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HGLPC endorsements include Mayor Whitmire, Parker, Clark

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
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For the first time in six years, the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus voted to endorse Mayor Kathy Whitmire, running for a fifth consecutive term. Whitmire surprised some members by coming to the endorsement meeting Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Montrose Palace and asking for the organization's support; many say she avoided dealing with the group from 1987 until 1990, when she attended the annual caucus banquet.

The 1990 caucus officers—who also met privately with Whitmire last year to discuss gay/lesbian concerns—have insisted that any "chill" in the mayor's relations with community leaders has thawed. They were among a sizable contingent of members who spoke in favor of the endorsement, and who lobbied others in the group to endorse Whitmire after the caucus screening committee recommended no endorsement.

However, mayoral candidate Sylvester Turner also had several solid supporters at the meeting, including some who spoke on his behalf during the debate on Whitmire. No one at the meeting spoke in support of the third candidate, Bob Lanier, who screened with the caucus but did not address the membership on the night of the endorsements.

After spirited debate, Whitmire was

endorsed by a vote of 37 for and 16 against, with six abstentions.

Other decisions reached during the four-hour meeting did not require so much discussion.

The caucus voted almost unanimously to endorse its member and one-time president, Annise Parker, in the race for Houston City Council, Dist. C, with only one vote against the endorsement. Both Parker and her opponent, incumbent Vince Ryan, had previously addressed the group. Ryan had asked members to look at his record in the office and stated that he would continue to be open and supportive of his gay and lesbian constituents regardless of the endorsement; Parker pointed out that "everywhere I go, the gay and lesbian community goes," and added that she believes she is the best candidate in the race, and can "most effectively articulate the needs of our community."

The group endorsed incumbent At Large Position 1 Councilmember Beverley Clark over former HGLPC member Sylvia Ayres. (Two others in that race did not screen with the caucus).

Clark reminded members of her office's recent efforts to reduce crime in the Montrose area, including proposing new street lights and working with HPD officials to develop a hate crimes response after the Paul Broussard murder.



HGLPC endorsed Mayor Kathy Whitmire last Wednesday, but Sylvester Turner (right) and "none of the above" helped liven up the debate

Ayres, a 72-year-old AIDS activist, emotionally entreated the group to remember her arrests during AIDS-related demonstrations and stated that she would not hold it against members if she were not endorsed, adding that if elected she would see to it "Your issues won't be swept under no rug."

Other council incumbents endorsed by the caucus were Eleanor Tinsley, At Large Position 2; Jim Greenwood, At Large Position 3; Sheila Jackson Lee, At Large Position 5; Ernest McGowen, Dist. B and Ben Reyes, Dist. I.

Asian-American activist Glenda Joe received the endorsement for At Large Position 5 over Judson Robinson III; May Walker, a police officer, received the endorsement in Dist. D over incumbent Al Calloway.

Also endorsed were City Controller George Greanias (who screened and attended the endorsement meeting even though he is running unopposed for the office) and Carrie McAfee for Houston Independent School District board seat in Dist. 4.

But after endorsing a long list of primarily incumbent vote seekers, HGLPC ironically passed handily a motion to endorse a ballot initiative on term limitation for city officials.

After the meeting, members expressed mixed feelings about the en-

dorsement of the mayor.

"I think that the (caucus) gave Kathy Whitmire a very different kind of endorsement this year than we gave her in the past," said Chris Bacon, chair of the candidate screening committee. "In the early 80's, she was 'the' candidate ... it was kind of a 'love feast' endorsement. This time, (the vote) was the result of a coalition, between those who wholeheartedly supported her and those who weren't that sure but felt she was the best candidate in the race. It was a much more cautious, hesitant endorsement," he said.

Harry Livesay, who favored not endorsing in the race, said he felt those who weren't sure about any of the candidates running should not have supported any of them. "I can't understand this feeling in the caucus that we have to endorse somebody, even if we have three bad candidates, which we do in this case," Livesay said. "I think we would have sent a stronger message by not endorsing."

Livesay, an AIDS case management administrator with the Harris County Hospital District, is an adamant critic of the Whitmire administration's AIDS policies. He characterized her as cold and unfeeling on AIDS issues, and had walked out of the endorsement meeting following the vote on the mayor's race.



Annise Parker (left) got the nod from HGLPC; Vince Ryan says there will be no hard feelings

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Poll showed most Californians favored governor signing the bill

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Sept. 30 (AP)—As gay rights activists launched a second day of protests Monday over Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of gay rights legislation, a new statewide survey showed strong support for the bill.

Californians favored the signing of the bill by a margin of more than two-to-one, according to the California Poll.

Results showed respondents were 62 percent to 29 percent in favor of the bill,

which would have barred job discrimination against homosexuals, extending the current ban on discrimination based on race, religion, gender or national origin.

The survey, released Monday, showed some partisan differences. Democrats favored the bill becoming law by a 72 percent to 21 percent margin. Republicans also supported the bill, but by 53 percent to 36 percent.

Strongly conservative Republicans favored vetoing the bill by 62 percent to 25 percent.

The poll found strong feelings on both sides of the issue, but the stronger sentiment lay with the minority seeking a veto.

Almost half of those favoring a gubernatorial veto said they would be "very upset" if Wilson signed the bill. Among those who wanted Wilson to sign the

bill, less than a third said they would be "very upset" if he vetoed the measure.

But because there were more pros than cons, the actual totals meant more Californians said they would be very upset if Wilson vetoed the bill than if he signed it.

The poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 19-25 among a cross-section sample of 998 California adults. It has a 3.2 percent margin of error.

Government delaying study of sexual behavior: 'Time is not right'

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Sept. 25 (AP)—A government study of adult sexual behavior that was to assist in AIDS research is being postponed.

"We felt that the climate wasn't right," Wendy Baldwin, chief of the Demographic and Behavioral Science Branch of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, said Tues-

day. The National Institutes of Health had awarded a \$1 million grant to the National Opinion Research Center in Chicago to conduct the study.

However, the researchers were told that last week that the money was being held up. Ms. Baldwin said the institute

had planned to ask for money for the study this fiscal year but now plans to hold off until after the start of the next financial year.

The Washington Post, which first reported the delay, said NIH officials acted because they feared the project would not survive political opposition from the Bush administration and Congress.

Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan stopped a \$18 million survey last July that was to look into teen-age sexual practices.

"It didn't seem to be an ideal time to go ahead with the study," Ms. Baldwin said in a telephone interview from her suburban Maryland home.

Last week the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus endorsed Annise Parker in her challenge to Vince Ryan for the District C seat on City Council. Ryan, in speaking to the caucus members, stressed his years of support for the gay community and his continued commitment to the same. Privately, Ryan was embittered that his years of working with the community did not pay off again.

First, it's understandable that Ryan would be receptive of community concerns—we make up a significant portion of his district. This is good politics and common sense. By the same token the city council person representing Dallas' gay Oak Lawn, Lori Palmer, is prominently pro-gay. It would be safe to say that a vitriolic anti-gay candidate would not stand much of a chance in either gay turfdom.

Second, it is the experience of many gay communities that, in the final analysis, there is no true substitute for one of our own at the table of political power. We have learned this by watching Glen Maxey in the Texas House of Representatives—no pro-gay but straight legislator has ever delivered as has Maxey. No other representative has ever been so consistently there for all of us. Glen truly represents the largest constituency in that august body.

Recent events in California only reinforce this conclusion. There the legislature passed a gay rights bill and Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed it—his reason being it was not needed (then why did the legislature pass it and why did his lieutenant governor support it) while the real reason was that the ultra right deluged his office with calls and letters in opposition and he needs their support to re-elect his successor in the Senate and his own hopes for the presidency one day—this despite California polls indicating that even a majority of Republicans in that state supported the bill.

The subsequent violence in the Los Angeles and San Francisco is but an understandable

reaction from a gay and lesbian community which has rallied to the campaign of this supposedly moderate Republican for governor. It would be accurate to say that the gay community provided his margin of victory. This is the result when we put our trust in our political "friends." This was not the first betrayal, nor the last.

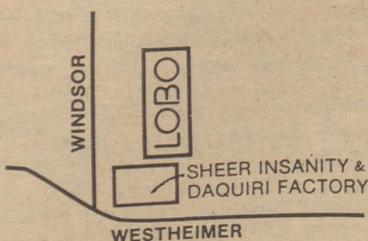
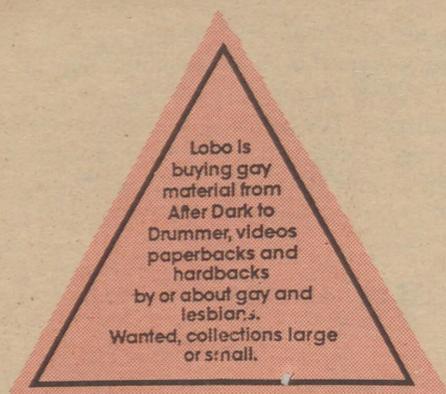
Now we have opportunity to send one of our own to the table of power in Houston. Annise Parker has paid her dues in this community. She is imminently qualified. Annise and a cadre of volunteers are already devoting valuable hours on her behalf and ours as well.

This is our best opportunity to send our message to the power structure of Houston. However, this time it will take more than just our votes. For Annise to run a credible race against an incumbent with a \$100,000 war chest she needs money and volunteers. If you cannot afford to send a check, then go by her campaign headquarters and give a few hours of your time. Either way, the headquarters are at 2606 Montrose (77006) and her number is 522-9000.

Political giving is not a strong suit within our community, partly because we rarely have candidates worthy of giving. But if only a small percentage of our community were to send five or ten dollars, Annise would be assured of enough funds to send her message into the rest of District C.

And with Annise on City Council, the next time the hopes of this community are riding on a single issue as they were when the HGLPC fought so long and hard for a Montrose district there will be at least that single voice to demand our rights. If Vince Ryan were really in touch with this community he would have thrown us that bone, since he correctly realized the redistricting would fail. Little enough sacrifice to placate our community, but more than Ryan could give.

Annise has put herself on the line—it is for us to enthuse ourselves and our friends, it is for us to check, it is for us to rally to our own for our rights and for our future.



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Why activism is regaining popularity in the gay-lesbian community

FROM DIANE WILLIAMS

We hear it everywhere. "Police officers posing as gays arrest would-be gay bashers." "Gay candidate addresses City Council on the issue of crime." "Queer Nation holds another successful demonstration." What's happening? Why are we agitated all of a sudden?

Recently I read a book entitled "The Aquarian Conspiracy—Tools for Change" by Marilyn Ferguson. (Actually, I heard a book on Audiobooks cassette tapes at my local video store—go figure). It affirmed for me many thoughts on the rising tide of activism in our community. It gives people some understanding into the hearts, minds and actions of those we earlier considered "fringe" people, or radicals. It is becoming very clear that in our city, what used to be called "Radical Groups" are made up of people just like you and me. People with a vision for change. We as gay people, people of age, color, diverse socio-economic status, we as homo sapiens everywhere are realizing change is necessary and imminent.

What brought this to our attention? Why are we coming together now to talk about and create change? Stress, aggravation, and crisis are the keys to change. It's what kicks us into awareness and changes how comfortable we feel. Crisis is our personal impetus to change. Have you had your comfortable surroundings threatened or changed? How does that make you feel, and what are you going to do about it? The big

news to most of us is...we are not powerless. Some of us may have been told we were powerless so often that we have begun to believe it. Believe this...you are not powerless.

Have you ever been tested for HIV? Have you ever sat in a cold, impersonal waiting room (perhaps alone) feeling as though your future, your very existence, were in someone else's hands? Have you ever felt the sting of a co-worker's thoughtless queer joke or comment? Have you been passed over for a raise or been fired because of your sexual orientation? Chances are good that if you've not yet experienced these feelings on a personal level, you are not yet active in your community. For you personally, there is no need. If you have never held the hand of an AIDS patient whose "family" turned away, if you've never lost the security of home or income, seen the bruises on a friend's face or looked into the eyes of the mother of Paul Broussard, then you have no need to get active.

If, at this time, fear is a part of your weekend out, if you turn on the news and hear of a local columnist fired because of his homosexuality, if these things disturb you, you are not alone. You are also not powerless. There are some simple and powerful voice in your area. One way is a quick, five minute phone call to a local business or organization that is unaware of its gay clientele. This can be especially effective when done in unison with 75 or 100 of your closest

friends. The best way to show the power of the gay/lesbian community is by staying informed and using our money wisely.

Staying informed means knowing which candidates support gay and lesbian equal rights legislation. It means knowing which corner store is aware and appreciative of its gay customers. It means knowing which news and electronic media programming endorse our queer programming and advertisers. Staying informed also means choosing wisely whether or not to frequent businesses that choose to remain silent on those issues, subtly reminding us of "straight" society's view, "Acceptable, invisible."

Some of us feel more empowered with direct actions or civil disobedience such as demonstrations, boycotts, and high visibility of all "queers," including people homophobes would have a hard time categorizing or stereotyping as "queer," is another access to empowerment. High visibility is also a way of saying, "Yes, I'm one, too."

The media has brought the wave of violent crime in our area to widespread attention. You and I are taking action because heterosexism, racism and ignorance are running rampant. Our comfortable way of life is threatened. Groups and organizations have risen up to remind people that "silence" really does "equal death." When discrimination goes ignored or unaddressed, it escalates. Fear and hatred must be addressed, educated and conquered

in all sizes and in all sectors. We must be aware and appreciative of each other's differences to share our world more effectively and enjoyably.

—AFH thanks Folley Ball

From LINDA MULLINS, Interim Exec Director, AIDS Foundation Houston

On behalf of the clients at AIDS Foundation Houston Inc., I would like to thank Monroe Prellop and everyone involved with Folley Ball Fest for a very successful "foodraiser" for Stone Soup. This year the totals far surpassed last year! Thanks to the group effort of everyone who attended, Stone Soup was able to collect a total of 293 crates of food and 79 crates of paper goods and toiletry items. A special thank you to Charles Armstrong Investments for donating \$1,000 to Stone Soup, bringing the total collected for Stone Soup to \$2,146.

Through "foodraisers" such as the annual Folley Ball Fest, Stone Soup is able to provide AFH clients who qualify for Stone Soup a wide variety of items from which to select. Without these (events) and donations from the community, Stone Soup could not exist and provide the selection that is currently offered.

Again, thank you Folley Ball Fest, Charles Armstrong Investments and Houston for your generous donations and continued support of AIDS Foundation Houston Inc.

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Mayor defends her record on gay-lesbian issues, community relations

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

TNV Editor

(First of a three part series on Houston's major mayoral candidates)

Looking attentive and perhaps uncharacteristically relaxed, Mayor Kathy Whitmire—newly endorsed by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political caucus after years of what some have called a deliberate detachment from that organization—waxed philosophical about gay and lesbian concerns and, more characteristically, denied there was ever a rift between herself and the gay community.

"I don't think that's at all accurate ... I don't think there was really a disagreement (with HGLPC)," she said, asked if she felt the endorsement was a sign that the differences had been resolved. "In my view, I think my relationship with the (gay and lesbian) community has been good all a long. I think there may have been some disagreement at one time with some of the individuals ... but that was such a long time ago."

During an interview with The New Voice Thursday, Sept. 26, the day after the caucus' endorsement meeting, Whitmire seemed most anxious to put anything negative in the past tense. She came prepared with statements on a pro-active agenda for such current gay concerns as hate crimes and AIDS, issues she also concentrated on in her speech to the caucus the night before.

Whitmire, however, does not deny that her administration's record on AIDS has been the focus of intense criticism. Instead, she now hopes to shift attention to accomplishments she believes the critics have been ignoring. She also suggests her much-quoted statements regarding the city and AIDS funding is centered on a "non-issue" that has little to do with how compassionately the city has responded to the crisis.

"That I have been cold to the needs of PWA's ... that just isn't true. I have personally been involved in lobbying at the state and national level, I personally advocated for the Ryan White Bill that brought millions of dollars for AIDS into Houston," said Whitmire.

She noted her activities as chair of the United States Conference of Mayors in 1990, when she helped establish a special AIDS Force within that organization. Locally, she points to the formation of the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance—in spite of imperfections she says are being addressed—as "a definite step in the right direction."

She also pointed out that the city council recently approved \$1 million in federal



Mayor Kathy Whitmire is going for a softer and more philosophical image

Community Development funds to renovate the Thomas Street Clinic. But she admits stating that no city money has been spent on AIDS treatment and services.

"What I have said about the (division in AIDS responsibilities between) city and county, that is accurate. That is state law, the state defines these responsibilities. I have said that the city's responsibility regarding AIDS is in education, the county's is in services.

"But actually ... that is really a non-issue, if we are talking about who does what, the city or the county. As a leader of the city, I have worked to see the dollars are available to the agencies involved at all of the levels ... and the dollars are what's important."

Asked if any of the city's AIDS educational dollars have been wasted by the health department in duplicating services offered by community based organizations, Whitmire called the matter "a valid concern."

"There are some valid concerns (regarding the city health department) and cer-

tainly, duplication of efforts is a valid concern. (City officials) have had to push the health department administration work more aggressively in cooperation with community based organizations ... they took some of the urging, but we're still working with them."

She hesitated, however, to directly criticize the performance of the city health director, Dr. John Arradondo, whose removal has been called for by gay and AIDS leaders.

"I think there are definitely some improvements that are needed in the health department ... this is why I have called for the Cresap study (on the department's management)," she said. "He (Arradondo) is aware of improvements that are needed, and he has been given time tables that he will have to meet."

Whitmire was visibly uneasy by a reference to the anti-discrimination ordinance that led to the infamous 1985 "gay rights referendum," at one point decrying the question of whether she would support such an ordinance if it were introduced to-

day as "destructive."

"I support the concept (of non-discrimination) ... if an ordinance were introduced now, I really don't know what I'd do. But let me tell you this, it's not going to happen, not in a million years," she said, adding that she believes most in the gay and lesbian community oppose the introduction of such an ordinance.

"Nothing like that is going to happen ... nobody wants to go through that again. Besides, there is no need for it ... there is nothing that (an anti-discrimination ordinance) could do that I have not been able to accomplish administratively," she said.

Whitmire said she has tried to lead by example, observing affirmative action policies and making sure that gays and lesbians are represented among the city hall staff. However, she said she is hesitant to consider the idea of appointing a gay/lesbian liaison for the mayor's office.

"I have hesitated to do that with any constituency group, for the simple fact that there are so many different constituency groups. It would be hard to justify spending tax dollars to hire (liaisons) for, say, only five groups. I have tried to be consistently accessible to all of the groups."

Regarding hate crimes, Whitmire said the statistic recording provisions recently passed by the state legislature "Wasn't really the one that we (the city) were asking for." The city asked for and endorsed a call for legislation including penalty enhancement provisions, she said, and, "That still hasn't been passed. And we will continue to advocate for that."

Asked what she felt were Houston's top priorities over the next two years, Whitmire listed the crime/drug problem as the top priority, followed by health care, then the city economy, protecting neighborhoods and preparing the city's work force. The observations shuffle only slightly the priorities she stated at the beginning of her term, most notably on health care, but she followed them by summarizing an apparently less absolute, more aesthetic approach to the mayoral role.

"The really tough thing about government is trying to determine the difference in the short term, versus the long term, results of a decision. Do you concentrate on arresting the criminals and drug dealers, or do you educate the next generation? The same applies when you're talking about AIDS ... treatment and services for those who are sick now of course is very important ... but research to find a cure may be the most important thing of all. We also need to (pursue) research grants for our (Houston-based) medical institutions."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Civil rights ordinance will boost tolerance, backers say

PORTLAND, Ore., Thursday, Sept. 26 (AP)—The city's police chief and the secretary of state say they support an ordinance guaranteeing equal rights for homosexuals but critics say it encourages abnormal behavior.

Nearly 200 people jammed the Portland City Council chambers Wednesday to offer sharply divided testimony on the proposed ordinance to ban discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The ordinance, drawn from similar gay rights laws in 107 other U.S. cities, has the support of all five members of the council.

