

Police say former inmate stalked, killed pen pals

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP)—An Indiana ex-convict wanted in connection with the slayings of gay men in two states allegedly preyed on pen pals he made while in prison, police said.

Keith Eugene Goodman, 30, and two companions were arrested here while visiting another one of Goodman's pen pals—a Laguna Beach college professor, police Chief Albert C. Ehlow said Jan. 16.

Goodman, Jon Christopher Mead, 22, and Tracy Holland, 21, all of Anderson, Ind., were arrested Jan. 14 for investigation of the killings of a New York man and three Mississippi men, Ehlow said.

Police believe Carnegie-Mellon University professor Peter G. Jones, on sabbatical leave, was a likely target.

"If we had not arrested Goodman, I believe Jones would have been the next victim," said San Clemente Police Sgt. Richard E. Downing.

"It's very frightening," Jones said in an interview at his home. "I see myself as very lucky because the police told me I was the next victim."

Jones was among an estimated 20 to 25 pen pals Goodman corresponded with while serving time at an Indiana prison for burglary and sexual assault on an 80-year-old woman, authorities said.

The New York victim and one Mississippi victim were both pen pals, Ehlow said. Meanwhile, police in Goodlettsville, Tenn., Jan. 17 said Goodman and two companions were not suspects in the killing of local professor.

Goodlettsville Police Lt. Harry Bell said his department had been interested in the case because the gun used in some of the slayings is similar in caliber of the weapon used to kill Robert Sibert, 41, a biology professor at Volunteer State Community College.

Sibert was found dead in his home on Oct. 22, shot once in the forehead with a .380-caliber automatic pistol.

However, Bell said California investigators had determined the men were not in Tennessee at the time Sibert was killed. Also, they did not obtain the weapon in question until November, the month after the slaying.

"We're still going to get their fingerprints for comparison, but right now there's nothing that's going to tie them in to being suspects in our case," Bell said.

"It's a con's con game," Ehlow said. "They write to people to tell them how bad off they are, asking for money to help them through, get a better defense lawyer, that sort of thing. And people send them money and befriend them."

Goodman was released in Jan. 1988, but was sent to Madison County (Ind.) Jail in Jan. 1989 on a drunken driving charge, authorities said. It was there he met Mead, who was being held for burglary.

After their release, the men left for New York on Dec. 16 to meet Harold D. Williams of Windsor, N.Y., one of Goodman's pen pals, authorities said.

"They probably intended to hit him up for money and rob him. They ended up killing him," said Ehlow.

Williams, 60, was found shot to death Dec. 21 in an upstairs bedroom of his house. He was last seen alive Dec. 19, said New York State Police Capt. Carl E. Shaver.

Goodman and Mead were questioned in Indiana by Anderson police Dec. 29, Anderson Sgt. Rick Griner said. But the pair was not arrested and they left town Dec. 29, stayed briefly in Kentucky before going with Ms. Holland to Mississippi, said Griner.

It was not clear whether Ms. Holland was in New York, authorities said.

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Washington is gov' for a day, then heads to D.C.

By BILLIE DUNCAN

Montrose Voice

On Friday, Jan. 19, he was a state senator in the Texas Legislature. On Saturday, Jan. 20, he was the Governor of Texas. On Tuesday, Jan. 23, he was sworn in as the U.S. Congressman from the 18th Congressional District. Craig Anthony Washington may not know whether he's coming or going, but he certainly is headed straight up.

Last Saturday's celebration in Austin for Washington's "Governor for a Day" was attended by many Houstonians from the 18th, a district that includes Montrose. And though the day began as cold, windy and dreary, as the congratulations and the barbecue were dished out, the sky expanded into bright blue and poured sunshine on the smiling celebrants.

Washington's words in the Senate Chambers were clearly reflected in the diversity of the crowd. He said in a voice that seemed to take root some place deep in his own soul, "We have hope that what we see is out beyond ourselves. We have hope. Out beyond ourselves, we have people who are old and young. Out beyond ourselves, men and women working together, rich and poor working together. Out beyond ourselves, we can solve our problems as a society."

"We can see beyond our race, beyond our geography, beyond our economic circumstance, beyond those in our immediate age group, beyond those who happen to be of our sex, beyond those whose sexual preference is left to them, beyond those who have less education than us, beyond those who have more education than us, beyond our frail human selves we can see God in ourselves. "With all our faults, when we see each other, when we look at each other's faults, when we look at each other's souls, we can do anything as a people."

And for 17 years, 10 in the House and seven in the Senate, Washing-

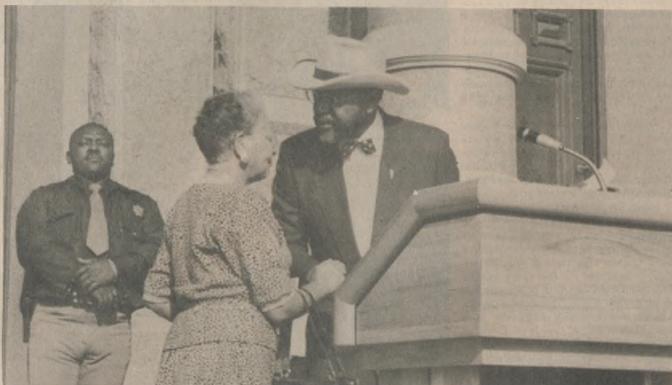


PHOTO BY BILLIE DUNCAN
Craig Washington is sworn in as Texas governor—for a day

ton has generally followed his strong words with definite action. When he said that representation of the people should reflect the diverse composition of the population, he followed those words by fighting for more diverse representation on all boards, panels and benches, taking a bite whenever possible out of the leg of the giant Good Old Boy of Texas.

Supporters point to him as a leading defender of human rights who has made it known that gay rights are an integral part of the rights of all people.

Detractors say that his "loner" approach to standing up for what he thinks is right smacks of arrogance and a lack of team spirit. However he has been portrayed, his colleagues in the Texas Senate paid particular tribute to him by honoring him as Governor for a Day when he should not have been eligible for four more years. Since he was going

to the U.S. Congress, his senatorial cohorts ignored the rules of seniority and placed the gubernatorial gavel at his honorary disposal as a send-off to the nation's capital.

"It's good to see key people being elevated across the state," said Montrose businessman Charles Armstrong after visiting with Washington on the steps of the Capital in Austin. "Craig following in the steps of Mickey (Leland) in Washington is just incredible for the entire gay community on a national level and for humanity on a global level," he said.

Armstrong was impressed with Washington's speech and felt that it was a significant sign of what constituents could expect from their new representative in Washington. "He brought up gay rights several times today," said Armstrong. "I was glad to see Jim Mattox, who's running for the governor's race on the Democratic ticket, was present

when Craig repeatedly talked about the AIDS situation, saying we have to help the people in our (human) family who've been afflicted with AIDS. I was glad all those people heard that part of Craig which he so passionately believes in his heart. It's a great day for Texas."

County Treasurer Nikki Van Hightower, running for state treasurer in the wake of Ann Richards' run for governor, was cautiously optimistic about Washington's impact as a freshman congressman. "I think any time a newcomer comes into an institution like the House of Representatives, they have to make some friends and get to know people," she said, "so I wouldn't expect anything instantly from his office. But Craig is a demanding person on himself, so I would think he would probably move a lot faster than most people would in that position." State Representative Debra Danburg was more effusive in her

estimation of the impact that Washington might have in the nation's capital. "Even though Craig is going up as a freshman and seniority matters a lot, the people who are already in Congress are welcoming him with open arms," she said.

"A lot of the members of Congress themselves made \$1000 contributions to his campaign, because they were so excited and enthused about having someone who's a true believer and an inspiration come up there—and not just join the team but take a leadership role from the very beginning. It's a real plus for all of us."

