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▼▼▼ DATELINE: WORLD HEALTH

New questions arise about AZT's effectiveness, manufacturer reaches out

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON
The New Voice/Houston

A new study published last week in the respected British medical journal, "The Lancet" seriously questions the use of AZT on asymptomatic HIV-infected persons. Burroughs Wellcome, the drug's manufacturer disputed the claim, citing other studies to the contrary. Four previous American studies support the company's stance. Those studies in large part led to the now widespread practices of prescribing AZT to otherwise symptom-less HIV-infected people.

The new study does not question claims of the drug's effectiveness in slowing the progression of HIV disease once symptoms do arise. Further, the findings are from the study's preliminary report. A full analysis of the study, known as the Concorde trial is not yet available. What information is available about its findings came in the form of a letter to the editor of "The Lancet." Its organizers have agreed to travel to Washington to meet with researchers who authored the four earlier American studies.

Using 1749 volunteers, many of whom received a placebo rather than AZT itself, the study appears to indicate, that over a three year period, members of the group of HIV infected volunteers were just as likely to develop symptoms of AIDS or die as those who were actually taking the drug.

A key difference between the Con-

corde study and the four American studies is its length. The American studies all lasted one year while the Concorde continued for three. One facet of the new study that some researchers are questioning is the data's ultimate validity because some members of the trial switched over to drug therapy after their CD4 counts fell below 500.

In a press conference Wednesday, organized by the drug's manufacturer, Dr. Robert Schooley from the University of Colorado's Department of Infectious Diseases said that he "has a lot of prob-

lems analyzing the study without being able to see all the data." A supporter of early drug treatment intervention, Schooley said he is not changing his position now, but would be open to doing so if the study is in fact valid.

Kathy Pattishall, Burroughs Wellcome's Associate Director for Anti-Infectives said that she believes that the preliminary information from the study in fact confirms that AZT works in early treatment. She said that Concorde researchers said that the drug was effective in asymptomatic patients in the

first twelve to eighteen months. She expressed some skepticism about the researchers' intent, claiming that members of the team are also active in research attempting to prove that CD4 counts are not directly related to the onset of AIDS related illnesses.

Dr. Michael Tapper of New York's Lenox Hill Hospital also said that larger doses of AZT were taken by study participants than is common in this country. He believes in moving to drug intervention earlier, but using a wider combination of drugs because of the body's tendency to build up resistance to AZT in the long term. He also said that biological research has moved to a point where the term "asymptomatic" is no longer valid. "The patient may not look or feel sick, but a whole lot of things are happening biologically," Tapper said about the progression of HIV disease.

For its part, Burroughs Wellcome is working hard to operate outside of its own research vacuum. The company has formed a diverse, ten member community advisory board. The board is designed to bridge the gap between the firm and the many different community groups affected by HIV. Its members participate in the company's increasingly extensive community outreach programs. Chris Jimmerson of the Houston Clinical Research Network, (profiled elsewhere in this issue) said that Burroughs Wellcome has done a lot more than most drug companies in community projects and outreach.



Burroughs Wellcome's Community Advisory Board

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

10th French Quarter Festival offers music and food with New Orleans Flavor

By BUNCH BRITAIN
The New Voice/New Orleans

If you know what it means to miss New Orleans, mark your calendar for April 16-18 when the Crescent City celebrates the 10th annual French Quarter Festival. This three day event is a precursor to the Jazzfest which is occurring from April 23rd through May 2nd. While the Jazzfest takes place mainly at the Fairgrounds, the French Quarter Festival takes place entirely in the French Quarter. Many visitors prefer this festival since it shows off all of the usual sites of the Quarter at their best while taking advantage of the food and entertainment for which New Orleans has become famous.

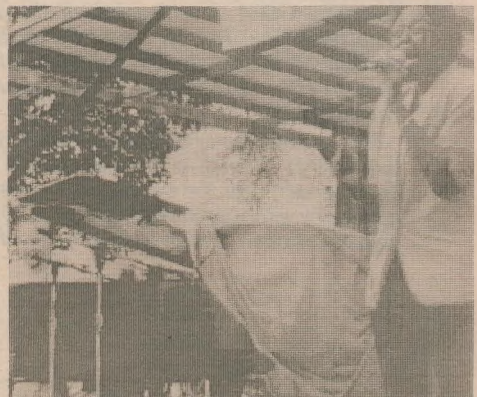
More than 100 hours of musical entertainment, the world's largest jazz brunch and spectacular fireworks over the Mississippi River are but a few highlights of the spring celebration which takes place throughout the Vieux Carre

and Woldenberg Park (where the Aquarium of the Americas is located). Thousands of people—all ages and interests—are drawn into the historic neighborhood for the free event. The festival offers three fun-filled days of outdoor concerts, a battle of jazz bands, courtyard tours, talent and bartender competitions, fireworks, second line parading and an abundance of activities for everyone. There's a T.G.I.F. (Thank Goodness It's Festival) "funraiser" at Pat O'Brien's Bar, a 5-K run, a "guess the weight of the World's Largest Praline" contest and the Spring Fiesta parade and pageant which features an opera serenade.

And, in keeping with the Louisiana tradition, there's food, food, and more food. Jackson Square and Woldenberg Park are transformed into the site of the "world's largest jazz brunch" where nearly 60 of New Orleans' finest restaurants serve up specialties such as jambalaya, gumbo, crawfish chili, alligator

sausage, boudin, muffuletta, mustard greens and grilled chicken wings, eggplant dressing, cheese-cake with praline sauce, shrimp po-boys, red beans and rice, bread pudding, and other creole/cajun favorites. This year the "world's largest jazz brunch" opens Friday from noon until 8:00 p.m. along the riverfront as an appetizer for the weekend's festivities.

To whet the appetites of music lovers, the French Quarter Festival offers everything from classical and contemporary to gospel and cajun and Dixieland jazz performed on open stages throughout the "Quarter." The festival features local jazz musicians such as Danny Barker, Eddie Bayard, Ronnie Kole, the Dukes of Dixieland, Tim Laughlin, and Al Beletto, and marching bands such as the Storyville Stompers and Clive Wilson's Original Camellia Jazz Band. There are the classical sounds of Mozart and More, harpist Patrice Fisher, the Arnold Radel Duo, the Louisiana Philharmonic Woodwind Ensemble and the James Campbell Ensemble. The Zion Harmonizers and local choirs spread the gospel, and Cajun Balladeer John Du Bois joins the Chaud Dogs and other cajun groups to provide a two-steppin' beat. Rhythm and blues favorites Marva Wright, Juanita Brooks, Wanda Rouzan, Big Al Carson, and Charmaine Neville join the ranks of festival performers that have included the likes of Allen Toussaint



Music highlights annual festival



A crowd at Jackson Square during last year's festival

and Dr. John. Headlining the '93 event are New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Fest's crowd-pleasers Wayne Toups and Marcia Ball, along with Renegade Records' newest artist, Lenny McDaniel.

French Quarter Festival packages are available through the following New Orleans tour operators: Travel New Orleans (1-800-535-8747), Tours by Andrea (1-800-535-2732), and Destination Management, Inc. (1-800-366-8882).

The free community event is made possible by the sponsorships of Coca-Cola, Miller Genuine Draft, and the Music Performance Trust Funds, along with the support of the local community.

For additional information call 1-800-673-5725 or (504) 522-5730. The annual French Quarter Festival is produced by French Quarter Festivals, Inc., a non-profit corporation which also presents "A Creole Christmas" in December and the July New Orleans Wine & Food Experience.

In the ever changing world of AIDS and its treatment, last week's report in the English medical journal, *The Lancet*, that a European study known as the Concorde had found no basis for the use of AZT in the treatment of symptomless individuals with HIV caught American doctors and health officials by surprise.

The first news reports in this country summarized the report as basically discrediting AZT in early treatment, leaving unclear what the broader implications would be for the thousands currently receiving such treatment in this country.

It was only after the dust settled, and the initial shock wore off, that some clarification was forthcoming. This week, in *The New York Times*, Dr. Lawrence K. Altman reported that the basis for this new European finding was that using the CD-4 count as a marker for determining the progression of HIV was invalid.

In fact, even the European study found that AZT improved CD-4 count in the early months of treatment, growing less effective with time—a result similar to earlier American studies. The Concorde, while rejecting CD-4 as a measure of the disease, offered no alternative. But on the basis of discarding CD-4 readings the British also rejected ddI for use against HIV, although it is now approved in the United States.

The immediate implication—and spelled out in the *Lancet* report—is that American studies have been terminated too soon under pressure from advocacy groups—meaning gay AIDS organizations. The British are, in effect,

commending themselves for their restraint and perseverance, unlike their American counterparts who, they imply, have suspended their medical judgment under pressure.

In the British report, CD-4 as a surrogate marker, an indicator of progress against HIV, is discounted, although at least according to reports to date the Concorde study offered no alternative markers.

As noted by one American doctor the British are dealing with a much smaller epidemic and perhaps have the luxury of longer tests. While the British, on the other hand, seem to be saying that American drug companies, in the quest for huge profits, actually encourage activists' demands for early approval.

The bottom line is that it is incumbent on medical professionals, here and abroad, to clarify the implication of all this for those most directly affected, and that is not doctors, scientists or drug companies.

And when the smoke clears, apparently the differences in conclusions will differ very little. Already in this country AZT is often combined with other drugs for longer effectiveness. And some American doctors are already questioning such strong reliance on CD-4 counts as judging the disease's progress.

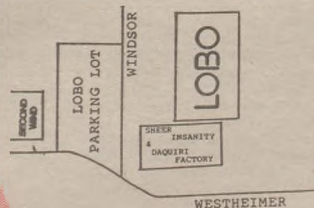
Most importantly, this should not boil down to the appearance of a transatlantic conflict but shared knowledge combined with speedy application for direct benefit to those needing the same.



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▼▼▼ OPEN LETTER TO THE GAY COMMUNITY

March on Washington informed by Newsweek they will not cover the event

From GREGORY ADAMS, Communications Director, 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation

We have been informed by Newsweek, one of the leading weekly news magazines in the United States, that they will provide no meaningful coverage of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. The reason given, both, during a Town Hall meeting last week on Capitol Hill and in subsequent telephone conversations, is that Newsweek is closed on Sundays and therefore will only be able to provide minimal coverage before or after the March. When one member of the Town Hall meeting audience asked if the same would be true of a presidential assassination occurring on a Sunday, he was told that the March was not as newsworthy as a president being shot and "the sooner you people get it the better off you'll be."

What is apparent here is that Newsweek's editorial staff "doesn't get it." The 1993 March on Washington is not just another gay pride parade or festival, as Newsweek seems to suggest by referring to it as "an upcoming gay and lesbian march on Washington" in its most recent issue. This March will be the most significant occurrence in the quarter-century-old gay, lesbian and bisexual movement and, without any doubt, it will be the largest civil rights demonstration ever to occur in the history of this nation—and it already has attracted the attention of the international media. To refer to this March, then, as "an upcoming gay and lesbian march" is tantamount to calling the 1963 March on Washington "one of the Black civil rights marches."

The March, which is the focal point of more than 270 related events spanning nine days, thus far has received nearly 500 endorsements representing a broad cross-section of American society, e.g.,

NAACP, United Church of Christ, Amnesty International, NOW, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to name a few. The participation of these diverse, mainstream organizations clearly establishes that we have reached a pivotal moment in the completion of the U.S. civil rights agenda, and that civil rights advocates from all communities are willing to work together on a common agenda of equality and fair treatment for all citizens.

Based on current available indicators, attendance at the March on Wash-

ington presently is expected to more than double the population of the District of Columbia. Hotel rooms inside the Beltway are virtually impossible to acquire, according to the March's official hotel agency. All flights into National Airport are sold out on both April 23rd and 24th; flights on April 21st and 22nd are already, at more than 50% capacity. Cross-country train caravans have been organized, and more than 1000 buses have been chartered around the nation to bring people to the March. And, since Washington is within a day's drive from several large East Coast population centers, more

than half the participants may, simply drive into the city that day.

It is critical that we get the message out to both the mainstream and gay communities that this March is not only about lesbian and gay rights—it is about the civil rights of all Americans who have been affected adversely by bigotry, religious intolerance, social inequity, and other such injustices. In order for that to happen, however, the media must fulfill its obligation to be objective in reporting the March as a news story rather than automatically dismissing it as a "social" event.

Not unlike the American electoral process, this is an area in which gays, lesbians and bisexuals—both as organized groups and as individuals—can impact this movement. The 1987 March on Washington went largely ignored as a news story. Newsweek, along with Time Magazine, The New York Times, U.S. News & World Report and The Los Angeles Times, were among the chief offenders. In 1993, at this critical point in the movement, we cannot allow that history, to repeat itself. Even Jerry Falwell in recent writings has acknowledged that "lesbian and gay rights groups are attaining victory after victory all across America ... despite our outcry and efforts." We can be victorious in this battle, too—we do have that power.

Let the editors of Newsweek, as well as those of other such wavering, non-committal news organizations, know where you stand on this issue. Newsweek may be contacted directly at (212) 350-4000; consult local directories for other news agencies you wish to address.

We hope to see you in D.C. on April 25th. In the meantime, however, speak out loudly, and convincingly about the strength of our movement. We are not asking for special privileges—everything, we have demanded is a simple matter of justice.



A view of 1987's March on Washington

▼▼▼ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Minister shares letter about an 'ex-gay' who wants more understanding

From CHRIS CHILES, Pastor, Community Gospel Church, Houston, Texas

I was particularly interested in a letter to the editor (The New Voice, February 19-25, 1993) printed a few weeks ago from an "ex-gay" who wanted the gay community to be more understanding of the Christians who had a mission to convert us to heterosexuality. We had just scheduled a revival with Evelyn Schave from Centralia, Washington, for April 15-17, when this letter was published. A few days later, I received the enclosed letter from Evelyn which I feel is the perfect sequel to an "ex-gay"; an "ex-homophobic" Christian.

Please share this letter with your readers and include an invitation for them to come and hear this wonderful speaker April 15-17 at 7:30 pm and April 18 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

From REVEREND EVELYN SCHAVE, Centralia, Washington.

After 40 years of ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ thru pastoring and evangelizing throughout the U.S., I felt I was pretty well "settled in" and knew where God was leading. However, the Holy Spirit has turned a new light upon the ministry He has given me. For over three years now, my life has been in a state of great change.

I was raised in the old conservative Pentecostal "everything's a sin" move-

ment and began preaching hard old-time sermons even as a child. So when I received word that a faithful coworker and dear friend of 16 years had come out as a professing lesbian, I experienced great shock. My secure, comfortable life was hurled into traumatic disarray. My early religious conditioning delivered an instant judgment. "The Lord has surely turned her over to a reprobate mind. There is no need to pray for her. She is doomed for sure!"

As God, in His amazing mercy, has been working with my husband, Dennis and myself, He has helped us realize that Naomi needed our love and support during those difficult days. Initially, we had allowed our ignorance and our enemy to paralyze us with fear. We were rendered incapable of letting God's love, strength and compassion flow through us and minister to our dear sister. After all, what would people say?

Dennis and I founded a new church work in Centralia, Washington four years ago. God impressed upon us that we were to preach His Gospel of love, acceptance and forgiveness. If lives were to be changed, He would be the Changer. The church flourished and grew. It all seemed so easy until one Sunday, who should drive up in the parking lot but Naomi with the "lady friend"! My heart sank. I thought, "Lord, what do I do now?" God spoke to Dennis and

me to remember to minister to her in love and He would bring a complete healing. So when Naomi walked into the church, we met her with open arms. This was the beginning of God reestablishing our relationship with this woman.

I was invited to attend her church in Portland. Hesitantly, I accepted. I would still use the "Clobbering Scriptures" to come against Naomi as she would patiently explain to me she did not require "deliverance." It was then I was invited to speak at an upcoming conference in Houston called "Advance." Since I had promised God to preach wherever He opened a door, I accepted the invitation. I thought that such a special opportunity called for a very unique message.

During the first service of the conference, the Holy Spirit impressed me not to look with my natural eyes. If I would stop looking on the outside, He would show me something. As the worship and praise increased in intensity, I became very aware of the presence of God. He hovered over the congregation and His glory filled the tabernacle. I sat there and cried.

During the week of conference, many people came and told me about a servant of God named Sylvia Pennington. They shared how this sister, whom I was destined never to meet, was performing a

wonderful and much needed work with gays and lesbians. A few months after my experience at Advance, and after having read "Good News For Modern Gays" by Sylvia, news reached me about the passing of my dear sister. I thought how tragic a loss! I prayed, "God, who is going to carry on her ministry in the Community? Who is going to minister to these hurting people?"

It was then that God placed His hand upon me and whispered, "You." I felt like I wanted to argue.

A few days later, I attended a memorial service for Sylvia at the Potter's House in Portland. I shared with Pastor Naomi how God was dealing with me concerning ministering in the gay community. It was at that memorial service that I found myself rising to my feet and praying aloud, "Yes, Lord! I will gladly do what you have laid upon my heart to do."