City Commissioner Mike Lindberg, the council member who wrote the law, said it

would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation or source of income in housing, employment and public accommodations.

City Commissioner Earl Blumenauer, who also is running for mayor, said he was chairperson of the first anti-discrimination committee in the Legislature 18 years ago. He said he was "pleased to join the entire council in supporting the measure."

Other supporters included Secretary of State Phil Keisling, state Rep. Vera Katz, D-Portland, and police Chief Tom Potter, who said attacks on homosexuals had been increasing.

Of 162 hate crimes recorded in the first six months of 1991 in Multnomah County,

Potter said, 21 were based on sexual orientation.

Lon Mabon, chairperson of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, joined other opponents of the ordinance who claimed it would create special rights for homosexuals.

They contended that homosexuality is immoral and abnormal behavior that carries the risk of AIDS infection.

Bill Casey, owner of Casey's Plumbing, told the council that the ordinance was "one more example" of how "leaders like you ... have contributed to the absolute moral collapse of our nation."

Edouard Casavant, a senior at Portland State University, argued that homosexu-

als have not suffered discrimination because many "live in nice neighborhoods, in well-furnished homes and apartments with expensive accoutrements."

Opponents also distributed fliers depicting a classroom with a man dressed in women's clothing being introduced to students as their new teacher. The caption said: "If gay rights becomes law, what prevents this type of thing from happening?"

Mabon took responsibility for the flier. He said homosexual activists want to include "cross-dressers, leather groups and S&M associations" in gay-rights laws.

Lindberg called the flier a scare tactic.

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ACT UP does exactly that as Bush boosts Buddy in New Orleans

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

President George Bush came to New Orleans Monday, Sept. 30, to give a boost to incumbent Gov. Buddy Roemer's bid for re-election. Roemer is running in a field of colorful opponents, including David Duke, former leader of the Ku Klux Klan. Edwin Edwards, past three time governor, twice indicted by the federal Attorney General. And Clyde Holloway, official nominee of the Louisiana Republican Party. Duke is also running as a Republican. Edwards is the lone Democratic contender.

Roemer switched to the Republican Party after being elected as a Democrat. He is the first governor in U.S. history to change parties while in office. He did not seek nomination from the state G.O.P. When Roemer was asked a few weeks ago about his statement during the last presidential election that he had voted against Bush because of vice presidential nominee Dan Quayle, he quipped, "That just goes to show you can't believe a Democrat."

Demonstrators outside the \$1,000-a-plate dinner at the Canal Street

Sheraton Hotel included members of ACT UP/New Orleans. ACT UP was protesting Bush's lack of leadership for domestic health issues and his divisive statements, making a distinction between guilty and "innocent" AIDS "victims."

A woman who declined to give her name and denied membership in any organization passed out leaflets reading "Bushy Wooshy was a Woosh/As A Leader He's A Wimp/On Education He's a Tough/And on AIDS he's gone limp."

Bush did not see the demonstrators.

He arrived at Belle Chasse Naval Air Station in Chalmette aboard what he described as "...this magnificent Air Force One" just prior to the dinner. The President roared into town locked inside a bullet proof limousine, traveling along streets swept clear of any citizens. The limousine and its passenger drove directly onto a hotel freight elevator. He alighted at the gala, inside the Sheraton's Grand Ballroom.

Bush remained in New Orleans two hours. His visit is estimated to have raised \$1,000,000 for the Roemer war chest.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Montrose resident followed home, attacked by teens

A Montrose man was followed home from a local gay bar by a carload of young people, beaten severely, robbed and slashed with a knife late Saturday night, Sept. 28, but police have not flagged the incident as a hate crime.

Rick Belford said he first noticed the silver, four door, late model car after he and friend had left Mary's and drove to site on Pacific Street, where the friend

had parked earlier. He said he let his friend out near the Montrose Mining Company, and the trailing car's occupants then yelled something at him.

Belford, 34, said he tried to "lose" the car several times on the way to his Richmond Street apartment complex, and that the driver of the car attempted to cut him off in the street several times. He said he made it to the complex and

got in through the security gate, but that another apartment resident came in through the gate afterwards and then let the other car through. He said the unidentified resident watched from her car as he was attacked, then went into her own apartment, but did not call police.

The attackers are described as three young men, all tall and thin; one Hispanic and two white.

The Hispanic youth had a thin beard and one of the others had a moustache, while the last was clean shaven with sandy blonde hair. Two young women were also in the car, but they did not get out during the attack. Belford was treated at Hermann Hospital for lacerations to his face and eye and was released Sunday.

The assailants also took his car and house keys and his wallet.

National report blames homophobia for AIDS shortfalls in Houston

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

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A report released Tuesday by the AIDS Action Council, a national advocacy group, says that homophobia and fundamentalist pressure have hindered AIDS education efforts in Houston.

The report, aptly titled "Good Intentions: A Report on Federal AIDS Prevention Programs," gives results of a survey conducted in three cities—Houston, New Haven and Baltimore, and is authored by registered nurse/health educator Helen Schietinger. It characterizes the federal AIDS prevention effort—administered by the Centers for Disease Control—as fraught with disorganization and lacking proven effectiveness.

Particularly in Houston, the organization found a "persistent underfunding of

programs targeted at gay men, who continue to be at high risk."

"Houston is a Southern city with a strong conservative religious element that strongly resists frank discussion of the sexual and drug abuse behaviors related to HIV transmission," wrote Schietinger. "...It impacts the gay male community which is surprisingly invisible in discussions of prevention at the city level. The key institution controlling both the flow of funds and provision of HIV related demographic information is the city health department.

"The city claims the AIDS and HIV surveillance figures do not represent the populations getting AIDS and that minority women are becoming infected in increasing numbers. However, while the figures demonstrate a rise in minority men with

HIV infection and AIDS, there is not a concomitant rise among minority women. This would suggest that the increase may be among minority men having sex with men, a hypothesis expressed by at least two respondents from (community based organizations). This, and the decreased funding for agencies targeting gay men, suggest that beneath the veneer of tolerance at the city level, there is a persistent homophobia that seriously impacts HIV prevention in Houston."

Glenda Gardner, HIV Bureau chief for the city health department, said the homophobia charges are unfounded, and noted that the department works closely with community based organizations. However, all of the organizations named as contractors for city education programs claim a general outreach to all persons

with HIV—including AIDS Foundation Houston and the Montrose Clinic, which do provide educational programs targeted at gays.

The national study's findings closely mirror the claims of Houston's own AIDS Equity League, which has long held that the misdirection of prevention programs have stymied efforts to control the spread of the disease.

Among ways to improve HIV prevention efforts, Schietinger lists repeal of the Texas Sodomy Law and enhanced sensitivity to cultural and sexual minorities. Also cited: improved payment on city contracts to community based organizations, political support for AIDS prevention activities, increased funding and staff for AIDS prevention activities and improved networking between AIDS service provider agencies.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: SAN ANTONIO

Pamala Stanley to headline entertainment at Gay Fiesta

The Committee for Gay Fiesta 1991, "Stepping Out Into the 90's," has announced that Grammy-nominated recording star Pamala Stanley will headline two special performances during this year's event, which will be held Sunday, Oct. 13 at Villita Assembly Hall from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Stanley will perform her hits, "This Is Hot," "I Don't Want to Talk About It," "Coming Out of Hiding," and "If Looks

Could Kill." She has been nominated for Grammy Awards for both Record of the Year and Best Female Vocalist.

The committee promises that this year's Gay Fiesta will be the "biggest and best yet," with more booths, better entertainment and more community involvement, plus several new features. This year will introduce the Fiesta Raffle, with a long list of prizes including a trip for two to New Orleans, a weekend

for two at the Seahorse Inn in Port Aransas, and a special "once in a lifetime" tour of some of San Antonio's trendy eateries. Also available are official, originally designed, high quality Gay Fiesta T-shirts, attractively priced at \$12.

Gay Fiesta T-shirts, advance tickets and Raffle tickets will be available at various bars and businesses this weekend. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 on the day of the event.

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Gay Fiesta is 10 days away; Nexus opens; Wild Club parties

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT

TNV San Antonio

The countdown to Gay Fiesta continues. The New Voice will be there.

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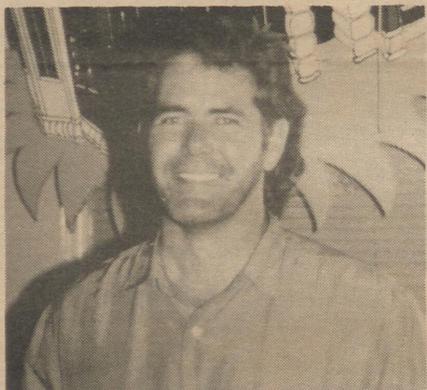
With a touch of autumn in the air, I've been thinking about barbecue. The 106 Off Broadway does a great barbecue every Sunday around 6:00 p.m. After you've had your fill, stick around to meet the friendliest bar crowd in the Lone Star State.

Last Friday night, Nexus—a place well known to the Austin inner circle—opened its San Antonio subsidiary to an enthusiastic crowd. Located in the

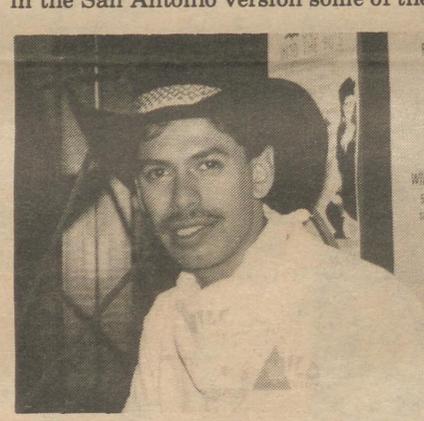


Papa Bear at the recent Bar Owners Variety Show (must've borrowed that red dress from Nancy Reagan!)

building that used to house The Circle, Nexus of San Antonio has got to be the largest C&W Club south of the Austin city limits. And they've carried forward in the San Antonio version some of the



Handsome John Kimble, general manager of the "Grand Lady," the Bonham Exchange, takes a break from working on the almost completed new bar



The decor at the Wild Club is always changing, but not the gorgeous door man, Robert



The art of Siros is proudly displayed in Dallas Austin and Houston...but coming Oct. 12, the man and his art will be at the Wild Club in San Antonio

best features of the Austin club. Namely, a huge dance floor surrounded by mirrors. Owners Davie and Myra were on hand for the opening, which included a fundraiser for Ms. TGRA candidate Karen D'Angelo. Hey guys, this place is not just for women. Stop by 8021 Pinebrook Drive and see what I mean.

I know that Randy of the Wild Club has my "party from hell" idea under serious consideration. However, he's come up with another party concept that will be hard to top. As a prelude to Gay Fiesta, Wild Club will be doing "White Knight Out." Here's the deal. Everybody dresses in all white—shorts, jeans, jockeys, boxers, bras, bustiers, even U.S. Navy summer bells. It doesn't matter as long as it's white, cool and comfortable. The main event of the evening will feature the famous Texas artist, Siros. This master of the mural and a thousand or so of his closest friends

will be there to unveil the artist's 72-foot masterpiece, "Play, But Play Safe." DJ Oscar Reyna will be taking the Wild Club's sound system to the outer limits, and lighting director Clint Chausey will be there to put our lights out. The party starts at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. But plan to stay for the after hours dance from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. The other good news is that proceeds from the party will benefit SAAF. Be there when the San Pedro strip becomes the "great white way."

In the meantime, drive yourself to utter distraction with Hot Oil Wrestling, which you'll find at the Hard Hat every Thursday night. We've got to contact the U.S. Olympic Committee about this new sport. Can you imagine the Cubans vs. the Japanese?

If you've got Fiesta news or other announcements about goings on in the Alamo City, call me at (512) 824-4735.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

No longer innocent: The legacy of the Kimberly Bergalis testimony

EDITORIAL By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

Last week, the long ballyhooed visit to Capitol Hill by a frail, dying woman captured the expected media attention nationwide. Wheelchair bound and barely able to speak, she made a moving witness as she delivered her message to Congress in favor of legislation that bears her name. Kimberly Bergalis, who is believed to have contracted AIDS from her dentist, called for mandatory testing of the nation's health care workers.

The following day in Austin, Dr. Mathilde Krim, co-chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, called a press conference, hoping to counter the potential emotion-charged snap reaction to Bergalis' testimony, with reason and the weight of medical evidence. Krim's comments got little play, even in Texas.

To local AIDS activists, perhaps the most annoying affront of all was a pitifully simplistic, three paragraph staff editorial in the Houston Chronicle on Monday, declaring Bergalis an "innocent victim." Dictated the Powers That Be at the Chronicle: "The country's laws are written to protect the innocent from being victimized."

The myth of the "innocent victim" (words also used recently by President George Bush, as pointed out by demonstrators in New Orleans and Washington, D.C., this week) is perhaps the most destructive and dangerous misconception that has come from the AIDS epidemic. The result of the perpetration of this myth has been the diversion of attention from the realities of transmission, and education/prevention efforts based on those realities, to peripheral issues with "solutions" that placate, but do not protect, the misinformed majority.

One of these marginal issues, as pointed out in a much more thoughtful commentary that appeared in the New York Times (also on Monday) is the transmission of HIV in the health care setting—and mandatory testing. Transmission in the health care setting has been repeatedly documented of extremely minor importance in the spread of HIV.

Dr. David Acer, Bergalis' Florida dentist, remains the only health care worker in the country who is known to have infected his patients. Bergalis can perhaps be excused from understanding the impact of this, since her primary motives—evidenced in her earlier letter to Florida legislators—are anger, fear, distrust and vengeance. (Perhaps she and her doctor have much more in common than either realized).

But to truly put the Bergalis bill into perspective, we must legislatively rescind every medical advancement from the turn of

the century, since the risk of contracting one of a host of other dangerous infections during routine treatment, and especially during surgery, is hundreds of times greater than the risk of contracting HIV.

Kimberly Bergalis can no longer say, as she did in opening her testimony last Friday, that she has "done nothing wrong." While certainly she deserves sympathy and compassion—as do (did) hundreds of thousands of others with HIV/AIDS—her media image has lent credence to a way of thinking that continues to destroy lives.

As long as people believe that separating the "innocent" from the "guilty" will keep the beast at bay, the ravages of AIDS on America will continue. And surely if not slowly, the statistical picture will change to increasingly include Bergalis' peers: women, heterosexuals, and those who believe they are "innocent" (or don't want anyone to know they aren't).

▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Linda Morales, activist and plaintiff, addresses student groups

By CHRIS LUTHER

TNV Austin

Working to change laws that restrict the civil liberties of gay, lesbian and bisexual people should be a priority among gay and lesbian college students, said Linda Morales at the second annual Coalition of Lesbian/Gay Student Groups conference held Sept. 21 in Dallas.

Morales, Houston activist and the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit against the state of Texas that seeks to overturn the state sodomy law, told a group of about

60 students from 10 southwestern universities and colleges to remember that gay people have not yet gained equal status in the United States. Students need to continue to challenge school administrations that aren't supportive of gay and lesbian groups, she added.

The Coalition of Lesbian/Gay Student Groups, a non-profit organization that was formed at the 1989 March on Austin, is composed of gay and lesbian student organizations at 25 schools in the southwest. It seeks to promote gay and lesbian issues through education

and grass roots organizing.

The one day conference, titled "Beyond Tolerance: Diversity In the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Communities," brought together students from Dallas, Oklahoma, Austin, Denton, Georgetown, San Marcos, New York and San Antonio. The conference provided several small workshops on racism, sexism and heterosexism as well as individual and group issues dealing with being out on campus.

"The Coalition is really here to help groups share information...so they don't

feel as though they are all alone in solving their problems" said Coalition Congress president and Southwest Texas senior Lori Thomas.

On the Sunday following the conference, many of the students marched in the Dallas Freedom day Parade carrying colorful banners indicating their school. Chris Jones of the University of North Texas' gay and lesbian organization COURAGE said, "We always have a lot of fun at these (Coalition) events. This gay/lesbian parade is a great way to show our pride!"

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Researcher: U.S. to face reckoning on AIDS in a few years

AUSTIN, Friday, Sept. 27 (AP)—The AIDS epidemic will be the single event that defines the 20th century, and Americans will be held accountable for how they have responded to the crisis, a prominent researcher has said.

"History will no doubt judge us on the basis of how we, the society that is most technically advanced at the end of the 20th century, conducted ourselves in the face of an epidemic that threatens all mankind," said Mathilde Krim, co-

founder of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Ms. Krim spoke at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library on the University of Texas campus Thursday to an audience of about 500.

In 1983, Ms. Krim founded the AIDS Medical Foundation to foster and support research on acquired immune deficiency syndrome. It merged with a California-based group in 1985 to form the American Foundation for AIDS Re-

search.

The foundation, a private not-for-profit national organization, is devoted to mobilizing the public's good will and generosity to end the epidemic through the support of research, education and development of public policy.

Ms. Krim said the sheer number of people who will become sick with AIDS soon will compel "fundamental reforms that must make medical care more accessible, more equitable and more cost-

effective."

She lashed out at politicians, saying their refusal to confront the problem and fund research has left a "void in national leadership that has so complicated and delayed the fight against AIDS."

The National AIDS Commission has said more than 120,000 Americans have died of AIDS during the epidemic's first decade. It estimates that another 230,000 people will die in the next three years.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay sex clubs' guidelines endorsed by health official

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Sept. 25 (AP)—A city health official has endorsed safe sex guidelines promoted at most private sex clubs here.

Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of the San Francisco Health Department's AIDS program, said at a news conference on Tuesday that city authorities would not interfere with clubs that operate under the guidelines.

The guidelines include requirements

that facilities be well-lit, observe fire codes and provide condoms.

They were developed by the Coalition for Healthy Sex, a group of club operators and AIDS educators who are calling on the gay community to insist the guidelines are followed.

"We are under no illusion we have any ability to enforce these guidelines," said Chuck Frutchey of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

But club operator John Graham said that sexual practices are monitored at his establishment and that when risky or unsafe sex is practiced "we intervene at that point.

"We make clear to people that this is not a welcome behavior."

One sex club was closed by police and fire officials two weeks ago, and two others closed voluntarily after being cited

recently for fire code violations.

"The outcome we were looking for has occurred," Hernandez said. "Clubs practicing unsafe sex have closed themselves down."

The city will shut down any club that promotes dangerous sexual practices, she added.

"The Health Department has the option of civil action by the courts, and we are prepared to do that," she said.

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

The 'Poor Inheritance' of the Reagan-Bush administrations

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Two notable things happened this week: I ran out of money and Alfred Knopf, the New York publisher, sent me a copy of Andrew Vachss's latest child abuse novel, "Sacrifice." In a few days, I interview Vachss so I won't say much about him here, other than to note he is the children's advocacy lawyer from New York City who finances his crusade through the writing of sobering novels on the subject.

I opened "Sacrifice" and read the first 30 pages. An eight year old boy from a homeless shelter is being sold on the Manhattan sex market by a heartless profiteer. I shared something in common with this situation, I was hungry and broke. It is not likely I would bring anything on the street.

Selling Vachss's book for lunch money was out. I decided instead to take a walk to the bank and retrieve some silver coins I had been saving for a rainy day. The day was bright and clear, a perfect contrast for such a chore. On the way from the bank to the coin dealer, I stopped to watch a number of lost souls living on the street. It was raining very hard on them.

How close to the edge we all skate, how fragile our security. There, but for the grace of God go I. Or you. In three missed paychecks, say the experts, most of us would be out of our comfy quarters and living on the streets. Frightening? Of course.

We Americans talk of saving the Soviet Union—last season's "Evil Empire"—at a

fraction of what it cost us to keep the Savings and Loan execs in their BMW's. We fight at the first drop of oil to save Middle East dictators who openly oppose principals we hold dear. Yes, hold dear: "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." "Self-Evident Truths," in the Declaration of Independence. Remember?