Clearly, from all that he has said, Washington expects to take a leadership role. In his speech, in fact, he said, "I have enjoyed the opportunity (to serve in the Texas Legislature) much because when you speak in Halls of Justice, you have the opportunity to change public opinion, and I believe leaders are those who change public opinion, not merely follow public opinion."

Many of his statements have a ring to them that indicate that Craig Washington sees himself as a man of destiny, and people who feel they have been touched by the hand of destiny have a tendency to excel in whatever they choose to do. Last Saturday he said, "I don't know why Mickey died—there are a lot of things that I don't know—but I do know that, in looking back, I spent the last 17 years of my life preparing myself for the adventure on which I am about to embark."

But just when arrogance seemed to be rearing its head, he became gracious and even-handed, passing out accolades to his fellow senators, both Democratic and Republican. He said that his cohorts in the legislature "helped me find my peace." He said, "They taught me that I wasn't fighting those fights alone. If I had been fighting those fights alone, there would have been one vote."

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David Bryan accepts job as NGRA director

David A. Bryan, former executive and legal director of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, moved into the top legal position of National Gay Rights Advocates on Monday, Jan. 22. NGRA is the nation's largest public interest law firm representing gay and lesbian rights.

Bryan, who lived in Houston for several years before moving to Austin in 1989 to head THRF, replaces Leonard Graff as legal director. Graff held the position for over seven years, and is currently serving as interim executive director. Bryan will direct NGRA's legal program from the organization's San Francisco office.

"David Bryan's past successes in the fight for lesbian and gay civil rights have already made him a leader in the movement," said Graff. "David provides the needed skills and experience to sustain and strengthen NGRA's record of civil rights advancements into the

1990's."

At the quarterly board meeting Jan. 20, THRF trustees accepted Bryan's resignation. Board member Sue Lovell proposed a resolution adopted unanimously by the board at the meeting, recognizing Bryan for the years of service he gave to the foundation.

"David has been committed to the struggle for lesbian and gay civil rights for over six years on behalf of THRF. (we) will miss the hard work and dedication that were his trademarks as our director," Lovell said.

Although Bryan is leaving the state, he is rejoining the THRF board as a trustee. At the Jan. 20 meeting, he was elected to the board to remain involved with THRF programs and cases begun during his tenure as director.

Bryan, 34, graduated from the Texas Tech University School of Law in 1981 and practiced corpo-

rate law in Houston for five years. He joined THRF as a member of the board of trustees in 1984. Bryan, who said in a recent interview he considered Houston his home, moved to Austin early last year to work full time in THRF's office there.

While a trustee, Bryan contributed to the litigation work challenging the Texas sodomy statute. Bryan also worked on cases in the recognition of lesbian and gay student organizations at Texas A & M and Texas Tech Universities. In 1984 and 1985, Bryan was active in the Houston campaign to save a city ordinance prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. (The ordinance was overturned in the so-called "gay rights referendum" of 1985).

As legal director, Bryan helped prosecute a discrimination complaint with the Texas State Board of Insurance against Midland Life

Insurance Company for "AIDS zip code red lining." The resulting decision made the practice illegal for insurance companies doing business in the state. He also helped prosecute the foundation's disciplinary complaint against Dallas Judge Jack Hampton, was publicly censured in November for anti-gay bias.

"I have followed NGRA's considerable legal achievements for nearly a decade," said Bryan. "I look forward to carrying on the organization's precedent-setting litigation with pride and excitement. I am honored by being selected as NGRA's legal director."

Richard White, NGRA board chair, said, "There are many critical legal issues facing the lesbian and gay community. David's leadership will allow NGRA to meet the challenges ahead."

Founded in 1977 in San Francisco, National Gay Rights Advo-



Texas' David Bryan is new NGRA legal director

cate fights for the rights of gay men, lesbians and, through the AIDS Civil Rights Project, persons with HIV disease. NGRA aggressively pursues impact litigation in employment and housing discrimination, family partnerships, reform of sodomy laws, anti-gay violence and first amendment rights.

Probe continues in secret as Frank works to restore image

By JOHN DIAMOND

FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Amid a veil of secrecy surrounding his House ethics committee investigation, Rep. Barney Frank is putting out word that he is confident his public career can survive intact.

But there may be more fuel added when Penthouse magazine publishes an interview next month with prostitute Stephen Goble, who had a relationship with Frank.

In the meantime, Frank, D-Mass., has kept up his work pace on Capitol Hill. Frank has led a Democratic move to "cut defense spending and shift the funds into deficit reduction and domestic programs. President Bush singled Frank out at a recent bill-signing ceremony for his work on housing legislation.

"If you're being complimented by the president you must be doing

something right," said Rep. Joseph Moakley, D-Mass.

And in his district, no well-known figures have emerged to challenge Frank for re-election and a fundraising effort for the incumbent is generating a healthy take.

"Barney Frank has weathered the storm," said Larry Rasky, a Democratic consultant in Boston. "The whole incident has almost become a non-issue."

But Massachusetts Republican Executive Secretary Alexander Tennant said, "Barney Frank is hoping that this whole situation will just go away."

Tennant acknowledges the GOP has had a hard time coming up with viable opponents for Frank but insists, "his credibility has been irreparably damaged."

With some lapses, Frank has not commented at length on Goble since the scandal broke last sum-

mer.

"I won't discuss it," he said recently when asked about the case. "I'm not going to contribute to a non-story."

When the story broke in August with Goble's revelations in The Washington Times, Frank seriously considered ending his political career. He still hasn't decided whether to seek a sixth term, saying he wants to wait until the ethics committee verdict is in.

"There's some sense that there's going to be another wave that will coincide with the Penthouse publication and the results of the ethics hearing," Rasky said. "But at this point, unless there's something startlingly new revealed, and I don't see any reason to expect that there will, it's just going to be treated more as the final act of last season's play."

The ethics committee voted in September to investigate Goble's

allegations that he operated a sex-for-hire business out of Frank's Capitol Hill apartment with Frank's knowledge.

Frank admits he paid Goble \$80 in 1985 for sex and later hired Goble with personal funds as a housekeeper and driver. But he says he dismissed Goble in August 1987 when he learned Goble was using his apartment for prostitution.

Frank has denied other specific allegations. When Goble charged in another Washington Times story that he and Frank had sex in the House gymnasium, Frank called the story a "vicious, crazy set of lies."

Goble told his story to the ethics committee for more than four hours behind closed doors on Dec. 5. Borrowing a line from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," he told reporters afterward, "I came to report Congressman Frank today,

not to bury him."

Frank hinted strongly in a recent interview that he has testified before the ethics committee.

Back in his district, Frank has raised about \$100,000 in recent months for his campaign and for a legal defense fund established by supporters, according to Dick Morningstar, a Frank political aide.

The only declared opponent against Frank is Republican John Soto, 46. Soto's previous bid for public office was a run for state representative in which he captured less than 30 percent of the vote. No Democrat has come forward to challenge Frank, although some, including state Sen. Lois Pines, have indicated they may run if Frank steps aside.

"It depends on the outcome of the ethics committee. It's as simple as that," says Morningstar.

Main Street Theater presents an accessible 'Hamlet'

Houston Live by NEIL BADDERS
Main Street Theater, consistent with its philosophy of presenting classics in new and challenging ways, has another winner on its hands with a contemporized adaptation of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

Judiciously trimmed, Rebecca Green Udden's version manages to retain the passion and feeling of this 400-year-old play while updating the setting and style of the piece. This is accessible Shakespeare with intelligent direction and natural performances; perfect for the novice theater patron.

The story of murder, intrigue and revenge is familiar. The king of Denmark has been murdered; his brother Claudius has not only followed him to the throne, but has married his widow Gertrude. Gertrude's son, prince Hamlet, is visited by his father's ghost who informs him that Claudius is responsible for his death.

