

## A Weekly Community News Publication

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Highlight: Forget the British...Houston's royalty is much more interesting! This weekend, the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star holds its annual election of monarchs. This week, the Houston Voice explores the rich history of this unique and entertaining social and community service organization, and introduces the candidates for Emperor and Empress XI. (Pictured: Last year's Emperor X, Deb Dillehay and Empress X, Damita Jo)...Page 7



Profile: Local business owner, leather title holder and benefit organizer Don Gill, who will host Soiree Aubergine's "Night in Black Leather" at the Venture-N Saturday, is proud of his roots as a "simple country boy." The youngest of six children whose parents could neither read nor write, Gill says his background taught him to give love abundantly and generously; he is hoping this week to reach another goal in having personally raised over \$20,000 for AIDS and gay/lesbian community organizations...Page 11



## Texas again in spotlight of national focus on anti-gay violence

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

In the February issue of 'Vanity Fair,' Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist H.G. Bissinger uses a panoramic account of the brutal murders in the past two years of eight Texas gay men to support a compelling—and disturbing—theory. Bissinger speculates that rather than indicating merely an increase in unrelated incidents of violence against gays, the Texas hate crimes and their courtroom resolutions suggest that an updated version of the Ku Klux Klan has emerged, targeting society's new undesirables with the same fierce hatred and violence and enjoying the same tacit, unspoken support of many in the broader society.

Timed almost as Bissinger's article hits the stands this week, the ABC News program Prime Time

Live will also present a segment on hate crimes, filmed in Texas and featuring interviews with many of the same people quoted in the 'Vanity Fair' piece, along with sources close to an earlier Houston murder case and local hate crime victims.

The pivotal position of Houston and Texas in the national media's current re-examination of the hate crimes issue is not by accident or ease of recollection (at least not entirely). Texas activists, including the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby's Dianne Hardy-Garcia, have worked doggedly to attract media attention to the violent murders here...and to the even more shocking, and potentially controversial, implications that provided the foundation for Bissinger's article.

"I've been working on this story for over a year," said Hardy-Garcia, as intently

and straightforwardly as if it were her own. "I've been working on trying to get the national media involved from the beginning."

For Hardy-Garcia, the beginning of an obsession came at least three or four murders ago. But with national print and broadcast outlets focusing new reports on Texas, even she admits the problem is finally being taken seriously...by the media, anyway.

"It's about time, but it's not enough," she emotes, still frustrated at a lack of response from law enforcement, the public, and even the gay and lesbian community. "I mean seriously, if this had happened to any other group. I mean, if eight preachers had been brutally murdered just because they were preachers, there'd be 'Hands Across Texas for Jesus.'"

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## Special election Saturday likely to result in runoff



By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

With a crisscrossing field of 19 candidates and only 75,000-80,000 of Houston's approximately 770,000 registered voters expected to turn out, several political analysts are predicting that the at-large Houston City Council

Seat vacated by Sheila Jackson Lee will not be finally decided in this Saturday's special election.

For the campaign of at least one candidate, former Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus president and Montrose civic leader Annise Parker, the ratio and anticipated runoff are welcome news. Part of the Parker campaign's stated strategy is to muster enough votes in the top-heavy race to force a runoff, then focus on aggressive campaigning in the next election, with only one opponent.

If the turnout and conditions predicted wind up being correct, Parker could make it into the runoff with fewer votes than she received in a contentious election for a single-district seat in 1991, or fewer than three out of four openly gay candidates for at-large council seats received in 1993. However, the same conditions that could make this election the best chance yet for an openly gay or lesbian candidate to succeed might also work against Parker: in the two regular city elections noted, the turnout from all areas was much, much greater than that for anticipated Saturday.

## Dallas non-discrimination policy amended to include gays

By TAMMYE NASH

Dallas Voice

The Dallas City Council last week approved an amendment adding sexual orientation to the city's employment non-discrimination policy.

The action came after weeks of quietly intensive effort by council members Chris Luna of District 2 and openly gay Craig McDaniel of District 14, and by lesbian and gay rights activists who heralded the vote as a tremendous victory for the lesbian and gay community. In introducing the amendment, McDaniel stressed that it does not allow benefits for the gay and lesbian or unmarried partners of city employees.

"We're thrilled," Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance president Cece Cox said after the vote. "We are really glad to see the Dallas city council do the right thing."

McDaniel said he was surprised by the 9-to-5 vote in favor of the amendment.

"I always like to think that my colleagues on the council will do the

right thing, but the fact is that isn't always the case," he said.

McDaniel pointed out numerous corporations and city, county and state governments had already adopted non-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation. "The Dallas Morning News" included sexual orientation in their policy back in 1991. If the Morning News can do it, surely the city of Dallas can do it," he declared.

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Letters to the Editor

## Hateful Trail

From **BILL and SANDRA HOGAN**  
Lubbock, Texas

A dangerous wave of anti-gay sentiment, fueled by an outpouring of vitriol from some of our most prominent civic and religious leaders, is sweeping the land. This hateful posturing is far from innocuous—its end product is often death.

Pulitzer prize winning author H.G. Bissinger, in the February edition of *Vanity Fair*, chronicles the trail of blood that has crossed and criss-crossed our state for the past 18 months. Eight gay men have been brutally murdered during that time.

On Jan. 25, ABC News will present a segment on Prime Time Live.

It is of special importance to us that as many people as possible see and read these presentations. You see, one of those who died and is featured in these stories is our beloved brother, Benny Hogan.

Benny was 41 years old when he died, but he never shared with us the fact that he was gay. We were therefore unable to be there for him, in the way he needed us to be, in those final hours before he took his own life.

Bissinger's article tells the story of Benny's death and how it has affected our lives far better than we could ever tell it ourselves. This is an experience we feel compelled to share with as many people as possible.

We encourage you to pick up a copy of the February issue of *Vanity Fair* and tune in to Prime Time Live on Jan. 25. Our hope is that by telling our own story, others may be spared a similar experience.

## Clinton's Shift to Right Foolish

From **DAVID RAFFIELD**  
Houston, Texas

Over the years, I have been able to find

out about the unsavory or criminal connections and radical agenda of many right-wing fundamentalists (and their Republican allies) nationwide. By the next presidential election, I firmly believe that this situation will become very obvious and clear to most voters and Americans.

If President Clinton is perceived by most voters in 1996 as having compromised with and pandered to these radicals and their agenda, I believe that he will suffer the largest landslide reelection defeat of any incumbent president in history. I fully realize that my advice and thinking is totally opposite of what is very popular now.

Since the November election takeover of Congress by Republican puppets of the radical right, Clinton has taken the bait and fallen into this trap. Since none of these radicals would ever consider voting for him anyway, he has clearly chosen to put himself in a position of having nothing to gain and everything to lose.

If Clinton were to start addressing and exposing the affiliations, connections and agenda of many of his right-wing and Republican critics, I am quite sure that many people in the mainstream, liberal and gay news media would censor him and such comments. At the very least, they would attempt to portray him as a paranoid radical. This would be the same case with many tv/radio talk show hosts and law enforcement and justice officials nationwide.

This wimpish, unprincipled and "nice" attitude does not serve to win battles or elections. This attitude has become the number one problem for many gays, liberals, feminists, Democrats and even Clinton.

This prevalent attitude in the gay community nationwide must change if we ever intend to win the battle for the upholding of our constitutional rights, equality and etc.

## Hitler, U.S. radical right share methodologies of oppression

### Guest Commentary

By **GLENN STEHLE**

For the *Houston Voice*

"I want vigorous, commanding and cruel young men with the strength and beauty of young beasts of prey... (and without a) conscience."—Adolf Hitler

Dianne Hardy-Garcia calls it the "teenage-boy syndrome." It is a phenomenon whose grand wizard was undoubtedly Adolf Hitler. Master psychologist, consummate actor—he above all could command its vicious savagery from the deep.

It is a phenomenon that has taken Texas by storm, leaving in its wake a trail of blood that has crossed and criss-crossed the state time and time again over the past 16 months. In all, Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, has documented eight senseless, torturous, predatory murders of gay men during that time.

The young men who commit these murders feel no shame, no guilt, no remorse. Quite paradoxically, they feel righteousness. Nineteen-year-old DeMarco McCullum, who shot Michael Burzinski in the back of the head with a .380-caliber pistol, told investigators he felt "like a judge" when he pulled the trigger.

The teenage killers seem to derive their empowerment from two sources.

First, there is a criminal justice system that has meted out anemic punishment to those who have killed gay men, allowing an almost impudent use of the "sexual assault defense." The basic question remains: What is the more serious crime—murder or a homosexual pass?

And then there is the failure of mainline churches to speak out against the anti-gay vituperation coming from a handful of pews. Mainline churches have allowed, at least as far as homosexuals are concerned, a very limited view of God to dominate—that of a wrathful, vengeful, and judgmental God. Trumpeters of a loving, compassionate and justice-doing God have been all but silenced, not unlike Dietrich Bonhoeffer was silenced in Nazi Germany.

The pundits of religious and criminal justice would be hard pressed to explain that they are unaware of the consequences of their actions. C.G. Shoenfeld, writing the fall issue of the *Journal of Psychiatry and Law*, explains a widely held law enforcement theory as follows:

"Psychoanalytic studies reveal that we are all of us born criminals in the sense that we are extensively endowed with impulses which, if unchecked, lead to anti-social conduct. Not only do we bring into the world a 'criminal' savage and violent inheritance—the incestuous and patricidal desires that characterize the Oedipus com-

plex, for example—but we are also moved, throughout our lives, by aggressive urges of enormous strength.

Requiring attention here, however, is the main agency of the mind—man's moral faculty or superego—that normally seeks to inhabit and control his aggressive urges.

One of Sigmund Freud's most significant discoveries was that at birth, and for some time thereafter, infants are without a moral faculty. The control exercised over their aggressive wishes is mainly that exercised by their parents.

The superego, however, is usually fairly well in place by age six. Normally the superego continues to develop to a limited extent after the age of six or so—during adolescence and even into adulthood—but at an extremely slow pace.

Although the superego may exert sufficient control over a man's aggressive wishes to enable him to live (possibly with his immediate family) in a non-communal setting, it obviously lacks the ability, by itself, to ensure his living peacefully in society. And clearly, it is the support given to the superego's efforts to curb man's fierce aggressiveness by taboo, religion, habit, custom, accepted morality—and most especially by the law—that makes civilized life possible in complex modern societies."

So what happens when religion and civil authorities set out to intentionally undermine man's conscience or superego? An extreme, but nonetheless telling example, is provided by Frank Rector in his book, "The Nazi Extermination of Homosexuals."

Hitler believed that conscience made men woman-like, surrendering, and therefore he said, "like circumstances it mutilates men." And Hitler realized early in his political career that he could manipulate the consciences of young men.

"Nazism was the party of youth because in essence Nazism was a youth movement. At one Berlin rally in 1932, more than 100,000 youths gathered to hear Hitler speak, and marched past him for seven and a half hours. In the young generation, the Nazis found the population group that was the most malleable to its own purpose and one that returned the highest yield of self-sacrificing allegiance for the blandishment invested," wrote Rector. "Youth... was generally more impelled by idealism—and by impatience, deprivation, bitterness, blathering stupidity and an unconscionable disregard for the rights of others."

The radical right is seeking to manipulate conscience in the same way Hitler did, and, just as in Hitler's day, it should come as no surprise that young men are some of the most susceptible to its manipulations.

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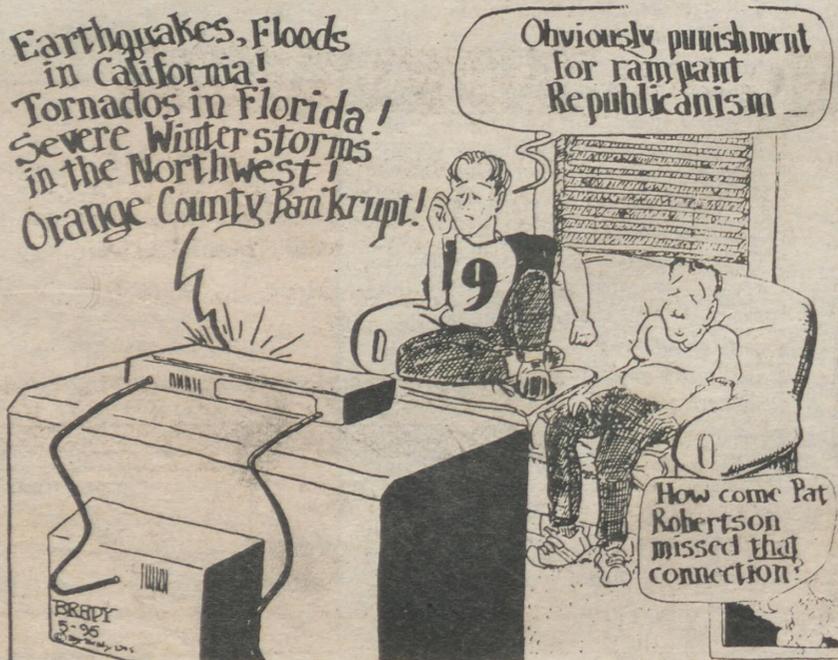
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Letters to the Editor

## 'Family' Turnout Urgent

From SUSAN BAIRD and ALICE EVERGREEN

Houston, Texas

Occasionally the political skies open to the Houston gay and lesbian community; hopefully, this time we will find our family members at the polls rather than at the beach. That's right, OUR family! We finally have an opportunity to elect one of our own—Annie Parker.

Parker is aware that the citizenry of Houston is diverse by definition, and is composed of more than non related adults who have come together by choice. She has not retreated from the societal concerns of a major urban center to promote an isolationist agenda. Parker has held positions with the United Way, the East Montrose Civic Association, the Neartown Community Development Corporation, and the Houston Police Advisory Committee. During the 1992 state Democratic convention I was fortunate to be a delegate from the 15th Senate District with Parker. I found her personal political philosophy refreshing, a delegate cognizant of the need for expanded social services and environmental concerns, tempered with a strong sense of fiscal accountability.

As a lesbian who has the potential to be a hate crime victim (not an aspiration, but a possibility), I want to know that there is a member of city council who has this as a real life concern, not simply campaign rhetoric. When citizens want to know how or where to report a hate crime, Parker's name is the community contact for those unsure of police or social services. Parker's recognition as a community resource goes beyond the Houston area. During the Administration's policy review on gays in the military, the Rand Corporation was contracted to interview gays in the military in other countries and gays in domestic police departments. Parker was asked to find gays in the Houston Police Department will talk to the research team. I doubt any other candidate running for city council could gain the confidentiality of a gay officer, much less find one.

Elections to fill partial terms are characterized by low voter response. A united voter and contributor turnout can put one of our own on city council. Our family, our agenda.

## Poor Timing

From PAUL VON WUPPERFIELD  
State President, Log Cabin Republicans,  
Austin, Texas

In another display of their disconnection from political realities, the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus (ALGPC) decided to schedule their latest town meeting the evening of

Tuesday, Jan. 17—in direct conflict with the festivities of Texas' gubernatorial inauguration. ALGPC has advertised their event as an inclusive forum for planning the political future of the gay and lesbian community, yet they chose a date and a time exclusive of Republicans, supporters of (Democratic Lt. Gov.) Bob Bullock, and anyone else who has anything to celebrate from the last statewide elections.

For years, the gay political establishment has pursued a single-party strategy, betting everything on the success of the leftist Democrats. Little or no effort has been made to develop common sense relationships with the political center. Coalitions with the right, even where our interest coincided, were openly derided. There was an all-or-nothing gamble with our civil rights as the stakes. When the Left goes down, we go with it. Now it seems these same "leaders" would rather lead us into political exile than find ways of working with the Republican and conservative majorities.

Because we care passionately about securing and safeguarding social justice, the Log Cabin movement is tired of seeing our community's successes undermined by blind partisanship and ideological bigotry from the Left. The overwhelming majority of Americans, including most Republicans, oppose discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Our challenge is to effectively communicate to them that we have the same hopes, fears, and needs as they do, and that we want nothing more than equality. Unfortunately, by confining us to the "Democratic Plantation for Oppressed Voting Blocs," our political establishment has left us dangerously marginalized and isolated.

In Texas and across the country, Americans have rejected the Democrats and their policies. Ann Richards, who could sign the sodomy law and still be called a heroine by our leftist political elite, has fallen and Bill Clinton is likely to follow her out in 1996. Every election cycle brings more Republicans to power in Texas, and we shall soon see a GOP majority in our state legislature. Like it or not, the Republican Party is on the road to state and national majority, and its power cannot be easily dismissed any longer.

We must now make a choice. We can continue to place all our eggs in one basket and remain on the Democrats' plantation, or we can adapt to the changing political landscape and develop ties within the Republican Party as well. To survive, we must change our tactics and broaden our vision. If that is what we want, then I suggest we think a little more before we plan "our strategy" at times and places guaranteed to keep out the people with the most to offer.

The Houston Voice welcomes well-written, insightful and to-the-point opinion pieces for our editorial page. We also welcome "counterpoint" articles that represent a different view on the issues approached in commentaries that we have run. We reserve the right to edit for length, format and readability, and we will run only one full-length counterpoint to an opinion piece. Shorter responses may run as "letters to the editor" at our discretion.

## Annise Parker — The Right Candidate at the Right Time



Steve Sattlerwhite

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- ★ Neartown Association, 1995 president
- ★ Neartown Community Development Corp. officer
- ★ Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, former president
- ★ Leadership Houston Class, 1993
- ★ United Way committee member
- ★ One of the few Pro-Choice candidates
- ★ Fiscal conservative
- ★ Environmentalist
- ★ Rice University graduate
- ★ Mosbacher Energy engineering technologist
- ★ Inklings bookshop co-owner

Parker will be an advocate for neighborhood revitalization and safety, HIV services, economic development, government efficiency, and senior citizen services.

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**JERRY BOYD**

Jerry Boyd died of AIDS at age 33. He was welcomed to God's mansion by his many friends who preceded him at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14. His is survived by his mother; Tommie Worden, dad; John Boyd III, stepmom; Pat Boyd, loving and dedicated partner; Greg Deason, five brothers; Kiah Byerley and wife Debbie, Don Byerley and wife Stephanie, Bill Byerley and

wife Peggy, James Boyd and wife Dana, Jeff Boyd and wife Kay, and one sister, Geraldine Boyd.

His mom and family express our deepest gratitude to his friends for their love and support and wish to thank everyone at On-Call, his wonderful doctors especially the nurses and staff on the seventh floor at Twelve Oaks Hospital for their tender loving care.

Memorial services will be at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 22 at the Bering United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to DIFFA, 5120 Woodway-Suite 279, Houston, TX 77056-1723, phone (713) 552-9445.

