a bake sale may have been a bit too traditional for college students who organized a car wash.

Except for scattered complaints, the car wash went off without a hitch—or tops.

"We took our tops off simply to get away with it," said Lettie Conrad. "We knew Santa Cruz is open to that kind of thing. Also it's very free. Very liberating."

While the spectacle likely offended some, it drew a mostly appreciative

crowd to the Mission Street gas station. Patrons—mostly men—lined up to have their cars washed while women stood by offering moral support. Some women joined the car washers by removing their tops, too.

Conrad, a University of California at Santa Cruz student, said the money raised would be used to start a "safer sex" calendar for lesbian and bisexual women. Calendar sales—with erotic black-and-white photos and information about AIDS—would benefit the Santa Cruz AIDS Project, Conrad said.

"We thought about having a bake sale, but we didn't like that idea," Conrad said.

About midway through the car wash, police asked the women to put their tops on or move away from a street corner where they could snarl traffic.

"Several of us made it clear that we had a right and we were not going to put shirts on," Conrad said.

Some complained that the women were disturbing the peace, but a police spokesperson said the event was legal. And aside from a few lewd comments

from passing carloads of young men, most people were respectful.

"There were a few hooters and hollers but most all the fellows were gentlemen," said volunteer Alena Smith.

The fund-raiser netted \$600 over the weekend, said Wendy van Thiel, a co-organizer.

Van Thiel said they planned to use the same gimmick for another car wash within the next few weeks. Though, she admitted she'll be a bit more cautious next time.

"I got really sunburned," she said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

Lawyer says Marine killed Okinawa man in drunken, homophobic rage

By ERIC TALMADGE

FOR THE NEW VOICE

TOKYO, Tuesday, Aug. 10 (AP)—The lawyer for an 18-year-old Marine on trial in the killing of a Japanese man said Tuesday the American may have snapped in a drunken rage at what he believed to be homosexual advances.

In the opening session of his trial, Pfc. Christopher A. Glidden of New Castle, Pa., admitted striking Seiyu Yokota on the head once with a flower pot and three times with a block of concrete outside a bar near his base on the southern island of Okinawa in April.

But Glidden denied prosecution charges that he intended to kill the 33-year-old carpenter, said Minoru Uechi, Glidden's lawyer. Uechi spoke with The

Associated Press by telephone from Okinawa.

In the trial, Uechi said alcohol and a homophobic rage had rendered Glidden, who appeared in court wearing civilian clothes, mentally unstable at the time of the killing.

Uechi told the court that Glidden snapped when Yokota tried to fondle his buttocks outside a bar where the two men had been drinking on the night of the murder.

He said Yokota's actions created a deep sense of fear in Glidden, who he said had been raped by a male relative when he was 15 and sexually assaulted by a classmate two years before that.

Prosecutors did not specify what sen-

tence they would demand, Uechi said. Tuesday's proceedings lasted about 90 minutes.

Glidden is charged with killing Yokota on April 11 in Kin, a town of about 10,000 that borders Camp Hansen, where Glidden was assigned to a reconnaissance unit.

The killing has received much media attention and touched off street protests on Okinawa, where about 20,000 Marines are based. Yokota would be the fifth Okinawan killed by U.S. military personnel in the past 20 years.

The Glidden case also has been cited by some gay rights groups in the United States as an example of a widespread hatred of homosexuals in the military.

Under heavy opposition, President Clinton recently backed down from a promise to completely lift a longstanding ban on gays in the service.

Gay rights groups claim the ban fosters antipathy toward homosexuals.

In an interview with Pittsburgh television station WTAE after his son's arrest, Rich Glidden said the son confessed to attacking Yokota because Yokota had "grabbed him by his butt and other places." Glidden's father also said his son claimed Yokota was still alive when he fled the scene.

In accordance with Japanese procedure, the trial is being heard by a panel of three judges. The next session is scheduled for Sept. 14.

▼▼▼ BATON ROUGE SOAP

Born Divas hold special last Louisiana show in Baton Rouge; 1000 Tiaras

By CURTIS E. JACKSON, JR.

The New Voice/Baton Rouge

Well, Marilyn Mills hosted another sparkling crew of entertainers at Argon last Thursday night. Tiffany Alexander was our M.C. for the evening and performed for us as well. Tiffany seems to have recovered quite well from her fateful back injury in New Orleans. It's good to see you continuing on strong. There were featured appearances by Raquell Chevallier or as Tiffany would say Raggedy "Ann" Chevrolet. Also performing that evening was Serenity Sommers; keep up the good work girl.



Chandler Sinclair



William & Tiffany

Last Saturday featured two wonderful gala's of entertainment. Funds raised by both of these events will be going to benefit various AIDS charities. Starting at 8:00 p.m. Apollo held their Night of a Thousand Tiaras at the Plaquemine Civic Center. Every Apollo title holder and title holder wanna' be since Apollo first got started was there to enthrall the over 800 guests that Apollo managed to pack into that little civic center. I don't know if there were actually a thousand tiaras but there was definitely more rhinestone around than I could count.

There was also a special guest appear-

ance by Amazing Grace the national Entertainer of the Year, 1993. The comedy of Amazing Grace is well known. So I'm sure that Amazing was one of the biggest highlights of the evening. This was definitely an event to be remembered.

Also on Saturday, the Born Divas made their "final" appearance at the Varsity theater on campus. From what I hear the Varsity was so packed that movement was nearly impossible. Those Divas really know how to pack 'em in. Good work ladies, I'm sure the PWA community will greatly benefit from your efforts.

Some coming events that you may want to make not of are Marilyn Mills Variety show at Argon next Thursday night,



Raquell Chevallier

August 19th. The guests have not been confirmed as of yet, but I'm sure nobody will be disappointed.

Don't forget that this very weekend, Friday, August 13th, Buddies will be having a big Catfish Fry, starting at 6:00 p.m. I definitely recommend a pit stop at Buddies for a bite to eat. And, Saturday, August 14th, will be the Mirrors pageant of the year "Miss Mirror, 1993." There will be a special guest appearance by Miss Nicole DuBois (Miss Louisiana 1993 and 1st runner up to Miss Gay USA 1993). This pageant is the Mirrors preliminary to the Miss Gay USA pageant 1994. The winner will be sponsored by the Mirror in the coming contest.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay activists are born out of frustration with Rhode Island General Assembly

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Monday, Aug. 9 (AP)—Anger and frustration with the defeat of a gay-rights bill in the General Assembly turned into a political mission as gay activists formed new groups to fight for their cause.

Groups including Simple Justice, Rhode Island Veterans for Justice and the Rhode Island Gay and Lesbian News Bureau have spawned out of the ashes of a killed gay rights bill on the General Assembly floor.

"Anytime we suffer a defeat like that, in which it's very close, there's a lot of anger," said Mark King, president of the Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. "What you find is that energy and that anger moves a lot of

people to action, and you get the formation of activists."

What makes the new groups different from the previously established gay organizations is their political mission.

"There was a lot of emotion this year," said Marc Paige, an organizer of Simple Justice, which has demonstrated in home districts of selected legislators.

"We know how the legislators voted," he said. "It's wrong what they did, and we're here to try and get the message out."

Rep. Paul Archetto, D-Cranston, was the first target of Simple Justice because they say he went back on his promise not to participate in a committee vote on

the gay rights bill.

Last month, Simple Justice members marched through Cranston High School East, where Archetto sometimes works as a substitute teacher. Some carried an effigy of Archetto with two mouths, symbolizing what they called his broken promise.

"Rhode Islanders want integrity in their politicians, and I think the people in Mr. Archetto's district ought to know that this gentleman lacks a certain amount of integrity," Paige said.

Archetto maintains he followed the wishes of his constituents in voting against the bill.

Behind the front lines, David Anderson, founder of the Rhode Island Gay

and Lesbian News Bureau, has been keeping the media informed of scheduled protests and acts of defiance.

Anderson informed the media of when a group called Faggots United dumped manure on the office steps of Rep. Charles Knowles, D-South Kingstown.

King said it remains to be seen whether the groups can maintain their momentum.

"While anger can be used as a catalyst, frequently you have to move beyond that anger to sustain the organization," he said. "I'm hopeful these organizations will be able to move beyond that and keep things stable and growing for them."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Cincinnati's Roman Catholic Archdiocese says priest's gay marriages inappropriate

CINCINNATI, Thursday, Aug. 5 (AP)—The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati said a priest acted inappropriately by purportedly marrying five gay and lesbian couples.

The Rev. Michael Paraniuk told the weekly Mount Washington Press newspaper for a story published Wednesday that he performed secret ceremonies at the gay couples' homes.

"Paraniuk has denied that his actions

were intended to be marriage ceremonies," the Rev. Daniel Conlon, chancellor of the archdiocese, said in a statement released Wednesday. "Nevertheless, his actions were inappropriate, and they will undoubtedly be a source of confusion to many people."

Conlon said Paraniuk could not perform same-sex unions because the church only recognizes marriages between men and women.

Paraniuk serves as a chaplain at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati. He did not return a call to the hospital chaplain's office Thursday.

Archdiocese spokesperson Ray George declined to comment about any action planned against Paraniuk, who lives in Batavia.

The Mount Washington Press quoted Paraniuk as saying he would not publicly discuss the gay marriages.