I will never be the same as I was before that moment. Truly the Lord has baptized me with love for my gay brothers and lesbian sisters. Since that momentous, prayerful decision, many doors have opened for me around the nation. I have had the privilege of ministering in many churches in the gay community. I am especially honored as God permits me to minister to the needs of individuals.

▼▼▼ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pete Seeger responds to interview story in Yours Truly in a Swamp column

From Pete Seeger, Beacon, New York

In regards to Leonard Earl Johnson's "Yours Truly in A Swamp" column, "How do I know my youth is all spent? The Year I turned forty" (The New Voice, Jan. 22-28, 1993).

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Denver radio station fires homosexual radio host, citing low ratings

DENVER, Wednesday, March 31 (AP)—Radio station KNUS is firing its homosexual radio host and eliminating his weeknight talk show because of low ratings, general manager Ron Crider said.

Terry Hickman's final program will be Friday. He is the second gay radio

personality to lose his job recently. KOA newsman Mason Lewis was fired March 19 for unspecified reasons. KOA said the action had nothing to do with his sexual preference.

Crider said Hickman's dismissal was based on low audience ratings, lack of

advertising revenue and Hickman's refusal to do a general talk show.

"I have no problem with a gay talk-show host. I supported Terry last fall, when he announced on the air that he was gay," Crider said.

"What I don't want is a gay talk-show

host doing a program that concentrates mainly on gay issues," he said.

Hickman, who has been with KNUS since last November, said, "I was told by station management that I could deal with gay issues about 40 percent of the time, and I've tried to keep that ratio."

▼▼▼ IN MEMORY OF

DAVID RICHARD GARLICK

Born: June 17, 1950
Died: April 2, 1993

David my friend, your long fight is now over. Sleep long and peaceful. It is time now for us to reflect and count our blessings for having had you in our lives for as long as we did. You taught us so much, even in your death. The amount of strength and dignity you showed was remarkable.

My life will never be the same, as it should be. I have lost an important part of my life, but I find comfort in the memories that will forever remain in my heart. I will remember, my friend, again and again. I will not say good-bye, but so long for now. Sleep in peace...if I saw you in heaven...would you know my name???

Your friend and companion,
Sam Ryan

David was born in Milford, Connecticut. He has lived in Texas for over 10 years. David is survived by his long time companion, Sam Ryan; parents, Cecelia and Buddy Garlick of Milford, Connecticut. His brother, Frank Garlick of Milford, Connecticut; his sister, Sharon Bush, Peter Bush, Hope and Amber Bush, all of Sieverville, Tennessee and many family and friends from all over the country. He will be missed by so many.

WILFRED J. "WILL" THOMAS

Wilfred J. "Will" Thomas, age 29, died March 10, 1993 at 10:40 a.m. in New Orleans.

Mr. Thomas was the beloved son of Olivia Robinet Thomas and Robert Taylor, Jr.; adopted son of Bernel C. Thomas, Sr.; Brother of Chris A. Thomas, Bernel C. Thomas, Jr. of Guam; Robert and Rodney Taylor, Bernetta Thomas, Lelitia Parquet, Raven Houston, Troylyn Rowan, Yolanda Roberts, Staffon Turley and Roland Keller; Grandson of Isabell Robinet, and the late Leroy Robinet; Louisa and Albert Lipps of Reserve, Louisiana. He is also survived by other cousins, relatives and friends.

Other survivors include parishioners of St. Francis De Sales and Corpus Christi Catholic Churches, Staff and Volunteers of NO/AIDS Task Force, ACT-UP, Louisiana Gay Political Action Caucus, Gay & Lesbian Community Center, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and New Orleans Pride Committee.

A memorial service was given at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church, Father Cyprian DeVold officiated. Burial was in New Orleans.

Memorials may be sent to NO/AIDS Task Force, 1407 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70116. Sharp-Sonthelmer-Tharp was in charge of arrangements.

KEITH ALLEN BORDELON

Born: January 8, 1961
Died: March 24, 1993

Keith entered immortality peacefully after a three year courageous struggle with AIDS.

A true New Orleanian, born at Touro Infirmary, he spent all but a short time here. He loved this city, especially Mardi Gras. Most of his time was spent reading, gardening, traveling and entertaining friends.

Keith will be loved and missed by his life companion Elgin Walters; Beloved Mama, Pamela Stein Ponzio and dear friends in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Houston, Atlanta and New Orleans.

Keith was cremated and a private memorial was held where his ashes were returned to the Mississippi River at sunset.

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Houston clinical trials aid research; often provide last hope for PWAs

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The Houston Clinical Research Network opened in 1989 as part of The Montrose Clinic. Its goal is to bring clinical trials for new AIDS drugs to Houston. Since its inception, it has grown dramatically. At the moment, it is conducting eight different trials.

Its first actual research trial began in 1990. The HCRN trials were initially small. But, as the group's reputation has grown, larger scale experiments are being conducted through their facilities. At the moment, all are financed and largely organized by drug companies seeking research on the effectiveness of new drugs. In the past, HCRN Clinical Director James Harrison said, locally designed trials were part of the program. He also said that it is a goal of the organization to run such locally originated projects in the future.

Participants in the trials gain certain advantages. According to Operations Director Chris Jimmerson, patients get to try new free medications, analysis and physician follow-up. Perhaps most importantly, Jimmerson said, "a lot of



Chris Jimmerson and James Harrison

people are out of options...they are sensitive to AZT and DDI. One of these drugs may work for them." He added that the advantage of a community-based program like the HCRN is that participants are allowed to stay with their own physicians.

Harrison added that the organization also has a good working relationship with a large network of local AIDS service and research groups, keeping them in touch with the latest local developments and service provision opportunities.

Most of the money for the drug trials themselves are provided by major pharmaceutical firms. James Harrison concedes that many people look down on drug company sponsored trials. He said, to justify his support and participation, that "drug companies will make the money if a drug is successful, so they should pay for the research." HCRN has also received substantial grants from AmFAR (the American Foundation for AIDS Research). No federal funds flow directly into HCRN's coffers. Individual contributions and fundraisers make up

the remainder of the \$500,000 annual operating budget.

Since its change in direction, from small trials, to its current reorganization, growth is rapid. Since its inception, 613 people have participated in HCRN trials. Jimmerson said that the enrollment figure is expected to double in the next twelve months. The reason cited for the change is that HCRN organizers expected supplemental organizations to develop in Houston that could serve as cooperative participants in studies. Those groups, according to Jimmerson, never materialized. He feels that the task of bringing key trials to Houston has been left to HCRN. He said that Houston now has the fifth largest number of AIDS cases in the country.

In addition to services related directly to its clinical research, HCRN publishes two newsletters. One is targeted toward physicians. A second reaches HCRN clients. It also offers a bi-annual directory of local AIDS research. Quarterly community forums on the latest AIDS research information are held. The next is scheduled for May 13th.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

Amnesty International issues two reports attacking mistreatment of gays

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The New Voice/Houston

Amnesty International, one of the world's most respected human rights groups, has just issued two disturbing reports regarding human rights violations specifically targeted toward gays.

Tasmania, an offshore island province of Australia, remains the last part of the country where homosexual acts between consenting adults carry criminal penalties. South Australia decriminalized homosexual acts between consenting adults in 1972. After that, other mainland provinces slowly followed the southern lead. The Australian Constitution allows provincial control of criminal law. It is directed specifically toward men, with no reference to lesbian relations. The key expression in the penal code calls for action against "indecent practice between male persons."

The last time that the law was invoked, several people, according to Amnesty, were imprisoned in 1977. However, the human rights group wants to see that the law is off the books for the protection of current potential victims

of the its wrath.

They are calling on all concerned human rights activists to write in protest to the State Premier of Tasmania. Protest letters should be addressed: Mr. Ray Groom, MHA, State Premier; Department of the Premier and Cabinet; State of Tasmania Executive Building; GPO Box 123B, Hobart 7001; Tasmania, Australia.

Amnesty International has also announced grave concern about the implications of the abduction and killing of Renildo Jose dos Santos. Dos Santos was an openly gay local councilor from Coqueiro Seco, in Northeastern Brazil. Amnesty fears that his sexual orientation led to his death. Relatives who witnessed his abduction believe that some members of the heavily armed gang with whom he was last seen, were plainclothed police officers. The day after the abduction, dos Santos' head was found on waste ground, bearing marks of torture.

Reportedly, Renildo Jose dos Santos had received numerous death threats and officials made no effort to follow up

on them. Amnesty International is also calling for concerned human rights activists to contact appropriate Brazilian authorities to express calls for a full investigation. For a copy of the position paper and information on where to write, contact Amnesty International USA, 304 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003. You can also call (202) 544-0200.

Two international gatherings planned

The World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations are anticipating over 500 participants in its upcoming London conference. The umbrella organization consists of 48 gay and lesbian Jewish groups worldwide. This particular conference has been organized by three London Jewish gay groups: Hineinu, the Jewish Lesbian/Gay Helpline and The Jewish Gay and Lesbian Group.

This will be the first global meeting of gay and lesbian Jews to be held in Europe since 1987's Amsterdam conference. It marks the group's Bar/Bat-Mitzvah as well. Rabbi Lionel Blue, for-

mer convener of Britain's reform beth din will offer the opening address.

Information and registration materials are available by writing to The World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, P.O. Box 18961, Washington, DC 20036. For more immediate action, you can call the conference hotline in London at 71 2249037.

This summer, The International Lesbian and Gay Association (IGLA) will hold its annual conference in Barcelona, Spain. Now in its fifteenth year, IGLA expects over 350 people at its six day gathering which begins July 11th. A variety of plenary sessions are workshops are being scheduled for the event, which will be held at the University of Barcelona. IGLA said that they expect that their affiliate groups worldwide will be well represented, but hope for additional participation from members of other groups as well.

For more information and a registration form, write to: Coordinadora Gai-Lesbiana, 15th Annual World Conference 93, Carolinas 13, entresol 2a, 08012 Barcelona, Catalonia-Spain.

▼ ▼ ▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

Conversation with Alan Stephens aboard the 1993 Freedom Ride

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans

The 1993 freedom-ride, called "Tour of Duty," like its ancestral civil-rights bus rides of the 1960's, has been crisscrossing the South. However, this time, the buses also head North. And this time, the issue is open acceptance of lesbians and gays in the United States military. Where, of course, there have always been lesbians and gays.

"The Campaign for Military Service was created right after 'homophobic frenzy week,' which was the week after Clinton was inaugurated and this issue hit the media circuit," freedom rider Alan Stephens said. "They were even showing films of showers on television."

That red herring ought to be bantered. "Coming Soon to a Shower Near You!" It has next to nothing to do with the issue, but like, "You want your sister marry one?", that hate slogan of the Sixties, is designed to touch the psyche of some men's most tender fear: Fear of measurement between the brethren.

Perhaps the greatest 'Freudian slip' of all was Freud's penis-envy theory, which alleges women envy the male appendage. Men who have sprinkled their religions and their art with comparative female anatomy, from day one, seem to find nothing more dangerous than comparisons of their own.

Stephens, a handsome, former soldier in the United States Army, is a veteran of many a military shower. He argues

that public opinion polls nose dived after homophobic reporting pricked fears of those dreaded showers. "Now," he says, "it is about evenly split, after being around sixty percent in favor. Now, it is forty-two in favor, forty-two against, and the rest undecided."

David Mixner, the openly gay senior advisor to Bill Clinton's campaign, came up with the idea of the 1990's freedom rides. The bus tour is part of the grass roots/media arm of the effort headed by Tom Stoddard, who left the Lambda Legal Defense Fund and became the Executive Director of the

Campaign for Military Service.

AS: "We are planting the seeds of tolerance in the thirty-two cities we are going to, and we are working directly with the debate taking place in Washington."

Stephens grew up in Alabama, attended the University of Alabama, where he played football, and now lives in Washington, D.C. He has been on the bus since its first stop, in Minneapolis.

AS: "We had a few little demonstrations along the way. In Omaha, of people came to disrupt the press conference."

"Kevin Howard, our Trip Director, is this six-foot-eight, two hundred pound, former Chicago Bears football player. He is the one we like to have step off the bus first. Just in case, you know. Howard is straight, but his size seems to frighten hecklers more than those showers."

Stephens said several of the people riding on the bus are straight. "We are in close

proximity for twenty hours a day, on this bus, and there doesn't seem to be any morale problems. That is one of the things we tell people where we stop."

LEJ: "Do you shower together?"

AS: "We don't shower together, but neither do most of the people in the military. That is a fallacy, fifty-two percent of the people in the military live off the post."

LEJ: "We are getting close to further insight into what this fear is all about. It may truly hearken back to that old saw about homophobes fearing they might be queer. It seems what really is bothering them is some feeling that if this is permitted they will have to do it, or they will do it in spite of themselves."

AS: "That's interesting, because one of the statements that constantly comes up on radio shows is, 'This is your choice, you made this choice.' One of the fellows on our bus then says, 'Could you choose to be a homosexual?' They, of course, say, 'No, I couldn't choose to be that, I'm pure heterosexual.' Then, the response is, 'Why would you think it is a choice for us? You must be a bisexual to think there is a choice involved here.' That usually gets the debate back on the real issue, equality."

"There was a T-shirt in Chicago that said, 'Afraid of being ogled in the Shower/Try being murdered in the bathroom.'"

Chicago, that hard hitting city of big shoulders, is where gay, Navy, murder victim Allen Schindler grew up.



Alan Stephens, ex-U.S. Army member and 1993 Freedom-Rider

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Westheimer Incredible Street Extravaganza goes bust, but the fair goes on

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston

In what is believed to be the final say about the Montrose areas Westheimer Incredible Street Extravaganza (WISE) scheduled for April 17 and 18, "the party's over." According to event coordinator Sondra De Leon, planners were unable to find funding for the necessities common to large events, such as portable toilets and adequate police patrols.

While stating, "the street fair won't be organized by us (WISE). ...we are going to organize for October," DeLeon concedes that the "spontaneous" event will take place as usual on lower Westheimer. DeLeon also told reporters that, "Businesses had already leased out their space long before we attempted to do this. I have information from the businesses that they will be doing something on the street."

In earlier arguments to the City Council and Mayor's office, Avondale and Neartown Civic Associations (the associations) used estimates of 200,000 to 300,000 people invading their usually peaceful neighborhoods to attend the Westheimer Colony Arts Festival (Colony), disrupting their lives and destroying their property. While according to one source, monies were collected by Westheimer Colony for only 25,000 admissions to last October's juried art

fair. This would indicate that the remainder and substantial majority of "invaders" to the area were actually there to walk the "spontaneous" festival on Westheimer.

Judy Butler, liaison of Mayor Bob Lanier dealing with the arguments between the business owners and civic associations pertaining to the street festivals, said despite nonparticipation from WISE, the merchants and vendors would have very few stumbling blocks to overcome for the April event. But obtaining health department permits and liquor permits from Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission are still musts according to Butler. Ms. Butler also said that a "small contingent" of Houston police will monitor the fair.

Years of the above mentioned "arguments" between the Colony and the associations must have contributed to the decision moving the official Westheimer Colony Arts Festival to its new downtown location, although according to Steven Long in a related story in Houston Chronicle, "the group cited lack of adequate space as the main reason for the move."

Bob Baggett of The Tire Place, put it kindly when he said, "I think Jay Hollyfield was just tired of fighting with the associations and bowed out graciously by saying that the usual space was not available."

Realtors involved with the sale of the property at Lovett and Montrose reportedly stated that holding the festival on said property would jeopardize a contract that is pending.

As was reported by The New Voice in an earlier related story, (issue 646, page 5) Ed Gonzales, secretary of the Avondale made a speech to City Council members of the City of Houston and stated, "I am here today representing a coalition of neighborhood associations... (Hyde Park Civic Association was included). ...that have borne the brunt of the festival for years."

While in fact according to Bob Baggett, an active member of the Hyde Park Civic Association, Ed Gonzales was never given permission by the Hyde Park group to represent them in any official matters.

Jay Allen, a member of the Avondale Association and local gay bar owner said of the recent dispute, "Avondale Association as a group has never tried to stop the festival. We formed a committee to talk about it, but that was as far as it got. There are two members of our group who are a bit overzealous in trying to fight this battle. As far as I know, he (Ed Gonzales) never had a majority vote to speak for the association as a group."

Allen also said, "I want you to know that I support and have always sup-

ported the Westheimer Art Festival 100 percent, but I think that what's occurring here, may simply be evolution in progress. You know, it's probably just a matter of a year before that property sells and the Colony would have to look for another site anyway. I'm worried about the street festival though, because it is being put together in such a haphazard manner that it may have some negative impact on future festivals in our area."

As has been the case in this entire situation, area businesses seem to be the last to know about anything. Most knew nothing of the latest decision by WISE to withdraw their participation from the April street festival until they were told to read an article which appeared in Wednesday mornings (April 7) Houston Chronicle.

But if consistency is any indication as to outcome, this year's festival should provide plenty of entertainment for art buyers as well as people lookers. What, you ask is so consistent about this and other festivals? Why, Mary's... naturally! Owners Cliff Owens and Gage Yancey said it will be festival as usual as far as they are concerned. "We still plan on a large crowd in attendance and our rooftop show will go on as scheduled," reported Yancey. "Everybody party and come to the street festival on April 17 and 18!"