We callously say we have over-built hospitals while sick people sleep in doorways. Our President talks about some as "innocent" victims of AIDS, clearly implying other victims are guilty. The Supreme Court rules citizens may be searched on public transportation without a warrant and detained without a charge. And the court has ruled homosexuals have no right to privacy; do you realize that means the local prosecutor/cop who decides to enforce anti-gay/lesbian sex laws now has the court's blessing to come into our bedroom and do so? That is what no right to privacy means.

Ronald Reagan's glib tongued "wisdom" notwithstanding, the poor do not like living out of doors, do not like sleeping on air vents, do not like wearing rags and hate not being able to regularly send their young to school.

Lack of education is an appalling threat, and not just for the homeless. Over one half of our high school graduates cannot name the big country north of the border or find the state where they live on a map. Doesn't communal ignorance threaten our liberty? Threaten our ability to make col-

lective decisions, to elect leaders who will not lead us over the cliff? Leaders who might govern by something approaching consensus rather than by intentional division?

There are a couple of books you might like to read (or reread): "Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck, a classic tale of how in the 1930's our socio-economic system failed most of us by attempting to protect the wealth of an ever-decreasing number of us (sound familiar)? And George Orwell's "1984," which deals with a society reduced to existing for the sake of nothing but power.

The scariest of "1984's" horrific situations is the removal by government leaders of words that conjure "unacceptable" thoughts. Does anybody remember Ronald Reagan and George Bush finding the word "liberal" so repugnant they lead us from its use to a safe new synonym, "The

L-word?"

It may be the greatest threat to all Americans that the word "liberal" became soiled and dissociated from its sister word "liberty." With that came government by what political handlers call a "wedge." A wedge is an issue that can be used to push apart the electorate, to weaken the power of the voters. Simply put, to divide and conquer.

We have become a nation that doesn't know where Canada is or what liberty means. A nation divided and intolerant and insensitive and afraid to use government as a social tool.

The poor come to the Gulf Coast seeking small comfort from the coming freeze. Where will you and I go?

(Coming soon to this publication, the winner of the contest to name what Wheel! The People won in the Persian Gulf War.)

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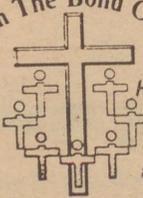


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Judge in Sakowitz trial may not allow testimony about 'cult'

The long-publicized "family feud" between two Houston high society clans, the Sakowitzs and the Wyatts, finally came up for trial this week, but lawyers for Robert Sakowitz, who is being sued by his nephew over alleged mishandling of Bernard Sakowitz estate, may not be allowed to introduce testimony about the nephew, Doug Wyatt's involvement with a cult that reportedly exalts gay men and teaches hatred of women and Jews.

Bernard Sakowitz, the late owner of the Sakowitz department store chain, is Robert Sakowitz father and Wyatt's grandfather. Wyatt filed the suit in 1987, alleging that his uncle looted the family company, Sakowitz Inc., for his personal financial benefit, making himself rich as the company went bankrupt.

Bernard Sakowitz died in 1981, leaving his estate to his children, Robert and Lynn, and his widow, Ann Sakowitz. Half the estate was divided between Robert Sakowitz and his sister Lynn, who is Doug Wyatt's mother. Robert was named chair of company and executor of the estate.

Doug Wyatt is also the adopted son of Lynn's second husband, oil man Oscar Wyatt, who has long been at odds with Robert Sakowitz. Socialite Lynn Wyatt, in her deposition, expressed grief at the family battle and claims she urged her husband not to file suit against her brother.

In 1985, with the decline of the Texas oil industry, the Sakowitz company wound up in bankruptcy court. It was bought in 1987 by another company and briefly pulled out of bankruptcy, but collapsed again in 1990. The last Sakowitz store closed last year.

Wyatt claims that over the same period, Sakowitz amassed a personal fortune in excess of \$6 million. The suit seeks to have the \$6 million returned to all of the heirs.

The suit states that Sakowitz Inc. repeatedly made loans to another family

owned company, which it turned loaned money to Robert Sakowitz. It also questions allegedly flawed real estate deals and Sakowitz' acquisition to the sewer rights at the site of the former Post Oak store.

Robert Sakowitz' defense team, headed by David Berg, was expected to focus on Wyatt's alleged membership in Eternal Values, an offbeat organization based in New York and North Carolina, headed by a self-proclaimed alien named Frederick von Mierers. According to the deposition of a former friend of Doug Wyatt, who also belonged to the group, Eternal Values is a "cult" that is anti-woman and anti-Semitic, uses psychedelic drugs and believes that gay men are the highest level of evolution. The attorneys have said that following von Mierers death of AIDS, Wyatt became a leader of the group.

It was speculated that Berg would try to prove Wyatt's connection to the group had motivated him to file suit out of hatred for his uncle. The Sakowitz family is Jewish.

Probate Judge Pat Gregory, however, has ruled that the Eternal Values matter may not be admitted in court unless the Sakowitz attorneys can prove its relevance to the claims in the lawsuit.

Meanwhile, attorneys for Wyatt deny that the organization has any connection whatsoever to Wyatt's legal action, and Wyatt himself—who has made no public statement regarding his own sexual orientation—defends the group against the organizations.

Lynn Wyatt, also said to be a follower of the group, stated in her deposition that she does not believe Eternal Values teaches hatred of any group, including Jews or women.

Jury selection for the trial took place Monday.



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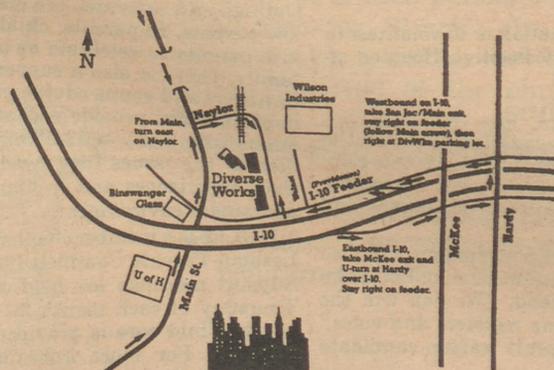
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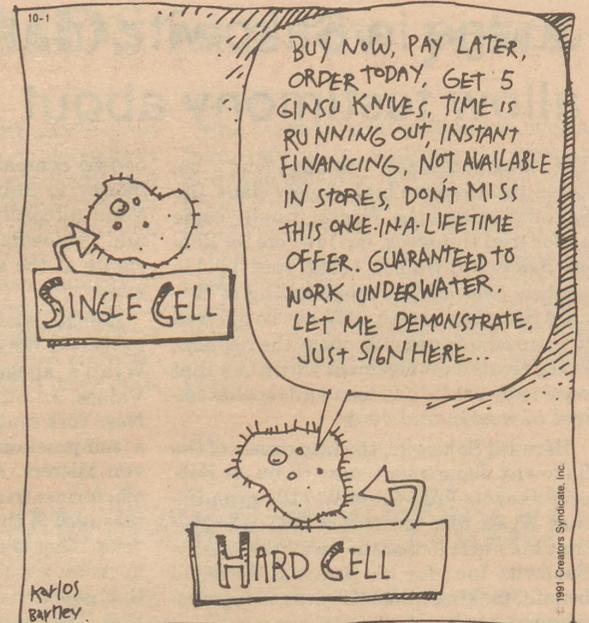
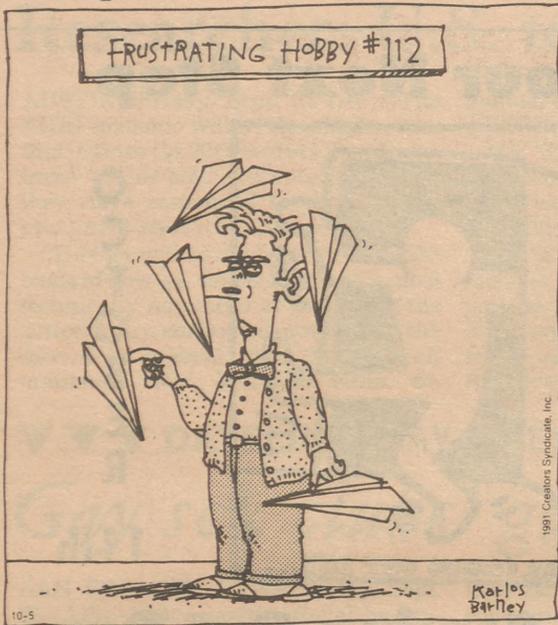
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▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Montrose Singers concert moved to Rice University building

The Montrose Singers, Houston's gay men's chorus, has announced that the location of their upcoming concert, "Happy Together, has changed. The concert will take place at Rice University Hamman Hall, Entrance 9 from Rice Boulevard, at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6.

Departing from a long standing tradition, The Montrose Singers will be performing an "all pops" concert. Selections will include vintage and current show tunes, "doo-wop" and Top 40. The performance will showcase the Singers' talents in such numbers as "Music of the Night," "Somewhere Out There," and music by Romanovsky and Phillips and The Ny-lons.

The Montrose Singers is a community gay men's chorus currently boasting 22 voices. Members' backgrounds cover a wide range of musical experience, and members of the group arranged and choreographed several of the pieces being performed in the concert. In the past two years, the group has performed in Vancouver, British Columbia and in Austin as well as their local concerts; the Singers also performed in the local presentation of the national tour of "Heartstrings," which helped raise over \$750,000 for local AIDS charities.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 and are available from chorus members or by calling (713) 526-5348.

—Community picnic

Body Positive/Houston, the People With AIDS Coalition/Houston and Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection will host a fall picnic on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray.

The annual gathering will once again this year feature games and picnic fare. Games, such as volleyball, will be sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection with barbecue brisket provided by the PWA Coalition and chicken and sausage, cold drinks, plates and utensils provided by Body Positive. Picnic participants are encouraged to bring a favorite food creation of their own to the "pot luck" feast. The picnic has been underwritten by Oncol Center for I.V. Therapies.

For more information or to volunteer to help, call the Body Positive/Houston office, (713) 524-2374.

—Voter deadline

The deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 5 Houston city elections is this Sunday, Oct. 6. Registration cards are available at several Montrose businesses and bars.

The Annise Parker campaign will also be registering voters at bars and other locations this weekend. "We can win the election, if everyone registers and votes," said Parker, an openly lesbian candidate for city council.

The campaign also is issuing an emergency call for voter registration volunteers, Parker said. "Anyone who can spare just a few hours to help register voters" is asked to call the campaign headquarters at (713) 522-9000; registration cards are

so available at the headquarters.

Anyone who has moved in the past few months must fill out a new card before the Oct. 6 deadline.

—Benefit planning

The first planning meeting for the "That's What Friends Are For 3," a benefit scheduled to be held in spring or summer of 1992, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10. Among details to be discussed will be location plans for the fundraiser, which is now an annual event, said coordinator Larry Garrett. Anyone interested in getting involved with the event is urged to attend the meeting, he said.

Garrett said planners are considering moving the event to a theater setting and are interested if they are able to obtain an underwriter; other locations are also being considered. Also, members of the committee that hosted the event in 1991 have been in contact with a national talent agency in hopes of bringing in a "big name" performer to headline the 1992 show.

For more information or time/location of the meeting, call (713) 765-6666 and leave a message.

—Parents Coalition

A wide variety of activities and meeting topics are on the fall schedule of Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Support. Family activities will include Halloween and Thanksgiving celebrations.

HGLPS, a chapter of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International, has been providing support to lesbian and gay parents in the Houston area for over three years. Monthly meetings provide a time to discuss issues and share experiences as parents. Support is also provided to those women and men in a co-parenting role, in a child nurturing role, or who planning on becoming a parent through alternative methods.

Gay and lesbian parents deal with many issues such as coming out to their children, raising children in this day and time, handling a relationship with a partner or ex-spouse and custody rights, and the way homophobia affects the lesbian/gay family. HGLPS provides a social outlet for families with these concerns. Outings and activities are planned to allow parents, co-parents, children and future parents to celebrate as an extended family. There is also a support group for teenagers and young adults, with monthly meetings that provide a chance to meet others with a gay and lesbian parent and discuss the issues they must deal with, their experiences and feelings in a safe and secure environment.

HGLPS is a member chapter of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. Support meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month for adults and youth. Child care is provided for young children. For more information about HGLPS or for meeting time and location, call (713) 666-8256.

—South Texas retreat

A retreat for HIV-Positive people, "Healing the Image of God," will be held Oct. 25-27 at the Benedictine Retreat Center of

Corpus Christi Abbey in Sandia, Texas.

Retreat directors are Fr. Dennis Borca, OFM; Fr. Chris Kerr, OFM and Br. Bob Hozie, OFM, all of Kolbe House. Retreat cost of \$25 per person, double occupancy, covers the entire weekend including food and two nights' lodging. A registered nurse will be on staff throughout the weekend.

Space is limited to 60 registrants. For more information, call Kolbe House, (713) 522-8182.

—GLAAD meeting

GLAAD/Houston will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray. Discussion topics will include the organization's new bylaws, membership, funding of a dedicated telephone line and possible projects, including Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

—MCCR Couples Club

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection's Couples Club will sponsor a special program during its regular monthly meeting on Friday night, Oct. 4. "Healthy Couples Making Healthy Friends" will be presented by Sharon Stone, director of the Lambda Program at Stafford Meadows Hospital, and Beth Adams, counselor in private business. They will help those attending "explore how to have happier extended families which will enrich their sense of belonging." The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at MCCR, 1919 Decatur. A potluck dinner will proceed the program at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

Also, the choir will sponsor a "Have I Got a Deal For You" auction on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray. The silent auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the live auction will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. Over 100 items will be auctioned, including art objects, furniture, jewelry, handicrafts, baked goods, services and more. Checks will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (713) 861-9149.

—Older lesbians

OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing Committee) is an international organization of old lesbians whose purpose is to network and fight ageism. OLOC is now setting up a statewide network of older lesbians in Texas. There is now a newsletter and plans are underway to connect with social activities, speaker meetings and workshops in progress. The provides a way for isolated women to connect. There are no dues, but contributions to support the newsletter are appreciated.

Any woman wanting information may call (713) 661-1482 or write OLOC, P.O. Box 14816, Chicago, IL 60614.

At the local level, LOAF (Lesbians Over Age Fifty) is a Houston based social networking and support group for women 50 years of age or older. LOAF has a newsletter, a monthly meeting on the third Sunday of each month, and other social activities during the month. Membership is not limited to Houston women. For informa-

tion call (713) 661-1482 or write LOAF, P.O. Box 980601, Houston, Tx. 77098.

—BAHR party

The Bar Association for Human Rights will host a cocktail party for law students on Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Briar Patch. The purpose of the social is to "enable law students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgenderal to network" with each other and with attorneys in the community, said Chris Bacon, vice president.

Membership in BAHR is open to anyone in the legal profession, including attorneys, legal educators, paralegals and law students. Membership in the organization is not required to attend the party, although students who wish to join may do so at a special reduced rate, members said.

—HMBL standings

The Houston Metropolitan Billiards League has announced the top five teams and individuals in league play standings for the week ending Sept. 27. The leading teams and win/loss records are (1) Briar Patch, 5-1; (2) Mary's Force, 5-1; (3) Jackson Five, 4-2; (4) Good Guys, 4-2; (5) Kings X, 4-2.

The top five individuals are (1) Ron Harper, Crazy Eights, 16-2; (2) Bob Cypert, Jackson Five, 13-2; (3) Roger Pruett, Mary's Force, 15-3; (4) Carlos Romero, Past Time Precision, 15-3, and (5) Jim Traweek, Briar Patch, 15-3.

—AFH walk

Members of the Lambda Bike Club and Lambda Rollerskating Club will participate in the AIDS Foundation Roll-A-Thon, a part of the pledge walk, "From All Walks of Life." Sign up sheets will be available at upcoming club events, the Carousel Skating Party and the Lambda Bike Club's "ice cream yogurt" ride next Saturday. "From All Walks of Life" takes place Nov. 3. For registration and pledge forms, call the AIDS Foundation at (713) 623-6796, or pick the forms up at City Cycles, 404 Westheimer or at Lobo, 1424-C Westheimer. (Call (713) 862-4875 to volunteer to help the sign up more "rolling" participants).

After a successful trip to Galveston with about 20 bikers and four roller skaters, the bike club scheduled its first "ice cream/yogurt ride" starting at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 from the Bacchus parking lot. The ride will cover residential streets of Montrose, Post Oak Blvd., the Galleria area and the Transco Tower. Five or six stops for ice cream and yogurt tasting are planned. Everyone is welcome, and there is no cost except for ice cream and yogurt tasting. Rides are under 20 miles and at a leisurely pace.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 is the next Gay and Lesbian Skate Nites at the Carousel Skating Rink. The events are gaining in popularity, and members say they now expect 200 or more roller skaters at the twice monthly parties. The rink is located at 9190 Old Katy Road between Campbell and Blalock. The event starts at 7:30 p.m.; cost of \$5 includes skates, and beer and wine are available.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: SAN ANTONIO

Saying he's fatigued, Papa Bear resigns from SAAF

By **BOBBY MAYES**
TNV San Antonio

Papa Bear, the San Antonio AIDS Foundation's strong-willed and opinionated founder and director, submitted his resignation from the foundation's board of directors Friday, Sept. 27, giving his reasons as being tired and overworked.

"I have devoted all my time, energy, love and resources to this organization for the last six years, and without pay I might add, and I think that it is time that I retired. It would be an understatement to say that I am tired," he said.

Bear stated that he resigned voluntarily, but has avoided media interviews since then. The unexpected resignation has the board members seeking a replacement.

There will be no cuts in services while

the SAAF board conducts a nationwide search for a new executive director, said board member Myrna Von Nimitz.

However, board members said, some services will be altered which can be assimilated by other agencies whose efforts have been "duplicating" those of the foundation.

On Saturday the board appointed Sharon Rupp as interim director of SAAF. Rupp, whose son died last year of AIDS, is a well known AIDS activist who has appeared before city council on behalf of the foundation, and a recent staff member at SAAF.

Rupp said she only wanted to continue Papa Bear's work and that there were many things to learn about the foundation. "The amount of work he did is un-

believable," Rupp stated. "I do hope the community realizes what a terrific job Bear did."

Even factions in the community who previously were most vocal against Bear had little to say against him. Curt Brane, head of the Positive Alliance of San Antonio, said "It's hard to categorize Bear, but if I said anything about him, I'd have to say he was a pioneer in San Antonio."

"This is not a time for controversy," Von Nimitz emphasized. Instead, she said, people should attempt to set aside old differences and work together to help the group through the transition period.

Board member Bill Bearden, speaking on behalf of the board, said, "Papa Bear can be credited with leading the fight for people with AIDS for the last six years and

he has worked diligently to not only serve PWA's, but also bring a greater awareness about the disease to the San Antonio community."

Bear, who had his name legally changed from Robert Edwards, founded SAAF in 1984.

Bearden said the AIDS Foundation headquarters, SAAF House, at 818 East Grayson, will continue to operate. Services there, he said, may be reduced not because of any changes but because of SAAF's recent financial crisis.

"We will be working closely with the Metropolitan Health District and the Texas Department of Health to ensure that SAAF will continue to provide residential services for PWA's since SAAF House is only facility of its kind in the city," Bearden said.

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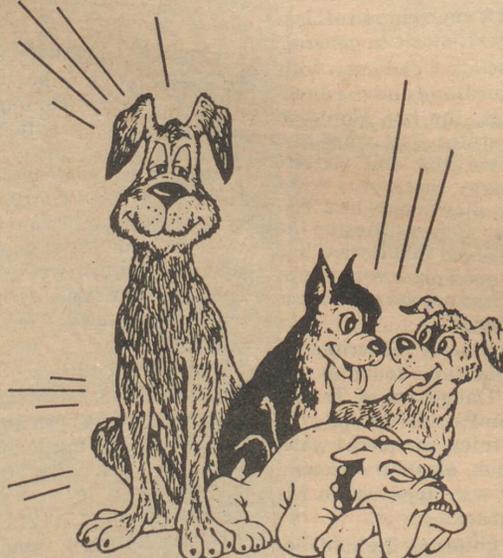
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Dr. Jacquelyn Marshall, DVM
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 clinic from 10:00 to 12:00.