## WILLIAM (WILL) OTTO KREMLING

Born: June 10, 1966  
Died: January 7, 1995

Will Kremling passed away from AIDS complications on Saturday, January 7, 1995 at Ben

Taub Hospital in Houston, TX.

Survived by a loving Aunt and Uncle from Katy, TX; a circle of close friends from the Montrose community, including Scott Finch, Mark James, Matt Locklin and Joe Dan Harper and many others who will miss him.

Will was a long time dedicated employee of the W. Gray Kroger Grocery store (formerly Apple Tree Markets) and was popular among his co-workers. Always gay and smiling, Will was a bright spot in many shoppers lives. In September, 1994 he assisted in the voluntary remodeling activities that help found a transitional living center for persons with HIV/AIDS (TLC House).

Will was able to work right up through December, 1994, when he was diagnosed with a toxoplasmosis brain lesion. He was hospitalized weeks after and went peacefully in his sleep on the first Saturday in January, 1995.

Special thanks to Dr. Crad Duren and his entire staff, and the physicians and staff at Ben Taub Hospital.

In lieu of flowers and cards, the family requests donations be made "In Memory of Will Kremling" to: the River Oaks Health Association, TLC House program, (a non-profit transitional living center for PWA's). Donations may be mailed to the River Oaks Health Association, 1414 W. Clay, Houston, TX 77019, (713) 902-2231.



**KELLY NICOLE MARTIN**

Born: July 20, 1957  
Died: January 5, 1995

You touched our hearts with love and now you are touching the heart of Heaven. We will always remember you, wherever we are, whatever we do.

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## Dallas City Council votes 9-5 to ban anti-gay discrimination

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Steve Atkinson, co-chair of the Dallas Lesbian/Gay Political Coalition, praised the cooperation between the Coalition and the Alliance, two organizations that have in the past been at odds on the different methods they used to reach the same end.

Atkinson also offered a special thanks to District 11 Council Member Paul Fielding. "He did some work on this, too, and we appreciate his help," Atkinson said. In the past, Fielding has come under fire from gay activists for what they described as his lack of support on gay and lesbian issues before the council.

Alliance board member John Wemberley explained that the effort to get sexual orientation included in the city's non-discrimination policy began last year, after a speech by City Manager John Ware to the Stonewall Professional and Business Association. In answer to a question asked at that meeting, Ware said that the city's non-discrimination policy did include sexual orientation. He later retracted that statement in a written letter of apology, saying that while the city did not discriminate against gays and lesbians in practice, that ban was not actually included in the written policy.

At the Wednesday council meeting, a revised edition of the non-discrimination policy was presented to the council, but that revised policy still did not include sexual orientation. Atkinson said, "When we first heard about it, we went to (Ware) and asked him to include sexual orientation, but he wouldn't. He said it wasn't necessary because the city didn't discriminate against gays and lesbians—the same old story we had heard all along."

Since Ware refused to make the requested changes, Luna and McDaniel drafted an amendment to add both sexual orientation and marital status to the policy. They then organized a coalition of gay and lesbian activists and women's issues activists to quietly lobby individual council members on behalf of it.

Councilmembers Glenn Box and Barbara Blumer, both known for their anti-gay stances on issues before the council, did not learn of the amendment until shortly before the vote was taken.

After the vote Wednesday, Box predicted a substantial public outcry

against the policy. Box told reporters that had he known the vote was coming up "I could have gotten hundreds of speakers down here to oppose it."

Atkinson admitted that proponents of the amendment had "borrowed a tactic from the religious right" and conducted a "stealth campaign" to get the policy approved. They had not apprised Box and Blumer of the amendment, he said, specifically to avoid giving them the chance to fill the council chambers with anti-gay speakers.

On Wednesday, McDaniel noted that proponents had worked to "de-emotionalize the issue" by not "mobbing the council chambers with screaming gays and lesbians."

Cox added that, "We wanted show them that we are reasonable people asking for reasonable things."

A spokesperson with Luna's office said Thursday that a large number of calls on the issue had come into City Hall that morning. However, she said, "They've been about half-and-half. Some for it, some against."

"I suppose it varies from one council member's office to the next, depending on what district they represent. But here in (Luna's) office, the majority of the calls have been calls of thank you and support," she said.

Wemberley urged gays and lesbians to call their council representatives to express their support of the amendment.

The only debate on the amendment came from District 10 council member Donna Halstedt, who said her concerns focused on whether or not the amendment would allow gays and lesbians to sue the city alleging employment discrimination. When City attorney Sam Lindsey told Halstedt that the amendment would provide grounds for such allegations, she announced that she would vote against the amendment.

Also voting against the amendment were Box, Blumer, Max Wells and Barbara Mallory.

Voting in favor of the amendment with McDaniel and Luna were Fielding, Sandra Crenshaw, Don Hicks, Robert Stinson, Larry Duncan, Mayor Pro-tem Domingo Garcia and Mayor Steve Bartlett.

Councilmember and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Charlotte Mayes was out of the room and did not vote on the amendment.

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**VOTE ELECTION DAY**

**Few voters city wide, many candidates on many sides could put Parker in runoff**

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Parker is not one of the candidates named as expected front runners by local political scientists and media, nor does she have the monetary backing wielded by those candidates—former Judge John Peavy Jr., unbenched in November's Republican sweep, and Kathryn Tyra, former Harris County District Clerk. She is, however, a shrewd political observer herself, and Parker—who prior to announcing her candidacy told the Houston Voice that she would not enter the race unless her research determined it winnable—is aware that both Peavy and Tyra are

subject to defections from their support bases to other candidates in the crowd. (Tyra, notably, is among a gaggle of candidates vying for the support of the conservative right). As well, Parker has no baggage, a solid and virtually unassailable education, employment and community service background, and a firm grasp of city issues. Her campaign has chosen to emphasize her qualifications and, for probably the first time that a race for Houston office has included a gay candidate, local mainstream media have not focused on Parker's sexual orientation. She is endorsed in the race by State Rep. Debra Danburg and

former County Treasurer Katy Caldwell, as well as the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

In this special election, with no other issues on the ballot to incite voter interest, the outcome might depend heavily on which candidates can best mobilize their "personal" voter bases. For Parker, this means the gay and lesbian community, white inner city residents and neighborhood activists. That these groups have traditionally had large pools of committed voters could work in her favor; that both turnout and issue-driven bloc voting has dropped in recent years could pose a problem.

If a gay candidate should indeed win the election, or a spot in the anticipated runoff, on Jan. 21, the timing will bear a quirky significance. The date is within days of the tenth anniversary of an infamous referendum that overturned an ordinance protecting gays and lesbians against discrimination in city employment.

Election day also falls on the same day as the world premiere in Houston of the opera 'Harvey Milk,' which tells the story of the slain San Francisco city supervisor. Houston, like the San Francisco of Milk's time, has never had an openly gay city official.

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**National media reports on Texas hate crimes as lobby pushes for bill**

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Hardy-Garcia's concerns were echoed by local activists at a hate crimes forum held in Houston in December. Also prevalent in discussions at that meeting was the feeling that the lines are becoming blurred between what might be defined as a criminal act of bias/hate and the anti-gay attitudes condoned—even encouraged—by the new direction of American politics and the long, but now more nationally sanctioned, tradition of "Bubba" territorialism in the Lone Star State.

The unsettling trail of anti-gay violence in recent years is not limited to Texas. According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, violence against gay men and lesbians has increased 127 percent during the past six years in the six cities—Boston, Chicago, Denver, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York and San Francisco—monitored by the group's hate crimes project.

Documentation by national human rights groups also points to a direct connection between a political and social atmosphere hostile and combative towards gay and lesbian people and then incidence of violent crime against gays. The correlation is especially noticeable in reports that emerged last year—a banner year, it seems, for both the influence of the new conservative movement and hate crimes. The liberal watchdog group People for the American Way, in "Hostile Climate," its report on anti-gay activity in 1994, notes that religious right political groups poured enormous resources into anti-gay campaigns and messages last year. As well, these groups waged high profile attacks on any aspect of education or culture that attempted to provide a more balanced message, or

portray homosexuality in anything but an utterly negative light.

The hate-prejudice-religion connection—and its parallel in civil rights struggles of the past—is observed astutely in the Vanity Fair report.

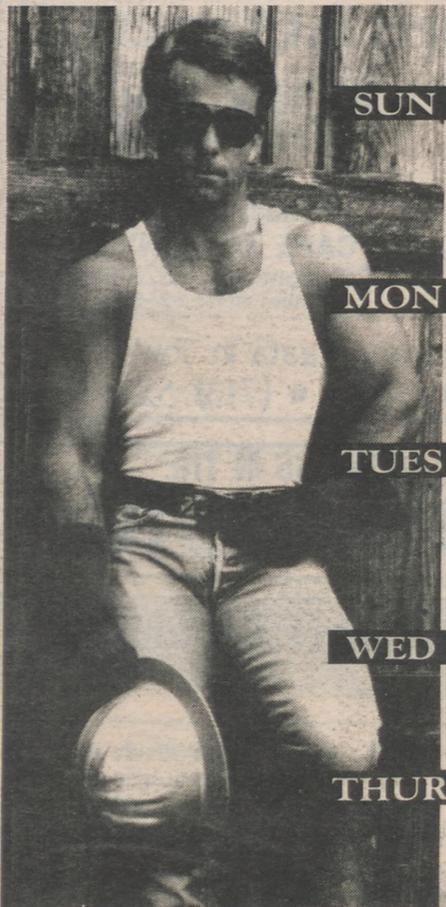
"In this new fraternity of hate, the words 'fag' and 'queer' and 'sissy' have been substituted for 'nigger' and guns for rope," writes Bissinger. "Some of the new gangs are certainly more impulsive and less organized than their predecessors, but the similarities are startling, for like the old boys who roamed the quiet, bygone nights, these youngsters relish the obvious terror they create in their victims and are emboldened by the firm conviction that the Bible and their Lord Jesus are on their side."

Those who teach hatred and intolerance must accept a share of the responsibility for the epidemic of violence and death, according to Hardy-Garcia. For the moment, however, her own battle has a more local and tangible focus.

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby's principal goal in publicizing the string of attacks in Texas is to urge the Texas Legislature to pass HB 365, the Hate Crimes Bill currently sponsored in the state legislature by two Houstonians, Rep. Scott Hochberg and Sen. Rodney Ellis. "We are asking all Texans to write their state legislators and urge passage of HB 365," she said. As well, LGRL is seeking persons who believe they have been victims of hate crimes to testify on behalf of the bill, Hardy-Garcia added.

(To inquire about testifying, or to find out who your state representative is if you do not know, call LGRL at 512-474-5475).

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**How hate crusaders exploit volatile mentality of youth for own goals**

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John Eldridge, a spokesperson for the Focus on the Family ministries in Colorado Springs, explained the radical right's propaganda campaign to a gathering of anti-gay activists this way: We need to "tell America why heterosexuality is best for individuals and society."

"That case," he said, "needs to be made strongly and supported by what Americans consider 'gospel truth'—that is empirical science. That is the high priest of our culture."

Shrewdly," Eldridge continued, "we need to show why society needs to make certain demands on people sexually." He added that public perception has to be changed. "We must never appear to be attempting to rob anyone of their rights—their constitutional rights. We must never appear to be mean spirited or bigoted. We must be shrewd to get consensus for our position by appealing to shared values and concern, and issues of fairness and

justice."

Rector details Hitler's corollary strategy: "Hitler had a pathological fear and hatred of capitulation in every sense of the word, in any way whatever. Above all, he was in fact homophobic. Still, Hitler was not stupid. From his point of view he quite intelligently put aside his homophobia and soft-pedaled that issue when he saw how the muscularity of homosexuals could strengthen is fledgling Party. This political realism had nothing at all to do with Hitler's contradictory feeling that gays were basically degenerate and feminine."

The radical right, like Hitler, is canny. It nonetheless has made no bones about articulating its ultimate goal.

"By the end of the decade," declared evangelist Paul Cain, "the whole earth will view the church in a different light. The church will no longer be mocked and despised, but either loved or feared."

## R.S.I.C.S.S. elects new Emperor and Empress this weekend

### Community News Highlight

Nearly 30 years ago, the international court system was started in San Francisco. The basic idea was camp fun, bringing laughter together with community involvement. Currently, most major cities in the United States have a court system in their community. Additionally there are courts in Canada and Mexico. In Texas alone there are courts in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Waco, comprising the United Courts of Texas.

The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star, better known in the community by the initials "R.S.I.C.S.S." or simply as the "Court," was founded by Laura Lee Love, Empress I and II de las Estrellas nearly 11 years ago. The Court start with five members, including Laura and Marty Rocha, Emperor I and II del Sol.

This Saturday Jan. 21, The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star will hold its annual election of monarchs. Voting, which is open to all residents of Harris and adjacent counties, will be held in the offices of The Houston Voice, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

From the beginning, the Court has used the camp titles of Emperor and Empress to refer to the elected co-presidents of the organization. Under the guidance of a board of directors chaired by Laura Lee Love, the primary goals of these elected officials are to further relations within our community, to hold benefits and fundraisers for the enjoyment of the community, to raise money for charitable organizations and, through these efforts, to provide assistance to those in need.

One of the strongest aspects of the court is the diversity of its membership. In addition to the "drag queens" who are probably the most visible part of the Court, there are members of the Court who also hold memberships in many other organizations, including TGRA, Krewe of Olympus, National Leather Association and Texas Renegades. Founder Laura Lee Love once stated that, "As an organization, the Court benefits from a vast array of knowledge and talent. Our growth into maturity is enhanced through our diversity." And grow it has.

Each of the monarchs who have succeeded Laura and Marty have left their own mark on the Court. Empress III de la Luna, Eydie Mae Sugarbaker started one of the first and largest court families in Texas-the Sugarbakers. Eydie Mae became known for quite some time as the most travelled Empress in Texas and it is a tribute to her charm that there are Sugarbakers not only in Texas but in many other courts which she visited.

During the next campaign, Lady Vic-



1994 monarchs: Emperor X Deb Dillehay and Empress X Damita Jo

toria Lust staged a benefit to raise a little "mad money" for PWA's. Throughout the year the Court had raised money, but had always directed how it would be spent. At Christmas that year the benefit gave money to as many PWA's as possible to use in any way they wished just to help brighten the holidays for them. This benefit has grown into "The Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Fund," one of the best known charities in the community, which continues to disperse funds, food and gifts on major holidays to as many PWA's as possible.

Empress IV, The Texas Sweetheart Empress, Jane Johnson and her Regent, Dale Green, ended their reign on the night of an ice storm in Houston. Those who braved the storm saw the crowning of The Black Rose Empress, Jerissa Nicole Bouvier De La Vega O'Connor Krueger Goldstein Sugarbaker. In addition to Jerissa having the distinction of having one of the longest, if not the longest name in the Court, Tom and Jarissa's main accomplishment was to get the Court thinking and acting a little more business-like.

The reign of Emperor VI, The Black Leather Rose Emperor, David Alwell and Empress VI, The Crystal Dynasty Empress, Coco Marie Sugarbaker, was known throughout the city for its benefits, many of them built around interesting and colorful themes. The Coronation which culminated their reign saw candidate Lady Victoria Lust make one of the most elaborate candidate entrances yet. She made her entrance with dozens of balloons and flags with community leaders helping her sing "God Bless America." That evening she was crowned Empress VII, The Emerald Phoenix Empress and her very prosperous year ended with her being Houston's only Sole and Absolute Monarch.

Emperor VIII, The Parti Gras Emperor, Frank Pierce and Empress VIII, The Pearl and Sapphire Clown Empress, Pitty Pat Magnolia Sugarbaker, The First Lady of Southern Hospitality, had a tough act to follow and maintained a hectic benefit and fund raising schedule along with managing an ever growing membership.

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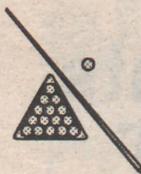
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## Court has long history of community service, fund raising



Empress XI Candidate Tonya Seville

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Building on work begun during the previous reigns, Emperor IX, The Silver Fox Emperor, Giovanni Lamond and Empress IX, The White Star Empress, Regina Dane cemented the Court's ties with the community by networking with other clubs and organizations. They were truly leaders of a new generation. "A Whole New World."

By this time interest in the Court had grown tremendously and there was a record number of candidates for the Tenth Anniversary Reign. For the past year Emperor X, The Friendship Emperor, Deb Dillehay and Empress X, The Leather Lone Star Empress, Damita Jo have reigned over a court having nearly sixty members. There is rarely a weekend that goes by when some members of the Court aren't raising funds through shows, car washes, bake sales, garage sales or any other way they can. So far this year, the Court has held benefits for organizations such as AVES, Bering Community Service Foundation, Houston Area Women's Center, Kolbe House, MCCR, Montrose Counseling Center, Omega House, Pet Patrol, Colt 45's Stone Soup, Colt 45's Tilly Thacker Fund and the Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Fund. Additionally, the Court has two major events yet to come during Reign X-Coronation, which will benefit Pet Patrol, and the PR Ball which will benefit the Loving Arms Foundation.

This year there are two candidates for Empress XI, Tonya Seville and Crystal Rae Lee Love. There is one candidate for Emperor, Jerry Morin. Each of these candidates has been campaigning since October I. They have been holding benefits throughout the community. More important, however, is the fact that each of them has been an active member of the community for a long time. In order to run for Emperor or Empress, each potential candidate is required to complete an application and go through an extensive interview with the R.S.I.C.S.S. Board of Directors.



Empress XI Candidate Crystal Rae Lee Love

The winners will leave their mark on the Court and Houston in the tradition of their predecessors and they will represent not only the Court but the community at large for the next year. In reality, though, there will be no losers, especially not Houston, since these candidates have already benefited us all through their hard work.

With the number of events that the Court holds each year and the size of its membership, its co-presidents must be able to work well with the other organizations in the community and with the general public. While their titles and the many other titles in the organization may be camp, The Emperor and Empress, as well as all the other members of the Court, are active members of the community who want to have fun and make life just a little easier for those less fortunate.

Remember, Saturday, Jan. 21, 1995 is election day in the city of Houston, so after you cast your vote in the city elections, head over to the offices of the Houston Voice, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, with proof of residency in Harris or any adjoining county and vote for your choice for Emperor and Empress for next year. Those elected will be very visible in the community over the next year, and probably for years to come, having fun and helping wherever and whenever they can.



Emperor XI Candidate Jerry Morin

## Briton, Botswanan charged with homosexuality under Botswana law

GABORONE, Botswana, Saturday, Jan. 14 (AP)—A British citizen working in a game park and a Botswana man have been charged with committing homosexual acts and face maximum two-year jail sentences.