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

Washington March Anthem author Lynn Thomas performs for New Orleans March fund raiser

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans

Lynn Thomas, the popular song writer and performer, played New Orleans last Sunday at a fund-raiser for the Louisiana Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation March on Washington Committee. Thomas wrote the national theme song for the April 25 Washington March, "Together, Proud & Strong."

Approximately sixty people gathered at Cafe Brazil on Frenchmen Street for the event. Thomas was the sole performer, if you discount those from the audience joining her in song, on stage and from the floor.

Thomas has performed in piano bars and cabarets for the past fifteen years. Since the release of her debut album "Courage," in June of 1991, she has become something of a "womyn's music industry" superstar, one of her popular songs "Politically Correct" spoofs such politically correct dogma as replacing the "e" in women with a "y."

Along with her first national tour, which hit over twenty cities, she has been featured on the main stage of many women's music festivals including the near by Gulf Coast Women's Festival produced by Wanda Henson. Henson said of Thomas, "Political and fun, what a combination!"

She has also appeared at Campfest; The Virginia Women's Music Festival; The Richmond Lesbian Feminist Weekend, June 1992; and Sisterspace Pocono Weekend, Sept. 1992.

The Cafe Brazil/Louisiana March fund raiser was Thomas' third appear-



Lynn Thomas

ance in the Crescent City. "New Orleans is truly a unique place." She said of the rigors of touring, "I performed in Florida the night before and was booked here on the next day after moving the clock up for daylight savings time."

She has been commissioned by the Gulfcoast Women's Festival to write the

song "You" (Whimsong Publishing, ASCAP) for the presentation of the annual "Sue Fink Award." The award is presented to the feminist/role model of the year.

The executive steering committee of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Equal Rights and Liberation selected Thomas to write the March theme song. She premiered it last year at her New Orleans concert.

Obviously a crowd pleaser, Thomas opened with "Dykes," a song she also wrote, featured on the soundsheet of the January, 1992 edition of Hotwire magazine. She sang "Together, Proud & Strong" both at the end of her first and her second sets.

The March theme song says in part, "Together proud and strong we stand/ Hearts united across the land/ We are Gay, Bi, and Lesbian/ And we won't go away, back off, pretend..." It is published by Shock T Music (ASCAP), P.O. Box 54, Perkaskie, PA 18944, telephone: (215) 795-0615.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: LOUISIANA

Delay in Monroe AIDS Clinic open causes backlog at Shreveport clinic

SHREVEPORT, La., Thursday, April 1 (AP)—There is a backlog of patients at a Shreveport AIDS clinic because of repeated delays in opening an AIDS clinic 100 miles away in Monroe.

"Our patients are having to wait, in part, because we're having to see patients from Monroe," said Dr. Marcus Spurlock, one of three physicians who share the load at the viral disease clinic in the LSU Medical Center.

The Shreveport clinic has 220 active

patients. Of those, 43—all with full-blown AIDS—are from the Monroe area.

"We have 34 patients here who have never seen a doctor because there is a three-month waiting list," said Don Matthus, coordinator of the Region VII AIDS Consortium, a nonprofit group that coordinates AIDS programs and funding.

The clinic at E.A. Conway Hospital was supposed to open last year.

"It was scheduled to open July 1,

1992," said Madeline McAndrew, an official of the state Department of Health and Hospitals. "In November, they told us it would be open in December. In January they said there would be another month-long delay, and it still hasn't opened."

Last year, DHH gave E.A. Conway \$498,700 to equip and staff the clinic for AIDS patients in northeast Louisiana. This year, the state gave the public hospital another \$250,000 to operate the

clinic.

The Louisiana Commission on HIV-AIDS wants an answer. It has ordered a status report from the Louisiana Health Care Authority, charged with running the state's 10 charity hospitals.

Conway officials said they are working on the problem.

"I know we have finally acquired space for this clinic and one will open soon," said Aרון McGuire, fiscal director of the 199-bed state-owned hospital.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: LOUISIANA

Louisiana AIDS Commission: Why didn't clinic open as scheduled in Monroe?

MONROE, La., Sunday, April 4 (AP)—The public hospital in Monroe has received nearly \$750,000 to set up and staff an AIDS clinic, and the health department and state AIDS commission want to know why it has not done so.

"The Department of Health and Hospitals is very concerned," department official Madeline McAndrew said last week.

E.A. Conway Hospital was scheduled to open the clinic last July.

Rep. Melissa Flournoy, D-Shreveport and chairperson of the Louisiana Commission on HIV-AIDS, has asked officials at E.A. Conway Hospital to explain the delay at the commission's

June 3 meeting, McAndrew said.

The main reason is difficulty putting together a staff, said Charles Castille, chief operating officer of the state Health Care Authority, which runs Conway and Louisiana's nine other charity hospitals.

The HCA is doing its best, but cannot estimate when the clinic might open, Castille said. "It's not as if there isn't any treatment going on," he said. "They are seen in other clinics."

DHH provided \$498,700 last year to equip and staff the clinic, which was supposed to open in July. This year, the state gave the public hospital another \$250,000 to run the clinic.

The closest public AIDS clinic is the

viral disease clinic at Louisiana State University Medical Center in Shreveport, at the other corner of north Louisiana. Conway refers patients there, said Dr. Marcus Spurlock, though he did not know how many people from east Louisiana are being treated at LSUMC.

When Conway got its money, LSUMC got a total of \$1.3 million for a clinic expected to provide for 300 patients. Nearly 100 cases have been reported in Ouachita Parish.

Spurlock said his clinic has had trouble finding doctors too, but opened by hiring three doctors part time instead of one full-time physician. However, the staffing problems have created a backlog with 220 patients, he said.

"I really think it's more of a burden to the patients than us," Spurlock said. "We really don't mind seeing them, because of the load it slows things down for everybody."

Some of the patients come from as far away as Tallulah, and few are able to drive themselves, he said.

Castille and McAndrew said state officials expect that some east Louisiana AIDS patients would continue to go to Shreveport, as privacy protection.

"Monroe patients have never said that to me," Spurlock said. He said he has had only one patient—not from the Monroe area—who preferred to go outside his hometown for medical treatment to preserve anonymity.

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▼▼▼ MARCH ON WASHINGTON UPDATE

By CHAUN KEENAN GILSON
The New Voice/Houston

Every day, it seems, news of yet another March on Washington event arrives in the mail here. If it's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or any combination thereof, there is, it seems, a sub-specialty within the above stated category that has a group somewhere in the country that is ready to bring on its contingent.

In earlier March on Washington columns, we have presented some of the key events in which you might take part. However, now that the event is only about two weeks away, the list has become so long, that it is difficult to isolate which groups that are holding special functions and organizing marching contingents to call special attention to. The latest list (and it is in very small type) that has been released to the media of March events runs eleven pages. There will probably be a revised version with still more. At that rate, March organizer's predictions that this will be the largest civil rights demonstration in history may well be accurate. At press time, 270 separate events were planned around the March itself. Organizers predict a nationwide turnout of between 750,000 and one million.

Given that, we could probably turn out an entire issue focusing on these events and profiling their participants. That not being practical, once again, we offer some more highlights of notable or unusual events that have come to our attention this week.

Bureaucracy; being there

Not surprisingly, the possibility of one million queers descending on the nation's capitol for the weekend causes special bureaucratic problems. For that matter, one million of anything often stops the governmental wheels of progress. Good news has arrived, however. After two months of negotiations, March on Washington organizers announced last week that they had successfully completed, what their printed statement calls "sensitive negotia-



At the front line of 1987's March

tions" over the use of the Washington Mall for the April 25th event.

Is there a Mall Use Board to make such a decision, you might ask. No. Talks had to involve members of the U.S. National Park Service, the Secret Service, the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan DC Police.

March organizers report that the negotiations were finally hastened along in part thanks to the intervention of U.S. Congressman Gerry Studds. They add that applications for use of the Mall were filed nearly one year ago. Officials had reasons to deny use; snow fences, recently installed, related to repairs dating back to the Presidential inauguration. The USNPS finally denied availability of this nationally owned public space to the March in writing on Feb. 19th.

Repairs have apparently either been suddenly completed or postponed, thanks to friends of the gay/lesbian community in high to medium places.

The Mall is available on April 25th. Hopefully, the snow fences will also have been removed.

AIDS early in the administration

Unlike preceding administrations, AIDS will be addressed by the nation's Health and Human Services Secretary, Donna Shalala, within months of taking office...and three days before what promises to be the biggest gay/lesbian rally in U.S. history.

This will be the new administration's first major address on AIDS. It is being organized by The National Minority AIDS Council and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. The address will be presented at a cocktail and dinner event which begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building at the Library of Congress. If you are interested in attending, and are arriving at the March in time for dinner on Thursday, April 22nd, call (202) 544-1076 for more information.

A benefit for the National Minority AIDS Council will take place on the

25th. A concert/performance, "Divas: Simply Singing" begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Warner Theater. Further information about the show, which promises a wide range of performers is available from the number above as well.

An aspect of rights

For the legally inclined gay/lesbian activist who can get to the March a couple of days early, a two day symposium on sexual orientation and the law has been scheduled. The event is being organized by the Virginia Law Review, published by the School of Law at the University of Virginia. Unlike many academic conferences, it is free and open to the general public. It will be held on April 23rd and 24th.

Symposiums will cover topics including same-sex marriage, gay identity, the history of the criminalization of gay sex and its present legal/political realities and the evolution of the lesbian/gay rights movement.

If you can't make it, but are interested in the papers to be presented, they will be published in the October issue of "The Virginia Law Review." To arrange to get a copy, write to the journal in care of The University of Virginia, News Office, Booker House, Charlottesville, VA 22906. For information by telephone, and more immediate response if you wish to attend all or part of the conference, call (804) 924-0938.

Lawyers, now doctors

The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR), a San Francisco based organization of gay and lesbian physicians expects hundreds of its members to turn out for an April 24th reception. It will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Union Station. AAPHR will hold a Lesbian Physicians Conference beginning Sunday, following the March. The conference runs through Wednesday. To learn more about it, contact Lydia Vaia, (215) 476-7462.

News of still more events in the works come your way in our next issue.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTE

Bikers access to Memorial Park Trails restricted by City of Houston

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department and the Houston Area Mountain Bikers Association (HAMBRA) are working toward an agreement which would allow, on a trial basis, the limited use of mountain bike trails in Memorial park. The agreement on Memorial Park trail use follows almost a year of discussions between HAMBRA, the Parks and Recreation Department and representatives of other citizens' and environmental groups.

These informal mountain bike trails are located on the south side of Memorial Park, south of the baseball complex and west of the picnic land on a near 75 acre tract of land. The trails have been blazed by thousands of bikers over a

period of years and criss-cross the wooded area. As they have gained popularity, the number of users has increased and now hundreds of bikers utilize the trails each weekend. Excessive usage, with a lack of restrictions, has led to noticeable erosion and soil compaction which has caused damage to both flora and fauna. Both organizations were aware that an agreement was necessary before irreparable harm was done to this natural resource.

A tentative agreement was reached to allow HAMBRA to manage the mountain bike trails, on a trial basis, and in a way that is more compatible with the natural park's resource. HAMBRA has agreed to adhere to the Parks and Rec-

reational Department's designation of approved mountain bike trails, and to the closing of other trails that are in environmentally sensitive areas or cannot be reached by emergency personnel. HAMBRA has agreed to provide volunteer labor and materials to assist in the renovation and maintenance of the designated trails, as well as to be responsible for keeping riders informed and educated as to their responsibilities as trail users.

When asked about the use of trails in Memorial Park, Chain Gang Bicycle Club member, Keith Krum said, "Sure, we use the trails and there are a couple of rides scheduled there in the future. There are a couple of members of our

group that ride with the members of HAMBRA, too." Krum said that he had not heard about the restrictions, but that he and the club members would follow what ever guidelines were set.

Donald G. Olson, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department is encouraged by having the cooperation of HAMBRA. "Unrestricted bike riding on the informal mountain bike trails in Memorial Park might have lead to closure of the entire park to bikes, as is happening in other parts of the country. We are hopeful that by having the opportunity to work with HAMBRA, a solution can be found to this issue which can be compatible with the natural resources and at the same time allow mountain bike athletes to enjoy their sport."

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Houston artist James Preuss opens new show with new techniques

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON
The New Voice/Houston

Gay Houston artist James Preuss unveiled a new sequence of 14 paintings at the Venture-N Sunday. The series, "Nocturnes" is composed of soft, pastel settings for male figures. The entire show, "Nocturnal Impressions" includes four other paintings that are not directly related to the primary series.

The "Nocturnes" series represents a departure in technique for Preuss. Their soft qualities are created by a process of applying pigment in various densities, then removing some of it. Preuss then blends the remaining paint on the canvass before it thoroughly dries. When discussing the name for show, Preuss felt that the term "nocturne" was too closely tied to music. However, he said that upon looking it up, the primary definition was visual. Music served as the secondary definition.

Preuss will donate ten percent of the proceeds from sales of work in the show to the Bering Care Center. It will be on display at the Venture-N through the month of April.

New volunteer coordinator for Thomas Street

The former Executive Director of the AIDS Foundation Houston is the recently appointed Volunteer Coordinator for the Thomas Street Clinic. Jean Bennett will supervise the current 78 member volunteer staff there. Addition-

ally, she will be responsible for identifying Clinic needs and ways that volunteers can assist.

In a printed statement, the PWA Coalition of Houston credited a recent DIFFA grant with the ability to bring Bennett on staff. The volunteer program that she is to supervise is divided

into several specific areas ranging from patient escort services to maintenance and beautification projects at the clinic.

Jean Bennett can be reached for more information about volunteer opportunities at the Thomas Street Clinic by calling 546-5737. Donations for the beautification project, such as hanging plants,

are also being solicited.

Nameless on ice

Houston's new gay ice skating club is still struggling to name itself. So far, they tell us, "The Montrose Ice Gladiators" and "Gay Blades" are leading the list. Maybe you should help them with this evidently difficult process.

Their next monthly skate happens on Tuesday, April 13th from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. They meet at the Galleria Ice Rink, 5015 Westheimer. It's only \$4.50, skates thrown in. Call Angel Lincoln to find out what to wear. His number is 526-8764.

Calling all 'Big Boys'

Heavyset men and their friends are converging on Las Vegas for three days beginning May 21st. Affiliated Big Men's Clubs (ABC) have many members around the country. This western conference is being organized by Girth and Mirth of San Diego, Phoenix's Men at Large and Girth and Mirth of the Rockies.

The registration deadline for the planned three days of larger than average fun is fast approaching. Call the latest 24 hour information line for the latest on specific details. The number (619) 463-6939. You can also write to GMSD at P.O. Box 86822, San Diego, CA 92138-6822.

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Houston artist James Preuss

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Houston's Diana Foundation turns 40 with lengthy success story

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The New Voice/Houston

In 1953, not very people had televisions. There also were not many places for gay friends to congregate openly. So a small group of people decided to get together and watch the Academy Awards broadcast. To add to the party, they decided to give their own awards for local performances. Through word of mouth and invitation, the event grew into a very popular annual party. Today, the group has a core of 50 active members who put the event together. About 300 members attend the Dianans. This year's awards show takes place on Saturday, April 17th at downtown's restored Majestic Metro Theatre.

Originally, the proceeds from Diana events were targeted toward offering college scholarships. Contributions have also been made to several major Houston arts organizations. However, with the onset of the AIDS crisis, Diana has turned its attention to making contributions to several AIDS service providers including Stone Soup, the Montrose Clinic, the AIDS Assistance Fund, McAdory House and Omega House. The Dianans have also helped PWAs cover insurance premium payments.

Diana Foundation president, Bill Poplin, said that the group has never been radical. "It's primarily a social group," he said, "that has stood the test of time." Early on in the group's development, he added, it became "very obvious that if you wanted to know about style and class, this was the place to go." The group officially incorporated as a non-profit foundation in 1973.

Group leaders report very low membership turn-over rate. The usual way to get in is to be invited by a present member. However, steering committee chair Jeffery Murray said that no one with a sincere interest in the group would be turned down. You can contact the Diana Foundation at P.O. Box 66523, Houston, TX 77266-6523.

Easter, gay and lesbian

style

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection plans several special Easter week services for the lesbian/gay community. Reverend Carolyn Mobley will preside over a special Maundy Thursday ceremony at 7:15 p.m. The ceremony will include a traditional foot washing service. The Reverend John Gill will conduct Good Friday services in the MCCR Sanctuary at 7:15 p.m.

On Easter Sunday itself, three services are planned. The Reverend Ruby Grammer will hold a sunrise service downtown near the dandelion fountain on Allen Parkway, across from the American General Building, which will provide parking. Worshipers are invited to an 8:00 a.m. breakfast in the MCCR Fellowship Hall after the service. The regular Easter Sunday service follows at 10:45 at the hands of Reverend Gill. Signing for the hearing impaired will be provided. A final evening service will be conducted by Reverend Ralph Lasher at 7:15 p.m.

