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Activists protest after paper orders changes in 'Young Soul Rebels' ad

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Gay and lesbian activists picketed the downtown offices of the Houston Chronicle on Friday, Dec. 20 after the daily refused to run an advertisement showing two men embracing. The ad—for the film "Young Soul Rebels"—caused a similar flap in Dallas the week before, surprising the cinema giant Landmark Theatre Corp. of Los Angeles, as well as the company's local publicist, Cynthia Reinhart of Reinhart Marketing.

A Chronicle vice president and advertising manager said the paper reviewed content of ads for taste and appropriateness because the Chronicle is "a family paper." He said there was no objection to the ad, but the department asked for and was provided different artwork.

Reinhart, who attended the protest, expressed disbelief that the sophisticated Chronicle, which has run ads for adult movies and clubs, gave Prestige Films "the family newspaper excuse" in asking for replacement artwork for the ad. She said the picture and the ad are tastefully done and not offensive.

"Clearly, it was because of the homosexual thing (homophobia)," she said. "They didn't want to run it because it was two men (pictured) in an embrace."

Because of the problems in Dallas, the company had already prepared substitute artwork to run with the ad. That picture, which the Chronicle is running with the ad, shows two men and a woman standing together.

The other Houston daily newspaper, the Post, and the weekly Houston Press

ran the original ad.

The Dallas Morning News had re-

fused to run the ad until activists organized a massive call-in campaign and



Gay/lesbian activists picketed the Houston Chronicle Friday evening, Dec. 20, the day the movie "Young Soul Rebels" opened in Houston. The daily paper had refused to run an ad for the film showing two men in each other's arms

Landmark threatened to pull all of its theater advertising. The Dallas paper wound up running the original ad in editions reaching 80 percent of its circulation. After that incident, Reinhart had said that no problems were anticipated with running the ad in Houston.

The protesters were from the Quick Response caucus of the Houston's Queer Nation chapter, beneficiaries of the film's Houston premiere at the River Oaks 3 on Dec. 19, the night before the protest.

"How come they (the Chronicle) can run an ad showing Arnold Schwarzenegger blowing people away and they can't run an ad like this," questioned David Parnell, a member of the group, referring to advertising for the "Terminator" films. The protesters displayed the original "Young Soul Rebels" ad for television news cameras.

Meanwhile, a Landmark executive reportedly was cynical about the Texas protests, suggesting that the newspapers which had problems with the ad had in fact given the film "free advertising" through the publicity.

"Young Soul Rebels," directed by black British film maker Isaac Julien deals with two childhood friends, one gay and one not, who are DJ's on a pirate radio station during the "Soul Era." The film is now playing at the River Oaks 3 in Houston and the Canal Place Cinema in New Orleans.

(Note: An interview with Julien and a review of the film are the subjects of this week's "Yours Truly In A Swamp" column by Leonard Earl Johnson).

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Police investigate anti-gay slurs by youths with baseball bats

WINONA, Minn., Monday, Dec. 23 (AP)—Police are investigating an incident in which a group of youths—some armed with baseball bats and clubs—screamed homosexual slurs at residents of a house near the Winona State University campus.

One 15-year-old boy was arrested in connection with the incident Friday and others are being sought, said Police Chief

Frank Pomeroy.

Pomeroy said police intend to ask the county attorney's office to bring charges of disorderly conduct and damage to property motivated by bias.

A screen door was kicked in during the incident, police said.

The house is a gathering spot for high school and college students. Those who live

there say their home has been targeted because people perceive them and their friends as homosexual.

But Matt Gaffron, 19, a Saint Mary's College student who lives in the house, said that's not the case.

"Even if we were, they have no right to do that but the irony is, no one here is," Gaffron said.

"I think there's a real homophobic attitude here that hasn't been addressed," said Joseph Hutton, 18, another resident of the house.

The house has been the scene of other incidents. Last week, police said, a log was thrown through one of the house's windows.

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Gay rights advocates say Tijuana officials persecute gays

TIJUANA, Mexico, Monday, Dec. 23 (AP)—Advocates of gay rights say elected officials in this border city are participating in a widespread campaign of harassment and intimidation against homosexuals.

Speaking out after police raids last month on two bars patronized by gay men, gay rights activists say that city officials, led by Mayor Carlos Montejo Favela, have brought a more conservative ideology to city government that is less tolerant of homosexuals.

At the core of their concern is a new city regulation that prohibits the initiation or invitation of sex for money or sexual acts in public.

Using this regulation, municipal police on Nov. 30 raided two bars near a major commercial and entertainment strip in the city. Police detained more than 50 men for allegedly committing sexual and lewd acts.

Some of the men, including some citizens of the United States, were fined.

Municipal authorities defended the po-

lice action, saying that the men's behavior violated the city code and that the police were acting on complaints made against the two bars.

"Sexual acts were taking place in the two bars," said Police Chief Luis Ortega Ramirez. "The complaints came and we took action."

Police officials said some of the men in the bars were seen hugging, kissing, dancing and fondling each other, and that other men were dressed in women's clothing. City officials said such behavior is immoral and runs contrary to society's mores.

"Homosexuality is not permitted," said Jess Alberto Sandoval Franco, Tijuana's city manager. "While it may be tolerated and more accepted in Europe and the United States, it is considered immoral in Mexico."

Gay and human rights activists said the new city regulation is vague and subject to loose interpretation.

"The interpretation is left up to officials who can apply the code according

to their personal morals and standards," said Victor Clark Alfaro, director of the Binational Center for Human Rights in Tijuana. "And to understand the raid, which was the first one in a very long time, is to understand the ideology of the government which is made up of conservative individuals."

Gay rights advocates say city authorities are selectively applying the law against the gay community while overlooking violations involving drinking and prostitution.

"The law was not being violated and the city has not been able to produce the source of the complaint," said Alejandro Garca, a gay rights advocate, referring to the bar raids. "They pulled it out of their sleeves. They invented it."

Clark and Garca said that with the election of Montejo, a conservative climate took over City Hall.

Montejo, who could not be reached for comment, is a conservative Catholic. A number of key municipal officials share in his religious beliefs and are members

of conservative Catholic organizations.

However, Sandoval disagreed with the activists' claims, saying that the criteria for determining violation of the code is not left up to a police officer, but rather a prosecutor. Sandoval said that the Police Department's chief prosecutor entered the bars prior to the raids to document city code violations.

City officials also denied that they are persecuting the gay community. So far, the new code also has been used to crack down on unlicensed street vendors and on those who wash windshields of cars pausing at street corners and near the international border. Ortega said the city code is being used to clean up the city's image.

That idea scares Garca and others in Tijuana's gay community because they believe the city government perceives homosexuals to be a part of the city's negative image.

Year's end is usually as good a time for reflection as any and as LOBO ends a year and begins its nineteenth in business we thought there would be no better time for a few thoughts, gay and otherwise.

Despite a recession this has been LOBO's best year in Houston. We also believe that we offer the best variety of merchandise, gay and lesbian, in our history. If we hear one consistent complaint it's that we don't carry enough book titles, people mentioning, in passing, a couple of past gay book stores in Houston. We often point out that both those enterprises are just that—gone. And also, the owners in both cases lamented the lack of book buyers in Houston. And then someone will come along and compare us unfavorably with *A Different Light* in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles, or *Lambda Rising* in Washington, D.C.

A Different Light is strategically located in the three largest gay ghettos in the nation. And we can only speak as to the New York store, but a significant portion of its income is from video rentals, magazines and more explicit novels. In other words, gay literature alone won't float even in New York. And *Lambda Rising*, without mail order or national marches, would likewise sink.

We try to be realistic. We know that *Drummer* magazine or any number of other sexually oriented magazines will outsell *Christopher Street* magazine or even *The Advocate* (which depends heavily on that center section for sales).

The activist in us does regret when a particularly good issue of *Christopher Street*, such as the current one, fails to sell even our lowly draw of ten copies. Granted, a lot of readers have been turned off by the very partisan slant taken by the proprietors of that

magazine and the *New York Native*. As a consequence some fine writing by Robert Patrick on gay theater, Jeffrey Nickel on gay Republicans, and Donald Vining on aging gays does not receive the attention they deserve.

For the holidays we attempted to stock a variety of gay fiction and non-fiction. But the overwhelming best seller, if we had enough copies, was Herb Ritts' "Duo," a rather slim book of photographs which everyone apparently wanted. Unfortunately the publisher, Twin Palms, consistently failed to deliver on promises of delivery.

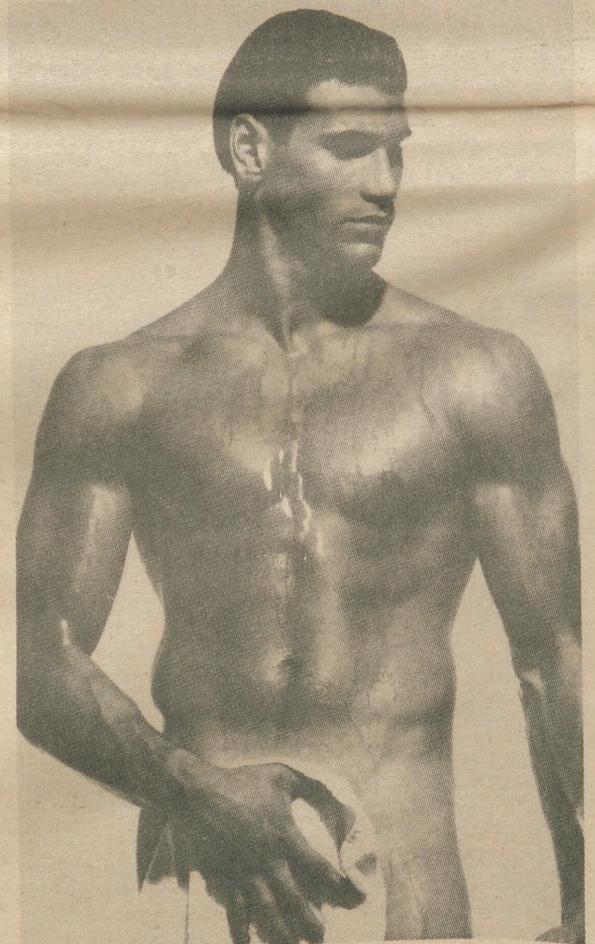
And harking back to Robert Patrick's article on gay theater, his experience as a gay playwright could be broadened to cover much experience on "gay culture," with similar problems and limitations. It is also revealing in that Patrick takes direct aim at Edward Albee's ghettoization as voiced at a gay and lesbian writers' conference earlier this year.

We are going to hear more in this debate, no doubt, but we also think it quite possible the two points of view are not as totally at variance as they would appear. There is certainly a need for gay literature, gay plays, gay music, just as other minorities have thrived with their own culture. But there is equally a place for the writer, the playwright, the musician who happens to be gay.

And it is also true that that artist may display to some a gay sensitivity underlying his work. As Patrick points out, gays and lesbians are perhaps the first minority to intentionally create a ghetto rather than fleeing

from one. And as we create our organizations, it naturally follows that we would create our art and our literature to reflect ourselves. Robert Patrick has done that quite well. He has also written many plays that are not, per se, gay. Edward Albee has written many plays, none, per se, gay. Yet Albee is a part of a gay culture, a gay heritage. Tennessee Williams included few gay characters in his plays (the times they were more repressive), yet he acknowledged his gayness as an element of his creative processes.

LOBO is totally a gay business, yet there are many businesses gay owned but not thought of as "gay businesses." This is part of the diversity of our community. We should view it more as one of our strengths rather than as divisive. We should extol both our gay playwrights and playwrights who are gay. We have ghettos so that we can be more ourselves, but our goal must be a society where we can be ourselves everywhere.



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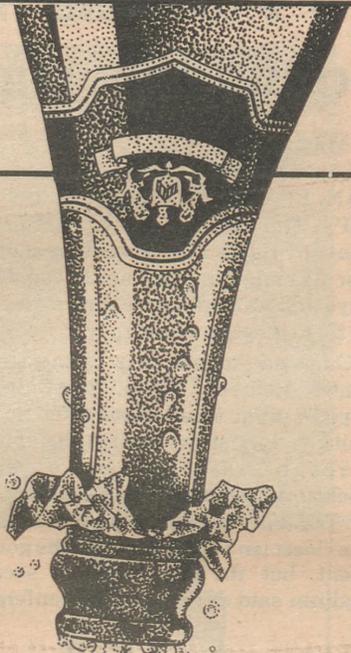
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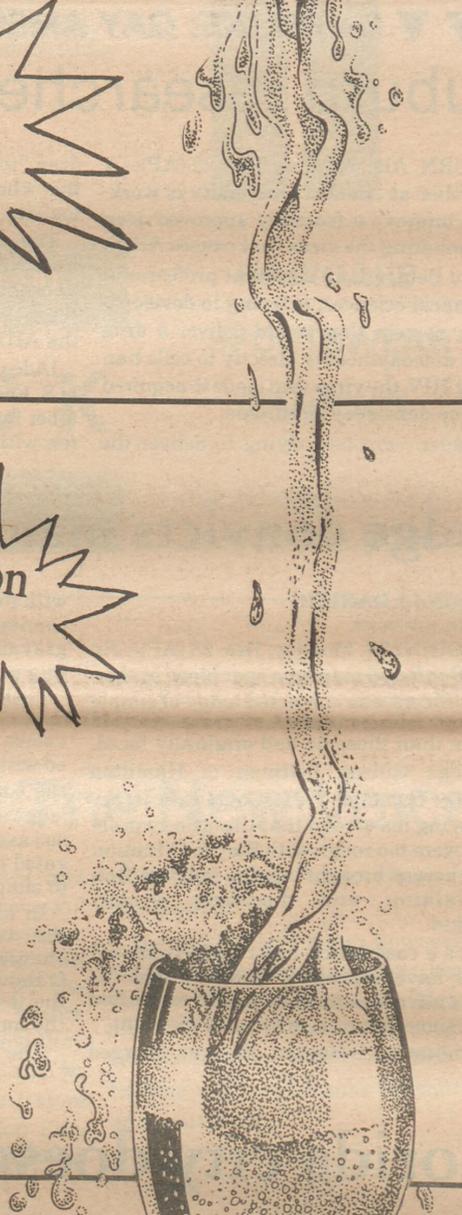
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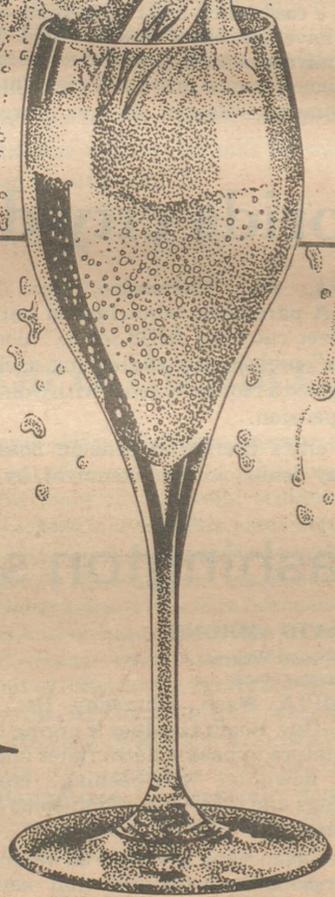
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Soviet gay rights activist wants to open gay bars, bookstores

By DARA TOM
FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Soviet Union's most prominent gay rights activist said Tuesday political changes in his country could help gays and lesbians carve their own niche in the emerging democracy.

On a one month tour of the United States, Roman Kalinin, 25, is seeking support from small businesses to help build a stronger gay community at home through running gay-operated bookstores, bars and restaurants.

"The main reason for people to stay in the closet isn't the country or the government, but the conditions of society," Kalinin said during a news conference.

"You can come out, but at what place?" he said.

The Soviet government's new openness, which has resulted in the repeal of laws banning drug use and exchanging foreign currency on the black market, has yet to embrace gays and lesbians, he pointed out.

The gay community is still largely underground, he said, because of Article 121—a law banning sexual activity between men.

"We still have a law against sodomy. You can be sent to five years to a labor camp because of sexual contact between men. We can't wait. We need to repeal this code," said Kalinin.

Lesbians are frequently locked up in

psychiatric hospitals, he said.

Two years ago, Kalinin gained international fame after announcing publicly that he was gay and publishing the country's first gay and lesbian newspaper, Tema. The Moscow-based newspaper has a circulation of 15,000, with subscribers as far away as Siberia.

Kalinin said he has escaped being jailed because of the attention from western nations and, he said half jokingly, he tells the Soviet government, "we (gays) don't have sex. We are only publishing our newspaper."

Kalinin has also started several gay rights groups, including the All-Russian Union of Lesbians and Gay Men and Moscow AIDS Action.

Kalinin, with the help of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, has secured donations from pharmaceutical companies for an airlift of medicine and needles to the Soviet Union in February.

During the August coup, Kalinin said he was "waiting for arrest. But they didn't do it." So he and other activists began reprinting and distributing President Boris Yeltsin's anti-coup literature.

But Kalinin admitted that gays and lesbians were not as organized as other groups such as miners, who staged rallies near barricades at the Russian Parliament.

"At the next coup, we'll be ready with our gay contingency at the barricades," he said.

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Auburn researcher says he's trying to improve AIDS drug

AUBURN, Ala., Monday, Dec. 23 (AP)—A researcher at Auburn University is working to improve a federally approved drug for combating the virus that causes AIDS.

Guru Betageri, an assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, is trying to develop a carrier system that would deliver a drug called dideoxyinosine directly to cells harboring HIV, the virus that leads to acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Betageri said he's trying to deliver the

drug "to the site of the infection instead of the whole body, so that we can reduce toxicity."