Hamlet sets out on a path of discovery and subsequent revenge. Other players in the tale are Polonius, counselor to the king; his son and daughter, Laertes and Ophelia (Hamlet's ill-fated love); the faithful friend to Hamlet, Horatio; courtiers Rosencrantz, Guildenstern and Ostrich; soldiers Marcellus, Bernardo and Francisco and assorted members of an acting troupe, grave diggers and a priest.

Many of the director and cast's choices make the evening fun to watch, seldom interfering with the original intentions of the play. Such moments include the announcement of the marriage of Claudius and Gertrude, presented as a presidential press conference complete with television coverage, and the decision to use non-traditional casting throughout. The roles of Bernardo and Rosencrantz were played by women, and it served this adaptation well.

The decision to place a scene between Claudius and Laertes in a post-tennis match locker room, sipping Perrier while they plot Hamlet's demise, sounds more clever than it played. This was the only time in the evening when the move to the present seemed a bit forced.

Keeping the audience spellbound for three and a half hours was a talented cast of 14 led by James Gale as Hamlet in a carefully detailed, powerful performance. Gale skillfully outlined a man bordering on the edge of madness, initially to mislead, but eventually succumbing to escape the awful scope of his reality. The quirks that Gale brought to his Hamlet were fascinating to watch, but without crossing over the line into self-conscious mannerisms. It's a

difficult role, full of contradictions. Gale avoided the pitfalls and more than met the challenge.

Polonius is usually presented as a doddering fool, but in Steve Garfinkel's hands he is portrayed as a loyal, albeit misguided, advisor and father. Garfinkel's charm and comic touch also served to lighten up what could easily have been an unrelentingly grim evening.

Kent Johnson as Horatio and Steve Fenley as Laertes bring a natural approach to their roles which complements the production. Johnson is all easy grace, and so believable as the ever-loyal friend to Hamlet. Never once do we miss the meaning of Shakespeare's lines as spoken by Johnson. Other actors, take note.

Fenley, as Laertes, is like a gunshot every time he makes an entrance as the loving brother determined to avenge the deaths of his father and sister. Energy and passion are Fenley's strengths.

Main Street's artistic director and director of this "Hamlet," Rebecca Green Udden takes a rare turn as actor in this production. She gives us a Queen Gertrude of torn loyalties, concerned for her son's sanity but needing Claudius to escape the void of her first husband's death. Udden successfully suggests at a sexual presence, a few Oedipal leanings and a barely-contained sadness. Her Gertrude also has dignity, compassion and beauty.

As Ophelia, Mychelle Abernathy is best at conveying her character's state of mind through her actions. She is stunningly effective in a bedroom visitation from Hamlet and heartbreaking in her mad scene without ever saying a word. When she does speak, she's for some reason less convincing.

Charles Tanner looks right as Claudius, who in this adaptation is presented as a conniving chief executive, but he lacks a grace with Shakespeare's language which is more apparent due to the skills of those around him. He is good at portraying evil and certainly is an appropriate foil for Gale's Hamlet, but his soliloquy was awkward and false.

The remainder of the company, Penny Walzel, Joe Kirkendall, Mark McGriff, Albert Linton, Wendy Eberle, Chris Fowler and Michael Wonio brought the supporting characters to life with vigor and affection. Very strong work by the ensemble and production staff of Kathleen Lipscomb Jirick, set design, costumes of Patrick Collins, lighting of Bob Dover and sound of Freeman Williams is to be viewed



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Leaflet distributor's charges dropped

DENVER (AP)—Fliers can be distributed without a permit if they are political material, a Denver judge ruled in the case of a man who was handing out leaflets urging a boycott of an AIDS drug manufacturer.

Denver County Judge Jacqueline St. Joan dismissed charges filed against Roger Beltrami, 40, ticketed while distributing fliers urging a boycott of products produced by the manufacturer of the AIDS-fighting drug AZT.

Beltrami is a member of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, or ACT UP. He was ticketed by police as he handed out fliers Oct. 6 on the 16th Street Mall that encouraged a boy-

cott of the Burroughs Wellcome Co. of Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Burroughs Wellcome makes AZT, which can prolong the life of AIDS patients and delay symptoms of the disease among those infected with the HIV virus, believed to be a precursor to AIDS.

Beltrami said the drug's cost—about \$8,000 a year per patient—is "outrageous," so the company's other products should be boycotted.

He was charged with two violations of city ordinances, distributing leaflets without a license and failing to obey a lawful order by a police officer.

In dismissing the charges, St.

Joan noted that fliers can be distributed without a permit if they are "political material."

St. Joan said Beltrami's leaflets were "political material" and exempt from the ordinance. She also found that because Beltrami's flier-distribution was protected, the police officer's order to stop was not legal, said Ruth Buechler, Beltrami's attorney.

Buechler, who represented Beltrami for free in her capacity as a member of the National Lawyers Guild, said she was pleased that St. Joan dismissed the case but disappointed that the judge didn't declare the leaflet-distribution ordinance unconstitutional.

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—CURTIS EUGENE POPE

Curtis Eugene Pope, who departed this realm on Jan. 13, 1990, was born Sept. 25, 1948, in Atlanta. He spent most of his adult life in Houston. He was very active in community activities in his spare time, and professionally, he managed several Montrose businesses. He will be missed by all who knew him. A memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1 at Houston Mission Church, 3217 Fannin, upstairs.



—THOMAS ALLIN PEACOCK

March 1, 1936—Dec. 24, 1989
Tom's battle with AIDS ended on Christmas Eve morning at the VA hospital. He was preceded in death by his beloved grandmother, Mae Robinson Allin and many friends. He is survived by his loving mother, Elizabeth Allin Henderson of San Antonio and an uncle, Phillip Allin of Lafayette, La. Tom, a Houston native and army veteran had been active for years in politics and was a successful exhibitor of Persian cats. Thanks to friends and the interfaith team for making his last days at home with his pets possible.



—RON BILBO

Ron Bilbo, former advertising director of the Montrose Voice, died on Jan. 18 from complications of an intestinal bypass operation. According to his family, he had the surgery several years before in order to lose weight. Because of the toxins released in his system, he suffered massive liver damage which led to his death.

Bilbo was born Ronnie Joe Bilbo on Oct. 17, 1947, in Pasadena, Texas, and was raised in Galena Park by his aunt Betty McWhorter (Auntie Betty) and his grandmother. He played in the band in high school and regularly attended church, leading his family to believe that he would one day be a preacher.

He went to live with his mother (now deceased) and stepfather for a while, but his stepfather took him back to his Auntie Betty when he found out that Ron was gay. From then on, Ron was his Auntie Betty's child, and she loved him and cared for him until he died. She said, "Wasn't nobody loved him like me and his grandma did. His mama never washed a diaper for him."

Before moving to Montrose, Bilbo drove an ambulance and worked for Houston Memorial Funeral Home. When he left the employ of the funeral home and moved to Montrose his life changed. When his Auntie Betty went to his house to get the suit in which to have him buried, she found a coffin crank in the pocket.

In Montrose, he was an owner of Tim's Coffee Shop on Westheimer before working for the Montrose Voice. After he left the Voice, he started the Houston Forum newspaper, then went into semi-retirement after leaving there. He was well known for having a big heart and for participating in many fund raisers in the community.

Services for Bilbo were at Memorial Funeral Home on Monday, Jan. 22, with burial following at Forest Park Cemetery. He is survived by his aunts, Betty McWhorter and Doris Fuller, his son, Charles Scott, his cousins, Mildred Payne, Willy Brown, David Brown and Sam Fuller, and his friend, Carolyn Scott.