Graham Norrie, 37, a workshop manager at Crocodile Camp Safari in northern Botswana, and Utjiwa Kanane, 22, have pled not guilty to charges of carnal knowledge "against the order of nature."

Norrie has lost his job and been

detained since the pair were arrested Dec. 26. Unlike Kanane, he has been denied bail to prevent him from fleeing the country. Kanane has been granted bail.

A trial date will be set Jan. 20.

This southern African country has strict morality laws and occasionally prosecutes people caught committing homosexual acts, though cases involving foreigners are rare. A Briton facing such charges a few years ago fled the country while on bail.

## Michael Korie, Stewart Wallace and the legacy of Harvey Milk



Michael Korie, librettist and Stewart Wallace, composer of 'Harvey Milk,' the opera

### Part II: The Artists

By ANDREW EDMONSON

Houston Voice/Houston

(Editor's note: This is the second of two articles focusing on Houston Grand Opera's world premiere production of 'Harvey Milk,' running Jan. 21—Feb. 5 at the Wortham Center. The Houston Voice is a corporate sponsor of 'Harvey Milk').

In creating the dramatic structure of his new opera "Harvey Milk," librettist Michael Korie faced several challenges.

First, he realized that many people were unaware of Harvey Milk's life and legacy. Around the time of Milk's assassination in 1978, the new of the mass suicide of the followers of the charismatic cult leader James Jones in Guyana riveted the world's attention, relegating coverage of Milk's assassination to the back pages of the newspaper. At best, the librettist speculated, his potential audience would be uninformed about the opera's title character. At worst, they would be hostile towards him. Korie could take nothing for granted.

The second problem that Korie faced was how he was to portray Milk's assassin, Dan White. If he were to demonize White—to caricature him as a hate spouting, one-note bigot—this would reduce the characters in the opera to cardboard.

White had been a football and basketball player in high school. He was a Vietnam veteran. He was a fireman and a police officer. Korie grasped instinctively that the character with which straight audiences would most readily identify was Dan White.

The third and biggest obstacle that Korie faced was simple: how was he going to get a general audience to root for Harvey Milk?

To find solutions to these problems, Korie, a former journalist for "The Village Voice," set out an odyssey of research, interviewing of Milk's friends, colleagues and associates.

For Korie, the time spent tracing Milk's steps was an intensely personal journey—one that taught him much about his own life. "On a personal level, writing the libretto of the opera of Harvey Milk's life brings a lot of the pieces of my own life together," he observed.

There were many obvious parallels between Milk and Korie's childhoods. They were both young, gay Jewish men

growing up in the suburbs of New York City who adored opera and who made frequent trips to the city to attend performances at the Metropolitan Opera.

To flesh out his portrait of Milk, Korie traveled to San Francisco, and taped hours of interviews with Milk's former lover, his campaign manager, with Teamster Alan Baird who helped Harvey orchestrate the Coors beer boycott, and many others. In his quest to discover what spurred Milk's transformation from radical street activist to seasoned politician, Korie amassed a rich oral history.

He realized that the record that he had compiled was quite unique. Without consciously intending to, Korie had captured in his interviews the spirit of the era in which Milk was ascendent, the sense of hope and possibility of the 1970's, "a sense of swirling time that couldn't be evoked by books."

When he finishes work on "Harvey Milk," Korie plans to donate his tapes and notes to the Gay & Lesbian history archives in New York City and in San Francisco, as well as to the Houston Public Library.

During his time in San Francisco, Korie managed to locate microfiche copies of the weekly columns that Harvey wrote for "The Bay Area Reporter." In reading these works, Korie discovered a common thread running through all of Milk's writings. Milk was obsessed with the Holocaust, and it had a profound influence on the way that he perceived himself, the world, and his sexual orientation.

Growing up on Long Island in the periods following the Second World War, Harvey had been deeply affected by the accounts of the Holocaust that his mother read to him from "The New York Times." For Milk, in both his columns and his public life, remembrance was a means of breaking the silence that surrounded both the genocide of the Jews and the extermination of gays and lesbians in German concentration camps.

For Korie, it became clear that there was an integral link between Harvey's identity as a Jew living in the wake of the death camps and his identity as a homosexual, another group that had also endured unending vilification. Because Harvey could accept himself as a Jew, he was eventually able to embrace and celebrate his identity as a gay man.

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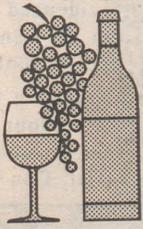
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## Korie, Wallace: the artists behind 'Harvey Milk'

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As a gay Jewish man living in America, Korie could not help but be moved by the things he had discovered about Milk. He also observed many other similarities in their lives.

"I remember the early 1970s well because, like Harvey, I was involved in grass roots neighborhoods activism, too," he remarked. "I was impatient to get out into the world and dropped out of college to become the Editor-in-Chief of a New York community newspaper that was a big advocate of neighborhood activism, the whole self-help movement that got New York City through its fiscal crunch when it was going bankrupt. I wrote a lot about the gay rights movement, too.

"It was a time of great hope—that if neighbors pulled together they could make a difference, build bridges and pyramid their individual power into something much greater than the sum of its parts.

"That's what Harvey did, and I relate particularly to him for that—he was a street fighter and a master bridge builder. He reached out to other disenfranchised communities to achieve together what they couldn't do on their own. And, believe it or not,

he worked a weekly column there, even after he was elected to office, up until the week he died."

Whereas Korie's research on Milk's life had profound personal significance, the opera's composer, Stewart Wallace, sees in Milk's legacy a larger lesson about American politics and history.

"There's kind of a Biblical overlay to the story of Harvey Milk, because he is a modern day example of the Moses story: an ordinary man who, under extraordinary circumstances, rises to the occasion and becomes a powerful leader. He gets close to, but is never able to live in the Promised Land. He heeds the call and accepts his destiny," Wallace observed.

"Harvey Milk is part of the sad tradition of American civil rights leaders who are cut down at the height of their powers.

"It seems that America cannibalizes its people of great promise who have the potential to bring about great change. I think this is evidenced in the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Malcolm X.

"The opera is not about Dan White killing Harvey Milk. It's about a life of promise and of great strides, and one of destroyed potential. Dan White

destroyed the tremendous potential that Harvey Milk represented both as a civil rights leader and as a participant in the local and national political process. The assassination destroyed the hopes and the aspirations of many people."

Indeed for Wallace, Milk is an American every man, epitomizing the zeitgeist of his times. "We deal with full scope of Harvey's life in the opera, and what we found was that Harvey Milk was really the epitome of three decades. In the 1950s and early 60s, he worked on Wall Street and was the stereotypical man in the gray flannel suit. Then in the late 1960s, he grew his hair long and adopted a more alternative lifestyle, and in the 1970s, he moved to San Francisco. He was a barometer of each of these eras in way."

"Harvey Milk" will be performed Jan. 21, 25, 28, 31 and Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wortham Theater Center downtown. A special matinee performance will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Feb. 5. Tickets range in price from \$15-\$75, and may be purchased by calling 227-ARTS (2787).

## Woman performers 'rage' again at DiverseWorks

### Performing Arts Notes

Once again, DiverseWorks has brought together the country's most powerful women performers for its series "The Rage II." Costa Rican-born Elia Arce, a founding member of the Los Angeles Poverty Department, is our first featured performer. In "Stretching My Skin Until It Rips Whole," Arce introduces us to the women who have defined the concept "woman" in her life. Encounter Elia's white-skinned, hyper-emotional mother who was mistakenly prescribed speech-impairing drugs, her Indian grandmother who raised eight children by selling brassieres for overweight women, the old aunt who never married because she became her grandmother's live-in-maid, and more.

Arce, recently profiled in Ms. Magazine, has performed extensively in Los Angeles as well as at Dance Theater Workshop in New York and the Banff Center for the Performing Arts, Canada. With "Stretching My Skin," she embarks on a tour of the United States, Mexico, and Central America. Through the Los Angeles Poverty Department, Arce has worked extensively with homeless women, a population with whom she shares aesthetic and survival concerns. While in Houston, she will conduct two workshops with women at the Star of Hope shelter. The work she does with them, she says, "grows out of my struggle for survival as a woman and an immigrant in this country."

"All the Rage II: Women in Performance" presents women the likes of which you've never seen before: brash and unbroken, city and country, proud and prudent, downtown and down-and-out. Arce is followed by Austin songwriter Jo Carol Pierce in "Bad Girls Upset by the Truth" (Feb. 18), San Francisco theater artist and activ-

ist Rhodessa Jones in "Big Butt Girls, Hard Headed Women (Mar. 31-April 1), detained teenage girls from the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department in "The Parachute Project: Rites of Passage for Adjudicated Young Women" (April 27-30), and the latest play by root wy'mn theater company's Sharon Bridgforth (May 12-13). A Series Pass is available for \$50, \$40 for members and \$30 for students.

"Stretching My Skin Until it Rips Whole" will be performed Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21 and 22, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for members and \$7 for students. They are available at DiverseBooks or by phone (713) 228-0914. DiverseWorks and DiverseBooks are located at 1117 E. Freeway (N. Main at Naylor).

### Audition Notices

Goat Song Theater Group will hold auditions for "Boy Meets Boy" Saturday, Jan. 21 and Sunday, Jan. 22, 1:00 p.m. at Kuumba House, 3412 La Branch. Four male leads and one female lead are needed, as well as a split chorus of six (all ages). Auditioners will read from script and should also have one song prepared for the audition. For more information, call David Cochran at 466-6021.

—Naked City! will be holding auditions for two original one act plays, "Yappydash" by Gail Lunde and "Movements and Requiems" by Samm Hill, Jan. 28 and 29. Auditions will be held at the Zocalo Theater, 5223 Feagan Street, by appointment only. All roles are open to actors of any race, age and sex. Auditioners should have prepared one 3-minute contemporary monologue and should bring a head shot and resume if available. To make an appointment, call 526-9570 (or e-mail to 75452,3624@compuserve.com).

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## Montrose business owner, fund raiser touts simple pleasures

### Community Profile

Within Houston's strong, busy and rapidly growing leather/levis network, Don Gill is not exactly the archetypical ambassador. His life, he says, is centered at his home, where he maintains his business, cares for friends who are ill with AIDS...and raises chickens, in part to "admire their simplicity" and share their peace.

Raised on a farm, the youngest on nine children whose parents could neither read nor write, Gill admits he much prefers his present, urban lifestyle in Montrose. But he adds that his background as a "simple country boy" and his current involvement as a PWA caregiver (Gill says that two lovers have died in his arms and as many as five sick friends have stayed in his house) have taught him to give love generously. "I'm used to loving a lot of people," he says.

Bespectacled, soft-spoken and somewhat reserved, Gill says he has only recently discovered the intensity, love and brotherhood of the community he now often represents in meetings and projects of other Houston gay and lesbian groups.

The well known Houston hairdresser and salon owner, 43 only last year mustered the courage to go after his first title. But the minute he was named Mr. Prime Choice in a contest reserved for gay men over 40, Gill knew that the world of flash and pageantry he had entered could be a gateway to one of his more pressing goals. In the on-stage world he once considered the exclusive realm of those buoyed by youth and beauty, Gill says he has dis-



covered a way to give something back to his community.

And, in the leather community, Gill said he has found the "sincerity of fellowship, and hearts of gold."

This weekend, Gill will host "A Night in Black Leather" at the Venture—N to benefit Soiree Aubergine, a gay community-based group that provides support to the Bering Community Service Foundation. The event will feature national and regional leather title holders, as well as entertainment by local magic act "Nights of Magic" and a fashion show presented by Leather By Boots. Two "getaway weekend" travel packages will also be raffled during the evening, Gill said, and all money collected will go to Bering, including tips.

Gill is hoping the fundraiser will also put him over the top of a personal goal as well. "I believe after this event, I will have raised over \$20,000—personally, as a title holder. That means a lot to me," says Gill, who has also frequently raised funds for AIDS charities, including the Colt 45's, Stone Soup, and the Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Fund, as an organizer or co-host of various benefits sponsored by community social and service groups. The Night in Black Leather is something of a crossover: Gill recently joined the host committee of Soiree, his first commitment approaching a "club" or organizational membership. "They asked me what I could do to get the leather community involved" in raising funds for Bering, he said.

Still, while large organizations' benefits usually raise more money at one time, individual fund raisers—such as leather and drag title holders—are undersung heroes, and an important bone in the spine of support for community-based charities.



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## Bulletin Board: community meetings, classes and events

### Pride Week Forum Sunday

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The forum is intended to gather constructive feedback and follows a survey conducted by the committee, results of which indicated many in the community favor some changes the way Pride Week is done, including such basic planning areas as the date and parade route. Under the guidance of a facilitator, the committee and those attending the meeting on Sunday will discuss issues and ideas concerning Pride Week, in hopes of reaching a consensus on issues surrounding the event, said PCOH organizers.

Topics include, but are not limited to:  
—What time of year should Pride Week be held?

—What time of day should be best for the parade and festival?

—How can the parade be run most efficiently?

—How can parade, festival and event attendance be increased?

—Should the words "Gay and Lesbian" appear on merchandise?

Those planning to attend are requested to RSVP to the Pride Line: (713) 529-6979. Space is limited; early notification is advised.

### Agora Meets Monday

The next monthly meeting of The Agora will be meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, 1995 from 7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. at the AIDS Foundation Houston office, 3202 Wesleyan (Annex-Bldg.—in back).

The Agora is Houston's non-profit organization dedicated to presenting accurate portrayals of gays, lesbians, and their families in the media. Volunteers with experience or interest in influencing the media regarding these issues can attend the meeting to take action in the struggle for respect in Houston.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to get involved. For more information, please contact Cicely Wynne, Agora Vice-President at (713) 522-9837.

### Safer Sex Outreach

AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH) is looking for friendly energetic men and women to help promote the Safer Sex House Parties. Volunteers would be trained in a variety of areas of their choice: promoting safer sex practices through "mini-musicals," distribute information and condoms, and teach the safer sex workshops.

"The need for awareness and support for safer sex continues to be a prime

issue in the gay and lesbian community" states program coordinator Bart Loeser. "We need to reach many of the people—HIV-positive or negative—who are uncertain about risks or who makes mistakes that lead to infection." Loeser added that groups needing the most attention are men under 25 years old, especially among Latinos and African-Americans.

Volunteers can help bring the issues home to their peers, many of whom are too scared or apathetic to deal with the very real risk of HIV infection.

This is becoming a growing concern in the Lesbian community as well. Private donations have been raised to develop outreach programs and safer sex workshops which specifically target the Lesbian community in Houston. Lesbian volunteers are needed to help make the program a success.

For more information, contact Bart Loeser at AFH at (713) 623-6796 or attend the next "Safer Sex Workshop," offered at AFH on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month (next workshop: Jan. 24, 1995).

### Switchboard Training

In early February the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard will hold a weekend training session for everyone interested in volunteering for the Switchboard.

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Training will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3. The Friday session will end at 10:00 p.m. Training on Saturday, Feb. 5 will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. each day. Call (713) 529-3211 to sign up for training or to get more information.

### Photography Classes for PWA's

The Dizinger Foundation's "Positive Power of Art" program will be offering a free introductory photography class for people with HIV/AIDS. Classes will begin Feb. 6 and will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. The course will run for eight weeks.

Students will need a 35mm camera (a basic SLR is recommended). All other materials will be provided. For information, contact Clifton Hazelwood at the Dizinger Art Gallery, 527-8490.

## Local march against hate crimes planned

### Quick Notes

Community United Against Violence, a new Houston group, is organizing "Stop The Violence, Stop The Hate," a community march against gay bashing and other hate crimes. The march, to be held Saturday, Feb. 4, 1995 at 12 noon beginning at Mulberry and Barnard (between the Menil Collection and Rothko Chapel) and ending at Herman Park, was organized as a grassroots response to the rapidly increasing incidence of anti-gay violence including the murders of at least eight gay men in Texas since 1993.

The march is also a call to the Texas

Legislature to take a strong stand against hate related violence by passing House Bill 365 which would enhance the penalty for any act of violence committed because of a person's race, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.

"It is time that all of us who value human life take a firm, public stand against this epidemic of hatred and violence that has spiraled out of control," say Michael Crawford, march co-organizer.

Those in need or more information about "Stop The Violence, Stop The Hate" can call Community United Against Violence at (713) 942-9752.

## 'Pizza Man' problem: idea better than substance, delivery

### Theater Review

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

What if women had the opportunity to exact revenge for all the injustices that have been perpetrated on them by men? Given the right circumstances, how would women feel about treating a man, any man, the way they have been treated?

This question of female vengeance is the driving idea behind "Pizza Man," by Darlene Craviotto. The comedy is being presented by Fat Man Productions, at Houston Skyline Theater, on Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 25.

The story is simple. Julie (Anita Vigilante) and Alice (Victoria Melnick) are roommates. Julie is a relatively restrained woman, who drowns her emotions in alcohol, so much so that she hasn't actually cried in seven years. Alice is a far more vocal woman, who unabashedly laments the reverses in her life, usually with food.

Both women have reason to feel particularly unhappy and feel some animosity specifically directed at men. Julie has just been fired from her job for refusing sexual advances from her new boss; Alice has just been dumped by the married man with whom she had been having an affair.

Julie and Alice share the company of one another's misery. Julie tries to ward off Alice's attempts to enrage herself, and Alice makes a point of Julie's excessive drinking. While the two women are thus bonding through the common ground of mistreatment at the hands of men, Julie comes up with the idea of exacting a form of vengeance for all the wrongs she and Alice have had to endure: raping a man.

Alice is initially aghast at the notion, but gradually, reluctantly, she is persuaded by Julie's continuing reminders of the married man. Approaching the task with something akin to sinister enthusiasm, Julie goes through Alice's "little black book," looking for an appropriate candidate to be their victim.

With no one from the little book seeming to be right, Julie has another devilish idea when Eddie (Andrew Kunev), a pizza delivery man, arrives with sustenance for Alice's sorrow.

Julie persuades the befuddled Eddie to come in, have a drink, and visit for a short while. It's not long before Eddie realizes what's going on and though initially put off by the idea (he is after all married), he soon becomes comfortable with the notion. After a quick phone call, he informs the women that he can be back after completing his deliveries because he's cleared it with his boss. And it can't very well be a rape, if the victim is willing and eager.

And therein lies one of the fundamental problems with "Pizza Man." Even when Eddie is bound and gagged, the women never seem to be a real



(L-R) Andrew Kunev, Victoria Melnick and Anita Vigilante in "Pizza Man"

threat. They never take his pants off, but Alice parades around in a skimpy negligee, whip in hand, trying to arouse some participation from Eddie. Even the closest thing to a climactic moment—Julie holding a knife to Eddie's neck—seems misplaced for want of motivation. Julie as a character lacks the courage to slash Eddie's throat, and that is never in doubt.