The technique involves encapsulating molecules of the drug in liposomes. The liposomes have antibodies attached to them that are attracted to cells infected by the AIDS-causing virus.

Dideoxyinosine was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in October for the treatment of adults and children with advanced HIV infection who are

intolerant or no longer benefiting from the AIDS drug AZT.

Studies have shown patients taking the drug experienced an increase in the number of CD4 cells, which are systematically destroyed by HIV. Clinical testing continues, however, on the full effect of the drug.

Betageri also is trying to develop a way to deliver an active form of the drug.

The current form of dideoxyinosine being used is inactive, which means it de-

pends upon an enzyme in the body to activate it, he said.

So far, Betageri has completed the first stage of his research, which showed that the carrier system is an effective means of targeting drugs to specific cells. The next step is to test the system using HIV-infected cells.

So far, Betageri has relied primarily on university funding for his research. But the National Institutes of Health is reviewing a proposal for financing his work.

Judge convicts man only of simple assault in AIDS-spitting case

By SONJA BARISIC
FOR THE NEW VOICE

CINCINNATI, Monday, Dec. 23 (AP)—An AIDS-infected man who spat blood at sheriff's officers was convicted today of simple assault charges that carry far shorter jail terms than those he had originally faced.

Judge Gilbert Bettman of Hamilton County Common Pleas Court said in announcing his verdict that the officers probably were too rough with Steven O'Banion after he was brought into the jail Sept. 3 on jaywalking and disorderly conduct charges.

"It's a case which unfortunately should never have happened," Bettman said. "It didn't have to happen if those involved had used some common sense and restraint."

Originally, O'Banion, 40, was charged

with four counts of attempted murder, three counts of felonious assault and one of aggravated assault involving alleged spitting at three deputies and a nurse.

Last week, Bettman dismissed the attempted murder charges, ruling that prosecutors failed to prove spitting blood infected with the acquired immune deficiency virus could cause death. At that time, the judge also dismissed one of the three felonious assault charges and reduced the aggravated assault charge, involving the nurse, to simple assault.

In his verdict today, the judge reduced the two remaining felonious assault charges to simple assault and found O'Banion guilty of those two charges and the third simple assault charge involving the nurse.

The judge set sentencing for Jan. 28.

Simple assault carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Felonious assault carries a maximum prison term of five to 25 years. The four attempted murder charges would have carried a term of up to 100 years.

O'Banion called the judge's decision a victory. He had waived his right to a jury trial.

"I won't comment on the assault charges, but at no time did I try to inflict bodily harm to anyone involved," he said. He said that he was beaten in jail and then involuntarily coughed blood on others.

Assistant Prosecutor Richard G. Gibson disagreed with the judge's decision.

"We found that there is still a lot unknown about exactly how the AIDS virus is transmitted," Gibson said.

But the judge Bettman noted that doctors had testified that the AIDS virus could not be transmitted by spitting blood or bloody saliva on someone.

He also said O'Banion probably was upset during the arrest.

O'Banion testified that the officers taunted him for being a homosexual. He also said he was punched four times in the left eye and slapped him across the forehead.

The deputies testified that no one punched O'Banion. The sheriff's department said its internal investigation concluded excessive force wasn't used.

The FBI investigated O'Banion's allegations and sent its report to the Justice Department, which will decide whether to take the allegations to a federal grand jury, FBI spokesperson Ed Boldt said.

Florida city doesn't buy paramedic's AIDS 'phobia' claim

TAMPA, Fla., Wednesday, Dec. 18 (AP)—A paramedic who claimed paranoia over catching AIDS led to "blood phobia," nightmares and crying spells was denied a request to retire with a disability pension.

The city's firefighter pension board Tuesday denied without comment, by a

6-2 vote, Thomas N. Reale's pension request, concurring with two psychiatrists who concluded his problems are not job-related.

Reale, a 32-year-old fire department lieutenant, said he'll appeal. He had asked for a medical disability pension, which would have given him 65 percent

of his salary, tax-free, for life.

He told the pension board he suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from an emergency call to a home three years ago when he revived a 3-month-old child with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The infant's foster parent didn't tell Reale the baby had acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and he said he learned later from hospital emergency workers the baby had the disease. The child has since died.

Tests as recently as November have shown Reale doesn't have the virus.

Washington state governor again pushing hate crimes bill

By DAVID AMMONS
AP Political Writer
FOR THE NEW VOICE

OLYMPIA, Wash., Thursday, Dec. 19 (AP)—Gov. Booth Gardner is urging the Legislature to pass a hate crimes bill to crack down on "gay-bashing," cross-burnings and other acts of malicious harassment.

The Democratic governor on Wednesday resubmitted the bill that sailed through the House on a bipartisan 77-21 vote last February only to die on a tie vote in a Senate committee controlled by Republicans.

In a description submitted to lawmakers Wednesday, Gardner's office said the measure "is not a gay and lesbian civil rights bill," but an attempt to assure that

all people are safe from harassment and injury, regardless of sexual orientation.

"The increasing incidence of hate crime because of a person's perceived sexual orientation reinforces the need for this change to existing law," which includes no reference to sexual preference, lawmakers were told.

The current law makes malicious harassment a Class C felony, punishable by a maximum five-year prison term and a \$10,000 fine.

The Gardner bill, HB1037, also would authorize a hate-crimes reporting system and mandate training of law enforcement officers in how to identify, respond to and report hate crimes.

"I continue to be disturbed by the increasing numbers of cross-burnings and

other acts of harassment against minorities and other people in our state," the governor said. "Individuals have been targeted on the street and families have been victimized in their homes.

"These acts are inhuman. They are inexcusable in a civilized, democratic society and we need leadership by the Legislature to bring them to a halt.

"If we're serious about stopping hate crimes, we must extend legal protection to all who are likely to be targeted and we must make sure our law officers are properly trained to step up to the task. I am committed to making Washington a healthy and safe place to live and I urge the Legislature to make a similar commitment."

The American Civil Liberties Union of

Washington will offer the Legislature a revised version of the state's malicious harassment statute.

The ACLU proposal follows rulings by two King County Superior Court judges. One judge found part of the current statute unconstitutional; the other found the whole law unconstitutional.

ACLU legislative director Jerry Sheehan said the Washington Supreme Court is likely to uphold those rulings.

"The ACLU's proposal is designed to ensure that Washington has a malicious harassment law that is constitutional," Sheehan said this week in Seattle. "Our language is clearer, more direct, and therefore more enforceable than the wording of the existing malicious harassment law."

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Program to buy coverage for AIDS patients, ensure payment to doctor

DALLAS, Tuesday, Dec. 24 (AP)—A group founded by an AIDS-infected man will ask hospitals, health-care agencies and physicians treating victims of the deadly disease to donate money toward covering insurance bills.

The Bridge to Life Foundation's Life Link program will provide a vital service to AIDS victims by helping them pay monthly insurance premiums, said Bill Seals, the nonprofit organization's founder.

"People who don't have health-care insurance don't address their health, and they end up in the emergency room when

it's too late. I see a lot of good things as a result of people being able to maintain their level of care," Seals said.

Doctors, an insurance executive, area health-care officials and a Dallas City Council member have endorsed the plan, set to begin in January.

Health care professionals and organizations, in return for helping pay patient premiums, would be assured payment on medical bills.

The program will request \$115 from health care agencies to cover every \$100 in premiums for sponsored patients, Seals said. The extra \$15 will go toward administrative costs and to help AIDS

patients who do not have sponsors in the program.

Several area doctors and hospitals which already pay patients' insurance premiums will receive a tax deduction, which should encourage more agencies to contribute, Foundation board member Bill Mouser said.

"The idea looks really good, and we can't figure out why nobody else has done it," he said.

Parkland Memorial Hospital has been paying insurance premiums for some patients for the past two years, said spokesperson Esther Bauer.

"We can keep people on their insurance and get paid, too. We're going to care for the patient no matter what. It's just a practical way to do it," she said.

Dr. Steve Ponders of Dallas, who treats about 600 AIDS patients struggling to pay insurance premiums, said the program will be cost-effective.

He compared monthly insurance premiums of about \$250 with hospital care bills of up to \$50,000 monthly for some AIDS patients.

"It's a lifesaver, because those people couldn't be living a very comfortable life without the proper medical care," said Ponders.

Dallas group AIDS Arms Network may be stripped of responsibility

DALLAS, Tuesday, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Dallas County Commissioners Court informally agreed Tuesday to assume control of \$1 million in state grants that had been handled by a North Texas AIDS agency.

An audit by Arthur Anderson & Co. showed that AIDS Arms Network used more than one-third of about \$3.5 million in

contributions and grants received last year for its own operation.

The commissioners already have taken over distribution of \$1.3 million collected by the 5-year-old group designed to funnel state and federal grants to 18 local AIDS service groups.

Commissioners planned to take a formal

vote next week on whether the county should control the other \$1 million in state grants, said court administrator Allen Clemson.

AIDS Arms has used some of the grant funds to make up its own budget deficits, forcing other groups waiting for money to alter budgets and consider staff cuts, offi-

cial say.

AIDS Arms owes Dallas and Fort Worth organizations about \$74,000, said acting director Debbie Hurst. She said the money should be paid within a month.

Ms. Hurst said the agency helped hundreds of AIDS patients find health and social services.

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Paul Selber, activist in fight against AIDS, dies in Shreveport

SHREVEPORT, La., Monday, Dec. 23 (AP)—Charles "Chuck" Paul Selber, a crusader for the rights of AIDS victims, has died more than three years after being diagnosed with the disease. He was 43.

Selber died Sunday in Physicians and Surgeons Hospital.

"He was very open about it. He wanted the community to be aware," his mother,

Flo Selber said. "He didn't want to hide the fact that he was dying of AIDS.

"He was very brave. He fought very, very hard to get help for HIV and AIDS patients here, especially for those who did not have any insurance."

Selber had been an AIDS advocate since 1982 when he briefly served on the fund-raising committee for the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York. He

was one of three founders of Shreveport's ACT-UP—Aids Coalition to Unleash Power.

He joined the Greater Louisiana AIDS Defense and the Northwest Louisiana AIDS Task Force in 1988. Selber produced five AIDS benefits in Shreveport.

He served as a board member of GLAD and project coordinator of Artists, AIDS Response. He was a member of the Loui-

siana HIV Planning Program. He also served on the steering committee of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council.

"If a young person could see an AIDS person die, that would be the best lesson they could have about safe sex," Flo Selber said.

Selber was a partner in a Shreveport film development company, Albany Productions. He had worked 12 years in New York in the entertainment industry.

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Funding now available through US-AIDS for N.O. service providers

United Services for AIDS Foundation Inc. has announced that funds are available to proven HIV/AIDS related services in the Louisiana parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, Saint Tammany and Saint Bernard.

Proposals are being sought for programs which provide HIV/AIDS services of case management, emergency assistance services, volunteer training, support and coordination, mental health services and spiritual care.

Also proposals are sought for programs providing housing and attendant care, hospice care, minority education and outreach services, consortium development, access to child care, transportation, meals-on-wheels and for case management of asymptomatic persons.

Other areas not suggested that would also provide HIV/AIDS services would be considered for funding.

"Request for proposal" packages were

distributed this week at the US/AIDS offices; proposals are due by Jan. 13. For information call (504) 522-5239.

—NO/AIDS windows gallery

Beginning Jan. 9, the NO/AIDS Task Force at 1407 Decatur Street will show "Aquatic Series," oil paintings by artist, Philip Hulsey.

Hulsey, originally from a small island

off the Virginia Coast, attended Virginia Tech where he received his bachelors degree in fine arts. Pursuing a career in education, he taught art for five years in Miami prior to moving to New Orleans.

Hulsey considers his non-representational paintings "a personal journey towards self discovery...a visual autobiography of adapting life to New Orleans."

The somewhat erotic exhibition will continue through January.

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AIDS action group protests Connecticut case-reporting proposal

HARTFORD, Conn., Wednesday, Dec. 18 (AP)—An AIDS activist group on Wednesday urged the state Department of Health Services not to implement a plan that would require the names of people testing positive for the HIV virus to be reported to the state.

The Connecticut AIDS Action Council

said such a plan would violate the privacy of those with the deadly virus.

Currently physicians in Connecticut are supposed to report active AIDS cases to the state. Under the proposal being considered by state Health Commissioner Susan Addiss, testing laboratories would be required to report to the state the names of all

persons who are HIV-positive.

Anonymous testing, using code names, still would be available at state-funded test sites. But tests done at clinics or in doctors' offices would be reportable.

The group and its supporters said the proposal would also be costly.

"To collect and maintain this list of

names could cost the state as much as \$200,000," said state Rep. Juan Figueroa, D-Hartford. "It is highly unlikely that the state will recoup even half of that in federal money."

Under a new federal law, states qualify for federal funds to fight AIDS based on the number of cases reported.

Two-year study determines AIDS virus is not found in sweat

VALHALLA, N.Y., Thursday, Dec. 19 (AP)—A two-year study of HIV-positive patients and people with AIDS has determined that the virus that causes AIDS is not passed on through sweat.

The results, believed to be the first to demonstrate that the AIDS virus isn't present in the sweat of HIV-positive people, were reported Wednesday in the January issue of *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*.

The Centers for Disease Control has previously said the risk of infection from sweat is extremely low or non-existent.

"We were able to identify the AIDS virus in blood samples taken from 39 of 50 known HIV-1 infected patients, but none of the sweat samples taken from these same patients contained the virus," said the researcher, Dr. Gary Wormser.

"This is significant because the AIDS virus has been cultivated from samples

of all other body fluids, such as tears, saliva, blood and urine." He added that there is almost no chance of catching AIDS by coming in contact with the tears or saliva of an HIV-positive person.

Wormser said that in the study, natural sweat was obtained from 52 participants, 50 who had AIDS or were infected with HIV and two who were HIV-negative to act as a control. None showed signs of the virus in their sweat.

Wormser is a professor at New York Medical College and chief of infectious diseases at Westchester County Medical Center and a longtime AIDS researcher.

He worked on the study with Susan Bittker and Gilda Forseter of the Westchester County Medical Center, Indira K. Hewlett, Bharat Joshi and Dr. Jay S. Epstein of the Food and Drug Administration and Dr. Iradge Argani and Doris Bucher of New York Medical College.

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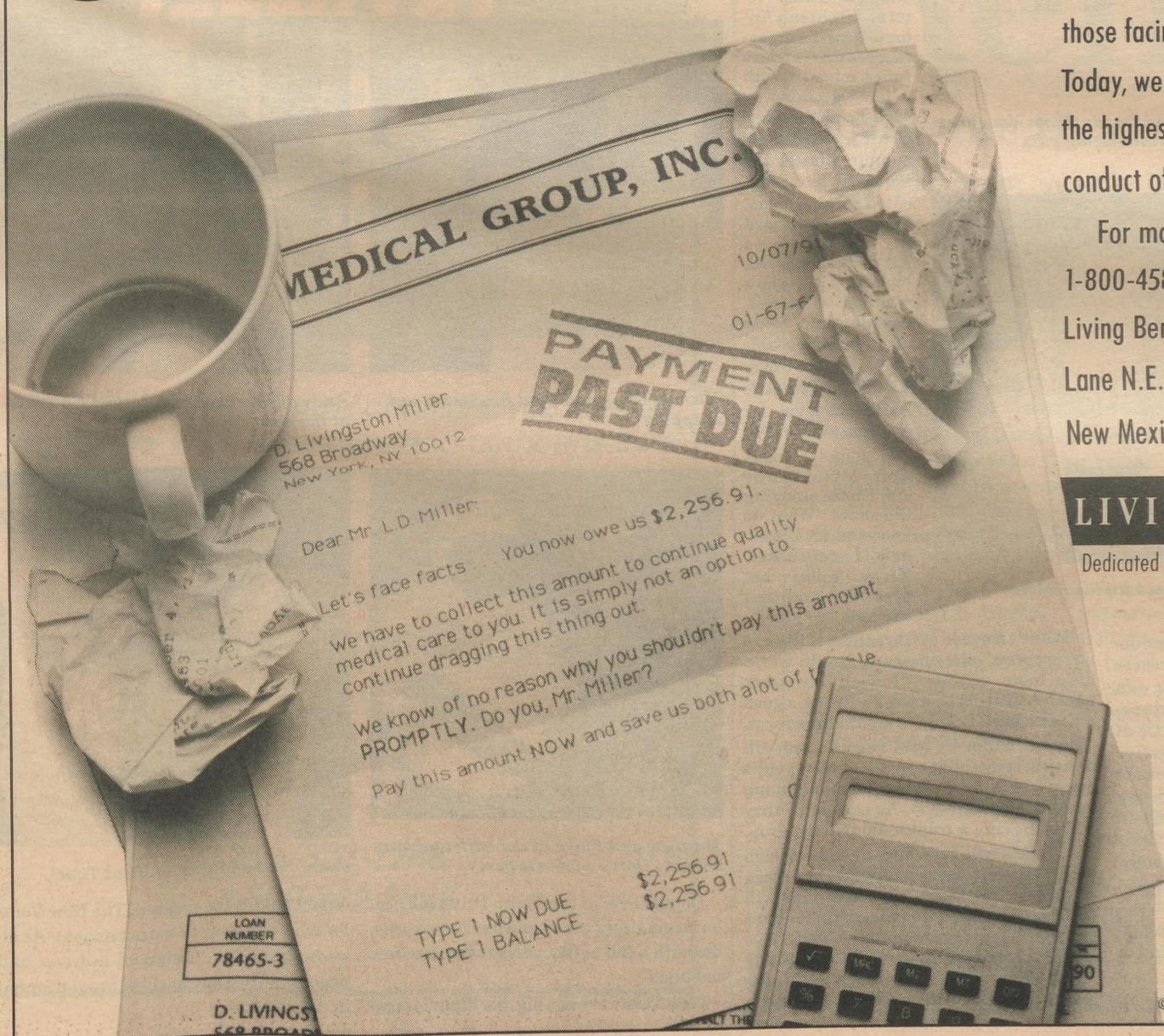
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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

San Francisco daily newspaper to run explicit ad urging HIV testing

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Dec. 18 (AP)—The San Francisco Examiner's Image Magazine has agreed to run a modified version of a sexually explicit ad urging people to get tested for the AIDS virus.