He is also survived by a family of friends in the Montrose. As he was dying, someone broke into his apartment and stole all his valuables, which the family had intended to sell to pay for the funeral. Several donations have already been made to the family to help defray the cost, and anyone who wishes to contribute may send donations in care of Joe Porro, Box 66414, Houston, TX 77006. Make checks or money orders out to Betty McWhorter. If any money is left after funeral expense, Mrs. McWhorter said she will donate it to the Spring Foundation because "Ronnie liked to raise money for them. It would be a good thing to do."

The AIDS Interfaith Alliance will hold its fourth annual interfaith memorial service on Feb. 10 at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 2410 Westheimer. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed with a reception.

Special music will be featured, by choirs from several congregations. A homily will be given by Dr. William M. Turner, senior pastor of South Main Baptist Church. This service also features a lighting of individual candles to commemorate those who have died of AIDS.

The AIDS Interfaith Council was established to educate people about the AIDS epidemic, generate a compassionate response to people touched by AIDS, and address the spiritual and other needs of the thousands of people in the Houston area who are directly affected by AIDS, representatives said. Attendance at the memorial service increases yearly, they said. A special invitation from the council is extended to the communities most heavily affected by AIDS, and to their loved ones. For more information about the service, contact Pat Meister or Dr. Earl E. Shelp at 667-5627.

—Band concert

The Lone Star Symphonic Band will perform a benefit concert at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at Metropolitan Community Church, 1919 Deatur. Proceeds will support MCCR. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. All proceeds go to MCCR. For more information call 863-6068 or 522-4282.

—Valentina

Womynspace will present the annual "Valentina Dance—An Extravaganza for Singles and Couples," from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church in the

Fellowship Hall. The chemically-free, women only event will feature DJ Cherry Wolf. Admission is \$5 at the door.

Bering Church is located at 1440 Harold Street (at the corner of Mulberry). For more information on the dance, call 621-0870.

—Loss and change

A six week series on "Coping with the stress of loss and change" will be led by Dr. L. Annette Jones beginning Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Center for Counseling and Spiritual Growth. In this series, participants will be helped to understand more about the grief process, Jones said. Group members will practice familiar coping skills and develop new ones, she said.

"AIDS has taken the lives of many of our friends and loved ones. In order to deal with the stress of these losses we more learn more about ourselves," Jones said.

There is no fee for the series, but donations are accepted. The Center for Counseling and Spiritual

Growth is located at Central Presbyterian Church, parlor 3788 Richmond at Cummins Lane. For more information or to register call 624-6662.

—Corporate donations

Corporate underwriters have pledged \$480,000 in support of Houston's Feb. 3 production of "Heart Strings: The National Tour," organizers of the benefit have announced.

The Houston stop of the national tour of the musical fund raiser is co-sponsored by the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA/Houston) and Bering Community Service Foundation, which share responsibility for organizing the event. Eighty-five percent of the proceeds will be used locally by these groups for their service and grant-making programs, while the other 15 percent will be directed to a national grant pool, available to national groups and community based organizations in cities not included in the tour.

—Wellness program

AIDS Foundation Houston Inc. (AFH) continues its January Wellness program schedule with the monthly introductory class in Kundalini Yoga this Tuesday, Jan. 30 and a discussion of self-hypnosis on Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The yoga class, taught by Satya Khalsa, is intended to help bring people in touch with their bodies and minds to encourage stress reduction through deep breathing, meditation and exercise. Khalsa is an instructor with Yoga for Life. She teaches the AFH class monthly, usually on the third Tuesday of the month.

TC LeNormand, director of Behavioral Dynamics, will lead the talk on self-hypnosis. LeNormand will discuss the benefits of self-hypnosis to reduce stress and "self-actualization" and its effectiveness in modifying behaviors. The class will dispel some of the common misconceptions about self-hypnosis as well as focusing on the processes involved in achieving positive results.

Reader asks 'No power any more?'

From LEE HARRINGTON

In 1985, Randall's Food Markets Inc. forced Steven Little to resign because rumor had it that he "... had a roommate (with) AIDS." On May 16, 1986, in a sworn trial deposition, Randall's admitted "... it was decided that Steven Little would either voluntarily resign or Randall's would terminate him." Since the out of court settlement, Randall's has refused all attempts by the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus to revise their employee policy.

At the grand opening of Randall's newest 24-hour Flagship store in Montrose, ACT UP-Houston took the lead all weekend in picketing the food giant. Picketing will continue, at least on Saturdays.

Because of GLPC's attempts and ACT UP dramatically marring the elegant grand opening, Randall's

Onstead finally said ... that the Little incident was a mistake made during 1985 AIDS hysteria ... but, remarkably, he is still unwilling to alter his written employee policy to match Jamal's on Shepherd, the Kroger Company, Apple Tree Markets and others.

Letters to the Editor

AIDS and gay discrimination is reported, city-wide, daily just recently. Randy Ovenden, weak and near death, was told that he could not move from a one bedroom to a two bedroom apartment, so a friend could move in to help him. Management said, "... well, no; we'd have to fumigate and repaint and everything." Now, Randall's, right on our own turf. For me, it's the last straw, an affront worse that Councilman Frank Mann's 1979 "odds and queers" or former Mayor Louie Welch's "shoot the queers" statements. I think this one is going to rally the troops like we haven't

seen since. It's a social and medical issue, we need the sports groups and all.

A very broad based coalition of (non-gay) gay groups and businesses met Wednesday at The Women's Center to determine strategy. Please call 713-623-9000 to report all discrimination incidents you know about and to give graphics, printing and promotional items to help with a planned rally and more picketing.

Aren't you fed up with employers and landlords humiliating and kicking our sick buddies while their down, and gays at random? Are we going to allow low self-esteem and being worn out to dictate toleration of it in the 90's? Are our elected officials not consistently making statements before the media to set a different tone in our city? I'm ready to march again, but they say lesbians and gays and Houston have no troops or power anymore.

Let's just see.

Regents expected to consider kicking ROTC off campus

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—The University of Wisconsin Board of Regents is expected to debate this coming week whether ROTC programs should be kicked off the Madison campus, UW System President Kenneth Shaw says.

"I would say it's highly likely that'll be on the agenda," Shaw said Monday of the regents' meeting Feb. 1-2.

Shaw said he and UW-Madison Chancellor Donna Schalala plan to announce their recommendations on the ROTC controversy early next week.

The UW-Madison faculty voted in December to support kicking ROTC programs off campus because of their policies against gay men and lesbians. The faculty said ROTC programs should be removed from campus by 1993 if

such ROTC policies are not changed.

University policy and state law prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual preference. But, although gay men and lesbians can take ROTC classes at the Madison campus, they are not allowed to enlist or be commissioned into the armed forces under federal military policy and are prohibited from receiving ROTC scholarships.

UW-Madison's Academic Staff Assembly, which represents academic staff members, called upon university officials last week to work with colleagues at other land-grant universities to change the military's policy banning gay men and lesbians from service. UW-Madison, as a land-grant school, is required to provide military training for its students.

Washington is gov' for a day, then off to D.C.

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However, there was a small cloud in the day's blue sky in the form of a fight that Craig Washington did not expect: two contempt of court charges that supporters quickly dismissed as "a tempest in a teapot." Whether the judges will dismiss the charges or not is another matter. But, last Saturday, it was not believed a "proper" topic for discussion. An aide of the congressman's however, told the Montrose Voice there would be news soon of importance to the readers of the Voice.

Despite that grey blur on the horizon, the general mood of staff and friends was extremely positive. At Washington's side was the "First Lady of Texas" for the day, Dr. Desmar Walkes, who said she was looking forward to setting up a family medicine practice in Washington D.C. and planned to be active in several areas.