Playwright Craviotto was presumably attempting to underscore the possible routes of extremity women could take to even the score (get it!) with men. But her sincerity becomes dubious especially when one considers the utterly dissatisfying denouement. The women are left no better adjusted that when the whole thing began.

The only clear dynamic that occurred was Julie shedding a tear for the first time in seven years (by the way the pizza man himself hasn't cried since childhood). Unfortunately, Julie rediscovers her compassion (bet you're real surprised to learn that, aren't you?) and loses her conviction (unconvincing as it was). This isn't so awful in and of itself, but if this play was supposed to show women as empowering themselves, it failed; if it was supposed to be cathartic, it falls well short of any measurable impact.

All three actors give sound if largely uninspired performances. Anita Vigilante has the solid temperament of a woman divorced from her emotions; Victoria Melnick has enough moaning power to make Sylvia Plath seem cheery; and Andrew Kunev gives an agreeable and affable turn (though he is in desperate need of a haircut—or a hair net!).

The directing by Anthony E.P. Hill makes the most of the weak material, but there isn't a whole lot one can make out of this. "Pizza Man" is funniest when it employs oft-used puns and trite jokes, and that's not saying much. Worse, the lack of humor is not compensated in any way by literary merit.

"Pizza Man" is a good idea, but this delivery arrives late and cold.

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## Local artists, national celebrities to display work at Art Expo

### Art Notes

Renowned entertainer Sarah McLachlan has submitted four of her original art pieces to be auctioned off at the Spectrum '95 Art Expo in Houston, organizers of the multi-level Spectrum event announced.

McLachlan's art joins that of locally known artist, Kermit Eisenhut and artists from the Dizinger Foundation, who will also display various works for potential buyers.

"One facet of Spectrum '95 is showing off the large talent that exists of artist to display their works and hopefully to sale it as well," said Alan Bourgeois, Director of Spectrum '95. He added, "We want people to sale their work and to get the word out about who they are,



Kermit Eisenhut's "House on the Hill"

therefore, neither the Astroarena, nor Spectrum '95, will receive any income from the sale of art."

McLachlan's signed pieces and other artist pieces will be available for auction. The proceeds will go to the seven beneficiaries which have been designated by Spectrum '95. The beneficiaries are, The Assistance Fund, Bering Comm. Service Foundation, Houston Challenge Foundation, Lesbian Health Initiative, Loving Arms, Montrose Clinic and the Montrose Counseling Center.

"Booth space is currently available starting at \$400 for a 10 x 30 foot space. The potential sales for artists will offset the expense of the booth," said Kermit Eisenhut, co-chair of the Art Expo.

Spectrum '95, planned for this summer, will also include a community Town Meeting, Business Expo and lively concert, according to the organizers.

For more information on booth space for artists, or on Spectrum '95, call (713) 526-2853.



Sarah McLachlan's "Fumbling Toward Ecstasy"



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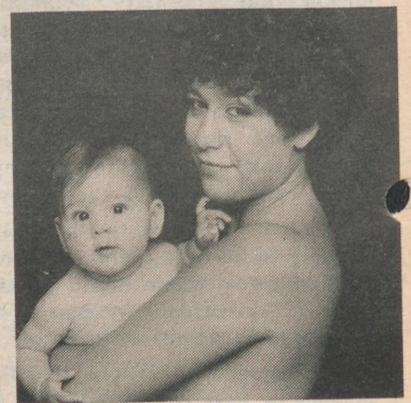
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## 'Living Proof' photo exhibit opens Jan. 28; public parties raise funds for DIFFA-Houston

### Art Notes

The Houston chapter of the Design Industries Fighting AIDS (DIFFA) has announced that Neiman Marcus Town & Country will host the opening night Reception for "Living Proof"—a moving collection of photographs by Carolyn Jones that presents positive images of people living with AIDS—on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

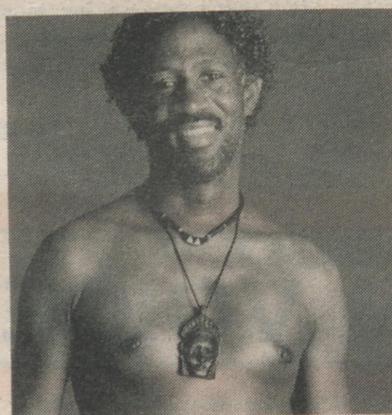
The exhibit, which will be open to the public at the same location Sunday, Jan. 29 through Sunday, Feb. 5, is part of a national tour to benefit DIFFA chapters in several cities, and to promote awareness and compassion while raising funds for grants to local AIDS organizations.



A series of public and private "Proof of Love" cocktail and dinner parties, benefiting DIFFA/Houston, will be held throughout the run of the exhibition. The first public party is scheduled this Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at the 8.0 Restaurant, 3745 Greenbriar. Tickets are \$20 each. The second public party is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Rudolfo Festari for Men, 1719 Post Oak Blvd. Tickets are \$35 each. Tickets to these two events may be purchased at the door.

For reservations to the Proof of Love parties and more information on Living Proof, call DIFFA at (713) 522-9445.

(Editor's note: Carolyn Jones and the 'Living Proof' project will be profiled more extensively in next week's Houston Voice).



## Gay Cubans find acceptance at refugee camp

By TRACY FIELDS  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba, Monday, Jan. 9 (AP)—Openly gay for the first time in his life, Edward Palmero Gomez doesn't mind living in a dusty refugee camp on the same island he risked his life to leave.

"Castro says he doesn't have any homosexuals, prostitutes or drugs," said Palmero Gomez, who sported women's shades and red nail polish. "But in Guantanamo ... you find many kinds of people."

Palmero Gomez, 28, was a teacher in Havana before he tried to flee Fidel Castro and Cuba. He says he suffered repression for both his politics and his homosexuality.

Palmero Gomez now lives in Camp Kilo, which houses single men. There are about 21 gay men among more than 1900 at Kilo, according to Army Capt. David Lee.

"We have separate tents for them so they don't feel discriminated against," he said.

Palmero Gomez and his friends have formed a troupe: they dress in women's clothes and use Afro-Cuban and other types of music and dancing in a show based on Cuban folklore.

"The military accept what we do, they clap their hands," Palmero Gomez said.

"It's a good show, too," Lee agreed. The military is trying to get them more art supplies for the show, he said.

## Homeless, health care and the 'Shiny New Day' in Washington

### *Yours Truly in a Swamp*

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

*Houston Voice/New Orleans*

It has been cold in the swamp. Some flowers still bloom, and many days are breathtakingly blue and clear. But some days it rains, and a cold, rainy swamp is not pleasant...I don't care what the Tourist Commission says.

For the hundreds of thousands of tourists who flock here daily, New Orleans' winter climate is likely an improvement over what they left back home. Along with these pilgrims, yearly comes a fresh supply of homeless, also escaping colder northern streets. The tourists watch the homeless (whom they think are natives), shooting pigeons from historic doorways and huddling there in relative warmth.

The Crescent City has just raised its fine for urinating in public, as a way of dealing with one homeless problem. (Wouldn't Port-o-lets have worked better)? How can stiffer fines deter those unable to pay any fines at all? But it makes us feel good about getting tough. Three pees and you're out, fella!

In a doorway beside the A&P, on elegant Rue Royal, lives a middle-aged Oriental woman. She does not beg, but people give her things. During Christmas, she started sleeping under a blue and brown blanket. It was not shiny new, but nearly washed and very warm looking.

I saw her one day inside the A&P buying shrimp and a bottle of hot sauce. Back on the street with her food, she attracted an unwanted man friend. She chattered at him in heavily accented English, waving her arms wildly until he slunk away.

I also know vicariously a homeless boy, barely a man. When the weather was still very warm I noticed this young blond man who alternated between sleeping under the Governor Nicoles Street Wharf, in the spare room of a man I know with a tender heart, and with a grandmother in Houston.

Once, in Houston, he hospitalized himself for tuberculosis treatment. He left before the treatment cured him, and came again to New Orleans. He came to my friend's house. After he left—first for Charity Hospital, then back to Houston—my friend told me he had himself tested for TB. He tested free.

The blond boy died a few months later, at 20.

He was good looking, that boy! When first I saw him, he was strutting atop the levee between the Moonwalk and the Governor Nicoles Wharf, laughing at the homeless camp's spontaneous—now removed—artworks along the river's edge. I saw him later that day on Bourbon Street, lifting his T-shirt to passing tourists. He'd lift his shirt midriff and tourists would smile. Some took his picture with their little cameras. One laughed with him, and they walked off together down Rue St. Philip.

I wonder if that man got tested?

The charitable friend who used to

take in this boy once studied for the priesthood. He claimed they never had sex. I believe him.

Still, he tested himself for TB. Of course, TB is an air-borne infection. It can be contracted anywhere you breathe.

There was a TB sanatorium in Cairo, Illinois, the town where I was born. It sat on a flat field that ran five miles straight out to the Mississippi River, the same river where years later this boy from Houston sometimes slept.

That TB hospital in Cairo is closed now. As are most hospitals not dealing in expensive heroic-efforts. We need them again. TB is bursting on the scene like AIDS did 11 years ago. Unlike AIDS 11 years ago, it is not much in the news.

Another scary bug that is in the news is the flesh-eating bacteria. Where did it come from? It is said to be a mutation. But not to worry, it has always been with us. How can that be?

This flesh-eating bacteria is also said to seldom attack people, and we have been hearing a lot about it because it has been attacking a lot of people. Late last year it ate up most of the leader of the French-Canadian separatist party. Every now and then it eats up somebody in Florida. But not to worry, most of us don't live in Florida.

We need a lot more health care in America, I think. We are going to get a lot more prison. Did you know the USA imprisons more of its citizens than any nation in the history of the world? And sentences them to very long terms? Does this seem to you to be making us safer?

When I was a boy, I was taught revolution happened when an organizer came to town, held meetings, and sent folks out into the streets to revolt. The FBI, CIA, and the largest standing army ever known was said to be in place just to save me from that.

Poppycock. Revolution grows into existence slowly. When hither and yon disorder and violence scare folks enough they mindlessly join in the disorder and violence, then you have revolution. It come thoughtlessly, and inflicts great suffering. Armies can, and do, join in, but nothing stops it till enough blood is let. It is a time when elephants fight and trample the landscape. It is a time when the Anti-Christ is worshiped.

Recently, in Manhattan, the trial began for the World Trade Center bombing. Everywhere Americans increasingly shoot each other, and, recently, some begun shooting at the White House itself! Can there be any stronger symbol for disorder? Riots? We have them, too.

In Boston and Virginia, the unholy right is aborting thirty-something year old fetuses with assault weapons (on loan from a deer hunter?).

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## Former surgeon general says she's glad to be home in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Sunday, Jan. 8 (AP)—Dr. Joycelyn Elders says that President Clinton's decision to fire her as U.S. surgeon general did not leave a bad taste in her mouth and she was glad to be back in Arkansas as a professor of pediatrics.

"Oh no, I don't have a sour taste at all," she said Sunday when asked in an interview on Little Rock radio station KARN about her dismissal. "I'm very pleased to have had the opportunity to have been the surgeon general."

Mrs. Elders was fired Dec. 9 after responding to a question about masturbation. The subject came up at an AIDS conference that included several of the world's health ministers. She said that perhaps public school students should be taught about masturbation as a natural part of human sexuality.

"I went to Washington to be the surgeon general. And being the surgeon general means you have the responsibility to try to improve the health of all Americans. That was what I was about. That was what I worked for, and you have to do that based on scientific fact and that's what I tried to do," she said Sunday.

Asked about criticism of her views on abortion, sex education, homosexual rights, and dispensing condoms, she said, "You don't feel frustration. You are very aware ... you are trying to get change. And when you're speaking ... truth, first people look at it as weird and out of the mainstream and most unusual. Then they are violently opposed.

And finally, people begin to realize that this is truth and they come to accept it. I feel that I am in the violently opposed stage. And I hope to live long enough that it (her viewpoint) is accepted."

As surgeon general, she said, she was particularly concerned about the health of young people.

"My focus was really on improving the health of our adolescents. This is a group that society has totally neglected," she said. "The only group in our society where the mortality and morbidity has increased in the past 10 to 15 years has been our adolescents, and it's death from crime, from diseases, from drugs, from alcohol. And what do we do about it? Nothing."

Comprehensive education from kindergarten through the 12th grade is the answer, she said.

"The American people are not really health-literate. Our American children get 15,000 hours of TV from kindergarten through 12th grade. And they only get 46 hours of education in regard to their health. We've not taught them to be healthy. Other countries have done a much better job than we have."

France, for instance, has fewer resources overall than the U.S., she said, but one in 20 French children is poor, compared with one in four in the United States.

"I went to a school in Pulaski County, and 50 percent of those children did not even own a toothbrush," she said.

She said that, where parents aren't doing the job of raising their children, society should step in.

## Computer program, developed in Oklahoma, provides AIDS risk assessment

By ROCHELLE HINES

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Friday, Jan. 13 (AP)—A man concerned that he may have contracted the virus that causes AIDS meets with a counselor to discuss his fears. The counselor asks questions about sex and drugs that the man doesn't feel comfortable discussing.

A computer could be one answer to the awkwardness. A Norman social scientist is developing a program to help a person decide whether to be tested. Some health officials agree it has merits but aren't certain it is right for every situation.

In 1987, Michael Wright had some money saved, a computer, printer and office furniture after his appointment ended as a health planner at the Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center in northeast Oklahoma City.

"It occurred to me that a private, anonymous encounter with a non-judgmental computer would be a good strategy to help people make a decision about whether to be tested for HIV antibody," Wright said recently from his Norman office.

Wright, who has a master's degree in sociology from the University of Oklahoma, is developing the program with a \$357,000 grant from the National Cancer Institute's Small Business Innovation Research Program in 1991.

The institute is interested in the research because one of the more common diseases associated with AIDS is kaposi's sarcoma, a tumor of the blood or lymphatic vessel walls.

Anyone in the metropolitan areas of Oklahoma City and Dallas/Fort Worth can pick up a touch-tone telephone, call the HIV Computer Risk Assessment Service and talk to a computer at no charge.

A recorded voice asks the caller for a sexual history dating to 1980; blood transfusion history before 1985, and injecting drug use history.

The computer analyzes the information supplied by the caller and provides advice on whether that person is at risk of current HIV infection.

The advice is based on a number of variables, including the caller's number of sexual partners, frequency of sexual intercourse, type of sexual intercourse and estimated frequency of condom use, Wright said.

The variables are cross-checked with local HIV prevalence estimates and estimates of infectivity of the virus.

During a demonstration, Wright dialed up the service and gave answers fitting the description of a male, intravenous drug user who had sex with a man at specific risk for HIV infection. The man also had a blood transfusion prior to May 1985.

The computer advised an HIV antibody test and that the caller was at risk for the Hepatitis B virus. It told him he could get a vaccine for the disease if he was not already infected.

Callers are told that the assessment is not a substitute for a medical test and are given a listing of several sites in the Oklahoma City and Dallas

metro areas where they can go for tests.

In addition, the computer program talks about other peripheral issues associated with AIDS, including recreational drug use.

Bill Pierson, chief of the HIV/STD Service for the Oklahoma Department of Health, said the computer was a good approach to trying to cut down on the rate of false positives, or results that inaccurately indicate the presence of HIV antibodies.

But he said he was concerned about whether "talking to a machine and punching some numbers is going to really alleviate the fears."

He said that "most times, there's something that has caused people to have concern, they've heard something, or they've seen something and they want to assess that risk."

Talking to a person helps in those situations, he said.

Even after going over all of the variables, there are some people who still want to take the test, Pierson said.

Wright says his study could also serve to cut down on the number of "false positives."

Testing people in low prevalence groups can produce higher "false positive" rates because people in those groups should not be tested anyway, Wright says.

Pierson agreed.

"...But I still think that when we're dealing with some of these emotional issues, I'm not sure if that really allays the problem," he said.

Horror stories have emerged about people being incorrectly diagnosed as HIV positive.

A Lauderhill, Fla., man said his friends wouldn't even shake his hand when they found out he was diagnosed HIV positive. Charles Shires found out a year later that the results were incorrect.

A Connecticut computer programmer recently featured on CBS' "60 Minutes" had given up her possessions and planned her memorial only to learn the results of her test were incorrect. Charlene Riling is now suing.

Wanda Jones, acting associate director for Women's Health from the Office of HIV/AIDS at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, agreed that false positives are a concern. But the first screening test, the ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay), when combined with the Western Blot test "are probably the closest thing to perfect of any medical diagnostic test on the market," she said.

Ms. Jones said to look at the ELISA as a funnel.

"By the time we're finished, the overwhelming majority of results that make it to the end that are called positive, virtually 100 percent are positive," she said.

The CDC has estimated the odds of a false positive HIV antibody test are less than 5 in 100,000.

Literature from the CDC suggests that the testing facility should do the ELISA twice and use the Western Blot to confirm the results.

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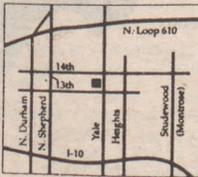
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## Supreme Court lets rail worker keep award stemming from fear of AIDS

By RICHARD CARELLI  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 9 (AP)—The Supreme Court today let stand a \$126,000 award won against the Long Island Rail Road by an employee who feared he would die of AIDS after his hand was punctured by a hypodermic needle while on the job.

The justices, without comment, refused to hear the railroad's argument that John Marchica's fear was "completely irrational and unfounded" and therefore cannot be the basis for any damages award.

Marchica was working for the LIRR when in 1989 he attempted to weld shut a sidewalk grate to prevent vagrants from entering the Hempstead, N.Y., railroad station.

Sparks from the welding torches fell to the bottom of the shaft below the

grate, causing some leaves and other debris below to smolder. Marchica, wearing heavy gloves, was trying to remove some of the debris when his right palm was pierced by a bloody hypodermic needle.

He sued the railroad in 1992, accusing it of negligently inflicting emotional distress based on his fear of contracting Acquired Immunity Deficiency Syndrome.

Marchica's lawsuit said the railroad should have had the debris removed before he started the welding job.

A federal jury awarded him \$126,000 for past and future emotional distress, and the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the jury verdict last July.

Marchica was tested several times, but all the blood tests proved negative.

"Absent exposure to a disease, a plaintiff's fear of developing a disease is not, as a matter of law and common sense, foreseeable or reasonable," the railroad's appeal said.

The appeal said the 2nd Circuit Court's ruling conflicts with a decision the justices announced last June.