The advertisement depicting two partially nude couples, one homosexual and one heterosexual, will appear in the Examiner's Sunday magazine on Jan. 19, the news-

paper said on Wednesday.

The Examiner and People magazine rejected the original ad submitted by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The ad showed a homosexual couple kissing and a heterosexual couple embracing with the man resting his head on the woman's breasts.

The San Francisco Newspaper Agency, which handles advertising for the Examiner and the San Francisco Chronicle, said the original ad violates a policy against showing exposed breasts.

In the modified version, "the profile of the breast was covered a little more discreetly. It didn't impact the effect of the ad and met our standards regarding the cover-

ing of the breast," said Tom Clancy, vice president of the Newspaper Agency.

Les Pappas, campaign director for the AIDS foundation, said he will try to meet with People magazine representatives next week to discuss the ad.

The foundation had threatened a boycott against both publications.

▼ ▼ ▼ AUSTIN SOAP

The Soap on Austin Xmas parties and 'get there' list for New Year's Eve

By CHRIS LUTHER

TNV Austin

'Round Austin this past week there were several Christmas parties for the staff and friends of local taverns.

Ray of Charlie's/Buckles showed his good taste by holding their party at the

City Grill. They reserved the back party room for this normally riotous bunch for a quiet get-together. (Those who have not had the pleasure of eating at this top notch "gay-friendly" restaurant are missing out. Besides serving excellent fare in a typically Austin unpretentious manner, this is one of the most romantic places in town to take a gay date). Everybody looked so spiffy in their Christmas duds. I barely recognized Texas Male Revue dancer Ryan (who was wearing a simply fabulous fuzzy sweater)—what with all those clothes on! He's even more alluring fully dressed.

By the time I arrived in my typical paparazzi tornado, the party was beginning to get its second wind. It's amazing how shift changes can divide a family. Buckles bartender Andy was sniffing around for some more eggnog while Charlie's happy hour bartender Carl looked as though he someone needed to take him home and put him to bed (course then, when isn't that true).

Hopping across town I caught Oil Can Harry's Christmas party just warming up. Oil Can employees were given the night off as Crossing bartenders served cocktails. Harry's bartenders Jim and Rick were obviously enjoying the view, however blurred, from the other side of the bar. Jim is often referred to as "the driving force behind the success of this nightclub." Or at least he was addressed in this manner five times in the three minutes that I spoke to him. For his Christmas wish Jim, being the man who desires the finer things in life, said he wanted only a red 1992 Rolls Royce convertible—sans the sugar daddy, please. We all tried to explain that you can't easily have one without the other.

"No," he snapped. "Red, without sugar." Poor dear, when will he learn life is full of compromises and disappointments.

However, everyone agreed that working

at Harry's is not one of those disappointments. "Harry's is a GREAT place to work!" Rick enthusiastically offered, "Too, too, toooo much fun!" "His Christmas wish?" I inquired. Practical rick wished only that his ex-lover would leave him alone. Speaking of disappointments...

Then I finally got to see Charlie's bartender Glen Eaddy's major squeeze, Daddy Thom Vaughn. From all indications it was a very happy Christmas around their house. Separately, I asked them what they had for each other under the tree, Thom bought Glen some new clothes, a puppy (unwrapped) and a case of Maxx condoms. Glen bought Thom a trail bike, sweatshirt and a "sex toy." My eyes lit up.

"Without batteries," Glen assured me. I wonder what they stuff their stocking with?

Sunday night over at Nexus, Karen DiAngelo hosted a wonderful Country Christmas variety show. Jennifer and Ms. Ricky returned from San Antonio to perform several Christmas tunes, mixed in with a few selections by Melissa Etheridge. Sparky, often seen spinning tunes, was found to be as talented singing them. She also performed a couple of Etheridge songs. Altogether, the show was a great success, contributing boxes of toys, disposable diapers and over \$200 to the Pediatric AIDS League for children with AIDS.

I found Nexus staff Myra, Kirby and Bretta enjoying the show. "What do you want for Christmas," I again asked. Kirby rolled her eyes and said that she had "no idea."

"What's the use of Christmas if there is not surprise," she observed. Bretta was a little more definite. "I want my truck back." After this past week's floods, a good place to start looking is on Mount Ararat.

Nexus, like every bar I've contacted, will be doing something special for New Year's eve. They will be serving a buffet along with free champagne. At midnight, they will be having a traditional balloon drop.

Charlie's will be adding on to their club with a big tent to accommodate the expected crowd. GM David says that they will have a special champagne and Schnapps only bar set up for prompt New Year's Eve service. Daddy Wayne will be cooking again. This time, lucky black eyed peas and cornbread in the southern tradition.



Shannon and Pierce making the party rounds



Glen Eaddy and Daddy Thom Vaughn exchanged some interesting gifts



Joel Humphries with his real fur



Nexus' Myra, Kirby and Bretta enjoyed the "Country Christmas" show



Some happy people at Buckles and Charlie's Christmas party



Michael Craig and Paul Bradshaw, out shopping



Andy (of Buckles) and Carl (of Charlie's) at the party



Matthew and Floyd at the buffet table at Oil Can Harry's private party



John, Pam and Rick of 'Bout Time

Donald over at the Chain Drive will also be serving corn bread and black eyed peas, but with a full buffet, party favors and free bubbly.

New Year's eve is a big, big night for tav-

erns. Look in the pages of The New Voice for ads from your favorite hangout. As always, have fun, designate a driver and play safe. We want you to be around for fun in '92.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

HIV dental clinic will open through agreement between city, ASA

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

A dental clinic geared to the needs of persons living with HIV, the suspected AIDS virus, will soon be opening in Austin. Recently, AIDS Services of Austin, community health activists and the City of Austin have finalized a lease agreement allowing one of the city health clinics to be used for treatment of HIV infected patients. The \$1 per year lease the as yet undetermined clinic to be used one day a week in providing no-cost dental care to HIV patients who could not otherwise obtain it. The Saturday only clinic is scheduled to begin seeing clients in January.

According to the HIV clinic coordinator, Dr. Chris Faber, people with HIV are often unable to obtain proper dental care. He referenced two recent studies that suggested of an estimated 5,000-9,000 persons in the Austin area who are HIV-positive, only 900 are presently identified as receiving dental care. Dr. Faber suggested that some of the unaccounted for may be unaware of their HIV status. Because of public hysteria regarding HIV and health service pro-

viders, some may not be disclosing their HIV status to their dentist for fear, perhaps unjustified, of being denied service. However, he said many in the HIV population are unable to obtain dental care because of AIDS prejudice and/or economic need. "It is difficult to determine how many are being denied service because of financial or professional barriers."

Stephen Burden, a board member of the dental clinic, commented on these barriers. Burden is a person with AIDS and is suffering from Kaposi's Sarcoma, an AIDS-related cancer that often causes lesions in the mouth. He suggested that several area dentists practice a subtle discrimination against PWAs. Before a first visit, dentists routinely ask patients to fill out a personal history form that asks, among other things, if there are any health problems the staff should be aware of. "When I turned in the form (indicating I had AIDS) the nurse would politely say, 'we are not taking any more AIDS patients at this time,' but (every time) you look around the office and there is nobody there that is HIV?"

Burden's ability to locate dental care be-

came further impaired when, after a hospitalization, he was dropped from the insurance coverage he had obtained from working several years in "a good job" for the state. "Suddenly, I was without my insurance and disabilities benefits, along with (losing) my dental and prescription benefits." He became discouraged and stopped seeking dental care altogether. "When you're in pain and hurting you don't need to hear the demeaning comments and 'we don't take HIV patients,'" he said.

In the wake of the Kimberly Bergalis case, Dr. Faber said, many dentists fear AIDS hysteria could damage their practice if their general patients became aware HIV patients were being treated in their office. Bergalis, who died recently, is the Florida woman who allegedly contacted AIDS from her dentist. "In a survey I conducted, many dentists expressed a desire to treat HIV patients at another location," Dr. Faber said.

Modeled after the Bering Dental Clinic in Houston, the Austin clinic will be staffed by volunteer dentists and paid support staff. The clinic, along with several other community based organizations, re-

ceived initial funding as part of a \$328,000 grant awarded under the CARE Act of 1990. The grant proposal was filed under Ryan White—Title 3, the bill's provision to provide early HIV treatment and immune assessment. "The program is written to broadly cover any HIV positive individual who doesn't have dental insurance and can't afford it, or people who are eligible for city services that can't get an appointment for six to eight weeks," explained Dr. Faber. "The only people we expect to turn away are those who have jobs or have insurance, and those we will take into private practice."

The clinic capacity will allow it to serve 15-20 patients per week, or up to 80 patients per month. Dr. Faber admits that even with the clinic, a large number of HIV patients in the Austin area will continue without service. Work is underway to locate funding for the equipment necessary to open the clinic in its own space, thereby significantly increasing its capacity.

Further information about the clinic, as well as scheduling can be obtained by calling (512) 406-6633.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Sailors ordered to pay \$25,000 to 'gay bashing' victim

SAN DIEGO, Tuesday, Dec. 17 (AP)—Two sailors who pleaded guilty to civil rights violations in a "gay bashing" attack were ordered Tuesday to pay \$25,000 in medical expenses to the most seriously injured of their victims.

Both Todd Dabrieo, 21, and Murry Murphy, 19, were placed on three years probation and given 180 day jail terms. They have already served the jail time, however, while awaiting trial.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Richard Murphy, who is not related to defen-

dant Murphy, also fined both men \$100 each and told them not to contact any of the victims who were assaulted July 1 at the bar The Hole in the Point Loma area.

The attorneys for the sailors, who appeared in uniform in court, said the Navy will be discharging both of them because of their convictions of hate crimes against homosexuals.

Three patrons and a bartender were injured when hit with a beer bottle, a brick, and pool cues. A pedestrian walking home from work was shoved to the

ground, police said.

One victim, Walter Best, received a broken jaw and lost five teeth.

Witnesses said the defendants yelled "faggots" before leaving the bar.

The case represented the first hate crime case with homosexuals as victims to be given to a jury in San Diego.

While jurors convicted Dabrieo of two battery charges on Oct. 29, they deadlocked on the other 14 charges against both men, including the allega-

tion that the offense was a hate crime.

The District Attorney's office was going to retry both men, but they pleaded guilty Nov. 20 to committing assaults during a hate crime.

Murphy also included a prohibition upon Dabrieo to avoid bars and alcohol and told him to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

The judge told the sailors the restitution payments will begin on April 1, 1992, at the rate of \$100 per month.

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▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Local gay organizations shared spirit of season through holiday events

The "PWA Christmas" annual fund raising event coordinated by entertainer Lady Victoria Lust was held Dec. 8 at the Brazos River Bottom, and this week members of the Colt 45's helped divide the proceeds to distribute Christmas cheer to Houston people with AIDS. Over \$4,000 was raised at the event this year.

The proceeds are disbursed in the form of cash to PWA's who are enrolled in local assistance programs; the recipients are encouraged to spend it on themselves as a present from the Houston community.

"Her Majesty, Lady Victoria Lust of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star" celebrated her fifth anniversary of hosting the seasonal event this year, said court members. "Victoria hopes that this small gesture allows some people to see a movie, go out to dinner, buy a gift for themselves...something the a person living with AIDS normally can't afford to do," explained a coordinator.

Coordinators of the event recognized the following groups and businesses for special contributions to the effort: Brazos River Bottom club, Colt 45's of Houston Inc., Dawn of Faith Metropolitan Community Church, Houston Mission Church, Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, Mary's Lounge, The R.S.I.C.O.S.S., Texas Gay Rodeo Association Inc., the Texas Renegades, the Texas Riders, Union Jack, and participants in the PWA Christmas Bartender's Challenge representing the BRB, Cousin's, E/J's, Mary's Naturally, the Montrose Mining Company, the Oasis and the Red Room.

—LIB party

Over 200 women danced at socialized at The Ranch on Thursday, Dec. 19 as Lesbians In Business held its first annual holiday party and membership drive. The event was the first large social for the relatively new organization for, well, lesbians in business and like-minded women. Becky Proler, who organized the party, was recognized at the group's first awards ceremony, held as part of the event.

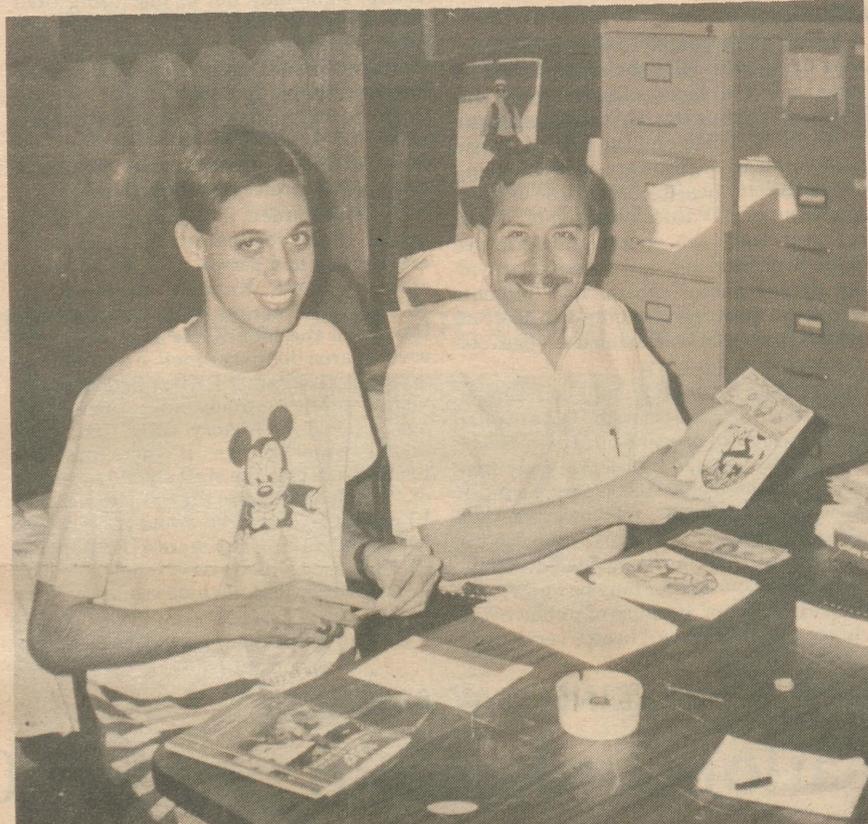
During the ceremony, member Suzanne Anderson presented a plaque of appreciation to Stephanie Scott, who created the concept for LIB. The group also received an award certificate from the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, prior to the introduction of Marianne Pendino who provided comedy entertainment.

Also at the party, over 50 women took advantage of the opportunity to sign up for membership in the group.

LIB is a women's empowerment group with a business focus that began meeting in June. Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at INNOVA, 20 Greenway Plaza. For more information call (713) 529-0077.

—NLA toy drive, anniversary

The National Leather Association: Houston this holiday season conducted what members hope will be an annual event, the Toy Drive for Kids Living With AIDS. The drive concluded last Saturday, Dec. 21, and toys were taken to Cornerstone House, a day care center at 200 Thorn, this week. Cornerstone is the only day care in the city for children who are HIV positive or living with AIDS. The center cares for about 45 children.



Colt 45's Dennis Huback and "Spook" Lewellen help stuff cards with Christmas Green for Houston PWA's. This year, Lady Victoria Lust's annual "PWA Christmas" fundraiser netted over \$4,000

The children will each receive separate toys and others will be given to the center for general use, said Dean Walrad, NLA:Houston president. "We...would like to thank all those who contributed and helped make Christmas for some often forgotten, but very deserving children a bit more fulfilling," he said.

The group recognized the following for special support: The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star and Bill O'Rourke, whose show raised \$150 for toys; the businesses which served as collection points (Leather By Boots, Brazos River Bottom and E/J's); the owner, employees and patrons of Bacchus II and Viva Knight (NLA: Houston's Mistress of Leather '92) of Bacchus, the largest collection point; Jay and Bob of 710 Pacific Street, who offered free cover at P.S. in exchange for toys; David Szyal and staff at the Venture-N, and the V-N based clubs, Texas Riders and Wolf Pack; and Bill Pearse of Basic Brothers, who donated his late lover's teddy bear collection.

In other news from NLA:Houston, the group announced details of its first anniversary. Jan. 17, 18 and 19 has been set as

NLA:H Anniversary Weekend I, 1992. The schedule begins Friday, Jan. 17 with "Houston's Hot III '92: A Night In Black Leather," a cocktail party hosted by members. Saturday afternoon, the organization will hold the Leather Symposium, a three hour workshop covering aspects of the leather lifestyle. Open to the public, this event will feature guest speakers, including the out of town guests from other chapters, Walrad said. On Saturday night, NLA:H will sponsor "Leather Entertain You Night at the V-N" featuring special entertainment and guest leather celebrities, including National Gay and Lesbian Task Force executive director Urvashi Vaid; Dusty Logan, The Leather Journal's Man of the Year 1989; Mr. Leather Arizona and Advocate Man model Dino Rosie. Woody Bebout, Mr. Drummer '91 and Mark Frazier, Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer '91 have also been asked to participate. Entertainment will include singing, dancing and fantasy presentations.