PHOTO BY BILLIE DUNCAN
Craig Washington and family are all smiles at the statehouse in Austin last Saturday

"I think my concentration's going to be on the abortion rights issues that are now in the Congress," she said, "as well as environmental issues and health

care—which is a natural for me. I'm concerned most about the access to health care for all the citizens in this country, and through my practice (of medicine) it's be-

come very apparent that something needs to be done to make it readily accessible to everybody no matter what the situation."

Whatever impact that Washington has on the 18th Congressional District, his sense of destiny will undoubtedly lead him on. He closed his speech by saying, "I hope my service in the Congress of the United States will be such that as they now look at me to see who is this person who follows Mickey Leland—as they looked a Mickey Leland to see the measure of that person who was then following Barbara Jordan—one day when I step down from that office and the smoke clears, the dust settles, if I do my job the way that you pray that I do my job—they'll look back to see, who is this person who follows Craig Washington to the Congress of the United States?"

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AZT dose recommendation split in half by FDA

By DEBORAH MESCE FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday cut in half the recommended dose of the anti-AIDS drug AZT, reducing the cost and likely side effects of AZT therapy.

Some physician experts in treating AIDS already are prescribing lower doses. The agency's action will send the message to other doctors that the low dose is as effective as the high dose and causes fewer side effects.

The FDA ordered changes in the labels on AZT, also known as zidovudine, to recommend 600 milligrams a day after one month at 1,200 milligrams a day, the previous recommendation for a daily dose.

The change "means that fewer patients may have to discontinue AZT therapy because of serious

side effects," Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan said in a statement.

Dr. James Mason, assistant secretary for health, said the lower dose also would reduce treatment costs for AIDS patients receiving AZT.

A year's treatment with AZT at the current recommended dose costs about \$8,000 or more. Tuesday's recommendation would mean annual costs of about \$4,300 or more.

Mark Harrington, representing the AIDS activist group ACT UP, said the FDA's action was "great news" and important because it will get the word to "conservative doctors" who prescribe strictly according to a drug's label.

The decision also is important because high doses of AZT have been keeping AIDS patients out of clinical drug trials, in which the

drug is compared with other therapies. In these trials AZT is administered at the previously recommended high dose, he said.

"Partly because of cost and partly because of toxicity, we need to find out what the lowest possible dose is," he said.

Harrington said the FDA recommendation was long overdue. He noted that preliminary findings of the study on which the action is based were released last July.

On the basis of those initial findings by the government's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, many physicians began prescribing the lower dose. Dose recommendations on the label do not prevent doctors from prescribing higher or lower doses of the drug if they believe it is warranted.

The FDA said clinical data from the study became "sufficiently collected and analyzed" in November

and were submitted to the FDA by the manufacturer, Burroughs Wellcome Co., on Dec. 18.

While producing fewer adverse reactions, the half-dose regimen was as effective as a higher test does in prolonging survival and reducing the frequency of opportunistic infections that often kill AIDS patients, according to the agency's analysis.

The study, however, did not determine whether the lower dose is as effective in aiding neurological problems in AIDS patients, officials said.

AZT is the only anti-AIDS drug approved by the FDA that directly combats the virus that causes the fatal disease, which destroys the body's ability to resist infections and other diseases.

However, the highly toxic drug can inhibit the production of red blood cells, causing severe anemia. It can also reduce the number of

infection-fighting white blood cells to dangerously low levels, requiring the patient to discontinue use of the drug.

In the clinical study, 262 patients were given 1500 milligrams of AZT a day for two years, to see if higher-than-recommended doses produce any benefit. Another group of the same size was given 1,200 milligrams a day for a month and then 600 milligrams a day for the rest of the period, said Kathy Bartlett, a spokesperson for Burroughs Wellcome.

Patients in the low-dose group were found to have fewer side effects than those in the high-dose group without any apparent difference in benefit. Among those receiving the high dose, nearly half had serious adverse reactions that required them to discontinue AZT treatment, while only a quarter of the low-dose patients had to stop treatment.

Richard Strauss' 'Der Rosenkavalier' sparkles for HGO

By L. TODD GARRETSON
The Montrose Voice

The winter repertory season is under way for Houston Grand Opera with a revival of Richard Strauss's oft-repeated *Der Rosenkavalier*. Originally presented here in 1975, the production retains its charm and serviceability, while offering new and striking portrayals from a very strong cast.

This production has to be counted as one of the major recent successes for HGO, well up on a list that includes performances of *The Mikado*, *Tannhauser*, *Turandot* and *Boris Godunov*. Happiest news of all is that two of the principal roles are assumed by recent graduates of the Houston Opera Studio.

Suzanne Mentzer as the titular Octavian has already developed an international career in the few years since she studied and performed here with the studio. Returning triumphantly to the parent company she contributes here a performance that establishes her in the front rank of mezzo sopranos currently before the public. Although the voice category of "falcon" is not often cited in contemporary parlance, it is within this tradition that her instrument could best be described (Patti and Malibran are the best historical examples). The lower registers are fully equalized with an easy and silvery upper extension, and the basically lyric sound can be opened up with real power held in reserve. The voice is firmly under control, supple and pliant, including the facility to shade and color at any volume level. She has also that rarest of commodities usually called *une larme dans la voix* (a tear in the voice).



PHOTO BY JIM CALDWELL
Suzanne Mentzer as Octavian and Janice Grissom as Sophie in HGO's production of Richard Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier"

Musically and dramatically Miss Mentzer has gotten to the essence of this trouser role and she projects the most believable 17-year-old cavalier in recent memory. So much so that the implied, but obvious, physical relationship with the older Marschallin is perceived with resonances that border on the immoral. Moreover, his/her scenes as the chambermaid Mariandel emerge uncluttered with implications of "double drag" often encountered with less convincing portrayals. Although relatively new to this most demanding and beloved of operatic impersonations, Mentzer has laid claim to the role with a very personal and satisfying stamp of her own. Welcome home, diva, and many happy returns!

Making her debut in a major

role with HGO is the studio's more recent graduate Janice Grissom, as the innocent and (initially) naive Sophie. One expects any performer who assumes this role to have the money notes—those above the staff and beyond. Miss Grissom's talent includes these in abundance, as well as a surprisingly full-throated and rounded sound in the middle and bottom. Many lyric sopranos, including some very famous names, neglect the development of the entire range by concentrating exclusively on the top, with a resultant unbecoming hootiness. In addition to the security of tone production already in evidence, Miss Grissom's voice at this stage gives promise that it may grow, with careful husbanding, into a true spinto.

Josephine Barstow's appear-

ance as the Marschallin was somewhat puzzling. Her sound is slightly veiled, with a burnished sheen that satisfies enormously in the quieter passages. Owing perhaps to a slight indisposition, however, she did not produce the requisite volume in the bigger scenes, and the final trio particularly, to match her on-stage colleagues. While she portrayed the feminine and worldly aspects of her character with ripe conviction in the opening scenes, the closing monologue of Act one went beyond mere introspection to a kind of self-absorption. And, although not graciously costumed or coiffed for her appearance in the concluding scene of the opera, she played the Marschallin as much too regal and world weary for a woman who had only two days earlier been in

the thralls of romance with her young lover. In all, Miss Barstow gave a performance that fascinated and convinced, but did not completely satisfy.

The role of Baron Ochs was assumed by debut artist Artur Korn, whose more than serviceable bass was resonant throughout the entire 2 octave range required for this part. Given that a somewhat black sound reminiscent of Gottlieb Frick prevailed throughout, the higher notes were produced with a surprising brightness and clarity. And he was able even to sustain that notorious low E at the end of Act Two. His approach to the character was more as a countrified bon vivant let loose on an unsuspecting Vienna than as the hopeless buffoon of ten caricatured in more traditional productions. Not to say that he wasn't the complete boor, just that he was more likeable than usual (gratefully so), believably able to forgive and forget his being bested by the younger cavalier for the hand of Sophie.