"There's too much at stake in this," he said. "Every one I've ever done, I've said must be secret."

Paraniuk has been outspoken about homosexuality. He donated a subscription to The Advocate, a magazine which covers gay and lesbian issues, to the Clermont County Public Library after citizens protested the display of the magazine at one of the library's branches.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay men challenge Minnesota's state laws forbidding same-sex marriage

DULUTH, Minn., Saturday, Aug. 7 (AP)—Doug Benson and Duane Gajewski want to get married. But state law won't let them, so the gay couple is putting its wedding wishes on hold while taking the issue to court.

"The idea of having the ceremony is so far off, it's ludicrous," said Benson, 39. "This could be tied up in courts for years."

The Duluth men are challenging laws forbidding same-sex marriages, a ban the pair says amounts to gender discrimination. They hope other same-sex couples will join them in a class-action lawsuit.

The men immediately ran into trouble when they filled out their marriage license application last week. A disclaimer at the bottom required them to

swear that "one of you is a man and the other is a woman." Gajewski, 29, crossed out the section and signed the application.

On Friday, the county notified Benson and Gajewski that their application had been rejected.

"Your marriage cannot be granted because, according to state statute, a marriage is 'a civil contract between a man and a woman,'" wrote Gloria Pothast, the county's court administrator.

The couple has hired Duluth attorney Peter Nikitas and will take their case to the St. Louis County Attorney's office.

"I think we can expect others to test the limits of the law," said Ann DeGroot, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council in

Minneapolis. "That's especially true in states like ours where sexual orientation is a protected class."

The council may join with the state's Civil Liberties Union to advocate same-sex marriages.

The challenge to same-sex marriages has been in the courts before. In 1971, Minnesota gay activist Jack Baker applied for a marriage license and took the case to the state Supreme Court, where he lost.

This year, the Hawaiian Supreme Court said the denial of a lesbian couple's marriage application deserved further consideration and returned the case to a lower court.

While they're encouraged by the Hawaii decision, Benson and Gajewski don't think they'll be helped by a gay

rights law that took effect Aug. 1 in Minnesota. Although the law bans discrimination against gays and lesbians in areas such as housing, employment and education, it doesn't authorize same-sex marriages.

"That stipulation violates the very spirit of the law," Benson said.

Some cities, like Minneapolis, have extended a degree of recognition to same-sex couples, known as domestic partnership registration. But they don't give registered partners the legal benefits of marriage.

There are no domestic partnership provisions in St. Louis County.

Although gays and lesbians throughout the country are getting married in commitment ceremonies, such marriages aren't legally recognized.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

French medical benefits extended to partners in homosexual couples

PARIS, Wednesday, Aug. 4 (AP)—France has extended medical benefits to non-working partners in homosexual couples.

The new law did not attract public attention until Wednesday, though it was passed in March and letters explaining it were circulated around France in May to officials dealing with benefit claims in the state-run health system.

The new rules took effect Tuesday in the

Paris region.

The anti-discrimination group Ornica brought the new law to public attention. It said the benefits would help assure coverage for AIDS victims and keep the deadly disease from spreading, thanks to more regular medical exams.

The order is a milestone for homosexual couples in having their unions officially recognized. Court rulings in recent years

leaned the other way, with judges refusing to consider such couples eligible for state benefits.

Now, each person qualifying for state medical benefits—generally everyone who has worked within the past three years—can claim coverage for one person living off his or her income. Living together at least 12 months is required.

Besides homosexuals, others covered

include jobless adult children still living with their parents and not covered by special-student benefits.

It was not immediately clear how many people would qualify for benefits or how much they would cost.

The extension comes as the government, eager to reduce a rising deficit, is cutting the state health budget, mostly through greater supervision of claims.

▼▼▼CORPUS CHRISTI SOAP

Leather men descend on Corpus Christi for Tattoos and Pearls--Beach Head 6

By DEBRA JEAN

The New Voice/Corpus Christi John Hoffman, the White family and the staff of the Hidden Door, Corpus Christi, wish to express our deepest thanks to everyone who attended Andy's memorial. A special thank you to Ricky G. and the clubs who provided food for the wake ceremony. To all of Andy's friends distinctively for all who sang special songs and made the service super special. Thank you, MCC for providing a place for the services and a huge thank you for all the donations and support. God blessed us all by giving us Andy and he will be missed immensely.

Come out and support CCMC, Balls, Rebels and TRE every Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. for the super draft specials, also don't forget to ask your favorite bartender the specials of the day.

Tattoos and Pearls-Beach Head 6, the infamous party of the year will be the talk of the town, with leather men from across the U.S.A., coming to party with CCMC. Everyone enjoys food,



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beer, events, cocktail parties, brunch and dinner reception. Call (512) 882-0183 for information.

Choices hot birthday bash is happening August 15th. Come wish Ken and Tanya a fabulous birthday. Male strippers all night long promises a night to remember. The super Sunday show was hot-hot-hot! Ginger Foster did a hot and heavy passionate Spanish number, the girl was hot!

Sade Roberts and Natasha Roberts were beautiful and romantic. Feelings filled the house that night as they sang melodies of love. Racine Courde picked up the beat with "Show Me Love," again a love song but with rhythm. She wore a beautiful full length dress that showed her sexy legs.

Welcome to Corpus Christi John and Burke, seen at Choices recently having been here only a few weeks.

Desert Hearts will be bringing Dena Kaye to you straight from Nashville. She's a super hot entertainer who has been travelling nationwide with her one woman show.

A special happy birthday To Lupe, Nelda and Kim who

were seen celebrating birthdays at Desert Hearts and the word was that the bevy of private parties were hot.

Anthony's is rock'n rollin' in Rockport in a beautiful new home. Anthony has a gazebo, swimming pool, spa, a huge front and back yard and only minutes away from the ocean.



Keri Lea

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Denver judge denies delay in Colorado's Amendment 2-gay rights trial

By DENIS M. SEARLES

FOR THE NEW VOICE

DENVER, Friday, Aug. 6 (AP)—A Denver judge on Friday denied a state motion to delay a trial in October on the constitutionality of Amendment 2—the so-called anti-gay rights law.

The state had sought the delay so it could appeal a Colorado Supreme Court opinion to the U.S. Supreme Court. In upholding an injunction issued in January that has blocked Amendment 2 from taking effect, the state high court ruled two weeks ago that the measure violates the constitutional right of homosexuals to take part in the political process. The state plans to appeal that decision.

Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless, who issued the temporary restraining order in January on Amendment 2, on Friday denied the motion to delay the scheduled Oct. 12 trial about whether Amendment 2 is unconstitutional. He said the top priority in the case should be reaching a resolution.

After that, appeals to the state and federal high courts would be in order, Bayless said.

"The primary concern (is that the) people deserve a final decision. That's what the court remains focused on," Bayless said.

In the lawsuit that will be heard Oct.

12, eight individuals and three Colorado communities claim Amendment 2 violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution. Amendment 2 prohibits any laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination, striking down laws on the books in Denver, Aspen and Boulder—three of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

Bayless also agreed with attorney Jean Dubofsky, lead attorney for the coalition of cities and homosexual groups opposing Amendment 2, that the U.S. Supreme Court probably would not take the case at its present point.

Tim Tymkovich of the state attorney

general's office argued that the trial should be delayed to allow the high court appeal. He said the state Supreme Court opinion affected "the right of the people of Colorado to self-government ... That ruling as it stands profoundly affects the right of the people" to change laws through the initiative process.

The July 19 state Supreme Court opinion also said the state must prove a compelling state interest for Amendment 2 to exist. Otherwise, the court must declare the amendment invalid, the opinion said.

Some legal experts said that standard set by the Colorado justices doomed the amendment.

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Discharged gay Air Force sergeant accused of molesting Arizona student

TEMPE, Ariz., Saturday, Aug. 7 (AP)—A former Air Force sergeant who was discharged after announcing his homosexuality on national television has been accused of molesting an Arizona State University student after a campus lecture.

Anirban Bhattacharya, a 23-year-old senior in sociology, filed a complaint with campus police July 23 accusing Thomas Paniccia of molesting him after the former airman and current gay rights activist spoke at the university Feb. 4.

Bhattacharya told ASU's Department of Public Safety that he waited six months before deciding to file the complaint because he didn't want Paniccia

to be reinstated in the military.

Paniccia's admission in July 1992 on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" show and his subsequent discharge last October from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson fueled a nationwide debate surrounding gays in the military.

The 11-year veteran has since been battling the military for reinstatement.

Paniccia, 29, said he has been told by detectives not to discuss the case, but was shocked by the allegation.

"This totally came out of left field. Because I'm a public figure, and my friends and lawyers have told me I'm a public figure, I get crackpots and potshots all the time," Paniccia said. "I guess I can categorize this in the same

category. I think it's an incredible accusation."

"A complaint has been filed by a student, and it is still under investigation," university spokesperson Keith Jennings said Friday. "Those results will be evaluated after the investigation to see if it will be forwarded to the (Maricopa) County Attorney's Office for review."

Bhattacharya said he would not comment on specifics because of the ongoing investigation, but he doesn't have any type of vendetta against Paniccia.

"I'm telling you that I'm not doing it for money. I'm just a college student," Bhattacharya said. "I was rather shocked that this happened."

Paniccia was invited to speak to a

sociology class called "Variant Sexuality."