In it, the court said railroad workers cannot sue and collect money from employers who negligently caused them severe emotional distress if no physical injury or threat of physical harm was suffered.

Such workers must prove they were in an "immediate zone of danger," the justices said in their June ruling.

In Marchica's case, the appeals court said the railroad had placed him in such a danger zone.

The case is Long Island Railroad Co. vs. Marchica, 94-756.

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A: Reading the Bible will mean many different things to many different people. A good question to ask yourself is, "Why do I want to read the Bible?" For a Christian, the answer might be, "so that I can know God and understand what God wants for my life." Let me give you an example. If we met and decided to become friends, it would take communication for us to come to understand each other. We could communicate in many different ways (talking, laughing, gestures, writing, etc.), but communication would be the key to understanding each other. God has given us a book, the Bible. God has spoken to us down through the ages through the lives of many people who lived before us. They wrote it down as the Holy Spirit inspired them. We have their stories to understand more about God. Most of the time, a person wants to read the Bible because they are hungry to hear what God has to say

to them. We can learn to communicate with God through hearing God speak to us. God speaks to us in many ways. One way is through the Bible.

How do you begin? If you are a serious Bible student and want to truly understand God's Word, let me recommend several books to help you. I would obtain a good Bible Dictionary. Get one that defines words like "sanctification." This will help you with the "religious jargon" that can be so confusing. The second book that is helpful is a Concordance. This is a book that will help you find every reference in the Bible that pertains to any topic or word. For instance, to study the word "faith," you could look up every scripture that has the word "faith" in it. The dictionary would give you the definition. The concordance would give you the many ways in which the word is used in scripture. The third book that is helpful is a Bible Commentary. This is a book that is written by scholars. Commentaries may vary from being conservative to being liberal in its interpretations. It does help to give you a wide variety of what the scriptures are saying. Many commentaries refer to various words and their meanings from the original text, the Hebrew or Greek text. They will also make reference to the culture of the day and how it impacts what is being said. A Bible Atlas is the fourth book that will give you a geographical picture of where things are happening in the world. Other books that are helpful, but not completely essential are books on cultures in Bible times, Biblical History books, Topical Bible (all references are given topically), Word Studies (helps you understand the Bible in its original text without knowing Hebrew or Greek), and a Bible Encyclopedia. I would suggest that you browse through a Christian bookstore and take a look at the many resources available to study God's Word. You will be able to compare the many books and select the ones that you believe to be most accurate.

If you are not a serious Bible student and just want a few beginner's tools, let me suggest a few starting places. Reading the Bible in its entirety can be very exciting, but overwhelming. There are books that will help you read the Bible in a year's time. My simple formula is to begin each day reading: 1. Two chapters in the Old Testament (beginning with Genesis); 2. Two chapters in the New Testament (beginning with Matthew); 3. Five chapters in the Book of Psalms (located in the middle of your Bible); and 4. One chapter of Proverbs (the book after Psalms). If you do this every day, you will read your Bible through in a year and the book of Psalms and Proverbs every month. I recommend Psalms because it gets your spirit up into the heavenly realm. I recommend Proverbs because it gets your feet back on the ground with its practical knowledge, wisdom and information. Approach the Bible as an exploration. Ask questions and look intently for the answers. God tells us that if we seek God we will find God when we search for God with all of our heart—soul—and—mind. Let your spirit lead the way!!!

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# Talents of Ludlam, Wilson shine in Alley's 'Mystery of Irma Vepp'

## Theater Review

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

The late Charles Ludlam was a recognized master of drag. Alley Director Michael Wilson may soon be able to wear the same label.

Wilson is directing the Alley production of "The Mystery of Irma Vepp," Ludlam's tour-de-force farce, which had audiences and critics rolling with laughter and calling for more when it premiered off-off-Broadway in 1984. The current production at the Alley will run on the Large Stage through Feb. 2.

The outrageous play is a ridiculous contrivance that employs a gaggle of ghoulish parodies aimed at some of the Hollywood classics to which Ludlam was exposed as a child: "Rebecca," "Turn of the Screw," "Dracula," "The Mummy" and "The Werewolf of London."

Far and away the most successful production from the Ridiculous Theatrical Company, which Ludlam founded, "Irma Vepp" is an out-and-out scream that features Alley company members Jeffrey Bean and John Felch in all the roles, in a remarkable display of quick-change artistry.

There is a storyline, but keep in mind that projecting a coherent story was not Ludlam's main concern or objective. The estate of Mandacrest, in an unknown part of the English countryside, has a new mistress—Lady Enid Hillcrest (Bean). She is a stout,

matronly woman, who is vexed by the long shadow cast over her new home by the previous mistress—Irma Vepp.

Jane Twisden (Felch) is the housemaid, and she makes no secret of her disapproval of the new mistress, who was formerly an actress. Nicodemus Underwood (Bean) is a grounds keeper of sorts, who casts solicitous eyes at Jane, but thinks Enid should be treated fairly.

Lord Edgar Hillcrest (Felch) is a doting husband, but despite his passion for Enid, he can't bring himself to free the manor of the vestiges of Irma, most readily symbolized by a large portrait hanging over the fireplace.

Lord Edgar and Nicodemus are preoccupied at the moment with destroying a wolf that has been terrorizing the countryside. When Lord Edgar returns home with a lupine carcass, only Jane realizes, with a quick glance at the genitalia, that this is not the correct wolf. The real problem lies with a wolf named Victor, that was a pet of Irma's. And not so coincidentally, Victor is also the name of Irma's dead boy.

The mad escapades become even zanier when a hooded ghoulie (Felch) invades the manor and takes a slurping bite



Jeffrey Bean (L) and John Felch in "The Mystery of Irma Vepp"

out of Lady Enid. The mistress' ensuing illness causes Lord Edgar to go to Egypt in search of some ancient incantation that will help his wife recover. While in Egypt, Lord Edgar is assisted by Alcazar (Bean), a thoroughly rotund guide, whose interests are purely monetary.

By this time of course, the play has lost any shred of credibility as a story. This is fine, and Ludlam was perfectly aware of this. In the closing act, the jokes are frequently aimed at Ludlam's own farce. For example: Lady Enid cries that she wants to see Nicodemus, and Jane replies that is impossible (and it is since Lady Enid and Nicodemus are played by the same actor).

It would be easy to dismiss the acting in such a farce as an

unworthy challenge for any well-grounded thespian. But Jeffrey Bean and John Felch give such gigantic, larger-than-life portrayals, and they so clearly have so much fun doing this, they're both deserving of a long ovation (which they received from the opening night audience).

Michael Wilson, who was instrumental in selecting "Irma Vepp" for this season at the Alley, had Felch and Bean in mind for the parts from the very beginning.

"The play was picked for them," said Wilson. "I couldn't pass up the opportunity to direct these two in this piece. Jeff has such a rubber face, and John looks a bit like Joan Crawford. It's almost as if the play was created for the two of them."

After seeing the production, I'm hard pressed to disagree. Felch is just wonderful. His height and high-arching eyebrows add a laughably villainous dimension to his performance. He has all the salty charm of a retentive headmistress.

Bean is equally enjoyable. His head rolls and his arms sway with all the affectation of a distraught heroine in a melodrama. Moreover, Bean's squeaky voice adds another element of humor, and it juxta-

poses perfectly with Felch's sultry delivery.

The two actors gave unequivocally fine turns in their respective male roles as well, but they will surely be remembered in "Irma Vepp" for those portions when they are not wearing pants. Also, the smoothness of their professionalism is made apparent on several occasions when one or the other ad libbed at an opportune moment.

Michael Wilson's directing is superlative. His admiration for Ludlam and his theatrical style couldn't be more evident. Wilson opens the production with a mock orchestral fanfare, and he utilizes the same in between acts. It's both clever and silly and reinforces the light nature of the piece.

Wilson further emphasizes the farce at nearly every opportunity. Enid is bathed in serene lighting, and she pivots rather than turns. Jane marches rather than walks and holds her head high, accentuating her unlikely height. He even does the same off-stage by including false names and bios in the program.

Wilson feels that "nothing is more life-affirming than laughter," and he gives great credit to Ludlam for his art. Whether one agrees with Wilson or not, there is laughter aplenty in "Irma Vepp." Though the work comes with little artistic baggage, it is nonetheless artistry of the highest sort. It's all in good fun and guaranteed to make you laugh out loud.

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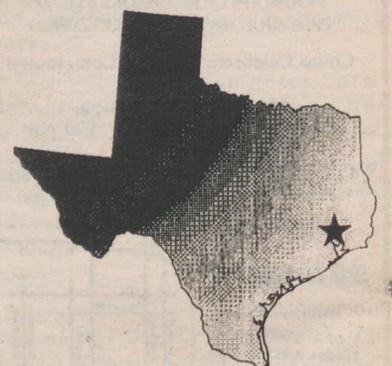
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# Quick response from gays and lesbians kept 'Serving' from being silenced

## GLAAD Media Watch

By AL KIELWASSER

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

Next month (Feb. 6)—and during a sweeps week, no less—NBC will air the made-for-television movie "Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story." Produced by Barbara Streisand, the film tells the true life story of a Colonel who was discharged from the U.S. Military when she stated she was a lesbian. Glenn Close stars in the lead role, while actress Judy Davis plays her on-screen lover.

A group calling itself the "Family Defense Fund" recently initiated a campaign to halt the showing a lesbian kissing scene in "Serving in Silence." "Family Defense Fund" members were instructed to call the NBC Audience Response Line and demand that the network censor any visible signs of lesbian love. However, a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual community groups got wind of this attempt, and succeeded in sending a different message to NBC. The network received a rush of supportive calls and, as a result, NBC promised that it would not censor or edit the kiss.

The importance of this victory shouldn't be underestimated. For the most part, television networks continue to insist that it's acceptable to show two people of the same sex killing—but not kissing—each other.

Send comments to Warren Littlefield, President, NBC Entertainment, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, CA 91523, tel. (212) 664-2333.

## New Worlds Still Strange

When the cult TV series began in 1966, viewers of Star Trek were invited to "explore strange new worlds...to seek out new life civilizations...to boldly go where no man has gone before!" That message (minus the sexist language) also greeted viewers of the more-recent series, Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Before he died the creator of both TV shows—Gene Roddenberry—boldly promised that lesbian, gay and bisex-

ual characters would be a routine part of the Star Trek universe. Shortly before his death, Roddenberry met with the members of a lesbian/gay Star Trek fan club and told them that since racism was not tolerated in the 24th century world, neither would homophobia be acceptable; to that end, he hoped to include openly (and unmistakably) lesbian/gay main characters in the future programs. Unfortunately, Roddenberry's death-bed wish has never been honored.

To date, lesbians and gays have been conspicuously absent from the otherwise diverse world of Star Trek. In a fantastic universe populated by everyone from Borg to Klingons, there are no queers to be found. However, this situation could change with the advent of the latest Star Trek spin-off: Voyager. The new TV series premieres this month and perhaps—at last—this glaring (and galactic) case of homophobic omission will be corrected.

Encourage the show's producers to finally go where no Star Trek series has gone before. Write to Rick Berman, Michael Pillar, and Jeri Taylor, producers, Star Trek: Voyager, Paramount, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038, tel. (213) 956-5951.

## Public Hate, Private Love?

The Jan. 10 broadcast of the daily news CBS This Morning included an interview with conservative radio talk show host David Brudnoy, whose popular broadcasts are carried to dozens of states. Based in Boston, the top-rated Brudnoy recently revealed that he is both gay and HIV+.

Paula Zahn, host of CBS This Morning, conducted a remarkably shallow interview with Brudnoy, her old friend and former colleague. She asked uninformed questions about the homosexual "lifestyle" and failed to interrogate the contradictions between Brudnoy's political ideology and his sexual orientations.

Brudnoy explained that his decision to come out was not entirely a voluntary one. Because he considered his sex-

ual orientation a "personal matter," he had refused to discuss it. Brudnoy's decision to come out was made only after he collapsed on-air with AIDS-related pneumonia.

Zahn did ask Brudnoy what reaction he had received from fellow conservatives. He responded: "There's a very strong, almost an emotional overkill about hostility to the homosexual life as it were. And yes I do believe the response I've gotten from people who are significant conservatives, friends of mine, across the land, Bill Buckley of National Review...and a variety of other people...all responding with warmth and affection. So I think that people are more generous than their ideology might indicate. I think a lot of people ideologically stand with big postures—'Oh those homosexuals, etc., etc.'—but when it comes right down to the personal, people are much more warm, much more generous. And I've had nothing but support..."

In effect, Brudnoy—a media professional who should know better—is suggesting that public hate is irrelevant; let homophobes rant all they want out loud, as long as they say (or at least act like) they "love" you in private. Because he and William F. Buckley are private "friends," for example, Brudnoy, excuses Buckley's public homophobia (among other atrocities, Buckley wrote an opinion piece for The New York Times in which he argued that people with HIV/AIDS should be forcibly tattooed).

In fact, the individual byproducts of hate—job discrimination, name calling, bashing—ferment in the collective expressions of homophobia. The power of homophobia is widely dispersed—and significantly inflated—when expressed through the mass media.

We continue to count the suicides of too many young queers who—not privy to William Buckley's private thoughts—only hear what is said in public.

Share your thoughts—public or private—with David Brudnoy, WBZ Radio, 1170 Soldiers Field, Boston, MA 02134, tel. (617) 787-7000. Com-

ments can also be directed to Paula Zahn, CBS This Morning, CBS News, 524 W. 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, tel. (212) 975-4321.

## Media Briefs

Sporting Alternative: The Winter '95-95 issue of The Women's Sports Connection offers a thoughtful answer to the question "Is Homophobia an issue for Women's Sports?" This quarterly tabloid "seeks to increase the visibility of women and girls in sports." For details, write to Women's Sports Connection, P.O. Box 31580, S.F. CA 94131-0580.

—Give 'em an A: The September '94 issue of English Journal (a publication of the National Council of Teachers of English) includes "Literature Out of the Closet: Bringing Gay and Lesbian Texts and Subtexts Out in High School English." For information contact English Journal, NCTE, 1111 W. Kenyon Rd., Urbana, IL 61801-1095, tel. (217) 328-3870.

—Sound bite: Journalist Rex Wockner quotes actress Glenn Close on her kiss with Judy Davis in "Serving in Silence," this way: "We were a little nervous but each time we did it we got less self-conscious...During that scene with Judy, I had a revelation of what it's like to be gay...I thought, it's kind of nice to kiss a woman."

We must confront the media's homophobia in order to cure it! To notify GLAAD/SFBA of any defamatory or affirmative media coverage call our 24-hour media watch hotline at (415) 861-4588, or write to "Media Watch," Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Francisco Bay Area Chapter, 1360 Mission Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94103, tel. (415) 861-2244, fax (415) 861-4893, e-mail glaad\_sfba@aol.com.

Founded in 1988, The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of GLAAD is a membership-based community organization dedicated to cultural advocacy and media activism. GLAAD/SFBA promotes the fair, accurate, and diverse representation of lesbian, gay and bisexual lives in all forms of mass media.

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I WILL DATE. *shudder*

I WILL STOP TALKING TO MYSELF

**STAYING IN TOUCH**

...YEAH MY NEW JOB IS PRETTY INTERESTING - LAST NIGHT I HAD TO GO TO A RECEPTION FOR AL GORE! PLUS DIANE SAWYER WAS THERE TOO!

THAT'S GREAT! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU HONEY, YOU'RE REALLY GOIN' PLACES! AND SO SOON!

YEAH, SO UH...*shudder* ANYTHING NEW WITH YOU?

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ZACK, HUH? YOU TALKED ME INTO IT.

**WILD NIGHTS**

I'LL NEVER BE AN ANGEL I'LL NEVER BE A SAINT IT'S TRUE

HEY!

SURE!

I FEEL DOWNRIGHT DIONYSIAN THIS EVENING!

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WELL, HE'S HAVING A GOOD TIME ANYWAY...

**CONSTANT CRAVINGS**

GOOD LORD, DOESN'T HE EVER STOP TALKING? I'VE NEVER LIKED HIM... YOU'D GET TOGETHER AND PLUS ISN'T HE ONE OF THOSE GAY REPUBLICANS?

WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOU AND TONY... WHATEVER POSSESSED HIM TO GO THERE ANYWAY? I SHOULD GIVE YOU MY NUMBER - WE NEVER LIKED HIM... YOU'D GET TOGETHER AND HAVE DINNER OR SOMETHING... I'M A GOOD COOK Y'KNOW WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE?

I WONDER WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE WITH HIS SHIRT OFF?

*shudder* LAP LICK

**PROCESSING**

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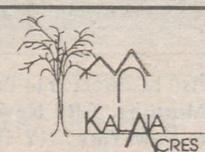
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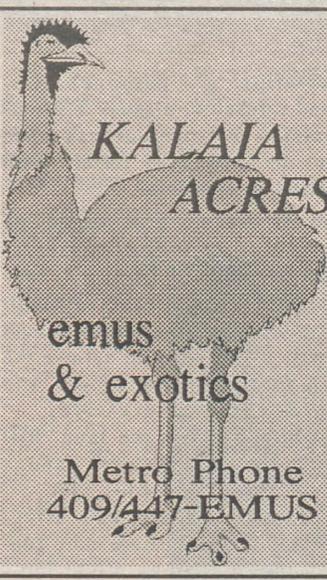
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### Hawaii judge upholds validity of same-sex marriage commission

HONOLULU, Saturday, Jan. 14 (AP)—A federal judge says the commission set up to study the same-sex marriage question will be allowed to continue its work, despite recent challenges that have removed four of its members and threatened to remove two others from the 11-member commission.

Judge Harold Fong on Friday upheld his earlier ruling removing four members from the Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law. The four had been removed because they

were chosen on basis of their religious affiliations.

The judge's ruling involved a request seeking the removal of two panel members affiliated with the American Friends Service Committee, which has ties to the Quaker religious group.

The judge ruled American Friends is not a religious organization, since it's open to people of all religious beliefs. The decision gives the committee enough people to make quorum and meet.