Much was to be admired in the ancillary roles. In particular Ernst Gutstein was strong of voice, capitalizing on the exaggerated bourgeoisie of von Faninal, while Adria Firestone and Joseph Frank were just right as the oleaginous Italian sycophants Annina and Valzacchi. The conducting of John DeMain was his usual journeyman output, carefully controlled with good coordination between the pit and the stage. One wishes he could learn to breathe more with the singers and find more poetry in the score.

Performances continue in the Brown Auditorium of the Wortham Center tomorrow, next Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Patty's Pool Parlor

The Montrose Activity Center held a successful Celebration '90—Team Houston kickoff campaign at Rich's this past Sunday. They are trying to help support Houstonians who want to go to the gay games this summer in Vancouver with fund raising assistance, team uniforms, T-shirts and buttons and so on. With their help, Team Houston will be a definite hit.

Montrose Neighborhood Sports

Well, the dog fight continues. For the week ending Jan. 19, the top ten teams battling it out were: 1) Past Time, 2) Bacchus 1, 3) Briar Patch, 4) Lipetok, 5) Rainbow Ranchers, 6) C & N "Men", 7) Happy Hazards, 8) Chicken Ranch, 9) Festive Five and 10) Bunkhouse 5.

The next league meeting is Feb. 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ranch. For the third consecutive meeting, we will discuss the options for the summer campaign. Unsubstantiated rumors have been spread about the board wanting to change things. It is important for all to attend so the facts can be presented. After the discussion a vote will be taken.

On behalf of the entire league, I want to wish Roger a speedy recovery. He has been hospitalized with a long standing hereditary illness and we all hope he's back on the beat very soon. Here's to you, guy—Patty

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Interior designers sell work to benefit AIDS

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP)—Interior designers in northwest Indiana and Illinois will donate proceeds from their work to the Indiana AIDS Foundation.

Maria Dick of Hammond says she

knows no one personally with acquired immune deficiency syndrome, but the disease prompted her to launch Interior Designers United.

"After reading about it, it's really

devastating because it's like nothing else. So I wanted to start something that would bring people together to benefit the cause," she said.

The group is open to anyone who is in the creative field, artists, painters,

designers or writers, she said.

Dick said that she and the group will be working on different projects such as a show house or craft shows.

Dick's first project will be an open

house in Hammond on March 31 and April 1.

"The charge for the open house tour will be proceeds only, and all the proceeds will go straight to the AIDS Foundation," she said.

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AIDS fight needs more Washington cash, hearing told

By JACK SCHREIBMAN
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Over the next four years, the AIDS epidemic will cost the country \$1 billion a year, an expert on the incurable disease predicted at a congressional committee hearing.

The hearing Jan. 16, intended to help produce a projection for the federal 1991 budget, was kicked off with San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos pleading for more government help.

The San Francisco plan, or model, to cope with the devastation of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, "is near collapse," the mayor testified, despite the admiration of the world for the city's compassion and effectiveness.

"... Now, for the first time, there is reason to believe that we can stave off death with early intervention treatments ... and yet the hope that science and research has brought comes at a price that government won't pay," Agnos told the federal building hearing.

Agnos found extreme irony in his observation that the federal government will pay for AIDS hospitalization costs only if the victim is hit by pneumonia and not in earlier intervention before insidious symptoms surface.

"There is something seriously wrong with a federal policy that requires people to go to death's door before they find a welcome mat," added the mayor bitingly.

It was estimated that 70 percent of AIDS care costs go for drugs, principally AZT, 18 percent for clinical visits; and 12 percent for laboratory tests. It was testified that AZT costs \$6,000 a year per patient for 1200 milligram doses, but that recommended reduced doses could bring that down to \$3,500 a year.

Rep. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., chair of the Human Resources Task Force of the House Budget Committee, said it is paradoxical that while the government invested millions to develop and test anti-AIDS drugs ... "the administra-

tion stops at the point of making these drugs available to all who are unable to secure life saving treatments through their own means."

San Francisco has had more than 7000 cases of AIDS since the epidemic began, the third largest incidence of a U.S. major metropolitan area, according to the Centers For Disease Control in Atlanta.

Agnos said 5000 people have died of AIDS in San Francisco since the start of the epidemic, and that probably 5000 will die of it in the next three years, while another 5000 will be diagnosed with the disease.

Dr. George W. Rutherford, director of the San Francisco AIDS office, said the combined public-private cost of AIDS will be \$3 billion-plus for the nation over the next four years, and \$100 million for San Francisco alone. He estimated about a third of both figures will be financed by the public.

His chilling statistics through

1993 for San Francisco, behind only New York and Los Angeles in HIV incidence, include 20,000 victims averaging 240,000 visits a year and requiring 300 health care workers and staff.

"These costs are tremendous, both in the public sector and in the private sector," said Rutherford. "However, the payoffs are tremendous as well—a chance to prevent premature death, a chance to prevent suffering and possibly a chance to stop further transmission of HIV."

Testimony that drew lavish praise from Boxer came from Lee C. Smith, president of Levi Straus International, a company Smith said provides AZT to employees diagnosed with HIV.

"The business community must improve health benefits and access to decent, affordable health care for its employees," he said. "The private sector must carry its fair share of the health care burden without instituting or condoning unfair discriminatory practices in private insurance coverage."

Medical experts slam 'racist' AIDS pamphlets

By BARRY RENFREW
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)—Pamphlets claiming whites will be wiped out by AIDS unless they isolate themselves from blacks have been condemned by medical experts as a right-wing plot to create public hysteria.

Hundreds of the "Facts on AIDS" pamphlets have been distributed in areas around Johannesburg recently by a group urging whites to "save the white race from extinction." AIDS experts say the pamphlets are completely misleading and are intended to create fear and racial tension.

Police said Tuesday the pamphlets had not caused any problems and they could not act against the unknown authors because no public complaints had been received.

"We could not do anything until there was evidence it was subverting public morals," a police

spokesperson said.

The pamphlets claim that AIDS can be spread by casual contact, including via toilet seats, swimming pools, multiracial churches, multiracial hotels and distribution of communion wafers during church services.

The pamphlets appeared as the South African government is moving to desegregate some public facilities as part of its stated aim of ending apartheid. Many whites strongly oppose the attempts to end desegregation in public facilities.

Dr. Dennis Sifris, a senior AIDS specialist at Johannesburg Hospital, said the pamphlet was "ridiculous" and completely misleading.

"It's obviously put out by an extreme lunatic fringe group who are trying to scare everyone," he said.

The three-page pamphlets produced by a previously unknown

group called the AIDS Information Distributing Society claim many South African blacks have acquired immune deficiency syndrome and whites must protect themselves from infection.

Whites are urged to avoid areas where the races mingle, such as integrated hotels and churches, and to have black servants tested each month to ensure they do not have AIDS.

The South African government used to claim that the African National Congress, the main black political movement, was bringing AIDS into the country when its infected guerrillas infiltrated across the border. The claims have been dropped as the government has taken a more moderate position on dealing with the ANC.

Professor Ruben Sher, head of the South African Medical Research Council's AIDS Center, said the pamphlets make erroneous claims, including assertions that

AIDS is spread by casual contact and through mosquito bites.

Sher also criticized the pamphlets' suggestion that whites make their black servants take regular monthly tests to ensure they do not have AIDS. "This is a blatant racial slur," Sher said.

Johannesburg newspapers said nothing was known about the group behind the pamphlets.

South Africa has reported about 300 AIDS cases among whites, with an unknown number of people afflicted by the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV.

Although no firm statistics are available, AIDS is thought to be more widespread among blacks, reflecting the major spread of the disease among heterosexuals in some other African nations.

Scientists say AIDS is spread by sexual intercourse, through contaminated blood or syringe needles, and through infected mothers to unborn children.