According to a statement given by Bhattacharya, he introduced himself after the class and asked Paniccia a question or two, then left to use the second-floor restroom. He told DPS investigators he asked Paniccia if he would wait to continue the conversation.

Minutes later, Bhattacharya said he turned to leave when he found Paniccia outside the stall door. He police that Paniccia grabbed him by the neck and fondled him with his other hand.

Bhattacharya told police Paniccia shoved him into the stall and continued to touch him before he escaped and ran from the restroom.

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San Diego neighborhood recruits homosexuals to take up residence

SAN DIEGO, Monday, July 26 (AP)—Residents of an ailing, working-class neighborhood here are actively recruiting gay and lesbian couples to move in, saying homosexuals usually make good neighbors.

Like a lot of mid-city neighborhoods, the Azalea Park section of San Diego has some nicely tended homes, but others have dead lawns, peeling paint, and broken windows.

Residents of this racially diverse neighborhood are trying to interest gays and lesbians in buying or renting in Azalea Park, in hopes that they will refurbish the homes, adding to the overall appeal of the neighborhood and boosting property values.

There is a precedent for gays improving an area—a city neighborhood called Hillcrest. Linda Pennington and her husband, Mark, moved to Azalea Park a decade ago from the Hillcrest neighborhood, currently the center of San Diego's gay community.

The Penningtons had watched the gentrification that occurred in Hillcrest when gays and lesbians began buying homes.

"The gays rescued Hillcrest, and we hope they can help do the same for Azalea Park," said Mark Pennington, a computer program administrator for AT&T. "We know that gays are good neighbors, they take care of their property and they're community minded."

To spread the message of Azalea Park, Pennington and a dozen other residents marched a week ago in the city's annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade in Hillcrest under the banner, "Azalea Park. An Affordable Canyon Neighborhood."

There were smaller hand-held signs: "We Love Our Neighbors," "Canyon Homes Under \$100,000" and "Gays Welcome."

"We think it would be fabulous if gays would take an interest in Azalea Park,"

said Linda Pennington, an artist and teacher.

At the Pride Festival that followed in Balboa Park, the Azalea Park contingent set up a booth and distributed 500 copies of a neighborhood fact sheet. Under the headline, "Expose Yourself to Azalea Park," the sheet provided a map, information about home prices and phone numbers of Azalea Park residents.

Response at the parade and festival was enthusiastic, and Azalea Park resident Vicki Davis, one of several gay people who live in Azalea Park, took down 100-plus names.

On Sunday, after making a dozen follow-up phone calls, Davis and Linda Pennington conducted a tour of Azalea Park properties and Snowdrop Canyon for 15 men and women, all gay, who had been attracted by the fact sheets.

More phone calls and tours are planned.

"Figure it: a gay real estate caravan to look at homes," said John Hyde, a graphic designer who would like to buy a home with his roommate. "It's great."

Michael Portantino, publisher of the San Diego Gay & Lesbian Times, said the Azalea Park effort is unprecedented.

He said he has never heard of a predominantly straight neighborhood in San Diego or anywhere else making a pitch to the gay community, although he noted that real estate agents have realized that the gay market is strong even when the overall market is lousy.

"The straights have realized that gay couples usually have two good salaries and easily qualify" for home loans, he said.

Jim Doolittle, an unemployed bill collector and nine-year resident of Azalea Park, said: "Gays take care of their homes, there's no other way to put it. They keep up their yards and they tend to be community active. We don't care about their sexual orientation at all."

▼▼▼ RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

Beware: Friday the 13th in the Valley; Home show (sort of) at the 10th

By ALICIA LUGO

The new Voice/Rio Grande Valley Beware! It's Friday the 13th. Who knows what evil or peril awaits just around the corner. Oh what the heck, just as long as you've got your lucky rabbit's foot and magic amulets, go out and have a good time.

Tonight, 10th Avenue will have a (home) show. No, that's not like a house remodeling show! It just means that the local girls will be performing. The show will include Misty, Nina Jackson and Takisha and who knows, maybe even a few other guests.

Last Friday 10th Avenue hosted Ernie and Taylor from Muscles In Action and I understand that was one wild night. Performing on Sunday's show were Takisha, Sweet and Luscious and Morticia.

Isaac from 10th Avenue is now the director of the newly formed Eucalyptus Productions Male Revue. The guys (whom I hear are real studs) are available to perform at parties or other special engagements. For more information contact Isaac at (210) 428-3579. Be sure to keep your eyes open for these guys because they will be performing at clubs across the Valley. Also, be sure and see Isaac next week on Friday as he hosts the Miss Texas Frontier at Club 440 in Brownsville. Anyone interested in competing for this pageant can contact Michael Brooks at 440.

Last Friday night 440 hosted the talents of Roshelle Stevens, Lashes L'Amour, Betty, Elaine, Julie and others. Roshelle has asked me to thank everyone for their care and support by con-



Barbara

tributing during her show. Roshelle and Valley Voice are working to raise funds to help the family of a terminally ill little boy with funeral expenses. If you would care to make a contribution to this very worth while cause please call (210) 428-6800.



Michael & Rafa at 440

By watching for the Capital City Queens who will be performing in Harlingen at Zippers either this weekend or next. And while you're there be sure and say hello to Max and Carlos.

P.B.D.'s in McAllen will be having a benefit show this Sunday night for Paulina Mercedes Lane and for Kelly Klime to help them with expenses as they travel to San Antonio to compete in the Miss Texas Pageant.

Then next Sunday, Just Tery's will also be having a benefit show for Paulina and Kelly as well. Be sure to come to both shows and support the girls.

Also at Just Tery's, this Friday you can see a special performance by Roshelle Stevens. Don't forget it's Friday so the guys from the Texas Lonestar Male Revue will be there as well.

On Saturday, Walley C. will be celebrating his birthday party at Just Tery's. I understand his special Mr. Right will be in town from Houston to help him celebrate. Don't forget Saturday Just Tery's features dance music.

And on Wednesdays 50 cents gets you any well or premium drink (no exotics) from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. You must pay with a 50 cent piece. While you're there, enjoy the country and Tejano music.

I have a special, unpaid message from that dizzy queen Tery: "there is no truth that Just Tery's is closing Sept. 25th." Supposedly the rumor got started because they changed their music format on Fridays and Saturdays and therefore a few people were boycotting the club. But as Tery put it "business is business" and they can't play country

and Tejano on those two nights. They'll be open until "the earth opens up and swallows" a certain one, the two owners whose name I refuse to mention.

There is a new church forming in McAllen. Beginning this Sunday the services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Until a permanent meeting place is established the congregation will be meeting at Just Tery's in the back bar. The emergency door to that room will serve as the front door. Roy Groves will be officiating at the service.

I'd like to wish well Roshelle and Rob in Cancun next week and remember I expect a souvenir when you get back.

Also, before closing, just a reminder that this coming Tuesday (17th) Valley Voice will have a Volleyball Match (open to everyone) at Pendelton Park in Harlingen at 7:00 p.m. Call 428-6800 for information.

That about wraps it up for now. Catch ya next week!



Mary Pat at Tery's

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Oregon Citizens Alliance seeks to overturn law blocking anti-gay laws

By CHARLES E. BEGGS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SALEM, Ore., Tuesday, Aug. 10 (AP)—A law barely a week old is the target of an Oregon Citizens Alliance lawsuit seeking to have it struck down as unconstitutional.

The law signed by Gov. Barbara Roberts last Tuesday forbids local governments or voters from passing ordinances dealing with gay rights.

The OCA, in a lawsuit filed Monday in Marion County Circuit Court, seeks to have the law overturned grounds that it deprives people of their rights to initiate

laws.

In its lawsuit, the group also asked for speedy handling of the case because seven local elections are scheduled for Sept. 21 on OCA-sponsored measures.

The Legislature passed the law in late July, and it took effect as soon as signed.

OCA Chairperson Lon Mabon said Monday the organization could attempt to put an initiative measure on the ballot to repeal the law, but that would mean a public vote would be more than a year away.

"We feel it is so patently unconstitutional that this is the fastest and easiest

way to go," he said.

The new state law prohibits cities and counties from enacting or enforcing ordinances that give special rights to homosexuals or that single out any person or group based on sexual orientation.

Voters in Springfield, Cornelius, Junction City, Canby and Douglas, Josephine, Linn and Klamath County have approved anti-gay rights ordinances backed by the OCA.

Seven more local elections are scheduled next month, and three in November.

A leader of a group working to defeat the

local measures said she believes initiative rights will not extend to anti-homosexual proposals like those of the OCA.

"The rights of a single group cannot be put up for a popular vote," said Julie Davis, executive director of Support Our Communities PAC.

Davis said OCA long has argued it opposes special rights, but now that a law outlaws special rights, the organization says it is against it.

"I think it exposes the OCA for what they are, a group that wants to dictate against a minority because they do not agree with them," she said.

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Bags of body parts could be link in Rockland, New York murder case

STONY POINT, N.Y., Monday, Aug. 9 (AP)—Four plastic bags filled with rotting body parts could be the rest of a New York City man whose head and hands were found more than a week ago, Rockland County officials said Monday.

"We're almost sure, but the medical examiner must make the final determination," said Rockland County District Attorney Kenneth Gribetz.