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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Director of AIDS funding agency apologizes for mismanagement

DALLAS, Thursday, Sept. 26 (AP)—The director of an AIDS funding agency has apologized for a failure to pass along tens of thousands of dollars to various AIDS groups, saying his organization had mismanagement problems he didn't diagnose as he should have.

Buck Buckingham, executive director of the AIDS Arms Network, said he will resign at the end of October. His agency was supposed to funnel up to \$170,000 in state and federal grants to 18 Dallas

groups to assist AIDS victims.

He said Wednesday that he thought the network ended the past fiscal year in the black but that a former employee had covered up a deficit of more than \$75,000.

When his agency failed to raise money privately to make up for the deficit, the agency made up for it by using money intended for some of the other AIDS service agencies, Buckingham said.

He said money will be distributed

within a week and that no agencies will have to cut their staffs or service.

"We expect to get \$105,000 from a Texas Department of Health grant within the week, and it will all go to the contractors," Buckingham said. "That should relieve their current cash problems, and eventually we will make up all our obligations."

He said he does not know why the former employee tried to hide the deficit. Independent auditors are examining

the records but have found no indication of theft or wrongdoing, he said.

"There's no hint anywhere of personal gain," Buckingham said.

The AIDS Arms Network was created five years ago to help a handful of people with AIDS to find the best medical and social care available. Now, it has a staff of 28 and an \$800,000 annual operating budget. Buckingham said the network distributes about \$2 million a year in government grants.

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON LIVE

Lone Star Symphonic Band hosts int'l multiple band concert

By BEAU CAIN

TNV Houston

A startling, bone-jarring explosion from bass drum, tympani, and gong heralded the opening of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America's ambitious concert Sunday, Sept. 29 at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts. The concert, "Stars Across America" was more than just musically ambitious. Houston's own Lone Star Symphonic Band hosted 84 members of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA) for the weekend to present a surprisingly colorful array of music. The concert was dignified by a proclamation from Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire and proceeds benefited the Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund.

The concert opened with the stark, thrilling "Fanfare for the Common Man" by Aaron Copeland, conducted by Houston's Roy Cisneros. It seemed to set the tone for the evening's entertainment, exalting everyone's status to "common, music loving person" and granting us passage into the undiscovered realm of original compositions and orchestral transcriptions for band.

LSSB drew on our community's finest resources by leasing Jones Hall, the home facility for the Houston Symphony. The tall, vertically columned walls were an imposing backdrop for the cluster of large gold stars suspended over the band. As well, the emcee's for the concert were the well known talents Marianne Pendino and Randy Jobe, both of whom kept the audience laughing (and snapping) with their sly innuendos, slapstick setups and outright outrageousness.

Connie Moore, co-chair for LSSB, indicated that this was the band's most highly publicized concert. "A lot of effort went into reaching those who don't ordinarily get the weekly Montrose news. The audience was great!"

Her words were echoed in the friendly familiarity of the tunes from the "Gershwin Medley." Everyone in the audience must have loved the band's masterful presentation of this collection by the American composer. "Fascinatin' Rhyth," gave the clarinet section license to tickle our ears. The director of the one year old Vancouver Rainbow Band, Tom Graff, conducted expressively and succinctly, and the band responded unyieldingly to his concentrated interpretation. They became one big jazz band, as Gershwin himself would have undoubtedly loved.

With a lot of planning and only six hours of rehearsal together, the massed band "pulled off a damned good concert," said Thaddeus Coverdale, co-chair of Lone Star Symphonic Band.

The performance of Leonard Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances from West Side Story" was a testimony to Coverdale's comment. The piece is so easy to listen to that the audience isn't aware of the degree of virtuosity the piece demands. The dances are playful, intense, breathless and imbued with the frantic passion of pent up youth. Kudos to the very talented percussion section for their handling of the variety of unusual instruments required to color this piece properly.

Tongues firmly in cheek, the bands and emcee Pendino then presented the extravagant comedy, "Beethoven's Fifth Inning." With various conductors and administrators of the different bands portraying coaches and referees in sweatshirts, caps and whistles, the band (in the most eye-popping array of 'gimme caps' seen outside any large interstate truck stop—the Florida flamingo hats were too much!) performed calisthenics with their instruments. And they prepared to match skills with their opponent, the



Houston's Lone Star Symphonic Band hosted members of bands from all over the country and from Canada for a weekend conference and a joint concert last Sunday at Jones Hall

black leather and silk fringe-clad "conductrix," Nanisi Barrett. Barrett slowly strode onto the stage, her strong, diminutive frame commanding attention from her spike heels to her motorcycle helmet. The entire piece is a clever spoof of the common notion that bands are an adjunct to sporting events, rather than legitimate organizations.

It was carried off with aplomb to the "play-by-play" from Pendino. Off-sides was called for jumping an entrance to a passage of music, flags were thrown at missed cutoffs in the woodwinds, and a "fifteen measure" penalty was imposed for the French horns "blowing" their occasional fanfare. The piece took a wildly unexpected turn when the trumpets and trombones leapt up and led the band into the spirited final section of Rossini's "William Tell Overture" (that's the "Lone Ranger's Theme" for you jocks!) Barrett managed to take command again, and the piece came to a rousing finish, with the audience winning a new appreciation of classics, sports and concert music in general.

Barrett, an Associate Conductor with Lone Star Symphonic Band and the director of Razz-Ma-Jazz, the hot Montrose swing band, later stated that what she wanted most to come from this concert was "to see the energy continue. I want people to go back to their bands and say, 'Hey, we can do this!'" Commenting on the entire event, she observed that it was "like sharing a very big, good pizza with lots of friends. I felt like I had a good experience with a thousand friends."

Andy Mills, Conductor Emeritus of LSSB, added his inimitable touch to two concert marches, "Daughters of Texas" and "Honey Boys on Parade." Despite the unlikely sounding titles, the pieces were, under Mills' direction, elegant. His command of the band was apparent in his easy, understated grace.

The bands took a glittering flight of fancy in a touching tribute to the late David Hamilton and to critically ill Tom Moore, both flautists with LSSB, in "When You Wish Upon A Star" Barrett evoked sweetness and tears from the familiar piece; it became a bittersweet greeting from across the ether to David and an excruciating

prayer for Tom.

The band didn't forget Cole Porter, that most unabashedly gay composer of such magnitude in America's history, during his centennial celebration. Their performance of "Begin the Beguine" was scored perfectly, with the seldom-heard Baritone horns "singing" the seductive melody with their velvety voices. The sparkling Latin rhythm from the percussion section indicated that everyone back there must be dancing. A string section could not have improved the presentation of this piece.

The closing piece was again a shake-up of preconceived notions. They performed John Williams' familiar theme from "The Cowboys," with all the bold statements from the horns and antic licks from the woodwinds. However, this performance was punctuated with a baton ballet by Jorge Valdez and Bill Pierce. Their performance added an unexpected graceful comment to Williams' very masculine music.

—Out of town guests

At the reception following the concert at J.R.'s, the overwhelming comments from participants dealt with the joy of seeing old friends again, and of having "the family" gathering in Houston. Visiting band members praised Houston generously for its hospitality, and commented repeatedly at the abundance of good will, good food and good times offered by the local people. The international gathering produced some interesting conversations about the event.

Tom Graff, director of Vancouver's Rainbow Band, commented that in Canada, it's easy to be open about one's sexuality, but that gay music making is thought of as a choral activity. Therefore, the band is very "queer" in every sense of the word. He has no doubt that he will be involved with the Rainbow Band throughout his life.

Larry Loftin, president of the Great American Yankee Freedom Band of Los Angeles, Calif., spoke of receiving the music in the mail. Every envelope he opened was booby trapped with glitter, courtesy of Houston's Connie Moore. Loftin and Ro-

berto Gonzales spent free time just "reading" the music, since they had no band to play it with when they arrived here. They even spent time during the flight studying their parts.

Their dedication to the sound they make is shown partly in their bringing their own cymbals on the trip. These are not ordinary brass cymbals; they are platinum plated ("about \$500") and they make distinctive sounds in the pieces performed.

Individual preparation was apparent, according to Lisa Strongin, president of LGBA, representing San Diego's Finest City Band. "The Bernstein was the first thing on the rehearsal agenda. We had a good first run through, then began woodshedding." She indicated everyone seemed to know the music before the rehearsal began.

Speaking of the time crunch inherent with such an undertaking, Harvey Zuckman of the Minnesota Freedom Band said, "Everything was in place—music folders on the stands, names on the chairs. But we never get enough sleep at these performances. These are really good friends we see over and over, they're really precious."

Kris Renn of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Freedom trail Band of Boston, Mass., spoke of the gender issues that such a diverse gathering can promote. "We try to get as many bands as possible to send women, both as musicians and delegates. We set aside two hours to discuss specifically women's issues: getting women conductors, emcees, and advertising in women's publications. Race is the next big outreach program for LGBA."

Mike Furey of the Philadelphia Freedom Band spoke of the organization expertise he'll be taking back with him to Philadelphia "We're hosting the next LGBA conference. Also, we will feature concert works by the massed bands and the two Philadelphia gay men's choruses. We're in for a great time and a lot of work." (The event will be May 1-3, 1992).

Local saxophonist Jazz Paz summed up all the hard work's reward. "I used to be a very young person," she laughed. "This took two years off our lives! Now I'm a happy elderly feeling person."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio to get national AIDS center, first in Southwest

By **KELLEY SHANNON**
FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN ANTONIO, Tuesday, Sept. 24 (AP)—The Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research announced Tuesday it has been selected as a federal AIDS study center, the first in the Southwest.

"This center draws attention and recognition to the problem of AIDS in Texas and, more specifically, in San Antonio," said Dr. Ronald Kennedy, center director. "People are dying of AIDS every day. The problem is not going to go away."

The Center for AIDS Research is the 12th to be established in the country since the program for study facilities began in 1988. The program is aimed at groups of re-

searchers who have established themselves in the AIDS field and already receive more than \$750,000 in federal funds each year for such studies.

The Texas center will be funded by a three-year, \$1.8 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Kennedy, a viral immunochemist with the Southwest Foundation and one of the nation's foremost AIDS vaccine researchers, said the center will enhance work in vaccine development and AIDS therapies already under way.

"It will accelerate what we're doing," Kennedy said, adding that the money will

provide updated equipment and help train more students in AIDS research.

All the other AIDS research centers have been established at universities. This marks the first time one will be located at an independent research organization.

The Southwest Foundation scientists will collaborate with AIDS researchers at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center in San Antonio, the central referral site for HIV-infected members of the Air Force. Scientists from the two institutions have worked together on AIDS research since 1986, said Dr. Craig Hendrix of Wilford Hall.

The collaboration will give the AIDS

center access to serum samples from approximately 800 Air Force personnel infected with HIV, officials said.

Kennedy and six other researchers from the Southwest Foundation will be joined by three scientists from Wilford Hall, said foundation president Dr. Duncan Wimpless.

The \$1.8 million grant for the center also will help lure investigators to San Antonio from prominent laboratories around the country, Kennedy said.

The AIDS research team already has started moving into the 52,000-square-foot building on the Southwest Foundation campus that will house the center.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Judges, attorneys question bathroom peephole arrests at store

TAMPA, Fla., Thursday, Sept. 26 (AP)—Judges, attorneys and civil libertarians are questioning a police stakeout that included officers peering through peepholes in a department store restroom.

"Just as a person, you'd have to say the general public would be troubled" to know police were spying on them in the bathroom, said Hillsborough County Judge Debra Behnke.

About 100 arrests were made by police during the month-long stakeout of a restroom at a Sears store. Officers said Sears asked them to patrol the bathroom because of complaints about sexual activity there.

On Tuesday, Hillsborough County Judge Dick Greco Jr. dismissed a misdemeanor charge of exposing genitals against a man observed in one of the

restroom stalls. The judge said no crime was committed because nobody was in the bathroom to be offended.

The man's attorney, Keith Roberts, agreed. "You can't be vulgar or indecent within the confines of a toilet stall."

Roberts and other defense attorneys handling these cases argue that even in a public restroom there is a "reasonable expectation of privacy" that should prohibit police from spying.

"If the police are not supposed to be looking, it doesn't matter what they see," Roberts said.

Tampa police Sgt. Peter Pomponio, who headed the unit assigned to the

Sears detail, said the squad used a combination of tactics.

Sometimes an officer was in the ceiling, peering through one of four dime-sized holes. Other times an undercover officer would sit in a stall and wait for someone to solicit him, he said.

Pomponio said the peeping-Tom tactic was used sparingly and resulted in only a handful of arrests.

Men were seen performing sex acts on each other in the stalls, said Pomponio, who estimated that 90 percent of the people using the bathroom were there for illicit purposes.

"Everybody who goes into that restroom assumes the risk either of being a victim of sexual solicitation, watching a sexual act or being watched by a law-enforcement officer," he said.

Indeed, a sign in the bathroom informed patrons that police patrol it. But it did not say police have been peeping through a hole in the ceiling.

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▼ ▼ ▼ **DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS**

'Just For The Record' benefit

About 75 people showed up Saturday, Sept. 28 for a 7:00-10:00 p.m. fund raiser for New Orleans' highly acclaimed weekly lesbian/gay television show "Just For the Record."

Tickets for the event, held at the Elysian Fields location of American Aquatic Gardens went for \$25 each. Approximately

150 were sold, according to Judith Wenger, event publicist.

"Just for the Record," a non-profit corporation, began as a joint venture by Loretta Mims and Valda Lewis in 1986. Mims has since left the operation which continues under the stewardship of Lewis who has completed the programs 100th broadcast.

▼ ▼ ▼ **DATELINE: GAY AMERICA**

Arts leaders to help against repeal

ST. PAUL, Minn., Thursday, Sept. 26 (AP)—Local arts and cultural leaders united Thursday to show support for gay rights up for repeal on the city's Nov. 5 ballot.

They plan to distribute rainbow-colored lapel ribbons that say "No Repeal" to arts patrons.

"A lot of people have asked why the cultural community should even be concerned about this issue, why we should be engaging ourselves in politics," Bob Tracy, spokesperson for the cultural community initiative of Campaign 90s,

told a news conference.

Campaign 90s was organized in 1988 to prevent repeal of the city's human rights ordinance, which includes protections for gays.

"The arts are about being part of community life. We are about addressing social issues that are critical in our lives today. There's probably no more difficult issue for our community to deal with than the issue of sexuality and particularly gay and lesbian, transsexual and bisexual sexuality," said Tracy, a local independent arts consultant.

Veto of rights bill in California followed by angry protests

By NOEL K. WILSON
FOR THE NEW VOICE

STANFORD, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 1 (AP)—Demonstrators angry about Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of a gay rights bill screamed "Shame, shame," and rushed the stage as he spoke at Stanford University today, clashing with a barrier of riot gear-clad police.

Wilson continued to speak as between 200 and 300 protesters moved toward the stage, blowing whistles and screaming, drowning his remarks out completely.

State police surrounded Wilson and several officers took up positions in front of the stage, keeping the protesters about 20 feet from the governor. Some of the protesters threw pamphlets and other objects at the governor, who finished his speech, keeping his eyes fixed on the podium.

Just as the protest got started, Wilson said, "I will give you some advice, this is not the time or the place for fascist tactics." After that his words were barely audible.

At one point, protesters tossed an orange at Wilson, who caught it and threw it back into the crowd.

After Wilson finished his 10-minute speech, Stanford University president Donald Kennedy praised his courage.

Today's protest followed a violent night in San Francisco and Los Angeles as demonstrators trashed state office buildings, torched the California flag and burned Wilson in effigy.

At Stanford, Amy Margolin, a second-year law student and head of the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Law Students Association at Stanford, was helping to hold up a banner that said "Hey Pete: Only Wimps Cave in to Right Wing Homophobes!"

"All of the gay students at Stanford are extremely outraged by his veto Sunday night. Gov. Wilson has dealt us a pretty significant setback and we don't intend to sit back and take it," Margolin said.

Protesters in Los Angeles and San Francisco vowed Monday night to launch a statewide initiative to bar job discrimination against homosexuals—as the vetoed measure would have done.

"Let's take this to the polls next year to win this once and for all. We can't rely on anyone but ourselves," San Francisco demonstrator Melinda Paras said.

Five thousand people marched through San Francisco to protest Wilson's Sunday veto of Assembly Bill 101, which he previously indicated he would likely sign.

"How can one person say it's OK to discriminate against a huge segment of the population? I'm really, really angry," said

demonstrator Carol Osgood.

The demonstration began in the city's predominantly gay Castro District and moved about a mile to the Civic Center. There the protest turned violent, with a small number of demonstrators breaking at least 50 windows and glass doors at a state office building. A burning flag was thrown into one office, but the flames were quickly put out.

Police sprayed mace and turned a fire hose from inside the building to drive away demonstrators. There were no arrests.

In West Hollywood, with a large gay populace, thousands of people blew whistles and chanted messages aimed at Wilson. An effigy of the governor was burned. Seven people were arrested.

Demonstrators in San Francisco also vented their anger on former Police Chief Frank Jordan, now running for mayor, by chasing him from the Castro District.

Jordan had appeared to show his support for the vetoed measure. But he was chief two years ago when police made a controversial sweep of the district during a demonstration by the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power. Some participants in that protest complained police used unnecessary force.

The former chief was rebuffed with cries of "Shame, Shame" and "How dare you come into our neighborhood." Several hundred people broke away from the crowd and forced Jordan out of the neighborhood. He was picked up by a police car.

But not everyone demonstrating Monday night opposed Wilson's action. In Concord, about 150 people rallied to celebrate the veto and begin a campaign to overturn a city measure barring discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

"Duplicate the governor's action and pass Measure M," Mark Zapalik, a city council candidate and leader of the repeal campaign, urged the small crowd.

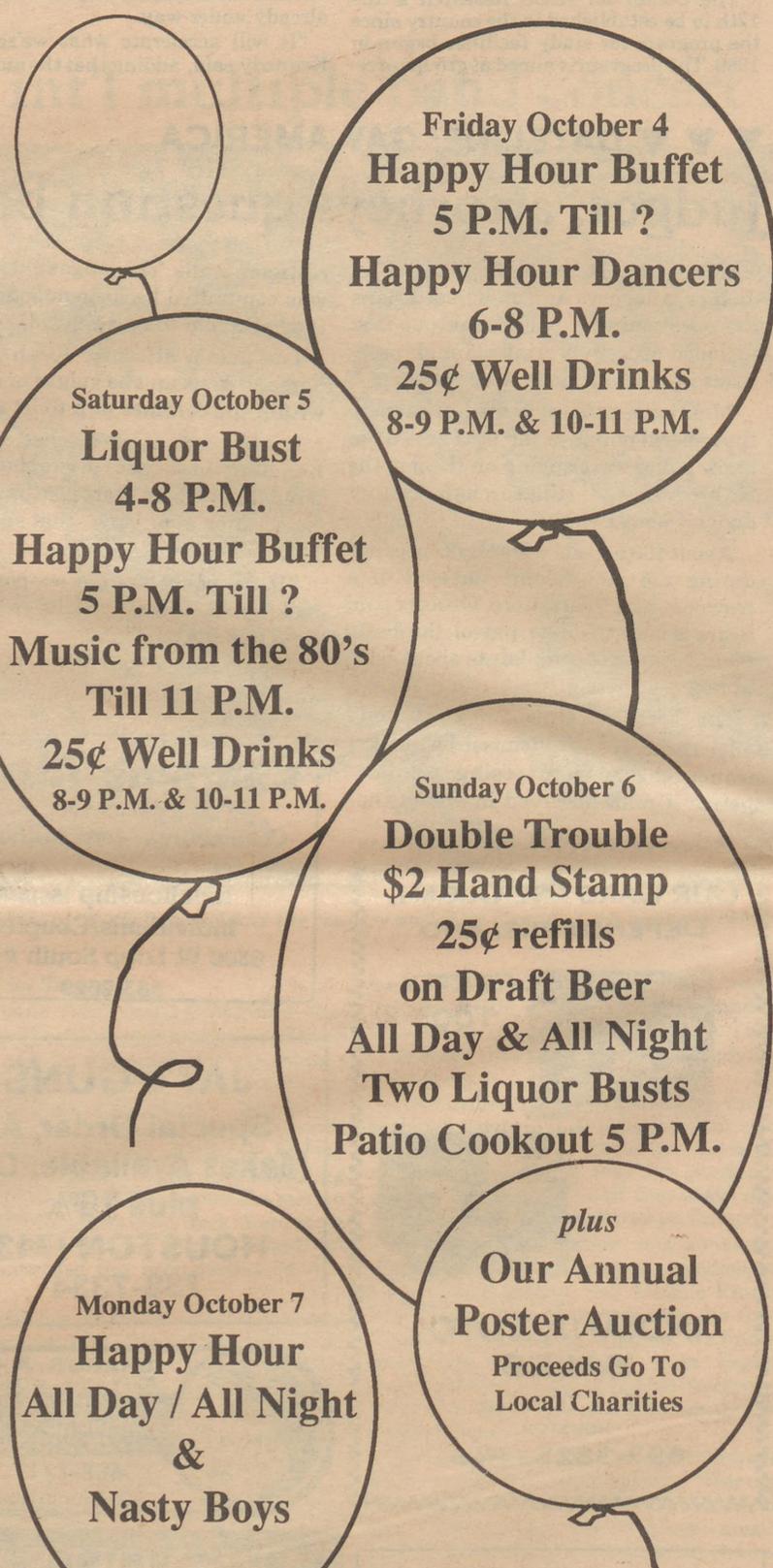
Wilson, in vetoing AB101, said it would burden employers by adding to the "flood-tide" of litigation, which he called a threat to the state's economic well-being.