All services are handicap accessible. To find out more about MCCR and its

services, call 861-9149.

Easter, young, gay and lesbian style

Holidays can be particularly rough for queer teens. Many are isolated from their families and it can be a very depressing time. HIPY, (The Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth) is holding a festive alternative to the Luby's Easter buffet. The group invites any young person who is gay, bisexual or lesbian, living with HIV, runaway or homeless to a special 1:00 p.m. Sunday dinner. It will take place on Easter Sunday at the HIPY drop-in center at 811 Westheimer, in Suite 210.

HIPY is also looking for volunteers to assist in its various programs. If you would like to learn more about doing some work, call 942-9884.

Yet more for Easter... 'Bunnies on the Bayou'

"A small Easter party," is how the printed release describes this to us. One hundred people got together in 1978 for an event that they describe as such today. Now, the Easter party started by

Bobby Lovell, Bill Castleman, Roy Oros and Michael Deure is another of Houston's annual social events to support AIDS related services. This year, thirty men and women put their talents together to throw the bash which will take place in Fish Plaza, near the Worth Center, this weekend.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to Stone Soup, The Colt 45's, The AIDS Assistance Fund and HIPY (The Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth). An after-party is scheduled at Rich's. Party guests will be provided with free transportation from the Fish Plaza. An invitation is required—check your connections. After that, a non-perishable food donation (headed to Stone Soup) or a cash contribution (toward The Assistance Fund, Colt 45's or HIPY) is required for admission. Transport to and from the parking lot at Rich's will be available every fifteen minutes from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

One more... Easter volleyball

The fifth Lone Star Volleyball classic features 37 teams this weekend. Play starts at 8:30 a.m. on Friday. The Bracket Party follows that evening at The Ranch. Play resumes on Saturday morning at 8:30. Games are divided into four divisions. The AA and A teams will play at the University of St. Thomas Jerabek Activity Center. BB and B teams are heading to Texas Southern University. Admission to the games is free.

The Lone Star Volleyball Association is recognized by the North American Gay Volleyball Association. This year's competition features seven Houston teams with fourteen others from Dallas and San Antonio. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Bering Community Services Foundation and the Texas Legal Foundation. To find out more, call Jeff at (713) 472-3930 or John at (713) 946-9270. The whole thing wraps up with a video party at Heaven on Saturday night.



Bunny party hosts and organizers

▼ ▼ ▼ FILM CLIPS

Quality action-thriller, grand adventure and insipid obsession among current releases

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice/Houston

The action film doesn't come in many faces. Most can be dismissed as wanton displays of gratuitous violence that offer little of substance; others are imbued with enough levity to make the savagery seem almost comic, or at the very least less intense; the best kind though, are the films in which the action, rather than being the centerpiece, is a sideshow manifested in logical fashion through various plot machinations. "Point of No Return" falls into the latter category.

Directed by John Badham and starring Bridget Fonda, this film, which is a remake of the 1991 French powerhouse, "La Femme Nikita," tells the story of a young woman, Maggie (Fonda) adrift in the brackish backwaters of society. She's an extreme socio-path who lashes out without regard to consequences.

A simple robbery goes haywire, and she finds herself on death row. But here execution is feigned. She awakens to find herself in the bowels of a covert agency, and she is given a proposition. Bob (Gabriel Byrne) tells her she can have purpose, that she can perform a necessary function. He becomes her mentor and oversees her training from wild killer into cool assassin.

Amanda (Anne Bancroft), a woman of charm and elegance, teaches Maggie the grace and elegance she will need to move unnoticed in the circles frequented by the agency's targets.

Though she performs with calculated drive, Maggie from the beginning, is uncomfortable with her newly acquired duties. She relocates to California to await further assignments from the agency and finds herself falling in love with J.P. (Dermot Mulrooney), an earthy photographer.

Thus she finds herself in an untenable

situation. Bob and Anne took a virtual animal and helped her to find her human qualities. Having discovered she has a conscience, Maggie now finds herself incapable of carrying out the agency's directives, as the psychological struggle within her mounts to a breaking point.

Fonda gives a sensational performance which is easily the best part of this movie. The fury of a savage, the petulance of a child, the heartache of a young woman, the iciness of a trained killer, are displayed with admirable quality by Fonda. She's great.

The supporting cast, particularly Harvey Keitel as a ruthless "cleaner" dispatched to kill everyone associated with a hit when things go awry, all do excellent jobs.

Director Badham comes precariously close to allowing this film to degenerate into a vacuous story laced with flying bullets and martial arts slug-fests, but he treads the line well. The film has plenty of action, but it also has depth and structure.

'A Far Off Place'



Bob (Gabriel Byrne) and Maggie (Bridget Fonda) confront each other in "Point of No Return"

No one would argue that Disney has a knack for happy endings and a beautiful example of this can be found in "A Far Off Place." This movie has everything that makes a grand adventure: innocent children thrust into a fight for their lives; evil men whose only intention is to enrich themselves; a justifiably moral cause that pits the evil against the good; and spectacular scenery to frame the entire story.

Harry Winslow (Ethan Randall) has just arrived in Africa from America with his father. Though not pleased about it, he sets about making the most of the situation which includes befriending the only person around who is close to his age, namely Nonnie Parker (Reese Witherspoon). When he sees her sneaking out of the house, located in the African wilderness, in the middle of the night, he follows her. The two run into a bushman, Xhabbo (Sarel Bok), who asks them to spend the night in a cave with him. Mostly to appease the injured Xhabbo, who was just attacked by a leopard, the two agree.

Nonnie wakes to the sound of gunfire in the morning. She creeps back to the house and finds it being ransacked by elephant poachers. She discovers that

both her parents and Harry's father, as well as everyone else in the house, have been murdered.

She makes her way back to the cave, and knowing the three of them will be killed if they are caught, she persuades Xhabbo to guide her and Harry across the infamous Kalahari

Desert to safety.

The poachers know the children have escaped though, and they begin an attempt to hunt them down in the wilds just as they would the elephants they illegally kill.

The three companions go through harrowing escapes and this naturally leads to ever-closer bonds between Harry and Nonnie.

Though the film is at times trite, its predictability in no way detracts from its appeal. This story is going to end well and you know everyone is going to reap the reward/punishment he deserves. Better yet, and even more "Disneyish," the teens won't lose their innocence in the process.

"A Far Off Place" is big-hearted adventure designed to please the kid in all of us. It's loads of fun.

'The Crush'

Under the heading of "don't waste your time or money on this one" comes "The Crush." This god-awful trash is the story of a spoiled rich girl, Darian (Alicia Silverstone), who develops (you guessed it) an obsessive crush on her parents' new garage apartment tenant, Nick (Cary Elwes).

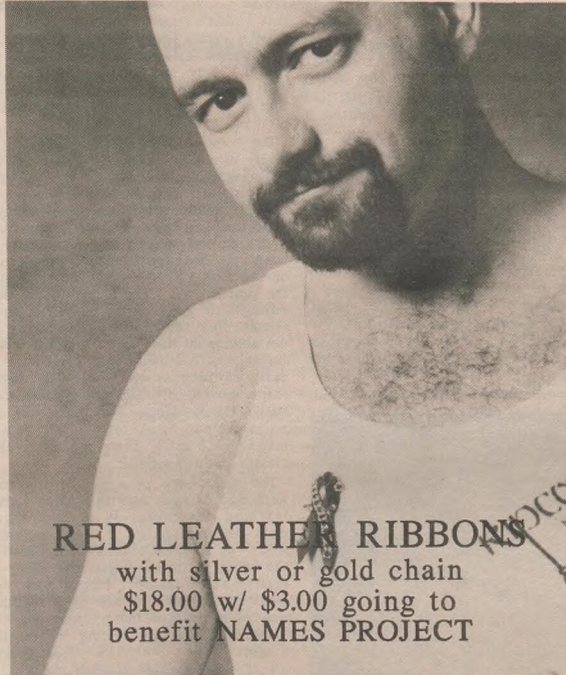
With numbing predictability (remember this is supposed to be a suspense thriller), Darian's crush progresses from innocent curiosity (she spies on him), to petty indiscretions (she steals a photo), to unsettling jealousy and finally terminal fixation and a horrible (gaspl) plot for revenge.

Nothing about this tripe works. Not even hunky-dory Elwes can provide enough distraction to make this even mildly tolerable. I hated every stupid moment of this movie.

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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA South Carolina homosexuals, friends denounce bill banning gay adoptions

By GARY KARR
FOR THE NEW VOICE
COLUMBIA, S.C., Thursday, April 1 (AP)—Rep. Mike Fair's attempt to stem what he calls the "frontal attack on the nuclear family" has run into robust opposition from some in South Carolina's usually quiet gay community.
Fair has authored a bill that would ban anyone who is a homosexual or bisexual from becoming a foster parent or adopting a child. It would also ban anyone convicted of a sex crime or of child abuse from becoming a foster or adoptive parent.
The Greenville Republican told a House subcommittee Wednesday that homosexuals were more likely to have multiple sex partners. Fair also a study

that he claimed showed homosexuals were more likely to have molested a child.
Though Fair acknowledged that the study was "debatable," he said "at least if nothing else there is something unusual going on with the libido of a homosexual."
But gays and others who support their right to adopt children said Fair's fears were based on myths, not reality.
"The current wording of this bill links homosexuals like myself to a category of criminals. ... I am no criminal," Richard Cowling of Columbia told the House Medical Affairs subcommittee.
Cowling said he was the adoptive father of an 18-year-old woman who is a

"blatant heterosexual."
John Ruoff told the panel he asked his 11-year-old foster son whether he would prefer to live in the family he used to be in or a family with gay parents. The boy told Ruoff "he absolutely did not want to go back to that nuclear family where he got the crap beat out of him," Ruoff said.
"We have been parenting children since the beginning of time and I believe we will continue to do so regardless of this bill," said Sam Nickles, a gay man from Columbia.
Peter Tepley of Columbia compared Fair's bill to segregation laws common throughout the South during most of this century.
"It was wrong 30 years ago when the white majority in this state used the law

to deprive people of color of full rights because they were not white, and it is wrong today to deny us rights solely because our sexual orientation is different from the majority's," Tepley said.
Fair's bill is clearly unconstitutional, Steve Bates of the South Carolina chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union said.
The ACLU has successfully challenged similar laws in other states and would most likely do so in South Carolina if the Legislature passed Fair's bill, he told the panel.
Rep. Sandi Wofford, R-Ladson, said lawmakers "should not disregard a bill because we believe it to be unconstitutional. Because it's not unconstitutional until it's determined to be so by a court."

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE TRAVEL

RSVP's Sea Spirit cruises quite different from other offerings available

By TAD NELSON

(The following is part two of two parts; part one ran in last weeks issue.) As is true on most cruises, meals are included in the overall cost. And passengers may eat as much or as little as they like. Beverages like coffee, tea, milk and juices are also included. Soft drinks, beer, wine and hard liquor drinks are not included and will be billed to your cabin, provided you have set up a credit or cash account prior to sailing. This must be done since no actual cash is used on the ship. Breakfasts are bountiful and continental style is served each morning at 8 a.m. Buffet style with bacon, eggs, ham, hash browns, muffins, scones, fresh fruit, juices, coffee and some special made to order items such as omelets, pancakes and french toast is served each morning after 9 a.m. and lasts until 11 a.m. Then the breakfast items are cleared and lunch is brought out. Lunch is served buffet style from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Picnic lunch baskets are also available upon request if you know you are going to be away from the ship during lunch and would like to take lunch along.

Dinner is served each evening at 8 p.m. With only 100 passengers aboard, everyone eats during one seating at assigned tables. Dress is casual compared to other cruises. Long pants (jeans are acceptable) and shirts with collars (polos, short or long sleeves) are requested. And the food is wonderful.

Executive Chef Robin Hixson came to Sea Spirit after a celebrated career with the Delta Steamship company on both the Delta Queen and Mississippi Queen. Hixson began his career of choice as a hobby in high school and then apprenticed for 5 years to a certified European executive chef at a resort hotel beginning in the "pot room" and eventually learning to do everything. He followed this training with the American Culinary Federation and then polished his talents at the Clift Hotel in San Francisco, the famous Scandia Restaurant in Los Angeles, the Red Lion Inns and the Baton Rouge Hilton before the Steamship company.

Sea Spirit guests enjoy an international menu, including dishes represent-

ative of the regions the Sea Spirit is traveling through. There's a lighter spa cuisine for the health conscious, and everything is presented with his inimitable sense of style. Some of Hixson's specials include Bouillabaisse a la Versailles, a wonderful mix of shrimp, fish, oysters, lobster and mussels sauteed with a tomato/brandy base, topped with fresh lump crab meat. Or others include Pasta Jambalaya, fresh boiled shrimp marinated in Sea Spirit Remoulade Sauce or a selection of fresh beef or chicken dishes. Deserts are fabulous and included two flavors of ship-made ice cream. Most passengers put on a little weight during a cruise, so be prepared to diet afterwards.

Fun on-board activities include moonlight dancing, movies on the upper deck, country & western night, afternoon tea dances, and a reggae band they bring to the ship one afternoon. There are television/VCR combinations in each cabin, and a featured movie is shown on the set in your room every two hours or you can rent standard VHS format movies from the video library in the lounge for viewing in your room (\$1.00 each added to your cabin account). The tv also has the right type of input jacks to allow you to hook up a video camcorder to view the

event you record each day.

As opposed to other cruises, a Sea Spirit cruise is probably more fun for the athletically inclined. Most days include water activities of some sort. On the first day they take you to a deserted island (see picture in last issue of Sandy Cay) where you can play volley ball on the beach, swim, explore the island or sleep under the palm trees. There are plenty of chances to snorkel among the fabulous marine life, too. The crew has times set aside for you to jump off the bow of the ship or ride the "big banana", a fun five seat banana float they pull behind a motor boat.

Several other trips to various beaches include one of the most incredible sights you will ever see, Devil's Bay beach commonly called "the baths" of Virgin Gorda. It's a 20 minute walk through a huge pile of stacked boulders (over, under, around and through) to one of the most pristine white sand half moon beaches in the world. There is also a sight seeing tour to Sky World on St. John, the highest mountain in the Virgin Islands. On a clear day you can see Puerto Rico and all the other islands you will visit.

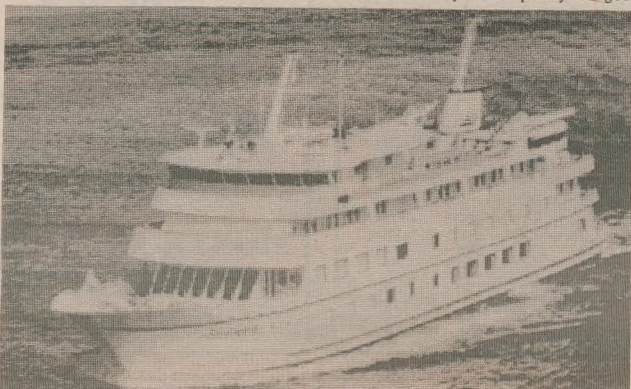
One can always find plenty of good

shopping if interested. The best of which is in St. John and St. Thomas. Lots of beautiful crystal, porcelains, watches, jewelry, beach wear, sunglasses, liquor and all at considerable savings as compared to the states.

So what's the difference between the 800 people cruise and the 100 people cruise? A lot, beginning with the fact that I didn't need a week to get over the smaller cruise like I did the big one. The Sea Spirit style is very laid back and casual. There are not as many on board activities to tie up your time on the Sea Spirit, but there is always something to do if you want to find it.

The crew of 20 on the Sea Spirit are all really nice Gay American men. They are very helpful and try their best to make your trip as enjoyable an experience as possible. With only 100 people, it is possible if not to know, at least to meet everyone on the ship. There is no pool on board the Sea Spirit, but you don't need one because you are in the water most of the time anyway. The Sea Spirit is small enough to get really close to small islands and reefs and bigger ships are not able to do this. The Sea Spirit travels for only 1 to 2 hours each day during the early morning as opposed to the bigger ships moving all night long and docking in the mornings. This makes for easier sleeping. Meals are a one seating instead of 2 or 3. There are no aerobics classes on the Sea Spirit.

The experience of a Sea Spirit cruise with RSVP is an entertaining, relaxing, learning adventure. It is pure enjoyment whether you go it alone or with a friend or lover. Definitely Sea Spirit is the more intimate cruise and ideal for lasting relationships. Check with your local travel agents to see about an RSVP Sea Spirit cruise that's right for you. Some trips that are coming soon include singles weeks (July 10 17 & August 14 21), a special leather week (July 17 24 with stops including Boston, Provincetown, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, New Bedford, Newport, Fire Island and New York), and a women's only week from July 31 to August 7). They really do try to do something for everyone at RSVP. I will be taking another RSVP cruise in the future, you can bet on it.



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▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Sexual Assault Awareness Month events planned throughout April

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON

The Houston Area Women's Center, with the assistance of several other groups is focusing on generating public awareness of sexual assault issues. Several public forums are scheduled throughout the month. Rock video stereotypes are the target in a called "Desire, Sex and Power" being organized with Students Organized Against Rape. The event will be held at the Rice Media Center on Thursday, April 15th at 7:00pm.