Investigators from Rockland County, New Jersey and New York City have been considering whether the murder of Michael Sakara Jr. was linked to the death and dismemberment of other gay

or bisexual men in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and upstate New York.

Sakara, 54, was last seen in a Greenwich Village piano bar. At least two of the other victims also were last seen in Manhattan bars.

In the latest development, a Town of Stony Point volunteer firefighter discovered four maggot-infested bags about 7:00 p.m. Sunday. The grisly find was on an embankment about 4 1/2 miles south of the Bear Mountain Bridge, some 40 miles north of New York City.

The bags, which Gribetz said had a terrible smell, contained a torso and

other body parts.

On July 31, a hot dog vendor had found Sakara's head and arms, wrapped in a trash bag and stuffed into a garbage can, about eight miles away in Haverstraw. Gribetz said the firefighter had been searching Sunday for the rest of Sakara's remains.

Gribetz made a public appeal for witnesses—not only in Haverstraw but in the Stony Point area south of Iona Island, where the bags were found Sunday.

"It's a strong possibility that it's one individual," said Gribetz. "We'll only know after he's been arrested. But the

public should be vigilant."

In an effort to increase community vigilance, the Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project has joined forces with the New York Police Department to combat what are known as "pick-up" crimes against gay men.

"Gay men are often targets for these crimes and don't report them because they think they're somehow to blame," said Bea Hanson, the project's director of client services.

The crimes usually involve a "pick-up" in a gay bar that ends with the victim beaten, robbed, raped or murdered, said Hanson.

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New Hampshire man claims he was falsely accused of being gay; kills self

BARNSTEAD, N.H. (AP)—A Barnstead man arrested in a police crackdown on homosexual activity at a rest stop has killed himself after telling friends he had only stopped to urinate.

Paul Eastman, 58, shot himself with a rifle Wednesday after seeing his name in news stories. He was arrested over the weekend and charged with indecent exposure at a Route 28 rest stop in Alton.

The Concord Monitor, The Union Leader of Manchester and The Citizen of Laconia were among the newspapers that reported the arrest of Eastman and six other men.

Undercover police had staked out the rest area because they said it was a frequent homosexual rendezvous spot.

But Eastman told friends that he had merely pulled into the rest area to

urinate in the bushes when he was confronted by police.

Clifton Vulner, his friend and boss at Suncook Leather Co. in Pittsfield, said he talked with Eastman Wednesday morning.

"He said, 'Oh, my God, I wonder what my grandchildren are going to think of me.' I said, 'Paul, we've known you long enough, now we'll find out who your friends are,'" said Vulner.

Eastman was very distraught as he explained what had happened, Vulner said.

"He said he was going around to the flea markets and yard sales, and he had to relieve himself," Vulner said. "Then he stepped out of the bushes, and they told him he was under arrest."

"He said, 'I didn't know what was

happening, I was just dumbfounded,'" Vulner said. "He was just in shock. He wasn't near anyone else. There was no basis to (Eastman's arrest) at all, there was nothing to it. I think he was just in the wrong place at the wrong time, and it's a damn shame."

A state medical examiner said Thursday that Eastman died of a rifle shot to the chest, and ruled his death a suicide.

Eastman, who ran machinery at Suncook Leather, leaves his wife, Jean, two sons and a daughter. Vulner said Eastman's wife was "in deep shock."

Eastman was arrested during a three-day police operation. Two unidentified plainclothes Alton police officers waited for men in the woods by the rest area, where there had been reports of

homosexual activity, according to Alton Police Chief Thomas Mynczywor.

Some of the men were arrested for sexual or simple assault. Eastman and two others were arrested for indecent exposure. His trial for the misdemeanor charge was set for Sept. 7.

Mynczywor said Eastman was very cooperative when he was arrested and showed no signs of being distraught or suicidal.

Claire Ebel, executive director of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union, said police have better things to do with their time.

"If (Eastman) was in the woods to (urinate), I think there are something like 150 million males in this country over the age of 2 who have done that kind of thing sometime in his lifetime," said Ebel.

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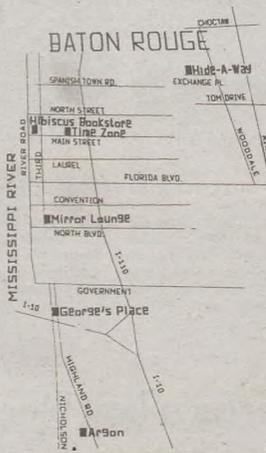
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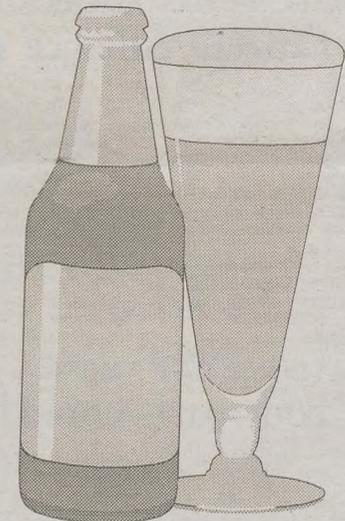
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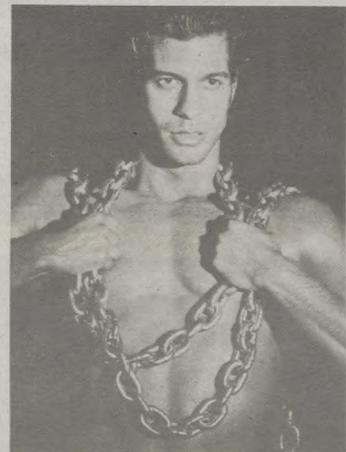
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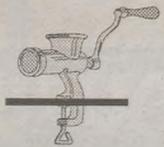


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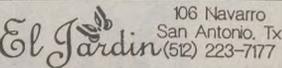
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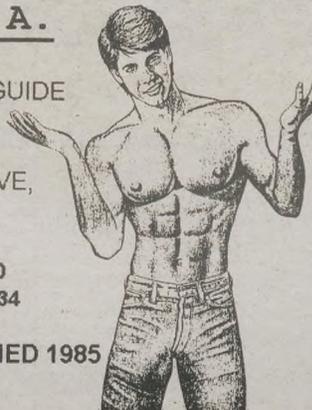
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\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.00 Cuervo & \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.25 well drinks & longnecks 6-8pm, 2015; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Male & female strippers, Bonham Exchange; Male Dancers, Wild Club; Male dancers 6:30-8:30pm & 9-11pm, 2015. No cover til 10pm. 75¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange

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San Antonio, Sunday, Aug. 15
Sunday Tea Dance with early male dancers, Sparks; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws noon-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks noon-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country

Club; 50¢ draft 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 Cuervo Ole, Memories; \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; The Wild & Wicked Sunday Show, Wild Club; \$1 well drinks 9-11pm, Wild Club; Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, Memories; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Super Show, no cover 11:30pm, Bamboleo's; Male & Female strippers 11:30pm, Bonham Exchange; After-hours 2am, Wild Club

San Antonio, Monday, Aug. 16
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; Happy hour 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta Hour All day, all night, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories; Pool tourney, Memories; Talent contest & square dancing & no cover, Bonham Exchange; \$1.75 well drinks, \$1.75 longnecks & 50¢ draft all night, Wild Club; The Shady Lady Show, Wild Club; Dancers 11pm, Sparks

San Antonio, Tuesday, Aug. 17
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San Antonio, Wednesday, Aug. 18
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; \$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.25 frozen