The bill's author, Assemblyman Terry Friedman, D-Sherman Oaks, called the veto "a victory for bigotry. He (Wilson) has caved in to the right-wing extremists and the religious fundamentalist fringe groups."

A Mervin Field poll published Monday showed 62 percent of Californians, including a majority of Republicans, wanted Wilson to sign the bill. Twenty-nine percent were opposed.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

AIDS activists march on White House to protest Bush's policies

By DEBORAH MESCE

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Monday, Sept. 30 (AP)—More than 400 AIDS activists, blowing whistles and shouting slogans, marched to the White House on Monday demanding that President Bush do more to stop AIDS.

They were joined by Jeanne White, mother of Ryan White, an 18-year-old hemophiliac who became a spokesperson for children with AIDS before he died in April 1990.

Dozens of demonstrators chained themselves to each other and to the White House fence. U.S. Park Police said about 100 people were arrested.

"I'm tired of not seeing anything done," Mrs. White said at rally before the lunchtime march. "All we want is for Bush to lead."

The activists, organized by the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, known as ACT UP, expressed frustration over the

growing dimensions of the AIDS crisis, and during the pre-march rally burned an American flag.

Asked if she agreed with the flag-burning, Mrs. White said, "I don't know," but she added that, because she understood the activists' frustration with the disease and the Bush administration, "I do not condemn them."

The 10-block march disrupted traffic on downtown streets and police blocked off traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. The activists paraded up and down the sidewalk and stuck their flippers on the pointed spokes atop the fence surrounding the presidential grounds.

ACT UP also organized a Sept. 1 demonstration that drew 1,500 demonstrators to Bush's vacation home of Kennebunkport, Maine.

Top among the activists' demands is for the president to develop a national AIDS plan and appoint a Cabinet-level director

to implement it, said Michael Cunningham of the New York ACT UP chapter.

"And we want him to stop reserving his sympathies for quote 'victims'—children and hemophiliacs," he said, "and to actively promote AIDS education. These things wouldn't cost any money."

Though many activists say more money also is needed to fight AIDS, they say more could be done with the money that's already being spent.

"We're asking for leadership," said Jon Greenberg, another ACT UP activist from New York. "If there was leadership driving what that money was being spent on, the end (of the crisis) would be in sight."

Mrs. White noted that the legislation named in honor of her son, the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, passed last year to provide aid to cities hardest hit by AIDS, was authorized at \$275 million a year but only \$88 million was appropriated.

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▼▼▼ AUSTIN LIVE

Vortex Repertory Company presents 'Rocky Horror Show'

Vortex repertory Company is presenting the world's sexiest musical comedy, "The Rocky Horror Show" through Oct. 27 at the Vortex Performance Cafe, 1921 Ben White Blvd. East (just east of IH-35). The ultimate cult favorite, music and lyrics by Richard O'Brien will be directed by Bonnie Cullum for the live stage production by Austin's innovative theater company. Cullum is Vortex' artistic director.

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Featured in Vortex' production of the "Rocky Horror Show," from left: Michael Lopez-Saenz, Matthew Patterson, Pamela Jerde and M. Frances Sanchez

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▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

Krewe of Petronius 25th Satyricon; AIDS Walk Sunday

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

The Coker Room at Municipal Auditorium filled with 300 celebrants Saturday, Sept. 28 for the 25th annual Petronius Satyricon. Krewe Captain Mickey Gil said a receipt total is not yet available because "many more tickets are sold by krewe members than are actually turned in at the door."

Winners of the contest for most evocative Roman attire were: Female Roman Courtesans, first place, Terri Lavelle; second place, "Al." Winners of the male division, first place, the twins "Remus and Romulus," second place went to a man visiting New Orleans and identified by Gil only as a "Clown with the Clyde Beatty—Cole Brothers Circus," playing New Orleans this week.

The food was opulent, in keeping with the Roman theme, and donated by the talented and generous Andy Boudreaux's Mississippi River Bottom's staff. Roast pigs, fowl, cheeses and other niblets were regally produced for the pleasure of the court at the appointed 10:00 p.m. hour, along with a full hour of "free flowing wine" proffered by "Gorgeous Roman Slaves."

Phoebe Legere was the main entertainment and lived up to the publicity as an "outstanding cabaret performer." Legere is an acclaimed performer from New York City, known as "La wonder woman." She received a thunderous ovation and was called back to the stage for a much-appreciated encore.

The krewe's next function will be the traditional Christmas buffet an auction, scheduled for Dec. 8 at Mississippi River Bottom.

—NO/AIDS Walk

The NO/AIDS Task Force's second annual 10 Kilometer (6.2 mile) pledge walk is this Sunday, Oct. 6. Hundreds of volunteers have signed up for the event in Audubon Park. For information, call the NO/AIDS Walk line, (504) 948-WALK.

The Walk is open to everyone and is free. Participants are encouraged to gather friends, relatives and co-workers to pledge money for this popular autumn fundraiser. Money raised goes for NO/AIDS services to the community.



Phoebe Legere of New York City—known as "La wonder woman"—headlined the entertainment at the 25th annual Krewe of Petronius Satyricon (photo by William Liermann)

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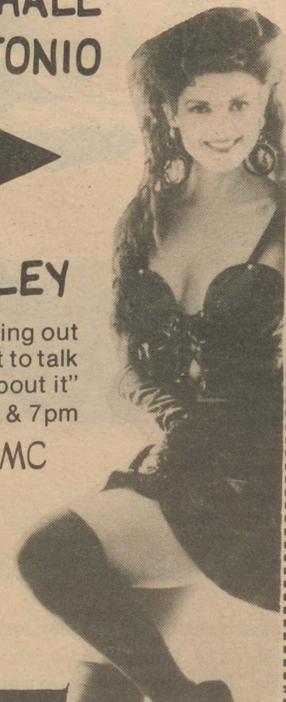
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AIDS researcher, biologist Mathilde Krim opposes doctor testing

By PEGGY FIKAC

FOR THE NEW VOICE

AUSTIN, Friday, Sept. 27 (AP)—An AIDS researcher who opposes mandatory testing of doctors for the disease said Friday she hopes national policy-makers aren't swayed by a woman who is dying after apparently contracting AIDS from her dentist.

One day after Kimberly Bergalis begged Congress to require testing for health care workers, biologist Mathilde Krim cautioned against basing national policy on what she called the "peculiar, isolated" Florida case.

"Before we design national policy that will affect millions of people, that is likely to cost billions of dollars, whose need is not

proven, we'd better look a little longer into the situation in Florida, and try to understand what happened," said Ms. Krim, co-founder of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Ms. Krim said that while she has sympathy for Ms. Bergalis, "I hope our policy-makers will keep a level head there." She added that the risk of such transmissions is "very, very little."

Ms. Bergalis apparently was infected by Dr. David Acer, who died last year of AIDS. Four other of his patients also have been found to be infected with the same strain of the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS.

It has not been determined how the transmission occurred. There are no other documented cases of patients getting the

fatal disease from a health professional.

Ms. Krim said that if, for example, Acer transmitted the virus from one patient to another by not properly sterilizing instruments, "The fact that he was infected could almost have been irrelevant."

A bill in Congress that's named after Ms. Bergalis would require health care providers who perform invasive procedures to be tested for AIDS. Those infected could not perform invasive medical or dental procedures, unless the patient was informed and consented in writing.

The medical community and AIDS activists oppose the testing bill, saying strict infection controls should be enough. The Bush administration also opposes mandatory AIDS testing.

The private, not-for-profit national organization with which Ms. Krim is associated raises money to fight the AIDS epidemic through the support of research, education and public policy development.

It has a budget of \$17 million a year, and has spent \$2 million in Texas, Ms. Krim said. But she said that only \$500,000 in donations has come from this state.

While hesitating to use the word "cure," Ms. Krim said she believes that within 10 years, drugs will be developed for early AIDS treatment that will keep the virus suppressed and "keep the patient in good shape."

But she said she's afraid the drugs will be expensive, pointing to another widespread problem: the difficulty many people have in affording health care.

AIDS enters top 10 causes of death in Texas for first time

AUSTIN, Wednesday, Sept. 25 (AP)—Infection with the AIDS virus has for the first time become one of the 10 leading causes of death in Texas, health officials said Wednesday.

In 1990, 1836 Texas residents died as a result of infection of the human immunodeficiency virus, according to the Texas Department of Health.

That total is 354 more than the 1482 deaths attributed to HIV infection in 1989.

On the health department's 10 lead-

ing causes of death, HIV infection ranks 10th, a place previously held by cirrhosis of the liver, said Tom Pollard, a division director in the department's Bureau of Vital Statistics.

"The number of deaths from HIV had been increasing steadily over the past few years, so unless there had been a dramatic reversal in the trend, it had to achieve the top 10 leading causes," Pollard said.

Since 1987, when HIV infection was first considered a separate cause of death, it has steadily climbed. It ranked

15th in 1987; tied at 13th in 1988; and 11th in 1989.

On the national level, HIV infection was listed as the 11th leading cause of death in 1989 and 1990, Pollard said.

Pollard said HIV infection also is among the 10 leading causes of death in California, New York, New Jersey, Florida, and Washington, D.C.

There was no change in the other nine leading causes of death in Texas, Pollard said.

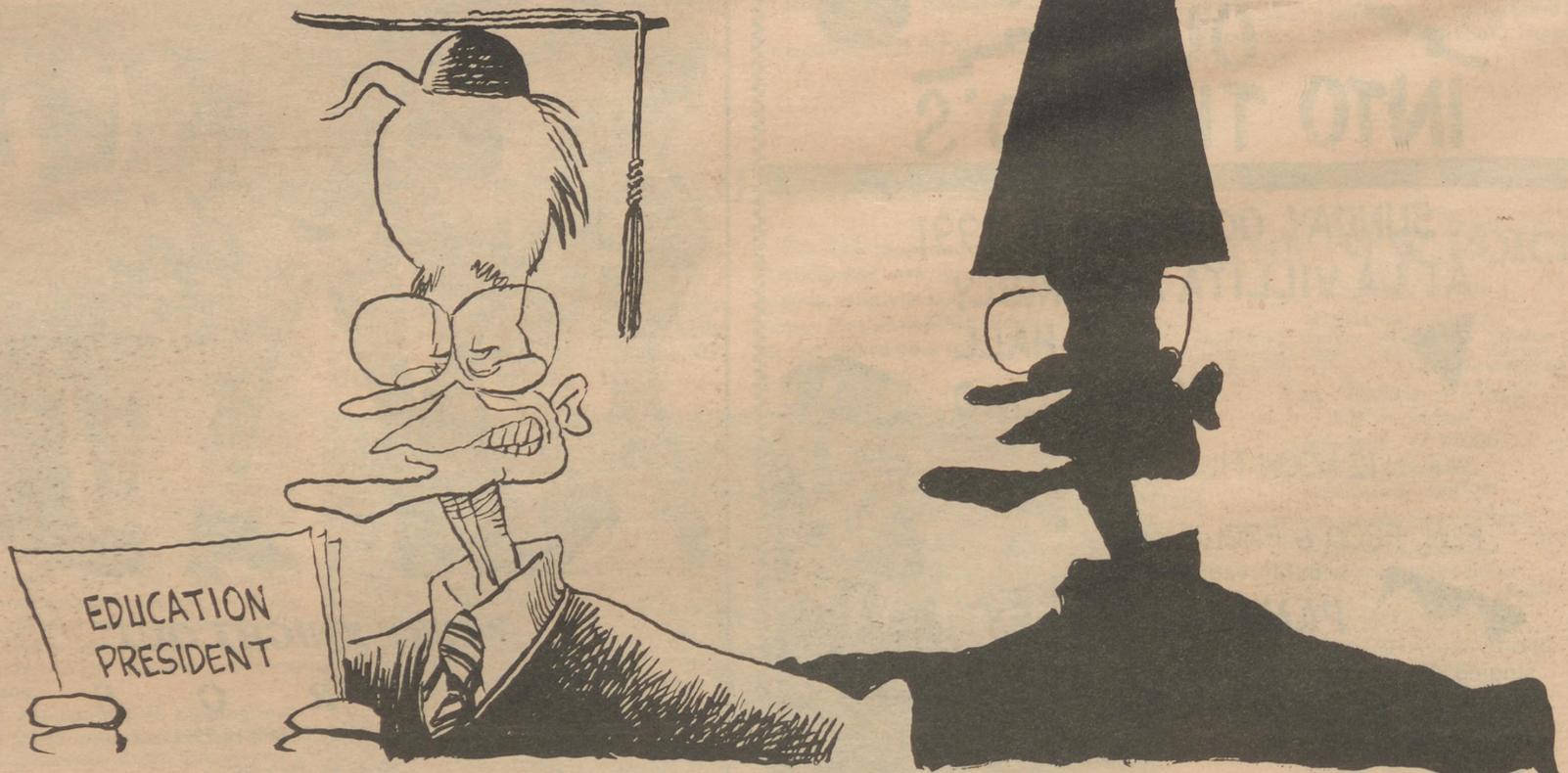
Heart disease, cancer, stroke, and ac-

cidents were the four leading killers and were responsible for 66 percent of the death toll in 1990, Pollard said.

The remaining leading causes of death were pulmonary diseases, pneumonia and influenza, diabetes, homicide, and suicide.

Combined, the 10 leading causes of death accounted for about 81 percent of the 125,019 deaths of Texas residents during 1990, Pollard said. The rate of deaths from all causes increased from 7.1 per 1000 people in 1989 to 7.4 in 1990, he said.

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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

View on homosexuals threatens Iowan's chance at church post

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sunday, Sept. 29 (AP)—An Iowa native nominated for the top post of the fairly liberal Christian Church could be voted down because of his views on homosexuality.

Theologian Michael Kinnamon, dean of Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Ky., has publicly urged accepting homosexuals in the pews and pulpits of the 1.1 million-member de-

nomination also known as Disciples of Christ.

Kinnamon, who was born in Ottumwa and raised in Bloomfield and Oskaloosa, helped fuel protests over his nomination as the church's general minister and president by announcing that he and his wife are members of GLAD, or Gay, Lesbian and Affirming Disciples. His confirmation now is

threatened by an opposition movement that says Kinnamon's accepting attitude towards homosexuals counters teachings in the Bible.

"We believe homosexual behavior is a sin. We do not want a leader who refutes orthodox Christian doctrine and the primacy of the Bible as a Christian's guide for values and living standards," opposition leader Floyd Legler wrote in "The Remington Declaration."

The document, named for trucking company owner Legler's hometown of Remington, Ind., was sent to all 4100 churches in the denomination. It urges opposition to Kinnamon at the denomination's October General Assembly in Tulsa, Okla.

"The Bible is very simple. You don't have to be real smart to know what the Bible means," Legler said.

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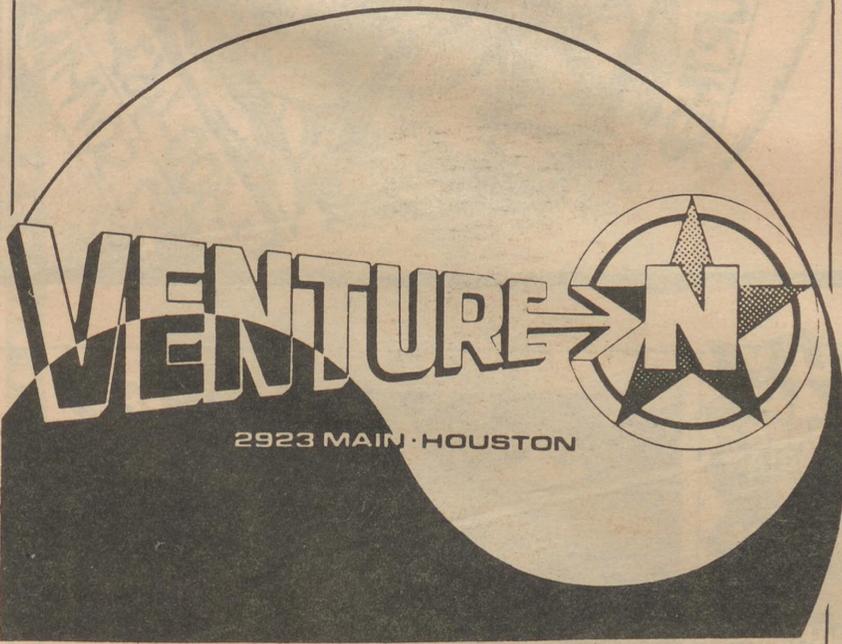
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Gay student denounces compromise that bars him from ROTC course

TAMPA, Fla., Wednesday, Sept. 25 (AP)—A gay University of Tampa student says he will sue the private liberal arts school, after being barred from a ROTC leadership course.

An agreement reached by the U.S. Army and the university Monday to provide a separate ROTC leadership lab was an effort to break a stalemate created by Michael Gagne when the gay-rights activist enrolled in the lab.

Last week, the 21-year-old psychology major was barred from the course under an Army policy which holds that the presence of homosexuals "adversely affects the ability of the Armed Forces to main-

tain discipline, good order and morale."

University president David Ruffer defended Gagne's right to take any credited course offered by the college, maintaining it was a question of academic freedom.

The compromise called for a second section to be created for a student wanting to take the class but considered ineligible by the Army, said UT spokesperson Grant Donaldson.

The separate course essentially would be the same as the leadership lab Gagne wanted to take and would be open to Gagne and any other student wanting to enroll, he said.

But Gagne called the plan "separate but less-than-equal." He and his attorney said Tuesday they intend to file a lawsuit against the university within a week.

"I can no longer trust the university to look out for my best interests," Gagne said at a press conference. "This is a slap in the face by people I trusted."

Donaldson said he would not comment on the possibility of a lawsuit.

"The university feels like it has done everything it could within the range of its authority," Donaldson said. "It's no secret that we didn't agree with the Army, but I don't think we can at least in the short

term—force the Army to change its policy."

Gagne said he has no interest in joining the military but wants the course to hone his leadership skills.

The ROTC leadership class includes calisthenics, marching drills, first aid, water survival and rifle training. The students are issued uniforms.