Access Cable (channel E2) will offer a special the following evening at 7:00pm, "Defining Women with Susan Lennon." On April 22nd, a seminar on violence in the home, "Women to Women: Breaking the Silence" will be held at Houston's First Baptist Church.

Studies indicate that as many as one in three women in this country will be raped in their lifetime. Sexual assault, however, is not a problem facing only women. One in twelve rape victims are male.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Administration complies with court order; allows 36 Haitians with AIDS into U.S.

By CAROLYN SKORNECK

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 2 (AP)—The Clinton administration will comply with a court order and allow 36 Haitian refugees with full-blown AIDS to come to the United States for treatment.

But the Justice Department said Thursday that it is making an exception to government policy, not lifting a ban on the 250 refugees detained for more than a year at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo, Cuba, because either they or relatives accompanying them have the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

U.S. District Judge Sterling Johnson Jr. ruled March 26 that the government had 10 days either to provide medical

Mitzi Vorachek, the HAWC's Director of Community Education, said that last year, the group's rape crisis hotline received 4593 calls and 2000 women actually came to the Center for counseling. In previous years, the hotline averaged only 3000 calls. Vorachek added that the Houston Police Department reports that sexual assault was one of very few major crime categories that actually increased in 1992.

Contact the Houston Area Women's Center for further information at (713) 528-6798.

Chorus bash this weekend

The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston and HeartSong are holding a benefit party at Crossroads Market and Bookstore on Saturday, April 10th. The event, at 610 West Alabama begins at 7:30 and will feature performance by both groups. Currently, they are gearing up for their annual Pride Week concert. This year's performance, "Out, Together and Proud" will take place at the Wortham Center's Cullen Theater on June 26th.

In addition to the two local groups, the Alamo City Men's Chorus, Encore (members of the Turtle Creek Chorale in Dallas) and Austin's women's chorus, Tapestry, will perform. For further information call 520-8298.

New panel deadline nears

The Houston chapter of The Names Project is busy getting new panels ready for the special display at the March on Washington. The local deadline is April 16th. Houston Project volunteers will carry panels to Washington for those who can not attend. The group's workshop is located in Montrose at 2410 Woodhead. It's open Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Other times can be arranged by calling 52-NAMES. Nationally, the Project expects more than 2000 new panels to be submitted for the March on Washington display.

Tell yourself; have a house party

The AIDS Foundation of Houston has

several interesting workshops coming up this month. Beginning on Thursday, April 15th, a three installment seminar will teach self-hypnosis techniques for behavior modification and stress reduction. The class is specially geared toward people with HIV.

Later in the month, a panel of HIV experts will offer an overview of the latest knowledge in AIDS treatments and drug development research. That takes place on Monday, April 26th at 6:30pm at the Montrose Library.

Safer sex is also on the month's agenda with two events. For gay and bisexual men, techniques and tools of the trade will be explored on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00pm. A general community session is scheduled for April 27th. More information about all of the workshops by calling AFH at (713) 623-6796.

So, maybe you are not quite ready to explore these topics with a group of strangers. Invite a few friends over for a house party. AFH is willing to help you do it. Call AFH to find out how.

treatment for those with AIDS or send them where they can be treated.

"The government will comply with the order regarding a limited number of the Haitians who have tested positive with the HIV virus currently in Guantanamo," the Justice Department said, adding that the refugees will be brought to the United States "as soon as appropriate arrangements can be made."

The government in the past has said the refugees in Guantanamo who have developed AIDS numbered only 15-20. The 36 to be brought to the United States is one more than the estimate of a lawyer representing the Haitians, Joseph Tringali.

After Johnson's ruling, Tringali said he hoped the government would not appeal it, adding: "I would hope they offer an apology."

Johnson said government officials admitted in testimony last month that the refugees weren't receiving adequate medical treatment.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Begleiter told Johnson that military doctors could not treat the refugees because of the Haitians' weakened conditions.

The judge also wrote that the government has ignored its own doctors who recommended that refugees with AIDS should be moved from the camp.

In the last year, the government has

allowed 22 Haitians with AIDS at Guantanamo into the United States on an emergency basis for treatment.

The issue got an international forum Monday night when actors Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon criticized the government during the televised Oscar awards show, which had an estimated worldwide audience of 1 billion.

"Their crime: testing positive for the HIV virus," Robbins said about the refugees being detained.

"On their behalf and all the people living with HIV in this country, we'd like to ask our governing officials in Washington to admit that HIV is not a crime and to get these people into the United States," Sarandon said.

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New Orleans City Council passes resolution supporting the March on Washington

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
The New Voice/New Orleans

The New Orleans City Council passed a resolution supporting the April 25 "March on Washington, D.C. for Lesbian and Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation." The resolution passed April 1, 1993 by a unanimous vote. One council member, Joseph Giarrusso was not present for the vote.

Of special note, Councilmembers Jackie Clarkson and Peggy Wilson, Districts C and A respectively, joined in the unanimous vote. Both had voted no on a similar resolution before council last month supporting President Clinton's push to end discrimination against lesbians and gays in the United States military. They were joined in voting no on that resolution by Giarrusso. That reso-

lution also passed.

The resolution states in part, "...on April 25, 1993 the March on Washington ... will bring to our nation's capitol a coalition of over one million citizens who continue to express their commitment to the assurance and equal protection of all fundamental human and civil rights as should be afforded to all American citizens ..."

The Council further asked that the Clerk of Council forward copies of the resolution to each member of the State's Congressional delegation and The Louisiana State Legislature is ... urging their support of gay, lesbian and bi civil rights legislation." The Clerk was also requested to forward copies to the National Steering Committee for the March on Washington and the Louisiana March on Washington Committee.

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NO-AIDS sponsors April 12 'Man to Man' Workshop in New Orleans

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
The New Voice/New Orleans

NO/AIDS Task Force, the ten year old leader in New Orleans' and Louisiana's fight to reduce the spread of HIV infection is going head-on with a workshop designed to bring their message of "Safer Sex" to The Big Easy's gay community.

The "Skills-building" workshop on "nurturing and enriching gay male relationships" will be held Monday, April 12 from 6 to 9:00 p.m. at the NO/AIDS Conference Room, located in the Task Force's offices at 1407 Decatur St.

"The workshops have been well attended in the past and are directed towards men who are married, single or dating," according to NO/AIDS publicists Tracy Saunders, Larry Bagnier, NO/AIDS liaison to the gay community is the workshop's organizer.

Director of No/AIDS Task Force steps down

Jeff Campbell, Executive Director of the NO/AIDS Task Force since 1989, retired March 31, 1993. Campbell was himself diagnosed as HIV positive in

1985, and as having AIDS in 1991. He elected to leave NO/AIDS "While I am still in good health, and so I can kick back and enjoy life."

Campbell has become active with plans for the coming March on Washington for lesbian and gay rights. He has been a panelist on a taped "Angela Show" (WWL-TV, Channel 4), scheduled to air April 12 on the topic of Louisianans going to the march. "I plan to go to Washington myself for the March, after first going to Disney World."

Campbell came to New Orleans from Los Angeles where he was Education Director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. He was educated at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and taught high school in North Carolina before moving to California.

Under his directorship the NO/AIDS Task Force grew from a staff of eight to forty-five, and from a budget of less than one-half million dollars to nearly two and one-half million.

The NO/AIDS Task Force also expanded its orientation during Campbell's years. As the disease began to be seen as one afflicting the entire commu-

nity, Campbell oversaw staff appointments that reached out beyond simply the homosexual community. And the practice of giving grants to agencies doing similar work throughout Louisiana was established.

"I am pleased with my four years at the Task Force," Campbell said. "Never have I worked with a more dedicated staff, my tenure there was the most satisfying of my professional life."

That affection was reflected by Elwood Richardson, NO/AIDS Art Director, in an exhibition mounted by him of his "first acrylic flower art." The exhibit is titled "Flowers for Jeff" and is on display at the Task Force's Windows Gallery through Spring.

'Queer Pier' going to Washington

The D.C. Arts Center, known locally in the Nation's Capital as "DC/ACI," has announced it will produce New Orleans performance artist Frank Aqueno's "Queer Pier" on Thursday, April 22, at 8p.m. as part of DC/AC's performance festival called "Queerfest."

Tickets for Queerfest are \$10 and may

be obtained by calling the DC/AC box office at (202) 462-7833.

Queer Pier was first produced in New Orleans at the Contemporary Arts Center in the Fall of 1992. It has since been produced at Dancers' Studio West, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and at Waterworks in Tallahassee, Florida.

Aqueno is a performance artist from New York City on "An extended residence in New Orleans." Queer Pier takes place on a former shipping pier, "now a queer hangout," at the base of west 11th Street, in New York City.

About his D.C. performance, Aqueno says, "Ah, Washington! The center of power, the center of corruption...I speak of our gay and lesbian, mostly self appointed leaders so eager at work to assimilate us into abysmal heterosexual values."

Aqueno's performance falls on the Thursday before Sunday's April 25, March on Washington for the lesbian/gay rights issue of open membership in the American military. "I fear most leaving Washington with the urge to marry, join the military and bring more children into a world where 40,000 infants die each day."

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Former Navy officer takes fight for gays and lesbians in military public

By STEVE STONE
FOR THE NEW VOICE

VIRGINIA BEACH, Sunday, April 4 (AP)—The Navy once described Lt. j.g. Richard D. Selland as a leader with "unlimited growth potential."

But within hours of admitting his homosexuality to the Navy in January, he was relieved of duty as supply officer aboard the Norfolk-based submarine USS Hammerhead.

The Navy also has moved to discharge Selland, 24, or place him in the standby reserves, where he would lose all pay and benefits.

Now Selland wants to fix what he sees as the Pentagon's problem: an insistence that gay men and lesbians cannot acknowledge their sexuality and serve their country.

The officer, who grew up on Maryland's Eastern Shore, has decided to take his fight public.

"My captain always said he wanted his men to have fortitude," Selland said last week. "I am putting my foot forward and being proud of my sexuality now that I am coming to terms with it."

It was no surprise to many officers on board the nuclear-powered Hammerhead when he admitted he was gay, Selland said. Long before he acknowledged it, he believes, they figured it out.

Cmdr. Karl M. Hasslinger, captain of the Hammerhead, "has told me and will tell everybody that he believed nobody knew of my sexuality, otherwise they would not have joked with me like they did because they liked me," Selland said.

"But I don't believe that, because I was the only one out of the whole wardroom who was ever pointed to or had comments made about my sexuality," he said.

Aboard the Hammerhead, Selland shared daily meals with eight fellow officers, including the captain. He noticed a change in the wardroom a year ago when Lt. Tracy Thorne, an aviator at the Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, came out.

"I heard gay, faggot, queer," he said. But most of the teasing, he said, was good-natured.

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Last November, the day after Bill Clinton

won election, "the weapons officer, in the stateroom in front of the navigator and others, opened up the closet door and yelled in, 'Chop (a nickname applied to supply officers), you can come out. Chop, Clinton won. You can come out now.' And everyone laughed, and I just hit him on the elbow."

Despite such banter, Selland never felt threatened or saw his professional judgment challenged.

"They knew me as a person. I could tell a helmsman to make his depth 500 feet and he would make his depth 500 feet."

In retrospect, Selland said, it may have been his perceived sense of acceptance that proved his undoing.

After the presidential election, Vice Adm. Henry G. Chiles Jr. sought two submarines that could play host to a member of the Clinton transition team studying lifting the ban. Hasslinger, the Hammerhead's skipper, gathered his officers and the sub's senior enlisted man to ask their views.

Selland recalled the chief saying of gays: "Well, they say there's one in every 10 that's gay. We probably have a few on this boat that are gay and we might even have one in the wardroom. But if they keep their lifestyle quiet, that's one thing."

That said, the boat's navigator "grabbed me and hugged me and said, 'Yeah, we got ours right here,'" Selland said.

With Clinton in office, all indications were that the ban was to be lifted quickly. The day after the inauguration, Hasslinger noted that the ban was apparently to be scrapped immediately. Selland was again jokingly asked if he was coming out. He responded with silence.

Finally, Selland and a chaplain who shared his secret decided to go talk to Hasslinger.

Selland said he was barely able to look at his commander as the chaplain informed him of Selland's homosexuality.

"My eyes were going between him and the chaplain, but, mostly, to the chaplain who I felt most comfortable with discussing this topic," Selland said. "I don't even think I mentioned the word gay throughout that entire conversation."

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ever. In Hasslinger—a man Selland says he still respects—he found an unyielding adherence to policy. The sub skipper called his superiors and was told to get Selland off the boat immediately.

On March 12, at Submarine Squadron Six headquarters aboard the tender L.Y. Spear, Selland was handed papers marking the start of discharge proceedings.

Unknown to him, a board of officers had met March 9 and voted unanimously to dismiss him from the service with an honorable discharge. Among the items they considered was his latest performance appraisal—a military report card.

Selland was stunned when he saw it. It was a far cry from an appraisal in June by his previous boss, Cmdr. William Casten, who had awarded Selland an 'A' in each of 24 areas of performance and recommended him for early promotion.

Casten said Selland, then an ensign, had "made an immediate, positive, impact" upon coming aboard Hammerhead and was "an outstanding manager and organizer who is aggressive in seeking out answers to problems and applying innovative solutions."

But now his evaluation reflected something far different. In February—the month after he'd declared his homosexuality—his grades resembled an alphabet soup with only eight 'A's.

The officer was now "somewhat reserved and mild-mannered" and having "problems motivating subordinates."

In addition, Hasslinger wrote that Selland was an "intelligent, congenial individual who does not appear to have the maturity, drive or conviction to be a successful naval officer."

Hasslinger was unavailable for comment on Selland's case and the Navy declined to discuss it.

The Navy also became interested in what Selland was doing, who his friends were and to whom he was talking, according to message traffic from Atlantic Fleet command to the Chief of Naval Operations and obtained by The Virginian-Pilot.

One reads: "The quote unnamed senior officer end quote who previously provided quote moral support moral support end quote reported reference A is no longer assigned to the submarine. On 05 FEB officer was contacted by Washington Post reporter and participated in telephone interview. Washington Post article likely

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Selland decided he had to fight what he saw as an effort to diminish his record. He immediately sought advice from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force and the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Veterans of America.

Selland also wrote to Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., the congressman leading hearings on the gay ban, and to other members of Congress. He asked if he could testify, but has yet to be invited.

He also hired a lawyer. And each day, he goes to work in a job he may soon lose.

Despite what has happened, Selland said he is mostly satisfied with the treatment he has received at Squadron Six headquarters.

"They've worked side-by-side with me in a very professional manner," he said. "They haven't let this very emotional issue inhibit us in accomplishing the tasks at hand. But it hasn't been all rosy."

Selland still is disappointed that Clinton has not issued the promised executive order lifting the ban. And he questions the need for more study of the issue given the number of studies already done.

National security must always be the first priority, Selland said, "but the idea that our security is endangered by allowing homosexuals in the military is absolutely false."

He opposes Sen. Nunn's suggested compromise of not questioning people about their sexuality and allowing gays to serve so long as no one finds out they are homosexual.

"That is not a good compromise because one still has the fear of having their career taken away from them at any moment," he said.

Selland's Navy career could go the same way.

His lawyer plans to file an appeal by April 19 of the March 9 board of officers' decision to discharge him. If he loses, Selland will ask the secretary of the Navy to order a board of inquiry, which would allow him a chance to testify, produce evidence and call witnesses.

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University of Arkansas art students support gay artist with 'silent riot'

LITTLE ROCK, Saturday, April 3 (AP)—Several art students at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock are conducting a "silent riot" in protest of what they say is the school's abridgement of freedom.

A dozen students spoke Friday with department officials over whether the homoerotic artwork of Steven Leonard, a gay student, was censored.

Leonard, a senior art major from Texarkana, Texas, maintains that his series of seven graphite-and-ink drawings, some of which displayed homosexual acts, had been pulled from the department's senior show in a gallery of the Fine Arts Building.

But department officials said they simply felt the drawings weren't appropriate for the gallery, since children also frequent the area for art and music classes.

In support of Leonard, at least 15 students have signed and attached disclaimers to their work in the annual art show, stating that exhibiting their work wasn't "an endorsement of UALR policies which abridge the right of free expression."

"It's a silent riot, a quiet riot," said Alice Ayers, president of the Art Students League. "Our whole protest is to get (Leonard's work) out in the open. Anything else we view as censorship."

Ayers said art majors were concerned that future work could also be restricted.

Don Van Horn, art department chairperson, said Leonard's work hadn't

been censored and would have been exhibited under conditions "deemed appropriate" by department personnel. But Leonard rejected those conditions, Van Horn said.

Leonard confirmed that statement, saying he insisted on having his work displayed in the gallery where other senior artwork is shown.

"This is about coming out, and he wanted to put it back into the closet," Leonard said Thursday.