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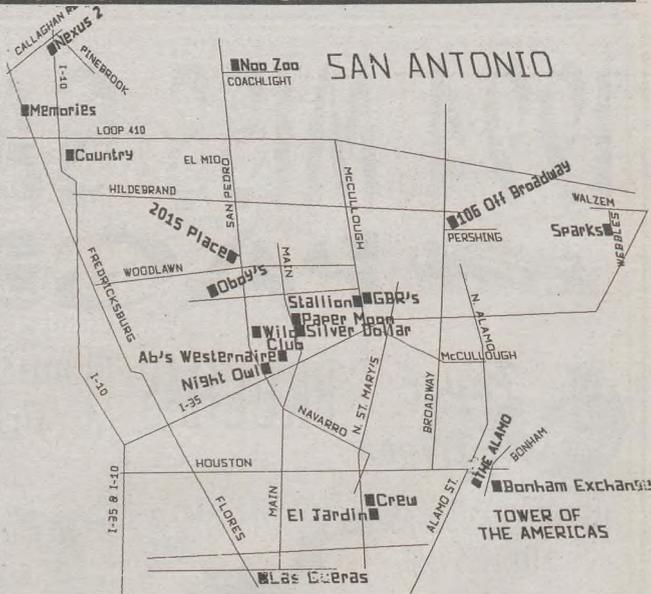
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San Antonio, Thursday, Aug. 19
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dancers 9pm-1am, 2015; Sassy St. James host strippers 9:30pm, Memories; Amateur Contest 10:30pm, Bamboleo's; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Strippers midnight, Bonham Exchange
San Antonio, Friday, Aug. 20
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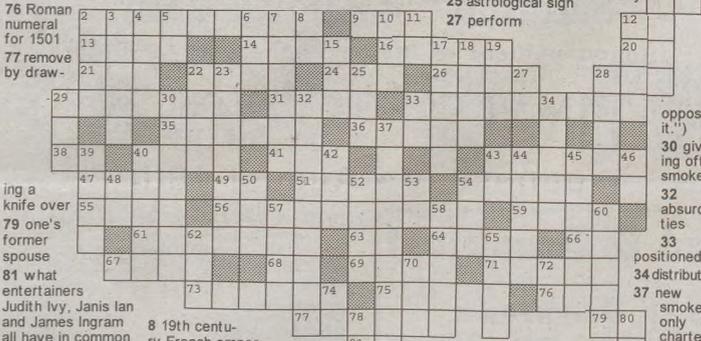
The Great American Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 exist
- 2 Jack, 'Dr. Death,' challenging Michigan's new suicide law
- 9 Roman numeral for 300
- 12 20th century English pacifist, author Russell, initials ("All human activity is prompted by desire.")
- 13 bovine mammals
- 14 solid having 6 equal square sides
- 16 instrument for shaving hair
- 20 you
- 21 licensed advanced bookkeeper
- 22 accelerated or hurried
- 24 computer keyboard key, short for alternate
- 26 among
- 28 biggest U.S. phone co.
- 29 Bill & Hillary's daughter
- 31 fully grown and developed
- 33 new sports stadium in San Antonio
- 35 deodorant brand
- 36 many times
- 38 French masculine pronoun
- 40 Denver's Holy visitor
- 41 turn or deviation
- 43 character played by George McFarland, who died in June, on Our Gang and Little Rascals
- 47 see
- 49 abbrev. for trademark
- 51 defeated by a small margin
- 54 to endure
- 55 Roman numeral 1401
- 56 Congress' new crusade, 2 words
- 59 type of CD's that music makers don't want stores to sell
- 61 live in
- 63 overdose
- 64 bring up children
- 66 Hawaiian Senator Inouye, initials
- 67 dallies or dawdles
- 68 prefix for 'two'
- 69 cast the tie-breaking vote Aug. 6 as Senate passes

DOWN

- 71 Anglo-Saxon kingdom
- 73 deep bowl for serving soup
- 75 ballroom dance of Cuban origin
- 76 Roman numeral for 1501
- 77 remove by draw-
- 79 one's former spouse
- 81 what entertainers Judith Iyvi, Janis Ian and James Ingram all have in common
- 8 19th century French emperor or Napoleon, initials ("Vengeance has no foresight.")
- 10 cathode-ray tube
- 11 symbol for chemical element calcium
- 12 in computers, a
- 4 flesh of a young calf
- 5 over
- 6 frozen water
- 7 Belgian-born actress Hepburn, first name
- group of 8 bits
- 15 19th century American author Poe, initials ("I have great faith in fools—self-confidence my friends call it.")
- try, capital Muscat
- 19 the edge
- 22 exude
- 23 Leon, Clinton's Office of Mgmt. & Budget director
- 25 astrological sign
- 27 perform
- oppose it.")
- 30 giving off smoke
- 32 absurdities
- 33 positioned
- 34 distributors
- 37 new smokers only charter airline, 2 words
- 39
- 40 elevated platforms
- 42 make up to
- 43 interjection used to urge silence
- 44 flows copiously
- 45 required
- 46 official abbrev. for Canada's northwestern territory, capital Whitehorse
- 48 17th century English military, political & religious leader Cromwell, initials ("Put your trust in God, but keep your powder dry.")
- 50 8th U.S. President Van Buren, initials
- 52 hit hard
- 53 actor Niven, died in 1983, initials
- 54 golf ball peg
- 57 mental vibration
- 58 sweet liqueur
- 60 what Sen. Helms sung to Sen. Moseley-Braun in an elevator
- 62 33rd "Give 'em hell" U.S. President, initials ("I'm proud that I'm a politician. A politician is a man who understands government, and it takes a politician to run a government. A statesman is a politician who's been
- dead 10 or 15 years.")
- 65 indefinitely long time
- 70 talk freely
- 72 entertainers MacLaine, Martin or the late McQueen, initials
- 74 state with dogwood as official flower, abbrev.
- 78 San Juan-born "Adams Family," "Kiss of Spider Woman" star Julia, initials
- 80 Roman numeral for 90



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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Hawaii's congressional delegation to fight to lift ban on gays

HONOLULU, Saturday, July 31 (AP)—Hawaii's congressional delegation say they will continue to fight for a total lifting of the ban on gays in the military. The entire delegation says the "don't ask, don't tell" policy adopted by President Clinton still discriminates against gays and should be changed to end that discrimination, regardless of public opinion. "We don't exclude them from any other kind of government service," said Rep. Patsy Mink. "If they're qualified in every other way, the question of sexual

orientation ought not to come into it." Sen. Daniel Inouye said he can understand the desire of gays to remove the ban entirely, since he was rejected when he first tried to join the U.S. Army during World War II because his Japanese ancestry led him to be classified as an enemy alien. Inouye went on to earn military honors. Still, Inouye said the president was right to approve the policy. "Certainly, this is an imperfect arrangement because we are asking gay men and lesbian women to live a lie

while in the military," said Inouye. "But we cannot undo with just a single presidential decision all the stereotypes, prejudices, fears and attitudes that have persisted for generations." Under the new policy, which still must be approved by Congress, the military won't ask recruits and service members about their sexual orientation, although homosexual conduct still is banned and could lead to discharge if made public. While the state's delegation is united in its feelings about the ban, Hawaii residents are more split on the issue.

Rep. Neil Abercrombie recently mailed a survey to 10,000 constituents asking their feelings on the issue. While all ballots have yet to be counted, spokesperson Michael Slackman said there appeared to be more support for lifting the ban. Bob Ogawa, spokesperson for Sen. Daniel Akaka, said mail is running 2-to-1 against lifting the ban. Before an organized write-in campaign by veterans groups against lifting the ban, the senator's mail was running about even on the issue.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

New Hampshire police mum on reststop arrest that led to suicide

ALTON, N.H., Saturday, July 31 (AP)—An Alton man who says he was snared falsely by police looking for homosexuals at a roadside rest stop was going to wait until his trial next month to speak out. But when another man with a similar complaint killed himself, Arthur Richardson decided to air his story now. Richardson said he stopped at the secluded rest stop last weekend to urinate in the woods and was arrested for indecent exposure. He said he didn't approach anyone, but that a man who had been sitting at a picnic table approached him struck up a conversation, then arrested

him after he walked out of the woods. "I was shocked," Richardson said. "I couldn't imagine something like that happening." Friends and relatives of Paul Eastman of Barnstead say he told them something similar happened to him. Eastman, they said, had been driving to yard sales and flea markets last weekend, when he pulled into the rest stop to relieve himself in the woods. He also was charged with indecent exposure. Friends said he was distraught that his name appeared in the news and he shot

himself to death Wednesday. Richardson said he was going to wait until his court appearance Sept. 7 to say anything about the police, but decided to speak sooner after hearing about Eastman's suicide. "I'm just sick over this whole thing," he said. He said as he drove into the rest area, he passed the man at the picnic table. He said by the time he got out of his car, the man had walked across the rest area and began speaking with him. The conversation ended, he said, and he walked into the woods.

When he was about to leave, he said he heard someone ask: "Are you taking a leak?" Richardson said he answered yes, then the man approached and arrested him. Meanwhile, Police Chief Thomas Myncezyrow would not release records about the stakeout or details of Eastman's arrest. He said the investigation still is going on and cited the Eastman family's privacy rights. Seven men were arrested at the rest stop last weekend. Two were charged with sexual assault, two with simple assault and three with indecent exposure.

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

Corpus Christi, Saturday, Aug. 14
25¢ draft beer 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Crown Royal 8-9pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; \$1.00 well drinks 9-10pm, Desert Hearts; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; \$2.00 Colorado Royals & bloody marys 10-11pm, Desert Hearts; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts; DJ, Patio Party 10pm-2am, Choices

Corpus Christi, Sunday, Aug. 15
25¢ draft beer noon-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour noon-7pm, Choices; \$2.00 Colorado Royals & bloody marys \$2.00 noon-2am, Desert Hearts; Choices; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; Free Bar-B-Q with trimmings 6pm, Choices; Free BBQ w/trimmings, male strippers 6-9pm, U.B.U.; Club night 6-10pm, Choices; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; Show Midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Monday, Aug. 16
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; \$2.00 drink special 3pm-2am,

Desert Hearts; Happy hour 3pm-closing, Desert Hearts; 100% beef cheseburgers, \$1.00 plate 6pm, Choices; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Tuesday, Aug. 17
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; \$2.00 Margaritas & Colorado Bulldogs 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Volleyball 6-8pm, Hidden Door; Steak Night 7-10pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; Pool tournament, \$20 prize, no entry fee 9pm, Hidden Door; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; DJ 10pm-2am, Choices; Pool tourney \$25 cash prize No entry fee 10:30pm, Choices

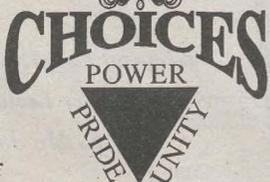
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Corpus Christi, Thursday, Aug. 19
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1 well drinks 3pm til closing, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Pool Tourney, no entry fee, \$50 cash prize 9pm, Desert Hearts; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; Pool tourney \$25 cash prize No entry fee 10:30pm, Choices; Variety show Midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Friday, Aug. 20
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Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers

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Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-11pm, Zippers

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The New Voice recommends in Brownsville

Brownsville, Friday, Aug. 13
Friday Night Super Show Midnight, Club 440

Brownsville, Saturday, Aug. 14
Dance music with happy hour 8:30-10:30pm, Club 440

Brownsville, Wednesday, Aug. 18
Happy hour 8:30-10:30pm, Club 440; \$1.50 well drinks 10:30pm-2am, Club 440; Amateur night Midnight, Club 440

Brownsville, Friday, Aug. 20
Friday Night Super Show Midnight, Club 440

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The New Voice recommends in Galveston

Galveston, Friday, Aug. 13
Corona Party, \$1.50 margaritas & Corona all day, Kon-Tiki; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Pretty Boys 9pm, Evolution; Muscles in Action 10pm, Kon-Tiki; After hours 2-4am, Evolution

Galveston, Saturday, Aug. 14
Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Pretty Boys 9pm, Evolution; Muscles in Action 10pm, Kon-Tiki; After hours 2-4am, Evolution

Galveston, Sunday, Aug. 15
Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki; \$1.00 well drinks, draft & Schnapps 4pm-2am, Evolution; Beer Bonanza, 1st draft \$1 refills 10¢ 5-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 4-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Cabaret 10:30pm sharp, Kon-Tiki

Galveston, Monday, Aug. 16
Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki

Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; 75¢ well 10-11pm, Kon-Tiki

Galveston, Tuesday, Aug. 17
Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Pool Tournament 10pm, Kon-Tiki; Lone Star longnecks 75¢ 10pm-2am, Kon-Tiki

Galveston, Wednesday, Aug. 18
Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Shear Madness, \$1.25 well, \$1.25 dom. longnecks, 75¢ Schnapps, \$2 Harvey Wallbangers 8pm-2am, Kon-Tiki

Galveston, Thursday, Aug. 19
Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Lottery drawing 10:30pm, 11:30pm, 12:30am & 1:30am, Kon-Tiki

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Beer bust 4-7pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Phoenix; Pool tourney 4:30pm, The Phoenix; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 9pm-2am, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Hot Stuff New Orleans Style, featuring Becky Allen & Ricky Graham with Joel Simpson on Piano 11pm, The Mint
New Orleans, Sunday, Aug. 15
Breakfast with Bobby 8-11am, The Phoenix; Buddy night, pay for a room, get a locker free 8am-8am, Middtowne Spa; Champagne Brunch 10am-3pm, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 3-9pm, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Phoenix; 75¢ well drinks 9pm-midnight, Quasi
New Orleans, Monday, Aug. 16
Daddy night, anyone over 40 gets a room 1/2 price 8am-8am, Middtowne Spa; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; 25¢ draft, Quasi; Bring your own meat BBQ 7pm, The Phoenix
New Orleans, Tuesday, Aug. 17
1/2 price for everyone 8am-8am, Middtowne Spa; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; No cover with Student ID, \$1 can beer, \$1 Schnapps, Quasi; Beer bust 9pm-midnight, The Phoenix
New Orleans, Wednesday, Aug. 18
Boy toy night, anyone under 30 get a room 1/2 price 8am-8am, Middtowne Spa; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Men's Night, 2 free drinks 9-11pm, Quasi
New Orleans, Thursday, Aug. 19
Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; \$1 well drinks all night, Quasi; Show featuring hot guys 9:30pm, Middtowne Spa; The Ken & Barbie Bouffant Beach Party Boogaloo, with Ricky & Becky 10:30pm, The Mint
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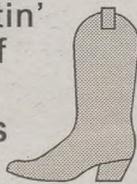
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Houston, Saturday, Aug. 14

Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-7pm, Mary's; Happy hour 7am-8pm, Ripcord; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Mug club 8am-noon, E/J's; Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Party by the pool with complimentary bar-b-q 1-3pm, Club Houston; Happy hour 1-10pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Beer blast on the patio 2pm till, Mary's; Well drinks \$1.50 4-7pm, E/J's; Mine Shaft happy hour 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's; Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Sundance Cattle Company Anniversary, Mary's; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.25 well vodka 6-11pm, Mother's; Video Premiere Night, J.R.'s; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 9 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time; Mastor & Mistress of Montrose Contest (A Camp Contest), Mary's; Chuck Ciulla, D.J., Venture-N; 75¢ well drinks 9-11pm, Heaven; International Techno House-10+ crowd, Heaven; Leather & Flesh, no cover for men in leather 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Men of South Beach Dancers, Heaven; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; After hours 1-4am, Montrose Mining Co.; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Sunday, Aug. 15

Bloody Bulls, \$1.25 Noon-5pm, Venture-N; Blue light specials noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Beer blast on patio Noon-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's; 99¢ well vodka juice drinks Noon-10pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour Noon-10pm, J.R.'s; Party by the pool with complimentary bar-b-q 1-3pm, Club Houston; Happy hour 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.75 domestic longnecks 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E/J's; Cook out 3pm, Midtowne Spa; Trash Disco 4-7pm, Brazos River Bottom; Mine Shaft happy hour 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Blue light specials 5pm till, Venture-N; Beach

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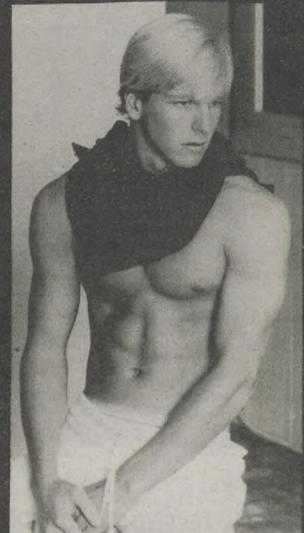
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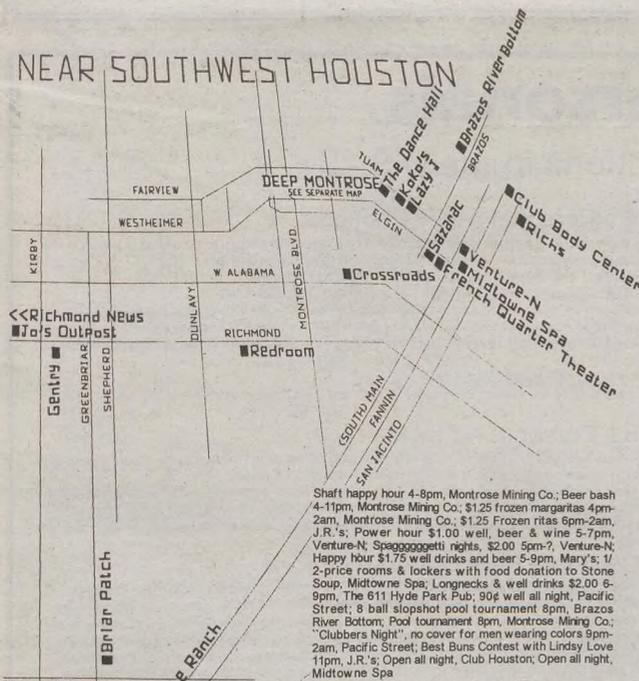
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HOUSTON'S DEEP MONTROSE



Houston, Wednesday, Aug. 18

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy hour, \$1.00 Margaritas 7am-11pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; \$1.50 all Miller product longnecks 11am-2am, J.R.'s; Happy Hour \$1.75 well beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 6 month membership special ((1/2 price room) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Happy hour 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 1pm-2am, Ripcord; Mine Shaft happy hour 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Tex-Mex Buffet 5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Steak night 9pm, E/J's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.25 frozen ritas 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; Bare chest/harness night-Extended Happy Hour till 11pm, Venture-N; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Joe De Hoyas, DJ 8pm, Venture-N; Karaoke night with Bill Sansom 8:00pm, E/J's; Country music 8pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Southern Country Group C&W Dance Lessons 8:30pm-10pm, Brazos River Bottom; No cover with canned good for Stone Soup 9-11pm, Heaven; 75¢ well drinks, 50¢ Miller Lite draft, \$1.75 longnecks-all Budweiser products, Heaven; Disco Inferno 184-crowd 9pm-2am, Heaven; White Hot Wednesday, DJ/VJ Victor Toledo plays top hits 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Best Chest Contest with Kofi 11pm, J.R.'s; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Thursday, Aug. 19

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Longnecks \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$1 Schnapps shots 7am-2am, Mother's; \$1.50 longnecks all day & all night, Brazos River Bottom; Dart Tourney 11am, Mary's;

Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; \$3.75 all top shelf liquor 11am-2am, J.R.'s; Cookin' with Herman Noon, Mary's; Slop-shot pool tournament Noon, Mary's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Rooms & lockers half price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; \$1.25 longnecks-all Budweiser products 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Mine Shaft happy hour 4-8pm; Montrose Mining Co.; Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Free pool plays 5-8pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Burger's at Animal's House 6-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Club night, Color's gets you happy hour prices till 11pm, Venture-N; DJ Paul Lampkin 8pm, Venture-N; Dance lessons 8:30pm, Brazos River Bottom; Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa; 25¢ well drinks, 25¢ Miller Lite draft, \$1.25 frozen margaritas 9pm-2am, Heaven; Beach Party & Strip Contest 9pm-2am, Heaven; Tan Line Night, \$3 cover, 90¢ well, \$1.50 longnecks, \$1 Schnapps 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Talent night with Giovanni 10:30pm, E/J's; Karaoke Sing Along with Marsha Carlton 10:30pm-1:30am, J.R.'s; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Friday, Aug. 20