On Sunday, various local groups will host cocktail parties and a bar run, starting with brunch and "running" through Steak at the BRB. All events are free and open to all.



NLA:Houston concluded its first annual Toy Drive for Kids Living With AIDS Saturday, Dec. 21. Members called the drive a success and say it will be an annual event

▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Dallas-area student group demands more information about sex

PLANO, Texas, Sunday, Dec. 22 (AP)—Cries for in-school AIDS education are sounding loudly from Students for Safer Sex, a new and fast-growing group at Plano Senior High School.

The group, which has about 40 members, was formed after the Plano school board decided in November to ban classroom condom demonstrations. Its goal is to have the lessons reinstated.

"It's a matter of saving lives," said Amy Egert, a senior. "I want to see my classmates at my 10-year and my 20-year reunion."

The condom demonstrations involved

biology teachers rolling the devices out on extended fingers or test tubes. The lessons were banned by the school board after about 10 parents and their attorney complained.

At a subsequent meeting, the board appointed a committee to review the AIDS curriculum and compile a report by January.

So AIDS education in the district is on hold for now, and that worries some of the students.

"At senior registration this year, I counted eight or nine girls who were pregnant or with children," Miss Egert

said. "If they're not going to abstain from sex, we need to teach them to take care of themselves."

While researching the district's banned curriculum, group members said, they realized how little they knew about condoms.

Principal Doyle Dean said he doesn't oppose the group, which meets at the school but isn't considered an official school organization.

"We're trying to teach students to make decisions and look at every facet of a problem," he said. "I don't think you're ever harmed by an honest discussion."

The group's meetings have required teen-agers to do something some adults have trouble with: Talk openly about sex.

Members have largely taken a clinical approach to the topic and mention terms such as ejaculation and menstruation with apparent ease. They also are able to describe the behavior of the AIDS virus, likely transmission routes and the latest AIDS statistics.

"It's kind of weird to talk about it clinically," said Kevin, a senior. "It's not like locker-room talk. You don't talk about AIDS in the locker room."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Flu vaccines producing false results on AIDS tests, health officials say

By DEBORAH MESCE FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 18 (AP)—Prospective blood donors who recently received a flu vaccine have been registering false positive on three screening tests, including one for the AIDS virus, federal health officials said Wednesday.

The officials, however, emphasized that

the false positive results pose no risk to the blood supply, since such implicated blood is not used. And, they said, the flu vaccine itself carries no risk of infection with the AIDS virus.

Although some flu-vaccinated blood donors tested positive, further testing showed that they were not infected with the human immunodeficiency virus-type 1, the most

common AIDS virus in the United States, or either of two others for which they initially tested positive—hepatitis C and human-T-lymphotropic virus-type 1, which causes a form of leukemia.

While the false positive reactions "may pose some inconvenience to blood donors and blood establishments, they represent no risk to the safety of the blood supply,"

said Dr. James Mason, assistant secretary for health in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Mason also assured that "the flu vaccine is safe. Flu vaccination does not carry risk of these diseases, and it is important that people for whom flu vaccine is recommended continue to receive it because this is shaping up to be a bad winter for the flu."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Austin flood threatens gay bookstore, Maxey's office; No major damage

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

Liberty Books, a gay and lesbian bookstore, and campaign offices of noted gay activist-turned-State Rep. Glen Maxey were among several businesses, homes and offices damaged in the floods visiting Texas last weekend. On Friday night (Dec. 20), vicious thunderstorms dumped up to five inches of rain on an already waterlogged Austin.

While the rains caused widespread flooding, deaths and hundreds of evacuations throughout Austin and Texas,

Liberty and Maxey's campaign office escaped with relatively minor damage.

At 8:30 p.m., said Kip Dollar, co-owner of Liberty Books, "...a fireman told us that they expected Shoal Creek to crest at six feet above flood stage. I came to say goodbye to the store."

Friday's rain brought back memories of Austin's 1981 Memorial Day Flood that left 13 people dead. In that flood, the Whole Foods Market, located at 10th and Lamar, was nearly destroyed under eight feet of water. Liberty Books is located at 11th and Lamar.

Next door, State Rep. Glen Maxey said he was working late, "as always." He had spent most of Thursday afternoon moving furniture and computers into his new campaign office. Friday night he found himself moving the computers back out to the car.

After Maxey secured his office he came over to help out Johnson and Dollar. Maxey moved the books up from the bottom shelves while the others sandbagged the front door. As they worked Johnson joked that the flood must have been caused by "the Republi-

cans."

"We were very lucky," said Toby Johnson, Dollar's partner. "The most water we ever received was four inches." No major damage was sustained by either of these businesses. With typical gay humor Johnson remarked, "Our carpet is now an even color!"

The store opened a couple of hours late on Saturday to allow the staff to tidy up. By Saturday afternoon a crowd could be heard sloshing about, shopping for last minute Christmas gifts.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

D.C. gay activists allege assault by city council member

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 21 (AP)—Gay activists and the husband of District of Columbia Council member Wilhelmena Rolark are reporting different versions of a scuffle outside the Rolarks' house.

The local chapter of the activist group Queer Nation claims Calvin Rolark in-

terrupted their Christmas caroling Friday night and assaulted Queer Nation member Tim McCarthy.

"Rolark went after, swung at and hit McCarthy," a statement issued by Queer Nation said.

Rolark claims he didn't touch anyone. According to Rolark, the group gath-

ered outside his Southeast Washington home and noisily protested his wife's opposition to repealing sodomy laws.

Rolark said when the group refused his request to leave, he approached a member holding a camera.

"He backed up when he saw I was attempting to take the camera," Rolark

said. "At no time did I assault him."

Rolark said he called police, but the group left before police arrived.

Queer Nation said assault charges were filed with police, but Sgt. Billie Hill said there was no record of the charges.

Hill said an offense report had been taken, but declined to comment on it.



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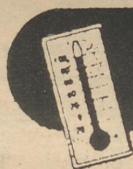


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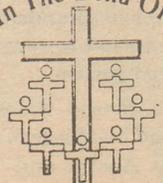
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—RONALD RAY WALKER
Ronald Ray Walker, 42, died Thursday evening, Dec. 10, at home with his friend and companion, Lynn, by his bedside.
Born in Jacksonville, Texas, he was a man of varied talents, including concert pianist and composer. He lived in Houston for 15 years, before moving to Mexico in 1986. He was involved in musical composition and starting an import-export business when illness forced him back to Houston in late spring of 1990.
He was a man of wit and humor, with a gentle soul full of kindness and compassion. He brought a sense of joy wherever he went.
Survivors include relatives in Jacksonville and Palestine: Lynn, John and other friends in Houston; and special friends Pat in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Regina, Tomas and many other friends in Ajijic, Mexico.
His remains were cremated and interred between the graves of his parents in Jacksonville. Graveside memorial services are pending.
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▼▼▼ DATELINE TEXAS

El Paso lesbians and gays organize amid threats and intimidation

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

Despite threats and intimidation, gay and lesbian activists courageously continue to organize in El Paso. This is the assessment of Laurie Eiserloh of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby.

In an interview with The New Voice, Eiserloh told of her experiences during a recent trip. She was invited to El Paso by local community leaders to assist in the organizing of the newly formed Southwest Human Rights League.

"The lesbian/gay activists that I met in El Paso are very impressive and courageous individuals. On the first night of my visit I met with the board members of the newly formed organizations. The individuals are young, enthusiastic and organized. They are also racially, culturally, ideologically and politically diverse so that the interests of all, or most, of El Paso's community will be represented." Eiserloh said that these individuals were focused on local issues of importance, which included police brutality, HIV/AIDS issues, immigration issues, employment discrimination and civil rights.

According to long time El Paso gay activist Glen Carlson, El Paso's political progress has been hampered by several factors. "We are isolated from the rest of Texas ... we are closer to Phoenix than we

are to Austin. We are also the fifth poorest city in the U.S. ... people are unlikely to come out as gay if they are working a minimum wage job, and fear being fired and being unable to find work." He also postulated that the strong influence of the Hispanic/Catholic culture inhibits the progress of gay and lesbian rights. "People here are comfortable being gay on the weekends."

Eiserloh's visit was covered prominently by the El Paso Post, the major newspaper, over the public objections by some members of the editorial staff. Included in the story was information about a gay fundraising dinner to be held at a local restaurant, the Box Lunch Tea Room. After the story ran the owner of the restaurant received several threatening phone calls, including one that said, "I hope (the restaurant) blows up."

"Everything seemed all right until the guests started to arrive with the food," Eiserloh said. The restaurant was only providing the space. "Then she (the owner) became hostile, asking (the gay/lesbian activists) what her 'real' customers would say about the meeting. The owner then reportedly refused to let the meeting proceed."

"The organizers explained to her that gay and lesbian people are real customers," Eiserloh said, noting that the local community had been very supportive of

this restaurant. Since the owner was not moved, the meeting was. Organizers quickly relocated to the El Paso MCC, located several blocks away.

The owner of the Box Lunch Tea Room could not be reached for comment.

Although they left a sign at the restaurant stating that the dinner's location had been changed, Laurie is certain some individuals missed the sign and thought the meeting had been canceled. The meeting eventually began while members of the community stood guard outside the door of the church.

"The organization of the event, despite all the setbacks, was impeccable. They managed to prepare dinner for fifty people using one microwave (they had planned to use the ovens at the restaurant). Following the dinner community service awards were presented to several guests. People asked about legislative issues and seemed enthusiastic about out future work."

A tense moment occurred as the meeting was winding down. "Two large guys came in and stood threateningly by the front door with their hands under their flannel jackets. Because of all the threats that we had received everyone was edgy. We explained to them that this was a private party and that they would have to leave. Neither one responded ... I was very nervous. The MCC in El Paso is a store front

and there were no escape routes."

Finally one of the local organizers spoke to the men in Spanish. They replied in Spanish, asking if there was any food. The men apparently had noticed activity in the church and came in seeking food and warmth. Relieved that they were not going to be attacked, the organizers shared the remaining food with the men.

Eiserloh found a message in the evening's events. "Fear leads to many inappropriate behaviors, whether it is denying food to the hungry or back—stabbing fellow members of the lesbian and gay community. Oppression is the same whether it is manifested against gay and lesbian people, undocumented workers, women, minorities, PWA's or any disempowered individuals. As gay and lesbian people the most diverse minority in this country, our issues are very broad based. We must understand the connection between all issues of oppression. Instead of fighting each other and other oppressed people, it is time for us to fight the bigoted individuals who cause us to live our lives in fear and in the closet."

Further information about the Southwest Human Rights League can be obtained by contacting Laura Macintosh at (915) 544-1066.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

Resolve to celebrate New Year at one or more of these great party places



Lady Victoria is getting ready for the Christmas show

By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

Hello, Houston! Let the champagne flow—we made it through another year, it's 1992. (Well, at least it will be, on Wednesday!)

Have you thought of all those resolutions you're going to make and break yet? Mine are basically the same year after year, so just to be different, I'm not going to make any resolutions and see if I can form some beneficial habits.

One of my favorite resolutions was always, "I will work out at least four times a week at the gym." Well, one year I managed to work out once a week and use the sauna twice a week. The next year we forgot the "r" in "work" and "wok-ed" out four times a week. I wasn't getting muscles but my diet was considerably better and I couldn't eat Chinese food for a year or two after that. The next year I bought an executive membership at the gym, but only went once that year. Honestly, I'm afraid to go back 'cause I just know when they scan my card the

computer is going to start beeping and the desk clerk will laugh and announce that another New Year's slob has come back!

But seriously, I hope to un-resolve to work out more this year—or maybe I'll just buy Cher's new exercise video and watch her do it for me. Yeah—that's the ticket—Dwight, pop the popcorn, honey, Cher's warmin' up!

For you bar goers, resolve to be one of the first 500 to arrive at Pacific Street (the club) and you'll be treated to a keep-sake souvenir. And once again Allen, the big chested, hunky mystery model, will dance with Caged Heat/Men Behind Bars. The party continues New Year's Day.

Or resolve to go by Gentry on New Year's Eve for their Odyssey '92 party with hats, horns, and favors with champagne at midnight, and/or black eyed peas, corn bread and bowl games will be served up at noon on New Year's Day and Wet Jockey Shorts at 10:00 p.m.



Texas Riders and NLA provided grab bags at the Venture-N last Saturday night.



Go by and see the friendly faces at Missouri Street, some of which are pictured here

For you wild and crazy guys and gals, resolve to be at Mary's for Leggs and Eggs on New Year's Day in the morning, with the DRAG-on Show at 8:00 a.m. Mary's will be open 24 hours on New Year's Eve-Day! That's a new twist.

Or maybe you could resolve to pop your cork at the Venture-N on New Year's Eve, where the champagne will be fizzing and everyone will be blowing their horns come midnight. Happy New Year to David and the gang, and a very special greeting and Happy New Year's goes out to Big Jim, who has now opened Venture-N/Tucson in Arizona. Maybe you could resolve to go see the gang at the Venture's new bar in Tucson for a vacation in the desert.

If you're one of the country cousins you could resolve to be at BRB for the New Year's Eve Black and White Party. There's a \$5 cover with champagne and

favors and breakfast at 2:00 a.m. for those who are not in the hay yet. And then the annual buffet will be in the side bar on New Year's Day.

Female partiers might well resolve to go by Juliet's—a really fun bar on Richmond for New Year's. Juliet's is offering a catered gourmet buffet, with champagne, favors, etc. and reservations are being accepted now.

And speaking of reservations, I have a few about Vera's dirt for this week...

Bert (BRB), Vera tells us she's heard your body is shutting down. Just what part?

JR, is it true you can fix a seven course dinner with only one ingredient—a quart of vodka?

Little Joe (BRB), someone told Vera they overheard you telling a customer "I may be small but I have a big stick."

We also have dirt from other secret sources this week. One wants to inform Ricky (BRB) that since he's out of town the staff's ears can now scab up and heal over. "The mouth is in North Carolina." But can it drown out Jesse Helms?

Since Christmas is Mark McCoy's birthday, will he be the full buffet or just the dessert? Or will he lay on the pool table so everyone can give him his birthday spankings? Inquiring minds want to know!

Brucella! What's this we hear about you ... John ... moving to Corpus Christi?

That's about it for now. Enjoy the New Year's and make some serious resolutions to play safe and be safe, and be with us for '93.



Marsha Carlton and Theresa Maunet put on quite a show at Missouri Street Station

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Evan was Leather Santa and Colt his little helper at P.S.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

*Speakers say AIDS plan vague, want to see budget & time line*By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

The first draft of a long range HIV/AIDS plan for the Houston area was released Monday, Dec. 16 by the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, but speakers at public forums held two days later criticized the plan as incomplete. They said the planners assessed the need and identified problem areas, but should have gone a step further.

The GHAA is struggling to meet a January deadline, by which Houston must have the first phase of a comprehensive HIV plan in place to continue to qualify for federal "Ryan White" funds. Houston has never had such a plan.

The 47-page document produced by the Alliance's Planning Task Force and University of Texas School of Public Health listed 54 critical issues and 77 recommendations, but critics at the community meetings—including board and advisory member of GHAA and the Ryan White HIV Planning Council—seemed more concerned about what the plan did not contain.

Mo Jones, who represents the "gay and at risk" community on the Ryan White panel, said the plan lacked details on or a budget for implementation of the recommended actions, as well as a time frame for discussion. The omission of a time frame is unacceptable, he said, because "it fosters the concept of 'business as usual'."

"We need a plan that recognizes a sense of urgency rather than business as usual," Jones said. "I detect no such recognition in this plan. To that extent, the plan is non-responsive to our needs and is fatally flawed as a tool for effectively responding to the epidemic."

Jones said that the recommendations should be prioritized so that specific plans of action may be developed accordingly,

adding that he found most of the recommendations to be "so vague as to be meaningless although well-intentioned."

Another speaker, Anthony Rios, said the plan "does not address ending the AIDS epidemic" in Houston because its recommendations are based on current conditions rather than projected needs.

"It is a plan for the future based on the present," he said. "This document is (also) based on traditional health care models...and HIV is not a traditional health care problem."

Critics also said language in the plan is not specific enough, as in a recommendation to advocate for change in state statutes and rules affecting education and counseling. Alliance board member Brian Bradley questioned why Texas Penal Code Sect. 21.06 and the "AIDS omnibus law" were not specifically mentioned as hindrances to education efforts. "It's vague. I want it to be didactic," he said of the plan. "I want it to say exactly what we need...I take exception with the language (and) I take great exception with the fact that there isn't a sense of urgency."

Others complained that specific needs of certain groups were not properly considered. Two speakers from the Hispanic AIDS Coalition charged the Alliance has discounted the importance of culturally sensitive outreach and services to the Hispanic community.

Amy Webb criticized the plan's failure to address the issues of women with HIV, which she called a critical omission under current statistical projections showing women to be the fastest growing population with HIV.

Jay Slemmer, president of PWA Coalition/Houston, asked that planners consider the continuing and long-term issues of HIV-positive individuals after testing and counseling, and assure that outreach is

not fragmented and reaches every population.

Several speakers also urged that community involvement be aggressively encouraged in the prioritization and implementation process and expressed concern that the plan be developed as an active tool, not just to satisfy the Ryan White requirement.

Community-wide recommendations in the GHAA plan include the following:

—Efforts should be taken at the national, state and local level to assure prohibition of discrimination against people with AIDS and HIV.

—An AIDS Clinical Trial Unit (ACTU) should be established in the Texas Medical Center.

—Efforts should be made to establish better understanding of and cooperation with special populations affected by HIV.

—Efforts should be made to improve or establish an area-wide planning council to coordinate and direct needs assessment, priority setting, programming efforts and funding.