The gallery is in an open hallway on the second floor of the Fine Arts Building, UALR's Community School of the Arts' music and art programs for elementary school and preschool children are held on the same floor.

"It's in a public place," Shannon Dil-

lard Mitchell, gallery curator, told the group of students who met to discuss the issue. "The problem is the community school. I think that is a fair reason, as a parent of a 6-year-old."

Leonard said he put the work up Sunday and it was down by 8:30 a.m. Monday. He said Van Horn offered him the chance to substitute other work or to show the work in question upon request and to "unlock the room to allow viewing."

Van Horn said that "a locked room was not in the plans at all" for displaying Leonard's work. The area would have been "someplace where access could have been monitored" so the work would not be viewed by unsupervised young children, Van Horn said.

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Army confirms large-scale test plans for gp160, the MicroGeneSys AIDS vaccine

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 3 (AP)—The U.S. Army has decided to spend \$20 million on an exclusive, large-scale trial of an AIDS vaccine made by MicroGeneSys Inc., a Pentagon spokesperson said.

"The U.S. Army has made the decision to test only the gp160," (the MicroGeneSys vaccine), said Sgt. Dawn Kilpatrick. "There will not be multi-drug testing."

Kilpatrick said the Army sent its decision early Friday to Congress, which last October appropriated the \$20 million after intense lobbying by the company, which is based in Meriden, Conn.

MicroGeneSys President Franklin Volnovitz said Friday he had not seen the decision.

"It's the first I've heard of it. If they've done it, it means that science has pre-

vailed," said Volnovitz. He declined further comment until he knew more about the Army's report.

Medical researchers and AIDS advocacy groups have condemned MicroGeneSys for hiring former U.S. Sen. Russell Long, a Louisiana Democrat, to lobby Congress to set aside the money in a \$10 billion defense research appropriation.

The National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration and advocates for people with AIDS pushed for the trials to include vaccines made by other companies.

Congress had given the two federal agencies and the Department of Defense veto power over funding a solo trial of gp160, also known as VaxSyn.

Dr. Bernadine Healy, the former head of NIH, convened a panel which deter-

mined in November that not enough is known about the effectiveness of gp160 to justify a large-scale trial of it alone.

Healy and others, including MicroGeneSys' competitors, criticized the \$20 million appropriation, saying the national research agenda should be set by science rather than a company wielding political influence.

Healy's panel recommended a compromise: Walter Reed Army Medical Center researchers could use the \$20 million for a comparative trial of gp160 and several other experimental vaccines.

But two issues swayed the Army in favor of the solo MicroGeneSys trial, said Dr. Marvin Rogul of the Office of Research Management at Walter Reed in Washington.

"Some lawyers had asked the ques-

tion if this (a multi-drug study) had been the intent of Congress," Rogul said. Researchers also questioned whether \$20 million would be enough for trials of more than one vaccine.

Dr. Robert Schooley, a principal AIDS investigator at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, said the Army's decision to test only the MicroGeneSys vaccine could hurt future medical research.

The message sent by the Army, Schooley said, is "We don't care about peer review. We don't care about scientific priorities. We don't care about budget problems."

Defense Secretary Les Aspin has an option, Schooley said. "He does not have to do the trial."

But Aspin spokesperson Susan Hansen said he plans to let the trial Congress authorized go forward.

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California gay rights advocates blast Chevron Corp.'s donation

CONCORD, Calif., Thursday, April 1 (AP)—Advocates of gay rights are blasting Chevron Corp. for making a political donation to Concord City Councilman Lloyd Mashore, who has fought local measures to protect homosexuals from discrimination.

"We have concerns about any company supporting people who are out to divide the community with prejudice," said the Rev. Larry Whitsell of the largely gay Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church.

Chevron gave \$250 to Mashore in Febru-

ary, according to the councilman's campaign spending report. The giant oil company also has supported other council members.

Bill Steele, Chevron's Bay area public affairs manager said Wednesday that the company liked Mashore's positions supporting business.

Steele, who sent the company donation to Mashore, said Chevron has received letters of protest from three individuals and two groups—the Concord-based Gay and Lesbian Public Awareness Committee and Community United Against Violence in

San Francisco.

"Chevron's support can only be perceived to be an act that explicitly supports homophobia and homophobic hate violence," Michael Thompson, director of Community United Against Violence, said in his letter to the company.

Mashore, however, said Wednesday "there is a clear difference between having a political difference of opinion and my respect for people as individuals. ...

"I have never degraded or demeaned or advocated violence against any person."

Steele said that Chevron, which has 3000 employees in Concord, has policies that protect gay men and women within the company.

"This would seem to put us and Mr. Mashore in opposite camps on the gay issue," Steele said Wednesday.

Thompson agreed that Chevron supports its gay and lesbian workers. But he said the gay rights groups would continue to push the company to "provide clear leadership" against Mashore's anti-gay rights positions.

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Marine Corps says sergeant can't stay in service because he admitted being gay

By ESTES THOMPSON

FOR THE NEW VOICE

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C., Wednesday, March 31 (AP)—A Marine hearing board has recommended the discharge of a sergeant who disclosed on television that he is gay.

No evidence of homosexual conduct by Sgt. Justin Elzie was introduced.

Instead, Col. Ronald Matthews, president of the board, ruled Wednesday that the presence of professed homosexuals undermines order and discipline and that the sergeant's admission that he is gay was sufficient cause for discharge.

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Denver presbytery takes stand on gay rights; asks national church to lift ban on gay clergy

DENVER, Friday, April 2 (AP)—The organization that represents 51 Denver-area Presbyterian churches is taking a stand on two gay-rights issues, prompting a protest from some parishioners.

The Denver Presbytery has voted to ask the national church to lift its ban on ordaining openly gay ministers. It also will ask the church's national General Assembly to condemn Colorado for passing Amendment 2 and to file a friend-of-the-court brief in a lawsuit challenging the anti-gay rights law.

In a related development, two other denominations are pondering whether to hold conventions here in defiance of an Amendment 2-provoked economic boycott.

The Denver Presbytery votes will force a nationwide reconsideration of the 14-year-old policy banning ordina-

The board recommended an honorable discharge for Elzie, a 10-year member of the corps who was an embassy guard in Finland and received Marine of the Year honors in 1989.

Elzie, 30, said after the hearing that he planned to continue fighting discharge. He proclaimed his homosexuality in a TV interview after President Clinton announced he wanted to drop the ban on homosexuals in the service.

The board's recommendation will be sent to the base commander, then to the Marine commandant and the secretary of the Navy.

If they concur, Elzie will be placed on unpaid, standby reserve while the Clinton administration tries to work out a way to lift the ban on homosexuals. The temporary policy was part of a compromise between Clinton and Capitol Hill.

The White House has said it wants to draw a distinction between professed homosexuality and homosexual conduct.

The only government witness was Elzie's supervisor at the food service unit where Elzie works in supply. He testified that Elzie had been a distraction to other workers since he disclosed in January that he is gay.

"When the Marine Corps opens its doors to the admission of gays, we are starting on a very slippery slope," said Maj. Robert Breckenridge, the lawyer who presented the case against Elzie. "Is the next step going to be homosexual marriages? Is the next step going to be cross-dressing?"

Elzie's lawyer, Lanny Breuer, argued that Elzie had an outstanding record and that his disclosure of homosexuality shouldn't be reason for discharge.

"It's insupportable and indefensible to let someone go based on what he said he is," Breuer said. "They had no conduct at all."

tion of gay candidates, said Denver Presbytery spokesperson Lowell Campbell.

The issue resurfaced in November when a lesbian minister who was ordained before the ban went into effect asked to be installed pastor of a Rochester, N.Y., church. Church leaders said the ban prohibited her from taking the post.

Now that Denver and other Presbyteries are seeking to reverse the policy, the assembly likely will spend a year or two gathering comment and researching the issue, Campbell said.

However, the votes already have triggered opposition from those who object to homosexuality.

"I do not believe homosexuals should be ordained within the Presbyterian Church," said Sax Willson, an active

member of the Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Lakewood.

"It's a matter of theology, and the scriptures support my position. I also know the Lord Jesus Christ tells us to love all, and I am not a basher of gays and lesbians. But I do not believe in their lifestyle," said Willson, who believes a majority of Denver-area members feel the same way.

Amendment 2, which was approved in November, would ban laws that prevent discrimination based on homosexuality. It has been put on hold until a lawsuit challenging it on constitutional grounds is resolved.

The United Methodist Church's planning committee is reconsidering a plan to hold its quadrennial meeting in Denver in 1996 because several church agencies recommended heeding an economic

boycott launched to protest Amendment 2. The committee will meet here in early June to decide.

The Episcopal Church dropped Denver from consideration for its 1997 convention because of the amendment, but put it back on the list of possibilities at the request of Colorado Bishop Jerry Winterrowd.

Winterrowd said national church leaders are obligated to stand with bishops, clergy and lay leaders who are "struggling over this issue. ... By coming to Denver the whole church might come together in faith over an issue that will otherwise be divisive."

Both conventions would bring several thousands visitors to Colorado. The Methodist General Conference will be about 10 days in the spring of 1996, and the Episcopal General Convention will be for 10 days in late summer 1997.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

Polish the high heels & dig out a bonnet-it's Easter in Montrose again!

By TAD NELSON
The New Voice/Houston
Hello Houston!

Well, if you've been around Montrose for a while, you are familiar with the annual (most years anyway) Easter Bonnet High Heel Race. If you're not familiar with it, be sure to be at Mary's or Kroger's around 5:30 or so to see the finale to a day long touring drag grocery shopping race. Yes, it is as crazy as it sounds.

This year the event has been coordinated by Yoda of the Venture-N and Cassandra of Mary's. They have spent a lot of time and effort putting this event together, so that everyone involved can have a fun and safe time participating. The list of stops is bigger than ever, too. This year they include Venture N (registration begins at noon), BRB, Lazy J., CoCo's, E/J's Mother's, The Atrium, Past Time, The 611 Hyde Park Pub, The Ripcord, Cousin's, J.R.'s, The Montrose Mining Company, O.T.'s, Mary's (where the actual race begins) and Kroger's.

After registration when the race begins moving, participants will be driven to the first 5 locations (Mother's being the last stop for drivers). Then the race unfolds on foot, and contestants will walk in heels from Mother's to all the stops in between to end at Mary's.

How will the judges know you stopped at each location along the way? Why with a purchase ticket—of course. Notice I didn't say that each person had to buy a drink or a shot. Cokes, water, juices or coffee will suffice. And if you have any brains at all you will realize that at 15 stops along the way (1 every 15 to 20 minutes)—if you were to have even 1 shot of liquor (1 oz) at each, you will be too plowed to finish the race. According to science (or better yet, the nice clerks at the Reisner Street Motel) a body can only process 1 oz of liquor per hour. So please be very, very careful on your run and drink a few cokes or juices once in a while.

Also remember, if it is very hot out on Sunday, you might want to take a salt tablet or two. One year we had people passing out from heat exhaustion and a melting queen with a spilled Easter basket on Montrose Boulevard is not a pretty sight. For those of you who must do this in full drag—remember to wear the water-proof mascara or your eyes will end up smeared around your collar. When it comes to make up and sports—less is best.

It might also help to bring a couple of band-aids and a pair of tennis shoes in your Easter basket or purse for the end of the race, because I guarantee you, you will not want to keep the heels on after it is over. That and the bars don't allow people to party without shoes on their feet. Be prepared gurlh! And good luck to all.

Speaking of "good luck," Eric of the Venture-N doesn't seem to have it. Just how many times has your wallet seen the inside of a mail box anyway?

Have you heard that Carolyn (NLA/V-N) is now a city dweller?

DeeDee DeVille (Richmond News), how was the "toast" last Sunday night? Or was that supposed to be toasty?

Ernie (Joy Luck) I hear you missed the John's Sunday and ended up in San Antonio.



Carolyn wears a wig for first time!

Yoda, what is this about everyone you ride with leaving you stranded? Is it true that one of them finally stole your shirt so that you had to walk home half naked?

Skip (?), is Mary's putting Opera on the jukebox to make you feel at home?

JoAnn (BRB) watch out, I'm diggin' up the dirt on you again!

Thursdays are C & W night at "Country" Heaven. From what I hear they are becoming quite popular. Cover is free and beginning in two weeks, Southern Country will be there to teach you country dance lessons. Learn the hottest new special disc jockeys John Sims (of the Mining Company) and Frank Benge (from the Silver Dollar in San Antonio). It's hot. It's country. It's Heaven!



Did you meet this Arkansas boy?

Thursday evening at E/J's it's Wheel of Fortune with B.J. Williams who has as his special guest Vanna, Burgundy Woods. B.J. says everybody plays and there are lots of prizes beginning

at 10:30 p.m. On Friday April 9th at a new club in Sharpstown called Rubies, show director, Jill Jordan will host "We 3" with Tommie Ross, Jennifer St. John and Jill Jordan. Jill tells me that the Pretty Boys will be there on Saturday nights, that Monday and Tuesday will be Latino nights and Wednesday is Country & Western nights. Take heart suburbanites—there's another gay bar outside the loop off 59 again!

Summer hours at Pacific Street are in effect! Sundays the doors open at 5:00 p.m. with no cover charge until 7:00 p.m. The big events draw the crowd, a Man-dance/Giant T-Dance. This week, you can check out the new T-shirts and be the first on your block! Then bob for Easter eggs the Pacific Street way. No fair using your elbows. Take a moment and have your own celebration.



Leon & Clay certainly get around, don't they?

This Saturday at Mary's don't miss the annual Easter egg coloring contest with Jerry Jones. Judging will take place at 1:00 p.m. There will also be an Easter egg hunt in the outback with some special surprise eggs. At noon this Saturday, Venture-N will hold its annual Easter egg coloring and Easter bunny coloring contests. There will also be a pool tournament Saturday at 4:00 p.m. with cash prizes.

Saturday evening, E/J's will host the Back Street Players with Brittany Paige, Jerry Morin, B.J. Williams and special guest "Ray-Meister" beginning at 11:00 p.m. sharp!

Sunday April 11 at the Brazos River Bottom see Sid Spencer in concert with two shows at 8 and 10:00 p.m. When your tired of the heels and bonnets, pull

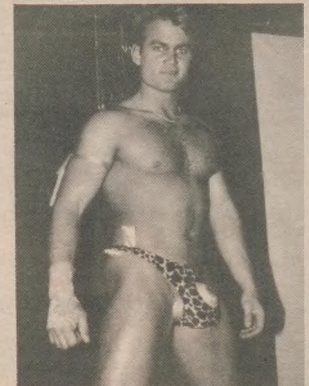


Happy Birthday Bob of Wolf Pack. You're still our favorite Mark Coyle model!

out the boots and straw hats and scoot on down to your down to earth country home at the BRB. NLA-Houston will be hosting Steak night Sunday on the patio from 5 to 9:00 p.m. Go by and see the boys and girls of NLA and let them help you with your meal, but be careful if you tell them you want your meat well done! From what I hear, they can do it.

Also this Sunday at Gentry, the Miss Camp America Foundation will host Gentry's Annual Easter Bonnet Contest at 8:00 p.m. with \$100.00 in cash prizes. The "Egg-Septional" Easter Revue will immediately follow the bonnet contest. Stop by early for a ribeye steak dinner. The Miss Camp Girls will be guest bartending beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Have you ever heard of Dr. Jan De Vries? Well listen. She is the naturopathic physician to the Queen of England. Dr. Jan De Vries is a world wide leader in the naturopathic and homeopathic movements and will be conducting a free seminar on Tuesday April 13 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Westin Oaks Hotel in the Galleria. The seminar is sponsored by A Moveable Feast and other local health food stores. Dr. De Vries will also be at A Moveable Feast for private consultations that same day from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. A Moveable Feast is located at 2202 West Alabama in Houston. For more details call Mike Wilson at (713) 528-3585.



Woof! Woof! Where do you dance?



The Trocks will be in Galveston, May 2

Michael K. Wilson's Wednesday night Self Healing Classes meet from 8—10 p.m. at the Spectrum Center located at 3416 Audubon, Wednesday, April 14 John Coon, director of the Yoga Center of Houston will help you experience yoga and meditation. Then on Wednesday April 21, Geraldine Stringer, California's renowned psychic and clairvoyant will discuss your own personal growth, success and development. Finally to round out April, on Wednesday 28th, Dr. Ed Martin, Ph.D. director of The Path Foundation will discuss hypnosis as a tool to enhance health and the immune system. For more information contact Michael Wilson at 523-4241. No charge to attend & questions are encouraged.

On Friday April 16 join Tony Solana at Gentry for the opening of his new art work exhibit. Tony had some really nice abstract pieces on display last year and he is sure to top it again this time.

On Saturday morning, April 17 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bering Memorial United Methodist Church will be hosting its 43rd annual Breakfast Club in the church fellowship hall. They will be repeating the "All You Can Eat" menu of pancakes, waffles, bacon, sausage, pastries, fresh fruit, coffee, milk and orange juice for \$7 per person with children under 12 admitted free if accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets may be purchased at the door or the church office. This event, first held in 1951 as "Pancake Day" was the brainchild of long time Bering member Downs Foster, who is now 103. The church welcomes people from all walks of life.