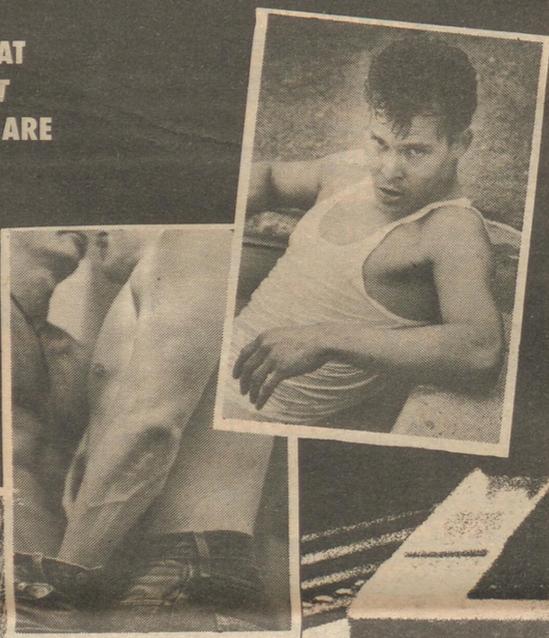
The new class is not exactly the same as the course offered by the ROTC. It would not offer marksmanship or uniforms, Donaldson said, and it would be taught by an English professor and a physical education professor instead of ROTC instructors.

Gays plan protests over alleged discrimination at restaurant

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BELLEVILLE, Mich., Monday, Sept. 30 (AP)—A restaurant chain's memo against gay people has spurred demonstrations at a restaurant opening in Belleville.

"We want to make an example of Cracker Barrel," said Ron Woods, a coordinator of the group calling itself the Cracker Barrel Protest Coalition. "We want to let corporations around the country know they can't do this."

An executive from Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., based in Tennessee, in a memo released in January, wrote that employing people "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values" was against the chain's traditional family image and should be discontinued.

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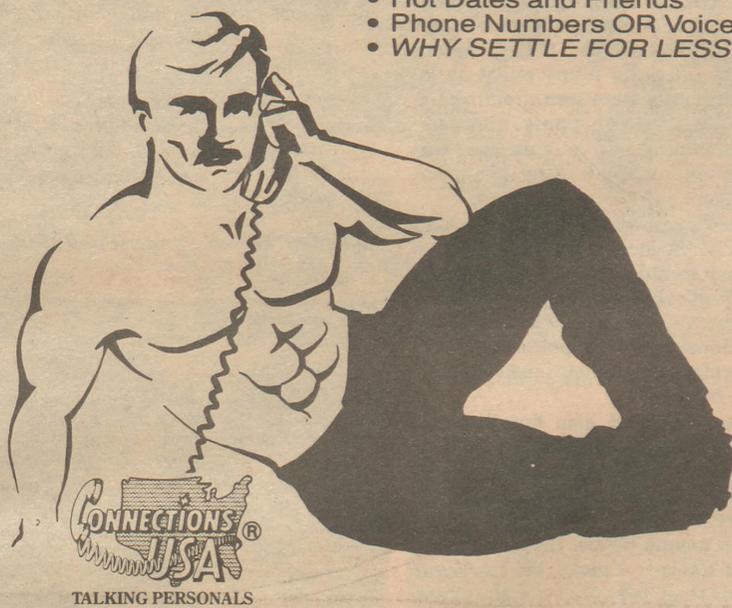
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▼ ▼ ▼ AUSTIN SOAP

Pecan Street Fair draws 'unofficial' gay crowd; bar honors Marilyn

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

Saturday was a Chamber of Commerce picture postcard day for a fair! Sooo, Austin had just that. Saturday and Sunday held Sixth Street captive to the annual Pecan Street Fair. (I'll leave it to the out-of-towners to wonder why the Pecan Street Fair would be held on Sixth Street). Though not officially a gay event, large numbers of family were seen roaming the crowds looking, and shopping, and looking, and shopping and looking, and eating, and shopping and looking...well, you get the picture.

The Voice's camera caught the lookers (and a few of the lookees) in the act. When asked if they would mind appearing in the pages of The New Voice, a GAY newspaper, the common reply/whine was "But how did you knooooow??" The polite reply was always a reference to their superior fashion sense, but pleezee.

This past weekend also found trucks and tuxes on lower Red River as Buckles had its annual semi-formal Oil Baron's Black and White Ball. Such formality is kinda rare in this town, where dinner dress often means tie-die. However, never wishing to damper a party, the cowboys/gals put on their best duds for the event. There were pointy black boots with silver toes, bolos for days and enough starched shirts to fill a Dallas bar. Surprises were also in store as prizes were given away all weekend. One of the lucky winners was Mark Kramer. Mark won a wonderful cowboy weekend in Dallas, with hotel accommodations, two tickets to the Texas Gay Rodeo and spending money.

On Saturday night, the whole bar was surprised as they were given an impromptu performance by, gasp, Aggie Dancers (and you know how this town likes them Aggies). Oddly, it seems the whole chorus line of "Best Lil Whorehouse in Texas" somehow wandered into Buckles after their performance at the Live Oak Theater. Imagine that, theater people in a gay bar. Buckles' DJ, Kevin, was quick to accommodate this rowdy bunch with the Aggie Dance cut from the movie soundtrack. About a minute into their dance, these hams discovered that the movie score differs significantly from the musical, as the music seemed to be beckoning a "heel to toe." But the show must go on, and they did also, as their carefully staged choreography disintegrated into interpretive dance. Not a soul from the room cared, since the end result was intensely more amusing.

Although not generally known by those in attendance, Buckles had made some behind-the-scenes changes. It is now being managed by the same people that have made Charlie's and 'Bout Time such a success. According to the new G.M., David, Buckles will continue its tradition as Austin's friendly country saloon, with no major changes in staff or format planned.

Since Last Splash, traditionally one of the biggest profit weekends for the saloon,



Paula with her sexy lingerie and Mark, the new bartender, at 'Bout Time



Melissa celebrates her birthday at Nexus

the entire Austin club scene has been going through a transition. Both Phase II and the pseudo-gay Lizard Lounge have closed, but the Butt Hut came and went (again), the Chain Drive threatened to close and Cisco's opened where Sadie's once stood. Because of its mythic status, the murmur regarding the Chain Drive closure persists. But the reports of its demise have been greatly exaggerated. This past weekend, this reporter found the leather bar filled, but not packed as it had been previously.

One misgiving about the queer club scene in Austin is the lack of diversity in environment. Rather than creating a new type of space and innovations in promotions, too often clubs are found duplicating, without significantly improving or expanding old ideas. The Chain Drive, however, often attempted to push the envelope a bit more. The club continues to affect the scene; DJ's from "straight" clubs go to the Chain Drive to find out what to play next week. The problem that threatened the closing reportedly has been solved. Hopefully, they will be providing inspiration and color to Austin's nightlife for a long while.

Into this gay fray, another club should be born this weekend. Marilyn's (as in Monroe) will be occupying the space on the corner of Seventh and Red River, just one door down from the Crossing. Lovers/own-



Terry and Ronnie, lovers and owners of Marilyn's, put the finishing touches on the new bar

ers Terry and Ronnie, who have hand crafted this small pub, were found placing the final veneer on it this past weekend. With grey industrial carpeting, black laminated bar, exposed bricks, neon and pictures of the Goddess on every wall, this place will feel like home to many who walk through its doors. Actually, it will LOOK like home to many who walk through the doors. All that's missing is the track lighting. But it promises to provide a comfortable, like-to-get-to-know-you kind of place, with a hint of cruise thrown in for flavor. Brian and Michael, who attended private pre-opening party, already discovered as they skipped the buffet entirely and proceeded to eat each others face instead.

Next door at the Crossing, Glen and Michael learned they could have their cake and eat it too. It was all part of the X's 11th anniversary celebration that began on last Friday and will carry on into this week. Look for special drink prices for the entire weekend as Richard and the guys say thanks to Austin for 11 wacky years. And if you ever complained about hunk that got away, take note. There will be no excuse Sunday if you leave without a man in your arms. To benefit local AIDS charities, Charlie's will once again be auctioning off their collection of framed posters. These are gorgeous pictures of some of the most fabulous bodies on God's green earth. You've studied them, you've lusted after them, now you can take them home to your bedroom. They've all got to go (or at least most of them) so Charlie's is gonna move 'em out. Bring your check-book.

To replace these masterpieces, Charlie's has specifically commissioned a set of nudes called the "Don the Doorman" series. In these we will see the ever friendly yet reserved Don in classic poses: Don with a tire, Don having water poured on him, Don on the bearskin rug, Don with a duck. Richard expects this new series to dramatically increase liquor sales. Not.

The years older than the Crossing, this

coming Sunday, Oct. 6, the Metropolitan Community Church of Austin will be celebrating its 13th anniversary. This adamantly pro-gay church continues to challenge everyone's opinions about religion. MCC-Austin has been experiencing tremendous growth over the past year and a half, and has recently announced that they will be moving into a new building in 1992.

A major component of MCC's growth is the importance the church places on creating an inclusive and multi-cultural expression. Next weekend on Saturday, Oct. 12, they will sponsor Bernie Barbour of Houston as he presents a workshop called "Dynamics of Oppression." Church Pastor Wendy Foxworth says, "This workshop will be an uplifting and freeing experience for any oppressed person...people of color, women, gays, lesbians and other minorities." For information about the workshop or MCC call (512) 929-3660.

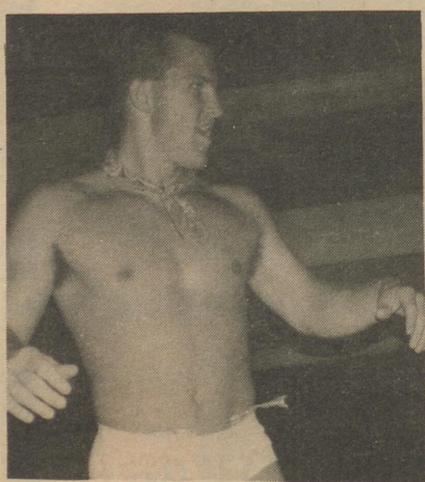
Later Sunday evening you can stroll up the highway to 'Bout Time and experience Pam's Food Feast. Every Sunday, the folks at this neighborhood bar invite their customers to bring a dish. This does not mean the latest dirt but rather something made special in your kitchen. 'Bout Time will provide the meat, and Pam will see that everyone has a good time. Don't have a dish? No problem. She'll take care of you and everyone will talk nice about you to your face.

Hopefully BT's Paula will have found her attitude bell by then. This was the bell that she used to ward off the bad spirit of "attitude" that unfortunately haunts too many clubs. Because it has been missing for more than a week she is planning to call out Gomer. Gomer is the same trophy winning bloodhound that found Jerry's keys in the parking lot a couple of weeks back. Funny how they made it all the way to those bushes.

Round Trip anyone? Start planning for Gav Fiesta in ole' San Antonio the weekend of Oct. 13. This is a lovely city nearby that a surprising number of Austinites fail to visit. Look for more info regarding this party next week. Hasta la Vista, Baby.



Brian Larson, Michael Trazen, Terry and Ronnie at Marilyn's pre-opening bash



Bubble Butt Kendall shakes his "thang" at Charlie's



Monique and Tony ... happy customers at the Chain Drive

One group is backing down from referendum challenge in Maine

AUGUSTA, Maine, Friday, Sept. 27 (AP)—The Christian Civic League is postponing its challenge of a decision by Secretary of State G. William Diamond to keep a referendum question

that he thinks is unconstitutional off the ballot.

The league had filed suit to force a statewide vote on its initiative to require a referendum on any gay rights legisla-

tion adopted by the Maine Legislature.

Executive Director Jasper Wyman said his group decided to delay an immediate court challenge because of the difficulty of gathering more than 52,000

signatures by February to get on the 1992 ballot.

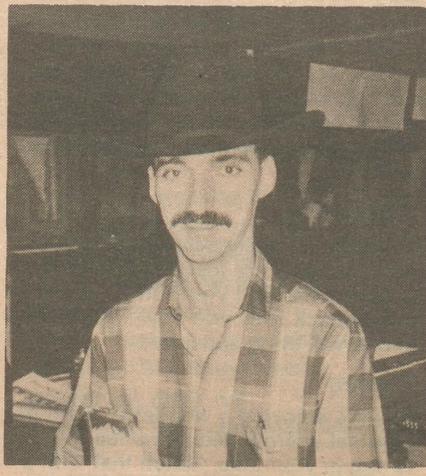
"We're not abandoning the referendum, we're only postponing it," Wyman said.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

The Soap, the dirt, the contestants, the winners, the big events



Mark Johnson struts his stuff at the Midtowne Spa Thursday nights



Burt's Burger Barn has big meat for 50 cents



Mary's has a new Miss and in it's the Widow Watson, aka Rosa Rita (second from left)—congratulations Tim (Miss Mary's 91-92)

By TAD NELSON

TNV Houston

Hello Houston! Funding for our soap column this week is by Robert and Lynn Sakowitz/Wyatt. He agreed to front the bucks and she said, "Gee whiz, Bub, I bought this seventy-K rock to protect us, so I guess a few dollars for Soap isn't too much, but I do prefer Caress to Irish Spring. You know I'm not much of a business woman but I do know good soap!"

Just kidding, Lynn. We know your soap is better than Caress and smells better than Irish Spring...you're bound to be using the Sakowitz brand for the next 50 years since Robert lost the store.

Well, speaking of Soap, let's get right to the dirt with Vera. Lies, lies and more lies. Vera tells us that Bruce (BRB) was seen in a sleeping bag Sunday night at the bar. Quick shifts? Double? Or single bag?

Miss Atwell (611), hear you had a flat tire—your car or your stomach?

Lady B (BRB), who by the way is running for Miss Montrose in the near future, did you get a chocolate pie? Ray did.

Albert, Vera says you've been too good for too long—what's wrong, darlin'?

AJ has a new name and it's Zippy! What could that mean.

Billy Nail (E/J's), David says "one-two-three-four-five-Cha cha cha!"

David (Oasis), feelin' a tremor comin' on? Have a shot, honey!

Dennis (Side Pocket), the guys at the Mine want to know if you always stand on your head to rip pockets up.

Enough!

Did you know that Gentry is having a weekly talent night? Yes, so practice and enter each Saturday night! If you want to know more—call Maude at (713) 862-8835.

And while we're on Gentry—it seems Joe P. (new kid behind the bar) tried to rearrange his face in the manner of Richard Pryor or Michael Jackson, only acid was his burn of choice! Lesson learned? Never pour acid down a drain filled with water, etc. Hope you feel better soon, girl.

Last Saturday was interesting at the Ripcord, too, I hear! Skip got a visit from several groups of women! Seems that a scavenger hunt took place at the Rainbow Lodge and one item on the receipt from the Ripcord. According to manager Gary Batcheller, Skip had quite a party and made a great photographer. Debutantes at the Ripcord—what next?

Speaking of Debutantes, Miss Camp America has been very active in the community in 1991, and their bears (from the MCA Bear Project) made their debut at Saks Pavilion. MCA members design and hand make costumes that transform the bears into collector's items, which are sold at fundraising events throughout Houston. Profits go to various local AIDS charities. Let MCA know if you know someone who needs a cute companion (I can just



Paul Theo was caught dealing cards at BRB's Casino Night Sunday



New at the Mining Company—Robert serves Patio Beer Bust on Sunday afternoons

hear the jokes now—go on and say it!

In the Always The Last to Know category, Cliff Owens and the staff of Mary's want to know if ANYBODY knows "Texas Tom," who seems to be having a Potluck Birthday Fest at the R and R bar in Detroit. Tom is rumored in that city to be part of "J.R.'s and Mary's in Houston." (Some combination, huh?)

Saturday night from 7:00-10:00 p.m. before the noon show at Cousins—The Imperial Court will do something decidedly different. The cast featuring great stars Nevada and Viva are raffling off five prizes and the top prize is a handmade quilt. You

can buy tickets from any member and need not be present to win. The Court also announced its new royalty candidates, (Emperor) Frank Pierce, Bill O'Rourke and Deb Dillehay; (Empress) Rona Bare-It Sugarbaker and Pitty Pat Magnolia Sugarbaker.

Finally, the boys on Pacific Street have announced they are making preparations for the most exciting Halloween festival in years. Pacific Street will be closed to vehicular traffic, enabling the three clubs to provide a Block Party atmosphere for the festivities and each club will have individual themes making things truly "something for everyone." More info will be forthcoming.

So long for now!



James Pruess and Del at James' art opening Friday night at Gentry



Bubbles modeling her new bag—says he is baiting the Sunday crowds



Rita has complimentary pizza for you on Tuesday nights, and she'll serve you—ready or not!

▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Money mismanagement blamed for problems at AIDS agency

DALLAS, Wednesday, Sept. 25 (AP)—Up to 18 Dallas agencies that help AIDS victims are in serious financial trouble because of mismanagement at AIDS Arms Network, a newspaper reported.

AIDS Arms Network provides management services to people with AIDS and funnels state and federal grants to local organizations that were created to help AIDS victims.

Network executive director Buck Buckingham confirmed Tuesday that his organization failed to pass along up to \$170,000 in state and federal grants intended for everything from child day care to medical services and food for

those with the fatal disease.

Buckingham is resigning, effective Oct. 31, for "personal and professional reasons," he told the Dallas Times Herald. "As executive director, I should have known this was going on, but I didn't."

Don Maison, executive director of AIDS Services of Dallas, said his organization is owed more than \$84,000 and has had to lay off nine people. The agency cares for about 40 patients in two special residential facilities and will be out of money by Oct. 15 if it does not get some funds, Maison said.

"These are dollars that were due

weeks ago. Who is going to feed the people who are so sick they can't get out of bed? Who is going to bathe them?" Maison asked.

Buckingham said he hopes to have the various agencies' past-due bills paid by the time he leaves.

"There was no criminal intent here," he said.

When private donations were not raised as expected for Network, money that should have gone to the agencies was used for Network instead, he said. Network has laid off six staff members and will not immediately fill Buckingham's post in an effort to recov-

er the money, Buckingham said.

Since there usually is a 60-day gap between a grant award and receipt of the money, state or federal agencies send an advance to cover it, Buckingham said. Network received the 60-day advances for the grants, but absorbed 30 days' worth and distributed the remainder, he said.

"The problems started with turnover in a key position in the finance operation. This led to several months of confusion and got us into a position where we were not processing requests for funds in a timely manner as we should have," Buckingham said.

Your Stars: Aries is no more a wallflower

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Gemini

A bald man is in your destiny. He's Capt. Picard's look-alike. He'll share a time and offer serene advice. Take heed. Then explore new worlds.

Cancer

Your busy social schedule has you exhausted. You can't be two places at once. A little quiet relaxation and solitude are needed about now. Time

spent alone will help you get things back in order.

Leo

You want to impress someone you met recently. Your natural wit and charm will go a lot farther than any materialistic gesture. Honesty and sincerity will be appreciated.

Virgo

Financial matters should be tended to at this time as you've been worried about money. Take a closer look at spending habits. By recognizing exactly where your cash has been going and shuffling a few things around, you find that there really is no problem.

Libra

You finally have that long-overdue discussion with a co-worker. You may feel that little was accomplished but in the long run you will find that the chat had an impact on improving conditions on the job. Now that you are less tense, things also improve on the home front.

Scorpio

You're constantly changing your living patterns and, currently, you're excited about your new routine. The change helps you break a bad habit. You should be proud of yourself.

Sagittarius

Instead of contemplating a job change, ask superiors for new, more

challenging, assignments. You are quite capable of handling the increased workload. The excitement of a new project cures your on-the-job blahs.

Capricorn

This weekend finds you choosing between two very interesting social events. At this time in your year, you can't go wrong with either one. Keep your eyes and ears open because both events offer great opportunities for the future.

Aquarius

You gave an unsuccessful effort your best try. All is not lost because others noticed how hard you worked. Don't let this setback slow you down. Future efforts will bring success.

Pisces

You are enjoying a wonderful burst of physical energy. People notice the spring in your step. Match that with a generally good mood and you're more popular than ever.