—Advisory committees should be established to (1) review data sources and reporting mechanisms and (2) identify ways to document the expertise of other communities to streamline programs, services and monitoring.

Sue Cooper, executive director of the Alliance, said Houston would be eligible for \$4 million in federal funds next year. She said that the Alliance and Ryan White Planning Council will be working together on funding for priorities identified in the long-term plan. However, she emphasized the distinction between the two planning processes, noting that the Ryan White panel addresses funding for only one year at a time.

Robert Falletti, a member of the Planning Task Force, noted the January dead-

line was only to meet the federal requirement, and said that opportunities for community input into the process would continue.

—AIDS education resolution passes

In related news, GHAA passed a resolution Thursday, Dec. 19, stating that AIDS awareness and education are vitally important aspects in the fight against AIDS and calling on school districts, health and medical institutions, social service and government agencies and religious and community settings to provide education programs. The resolution, which passed by a vote of 12-1, also states that condoms should be made available in schools as part of an overall education program on preventing the spread of AIDS.

Alliance board member Bill Eide, who cast the sole vote against the resolution, had previously sent a letter to board members urging that they remove the reference to condoms before adopting the statement. The letter was accompanied by reports from a conservative columnist and the Washington based "Family Research Council" about the failure rate of condoms. In his letter, Eide stated, "...the Alliance should not take a position which might appear to imply that condom usage is a 'panacea.'"

Members of the board's "gay and at risk" caucus balked at the support documents from the conservative groups and the fact that statistics on the failure rate of condoms, but not adolescent and post-adolescent HIV or the failure rate of programs aimed at preventing teen sex, were provided.

Before the vote, the resolution was amended to state that educational programs in schools should emphasize sexual abstinence to prevent the spread of HIV.

▼ ▼ ▼ FILM REVIEW

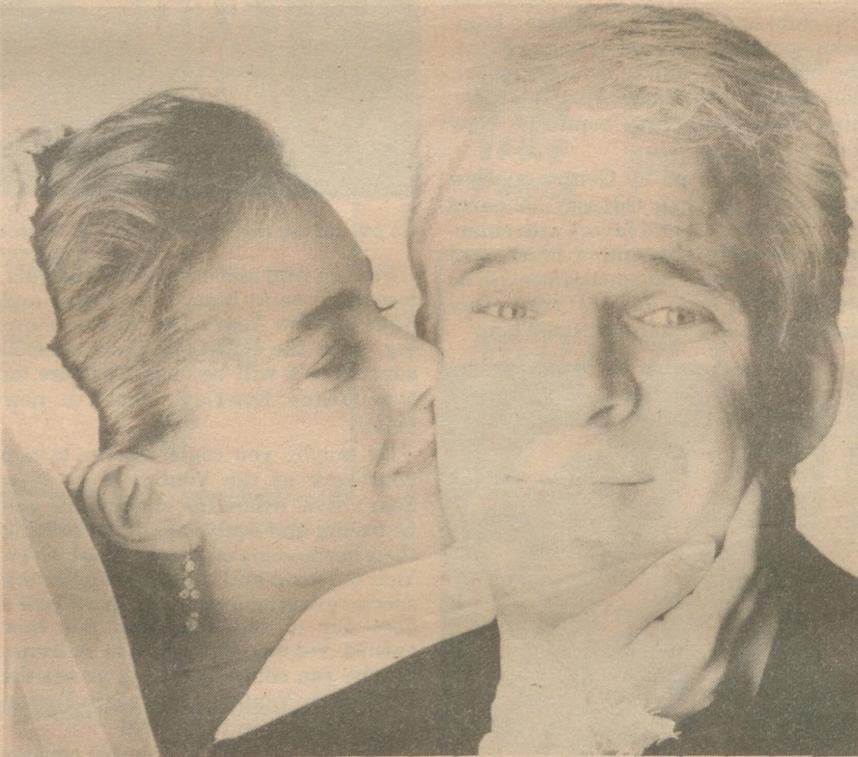
*'Father of the Bride'--a pretty good remake, headed for the video list*By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

If weddings make you emotional, then take your hankie to "Father of the Bride," the Touchstone Pictures remake of the 50's classic by the same name.

The father could not have been played better in the '91 update than it was by Steve Martin. Martin, who is best known for his comic genius in earlier films such as "The Jerk" or "All of Me," has mellowed with age like a fine wine. Instead of relying on an all out barrage of one liners and pratfalls, he plays the loving but neurotic father convincingly. Martin seems as comfortable with this role as was Spencer Tracy in the 1950's version. But Steve Martin has a gift for the great art of facial expression and works this to the film's advantage with some wonderfully funny close-ups, and with precision timing. All in all, he comes across as the father many young bride would love to have.

As for the blushing bride, she's played by Kimberly Williams, a screen newcomer and undergrad at Northwestern University. Williams is equally as radiant as the bride original, Elizabeth Taylor, and brings a special innocence to the role that Taylor lacked. To exemplify the closeness between father and daughter, the director staged some classic games of one on one basketball between the two; these help the viewer understand why Daddy hates to admit his little girl is grown up enough to leave him.

Diane Keaton does great as Mom and



Steve Martin isn't losing a daughter (Kimberly Williams, left), he's gaining a wild and crazy mid-life crisis in "Father of the Bride"

looks better than I can recall her from previous movie roles. She and Martin have an on-screen rapport so natural it

the flustered pace of the other actors in this film.

At first I was insulted by the cliché of the "overly animated" obviously gay wedding consultant, but his characterization will grow on you. Played by Martin Short, "Franck" must have had a great time reciting lines with a very thick accent of undetermined origin. Franck will be another in a growing list of memorable character played by Short on SCTV and Saturday Night Live and in movies (like his Ed Grimley, the lovable nerd).

"Father of the Bride" is directed by Charles Shyer, who co-wrote the screenplay with his wife, Nancy Meyers. This teaming has produced other well-received family comi-dramas, including "Private Benjamin," "Irreconcilable Differences" and more recently "Baby Boom."

With great cinematography by John Lindley ("Field of Dreams"), costumes by Susan Becker ("Baby Boom"), music by Alan Silvestri ("The Abyss") and talent and effort supplied by the rest of the crew and cast, this film is sure to be on many movie-goers "I've got to get the video" list.

Except for a slow start and the casting of another Culkin child (Kieran, MacCauley's younger brother) as the son, this was a solid movie. Some remakes don't really make the grade when the film is in the can, but I'd give "Father of the Bride" a "B-plus" on my holiday movie report card.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Tennessee doctors say they may not report positive AIDS tests

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Wednesday, Dec. 18 (AP)—A survey found four of five primary care doctors in Tennessee support a new rule requiring positive AIDS tests be reported to the state, but others say patient confidentiality is more important.

The regulation becomes effective Jan.

1. It requires doctors to report the names of people who test positive for the HIV virus, which causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome, to state health officials. Testing currently can be done anonymously.

Even though a state survey earlier this year found that 80 percent of primary

care doctors support the rule, two former presidents of the Nashville Academy of Medicine say they may not follow it. The academy is a medical society.

Dr. Robert Ikard, a general surgeon who was academy president in 1981, said he understands the state is trying to chart the spread of AIDS more accurate-

ly.

But he said, "if I had a patient who was not participating in sex, who did not have habits which would represent a threat to anyone, and whose livelihood and reputation might be harmed by reporting (the) name, I might look the other way."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

African AIDS virus variation offers clues in search for vaccine

By MICHELLE FAUL

FOR THE NEW VOICE

DAKAR, Senegal (AP)—A less virulent strain of the AIDS virus discovered in Africa appears to act more slowly, promising important clues in the search for a vaccination against the deadly disease, scientists say.

African researchers at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS in Africa complained that the virus, HIV-2, has been largely ignored by their Western counterparts because victims were African.

"The world has become too small for this. The same effort must be made for the treatment and vaccination of these two viruses," said Professor Souleymane Mboup, the Senegalese conference chairperson who was on the team that discovered the African strain.

Americans and Africans working on

the HIV-2 project said it could answer questions about HIV-1, the virus plaguing the West.

"Because the HIV-2 virus has distinctive immunobiologic properties, vaccine development with this virus will also yield important information to help the development of an effective HIV-1 vaccine," Max Essex, chairperson of the Harvard AIDS Institute in Boston, said told conference participants Thursday.

Harvard University scientists have been working with Mboup at the University of Dakar, in the capital of this West African nation, in collaboration with the University of Tours and the University of Limoges in France.

They presented papers based on a study of 353 prostitutes in Senegal. Mboup said the African strain has existed for decades longer than HIV-1.

"HIV-1 people appear to have been in-

fecting a long time after HIV-2 people yet they die earlier, their health deteriorates more quickly," Dr. Tidiane Siby, one of Mboup's team, said in an interview.

"Though we discovered HIV-2 in 1985, it is only this year that we have forced Western scientists as a body to believe our studies that show the progression of the disease is much slower and very different from HIV-1," he said.

Both strains of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome in Africa behave differently, attacking men, women and children without discrimination and infecting mainly through heterosexual sex.

Papers presented to the conference said HIV-1 was transmitted more easily through sexual contact and more rapidly than HIV-2. There appeared to be almost no transmission of HIV-2 from mother to child, while at least 30 percent

of pregnant women with HIV-1 pass the disease to their children.

"This is exactly what we wanted to find," said Dr. Phyllis Tanki, a Harvard virologist. "If we can identify what makes one go faster than the other, perhaps we can retard the progress to try to find the critical part of the virus that causes the disease."

She suggested an analogy with cowpox, a slower-acting version of smallpox that produced the world's first vaccine.

Siby said little research has been pursued on HIV-2 because it is found almost exclusively in West Africa, among some of the world's poorest nations.

The Senegalese study was able to produce consistent results because prostitution is legal in the West African nation and women who want licenses showing them free from disease must have medical checkups each month, Siby said.

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

Director & co-author Isaac Julien talks about 'Young Soul Rebels'

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

Isaac Julien is the director as well as the co-author, along with Paul Hallam and Dirrick Saldana McClintock, of the British film "Young Soul Rebels" currently flickering on the screens of American movie houses.

The film, set in 1977 London, tells of a pair of soul brothers with a love for funky sounds and a pirate radio station they dream of jockeying into fame and fortune. One, Chris (Valentine Nonyela) is "straight" and one, Caz (Mo Sesay) is gay. Both are black.

Their neighborhood is a proper British backdrop of white/black tension. Chris has a white mother. Both have punkish, white, post-school "friends" who are barely intelligent enough to clink beer bottles together while dangling their boots over the stone wall where they idly sit, watching life pass.

One of those nascent skinheads chunks a bottle onto the empty head of Caz's white boyfriend, Billibud (Jason Burr), who is mindlessly trying to pass out anti-establishment literature to proudly beaming loyalists at the neighborhood street fair for the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Whites are not depicted as naysayers in this film. If that offends your sense of political correctness you might want to skip this one. In truth, a lot of whites are not any too smart and are still (self?) perceived as leadership material.

If a snazzy, sexy cineplay about the Eng-

lish/black perspective on this interests you, then "Young Soul Rebels" will fill your bill nicely.

Beyond its politics—which makes a colorful backdrop clamoring to upstage the plot—the film is a murder mystery and a pretty good one. (I won't tell the story and spoil it). A word of warning, the accents are heavy and not always clear to the American ear. The photography is good, however, and at times excellent. What can be understood, along with the visual message, will likely carry you along well enough.

In a recent conversation with Isaac Julien in New York City, he responded to my criticism that the movie's sex-scenes were abortive by saying: "We never seem to get enough, do we? We always want to see more, don't we?"

His favorite scenes? IJ: "The sex scene between Caz and Billibud, you wanted more of." And a rather charming argument between Chris's girlfriend Tracy (Sophie Okonedo) and

dumb-but-beautiful Billibud over "Twenty quid T-shirts proclaiming commitment to revolution!" In this case the revolution proclaimed is that of the inalienable rights of two gay men, overly endowed by their Creator and fully displayed on the T-shirt in question and in a quick flash on the screen.

Julien picked 1977 as the film's setting because, "That was my teenage years, and the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee, a high point in English nationalism. It was



Valentine Nonyela, left and Mo Sesay are the "Young Soul Rebels" in the British film making the rounds of American theaters. This movie documents the gay aspect of the 1970's black youth underground

a time sort of prophetic of what is coming about in Europe today, a rise in nationalism and a re-drawing of political lines at the same time old psyche boundaries are being resurrected."

Julien observed that the gay movement during this period is even less documented than poorly documented British/black funk. His film sets out to make a personal record of both and does a fine job of the task.

IJ: "The film sort of forces people to confront where they were then."

Now, Isaac Julien is in the United States promoting the film, and at the University of Minnesota as an International John McNight Artist in Residence.

New film projects? IJ: "The story of Roger Casement. Casement kept sexually explicit diaries that led to his hanging after prosecution by the same lawyer who prosecuted Oscar Wilde. The diaries are still

banned, you have to read them in the British museum with a guard watching." LEJ: "Pee Wee Herman need not apply, I guess."

Julien was on a working holiday in New York City, considering and rejecting a Christmas week visit to New Orleans.

IJ: "I'm going to Puerto Rico instead because it is warmer. I do want to visit New Orleans, though." LEJ: "Maybe in March, for Mardi Gras?"

I told Julien about the newly passed New Orleans ordinance to integrate private clubs and Carnival krewes. LEJ: "How about the film treatment of you as the first black Rex and Dorothy Mae Taylor, the black councilwoman leading the fight, as Queen of Comus?" IJ: "Sounds interesting, send it to me."

("Young Soul Rebels" is currently showing at Canal Place Cinema in New Orleans and at River Oaks 3 Theatre in Houston).

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Man shot, killed after struggle at Charlie's Restaurant

A 26-year-old parolee was shot to death after arguing and scuffling physically with three employees at Charlie's Restaurant, 1102 Westheimer, reportedly over a slice of cheesecake on the man's food bill. The incident occurred at about 3:00 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

Thomas James Ray died after being shot by the night kitchen manager, Juan Juanopolis, whom he had threatened to kill, according to Houston Police Department Homicide investigators R.G. Parish and D.E. Calhoun.

Police and witnesses said a customer argued with a waitress over an item on

his bill and then became belligerent, refusing to pay and attempting to leave. He reportedly scuffled with the floor manager, who was able to prevent him from leaving. He then became increasingly angry and was confronted by Juanopolis, who had a pistol in his back pocket. Juanopolis told Ray he could not leave, and a physical struggle began between the two. Ray reportedly became irate on noticing the gun, and threatened to kill Juanopolis.

According to the police report, Juanopolis then retreated to the kitchen, and was followed by Ray, who again

threatened him. Ray jumped over the counter and chased Juanopolis through the kitchen area to the bar area of the restaurant, shouting threats. Juanopolis drew the pistol from his back pocket and fired once, police said. Ray then staggered around the counter and collapsed in front of the counter, where he died.

Other witnesses gave a different account, however, saying the man had offered to pay the bill if one item—a piece of cheesecake that he said was bad—was taken off the bill. These customers said Ray did not become enraged until

the employees physically blocked him from leaving.

Juanopolis reportedly was taken to the police station and questioned about the gun, but no charges were filed. The owner/manager of the restaurant declined comment, noting that he was not at the restaurant when the incident occurred.

Ray had been sentenced in February to four years in prison on burglary charges, but was released on parole after two months. A warrant for parole violation had been issued for him last month, police said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Greenwich village site of only high school especially for gays

By VERENA DOBNIK

FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Sunday, Dec. 15 (AP)—Like most of his 29 classmates, M. Paul found refuge at a single-classroom high school on the Hudson. He says he was driven out of his previous school in Cincinnati because he was different.

"They screamed 'faggot!' at me, bashed my head into the toilet, and burned my arm with a cigarette lighter," he said, displaying scars from what he described as an attack by classmates two years ago.

For M. Paul, a 17-year-old with bleached blond hair, his new school is quite different from the last one. It's the Harvey Milk School in Greenwich Village, the only school in the world set up specifically for gay and lesbian students.

Squeezed between an auto mechanic's garage and a shop that sells Chinese crafts, the school's red, metal front door opens to a narrow, scuffed staircase. The single classroom is on the third floor.

M. Paul and most of the other students were high school dropouts who risked ridicule, assault, homelessness, AIDS and suicide until they found this school.

They are young men and women "who simply couldn't survive a regular school," says Sherry Zekowski, principal of the Career Education Center, which oversees the school for the Board of Education.

"They were too different," she says.

The school has 30 students, 25 boys and five girls, ages 15 to 21. Some are from faraway places such as Argentina, Brazil, Guyana, Peru and Puerto Rico. Most come from low-income families and more than half get no money from home. They fend for themselves with odd jobs.

"If you can't make it here, you can't make it nowhere," says Tracey, a shy 20-

year-old man, wearing a skirt, shoulder-length hair, lipstick and a diamond nose stud. Tracey, who prefers to be addressed as a woman, lives with a boyfriend in Brooklyn and hopes to study engineering.

On most days, only about two-thirds of the students show up for class.

On a recent fall morning, 18 students—one girl and 17 boys—were in the small classroom, warmed by an electric space heater. They listened as an admissions official from the City University of New York told them how to apply to college.

Eddy, 18, his half-shaved head of blond-dyed curls graced by round, silver earrings and pink sunglasses, asked how he could fit in as a black college youth:

"When you go to a city college, you see a white cloud and a few black dots. And if you're a gay black dot..."

Later, when Eddy applied lipstick, teacher Monica Fishof admonished him. "Please leave," she said. "No makeup in class."

The school is named in memory of Harvey Milk, the San Francisco city supervisor and gay activist who was shot to death in his office in 1979 by a fellow supervisor.