Saturday evening, April 17th to the Majestic Metro in Houston, Texas is the 40th Annual Diana Awards. The show will begin at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$50 in advance. The affair will be "black tie" and seating is limited. Call (713) 639-2000 for more information.

Also on Saturday April 17 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star and King Father Dot Thompson present Double Nickle II, an all female review for court fund raising at Cousin's, 817 Fairview. There will also be raffle drawing all evening long. Be there!

On Sunday April 18 at 8:00 p.m. Ms. B's in The Plaza (The Ranch) is hosting a show by the fantastic Nancy Ford who will be joined by the staff of Plaza 9200 (The Ranch) for her Bon Voyage Party as she embarks upon a Cross Country Comedy Tour culminating with the 1993 March on Washington. There will be special guests, drink specials and lots of surprises. That's the 1993 Road to Washington Comedy Tour Kick-Off Celebration Gala Party Thang. Don't miss it!

There is a new shop on the curve. Second Wind, your complete nutritional center with lots of vitamins, herbs, teas, candles, and even sandwiches, juices, black bean burritos and more for lunch. Go by 1508 Westheimer and say hello to proprietor, Michael Duggan and sit on his patio or inside for a nice lunch. Second Wind is located across from Lobo. While you're there sign up for the drawing for 4 great prizes: a security package, 1 years advertising, a professional massage, or a nutritional gift basket. Welcome to Montrose, Mike.

For those of you who really like camp drag and ballet both, a great combination of the two is Les Ballets Trockadero De Monte Carlo or "The Trocks" for short. They will be coming to the Grand 1894 Opera House on Galveston Island this May 2 at 4:00 p.m. These 6 foot tall ballerinas, with hairy chest and size 14 toe shoes will delight, amuse and charm you.

Happy Easter to you all. Don't eat too much candy. And most importantly, drive slowly around the Montrose this Sunday and watch out for BIG GURHLS in heels and Easter bonnets!

Bye for now!

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

\$1 million in AIDS prevention grants awarded to 10 cities

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 2 (AP)—Grants totaling \$1 million were awarded Friday to AIDS prevention groups in 10 cities, including Plainfield, N.J., to study the spread of the deadly disease among substance abusers, young people and minorities.

The grants, distributed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, range from \$62,000 to

\$135,000. They were funded by the federal Centers for Disease Control.

"Our targets in these 10 projects are gay and bisexual men, minorities, youth, substance users and their needle-sharing partners, particularly women," said Thomas Cochran, director of the mayors conference. "These are groups whose risk of infection is very high."

Receiving grants:—Boston AIDS Consortium, Boston, \$120,095.—Kansas City Health Department, Kansas City, Mo., \$105,000.—Milwaukee Indian Health Board, Milwaukee, Wis., \$129,000.—Family Health Project, New York, \$104,000.—Northern Virginia Planning District Commission, Annandale, Va., \$59,742.—Plainfield Division of Health, Plainfield, N.J.,

\$56,152.—Wake County Department of Health, Raleigh, N.C., \$101,998.—San Bernardino County Department of Health, San Bernardino, Calif., \$100,000.—Puerto Rico Community Network for Clinical Research on AIDS, San Juan, P.R., \$102,657.—Lucas County District Board of Health, Toledo, Ohio, \$121,356.

▼ ▼ ▼ NEW ORLEANS SOAP

Reactions to hearings on gays in the military; Easter plans in New Orleans

By BUNCH BRITAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

Did you catch the hearings of the Senate Armed Services Committee on C-Span last week? Cox cable in New Orleans didn't carry live coverage consistently at the time but we were able to see most of the re-runs. Cable has now changed to show C-Span II from midnight to 4 pm daily on channel 49.

The members of the committee seem to be making some progress. The word "homosexuality," which some of them found unable to speak, has finally become familiar to them. They have finally admitted unanimously that there have been gays in the armed services in the past. The rest of the hearings seem to boil down to the age-old arguments concerning open homosexuality being detrimental to the best order and discipline of the services and homosexuals being primarily concerned with sexually molesting their straight companions.

The hearings, now recessed, will continue through the biggest part of the summer, or as long as Senator Sam Nunn can drag them out. Nunn seems to be set on muddying the water with every side issue, no matter how trivial, in order to wear down any possible support of the President's intention of issuing his executive order removing the ban. Clinton appears to be waffling and trying to find room for compromise. He should realize by now there is not very much reason within the bigots and zealots opposed to gays.

Unfortunately, we do not have the power to override the hate and bigotry exhibited so far. Nor do we have any reason to have confidence in compassion and "good sense" of the average United States Senator. Breaux and Krueger both seem to be wishing that we'd just go away while Gramm and Joh-

nston actively oppose gays in any form.

Paraphrasing Dr. King: "I'm tired of the hate. I'm tired of the bigotry. I'm tired of the unchristian attitude aimed at my people. It's time for peace and understanding and a true realization that Thomas Jefferson's words, 'equality and justice' are crying once again to be guiding lights for our leadership."

The April 25th March on Washington is going to afford us the most important opportunity we have had in the two-hundred seventeen years of our existence as a nation to educate our fellow Americans about our lifestyle. It can't be used to flaunt our differences. It must be used to show how we are not different. It must be used to show that we are the sons and daughters, the fathers and mothers, the neighbors of all Americans. We must show how we contribute to our communities

and our country. We must ally fears raised by the hatred and bigotry of the "immoral right." We must be ourselves.

The picture we leave with the national media on April 25 will have much to do with the outcome of the removal of the ban on gays in the military. But, more importantly, we can leave America and our elected representatives with a realization of the discrimination and hatred all gays face daily as we proceed through life. We must leave our Congressmen and Senators with our determination to not be denied our basic

rights. To accomplish this we must conduct ourselves peacefully, with dignity and patience. It will be normal for the media to show us at our worse. This year let's force them to show us at our best.

There are still spaces available for the trip to Washington. Contact your local committee and sign up now.

During the March, New Orleans will be presenting the first week of the two-week long Jazz and Heritage Festival at the Fairgrounds. You can visit New Orleans and the "Quarter" the week before, April 16 to 18, to take part in the French Quarter Festival (see related story in this issue). The free festival is preferred by many to the Jazzfest because of its location in the French Quarter. It has the world's largest jazz brunch with food from 60 of New Orleans' most famous restaurants as well as classic, gospel and jazz music from a host of New Orleans' regulars.

Those of you into country/western won't want to miss Freddy Burch "Live from Nashville" at The Mint, 9 pm on this coming Tuesday, April 13. And be sure to return the next night, Wednesday, April 14 at 9 pm for a fundraiser with all of the top New Orleans entertainers for the March on Washington Committee.

This Easter Sunday, your favorite bars are having Easter egg hunts, Easter bonnet contests and barbecues. It will be a festive time for all this weekend. MRB has some "golden eggs" they've hidden for you to find for cash prizes and barbats.

George and Jamie at the Phoenix will be hosting the Lords of Leather Rush Party from 2 to 5 pm in the Men's Room this Saturday, April 10. The Phoenix will be having their Saturday beer bust from 4 to 7:00 p.m. Watch for the Grand Champion Pool Tournament coming soon.

Tommy and Glenn at OZ want you to know they have begun their Sunday Morning Movie Classic. The feature this Easter Sunday will be a surprise Easter Classic.

OZ is also daring all of you to come on over on Thursday at 9:00 pm for their "undergear night." Come dressed in your underwear (just so you stay legal) and they'll give you half priced drinks till 12. It's rumored the employees will



Tom Long of Bourbon Cuts

be showing their "Calvin Kleins."

Wayne and David are celebrating the coming of spring. The second floor balcony is a great place to meet someone on a lazy spring day. David is planning on a special this year for bar employees in and around New Orleans. More about this later.

Bunny wants you to know that Melanie is still bartending on Mondays and Kirk is there on Tuesdays. I made a mistake in switching them in last week's ad which inconvenienced a few of the regulars. Sorry. It hasn't affected their friendly atmosphere. They're all taking great pains to see that you enjoy yourself at The Bus Stop, the "Quarter's" newest, friendliest dance bar.

We hope to see all of you at the Easter Egg hunts this Sunday and during the French Quarter Festival next weekend. Make sure you're hungry when you visit the "Quarter" so you can enjoy the great food at the Heart Break Cafe and Bar and the Quarter Scene Restaurant where you can still find Nick on the dessert menu. If you're calling for delivery you still can't beat St. Ann's Cafe and Deli. Call them for delivery anywhere in the French

Quarter at 529-4421.

Special thanks to "Queer Street Live," the weekly TV program on channel 49, for their giving the gay media the opportunity to respond to questions from our community this past week. It was a unique experience and a much needed opportunity for us to learn how we can improve our media coverage for New Orleans.

Until next week, we wish you all a Happy Easter and a bon appetit from New Orleans, the Queen of the South.



Bunny and Lourdes



Wonderful Terry at Good Friends



The Bus Stop's Sammy

▼ ▼ ▼ BATON ROUGE SOAP

Finally! That Dame Edna thing goes public; George, what have we missed?

By CURTIS E. JACKSON, JR.

The New Voice/Baton Rouge

George's features live entertainment next Friday, April 16th. You don't want to miss Freddy Burch, the renowned country singer. Female impersonators Madison and Marilyn Mills (other known as Kevin and Jeffrey) said to be sure everyone would be there. So, ya'll come! Ooh! you also need to check out George's new bartender, Paul; he's a cute one. I would personally like to apologize about not writing more about George's. You can be assured that from now on this great place will not be left out.

Also, on the 16th, the Mirror will be having their Country Western night. Country Western night is very third Thursday. Its always packed wall to wall. So put on your dancing boots and get ready to hoe-down.

Finally, we find out what this Dame Edna thing at the Mirror is all about. The Mystic Crew of Apollo will be presenting an Evening with Dame Edna:

Apollo's Turnabout IV. It features a cast of star studded studs and starry eyed starlets. There will also be a Dame Edna eye ware contest. All this will be happening next Saturday, April 17th. Don't miss out (\$5 cover).

At Buddies, nobody won the cash drawing. So, it will be up to \$75 this week. You get a chance to win every time you buy a drink. The drawing is rolled over \$25 each week until there is a winner. So next week, it will be \$100 if no one is lucky tonight. Congratulations to Jeff. He won the pool tournament. Be sure to come in and practice your myst-

tery with a stick.

Last Thursday, Argon hosted an employee turnabout. However, it wasn't Argon's employees.

Argon's sister bar Hot Shots in Monroe, La, sent their crew down to show their stuff. It was a great show featuring "En Vogue" and a motley crew of other outstanding entertainers.

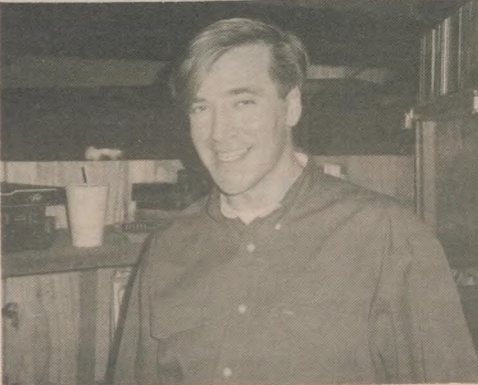
Saturday night was Lisa's birthday. Her favorite saying is "No, I'm not a drag queen." However, all the queens were invited. Tiffany Alexander, Marilyn Mills, Madison Mills, Trixi, and Regina were there with an assortment of others. The party returned to Argon and was bragged about all night.

Tracy also celebrated his birthday Saturday. From what I heard, there were some scary goings on before they made it to Argon. I'm glad everyone made out all right. The party carried on until early the next morning at Jamie's apartment. As always, there were definitely no complaints about one of Jamie's parties (except from the neighbors).

Don't forget that the Hibiscus Bookstore is having a 20 percent off sale on all books and merchandise (except mag-



Kirby and Tim



Argon's DJ William

azines and cards). If you've never been there, be sure and stop by to peruse their wide assortment of gay, lesbian and Louisiana cultural literature. They are located at 116 Main Street in downtown Baton Rouge.

For those of you who read the comics in Baton Rouge's "Advocate," you may have noticed that one of the characters in "For Better or Worse" has announced he is gay. There have been a lot of complaints to the paper and city officials about this comic. If you enjoy "For Better or for Worse" and would like to continue seeing it in the "Advocate," please call Linda Lightfoot or David Manship at (504) 383-1111 to voice your support for the strip.

If you have anything you would like to see printed in my article (events, gossip, birthdays, or anniversaries), please call me, Curtis Jackson, at (504) 344-3465. I would very much appreciate your input.

▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

Third annual Gospel Fest promises wide ranging entertainment for Austin

By PAULA MOZELLE SCOGIN

The New Voice/Austin

The Third Annual Gospel Fest featuring the Baptist Women of Austin will be held this Easter Sunday. Guest performers at this year's Fest will include The Dallas Nuns (Bad Habits), Baptist Men from Little Rock, TGRA Gospelettes, and the Capitol City Men's Chorus. It has also been rumored that one of the original Baptist Women, Naomi Wooten (a distant aunt of Tim Jackson's), will be here as a representative of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Dallas. Actually we think she heard the ladies have taken to bartending lately and feels they may need some guidance. But what better place to find cute, lost souls to save than from behind a bar Naomi? So once that chocolate rush sets in, fluff your hair and go to the show.

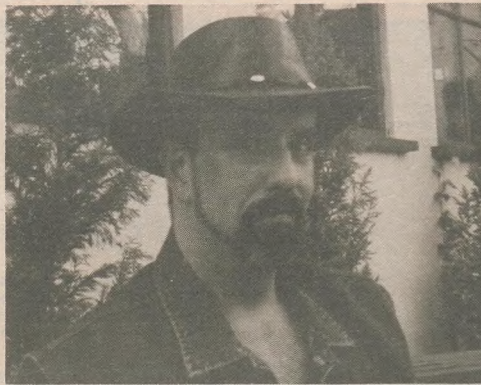
There will be a show at 8 pm at San Fran Cisco's and one at 10 pm at Fifth Street Station. The Baptist Women of Austin, Maxine Doorright, Madge Quackenbush, Modine Murphy and Oralee Butts, are an event in themselves. But, the Easter show is when these ladies really shine. Get yourself off to one or both and you can call home to report that you went to not only one but two services Easter Sunday (if you don't tell them what kind of service, we won't).

In conjunction with the shows, TGRA is having a diaper/food drive all weekend. Bring diapers (which will go to Pediatrics Aids League of Austin) or food (which will go to the ASA Food Bank) to your favorite bar and TGRA will have it picked up on Sunday.

Fifth Street Station wants to remind you that they have free pool from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every evening along with a complimentary buffet. If you haven't checked them out yet, you owe it to yourself to do so. This group is bending over backward (or is it forward) to give Austin what it wants in a downtown bar and they're doing a darn good job of it.

Now that Lent is over, it's time to have a steak. Try San Fran Cisco's steak night on Wednesday. It runs from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with salad, potatoes, and bread. The steaks are cooked on a pit (how else does one cook steak?) in the patio. Great food and a great longneck special to help wash it down. For those of you who need things spelled out... this is the original cheap date. So ask that someone you've been wondering about if they would like to have an early dinner one night under the stars. Go for it!

The Capital City Riders will host an Easter dinner at Chain Drive, Sunday, April 11 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please call for more information. Ricky, Chain Drive's manager, just couldn't handle that birthday action. He had to take some vacation time. Vacation for a birthday? Either you're older than you're saying Ricky or you got some extremely interesting presents. With Ricky gone, no one seems to know what's happening, except for their 7th anniversary bash coming up April 16 thru the 18th. They said they didn't have a name for it yet. The suggestion of 7th Heaven just got me some strange looks. But just knowing it's their anniversary is enough. We know the kind of parties this crew throws so start eating healthy and getting plenty of sleep to get in shape for it.



Mark enjoys the patio at Crossing

They're also trying to get each bar in town to put together a volley ball team. Then they'll have "bar tournaments." Is this supposed to be a healthy way for us to work out our aggressions or is it just a healthy way to party? Who cares? It sounds like fun (and personally, I can't wait to see the Chain Drive play Nexus). Talk to Pam Webster, manager, for more information.

Want to go to Vegas? Go to Charlie's. That's right, Charlie's on Lavaca here in Austin. They're going to be giving away weekends in Vegas on Saturday nights. Now this is an offer you can't refuse; dance to your heart's desire, see loads of good looking men, listen to great music AND win a free vacation. That's what we call a Saturday night on the town. While we're talking about give-aways, drop by Sunday and check out their Easter eggs. Daddy Wayne says he doesn't know what will be in them but it will be worth it. We didn't know you could fit that in one of those plastic eggs.

Socials, Etc. will be doing their Easter celebrating on Saturday as Sunday is a real day of rest for them. An Easter egg



Marshall from 5th Street

The Leather Chest, the store inside the Chain Drive, has been trying to sell prints by Tank and local artists. We say trying 'cause they tell us they're having a hard time keeping enough there for people to see. As soon as a shipment comes in, they're bought and gone. These prints, framed and unframed, are perfect for gifts and even better to keep for yourself.