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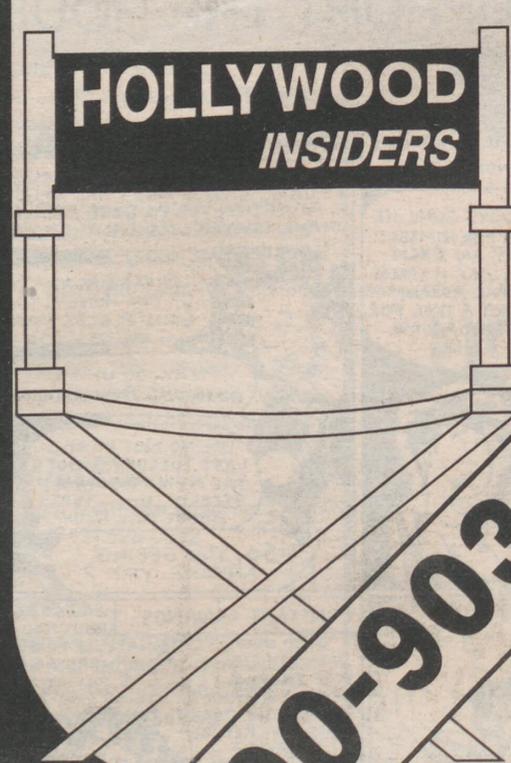
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### Gorbachev, New York gay bar said to be targets in 'urban terrorism' campaign

By LARRY NEUMEISTER  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW YORK, Friday, Jan. 13 (AP)—Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak were on a hit list of one of the 12 defendants charged with plotting a war of urban terrorism in the United States, prosecutors said.

A letter from prosecutors to the defense, made public Friday, details the government's plan to introduce evidence from many crimes for which the defendants were not charged. Prosecutors sent the letter Tuesday because they are required to notify the defense what evidence they plan to show.

Prosecutors also wrote that they may introduce evidence that Nosair bombed a gay bar in Manhattan in 1990 because "homosexuality is contrary to Islam." Three people were injured in the blast.

The letter also established a closer link between four men convicted of bombing the World Trade Center in 1993 and those now on trial for seditious conspiracy.

The letter said the fingerprints of the man who helped build the bomb and

rented the van that carried it into the Trade Center were found on a diagram of a planned armored car robbery found on El-Sayyid Nosair in 1990.

Nosair, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and 10 others are accused of plotting to bomb the United Nations, FBI headquarters, two tunnels and a bridge. Prosecutors say the terror spree was meant to force the U.S. government to change its Mideast policies.

The first week of jury selection ended Thursday with 24 potential jurors surviving the first round of questioning.

In the letter, prosecutors claim Nosair planned to kill Gorbachev and Mubarak while each were in New York City on separate occasions.

Prosecutors also said they would note plots to kill U.N. Secretary General Boutros-Boutros Ghali, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., and Jewish Defense League member Leon Kryzhonovsky as well as schemes to kidnap President Nixon and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

In Nov. 1990, Nosair was charged in the assassination of extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane. He was convicted of weapons charges and is serving a 22-year state prison term.

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Andrew Flores says "Hi!"

## Houston Soap, Part 1

By CAROLYN LARSON  
Houston Voice/Houston  
Greetings Montrose!

### Past Events

The Gumbo Dinner at the Briar-Patch was delicious, as promised, this past Sunday. Wayne has promised another dinner next month! Watch for the details!

Females In Search of Trouble (FIST) had the "Ms. Gulf Coast Leather 1995" contest this past Sunday at Pacific Street. The winner is "Shadow" from Oklahoma, 2nd place to TJ, also of Oklahoma, and 3rd runner up was Houston's own Sharon Perez. This was a fundraiser for the Houston Area Women's Shelter.

There was a fundraiser for Crayola (of the Toy Box Bar). Jeffrasic Park donated all his tips to help Crayola. A total of \$309 was raised!

The "Dinner with Mr. Texas Drummer" netted \$409. This event was held at the Venture-N. Look forward to another "Dinner" in the coming months.

### Friday, 01/20

Turn the heat up with Trash Disco at Rich's tonight. 18+ and up with a valid IDs get you thru the doors to enjoy \$1 well and longnecks. The doors open at 9:00 p.m.

The Lazy J has an 8-ball tournament tonight starting at 8:00 p.m.

The sultry and sexy Boy Toy dancers take the stages at Gentry tonight from 6:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

The Hyde Park Gallery presents Ron Dronet in a one-man show. Ron's delightful and detailed watercolors are breathtaking. Stop in and see his work and meet him at the opening tonight from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Hyde Park Gallery is located at 711 Hyde Park.

### Saturday, 01/21



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Don't forget to vote twice today! First are the city elections, then head over to the Houston Voice office to vote for your choice for Empress XI and Emperor XI for the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star. The polls will be open 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. I'm "manning" the polls, so this will be a great opportunity to give me dirt as well! The Houston Voice office is located at 811 Westheimer, Suite 105; Call 529-8490 if you need further info!

Heaven keeps the great entertainment coming! Tonight, Crystal Waters will be on stage singing her mega hit "La Dee Dee, La Dee Da," as well as others. Be sure to see one of your favorite bartenders for an invitation!

The Lazy J features the talents of Erica's Showcase. This week's special guests are: Jane Johnson, Jerissa, Miss Zak, and a special secret guest. The show starts at 11:00 p.m.

Hot, hot, hot parties at Rich's on Saturday nights. The doors open at 9:00 p.m., with \$1.75 well drinks until 11:00 p.m.

Looking for a hunk-o-beef? Head over to Mary's for their Saturday afternoon steaks. For only \$4.50 you get a 12 oz. T-bone, baker-all-the-way, and a garden salad. The grill stays hot from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Mary's also has a draft beer special from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Cups of icy cold draft beer are only 50¢ a cup!

The super Saturday shows continue at E/J's. This week, Brittany Paige hosts with special guests Sivi Ross, Kara Dion, and Miss T.T. The show starts at 11:00 p.m., so don't be late!

Tonight at Midtowne Spa the super stud talents of Wes Daniels will take the stage. Be sure to stop in and see this porno stud perform!

### Sunday, 01/22

It is late night tea at Rich's. The doors open at 9:00 p.m. with 25¢ well drinks and \$1.50 longnecks.

Gentry is rackin' 'em up at 5:00 p.m. today for their 8-ball tournament. There is a minimum \$60 guaranteed cash prize.

Sunday nights, the Briar-Patch Follies proudly present "Love, Loss, and Laughs," a musical review to benefit Stone Soup. The curtain goes up promptly at 8:00 p.m., so don't be late as the Follies always pulls them in!

The Monster T-Dance/Mandance starts at 7:00 p.m. tonight at Pacific Street. Be sure to check out the young, hot, tight, and willing studs in the cages of deca-dance.

The 3rd annual Winter Carnival is this afternoon starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Venture-N. There will be entertainment, including Texas Lovin' Cloggers, Susan Masar & The Family Connection Band, Clay Howell, The Good Fairy, Tina Mae—Outrageous and many other local performers! There will also be food, fun, carnival games, casino games, and information booths. This is a benefit for the Bering Community Service Center and the Colt 45's General Charities. For further information, call Chris at 526-4392.

Chances is starting a new Sunday special today. The doors open at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday Brunch and feature \$1.50 Mimosas and \$2.50 Bloody Marys. They will be serving brunch all day, to accommodate all you late sleepers!

The Brazos River Bottom is havin' a "Ho Down!" Jamie Roberts and Chris Shoemaker are presenting "Ho' Down '95" tonight at 7:30 p.m. This is



Yes...I want your votes a variety show benefiting the Colt 45's Stone Soup.

If you are headed down to Galveston this weekend, be sure to stop in Evolution! Tonight they are having the Miss Evolution 1995 Contest. The search for the new crown starts promptly at 10:30 p.m.

### Monday, 01/23

"Absolutely Fabulous" on Monday nights at J.R.'s Bar and Grill is a hit, Sweetie! Be sure not to miss the show that is taking America by storm. Not since I Love Lucy have two women gotten into such mischief!

There is a 9-ball pool tournament tonight at the Lazy J. The balls are racked starting at 8:00 p.m.

Hey! Hey! It is Clubber's night at Pacific Street. There is no cover for bar/restaurant employees or Club members. The doors open at 9:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, 01/24

Take it off! Take it all (almost) off tonight with Paivi Lee Love as she hosts the Strip contest at the Toy Box. There are cash prizes!

Where should a Cuervolyn go on Tuesdays for cheap, cold Cuervo? Can you say Mary's?

"Men at Work" is the theme at the Montrose Mining Company tonight! All premium Vodkas are only \$3.50 from open to close. This includes Absolut -all flavors, Stoli, Sterling, Smirnoff and Miss Keever's favorite, Skyy Vodka! The Mine also offers a patio beer special from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., only 50¢ a cup of Miller Lite Draft.

It is week #3 in the search for talent at E/J's

### Wednesday, 01/25

I heard that Gentry was packed last Wednesday for the weekly male strip contest. I bet this week there will be even more cute guys that want to show it all off. Miss Dyan Michaels takes the stage at 10:30 p.m. to host this weekly bump and grind contest. Get there early to get a good seat!

Mary's, naturally, has happy hour prices all day and all night every Wednesday!

The country sounds of Sheila are on stage at Chances tonight.

Got some "talent" you want to try out on an audience? Head over to the Toy Box bar tonight for "Talent Night" with Brit-tany Paige. Show time is 10:00 p.m. sharp! The Toy Box is located at 1419 Richmond.

A great place to start your morning off is at the 611 Hyde Park Pub. The doors open at 7:00 a.m., and Ralph is ready to greet you with a smile and cheap Vodka drinks!

The women seem to be gathering at the Penthouse on Wednesday nights. Meet your date or mate up on the 10th floor and watch the sun go down!

The Midtowne Spa has a catered buffet tonight from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. It is also half-price night!

### Thursday, 01/26

The Montrose Mining Company offers all Budweiser products for only \$1.75 all day and all night. They also have a patio special of 50¢ Miller Lite Draft from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Mosey out to the patio of the Brazos River Bottom for a burger or some hot chili. They keep the chili pot going from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

It is half-price night at Club Houston. Take it off! Take it all off! The Club Houston is located at 2205 Fannin!

### Other Important Stuff

Cafe Anthony's has a happy hour Bellini special. They are only \$2, Monday thru Friday, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Cafe Anthony's is a "heart healthy" Italian restaurant located at 4315 Montrose. Be sure to clip out the coupon in this week's issue for "buy one-get-one free" lunch or dinner.

Mark your calendars! Make your plans now for Gentry's Annual Super Bowl party and Barbecue. The Soiree Auberg-



Ron Sioux—back in 1978...kinda scary!

gine host committee will be serving up barbecue brisket, chicken, and sausage with a fabulous buffet of side dishes starting at 4:00 p.m. Immediately following the game, Peter Houston presents "Lipstick and Levis '95."

Missy Gaido Allen is showing her "Photos from the Cappadocia Region of Turkey" at Borders Books. This show of black and white photos will run throughout January. Borders Books is located at 9633 Westheimer.

Travel Heights is offering several "Dive" packages. Call 861-2400 to get all the info.

Don't forget that Chances offers \$2 shots of Cuervo everyday!

Basic Brothers is having a sale! (My favorite 4 letter word!) 70% off selected merchandise in the store. Basic Brothers is located at 1232 Westheimer. Don't forget you can get all the details on the Mr. Pride All-American Contest to be held at Pacific Street on Feb. 12, 1995 at Basic Brothers.

The Penthouse has been doing some renovations this month. The kitchen will be closed for the month of January. The game room is just about complete. They have put in a few pool tables, a dart machine, and my favorite pinball; "The Get Away," has just been installed. There are more fun games to come. The new sound system is ready to go. Be sure to stop in Tuesday thru Friday for their fabulous happy hour specials. Only \$1 gets you a house brand cocktail and \$1.75 gets you a domestic longneck! Such a deal!

For your safety, Pacific Street has an indoor Pulse machine! It is right inside the front door!



Ms. Gulf Coast Leather '95—Shadow

## Calendar of events, birthday corner, weekly dose of dirt and lies



Come have fun with me at XTC

### Houston Soap, Part 2

(Continued from previous page)

### Carolyn's Calendar

If you would like an event listed in this section, please feel free to call me at 529-8490 or fax the facts to me at 529-9531.

01/20 \* Lesbians in Business's Empowerment Group meets at the Innova Building (20 Greenway) at 6:00 p.m. \$3 for members, \$5 non-members. Call 529-0077 for more info.

01/20 \* Art Opening at the Hyde Park Gallery. Ron Dronet showing. Exquisite showing of wild flowers, both oil and watercolors. Call 526-2744 for more info.

01/21 \* "Night in Black Leather"—a benefit for the Bering Care Center hosted by Don Gill and Soiree Aubergine at the Venture-N, 9:00 p.m.

01/21 \* Voting for Emperor and Empress XI for the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star at the Houston Voice office, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105. 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

01/21 \* "The Assistance Fund Presents Jekyll & Hyde," a benefit for the Assistance Fund at the Music Hall. Call 529-4788 for more info.

01/21 \* Houston Wrestling Club meets at 1:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center for instruction, practice, and an opportunity for unstructured free style wrestling. Newcomers and beginners welcome. Call Larry at 453-7406 for more info.

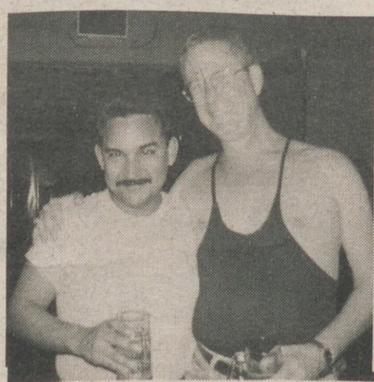
01/21 \* "Herbs vs. Drugs"—a workshop presented by Darla Jackson talking about the healing properties of herbs. At Borders Book Shop, 9633A Westheimer. Call 782-6066 for more info.

01/21 \* Crystal Waters performs at Heaven.

01/22 \* 3rd Annual Winter Carnival at the Venture-N. Starts at 1:00 p.m. Benefit for the Colt 45's Troublefund and Bering Community Service Foundation. Call Chris at 526-4392 for more info.

01/22 \* Pride Forum—Open community discussion of Pride Week 1995 and Pride Week 1996. Topics include dates and time of the Parade. At the Harvey Hotel. Call 529-6979 for more info.

01/23 \* Membership meeting for the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas at the Sierra Grill. 4704 Montrose at 66:30



Of course I want my photo in the paper!

p.m. Call 529-9100 for more details.

01/28 \* "America On-Line" mixer at the Penthouse. Call Matt at 279-0748 for more info.

01/28 \* Coronation XI—The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star at the Holiday Inn Medical Center. 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Cost \$20.

01/28 \* "Living Proof" photography exhibit opens. A benefit for DIFFA/Houston. Location TBA. Call Tori Williams at 552-9445 for more info.

01/28 \* TCC's Annual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Bamboleo's, 1812 N. Main, San Antonio.

01/28 \* Chain of Command's "Military Maneuvers"

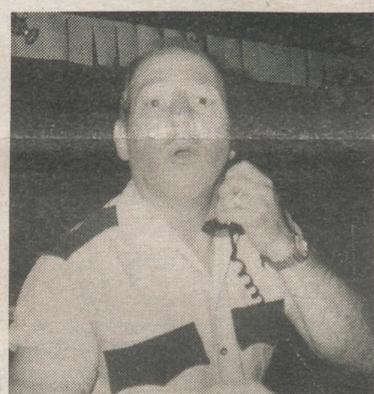
01/28 \* Chain Gang meets at Heaven for a Downtown bike ride at 10:00 a.m. Call 863-1860 for more info.

01/28 \* Erica's Showcase at the Lazy J. 11:00 p.m.

01/29 \* Rainbow Ranglers' Rangler Round-up Dance and Variety Show. A benefit for the Colt 45's Troublefund. 7:00 p.m. at the Brazos River Bottom. Call 880-0670 for more info.

01/29 \* Super Bowl Sunday at Gentry. Kick off for Soiree Aubergine. BBQ \$5. "Levis and Lipstick" show by Peter Houston after the game!

01/30 \* Lambda Roller Skating party at the Dairy Ashford Skate Rink. 1860 Dairy Ashford. \$5 includes skates. 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Call 933-5818 for more info.



No, Mary's wasn't robbed

02/03 to 5 \* "Sweethearts in Texas"—A 3 day meeting of the International Association of Gay and Lesbian C & W Dance Clubs in Austin. Call Steve at 880-0670 for more info.

02/05 \* Mr. BRB 1995 contest at the Brazos River Bottom.

02/05 \* Lone Star Volleyball Association's "Date with a Jock" auction at Gentry.

02/05 \* "Sweet Charity, 1995" benefit at the Pavilion on Post Oak. Call 682-5995 for more info.

02/04 \* Montrose Clinic's 2nd annual Bowl-a-thon. A fundraiser for the Clinic's Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs. Call Steve Nettles at 520-2015 for more info.

02/06 \* Birthday Party for Jack Jackson sponsored by the Montrose Counseling Center. Call 526-4367 for more info.

02/09 \* Fundraiser for Spectrum '95 at the Penthouse. Call 526-2853 for more info.

02/10 \* Creme de la Creme show at Heaven. Hosted by Soiree Aubergine.

02/12 \* TGRA presents a variety show at Gentry. A benefit for the Bering Care Center.

02/12 \* Mr. Gay Pride All-American Contest at Pacific Street.

02/14 \* "Cafe Attitude" at the Venture-N. Fundraiser hosted by NLA:H.

02/14 \* Party at the Penthouse sponsored by Introductions.

02/18 \* RSICSS's PR Ball I at the Brazos River Bottom.

02/26 \* Scooter Lee performs at the Brazos River Bottom.

02/28 \* Mardi Gras bus trip by the Ripcord. Call 521-2792 for more info.

02/28 \* Livin' Joy performs at Heaven.

02/26 \* "Mr. & Miss Gentry" benefit show at Gentry hosted by Soiree Aubergine.

03/03 to 5 \* L.U.E.Y Weekend kicks off.

03/03 \* Cabaret night at Penthouse hosted by Soiree Aubergine.

03/05 \* RSICSS Benefit show at Gentry.

03/04 to 11 \* Soiree Aubergine's silent auction at Gentry benefiting the Bering Care Center's meal program.

03/12 \* La Soiree Grande at Gentry.

03/23 \* "Angels in America" Opening night performance with a special guest. At the Alley Theater. A Benefit for DIFFA/Houston. \$150 per ticket. Call 552-9445 for more info.

03/30 to 04/02 \* AIDS Memorial Quilt on display at the George R. Brown. For more info, call 52-NAMES.

04/01 \* EPAH's Leather and Lace benefit at Pacific Street. 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

04/7 to 9 \* NLA:H's Anniversary weekend run. Call 527-9666

### Birthday Corner

A special happy birthday to Jim Hurst of Gentry. Bob at A Man's Resale is getting another wrinkle this week! Eric



Smile for the Camera, boys

Bush had a BD last week, and so did David of the Ripcord!