Fla. county approves law banning housing discrimination

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Gay people and unmarried couples will be protected from housing discrimination under an ordinance passed by the Palm Beach County Commission and hailed as a major victory for gay rights in the state.

The passage of the ordinance by the Palm Beach Commission makes it the only county in Florida with a civil rights law that covers people of varying sexual orientations.

In addition to homosexuals and bisexuals, the law protects people on the basis of age and marital status. The protections passed by the commission go beyond what is mandated by state and federal laws, which cover race, sex, color, religion, national origin and handicap.

County commissioners voted 4-1 Jan. 16 to approve the ordinance. It will protect gays, unmarried couples and young people from discrimination in housing and public accommodations, including hotels, theaters and restaurants.

"It's sad that we have to go through a situation like this when we have to list people not to discriminate against," said the Rev. Julia Seward, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of the Palm Beaches in West Palm Beach, which serves a predominantly gay congregation.

Opponents of the ordinance, though, weren't happy with the panel's decision.

"With the legitimate status this gives to these groups, they will come out of the closet and into the streets, much like San Francisco and our own Fort Lauderdale," said Allen King, a Lake Worth landlord.

"Legal issues and morality are separate issues," County Commissioner Carol Roberts said. "We had a resolution today declaring Brotherhood Week. We're trying to do away with discrimination."

Commissioner Ron Howard, a Republican running for state agricultural commissioner, cast the dissenting vote. He said the ordinance goes beyond federal stan-

dards, which require adding only the mentally handicapped and families with children to those protected by the county's fair housing law.

The housing law, expected to take effect three weeks after it is filed with the state, will be enforceable county wide unless a municipality has its own regulations, said Assistant County Attorney Tammy Fields.

The county joined at least 45 other governmental jurisdictions in the nation that ban housing discrimination based on sexual orientation, said Allan Terl, chairperson of the American Bar Association's Committee on the Rights of Gay People.

The only similar law in Florida, in Dade County, was repealed by county voters in 1977 in a referendum led by singer and former orange juice spokesman Anita Bryant.

Efforts are under way in Broward County to revise that county's human rights law to include protection for gay men and women.

But because Broward County's law was adopted through the state Legislature, the revision must get lawmakers' approval and be ratified in a public referendum, Terl said.

At the public hearing to adopt the Palm Beach County ordinance, proponents wore purple buttons stamped in pink saying "Housing is a right, not a privilege."

But others said the ordinance wasn't fair to property owners.

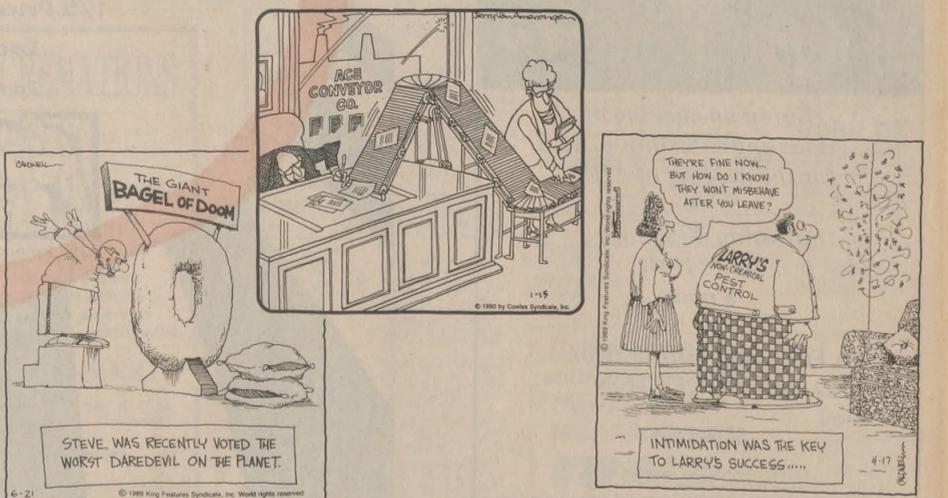
"It gives all the rights to those seeking housing and takes away all the rights of those renting and selling," said Theresa Timmsen, a Belle Glade resident.

Fields said the new ordinance does not apply to homeowners who live on their property of four or fewer units and rent the rest. Also exempt are religious organizations and "snowbirds" who rent their homes for part of the year.

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Taurus

Trust your hunches. Though that's not always the best idea, your thoughts have become ingrained in your subconscious, and your mind is working full time on all levels. Be cautious about neglecting home base, and expand from there.

Gemini

Bugged by a weird little notion that won't let you alone? It may be weird, but it's not little. Run it by a couple of friends of both sexes and see what they think. You may have a profitable venture in the making and only you can make sense of it.

Cancer

Time to get out the fabric swatches and wallpaper

books. Home-loving Cancer is unhappy with his surroundings. Sure of his expertise in this field, he's about to create an earthly paradise. We'll be looking for the results in Architectural Digest.

Leo

This should be a time of revelation for you. If anyone can see the truth of relationships, you can, and you should let the rest of the world hear it. Be careful about specifics with specific friends. Give your truth gently.

Virgo

Light is about to dawn on a series of changes that you know are necessary. Though the drive of those changes is to affect your immediate circumstances, the results will be long-term. Alter familiar situations. Don't discard them completely.

Libra

You have some advice to give some friends, and it's good advice, for sure. The problem is that you'll have to break it to them gently, and you're not too sure about the ways of diplomacy. Don't hurt them, or you'll get hurt yourself.

Scorpio

Be absolutely realistic and practical with yourself. With others, use an emotional approach to get your

ideas across. The future looks bright with the help of some Scorpio intensity to get you what you need.

Sagittarius

Do you believe in magic? You should. Change is in the air, and that ought to keep your hopes high. Be particularly practical in financial matters, but let hunches and dreams come into play when you deal in relationships of other kinds.

Capricorn

Are you sure you're getting the whole picture? Something you're asked to act on may be lacking an essential bit of information. A friend knows what you need to know, but for some strange reason hasn't shared the information. Check it out.

Aquarius

Yes, beautiful Aquarius, you are still attractive. But your chief allure this week is mostly in the realm of your mental powers, and business will call to more than romance. You may have to do some important calling yourself. Invite someone over.

Pisces

Your mental processes may be slower than usual now, largely because you've been burning the candle at both ends. Cut back on the fun, fun, fun a little. There are many important things to be working on, and you need to stay sharp.

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BOYCOTT RANDALL'S

Much confusion still permeates the issue surrounding the HGLPC boycott of Randall's Food Stores. The issue, however, is quite simple: Randall's refuses to add "sexual orientation" to its company policy on non-discrimination. It is that simple. Other food chains and major national corporations, often without any prodding, have incorporated such language.

In last week's Montrose Voice, Sheri Cohen Darbonne, in an excellent interview with Randall's retired president, Robert R. Onstead, elicited several interesting responses. Onstead conceded that the 1985 firing of Steven Little was a "mistake" explained by AIDS hysteria at the time. Perhaps Randall's would do well to ignore right-wing hysteria today and reasonably and officially extend its non-discrimination policy to gays in light of Onstead's declared attitude that "we try to be a part of the community everywhere we put in a store."

Just as with the black civil rights movement Onstead uses the tactic of divide and conquer—he refers to the "activists" on the picket line as separate from the gay employees he alleges exist in all their stores (and how was this ascertained).

In a recent movie version of "Driving Miss Daisy" there is a telling scene in which Miss Daisy, an elderly Southern Jewish lady, attends a dinner being addressed by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. And over this telling scene with Miss Daisy's driver sitting in the car listening on the radio, King points out that the biggest threat to civil rights is not the bigots on the front

lines but the silence of the oppressed and those who would otherwise support that movement.

You may not sympathize with the tactic of picketing or even the idea of openly fighting for gay rights, but your silence or worse, your patronage of Randall's, casts a resounding vote against the struggle for gay rights.