The school was started in 1985 as part of the Hetrick-Martin Institute in the West Village, named after founders Emery Hetrick, a psychiatrist, and his companion, Damien Martin, a professor of communication at New York University. Both have died of AIDS, Hetrick in 1987 and Martin last August.

With \$1.7 million a year in public and private funds, including \$500,000 from the state, the institute provides social and counseling services, health care and housing to thousands of gay youths driven out of their homes or schools by parents and peers.

Here they call them "clients."

The salaries of the two teachers, Fishof and Fred Goldhaber, are paid from a \$130,000 yearly budget allocated by the Board of Education. It's enough to also pay for a teaching assistant, books and other supplies. But it isn't enough to fix the decaying walls and loose wiring in the schoolroom.

"I think I'm the luckiest teacher in the world. I have kids who really need care and concern and understanding and role models and education," says Goldhaber, 44, who taught English in a public high school in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn for 17 years.

Mr. G, as the kids call him, was absent one morning because of "HIV-related symptoms," he says. Last year, his companion died of AIDS.

At least four of the students also are HIV-positive.

"I'm not good at death," says Fishof, a 34-year-old doctoral candidate with three children of her own.

But she's great at offering the nurturing and hugging some of the young people need.

"They need to know a straight person can love them," she says. "I push the kids hard. I want them to succeed."

All six students graduating this year plan to attend college, she says.

In the year and a half since he came to New York from Ohio, M. Paul has stayed in touch with his mother and grandmother, who, he says, "understand me. Nana Teresa is really great. She sends me newspaper articles about gay issues."

At night, he dresses as a "drag queen," earning money performing at Manhattan's Copacabana and Roxy clubs, where one of his impersonations is of an overweight Ohio housewife with a TV Guide

and a bag of chips. Eventually, M. Paul says, he wants to attend Yale University's drama school.

Shawnpaul, sashaying into class in a green wool coat, his hand perched on his hip, has a different kind of dream. He says he might want to be in the fashion industry, "have a family, move to the countryside and raise my children, send them to private school."

"Most of our students have tried to commit suicide in the past...They're the most disenfranchised population in our society," says Steve Ashkinazy, the director of the school program.

An Orthodox Jew who wears a skull cap at school, he also has fought for gay human rights at his Manhattan synagogue.

Observing the teen-agers laughing and dancing in the hallway, Ashkinazy says, "They belong to an age and risk group that is very AIDS-susceptible."

James, 17, says AIDS is not his big concern, "because here they teach us how to protect ourselves."

James, who was born in Peru and now lives with his mother and stepfather in the Bronx, says he left his previous high school after being stalked by a gang while walking to the bus after school.

"They cornered me and were just about to attack me, when a woman in a car stopped, told me to get in and drove me home," he says.

Frances Kunreuther, the institute director, wishes it didn't have to be this way.

"We don't know if being gay is genetic or environmental, but if schools and families would accept their youngsters as they are, we wouldn't have the institute," she says. "The real tragedy is that we need to exist because children are beaten, thrown out of homes, and taunted by their teachers."

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Switchboard establishes the special new Hate Crimes Hotline

The Gay and Lesbian Hate Crimes Hotline has been established as a project of the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Houston. The phone number for the reporting of gay/lesbian hate crimes is 529-9615. There are trained volunteers staffing this line from 3:00 p.m. to midnight seven days a week.

The switchboard's regular lines at 529-3211 are open during these hours for peer counseling, business referrals, bar information, out of town information and information about organizations in Houston. As new volunteers are trained, the switchboard will expand its hours for better coverage, officers said.

Persons wishing to volunteer, or those who wish to have their business or organization listed with the Switchboard should call 529-6311.

—GLHU New Year's party

Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos will hold its annual "Fiesta Ano Nuevo" (New Year's Party) with door prizes and music by DJ Becky Contreras on Tuesday, Dec. 31. The party begins at 8:00 p.m. at the Stouffer Presidente Hotel, Greenway Plaza.



Artist Scott Bodenheimer, center, with Melting Pot Studio owners David Williamson and Tim Duyka at opening of his show, "Tapestries and Relics," last Friday

Tickets are still available for \$15 presale, or \$18 at the door. For more information, call the GLHU Line, (713) 270-GLHU (leave message).

—Scott Bodenheimer art

show

Melting Pot Studio's last show of 1991 (and first of 1992) opened last Friday, Dec. 20. "Tapestries and Relics" features weavings and frescoes by Houston

artist Scott Bodenheimer.

The show includes 26 titles in a variety of media, priced from \$55—550. It continues through Jan. 20.

Melting Pot Studio, an art space spotlighting the work of gay and lesbian artists, is located at 1508 Westheimer. For hours or information, call (713) 529-0060.

—HMBL awards

Houston Metropolitan Billiards League will hold its awards ceremony for the recently completed season of play on Jan. 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Venture-N.

The top six HMBL teams, who will be recognized at the event, are (with win-loss record): (1) Mary's Force, 15-2; (2) Pick of the Litter, 14-3; (3) Good Guys, 14-3; (4) Briar Patch, 12-5; (5) Precision, 11-6; (6) Jackson Five, 10-7. In individual standings, the top five players are: (1) Carlos Romero, Precision, 45-6; (2) David Smith, Pick of the Litter, 44-7; (3) Joel Reyes, Mary's Force, 36-9; (4) Larry Lentz, Good Guys, 40-11; (5) Roger Pruett, Mary's Force, 38-13.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

Krewe captains uncertain on response to new anti-discrimination rules

NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, Dec. 17 (AP)—The social organizations that sponsor the city's elaborate Carnival parades are in disarray over a proposed city ordinance that would outlaw racial, ethnic and sexual discrimination, a spokesperson for the groups says.

The city council is scheduled on Thursday to consider council member Dorothy Mae Taylor's proposal, which would deny parade permits to Carnival krewes found to be discriminating.

Earlier, several Carnival captains and Mayor Sidney Barthelemy said they would work with Taylor on the ordi-

nance.

Except for a Dec. 4 meeting between Barthelemy, Taylor and several captains, the two sides haven't met since, said captains' spokesperson Beau Bassich, head of the mayor's coordinating committee for Mardi Gras.

Taylor had scheduled a vote on the plan for Dec. 5 but deferred the matter for two weeks after captains requested a seven-day delay. The ordinance is scheduled to be debated by the council Thursday.

The captains asked for time to decide what changes or suggestions they might want to offer. The captains met as a

group last Wednesday, but no action was taken because many still didn't have a copy of the ordinance, Bassich said.

The captains planned to meet as a group again today to try to reach a consensus on how to react.

Bassich said the captains may decide to ask for more time to digest the ordinance, but he isn't hopeful that Taylor will agree. Taylor told a group of captains who addressed the council Dec. 5 that she won't go along with further delays.

Hearing of the captains' inconclusive meeting last week, Taylor said she is an-

noyed that the krewes are still acting as if they don't understand what the measure does.

"This is nothing new," she said. "It is the same ordinance that was introduced in 1988."

Taylor held public hearings in 1988 on an ordinance that she said is identical to the one she introduced this year.

Barthelemy has said he supports a ban on racial and gender discrimination by Carnival krewes and that he would play a mediator's role in bringing the two sides together. But he has been out of town since last week.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Book says actors Laurence Olivier and Danny Kaye were lovers

NEW YORK, Monday, Dec. 16 (AP)—Sir Laurence Olivier and actor Danny Kaye carried on a 10-year romance while Olivier was married to Vivien Leigh and Kaye was married to Sylvia Fine, according to an Olivier biographer.

"It was not really an odd coupling at all," Donald Spoto told The Advocate in its Dec. 31 issue. "Although he was the consum-

mate romantic and tragic actor, Olivier much preferred to be known as a comedian onstage and off. And he loved Kaye's quickness, his intelligence, his sophistication."

Spoto's book "Laurence Olivier: A Biography," will be released in the United States this coming February. It was published last fall in England.

Spoto told The Advocate that "Leigh knew about Kaye, and Olivier knew that she knew." He said Olivier once wrote a letter to Leigh in which he said he hoped that their divorce was not caused by his relationship with Kaye.

Spoto also said that Olivier wrote about his relationship with Kaye in the first draft

of his memoirs, "but he expurgated the material at the behest of his then-wife Joan Plowright." Spoto said he had access to much of the excised material.

Spoto also said Olivier suffered from an extremely painful skin condition called dermatomyositis for the last 23 years of his life. Olivier died in 1989. Kaye died in 1987.



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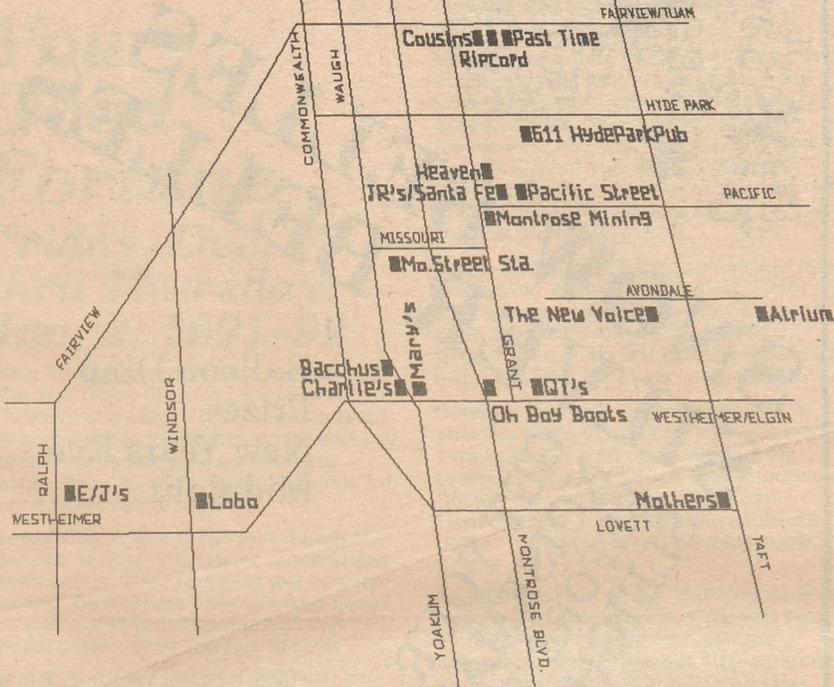
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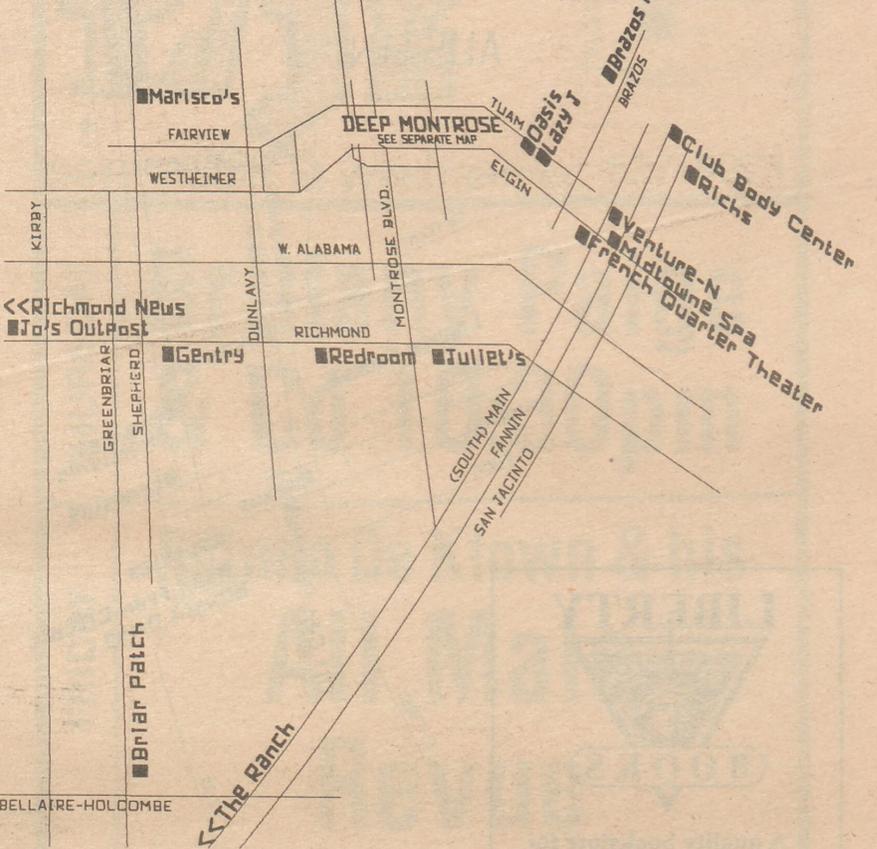
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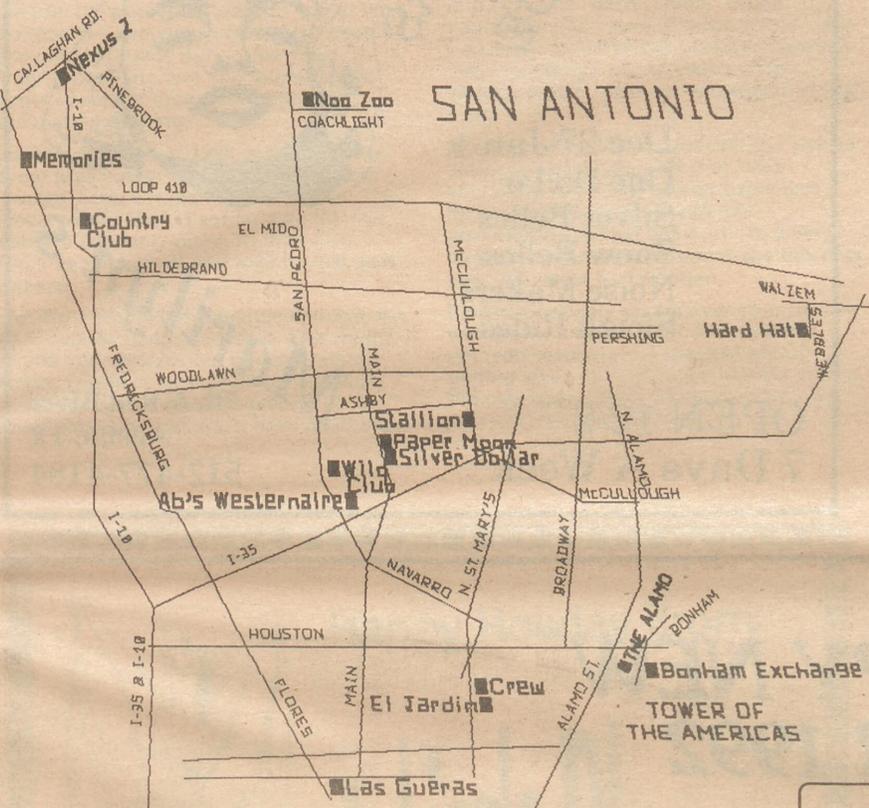
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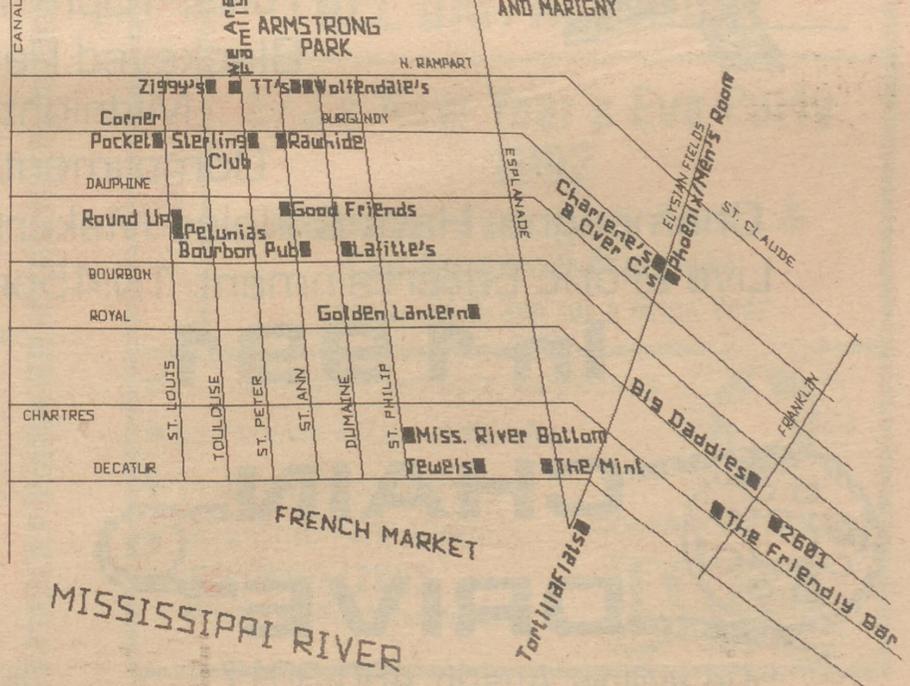
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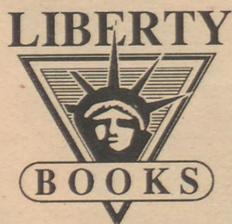
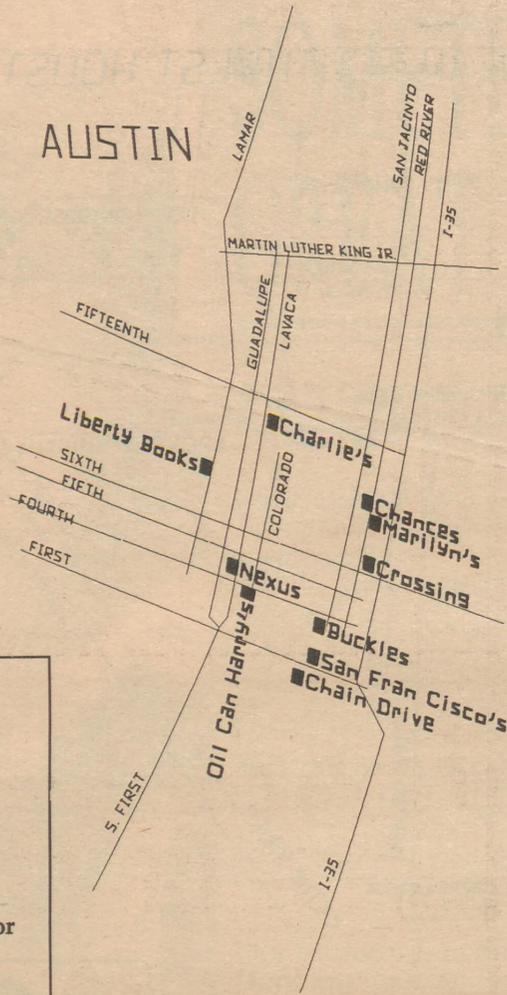
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Friday, Dec. 27 thru Thursday, Jan. 2, 1991-92

Aries: As long as you watch carefully what you say in 1992 you should stay out of trouble and have a good time. In fact, the social scene looks very good, and you should meet some new and exciting people. The key word here is glamour. Play it to the hilt all year.