### Dirt, Lies, And Rodent Droppings

Well, let the dirt fly! The usual disclaimer has to be in force, 'cuz I do not want to be held responsible for anything that follows:

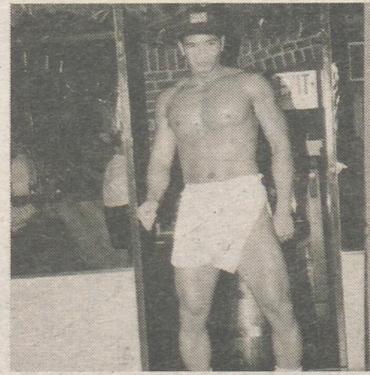
Rick (Q-Patrol): Why were you doing your Q-Patrol rounds with a mattress in the bed of your truck? Talk about being prepared! Or should I say "curb service?"

Dennis (BriarPatch): Why are you referring to yourself as the "first lady of Pasadena?" Rumor has it you are going to take the plunge...or was it take a plunger?

James (JJ): Do you really take your prosthetic leg off when you do the "I'll Fall to Pieces" drag number? I'm gonna have to be sure and catch your act at the Winter Carnival!

Rita Boulevard: I heard you are a "changed" woman these days. Hanging out at the BriarPatch...on the customers' side of the bar for a change!!

Jim (Renegade Pledge): Just what were you doing in the sling?



Lose the towel!

Scotty (Mary's): Just how many times are you going to forget your keys?

Gary (Patty Duke): So, you finally got a squeeze! Your first boyfriend in how many years? Or is he just another john? Hi John!

Jamie (PS): So, you are available! What are you available for?

Da...Wanda...?

Lee (Nolee): And that blow-up doll was better than your last date!

Michael P.: If you were looking for a cherry, why did you ask Clay?

Larry Crawford: Did you have fun painting a harness on LaMarr?

Steven David (Voice): 8 Bourbon and Cokes and a trick? Sounds like you had a great time at the Ripcord!!

TJ (FIST): You looked a little wobbly on heels! Keep track of that dress! I hear Doug A. (PS) was lusting after it!

Jeff (Toy Box): Don't let it happen again! The first time I come to see you and you are out of Cuervo!! Shame!!

Jim B. (Gentry): Sounds like you are fitting right in at Gentry! What is this I heard about you and Walt (Outpost) sucking face!

Tom S. (Ripcord): I understand you and the rope dividers at Numbers went dancing. What is this about you waltzing right into the laps of 2 HPD officers? And, why were you at Numbers? Inquiring minds want to know!

Cassandra: There is no Cuervo in the bottom of the dice cup at Mary's!

Henry (Montrose Inn): So, you claim to be the best pinball player in the universe!

Bruce (Mine): Fab-o-los!!!! Be sure you say it right!

Message to JD and David: Please separate once in a while for air so Miss Mona can thank you! Are you two "dogs in heat?"

Message to Rupture: Hope you are feeling better, Love, Shirley

Message to Dearest Herman, If you can't put your meat between the bread, don't even try, try harder...Love, Lilly

Well, I'm off to the Mary's-BRB turn about! Wish me luck!

Huggs and Kisses,

Cuervolyn



I've only seen these three dressed up once!

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## N.H. AIDS discrimination suit against Delta settled out of court

DOVER, N.H., Friday, Jan. 13 (AP)—An AIDS patient, who claimed he was treated like "a freak" and denied an airplane seat because of warts on his hands and wrists, has settled a discrimination suit against the airline, his lawyer says.

The suit by Richard Cloutier, 30, of Dover, against Delta Air Lines was dropped in U.S. District Court in Boston, lawyer Bennett Klein said Thursday.

Klein, a lawyer for Gay & Lesbian

Advocates & Defenders in Boston, declined to disclose terms of the settlement reached late last month.

Cloutier claimed he was denied a seat on a June 11 flight from Boston to Atlanta until he covered warts on his hands and wrists with gloves or long-sleeved shirt.

In the lawsuit, Cloutier said he told Delta personnel he had AIDS and the warts were not contagious. He said he was taken off the plane, and while he went to an airport store to buy a long-sleeved shirt, the flight left. He was

put on a later flight to Atlanta.

He said in the lawsuit he demanded an apology. Delta, at the time, said it had acted appropriately, and routinely carried HIV-infected passengers.

Delta reiterated Thursday it acted properly out of concern for Cloutier as well as the plane's crew and passengers.

Cloutier has an unlisted telephone number and could not be reached to comment.

Mark Miller, a friend of Cloutier and

director of AIDS Response Seacoast in Portsmouth, said the settlement shows "that education is the answer."

Miller, who had referred Cloutier to the Boston legal group, said, "There has to be education in the workplace about how HIV is transmitted.

"If employers educated their employees there wouldn't be unfounded fears, and there wouldn't be these incidents, and there wouldn't be these lawsuits," he said.

## Colorado talk show host told to quit reading gays' obits

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo., Friday, Jan. 13 (AP)—A self-proclaimed "right-wing, religious fanatic" no longer can read homosexuals' obituaries on his television talk show.

Bob Enyart, host of "Bob Enyart Live," angered friends of a Denver man who died from AIDS for broadcasting the man's obituary Monday. After reading the obituary, Enyart then showed the man's photograph with the word "sodomite." Enyart

added, "He's not really a sodomite. He's a former sodomite."

Mark Winslow, manager of the station in the Denver Tech Center, ordered Enyart to stop using names and photos from obituaries after people protested.

"There are others ways to get the point across without offending people," Winslow said Thursday.

Friends of the man, 35-year-old James Bybee, and members

of his church, the Metropolitan Community Church of the Rockies, complained about Enyart.

Bybee's companion, Don Dias, said he might sue the talk show host.

"The guy has no feelings for human dignity," Dias said. "Let's get him off the air."

"The hate he spews about homosexuals is frightening," said Gail Bird, a member of Bybee's church.

But Enyart, 36, of Evergreen

defended his use of the obituary and blamed Bybee's friends for the man's fate.

"They don't care how many friends they kill as long as they meet their selfish needs," he said.

Commenting on the obituary is "a way to show the victim of the crimes," Enyart said.

"Sodomy is not a victimless crime," he said.

All Denver-area cable companies carry Enyart's show. The station also beams the show

to such cities as Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Milwaukee and Indianapolis.

Enyart, an anti-abortion activist, was jailed in Boulder County and Denver in 1990 for protests at Planned Parenthood offices.

He acknowledged that he faces misdemeanor child abuse charges for spanking his 7-year-old stepson.

"Today it is wrong to spank your child, but right to commit sodomy," Enyart said.

## Arizona tribe trying to sell Texas gay resort, Meadowood Ranch

By ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

TUCSON, Ariz., Thursday, Jan. 12 (AP)—Leaders of the Tohono O'odham Nation, many of whose members live sparsely in Arizona desert communities, are trying to sell off a \$2.6 million East Texas ranch resort catering to gays.

The tribal officials are trying to recoup losses of \$2.7 million allegedly stolen by the tribe's former senior accountant, who was indicted Wednesday.

Emilio Dutari, charged with four counts of wire fraud and one count of misapplication or embezzlement of tribal funds, was issued a summons. He faces arraignment Jan. 19 before a federal magistrate.

Dutari, 50, who had been a senior accountant for the tribe since 1988,

was fired in April.

He's accused of giving John M. Morton, an Athens, Texas, veterinarian and friend, about \$627,000 of the tribe's money between Oct. 1991 and Jan. 1993. He's also accused of giving another \$2.1 million to three other friends to invest in Meadowood Ranch, a fancy 650-acre ranch and resort near Athens.

The estate, once a Texas oilman's, has a 20-bedroom, 20,000-square foot mansion, two tennis courts, a skeet range, pool and helicopter pad. It also has three fishing lakes with boat houses.

The main house, surrounded by rolling woods and meadows, is described as having a 10-foot by 7-foot aquarium stocked with perch and bluegills.

The ranch is 15 miles from Athens, which in turn is 65 miles southeast of Dallas.

For 16 months, it was operated as a discreet resort appealing to gays and lesbians, tribal officials alleged in a federal civil lawsuit last summer.

Dutari is accused of opening an account at the First State Bank of Athens in June 1991 and then transferring \$2.7 million in tribal money into it in four installments, the last for \$2 million in Sept. 1992.

The indictment accused Dutari of having Morton pay \$125,000 from the account in August 1992 as a deposit for Meadowood.

Then, Dutari allegedly had three other friends from Tucson, Todd W. Seaton, James L. Rutledge and R. Norman Gill, move to Texas and form a business to operate the ranch.

The indictment said Seaton had lived with Dutari since 1982, and had a 50 percent interest in the ranch—including a 25 percent share for Dutari.

It said Rutledge and Gill had a 25 percent interest each.

On Tuesday, Morton pleaded guilty to an embezzlement charge. He repaid the tribe \$918,000 last year to settle claims including lost investment income, attorney, auditor and other fees, and faces sentencing March 23. The plea requires his testimony in related cases.

Tribal Chairperson Sylvester Listo said Wednesday that revenue from the tribe's casino, which began operating about the time Dutari allegedly withdrew the money, helped cushion the loss. He and other tribal officials did not return phone calls Thursday.

In addition, Dutari could not be reached at home for comment.

Dutari oversaw tribal investments and expenditures for the tribe.

## Maine governor to campaign against anti-gay rights referendum plan

By PETER JACKSON  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

AUGUSTA, Maine, Thursday, Jan. 12 (AP)—Gov. Angus King says he'll campaign against a referendum plan aimed at stopping gay-rights laws in Maine.

The proposal is "anti-local control," said King, who pledged during his election campaign to sign a state gay-rights law if lawmakers enact one this year.

"I don't think (passage of the referendum plan) is consistent with what Maine people like in their government," he said in an interview Thursday.

Secretary of State Bill Diamond said Thursday that his office certified 60,683 signatures, about 8400 more than the number required to put the issue on the ballot this coming

November.

The leader of the group called Concerned Maine Families, which is spearheading the campaign, said she welcomed the news.

"We are deeply grateful that the people of Maine have recognized the validity of the questions we are raising about special protected class status and that, by their signatures, they have allowed us as citizens to debate this serious question," said Carolyn H.T. Cosby of Portland.

A spokesperson for Maine Won't Discriminate, a broad-based coalition organized to fight the proposal, vowed to mount a door-to-door campaign that appeals to Maine voters' sense of fairness.

"The issue is really simple—it's discrimination," said Karen Gerahy, who also heads the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance. "The

only way to talk about this issue is face to face with people."

The proposed law, which would appear on the ballot this coming November, would limit protections available under the Maine Human Rights Act to the categories already in place, including race, color, sex, religion and age.

The effect of the plan remained unclear Thursday.

Gerahy said it would repeal the city of Portland's gay-rights ordinance, the only one currently in effect in Maine, as well as a state hate-crime law enacted in 1993 and any state gay-rights law on the books at the time of the referendum.

Assistant Attorney General Cabanne Howard agreed the proposal would repeal the Portland ordinance and bar all Maine municipalities from enacting such laws unless the

Legislature specifically restores that authority.

The proposal would not bar future legislatures from enacting a state gay-rights law, because that authority comes from the state Constitution. But the state's legal experts have not taken a position on whether it would repeal such a law, if one were signed this year, or the hate-crime law.

"We have not been asked to study that yet," Howard said.

Cosby, who turned in her petitions last summer after failing to gather enough signatures for a 1994 referendum, said leaders of her group have pledged in writing to conduct their campaign "in an honest, peaceable, forthright and civil manner."

To win certification, the petitioners needed 52,308 signatures—10 percent of the votes cast in the 1990 gubernatorial election.

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## Tacoma, Washington woman sentenced for role in faked hate crime

TACOMA, Friday, Jan. 13 (AP)—A woman has been sentenced to five months of home detention for helping trash her rental home, then making it look like an anti-gay crime as part of an insurance scam.

Michelle Murray, 24, was sentenced Thursday by Pierce County Superior Court Judge Thomas Swayze Jr. The judge said the 13 days Murray already had spent in jail demonstrated that "jail is not a very pleasant place to be" and would be a sufficient deter-

rent.

The sentence will also permit her to continue classes at Tacoma Community College. Murray has said she wants to become a lawyer.

"I never set out to hurt anyone. I admit I made a horrible mistake," she told the judge. "I've always had a high degree of reverence for the law. I never dreamed I'd find myself in this position."

Murray was the last of three defendants to be sentenced. Her former housemates, who

like her pleaded guilty to theft and malicious mischief, were sentenced last month.

Lee Brovold, 24, was sentenced to nine months in jail. Eric Sturgis, 27, was sentenced to six months.

The three initially told police they had found their house ransacked and vandalized July 31, when they returned from a gay-pride festival in Vancouver, British Columbia. Anti-gay slogans were scrawled on the walls. Furniture and other posses-

sions were destroyed and valuables were missing. Blood-red paint dripped throughout the house.

Their report prompted the public to donate thousands of dollars in cash and property to the three.

The elaborate hoax unraveled when a neighbor told police that before the alleged hate crime was committed, she had seen the men carting out televisions, stereos and other items that were later reported stolen.

The three had taken out renters' insurance policies eight days before the crime. Prosecutors said Murray was paid about \$2,500 by her insurance company and the two men together were paid \$4,700 by their company.

Swayze sentenced Murray to six months in jail, with credit for time served, 17 days converted to 136 hours of community service and the remaining five months in home detention, if the jail approves.

## Utah man sentenced to jail for assaulting lesbians

SALT LAKE CITY, Tuesday, Jan. 10 (AP)—A man who attacked two lesbians has been sentenced to one year in jail.

"I've followed exactly Adult Probation and Parole's recommendations," 3rd District Judge David S. Young said Monday in sentencing Gilberto Arredondo.

Young came under fire last year from gay rights groups after sentencing the killer of a gay man to zero to six years in prison. The National Organization for Women has alleged Young is biased against women.

Victim advocate Antonia de la Guerra acknowledged that Young "went by the book" in sentencing Arredondo but she fears sending Arredondo to jail instead of prison is sending the wrong message.

"I hope it doesn't say it's OK to go gay-bashing on Saturday night," de la Guerra said.

Arredondo, 44, was the first person in Salt Lake County to be charged with violating Utah's hate-crime law. However, the 1992 statute covers only racial, ethnic and religious bias and prosecutors ultimately allowed Arredondo to

plead guilty to aggravated assault and assault charges.

The gay community hopes lawmakers will pass a stricter hate-crime law this year.

During the Monday sentencing hearing, the judge chastised Arredondo for his violent temper and alcohol problem.

"There is no excuse for this kind of anger, bitterness and resentment," the judge said.

In addition to the jail time and fines, the judge ordered Arredondo to complete during a 36-month probation period an

in-patient alcohol abuse program and anger management and domestic violence courses. Arredondo must also pay victim restitution of \$702.

Arredondo says he attacked the women because he was "mad at the time and drunk."

The women say it was because of their gay lifestyle.

Before punching Cecilia Rinehart in the face on April 23, Arredondo called her a "dyke" and said: "If you want it like a man, take it like a man."

Court documents allege Arr-

edondo attacked Rinehart because he believed she had flirted with his girlfriend. The beating left Rinehart, 23, with two half-inch scars on her face.

On Oct. 16, Arredondo again attacked Rinehart and her companion, Rose Padilla, 43.

Arredondo allegedly beat Padilla's head against the pavement. She said she suffered cracked ribs and concussion during the attack that leaves her still suffering from headaches, fainting and dizziness.

## Studies show immune system struggle in HIV infection

By MALCOLM RITTER  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW YORK, Thursday, Jan. 12 (AP)—The immune system mounts a furious, prolonged struggle against the AIDS virus during HIV infection, new studies document.

Infection kicks the immune system into overdrive, making it produce perhaps 2 billion disease-fighting cells every day just to replace those destroyed by infection, researchers found.

The fact that the body can meet that challenge suggests that the battered immune system could recover if the HIV

onslaught could somehow be controlled, the researchers said.

"What we must do is deal with the destruction by the virus. ... The replenishment process is already working overtime," said Dr. David Ho, whose study is one of two on the topic published in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, who was not involved in the studies, said the overall results provided evidence of what scientists had already assumed about HIV infection. The new works show "impressively high" amounts of

activity involving HIV and the disease-fighting cell, called CD4, he said.

Researchers calculated that each day, 20 million to 7 billion copies of HIV per person appeared in the blood of people they studied, and an equal number were removed, probably by the immune system, natural filters and entry into CD4 cells. Similarly, about 2 billion CD4 cells were created on average each day and an equal number destroyed as a result of HIV infection.

One of the studies, by Dr. George M. Shaw of the University of Alabama at Birmingham and co-authors, calculated that an infected person may replace, on average, about 5 percent of

the body's total CD4 population every day. That shows that the immune system can still produce lots of CD4 cells, Shaw said.

Another finding points up an obstacle to controlling HIV. Shaw's group found that in patients treated with the experimental drug nevirapine, the initial population of HIV in the blood was replaced by mutant strains resistant to the drug within four weeks.

The other study was by Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center at the New York University School of Medicine and co-authors.

## Utah gay group cancels demonstration plans

SALT LAKE CITY, Friday, Jan. 13 (AP)—Rep. Kelly Atkinson has clarified comments he made about homosexuals' influence in the Democratic Party, and a gay rights group has responded by canceling plans for a protest rally.

Atkinson, the Utah House minority whip, had been quoted in a Jan. 6 *Desert News* editorial as saying most Democratic legislators are "probably anti-gay rights," and that "special

interest groups ... can't define the party any longer."

David Nelson, founder of Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats, responded by asking the party to censure Atkinson. Plans were then made for a demonstration at this weekend's Democratic Central Committee meeting.

Late Thursday, Atkinson issued an open letter stating his comments "were not made with a intent to appeal to prejudice and discrimination

based on sexual orientation or to suggest that single issue organizations should not participate in the Democratic Party."

While restating his concern that the party not be "defined by Republicans solely on the basis of controversial issues," Atkinson added he did not mean to "trivialize issues of importance. ..."

Nelson welcomed the statement, and canceled the demonstration.

"Gay and lesbian Utahns understand that our issues haven't been and should never become the single issue that this party addresses," he said. "I'm pleased that Rep. Atkinson has looked beyond that fact and recognized that our issues and our work should be valued by the party."

"We look forward to working with him for a successful party this year and a successful election next year," Nelson added.

## Oregon firefighter fired over bias case

PORTLAND, Ore., Friday, Jan. 13 (AP)—A 17-year veteran of the Portland Fire Bureau was fired after pleading no contest earlier this month to intimidating two women he thought were lesbians.

James P. Harder, 42, was fired Thursday by Chief Robert Wall.

The Fire Bureau would not confirm the firing, but Randy Leonard, president of the Portland Firefighters Association, said he was there when

Harder was told.