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●FRIDAY, OCT. 4

Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-8pm, 25¢ well drinks 8-9 & 10-11pm, The Crossing

Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, 25¢ well, \$1.25 beer, Charlie's

Happy hour buffet 6-8pm, \$1.25 well & beer 8-10pm, 'Bout Time

●SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Liquor bust 4-8pm, happy hour buffet 5pm, music from the 80s, 25¢ well 8-9 & 10-11pm \$1.25 well & beer 8-11pm, Charlie's \$1.25 well & beer 9-10pm, 'Bout Time

●SUNDAY, OCT. 6

Pam's Food Feast, \$1.50 well & beer noon-8pm, 'Bout Time

"Double Trouble" draft beer all day, all night, cookout 5pm, annual poster auction, The Crossing

Lone Star Male Review 7-11pm, \$1.50 well & beer 2-10pm, draft special, Charlie's

●MONDAY, OCT. 7

Happy hour all day, all night, Nasty Boys, The Crossing

Margaret Wright on piano 6-8pm, happy hour all day, all night, TV football, 'Bout Time

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●TUESDAY, OCT. 8

"Cocktail Wheel" hourly specials, steak night 6-8pm, amateur strip midnight, draft special, Charlie's

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Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, \$1.50 well & beer 8-11pm, 'Bout Time

●THURSDAY, OCT. 10

\$1.25 well & beer 8-10pm, Lone Star Male Review 10:30pm & 12:30am, Charlie's
Country Night, 'Bout Time

●FRIDAY, OCT. 11

Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-8pm, 25¢ well drinks 8-9 & 10-11pm, The Crossing

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\$1 schnapps 7am-noon, \$1.50 Cuervo, Ripcord

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

"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

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

All Male Revue 11pm, E/J's

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

●SATURDAY, OCT. 5

\$1 schnapps 7am-noon, \$1.50 Cuervo, Ripcord

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

Theme party with Rita noon-8pm, Gentry

Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's

Poolside BBQ 1-3pm, Club Body Center

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

Maude's talent contest 10pm, Gentry

Movies 9pm, Midtowne Spa

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Super Saturday Show 11pm for Rita Charles, E/J's

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

●SUNDAY, OCT. 6

\$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all day, E/J's
Poolside BBQ 1-3pm, Club Body Center

Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night, Mary's

TGRA monthly meeting, 2pm Mary's

Steak night 5-9pm, BRB

BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa

Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mine

Leather day on the patio, Mary's

NLA guest bartenders, chili dogs 5pm, blue light specials, Venture-N

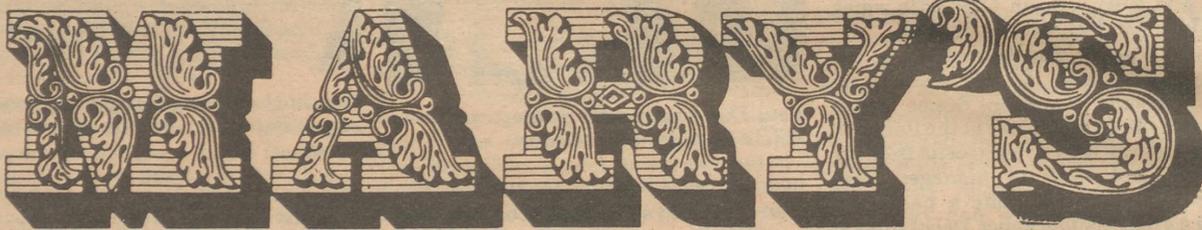
Pool tourney 5pm, steak-n-tater 6pm, male dancers 7pm, Gentry

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

GWM, 35, 5'10, 185 lbs., brown (salt/pepper) hair, brown eyes, moustache. Enjoys dancing (mostly C&W), quiet evenings (cuddled up) cooking, & the outdoors. looking for (?). Open to see what happens. AD 25136.

GWM, 41, 5'7, 160, stable, professional. Brown hair, blue eyes, moustache. HIV-neg. Excellent health, non-smoker, affectionate. Enjoys all types of music, going to movies, plays. Loves animals. Looking for a man 30-40s who is sincere, honest & is willing to build a relationship on a one-on-one basis. Tell me of your interests & hobbies. AD 25219

GWM, 44, medium build, HIV-, regular guy, true romantic, eclectic interests. Seeks same, late 30's up. Most important: honest, willingness to date & spend quality time together, relationship oriented. AD 25195

I am a GBF professional, 31, interested in meeting other GBF professionals. Must be feminine 226-30, honest sincere and enjoy life. For friendship or more reply to AD 25938.

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

1960 AREA FRIENDSHIP
60 year old professional GWM looking for discreet GWM in 1960 area for quality friendship. Am not into games or bars or casual sex. Prefer someone 38-55 for a good, old-fashioned

kind of friendship. AD 25155

A STAR-GAZING COUNTRY BOY
seeking friends who enjoy sports, travel, new age, skiing, computers, autumn, long walks, fast dancing, quiet dinners at home, plants, dogs, other people. I am GWM, 30s, 6'2", 210, non-smoker, computer professional. AD 25698

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GWM, 44, 6', 185, brown curly hair, hazel eyes, masculine, attractive, open minded, have many interests, seeks bottom but can be versatile. Looking for close friendship. Someone caring, honest, sincere, 25-45. AD 25229.

CUTE ROMANTIC SOFT BUTCH

GWF, 40-plus, blonde, brown eyes, cute professional, mature & stable & believe in honesty, trust & communication. Have great sense of humor & am incurable romantic. Don't smoke, drugs or drink & enjoy outdoors as well as indoor activities. Looking for new adventures to share with new friends or partner. AD 25225

DARE TO DARE

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

DO IT ALL AND ENJOY IT!

GWM HIV-, mid 40's, look & act younger, smoke, drink, do it all & enjoy it. Seeking similar good looking masculine man that has their act together. likes sports, out doors & hot tubs on cold nights, etc., etc. Reply to AD 25069.

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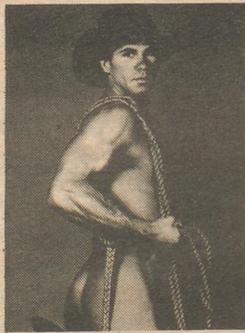
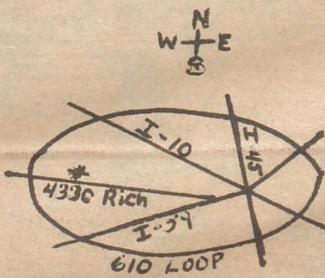
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GWF mid 20's, 5'7", 150, attractive, outgoing, feminine, thoughtful, honest, romantic, responsible, mature, good morals, enjoy playing sports, going to movies, dancing, walks on beach, traveling. Music interests include: jazz, classical, C/ W & Top 40. No mind games. Non-smoker. No drugs. You: should have similar interests. AD 25909.

GOOD LOOKING

"DADDY" TYPE

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

GWF READY TO SETTLE DOWN

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

GWF SEEKING LIFEMATE

GWF, early 30's, Christian. I am non-smoker, non-drinker, honest, self-aware growth-oriented & capable of physical & emotional intimacy. I am seeking a similar GWF with no

children for a long-term monogamous relationship. AD 25913.

GWM DESPERATELY SEEKING ULTIMATE TEDDY BEAR

Average joe mechanic type. You're HIV-, over 35, versatile, hairy,

chubby, bearded, respectable, employed. This bear cub's 26, 5'10, 140 lean, smooth boyish looking, not effeminate, good job, morals, sensitive, honest, not out long but know what I want. For possible relationship, contact. AD 25193.

GWM SEEKS GBM TO DATE

New to Houston, professional, 38, blonde, slim. Want to meet firm, sensual, African American under 40 for dinner, conversation, swimming, affection, sensual massages, & more. Respond to AD 25915.

GWM SEEKS MATURE ROMANTIC GBM

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

GWM SEEKS TALLER GWM

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

GWM, 32, 6'5, 285

mostly bottom, but can be versatile. Enjoy camping, canoeing, politics, movies, theater. Non-smoker, occasional glass of wine. Know what & who I am - hope you do too. Looking for friendship/companionship - worry about the rest later. If this sounds interesting, let's have lunch/ dinner

& see where things go. AD 25919

HANDSOME GWM PROFESSIONAL:

42/ 5'11/ 170 lbs/ salt & pepper hair/ blue eyes/ degree/ professional/ masculine. Interests: travel, working out, collecting antiques, writing, self-improvement, dining out. Good Listener. Great conversationalist! Seeking significant relationship with good-looking GM of similar or intriguing qualities. Could this be THE one for you? Let's get together & find out! Ad 25237

HANDSOME, GWM

I am 32, 5'11 & have re-

cently moved here. I am highly educated, well traveled, clean, non-smoker & enjoy running daily. I seek someone with similar qualities & interests for a stable long-term friendship or relationship. I am not looking for a one-night stand. Letter with photo if possible. AD 25924

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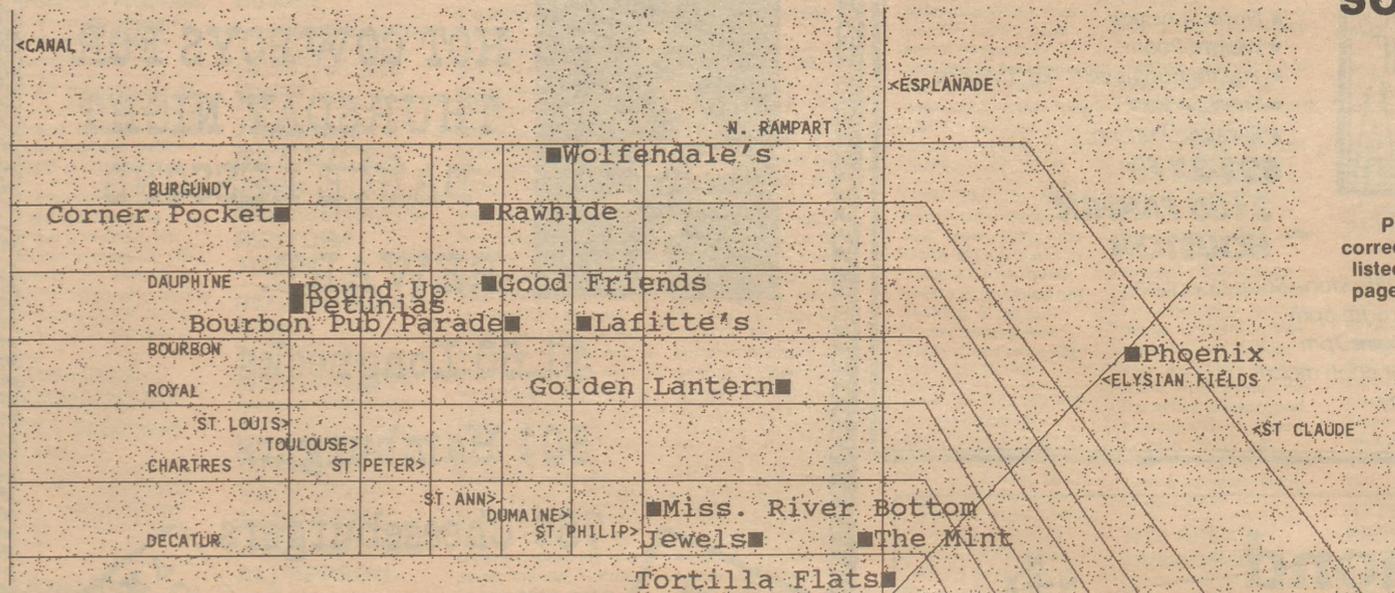
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MOUSTACHE SEEKS MOUSTACHE

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

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NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

Mature professional, very hairy body/ hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer). You mentally mature, non-smoker, large equipment a plus, bottom into safe sex. Send recent photo, name, description to Box 25916 or leave voice mail message.

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

OVERLOOKED

GBM seeking GWM who is under age 41 & under 180, is open to longtime friendship-relationship; is truly affectionate. You never know this could be the one. Ad 25236

PANHANDLE COWBOY

GWM, 38, 6.2, 195lbs, br/ bl, moustache. Grew up on ranch. Am looking to meet others between 21 & 41 for good times and possible relationship. If you like levis, leather, construction workers and cowboys, then this is for you. Reply by phone or write. AD 25222

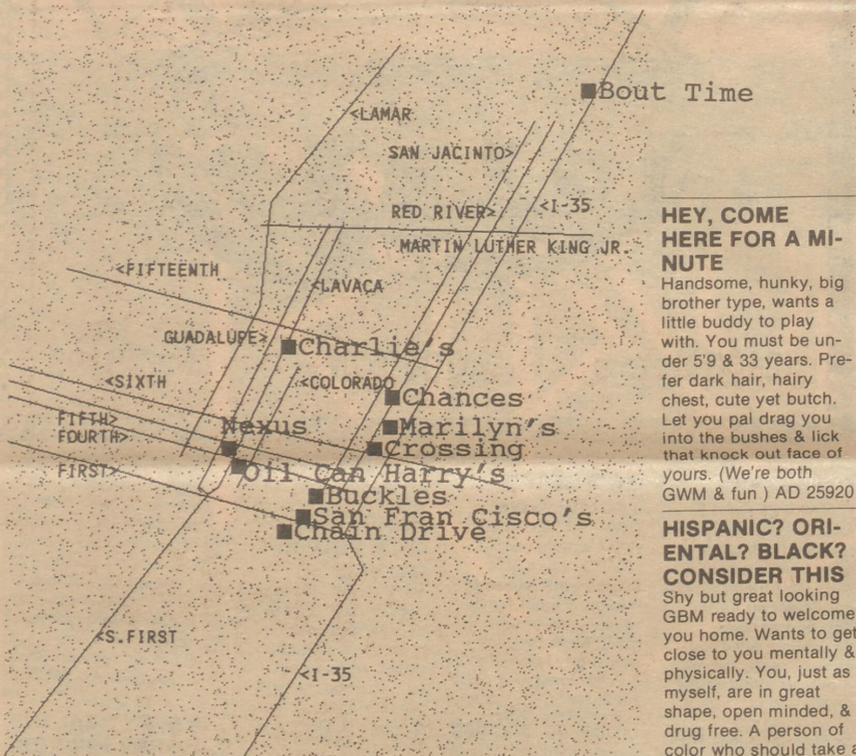
PLAYMATE WANTED

Healthy, discreet, 40ish professional seeks clean-cut drug-free GWM 18-25 for safe gay fun times. Will return favors with nice meals, movies, trips, etc. 866-6244. Ad 25103.

PUMP ME TILL DAWN

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

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HEY, COME HERE FOR A MINUTE

Handsome, hunky, big brother type, wants a little buddy to play with. You must be under 5'9 & 33 years. Prefer dark hair, hairy chest, cute yet butch. Let you pal drag you into the bushes & lick that knock out face of yours. (We're both GWM & fun) AD 25920

HISPANIC? ORIENTAL? BLACK? CONSIDER THIS

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

vite you to take a chance now. AD 25216.

HOT GM COUPLE

GWM couple, early and mid 30s, would like to meet other couples and singles for hot, safe fun. We are looking for similar men who are uninhibited and who enjoy B&D within limits. Ad 25210

I'M READY IF YOU'RE MAN ENOUGH

for a rewarding relationship. I'm honest, sincere, affectionate, attractive, adventurous, experienced, generously endowed, great posterior, healthy, sexy, versatile. 23-year-old HIV pos. GWM seeking same qualities in 30-50 year young moustached GWM into experimentation, the outdoors, romance... & vigorous sex with one special man. Send photo (returnable) with interests, desires. Ad 25121

I'M THE HAYSTACK - YOU THE NEEDLE?

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

INTELLIGENT, ENERGETIC GWF

If you like wood, pastels, thought provoking conversation, the Houston music scene, sex & romance, being creative, bike riding & don't mind some who smokes, drinks, & speaks their mind, early 30's. AD 25897.

LAI D BACK BUT ADVENTUROUS COUPLE

GWM couple seeks other couples & singles for weekend trips to Austin (and elsewhere), backyard BBQ & fun in the sun. We drink beer (probably more than our fair share), catch a buzz every now & then, & use foul language more than necessary but we're pretty good people otherwise. Ad 25099

LAP DOG

GWM, 33, brn/grn, moustache, very attrac-

tive, healthy. This frisky Fr active puppy wants to be your lap dog. Let me fetch your soup bone and lick it all night. Pet my head & feed me a special treat! Man's best friend answers to the call of attractive clean GWM with facial hair. Ad 25039

LET'S DO LUNCH—THEN WHO KNOWS???

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

LIGHTNING BOLTS WILDLY ACROSS THE SKY

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

LOOKING FOR FEMALE FRIEND

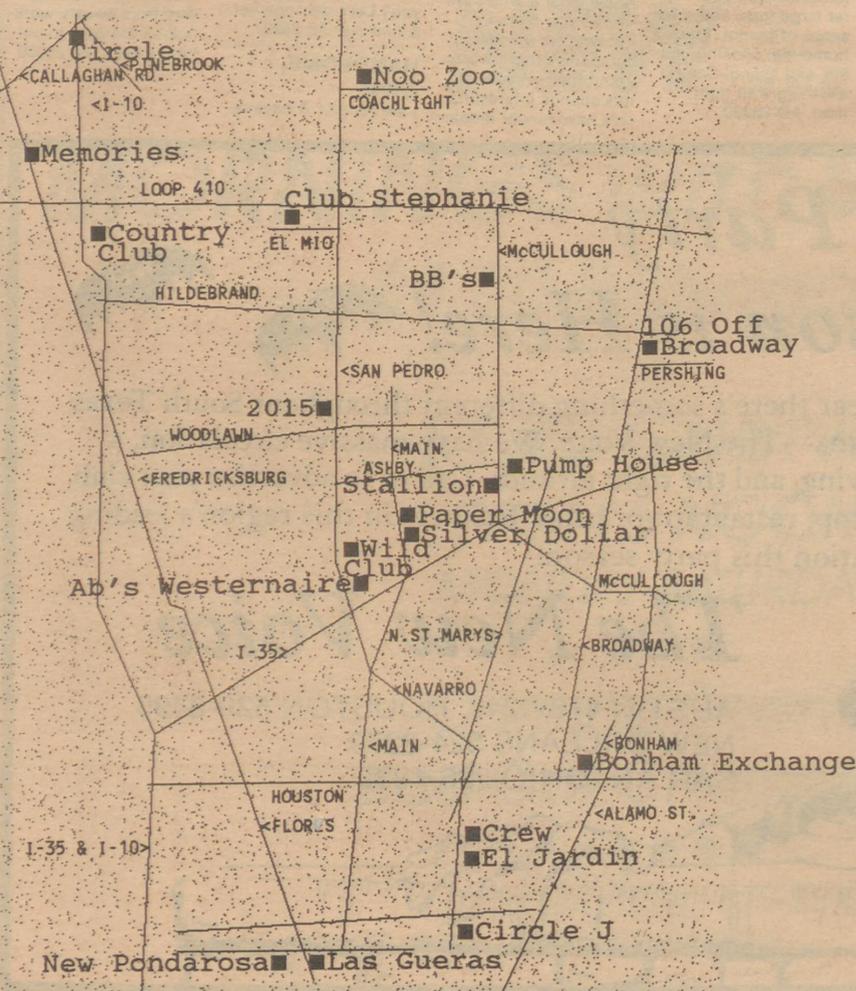
WM, middle age, 5'7", med. build, youthful looks & progressive attitude, college-educated, artistic aptitude. Likes playing several sports, socializing & some night life. Not into sexual pressures. I seek to know one who needs an energetic, warm, caring & fun guy around. I like kids too. Let's talk soon.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

LOOKING FOR GWM

GWM mid-late 20's - mid-late 30's who is mature, athletic & kind. I am GWM 25, athletic build, br/ br, 160#, HIV+ & financially secure. Interests include bicycling, movies, gymnastics, roller skating & cooking dinner at home. I volunteer with numerous HIV related groups. Let's talk. AD 25914