Taurus: Play it low key at first during the new year without your usual, understated flamboyance. Then romance will be very exciting. Be intimate without being flashy and you just might discover that that special person likes you just for you.

Gemini: Surprise, surprise! 1992 will be full of them, so it's best that you dump most of your plans and just wait and see what happens. You might want to entertain a lot, then suddenly someone will pop up who you'll want to spend time alone with—and vice versa. Also keep a lookout for blonds during the year. They're prowling and you might be the target of one of their generous, stimulating evenings. Enjoy.

Cancer: Stay put in 1992 and watch the home fires suddenly turn into a roaring furnace—and a romantic one at that. The seeds you've been planting over the last year are suddenly going to bear fruit. You'll be stimulated and love it. Just wait and see.

Leo: On a whirlwind romantic splurge, are you? Just be careful about it. This might be one year you should concentrate on darker, candlelit surroundings with that special person, instead of glaring floodlights. Not that you'll have anything

to regret, but why take chances? Besides, you've always preferred those quieter moments away from the maddening crowd, anyway.

Virgo: 1992 will be the time to delve inside your soul again and focus on all those private, romantic dreams—as well as the practical ones. Dreaming gives you balance and the year's fantasies should pay off. Even if you have to instigate them, make them come true. Starting with champagne with a special someone may put you on the right track.

Libra: This new year should see you flying and having a wonderful time at it. Not only will your old friends want to spend more time with you, but that special person in your life will become even more attached. Enjoy the year.

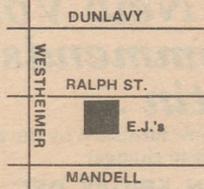
Scorpio: That new personal interest in your life is almost making love a spiritual experience for you—something long overdue. 1992 will be the time to dream of Shangri-la and Xanadu. Those Far Pavilions that you've always sought are not far from your grasp. Dreams come true.

Sagittarius: Your ability to inspire people to do the impossible will make you even more popular in 1992 than you can imagine. You may feel like staying around the homefront, but it shouldn't be too quiet. People are drawn to your charm.

Capricorn: Listen to your quiet heart during this new year and it will lead you into beautiful, warm waters. Dream and you might find yourself there sooner than you think. Don't let the year pass without walking along a sandy beach under a waning moon. Let those romantic feelings loose.

Aquarius: Talk about passion! You will be absolutely seething with it in 1992, scorching the timid, quieter souls and lighting romantic fires with the adventuresome that will burn for a very long time. Impressions you make this new year will never be forgotten.

Pisces: Suddenly you're over your moody, withdrawn times of 1991 and will find yourself reaching out and just about getting what you've always wanted during the new year. It will feel wonderful. And, you will feel even younger.



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Happy hour buffet 5pm, Marilyn's
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, Charlie's

●AUSTIN, SATURDAY, DEC. 28

●AUSTIN, SUNDAY, DEC. 29

Sunday brunch Oil Can Harry's,
Crossing, Marilyn's, Buckles
Pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

Air hockey tourney 9pm, San Fran Cisco's

●AUSTIN, MONDAY, DEC. 30

C&W dance lessons 9pm, Buckles
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's

●AUSTIN, TUESDAY, DEC. 31

New Year's Eve

Some clubs regular specials may not apply

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
Buffet 10pm, erotic entertainment 10:45,
blackeyed peas midnight, Chain Drive
Balloon drop, prizes, midnight, Marilyn's's
Tent party, champagne, no cover, favors,
Charlie's

Champagne, no cover, favors, balloon
drop, Buckles

Dart tourney, Auntie Mame's

Pool tourney 9pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

New Year's Day

Some clubs regular specials may not apply

C&W dance lessons 7:30pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, THURSDAY, JAN. 2

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
Steak night 7-9pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, FRIDAY, JAN. 3

Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm,
The Crossing

Happy hour buffet 5pm, Marilyn's

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, Charlie's

The New Voice recommends in Houston ...

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●HOUSTON, FRIDAY, DEC. 27

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool
tourney 11:30am, Mary's

\$1 schnapps & \$1.75 Cuervo 7am-noon,
Ripcord

1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm,
Midtowne Spa

Buffet 4-8pm, BRB

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action
dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 6pm-
2am, Gentry

No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street
dance bar

"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm,
E/J's

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

●HOUSTON, SATURDAY, DEC. 28

\$1 schnapps & \$1.75 Cuervo 7am-noon,
Ripcord

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

Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's

BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa

Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-
10pm, E/J's

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.

Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N

9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time

Movies 9pm, Midtowne Spa

"Leather & Flesh" 9pm-2am, 75¢ well,
Pacific Street dance bar

Maude's talent showcase 10pm, Gentry

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

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Show 11pm, E/J's

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

●HOUSTON, SUNDAY, DEC. 29

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

► To PLACE a Personal Ad by Mail:

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

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 \$1 schnapps 4-8pm, pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's Place
 Steak-n-tater 5pm, Gentry
 "Mandance" 5pm, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street dance bar
 Steak night 5-9pm, employees turnabout show, 6-8pm, blue light specials 6-11pm, BRB
 \$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all night, E/J's
 Happy hour prices to 11pm, Ripcord
 Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

HOUSTON, MONDAY, DEC. 30

\$1 margaritas 7am-2am, Ripcord
 Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
 Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N
 "Boys Night Out" 9pm, Pacific Street dance bar
 Happy hour all day, all night, BRB
 Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center
 Male strip contest 10:30pm, Gentry
 Half price admission with Stone Soup donation, Midtowne Spa
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

HOUSTON, TUESDAY, DEC. 31

New Year's Eve
 Some clubs regular specials may not apply
 \$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
 Burgers noon-3pm, Mary's
 Pizza Party 6:30pm, \$2.25 hot liquor drinks, Gentry
 Midtowne Spa New Year's Eve celebration
 New Year's Eve Black & White Ball, BRB
 New Year's Eve party, midnight champagne, Mother's
 Buffet, champagne, party favors, Juliet's
 Balloon drop, champagne, buffet 2am, Pacific Street
 New Year's Eve buffet & champagne, Club Body Center
 New Year's Eve party favors & champagne midnight, Jo's Outpost
 New Year's Eve party favors & champagne midnight, Redroom
 Champagne & black-eyed peas midnight, E/J's

After-hours breakfast, Ripcord, BRB
 Mary's open 24 hours
 After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa
HOUSTON, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1
 New Year's Day
 Some clubs regular specials may not apply
 \$2 domestic beer 7am-2am, Ripcord
 "Leggs & Eggs" 8am, Mary's
 Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
 \$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
 New Year's Day brunch 3pm, Ripcord
 "The Bear Club for Men," Montrose Mining Co.
 Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
 Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, Gentry
 No cover with out-town-ID, 75¢ well, Pacific Street
 Steak night 6pm, Lee Chardon & the Uptown Boys 10:30pm, E/J's
 Slop shot pool tourney 7pm, Learn to Clog 7pm, BRB
 Bare Chest Night, Venture-N
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

HOUSTON, THURSDAY, JAN. 2

\$2 well 7am-2am, Ripcord
 Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
 Burgers & BBQ noon-3pm, Mary's
 Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center
 \$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
 50¢ burgers 6-9pm, beginners dance lessons 7:30pm, advanced dance lessons 9pm, \$1.50 longnecks all night, BRB
 \$1 vodka, dart tournament, Juliet's Place
 Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
 Video classic 9pm, Gentry
 Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
 Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
 New Year's Eve party, Venture-N
 Brittany Paige & Co. 10:30pm, E/J's
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

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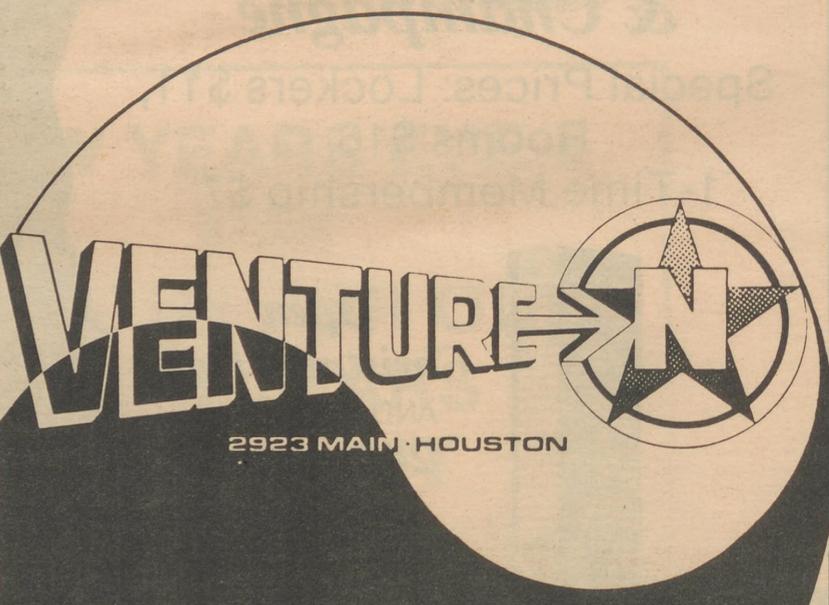
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Tue Dec 31st
New Years Eve Black & White Ball

\$5.00 Cover, Champagne & Party Favors at Midnight, Traditional Buffet Breakfast 2am

Coming Sunday Jan 5th
Cowboy of the Month Contest
Get Hot or Get Out
 2400 Brazos 528-9192

HOUSTON, FRIDAY, JAN. 3

Happy hour 7am-2am, Ripcord
 1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa
 Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
 Buffet 4-8pm, BRB
 \$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
 Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 10pm-2am, Gentry

No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street dance bar

Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne Spa

"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N

Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm, E/J's

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

LATER

Jan. 5: Cowboy of the Month contest, BRB

Jan. 5: Las Vegas trip drawing 3pm Outpost & 5pm Red Room

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The New Voice recommends in San Antonio ...

(Listings are furnished by the clubs and are subject to change)

SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, DEC. 27

Dance 9pm, strippers 11pm, no cover to 1am, after hours, Wild Club

All drinks \$2, Memories

Adults no cover to 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, male & female strippers 11pm, after-hours, Bonham Exchange

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

SAN ANTONIO, SATURDAY, DEC. 28

Adults no cover to 10pm, \$1.25 drinks 8-11pm, after-hours, Bonham Exchange

Gong with the Wind Gong Show, Hardhat

\$2 drinks, Memories

Ashley Adams Night of Illusions 10:30pm, New Ponderosa

New Ponderosa Pre-New Year's Bash

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

After hours, Nexus

SAN ANTONIO, SUNDAY, DEC. 29

50¢ draft, pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

Cowboys in Action, 50¢ draft, Silver Dollar

\$1.75 Cuervo, Sassy St. James' strippers 7pm, Memories

Adults no cover to 10pm, 50¢ well 8pm-11pm, 25¢ draft to 2am, show 11pm, Bonham Exchange

Liquor rush 8-11pm, Sunday Show with Tasha Kohl, no cover prior 10pm, Wild Club

T dance & 25¢ draft 8-9pm, 50¢ draft 9pm, Cowboys in Action midnight, Silver Dollar

\$1.75 Cuervo, Memories

Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon

Bartender tag team hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

SAN ANTONIO, MONDAY, DEC. 30

Lone Star Male Review, Hardhat

No cover for adults, Wild Club

50¢ draft, \$2 well, Paper Moon

25¢ draft, \$1.50 well, Silver Dollar

\$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories

Talent contest & square dancing, no cover, Bonham Exchange

SAN ANTONIO, TUESDAY, DEC. 31

New Year's Eve

Some clubs regular specials may not apply

Male dancers, Hardhat

Balloon drop, champagne, midnight, Noo Zoo

DJ Oscar Reyna, midnight champagne, Wild Club

Champagne, buffet, favors, balloon drop, \$2 drinks, Memories

After-Hours Paper Moon

SAN ANTONIO, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

New Year's Day

Some clubs regular specials may not apply

50¢ draft, country night, Nexus

Strip dancers 11pm, Wild Club

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

at 800 Pacific

Tuesday, December 31st



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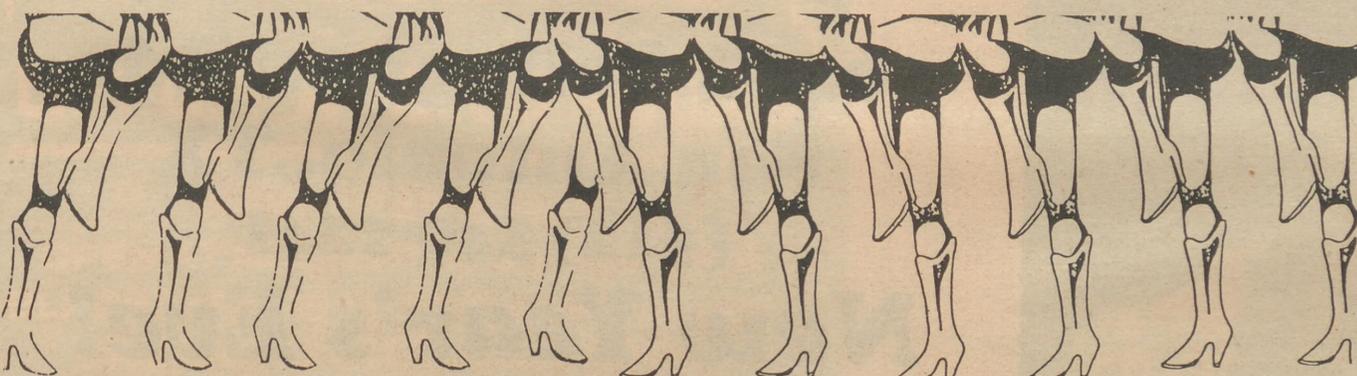
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\$2 Any Drink
 \$6 per person, \$10 per couple. Reservations
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Muscles in Action, Paper Moon
Cowboys in Action, 25¢ draft, \$1.50 well, Silver Dollar
Line dancing & \$1 longnecks to 11pm, Memories
Hot chest contest, 50¢ well & draft (cover charge), Bonham Exchange
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SAN ANTONIO, THURSDAY, JAN. 2
Steak night 7pm, Nexus
Tandi's Talent Search, Wild Club
25¢ draft, Silver Dollar
Adults no cover to midnight, amateur male strip contest midnight, 25¢ draft, boxer shorts theme, Bonham Exchange
Sassy St. James host strippers 9:30pm, Memories
Hot oil wrestling, Hardhat
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, JAN. 3
Dance 9pm, strippers 11pm, no cover to 1am, after hours, Wild Club
Adults no cover to 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, male & female strippers, after-hours, Bonham Exchange
All drinks \$2, Memories
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SAN ANTONIO, SATURDAY, JAN. 4
Adults no cover to 10pm, \$1.25 drinks 8-11pm, after-hours, Bonham Exchange
Muscles in Action with Shady Lady, midnight, Paper Moon
50¢ draft, Silver Dollar
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
After hours, Nexus

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The National Guide of Mail Order Businesses. Over 80 listings of gay/lesbian business. Clothing, jewelry, videos, mags, leather, erotica, art, AZT & much more. Send \$8.11 (including tax & postage) to: BearGraphics-Box 5135 Humble, TX 77325.

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Houston SERVICES
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STEAK-N-TATER AT 5 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE

ODYSSEY 92

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NEW YEAR'S DAY
OPEN AT NOON WITH CORNBREAD
BLACKEYED PEAS AND BOWL GAMES
WET JOCKEYS CONTEST 10 PM

S	TALENT SHOWCASE	M	MALE STRIP	T	VIDEO CLASSICS
A	10:00	O	10:30	H	9:00
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FRIDAYS COMPLIMENTARY HORS D'OEUVRES 6:30 MALE DANCERS 10:00

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Houston THE PERSONALS 2220 (INDIVIDUAL) PERSONALS

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Dominant GWM 40, 145, 5'9, seeks partner into S/ M, B/ D. P.O. Box 70581, Houston, TX 77270-0581.