We challenge Onstead to live up to his language when he says, "I feel I have an obligation to be fair to all people." We demand so little but Randall's feels safe to ignore even that.

The fight for gay rights is just, and this boycott is crucial to those rights. If you cannot picket, join the HGLPC and do not shop Randall's and—most important—write a letter to Randall's expressing your displeasure. Randall's must discover there are other voices out there. Letters can be written in the privacy and security of any closet as well as the openness of being "out," and it still carries the same weight.

If you have ever wanted to have a say in the future of the gay community, this is the right time, the right cause and the right method. And victory can be oh so sweet.

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The gay community may suffer a resounding defeat in Dallas soon. After rallying the community statewide over homophobic language and views of Judge Hampton in a now infamous murder case, the Dallas Gay Alliance pledged to defeat Hampton's re-election and even picketed a political rally for Hampton.

Now there is a very good chance Hampton will win re-election by de-

fault—no opponent. Ponder the message that goes out from such a result. He briefly had an opponent in the person of Judge Breshear, a black county judge yearly picked as the worst on the bench by Dallas County attorneys. Breshear began as a Democrat, switched to the Republicans and faithfully did their bidding and, in return, was guaranteed re-election. Now Breshear is a Democrat again, not by conversion to a just cause but because Governor Clements refused to appoint him to a state judgeship. So Breshear picked up his marbles and rejoined the Democrats.

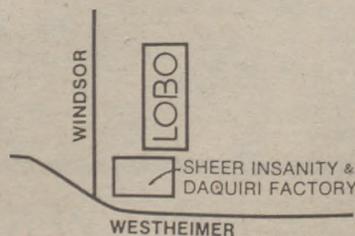
Breshear withdrew from the race with Hampton when a federal judge enjoined the holding of judicial elections. Now with those races back on Breshear is trying to get back in the race.

Ascribing to the theory of "anyone but Hampton," Breshear's election could be seen as a victory, albeit hollow considering Breshear's judicial limitations.

Perhaps the DGA needs some lessons from Houston in the value of alliances with the county Democratic structure (i.e., the Brad Wright case). We cannot help but think that had Al Calkin, the Dallas gay community's political conscience (worth half of one of Molly Ivin's columns), still been alive the situation would have a different conclusion.

(In light of the recent HGLPC elections we must reiterate that all opinions expressed in LOBO's ads are those of LOBO and do not necessarily reflect the views of persons or organizations to which LOBO's owners are affiliated.)

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Break a Pepsi bottle over her head Blanche and

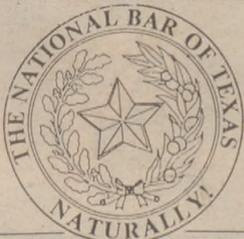
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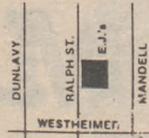
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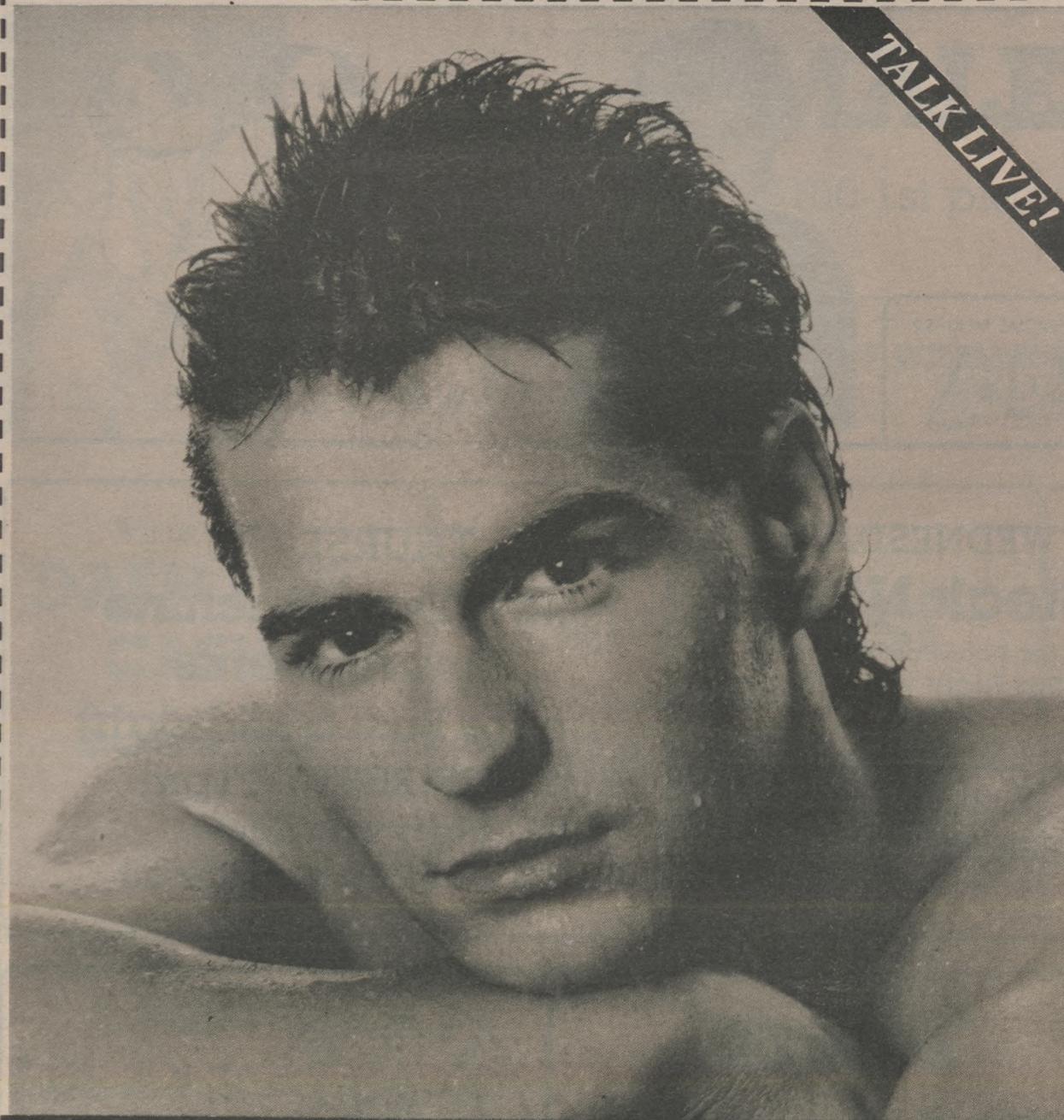
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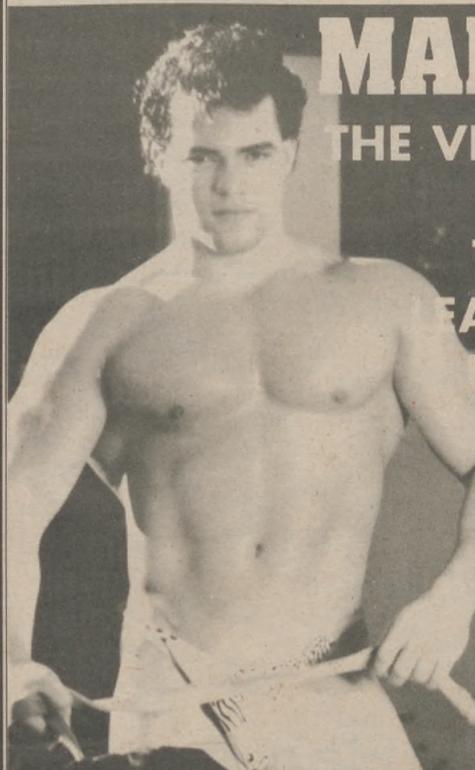
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