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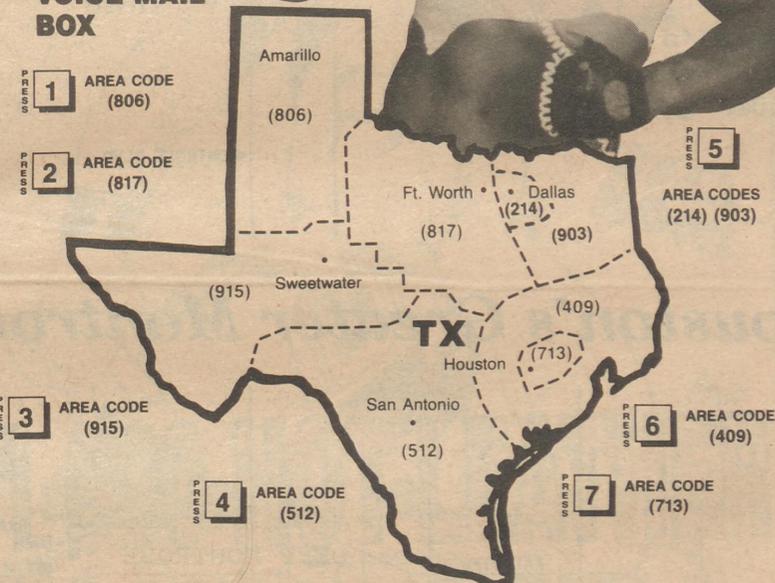
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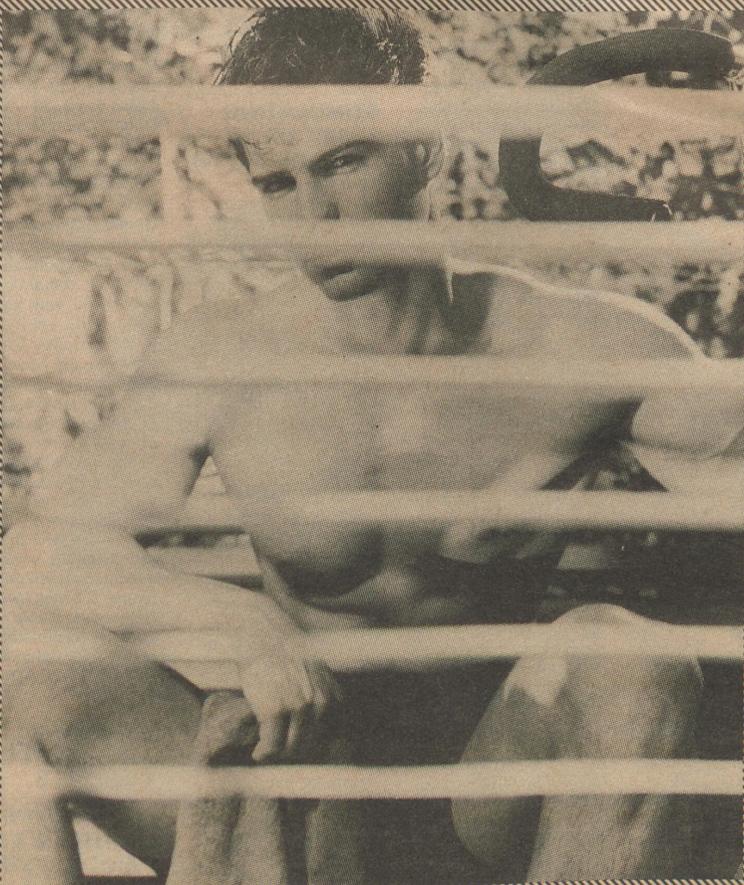
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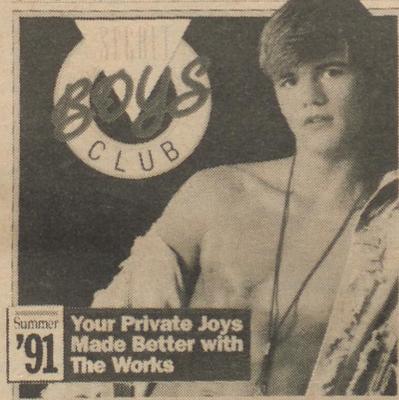
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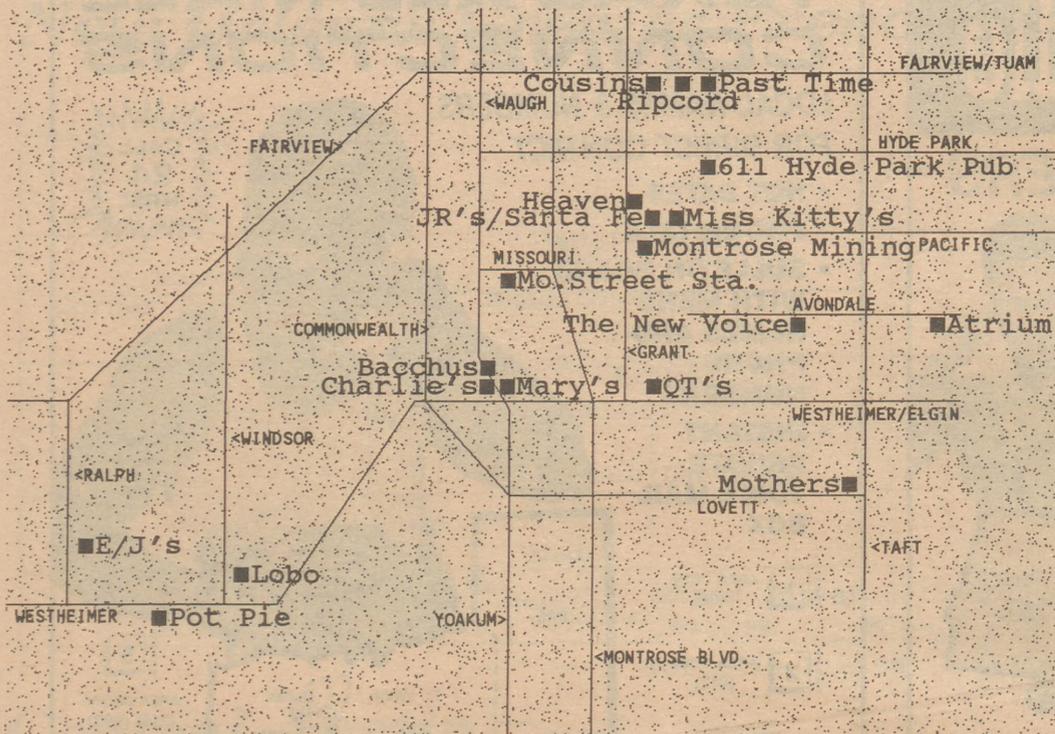


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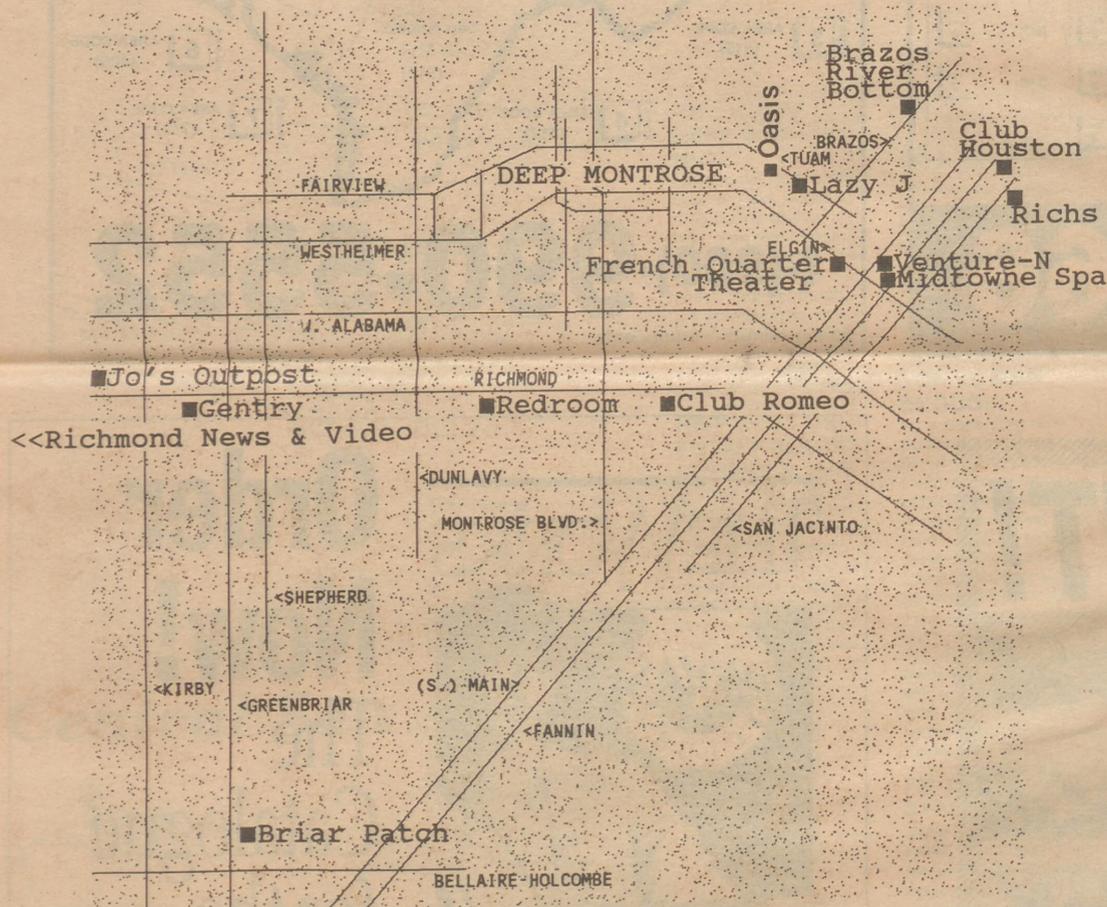


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QUALITY GUY SEEKING QUALITY RELATIONSHIP

GWM, upper 20's, 6.3, brown/ grn, well equipped, masculine, educated, professional, HIV-. Smoke/ drug free, stable and mature. Enjoys quiet times, reading, music, outdoors. Seeking the same (24-45). Must be masculine, successful, educated, easy going, height proportionate to weight. AD 25937.

QUALITY PERSON

If you are young, healthy, mentally & physically, free of drugs & alcohol & desire a

friendship/relationship with a healthy, mature, honest, sensitive, 40-ish professional who enjoys touching, quiet times, movies, the beach at night & other fun times. A quality guy seeking a quality friend. AD 25105

READY TO START OVER

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

REAL WOMYNI!

Tired of game playing and facades? I'm a GWF, 31, in 12-step recovery. Tenderhearted, sensitive, funny, philosophical, interested in bicycling and holistic health. Seeking a woman who can risk being herself with me and vice versa. Heart to heart. AD 25141

REWARD OFFERED

GWM, 34, 6'2, 175, brown/ blue. New in town, just moved from

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SEEKING FRIENDSHIP OR POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP

Females only. Introvert. Class. GWF 21, hazel eyes, 5'5", 117 lbs, bit shy, charming, innocent looking. Attractive, college student who enjoys music, dining out, photography, movies, poetry, traveling, clubs & long walks. If you enjoy having fun & like wind blown through your hair. AD 25149

SEEKING GALVESTON AREA HIV-, GWM/GHM TOP

GBM seeks affectionate GWM/GHM under age 43 & under 170 for an enduring, long-term

friendship. This HIV-, GBM, 31, meets above criteria. Seeking a truly considerate slim or muscular GWM/GHM, top, who can verbally express his feelings. Hairy a plus. Drug-free expected. AD 25009.

SEEKING VALUE FOR VALUE

Genuine GWM, College Station/Brenham area, early 40s, youthful, professional, romantic, successful, with healthy mind, body, spirit. Interests: country living, antiques, old houses, flea markets, gardening—vegetable & flower, fine arts, travel, outdoors & old movies. Seeking friendship, possible relationship, with masculine guy who may share some interests & who is honest, outgoing, non-promiscuous, intelligent, tender & eager lover, expressive, stable emotionally, responsible & country for balanced love equation. AD 25158

SEEKING WOMAN WHO MAKES MY HEART SING

GHF, 37, 5'2", 118, attractive, light olive complexion, androgynous,

intense brn. eyes, witty, educated, artistically inclined, spiritual, compassionate, incredibly romantic about love & life, seeking feminine GHF or GWF, 28-40, cultured, physically fit, non-smoker, social drinker, intelligent, affectionate, romantic, honest, financially secure, monogamous. AD 25183.

SEEKS GENESIS BUDDY

attractive GHM, 30, 5'8, 145#, slim build, equipped & likes to pump iron. Would like to meet attractive GWM or GHM single or couples between 25-35. I like sports, especially football & also enjoys playing Sega Genesis games, & need someone to compete with. Please respond AD 25925

TIME, LOVE AND TENDERNESS

GWM, 25, 135, bl/ grn, 6' HIV-, who's considerate, understanding, affectionate, lovable, lonely & needs TLC. Enjoys music, dancing, dining out, parties, meeting new people. In

need of companion, 25-35, for friendship/ relationship & affection! Must be financially secure, HIV-, drug free, neat & non-smoker. Love to hear from you! AD 25904

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Muscular, masculine, GWM, 36, 190, 6', brn/ grn, moustache, seeks other masculine, built GWMs, who enjoy working out, good laughs, quiet & fun times, mixed with safe sex, kissing cuddling, & are sensitive listeners, ages 30-40. Non smokers please. Send recent photo with reply to AD 25238.

TIRED OF SLEEPING ALONE?

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

TRICK AND/OR TREAT

GWM, late 30s, br/br, 5'10", 155, moustache, hairy chest, nice-looking, healthy. Seeks nice looking, non-smoking GWM or GHM, 20s or 30s, for safe but entertaining Halloween diversion. Send photo if possible. AD 25169

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

I am the only gay student here? Where at the rest of you guys? I'm a young, masculine, fun-loving athlete seeking classmates who share interests in weight-lifting, business, music and law. Maybe we already attend class together. So why not get acquainted? Who knows where it might lead. Discretion is assured. AD 25908

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and more to share lots of interests. Although big in size, I am healthy, neat, energetic, & my clothes fit. I am GWM, 28, clean shaven & only lightly hairy. Love to dance, do the malls, travel, watch tennis, etc. To find out everything, listen to my ad in Voice Mail. AD 25912.

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WHERE ARE YOU MR. RIGHT?

GWM, 19, 6', br/green, darkly tanned, don't drink or smoke, enjoy music of various types, sports, reading. Still searching for that special guy. Not perfect but then again who is. Looking for someone 20-26 who offers good communication, warm heart, & the difficult task of being faithful. If you fit this description, please respond to 25116

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40, 5'7, medium build, very progressive attitude & youthful looks, masculine, & college educated. Big on dancing, tennis, creative hobbies. Like all music/ prefer rock. HIV neg. Not into sexual pressures. If you feel you would be happy with me & I with you, please respond to AD 25164

NEW FACES, NEW PLACES GWF (39)

Seeks same (35-45). Tired of the same old faces? Wouldn't it be fun to have an out-of-town girl friend? I am single, attractive and more feminine than not. Would enjoy meeting someone with similar attributes. If you think monthly rendezvous sound appealing, get in touch. AD 25931.

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San Antonio THE PERSONALS

TIRED OF BARS? OF SLEEPING ALONE?

Athletic build, masculine looking. GHM, 32, 5'5, 130. Brown hair, brown eyes, moustache. My interests include working out daily, cooking, the outdoors, sports, quiet evenings at home. If you like to cuddle, or just be held, when you down in the dumps. I will be there. Hopefully we can develop a relationship. AD 25922

GBF 26, 5'7, butch of the 90's is looking for fellow San Antonian's for Friendship that may lead to a love connection. Nationality and looks is not of importance. Prefer someone between 23-30. Must like kids. AD25930

GWF, hazel eyes, dk. blond hair, 5'6, birth sign Cancer, 23. Romantic person, enjoys clubs, camping, fishing, beach, most all kinds of music, love animals, dancing. Desperately seeking butch for friendship or possibly relationship. AD 25889.

GWM, 61, RETIRED, HEALTHY, 6'1, 195#,

seeking friend/ lover in 45-62. Would like to meet someone who shares similar interests: travel, music, literature, theater. Like bar scene, but am not a heavy drinker. Prefer non-smoker. AD 25911.

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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Research finds two drugs are better than one to fight HIV

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., Friday, Sept. 27 (AP)—When an experimental AIDS drug is used in combination with AZT, it could make the AIDS virus less resistant to the latter drug, according to researchers at Burroughs Wellcome Co.

The research, published Friday in the journal *Science*, adds fuel to the theory that a combination of drugs, rather than one drug alone, may be the best way to manage the human immunodeficiency virus, HIV, which causes AIDS.

"The bottom line is, this says com-

bination therapy is clearly the way we should move to handle HIV-infected individuals," said Sandra Nusinoff-Lehrman, head of the department of infectious diseases at Burroughs Wellcome.

The Research Triangle Park pharmaceutical company makes AZT, the only drug federally approved for the treatment of the HIV infection.

AZT, sold under the brand name Retrovir, is not a cure for the HIV infection, but has been found to delay progression of the illness. After prolonged treatment, some patients seem to derive less benefit, possible

because the virus has become resistant to the drug.

In the study, scientists at Burroughs Wellcome analyzed strains of HIV isolated from five patients with advanced HIV disease. The patients had undergone treatment with AZT and then, when the drug appeared to be failing, were taken off AZT and put on ddI, or dideoanosine, an experimental drug being developed by Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

Doing test tube experiments, the scientists found that the virus samples quickly became resistant to ddI

but became more sensitive to AZT.

"It appears that when you take patients off AZT for awhile and put them on ddI, your viruses become more sensitive to AZT and less sensitive to ddI," said Dr. Nusinoff-Lehrman.

HIV is a changing virus, she explained, and those infected with it usually have different strains of the virus in their bodies.

The theory behind combining drugs is that together two agents can increase effectiveness, delay or overcome possible drug resistance and reduce side effects.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Univ. of St. Thomas changes tune on contract with Montrose Singers

Friday the Thirteenth was the beginning of a roller coaster ride for the Montrose Singers. The 11-year-old community chorus's Fall concert was jeopardized when the University of St. Thomas informed them they could not present the Oct. 6 concert on the school's campus as previously agreed.

However, within five days, the liberal arts university reversed its decision but not before the Singers had changed the location for their concert.

(The Montrose Singers will present their fall concert, "Happy Together," this Sunday, Oct. 6 at 4:00 p.m. at Rice University's Hamman Hall).

The Singers believe the University of St. Thomas, which is affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, attempted to cancel the chorus's contract for the use of a con-

cert hall because of the Church's opposition to homosexuality. According to the Singers' president Jaime Ballesteros, a representative of the University called on Friday, Sept. 13, to inform the Singers that the school had "no intention of honoring that contract."

The representative claimed that the Singers misrepresented themselves on the school's application form by not disclosing that they are a "gay men's chorus," as newspaper announcements for the event stated.

University representatives also claim the school didn't know the group was a "gay men's chorus," despite the fact that the Singers had given two concerts at UST's Jones Hall in 1990. Both of these were publicized in the press with the same words as the questioned concert.

The two previous contracts for use of the

hall stipulated that a UST monitor would attend the events, a situation that the Singers say should have given UST actual knowledge of the group's affiliation with the gay community.

Ballesteros said the UST representative who contacted him claimed there was no binding contract, since the application form was not signed by a UST representative. The Singers countered that neither of the two previous contracts had a UST signature on them, but they were honored without incident. As well, the university had already cashed the Singer's deposit check in July.

Told again on Monday, Sept. 16, that the school would not allow the chorus to use Jones Hall, the Singers immediately booked Rice University's Hamman Hall for the same date. The next day, however, UST's representative relayed the school's deci-

sion that the contract was binding, and said the chorus could present the concert as scheduled, but that publicity for the event should not mention the gay affiliation.

The university representative later called again to clarify that the advertising stipulation was a request and not a condition. By that time, however, the group had finalized its replacement lease with Rice University.

The Singers voted unanimously to have the concert at Rice University, since they felt UST's stance was "unfriendly and discriminatory," members said. Concerns had also been expressed about involving the concert's audience in a possible confrontation on the campus. Members of the group said they have not ruled out the possibility of further legal action over the cancellation attempt.

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