For the best in laid-back, hassle-free French service, contact this 6'1", 173#, br/ br, gdlkng, 39 y.o. GWM. Ad 25133

GM couple, early 30s, for hot & wild safe sex 3 ways. Looking for GM 18 to early 30s, masculine looks & manners, weight in proportion to height. Ad 25109

GM couple, early 30s, for hot & wild safe sex 3 ways. Looking for GM 18 to early 30s, masculine looks & manners, weight in proportion to height. Ad 25109

GWF, 33, attractive, blonde/ blue, working on doctorate - but like cartoons & other mindless entertainment. Seeking quality companion to spend some time with. I've tried but have low/ no tolerance for PMS, smoking, C & W music. Ad 25189

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

GWM, 35, 6'1, 165#, HIV+, Brn/Blu, moustache, nice looking, good sense of humor, non-smoker/ drinker. Interests include: friends, singing, reading, sci-fi, C & W dancing, romance. Desire meeting attractive, stable, non-smoking GWM, 30-40, trim, masculine guy who may share my interests, but who also has his own interests to share with me. Ad 25981

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Moody Bitch seeks kind considerate guy of love/ hate relationship. GWM 26, 6' 160lb, attractive professional. I like dancing, working, sleeping late on Saturdays & making love on the beach. Looking for someone to spend time with. Ad 25370

Professional GWM, 40, 6', 150 lb., brn, grn, good looking, HIV-, stable, educated, non-smoker, no drugs, affectionate, plays safe. Likes massage, leather, denim, uniforms, cowboys, tall boots, boot play. Also likes movies, travel, working out, being active. Seeks good looking slim or muscular man, 30-55, any race, with similar adjectives & interests. Reply to Ad 25081

Warm, sensitive, attractive, professional, stable GWM seeks similar qualities in a 25-40 year old man. I'm 34, 6'2 175lb brown, green health HIV+ Ad 25371

2 FOR 1 SPECIAL
Rural GWM couple, HIV neg., mid 30's, looking

for safe GWM bottom for fun in the country. Must be masculine, mature, energetic & stable, between the ages of 21 & 40. Call now, don't let this opportunity slip by. Ad 25967

ALMOND JOY/ MOUNDS SEEKS M & M
GWM, 38, 6', 240#, bearded daddy looks, teddy bear personality. Sometimes I feel like a nut ... sometimes I don't. Seeking GWM 25 to 40 with average looks & build & above average sex organ - not in your shorts ... between your ears! A sweet creamy center with a thin outer shell that will melt in your mouth ... when we kiss. Ad 25986

ARE YOU A STUD?
Aggressive, masculine, Bruce Willis/ Tony Danza type? 20-30 year old? Who would like to meet me, a good looking blue eyed 25 year old with boyish charm, who's happy, fun, ener-

getic, honest, open minded & level headed, sexy, sensual & a great kisser. Into living the moment & keeping things light & spontaneous. Ad 25366

ARE YOU READY?
Good looking, GM, Germanic/ Asian (best of both worlds) 29, 5'7, 158#, broad shoulders, great legs, in good shape, enjoy working out, movies, dining, & life. You - good looking, WM, 21-30, similar size, muscular, clean cut, versatile, non-smoker/ druggie. Wanted for friendship, affection, fun. Ad 25367

ARIES PLUS LIBRA
GWM, 39, 5'8, 160#, HIV-, Aries, good-looking romantic. Like movies, museum, bowl & spectator sports. Tired of bar scene. Looking for a GWM or GHM, Libra, 32-42 who is stable, sincere, honest & willing to build a one on one relationship. Ad 25357

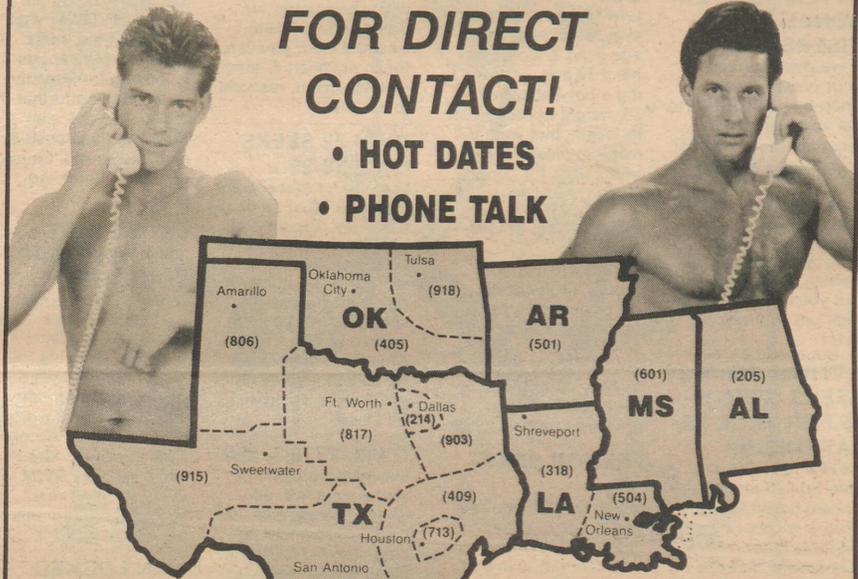
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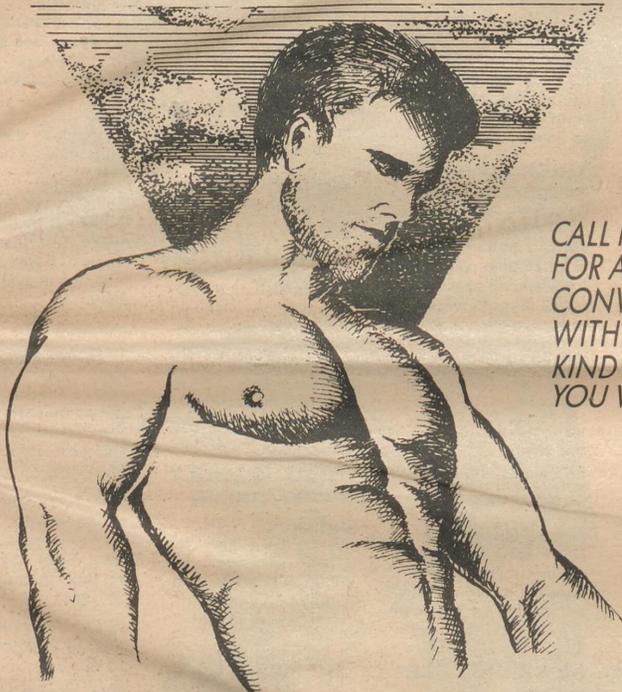
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GWM, 40, 5'9, 145, br/ br

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HOT GM COUPLE

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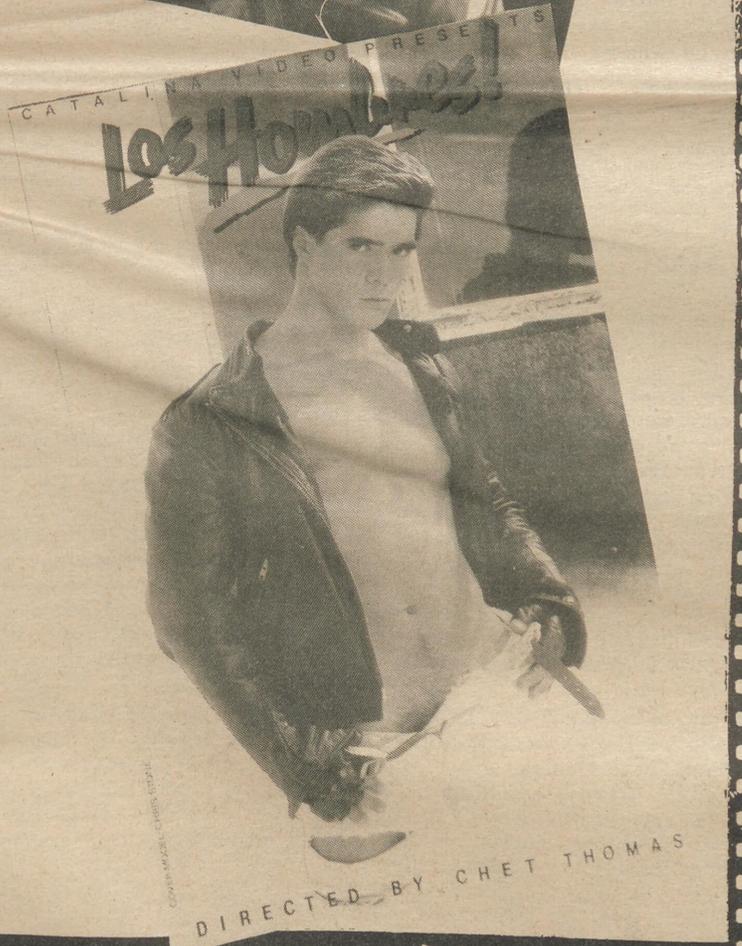
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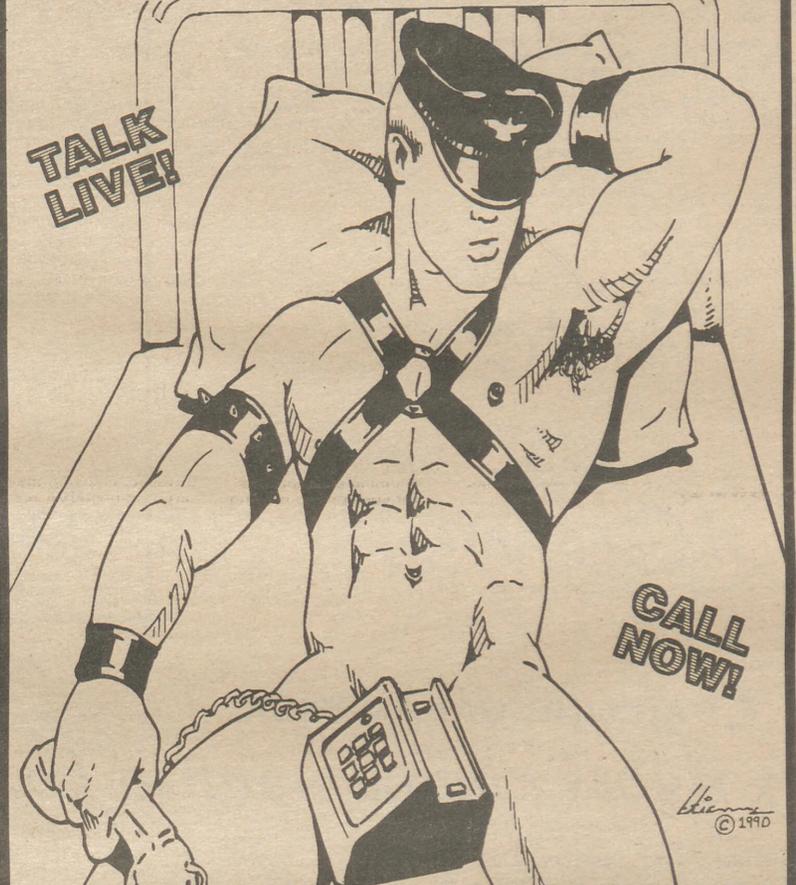
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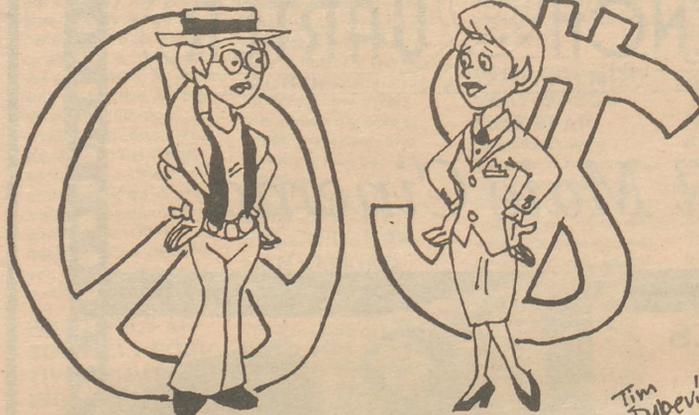
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay rights amendment to Louisville laws dies in committee

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Tuesday, Dec. 24 (AP)—Supporters of a proposed gay-rights amendment held signs reading "2nd Class Citizen" and sang "We Shall Overcome" after an alderman announced the measure was dead because it hadn't gained enough support.

Alderman Rhonda Richardson, chief sponsor of the controversial measure, said it died Monday in her affirmative-action committee. "There was no action from the committee," she said.

Gay rights supporters crowded the halls consoling each other in tearful em-

brace.

Opponents of the amendment to a civil rights ordinance burst into hymns of joy.

"We're thrilled to see it didn't come out of committee," said Wayne Lowry, pastor of Smyrna Baptist Church.

"We feel this is a nice Christmas present for those who believe in family values," said Peter Hayes, secretary-treasurer of the American Freedom Coalition of Kentucky.

Carla Wallace, a coordinator of the Fairness Campaign's effort to add the

words "sexual orientation" to the civil rights ordinance, said pronouncing the amendment dead was premature.

"This is only the beginning," she said. "In New York, it took seven tries. We have no choice but to continue this struggle because people have been losing their jobs. It's not over yet."

Seven aldermen originally supported the amendment, but Alderman Paul Bather backed away and called for more study and debate.

Bather said he would have voted against the amendment Monday "be-

cause I thought it was a rush job. But I'm prepared to support it if it comes up again—depending on how it comes up. I'm prepared to work with business, labor, religious community to try and reach a consensus."

Jan Phillips, director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, said "What we are talking about are peoples' lives and basic human rights."

She said the worst part was being defeated by those who want to impose their religious beliefs on others.

▼▼▼ DATELINE TEXAS

Gays optimistic at first meeting of state health policy task force

The newly established Governor's Task Force on Health Policy, meeting for the first time Thursday, Dec. 6, in Austin, heard testimony about various state and national health care plans that could be implemented in Texas. The meeting was watched closely by gay and lesbian activists, who are considering the work of this committee with a guarded optimism.

The Task Force, established by Gov. Ann Richards because of problems faced by steadily increasing number of uninsured people in Texas, has a goal of providing health insurance coverage for everyone in the state. Even if the committee is not able to accomplish this goal, say activists, its activities may still result in improvements over the present system.

By some estimates (said to be conservative), three million Texans are presently without adequate health insurance.

Health insurance is one of the most important issues for the lesbian and gay com-

munity, said Laurie Eiserloh, executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. Those living with HIV and AIDS are often ineligible for health insurance or lose their employer based health insurance and are left destitute by health costs, she noted. Also, unlike heterosexual couples, very few lesbian and gay people are eligible for health insurance through their partners' jobs. While some companies have adopted domestic partnership policies, these are more the exception than the rule, Eiserloh said.

At the Dec. 6 hearing, committee members examined the Canadian National Health Insurance Plan, which gives all Canadian citizens health insurance. Canadians pay higher taxes than Americans, however, they do not pay separately for health insurance. The system has advantages and disadvantages: all Canadians have insurance; however, research and development are under funded, there-

fore some Canadians are sent to this country for complicated procedures.

The German National Health System was also discussed. Under this system, all unions and employers pay into the national system for employer based insurance. The advantage of this system is that it is somewhat similar to what is now in place in Texas. The disadvantage, Gov. Richards pointed out to the committee, is that U.S. workers change careers more often than German workers. The average worker in this country will change careers five times during a lifetime and the German health insurance system requires a more static work force.

Hawaii was examined as a state model for health insurance reform. Hawaii has state funded health insurance and, under this system only, two percent of all Hawaiians do not have health coverage. However, Hawaii had put this plan in place before the federal ERISA law went into effect.

ERISA preempts some state laws which affect insurance. This causes difficulties in insurance reform at the state level. The Task Force is expected to consider this preemption issue.

"I see this as a tremendous opportunity for our community, however, there is a limit to what this committee can do," Eiserloh said of the Task Force hearing. She stressed the importance of finding support for a statewide health insurance plan.

"Any sort of worthwhile plan the committee implements will cost money. If the task force can convince people of a long term savings then there will be support," she said.

Eiserloh also discussed the issue of preemption by federal law. "Federal insurance law preempts state law in some important instances," she said. "Changes may need to take place at the federal level before we implement a new system in Texas."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

ACLU president praises former Louisiana Supreme Court justice at banquet

By HANS HELMUT STAUDAAGER
TNV New Orleans

Nadien Strossen, newly elected national president of the American Civil Liberties Union, was keynote speaker Dec. 14 at a testimonial dinner honoring former Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, John A. Dixon Jr.

Dixon retired from the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1990 after a career distinguishing him as a champion of the individual freedoms enumerated in the United States Bill of Rights. The American Civil Liberties Union is the only organization in the United States with no other purpose

than defense of the Bill of Rights. The document's bicentennial was celebrated Dec. 15, and the ACLU chapters in several cities sponsored events honoring local freedom fighters to coincide with the anniversary.

In recent years, both the Bill of Rights and the ACLU have been criticized by individuals and organizations who have linked individual freedoms to so-called special interest groups. Recent appointees to the United States Supreme Court—most notably the unconfirmed Bork and the confirmed Thomas—have expressed doubts about citizens' rights to privacy, a right considered by many to be at the very

heart of the American concept of freedom.

Strossen noted Dixon's efforts in defense of individual freedom and praised him by quoting Thomas Jefferson: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Dixon said of his career, "I'd like to do my part to keep this a free country. Too many people are frightened, too many people place a much greater value on security than upon freedom and liberty."

—Reception Dec. 15

The next day, on the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, well known New Orleans artist George Dureau hosted a reception for the visiting ACLU

president.

The midday Sunday reception was attended by a who's who of New Orleans legal professionals and like-minded lovers of liberty, who chatted and toasted the ratification two centuries ago of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The Bill of Rights is the document unique to America that spells out, in explicit terms, freedoms emulated by every liberation movement in the world since.

Strossen, the newly elected ACLU president is the organization's first female president. She addressed the gathering and led the group in best wishes for "Many, many happy returns."