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy hour till 10pm, Mother's; Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Slop shot pool tourney noon, Mary's;

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Houston Personals

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2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANTED: BUTCH MAN
Muscular, slender outlaw, under 40 GWM, or GMM, BI or curious for hot safe times, one on one. Hair and moustache a real A+. Me: 33 y.o. Italian, boyish looks, 5'7", 130#, athletic runner's body type, good-looking, on the intellectual side. I enjoy a nice lifestyle. Ad#259363

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HONEST, OPEN-MINDED ...
is how I want my relationship to begin! GMM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, br/blk, beard and moustache, healthy, HIV+, professional, down to earth with a sense of humor. Non-smoker, drinker, drummer. I enjoy cuddling, movies, music, volunteering, quiet evenings, travel and many other activities. In search of warm, masculine, caring, affectionate, understanding, GMM, height in proportion to weight. Friends, companions, cuddlers. Romance possible. Ad#25974

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
FOR THE RIGHT PERSON
I have a home in the country. I'm 43yrs, 5'9", 160 lb, looking for a GMM or GMM 21-35 years old. I enjoy home life, into bars. Must be masculine. Ad#25927

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ATTRACTIVE, PROFESSIONAL, ATHLETIC, ROMANTIC MR. RIGHT
GM, 26, 6', 175lbs, DDF, masculine, successful. I'm highly educated, well read and traveled. I like roller-blading, snow skiing, sailing and cooking. Seeking a BIGM, muscular, fit, college educated, DDF, 24-34. You are confident and comfortable in restaurants, the symphony and dance clubs. Courteous reply to serious inquiries. Ad#25975

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANTED: FEMININE GWF NOT BUTCH
Me: 25, attractive, short, very sincere and fun loving. I smoke and drink occasionally but do not like the bar scene but I am lots of fun regardless so come on. You'll never know unless you respond! I am looking for a long lasting relationship, not a one night stand. I want love not sex. Ad#25967

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

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
YOUNG, SLIM, TONED, SEXY GMM, 20's, attractive, adventuresome, fun, exciting seeks same for friendship, good times, and maybe even. Ad#25990

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
DESIRING HIV+, GMM OR GMM CUDDLER
Seeking a totally drug-free, HIV+ partner for friendship and to meet occasionally. I'm very discreet GMM who's independent and financially stable. This GMM is slender, 33, 5'9 1/2", drug/smoke free. I'm submissive and seeking a dominant GMM cuddler, but Greek not necessary. Desiring lasting friendship with slender built GMM cuddler. Ad#25028

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
AGGRESSIVE PROFESSIONAL GWF 35
Red/hazel, 5'9", 150. I like romantic evenings at home, movies, camping, music and go to bars occasionally. Non-smoker, social drinker and drug free. Financially stable, non-role playing and have a good sense of humor. Looking for that special someone age 25-40. Ad#25264

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

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LOOKING FOR MR. GOODBAR
GMM, 6'11", 230lbs, serious body builder, handsome, eccentric at times, fun loving, sensitive and intelligent. Seeking GMM, 25-35 yrs. old, race unimportant (Blacks and Hispanics a plus), very muscular/athletic, open minded, caring, handsome, patient and understanding. For fun times and maybe more. Carpe Diem. Ad#25386

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SEEKING GMM
Good looking GMM, 6', 165lbs, brown/bl, 30's, I work out, am well built, see humor in almost everything, like dining out, movies...all the usual. Looking to meet a GMM 20-35 with a healthy lifestyle (drug free/weight in proportion to height), romantic and fun loving. Slim and smooth body a plus. Ad#25435.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ARE YOU THE RIGHT ONE
GMM, 30, attractive and athletic. I enjoy having a good time and being around friends. Interests include dancing, inline skating, movies, and dining out. I seek someone who is active, sincere, honest, and fun loving. If you are a GMM and looking for a serious friendship, please respond to Ad#25178.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
MARRIED MEN
Spend quality time day or night w/ semi-retired GMM in Houston. Ad#25328

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LAKE LIVINGSTON AREA BOY
Dad needed Workout buddy wanted for sports/military discipline, sharing, service your best guy. I'm passive, nice looking, 27, 5'9", hairy, beard, secure w/ my self. Into police, military, outdoors, underwear and leather. Looking for that one GMM fighter in boots, chaps and gun belt to draw down on me, handle ropes and leg irons and call the shot. Ad#25224

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

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HIV+ COWBOY
Healthy, 34, 6'2", 180lbs, br/bl, moustache, masculine, professionally employed. I'm leaving with my integrity intact. Enjoys C&W music and dancing, leather, uniforms, camping, cooking and sports. You: GMM 30-45, hairy chest and similar interests looking for someone to share life with. Ad#25364

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WONDERFUL MAGIC MAKERS
GMM, 6', 190, br/br, handsome, distinguished, professional, well-educated, and traveled, socially and financially seeks free masculine GMM 30+. Healthy, happy, honest, sincere, romantic, fun-loving guy. One who enjoys dining by candlelight, quiet evenings at home, "black-tie affairs," old movies, opera, theater. Most important loving and being loved and wanting a long term monogamous relationship. Ad#25275

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANT TO DATE?
GF, 35, attractive, healthy and active. Enjoy a variety of outdoor activities but with the summer heat I'm looking for participants for indoor fun and games. Would prefer you to be on the fem side, physically appealing, stable and uninhibited. If you don't respond, you'll never know! Ad#25282

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SINCERE AFFECTION LOOKING FOR YOUNGER ACTIVE
I'm a passive, bearded, GMM, 57, 5'8", 250 looking for a special, sincere, affectionate, active, employed younger GMM (any race). For friendship to whatever. Sincerity/trust more important than physical attributes - love hairy men - but all welcomed - interest dining in/out, cooking, time/evenings together and your pleasure. Let's dream and share. Ad#25911

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SEEKS DISCREET BUDDY
BMMW 37, 6'5", Dark Blonde/Blue, weight proportionate to height, football player build, clean shaven, professional, know who I am, what I want and how to get it, you should be 32-42, have a brain, a heart and can handle a discreet, passionate loving relationship with a married man. Previous responses to this ad were not received, please respond again to the new Ad#25968.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GBF 43 BUT LOOKS 30
Seeks GW or GH butch to share my love. Enjoy cooking, dining out, movies, travel, some C&W bar nights and quiet evenings at home. Must be open minded, financially stable and very honest. Smokers okay. Age not important but maturity a must. Friendship first. Ad#25960

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HISPANIC MALE WANTED
Good looking GMM, 37, 5'11", 165lbs, well built seeks smooth, slim or muscular Hispanic male 20-40 years old for hot times. Ad#25973

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ATTENTION:
GMM, 18 seeks residence in Houston. Leaving Mississippi soon. Looking for gay person living in a nice, quiet neighborhood with extra room. Will pay rent. Non-drinker/ drug user. Light smoker. Serious only! Ad#25953

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SUMMER SPECIAL FOR FEMALES
If you are the epitome of femininity, small/medium build w/ sense of humor, then rid yourself of those sultry summer blues with this 5'3", 105, blonde/blue soft butch who knows what to do. Bonus offer to first five respondents - long walk on the beach. Respond now, make both our summers special. Ad#25553.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
NEED VERSATILE DRILLING PARTNERS
experienced using huge latex drills. Write Ad#6027.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
BOY IN SHORT SHORTS
Young 23, sexy, very attractive, oddly enough single, disease free, GMM, bl/bl, 5'11" seeks similar 23-30 for dating in possible relationship filled with romance, fun, spontaneous times, honesty and monogamy, stable, masculine, dark hair a plus, non-smoker, no drugs. Show me the right attention and you'll receive the same. Ad#25365

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
YOA KUM, HALLETTSVILLE, CUERO, SCHULENBURG, SHINER, VICTORIA
38yr old, 6', 175, DDF, motivated, GMM with wide range of interests. I have recently moved to this area from the city, but travel regularly. If you are a masculine, enthusiastic, good-hearted regular guy 35+ GM or BIGM and either live in or have reason to visit this area I'd like to hear from you. Ad#25961

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
IT'S THE QUALITY THAT COUNTS
Seeking a young, slender, healthy, GMM who is drug/alcohol free, has real values and who believes that sincerity and personality are more important than physical features. I am a GMM, 52, honest, a catalyst, someone who makes friends with decent guys in their 20's and 30's for good conversation, quite evenings at home, touching and more. I am a quality guy seeking a quality friend. Ad#25947

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ACCOMPLISHED PROFESSIONAL SEEKS YOUNGER MAN
40ish GMM, grad school educated, healthy, HIV+ seeks attractive younger man in Houston for serious relationship. I'm 6'2", 190, br/bl, masculine. Women tell me I'm handsome. If you are the boy-next-door looking for an honest, loving and accomplished man please respond to Ad#25976

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PLEASURE...
Life is too short for mind games. I'm 25 and looking for someone who knows what he wants/hot fun. I'm a muscular, erotic and sensual GMM who enjoys drilling and am open to other suggestions. You: 18-30, attractive, muscular, physically fit, race unimportant. (Latins a plus). No strings attached, hassle free. If you can relate and this accurately describes you let me hear from you. Ad#25908