"Harder was terminated," he said, adding that he was chagrined the chief's office was denying the action.

Leonard said the union would fight the termination, which goes into effect in seven days. The case will go to arbitration under the firefighters' contract, he said.

Harder was convicted Dec. 8 in Polk County Circuit Court of careless driving and intimidation, a bias

crime. He was sentenced to two years' probation, 10 days in the Polk County Jail, 100 hours of community service and anger management therapy. He paid a \$250 fine for the traffic infraction.

The charges stemmed from an incident Sept. 6 on Oregon Highway 18, as Danetta Wilke and her passenger, then-state Rep. Hedy Rijken, D-Newport, were headed to Portland from the Oregon Coast.

Harder allegedly confronted two women, screaming obscenities regarding sexual orientation and beat on the driver's side window.

Chief Wall condemned Harder's actions after the no-contest plea, but Leonard said the incident should not have cost Harder his job.

"I was flabbergasted when the chief fired him," Leonard said.

Leonard said Harder had not expected it: "He was devastated."

# Houston Gay Personals

## I DON'T KNOW HOW LOVE STARTS

22 yr. old black male, 6'1", 210, looking for GM, height proportionate to weight, 25 or over, attractive. My interests include rodeoing, barrel racing, calf roping etc. Looking for a serious relationship. No mind games. Ad 25686

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT LOVE IS?

Caring, sharing, a best friend, no games. Honesty. I know you're out there. I'm a GBM, 41, w/h proportionate, affectionate and honest. HIV+, but healthy. Interested in guys who "know what love is" and looking in all the wrong places. How about a quite evening at home!!! Ad 25758

## SEEKING A SINCERE HONEST PERSON

Looking for friendship/companionship and possibly more. I am a WM, 51, DDF, non-smoker, professionally employed. Average looking, tall and slim, recently divorced. I am an honest, sincere, quiet, and conservative individual. I am interested in making new friends. I like quiet evenings, enjoy cooking, gardening, the beach and the outdoors. If interested respond to Ad 25674.

## SEARCHING FOR A YOUNGER SELF

Good looking, handsome, GWM, 6', 185, professional, br/br, healthy, happy, enjoying a rich full life, theater, ballet, opera, classical music, art, antiques, old movies, and candle light dinners. Lacking only a special discreet someone in their 30's to early 40's, intelligent, romantic, clean cut, good looking, handsome, fun loving, and drug free, sincerely looking for a long term monogamous relationship. Ad 25699

## WANTED:

part-time houseboy/servant who knows how to be of service. Master is 44, 5'9", 180lbs, demanding, lives in Montrose. Ad 25134

## WELL ENDOWED, HEALTHY, MASCULINE CUTE GWM

outgoing, DDF/NS wants to meet other(s) the same for friendship and safe fun. If you are well-endowed, masculine, attractive, under 45 years of age, weight in proportion height, outgoing, not into S & M, DDF/NS, and want to meet the same respond to Ad 25749.

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## LOOKING FOR LIKE/PROF. FOR LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP

Looking for a fellow professional with a strong work ethic. Interested in a long term relationship with someone who enjoys nice quiet week-day nights, followed by busy weekends. I'm 36, 6'1" and 175lbs., DDF. You should be between 28 and 38, established in your career, DDF and proportionately built. Life is good and I would like it to get better with the right man. Ad 25656

## LESBIAN GWF COUPLE, MID 30'S

Looking for a single person or couple for friendship, no sex, going to movies and evenings on the town. Ad 25641

## ATTENTION -NUDIST

GWM, 45, 5'6", 142#, br/hazel with salt and pepper beard, DDF, smoker and a nudist. This nudist would like to get together for social non-sexual encounters. Just the enjoyment of viewing each other's bodies. Ad 25772

## TALL BOOTS, MOTORCYCLE, POLICEMEN, AGGIES, COWBOYS

This attractive, educated, discreet leg man fantasizes that yours are covered with 18 inches of leather. I am 43, 6'1", 155, DDF, romantic, moral, relationship minded. I like old-fashioned dating. You are attractive, DDF, slim or muscular, non-smoker, discreet, any race. Movies, dinner, theater, music, working out, nature, outdoors. Ad 25659

## THE COWBOY WAY

WM, 28, passive, adventurous, boy/slave looking for a masculine cowboy Daddy who competes in rodeos. Looking for bull riders, steer wrestlers, bare back bronc riders, calf and steer ropers. Ad 25663

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## QUEER WHITE BOY

GWM, 39, 5'11", 160lbs., wants to meet straight acting GW/HM liberal Democrat for companionship and maybe more. I'm blue collar, very straight acting, laid back, lean, muscular, fearless. I enjoy the outdoors, animals, drinking beer, rock and roll, quality smokes, partying with friends, occasional bar hopping and quiet evenings at home. Ad 25651

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## WINTER IS COMING

GWM, 27, 5'5", 140lbs, blond hair. Enjoy working out, bike riding, movies, cooking and cuddling. Looking for someone with a good sense of humor and a funny personality. If your looking for someone to cuddle for the winter I'm the one. If your between the ages of 29-40 please respond. Ad 25666

## READY, WILLING & ABLE

GWM, 37, 175, brown/blue, healthy, happy, professionally employed, stable and fun. I enjoy nautilus, travel, snow skiing and more. I'm comfortable to be around and relationship oriented. Am looking for a GWM who is 30s to 40s, professionally employed, in good shape, smart, funny, charming, single and relationship oriented. If that's you, why not get in touch with me today. You may make a new friend, maybe a lot more! Ad 25680

## WANTED! HOT TOP!

Who is healthy, vers., hairy, well endowed, over 30 for safe fun; tit action & blindfold. I'm a WM, 5'10", 180#, 41, Galleria Area. New to Houston. 3 some A+. Ad 25797

## LOOKING FOR FRIEND IN WEST HOUSTON

GWM, 44, 5'5", 175lbs, DDF, looking for friends in West Houston/Bear Creek area. Professional, stable guy looking for other professionals. 30's to 40's, also DDF for friendship, fun, possible relationship. I like animals, cooking, movies and quiet evenings at home. Smoker, light drinker not into heavy bar scene. If interested in a short hairy guy please respond to Ad 25671.

## GALVESTON: LOOKING FOR SEXUAL BUDDIES

I'm 43, married, 5'10, 160lbs., average looks, DDF, clean, no drugs, married-top-cut-discreet. Ad 25598

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## Bowling league standings

### Sports Notes

The Inner Loop Alternative Sunday Evening League reported the following standings. First place team-Fish-N-Pole, second place-Beavers and But-theads and third place-We've Twisted Off. For the men high scratch game of 241 was bowled by Brian Elley and series of 599 by Tom O'Dell. For the women Andrea Black bowled scratch game of 223 and Terry Shannon bowled series of 587. For league information call Tom at (713) 522-9612.

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reported the following Division A standings in first, second and third place—4 Non Blondes, Jim Buck's Brats and 3 Boys and a Toy. Division B standings are The Point After, Five Easy Pieces and Gutter Gamblers. High scratch game of 236 was bowled by Chris Bennett and series of 663 by Kenny Harmon. For more information call Gardy at (713) 641-5424.

In the Monday Nite Women's League, first place is Maybe, Maybe Not; second place-Lesborados; third place-Balls R Out and fourth place-Can't Bowl Straight. For more information call Pat at (713) 437-6218.

The Houston Thursday Nite Mixers' first place team is Download and Unzip, second place is Bowling Impaired and third place is Yes, It's Our Name. High scratch game of 225 was bowled by Marty Rutherford and series of 630 was bowled by Mace Adams for the men. For the women, Carol Clark bowled scratch of 201 and Terry Shannon series of 551. For more information call Tom at (713) 522-9612.

The monthly Candlelight No Tap Tournament is this Saturday at Palace Lanes on Bellaire Blvd., at 8:00 p.m. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Bring a partner or come alone. Call (713) 522-9612 for more information.

## Former N.Y. health official named to head AIDS action council

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 7 (AP)—Mark Barnes, a former New York health official and advocate for AIDS patients, will be the new executive director of the AIDS Action Council, a major lobby in the fight against the disease.

Barnes, named to the post Friday, was New York state's AIDS policy director from 1989-92 and served as New York City's asso-

ciate commissioner of health from 1992 until last May.

He directed HIV prevention and treatment programs and helped set up a new tuberculosis control program for the Dinkins administration. He also served as a legal consultant to the Clinton administration's task force on health care reform.

Barnes said his "challenge is to keep AIDS

on the top agenda of both the executive and the legislative branch" and to impress upon lawmakers and policymakers "the absolute urgency" of addressing the crisis.

Barnes, 34, a Yale Law School graduate, joined the law firm of Proskauer Rose Goetz and Mendelsohn last year and has been teaching at New York Law School and the Columbia

University School of Public Health.

He succeeds Daniel Bross as head of the AIDS Action Council, which represents more than 1000 community-based AIDS service organizations. The council, with a \$2 million budget and staff of 20, is the only national AIDS organization devoted exclusively to lobbying at the federal level.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Moving away from your month of focus will see a decrease of energy level for the next three weeks. You will need to plan your days and nights a bit better to accomplish all that you want to do. Try not to become involved in other person's problems at the office, to drain your strength and endurance. Look around your living quarters to see where an addition of color or fabric may give a needed splash of style and improve the appearance.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Beginning your month of astrology, will bring the potential of good fortune and accomplishment. This is the time to look about for a new position if you feel to be at the end of advancement in your present job. Do not quit your present position, until all is in order with the new work assignment. You have a better than average opportunity to score and meet an extra special person. Be honest with your real needs within a relationships this time around.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20) Keep your ears and eyes open at the office to see where you might be of even more value to the productivity of the job. Try to learn as much as you can about the operations of the company, and then position yourself to be as valuable as possible. Pay particular attention to your appearance to make yourself noticeable in a positive way. Avoid entering into gossip and pettiness at work.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20) Happiness is yours for the next two weeks as the fourth quarter of the moon appears. Periods of doubt that you have had in the past about your skills and talents seem to take a back seat at this time. Enjoy the sense that all is going well in your life at this time. Watch out for 'users' who may be wanting to date you. They will add little to your relationship and may end up costing you money.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21) Your drive and willingness to stick it out are being called into play at this time. If there is a major confrontation in your life, do not give in or give up, as the future is far more positive than it appears at this time. If you have a special person in your life, his/her support will be of great comfort to you. I want to hear about your recent trip, sounds like great fun.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) Choose close confidants to talk about your current life events as they are major at this time. Fortunately, you are a strong person with the ability to bounce back and recover. Look for new opportunities as they will be coming down the line. Be careful about getting involved in any self defeating behavior patterns. At least your life could hardly be said to be dull.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23) Watch the amount of carbohydrate that you are taking in with your food. Limit your total sugar intake to no more than 50 grams in a twenty four hour period. Reading the labels will give to you the information that you need to plan your diet. Enjoy your exercise program I have recommended to you, aiming for at least three vigorous workouts each week.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 22) Attention to your physical and clothing appearance will pay extra dividends to you as your boss is secretly looking around at you and your co-workers for a job advancement. No need to go out and purchase new clothing, goodness knows that you have many fine articles of clothing in your closet and dresser. Spend a bit more time at night lying out your wardrobe for the morning.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) For those of you Virgo's who are single and looking, the next two weeks as we come before and after the new moon are excellent days and nights to meet someone special. Look in the usual places, but also as you are out window, grocery, and CD shopping. I was over to the new Planet Record Store in the Meyerland Shopping Center last weekend, and found the first and second floors very cruisy. And they have a great system to actually hear the CD before buying.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Your creative skills are heightened this week and next making home improvement projects just the thing for you to brighten up your quarters. Think about changing a light fixture or a new window treatment. There are a number of sales being featured in the newspapers. Any date that you may bring home will be impressed with your extra talents, and may decide to spend the night and even prepare breakfast for you in the morning.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 25 - Nov. 22) The new moon phase next week will be a beginning of a great month of success and accomplishments at home and the office. Long awaited break throughs will be realized. Make sure that you get an extra hour or so of sleep to maintain your energy levels at the high peak that will be demanded. '95 will turn out to be a wonderful year for you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 25 - Dec. 21) If you have not taken down your Christmas decorations yet, this weekend will be a good time to do this. You tend to fall behind in some of these projects. I know that I do and have tried to even leave the holiday lights in place until next December, but then I have to replace the light sets due to weathering. So take my advice and finish taking down the decorations.



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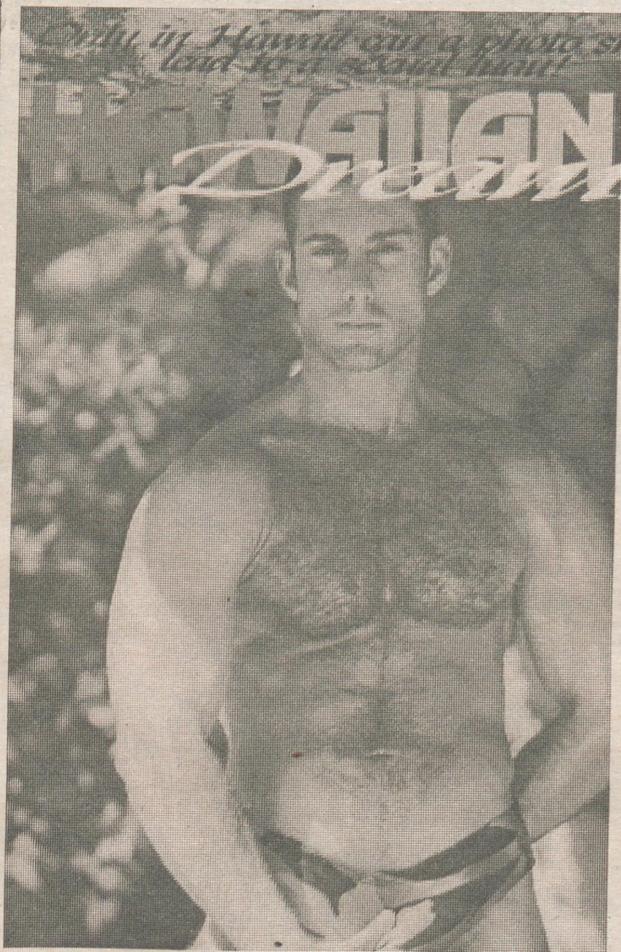
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Hey ya!!! A few months back I gave you a recipe for beef stroganoff. Well, like I told you earlier, I'm trying to get on a healthy kick, so here is a new one I found in my book called "Healthy Homestyle Cooking".

**Beef Stroganoff**

SAUCE

- 1 C evaporated skim milk
- 1 TBSP cornstarch
- 1 envelope instant onion-mushroom dip mix

BEEF MIXTURE

- 12 ounces beef sirloin steak, trimmed of all visible fat and cut into thin bite-sized strips
- 1/2 medium onion, sliced and separated into rings
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 1/2C sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 (8-oz) container fat-free plain yogurt
- 2 C hot cooked noodles
- fresh parsley (optional)

To make sauce: In a medium saucepan, use a wire whisk to stir together the milk and cornstarch until smooth. Then stir in the soup mix. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat. Cover to keep warm.

To make the beef mixture: Lightly spray an unheated large skillet with no-stick spray. Add the beef, onions and garlic. Cook and stir over medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Add the mushrooms. Cook and stir about one minute more or until the onions and mushrooms are tender. Reduce the heat to low.

Stir the sauce mixture into the beef mixture. Then stir in the yogurt. Cook and stir just until heated through. (Do not overheat because the yogurt will curdle.) Serve over the hot noodles. If desired, top with the parsley to garnish.

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Quite a difference, huh? Give it a try. It's not the same taste as I gave you in the previous recipe, but it is tasty. Who knows, you may like this one better, and it is better for you.

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- 5 female domestic fowl
- 6 version of indefinite article used before a vowel sound
- 7 exist
- 8 qualities that affect sense of smell
- 10 watery parts of blood

DOWN

- 11 symbol for chemical element silver
- 13 state motto
- 20 16th-17th century English playwright Shakespeare, initials ("To climb steep hills requires slow pace at first.")
- 21 destructive rodent
- 22 popular skin disorder
- 23 Sam, twice served as president of the Republic of Texas
- 26 initials of late cowboy actor Burnette & "December Bride" Byington
- 27 type of computer
- 28 establishing, basing
- 33 long-lasting insecticide
- 35 necklace of flowers
- 36 did exist
- 37 symbol for iridium, a hard, brittle element used in high-temperature materials
- 38 Last Frontier state, abbrev.
- 39 elected
- 41 occur at the same time
- 43 state with Nashville as capital, abbrev.
- 44 first European to map parts of Texas

upon writers to become safe, polite, obedient, and sterile.")

chemical element tin  
18 1st World's Fair in this part of U.S., in San Antonio  
19 Texas state tree  
20 move with a whizzing sound  
24 18th U.S. Pres-

DOWN

1 complete disorder  
2 J. Pinckney, first governor of the state of Texas  
3 state with Indianapolis as capital, abbrev.  
4 those who excel  
7 Texas river running through Bryan, Washington, Hempstead & Richmond  
9 state with Salem as capital, abbrev.  
11 hair style  
12 ship that exploded in Texas City in 1947 causing \$67,000,000 damage, 461 deaths, 115 missing, 4,000 injuries  
14 that one  
15 arrest  
16 Roman numeral for 600  
17 symbol for

44 broadcast TV network showing Sesame Street  
45 American business executive Sarnoff, initials ("We cannot banish dangers, but

ident, Civil War general, initials  
25 get into one's possession  
26 place where a store of goods is kept  
29 19th century Irish wit Wilde, initials ("Always forgive your enemies—nothing annoys them so much.")  
30 American inventor Edison, initials ("Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.")  
31 a lot of the 20th letter of the alphabet  
32 slow graceful dance  
34 20th century American publisher, restaurant guide author Hines, initials ("I've run less risk driving my way across country than eating my way across it.")

35 precedes  
38 patron  
40 female  
42 taxis  
43 via  
44 broadcast TV network showing Sesame Street  
45 American business executive Sarnoff, initials ("We cannot banish dangers, but

we can banish fears. We must not de-mean life by standing in awe of death.")  
47 abbrev. for tuberculosis  
48 abbrev. for both (depending on the case of the 1st letter) a million watts & 1/1000ths of a watt  
50 rows  
52 body acid  
53 German-born American theoretical physicist Einstein, initials ("God is clever, but not dishonest.")  
55 Confederate troops  
58 to make a sibilant sound  
61 ruminant mammal  
63 home of Blue Bell ice cream  
66 think  
67 direction Odessa to Texarkana, abbrev.  
71 Peter, first Texas governor elected to a second term  
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