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANTED: FRIEND, LOVER, LIFE MATE
GMM 29, good looking, not conceited, HIV+ 6 years perfect health. If you are a good looking man that is masculine and not letting HIV affect your life then we need to connect. I do not desparate for a date just for a friend. To go to a movie, the beach, workout, take adventures, camping or whatever. You won't be disappointed unless you're scared of love. Ad#25270

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
NEW TO HOUSTON
Mature, masculine, professional, tall GMM would like to meet other professional GMM's for friendship and social activities. I enjoy all music, the arts, dining out, tennis, open to new suggestions and activities. Nice looking person, clean shaven, br/br hair, brown eyes, social drinker, non-smoker, drug/ disease free. Would also like to meet active lesbian for certain social requirements and obligations. Ad#25965

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
LOOKING FOR FRIENDS
41 yr. old GWF looking for women friends. I don't smoke, do drugs and only drink occasionally. Romance is possible, but friends are more important right now. Ad#25939

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
STILL LOOKING
for that masculine man who will make my day complete. A man who's both a pitcher and a catcher, someone who is sincere, easy-going and fun. I hope you don't mind a lot of many affection. I'm partial to cowboy types, construction workers and other types of "real men." GMM, 33 yr. old, 6', 198, masculine, non-smoker. Ad#25162

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
FRIENDSHIP WANTED
GMM, 23, 5'11", 150 br/br, attractive seeks similar GMM, 21-27 who is willing to build a strong friend/ companionship. I enjoy a wide variety of music (favorite is top 40), trips to the beach, being romantic and quiet nights together as well as late night out. Live in Bay area, prefer same, but not limited. Ad#25966

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SEEKING AFFECTION, GENEROUS, WELL, GENTLEMAN
Tall, athletic, healthy, trim, hairy, handsome, blonde, 30's, sensual, affectionate, clean, fun, friendly, frisky, sincere. Seeking fit attractive, healthy, it drinker/ smoker okay, weight/ height proportionate gentleman for infusion of affection, friskiness, Friskiness, gifts, travel, etc. Relationship, casual to serious. Privacy, discretion and friendship assured. Let's spoil and pamper one another. Ad#25377

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HUG, SQUEEZE & PLEASE
GMM 37, 5'10", 185, brown/ brown, med. bl., moustache, contacts/glasses. Enjoy going out on occasion, the outdoors, jogging, quiet evenings, cooking, cuddle up, etc. I'm not desparate for a date just for a friend. To go to a movie, the beach, workout, take adventures, camping or whatever. You won't be disappointed unless you're scared of love. Ad#25270

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
IF YOU CAN FOLLOW ORDERS
We should get together and discuss possibilities. I am 43, 5'9", 160, hairy, demanding, aggressive. I live in Montrose but travel the U.S. monthly on business. (Will be in Austin this weekend of September 20.) Ad#25134

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WEST HOUSTON
GMM, 40+, 5'11", 170#. Not into bars/ playing games. I enjoy cooking, movies, dining out, travel, computer hobbies, the usual. Looking for friends/companion on this side of town who are GMM, 30-45, height/weight proportionate and drug free. Let's get together! Ad#25933

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ANSWERING A HOUSTON PERSONAL
To respond by phone to a Houston Personal ad call 1-900-454-3576 from touch-tone phone. (You must be 18+ \$1.49/min. from "The New Voice.") More info: Houston local number 529-8490. Follow verbal instructions and you will be able to leave your personal message, with your phone number, to the advertiser who can return your call.

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PLACING YOUR OWN HOUSTON PERSONAL
To place your own Houston Personal for others to see and hear, call Houston local number 529-8490. (Before you call write your proposed ad using up to 6 words as a bold headline & up to 50 words to describe the people and traits desired. Keep it simple. Describe yourself. Describe what you want. Do not describe what you do not want. Do not refer to sexual acts or organs. Before you'll know it, you will have people wanting to meet you!

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Portsmouth, New Hampshire voters will decide gay rights ordinance

PORTSMOUTH, N.H., Tuesday, Aug. 10 (AP)—The City Council has voted to allow residents to decide whether Portsmouth should be the first municipality in the New Hampshire to adopt a gay rights ordinance.

The 5-4 vote Monday night calls for a November referendum on the proposal, which would prohibit the city from doing business or giving money to individuals or businesses that discriminate

because of sexual orientation. The vote is non-binding.

Last June, the council rejected an equal rights ordinance that would have provided the same protections.

"Every now and then an issue comes along that is so tricky that we like to know what the public thinks," Councilor Michael Dunbar said in voting for the referendum.

Councilor Jay Smith questioned

whether supporters of the referendum actually were trying to kill the ordinance. And, Councilor Phyllis Eldridge noted no other major civil rights legislation has been decided by voters.

The Open Door City Coalition, which supports the proposal but is against a public vote, said it would work hard to educate people about the need for the ordinance.

Councilor John O'Leary, who sponsored

the referendum, said under the proposal a person receiving city assistance would be prohibited from renting from a landlord who was found guilty of discrimination. A first-time homebuyer applying for city assistance wouldn't be allowed to borrow money from a lender found guilty of discrimination, he said.

The Council also voted 8-1 in favor of a resolution saying the city recognizes and respects "the differences of all its citizens."

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Connecticut voters get five years for hate crime in rape of gay man

HARTFORD, Conn., Saturday, Aug. 7 (AP)—Two brothers who raped a homosexual man were given the maximum allowable sentences under the state's hate crime law by a judge who said he hoped their punishment would deter bigoted acts.

John L. Pittman, 21, and Johnny Pittman Jr., 30, were sentenced to five years in prison Friday for intimidation based on bigotry or bias, said assistant state's attorney Joan Alexander.

"Hopefully a sentence of this sort will send a message to deter people from any

kind of bigotry based on race, creed, sexual orientation, whatever," said Hartford Superior Court Judge Richard A. Damiani. "People have the right to live their lives as they choose."

The brothers pleaded guilty in June to raping a 25-year-old man in February, Johnny Pittman Jr., who had a prior

sexual assault conviction, was sentenced to a total of 10 years in prison and his brother to eight years.

Connecticut's anti-bias law, passed in 1990, bans physical contact, property damage and threats that result in action because of racial, religious, ethnicity-based or sexual bigotry.

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Three accused in Seattle gay bar bombing, explosives case

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SEATTLE, Thursday, Aug. 5 (AP)—Three men charged in connection with a Tacoma NAACP meeting hall bombing were ordered held without bail after FBI agents testified the attack was part of a larger plot to incite a "race war."

In addition, an FBI agent testified Wednesday that one of the men admitted to the pipe bombing of a Seattle gay bar two days after the NAACP incident.

Mark Frank Kowaalski, 24, arrested in Auburn and formerly of Miami, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Philip Sweigert in Seattle. Jeremiah Gordon Knesal of Auburn, Wash., and Wayne Paul Wooten of Tacoma, Wash., appeared before U.S. Magistrate Patricia Trumbull in San Jose, Calif.

They belong to a neo-Nazi group called the Church of the Creator and planned to carry out a series of attacks on synagogues, military installations and rap musicians, the FBI contends.

Kowaalski was arrested July 28 at his apartment in Auburn. He is charged with the July 20 bombing of the Tacoma NAACP meeting hall and with making and transporting illegal explosives across state lines.

Knesal and Wooten were arrested July 26 in Salinas, Calif. Knesal also is charged in the Tacoma bombing. Wooten was held on explosives and gun charges.

On Wednesday, Trumbull found Knesal and Wooten dangers to the community and flight risks. Assistant U.S. Attorney Leland Altschuler said. Sweigert said there was probable cause to link Kowaalski to the bombing.

Also on Wednesday, an FBI agent testified at the San Jose hearing that Knesal told authorities that he and Kowaalski threw a pipe bomb into the chimney of the Elite tavern in Seattle July 28, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported today.

The chimney does not extend into the bar and the bomb caused no damage to the interior, Seattle FBI head William Gore told the P-I. No charges had been filed in that case as of Wednesday.

No one was injured in either bombing which came amid a rash of other bombings and arson fires against two other NAACP offices and a Jewish synagogue in California.

However, the FBI said investigators so far had found nothing to connect the Tacoma attack to the others.

"But it certainly would not be outside the realm of possibility. The investigation itself is still ongoing," said Dick Thurston, a Seattle FBI spokesperson.

Shortly after his arrest, Knesal told FBI investigators that he and other Church of the Creator members planned to carry out bombings throughout Oregon, Washington state and along the Canadian border.

Planned targets included Jewish organizations, military facilities and rappers Ice-T and Ice Cube, according to Knesal's statements to the FBI.

Knesal told the FBI that he made five pipe bombs under the direction of a man he knew as Mark Stevenson. The FBI contends Kowaalski and Stevenson are the same person.

FBI Special Agent Robert Mannix testified Wednesday at the Seattle hearing that agents identified Kowaalski as Knesal's partner after Knesal described Kowaalski's numerous tattoos, including a large Celtic cross on the front of his neck.

Much of Mannix's testimony was based on FBI agent John Zent Jr.'s interview with Knesal last week in California. Zent gave similar testimony before Trumbull on Wednesday.



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