'Bout Time is presenting the preliminaries of the Ms. Universal Thank Pageant Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. The finals will be held On April 24th with cash prizes going to the top three. Stop by Saturday night, pick your winner and follow her to the top. Guest entertainers will be amusing you during the different competitions and while those nerve wracking judges make their decisions.



Cherie at Nexus

hunt is planned for Saturday night. They won't say where the hiding places are but if they have their Saturday night dancers there we know where everyone we'll be looking. It means prizes, fun and a chance to check out one of Austin's newest additions. Each time we go, we see a few more familiar faces. So the cat's out of the bag and Socials is on it's way to being one of Austin's better known secrets.

Weather permitting, Aunt Mame's is moving their whole Sunday brunch onto the patio for Easter. Mac will be out there crooning with his keyboards. Kindell will be adjusting the flow of the waterfall. The rest of us will be munching brunch out in the sunshine and fresh air. Sounds very continental if you ask me (which everyone does, but they don't wait for an answer). What better way to recover from Saturday night's decadence than a little tomato juice, some soothing music, warm sunshine, excellent company and a bite to eat. Keep an eye on Mame's. Some very nice changes are in store for our downtown 'neighborhood' bar.

The ladies at Nexus are gearing up for the Dena Kaye show on the 17th of April. That whole weekend is going to be one big party and one big benefit. They can't even think about Easter, although when reminded that this Sunday is Easter, a flurry of activity and brain cells commenced. They're going to do something with give-aways. Just exactly what wasn't specified. We like surprises anyway and if you don't know what they're doing, well, you'll just have to go find out, won't you.

Get that Easter bonnet out, shape it up, add to it (as much as possible), put it on your head and stroll down to the Crossing. Their annual Easter Bonnet Contest will be at 6:30 pm on the patio. You say the new puppy at last year's chapeau, no need to worry, materials will be provided for the hatless ones to create their own stunning designs. Aunt Mildred probably wouldn't be caught dead in one of these toppers but we know people that would kill for some of the past "head liners" presented at this affair. Whether it's a beret or a wide brimmed straw, we guarantee it will look like no other hat you've ever seen.

Oil Can Harry's will have your Easter Sunday dinner prepared and waiting on the patio from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday is cook-out day at Oil Can's and being Easter just makes it more festive. Take that new outfit over to the patio at Oil Can's and see if it makes you look as good as you thought it did when you bought it. If it doesn't, you can drown your blues in good food and get style advice from Steve and Stiles.

Correction Time Please! It's John Henry Mason's work currently on display at Liberty Books, not "John Blank's." I was supposed to fill in the name last week after we found out what it was. But, a computer error flustered me and it slipped my mind. Sorry John!

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Florida's Alachua County Commission adds protections for gays, bisexuals

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Wednesday, March 31 (AP)—The Alachua County Commission voted 3-2 to approve an amendment that adds protection for gays and bisexuals to its anti-discrimination ordinance.

Commissioners voted just before midnight Tuesday, after more than four hours of testimony by about 80 people, half in favor of the amendment and half opposed.

Supporters of the amendment, which adds protection for gays and bisexuals in housing, employment and public accommodations in the unincorporated areas of the county, spoke of their own

experiences with discrimination and fears for their lives. Opponents suggested their fears are unfounded and passage of the amendment would provide "special" protection for gays.

"We need protection from those who want to deny us our human rights," said Clare Gilbert of the Gainesville Area Human Rights Campaign.

"We are not recruiters, or pedophiles, or wild people. Some of us are religious people. These are not special privileges. These are our birthrights as Americans. Remember the Ku Klux Klan wants us put to death."

Jim Johnston, head of the local chap-

ter of the American Family Association, said passage of the amendment would damage the family.

"The American family is under assault on many sides," he said. "Unless you say no to the onslaught of our values, our country will continue to decline. Make the decision that will help us raise our children in a healthy community."

Supporters contended that gays and bisexuals are a legitimate minority and have experienced discrimination in housing, education and public accommodation.

Opponents said being gay is a choice, so gays are not a legitimate minority.

Some also said homosexuality is an abomination in the eyes of God, and people who practice it deserve no special protection.

Commissioner Margaret Eppes made the motion to approve the amendment.

"If I had any doubt about discrimination I don't anymore because of the mail and comments I have received," she said. "I believe homosexuality is not a chosen lifestyle. No one chooses a lifestyle where he or she is discriminated against."

Commissioner Leveda Brown was one of those opposed.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

'Falsettos' star sets record straight: He's not gay but would be proud if he was

NEW YORK, Saturday, April 3 (AP)—Mandy Patinkin, who plays a gay man coming of age in the AIDS era in the Broadway hit "Falsettos," wants to set the record straight.

"First of all I'm not gay. Secondly, if I was gay, I'd be very proud of it," Pat-

inkin said in an interview published in the April 6 issue of The Advocate magazine.

"I have endless amounts of gay friends, gay couples who have adopted children... I don't give a damn what someone does in their bedroom."

Patinkin, 40, originated the role of Che Guevara in "Evita," and has appeared in Broadway productions of "Sunday In The Park With George" and "The Secret Garden," and in the films "The Doctor" and "Yentl."

Married and a father of two sons, Pat-

inkin said he hopes to see "Falsettos" performed at the White House to draw attention to the AIDS crisis.

"I think it should be done there, and I think this is the time, if ever there was a time."

▼▼▼ GALVESTON SOAP

And the winner is...Black Velvet, Miss Jefferson County 1993; gossip

By STEVIE B.

The New Voice/Galveston Folks had a great time at Kon Tiki for Garza Production's Miss Jefferson County 1993 Pageant. This year's winner is the beautiful Black Velvet. Congratulations Black Velvet!

Spring has sprung in Galveston with beautiful bodies on the seawall and on the beach. The season has opened again and the fun is just beginning. Some of the bodies are toned and ready and those (like mine) look like they've had a long winter's rest.

Speaking of a long winter's rest, John B. was on sabbatical as he says. It appears the bear was in hibernation. This past week seemed to be a week for injured ankles;

Chappa from Evolutions busted his foot on his bike. (Must have been watching the bods on the seawall). Jerry, also from Evolutions, sprained his ankle jumping a fence. What were you doing? (Bear maybe?) I tried to rearrange furniture using my foot (Don't ask, but Kevin



Black Velvet and Jerry Garza at Kon Tiki's Miss Jefferson County Pageant



Connie



Joe and Sharon

wouldn't help). It looks as if a couple of us will be on crutches for awhile. Kevin opened his beach house for the first fishing expo of the season. The only thing caught was crabs. Kirk wasn't even there and the only thing exposed was Jerry and myself sunbathing on the pier with our feet propped up. Uncle Bill brought chicken from his Chicken Shack and the gossip around the table (not the Roundtable) was nonstop. Spring kickoff was truly a success (no pun intended).

I understood Henry and companion terrorized Houston on Saturday. It

seems something kept them going back and fourth from J.R.'s and the Mining Company. Speaking of Henry, Sunday I ventured out just in time to catch him as a.k.a. Tina Elexus calling her own encore. I forget she's new and hasn't learned that that's the audience's job. There was also a new beast lurking around that evening. Was the old one replaced? Where was Muffin anyway? Was that her baking cakes upstairs? Since I'm on the subject of upstairs at Lafitte's, Philip is in town and there have some really strange noises. Is there really a monster in your closet? That's all folks...

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Activities for Fiesta gear up in Alamo City; Country Club expanding

By LEFTY TAYLOR

The New Voice/San Antonio

A week has gone by and we're all getting ready for Fiesta. A lot of things are going to be going on in the next few weeks so everyone get your daily planners out and be ready for it when it comes.

At Bombeleo's this week Miss Gay Fiesta and Miss Gay Fiesta Metroplex were crowned. The winners were Trace Fontane and Sensya Myles. The show raised a total of \$737.45 for the San Antonio AIDS Foundation. Coming up April 18th is the Miss Gay Fiesta USA '93 pageant with special guest Tandi Andrews.

The El Jardin is getting ready to crown Miss Queen William V on Wednesday, April 14th. The winner will be the one with the most money raised for S.A.A.F. and contestants are still needed.

On Sunday, April 18th, the Bonham Exchange will start the chili cook-off on the patio. Cash and prizes will be awarded. There are still a few entry blanks left so get out granny's chili recipe and come down. Sundays there is no cover until 10:00 p.m. and they have strippers. Mondays, they have great dollar kamikazes and a talent contest anyone can join. Happy hour during the day is always fun.

Thursday's switch night at the Wild Club turned out to be a hoot. Tandi as a boy, now that's a switch. The employees raised \$520 and donated it all to the AIDS Foundation. Saturday night the Lonestar Male Revue will be hosted by Shady Lady.

The Country Club is looking at expanding to almost double the size of the bar. Michelle has a lot of great plans and I can't wait to see when she gets through. Happy Hour is all day Monday and pitch-



Julee, Bill & Scott



Sparks' new DJ Mike

ers of beer \$3.50 on Wednesday. Steak night will be returning Tuesday, April 27. Fridays! Wow! What a group of gals! With great music and drink specials like \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks all night long. I'm going to keep my eyes on the Country Club. With all this excitement, the week end is going to find me there.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Nell Carter/Lou Rawls benefit for the Foundation coming May 14th. Tickets go on sale April 14th at Rainbow Ticketmaster.

Sparks has Karaoke a sing-a-long on Thursday nights. Some of your favorite oldies and newies are on video with the words. Don't forget about the hot oil wrestling on Tuesday nights. Some of the youngest hottest men in San Antonio grease up in Wesson Oil for your satisfaction.



Shelton & Betty and The Country Club

Dreamboy strippers appear every night at 11:00 p.m.

This Sunday will be Easter, so while your out hunting eggs, remember that there are people who can't enjoy the holidays as much as the rest of us can. Drop by the Foundation on Sunday and visit. A little time and tenderness goes a long way.

That's it for me this week. Keep your eyes out for me roaming the bars with my cameras and attache case (what a nerd). I'll leave you with this: In the great words of the fighters of freedom from the Alamo... "Remember the bunny..." Happy Easter! Chow!



Eric & Rick at the Wild Club

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Minnesota governor signs rights bill into law to protect gays from discrimination

By GENE LAHAMMER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

ST. PAUL, Minn., Friday, April 2 (AP)—Gov. Arne Carlson today signed into law legislation aimed at protecting homosexuals against discrimination in housing, employment and education effective Aug. 1.

"I've always been a very strong advocate of human rights," Carlson said at a news conference shortly before he signed the bill. "It's not a position that I'm taking because I enjoy enormous popularity on the issue. I don't. I know that. But I think it's also the right thing

to do."

The Minnesota Senate passed the bill 37-30 Thursday.

The law includes lesbians and gay men in the state's human rights statutes, outlawing discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation.

Minnesota becomes the eighth state to extend civil rights protection to homosexuals, joining California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont and neighboring Wisconsin.

State Independent-Republican chair Bob Weinholzer said signing the bill will

cost the first-term governor considerable popularity within his party, which has been dominated by religious conservatives.

"It's extremely unpopular among party activists," the Weinholzer said.

Carlson has long been at odds with most party regulars because of his support for abortion rights and because he ran against the party's endorsed gubernatorial candidate in 1990.

Although Carlson has made no official announcement, it is widely expected that he will seek re-election next year.

The 37-30 vote was identical to the

tally when the original bill won preliminary approval about two weeks ago. Five Independent-Republicans and 32 Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party members voted for the bill, while 17 IRs and 13 DFLers voted "no."

DFL is what the Democratic Party in the state is called; the IRs are the Republican Party.

The House and Senate had passed slightly different versions of the bill about two weeks ago and a conference committee worked out the differences. The House had repassed the bill on a 77-53 vote Wednesday.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Maine state worker mistakenly faxes anti-gay ode to newspaper

BRUNSWICK, Maine, Friday, April 2 (AP)—An employee at Department of Public Safety who mistakenly faxed an anti-gay poem to a newspaper will likely be disciplined, officials said.

The employee, a clerical worker in the Gardner office, believed she was faxing the poem to a friend. But she pushed the wrong button and sent it to The Times Record in Brunswick.

"It's definitely a violation of policy to be

using it for personal use, let alone sending any kind of inflammatory or ribald faxes from one person to another," said State Police Lt. Jeffrey Harmon.

He did not identify the worker.

The satirical poem is entitled "President Clinton's Queen Berets," apparently in reference to the President's attempt to lift the ban on gay people serving in the military. It contains several obscenities and repeated anti-gay epithets.

Paula Aboud, president of the Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance, said she thinks the employee who faxed the poem should be fired.

"I'm a taxpayer, and I can't stand the idea that they are using taxpayers' money to put out this trash," she said.

Harmon said the fax machine at the Bureau of Highway Safety, which is used by public safety employees, is programmed with phone numbers of the fax

machines at Maine newspapers. When the employee sent the poem via fax machine, she jotted down her friend's phone number in the fax log. Harmon said she didn't realize she pressed the wrong button.

Harmon apologized for the incident, and said after the supervisor talks with the employee, she will likely be disciplined. He said she probably will not be fired, but she could be given a written reprimand or a suspension.

▼ ▼ ▼ RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

Valley community loses an old friend; Sonny and Cher celebrate

By ALICIA LUGO

The New Voice/Rio Grande Valley
This week the Rio Grande Valley and the Mexican Frontera mourn the loss of a good friend, Leonardo Mena. Leonardo was found last Saturday in his home in Reynosa, the victim of an apparent homicide. In the seventies, he owned and ran the Evolution and the Etc. clubs and Bumpers Disco in McAllen. He was the current owner of Choices Disco in Reynosa. Last year, he hosted the first gay pride celebration in Reynosa. He was a good friend to the gay community and he will be missed dearly.

Last Friday, Just Tery's was packed with people out to wish Terry a happy birthday. Not only the locals, but such top stars as Victoria West and the (one and only?) Sonny and Cher were part of the festivities. Also performing that night were Gigi and daughter Lady Laura, Delilah, Stephanie Mills and Joshua St. Michael (mmm what a hunk). I would like to thank the sweet girl in the striped cowboy shirt and her lover for so graciously allowing me to stand in from of them to take pictures. Few people are as kind as you. Thank you!

Tonight Just Tery's will have some of



Stephanie Mills

the boys from the Texas Lone Star Revue performing for you. Then, next week on April 16th, the lovely Victoria West will be performing along with some more of those guys from the Lone Star Male Revue.

Then on Sunday, Jahna Steele, star of Crazy Girls in the Mardi Gras Entertainment Center at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas put on a spectacular performance as she sang live at J.T.'s. Jahna has appeared on "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," "Maury Povich," "Gerald" and many other shows. She will be back sometime in May. So, if you missed her once be sure and not miss her again! She is one hot looking babe.

Tenth Avenue will be (hopping) this Friday and Sunday with their Easter shows. Misty, Isaac and Andres invite you to come out and party with them. Don't forget they have nightly drink specials and free barbecue on the patio on Sundays.

Zippers, located at 319 W. Harrison in Harlingen, will



Chanel, Miss Gay Pride 1992-93

have a special Easter show this Saturday night. Then next Saturday, April 17th, they will have male strippers direct from San Antonio. On May 1st, get ready for the return of those gorgeous studs from the Special Collection Dancers of Monterrey, featuring Roy. Be looking for the new patio bar to open late this month at Zippers. And don't forget to say "Hi" to Max while you're there and tell him you read about him here in The New Voice.

Down Brownsville way, Club 440 will have a special show tonight (Friday) with M.C. Kelly Kline, and



Sonny and Cher reunited!

guests Paulina Mercedes Lane, Melissa Jones and Stephanie Mills. Then on Sunday, 440 will host the Miss Latin Brownsville Pageant with Paulina, Melissa and Stephanie. Be sure to mark your calendars for April 26th when the incomparable Sweet Savage from San Antonio will be performing at 440.

The Valley Voice organization is hard at work already planning for this year's Gay Pride Week festivities. The beautiful Chanel will be handing down her title to the winner of this year's Miss Gay Pride of the Rio Grande Valley Pageant scheduled for June. Other activities have been planned throughout the Valley for Gay Pride Week and it promises to be as big a success as last year. Valley Voice urges anyone in planning and organizing for these events to attend their next meetings to be held April 19th at 7:30 p.m. at Just Tery's in McAllen, or April 20th at 8:00 p.m. at the Best Western in Harlingen.

Well, everyone get out you old bell bottoms, tie dyed shirts, and love beads because on May 14th Valley Voice and Just Tery's will be holding The Psychedelic 60's Extravaganza! There will be door prizes and prizes for the three best 60's costumes. There be a show featuring the 60's music. So be sure and come out and groove with the love children and peace, man. The proceeds of this party will go to purchasing T-shirts for this Gay Pride Festival, you dig man? I already know I'm going to enjoy this one.

Don't forget that anyone from the McAllen area interested in bowling with Valley Voice next Tuesday can meet in the parking lot of Just Tery's at 7:30 p.m. for a fun filled caravan ride to Harlingen with the leader of the pack being no one other than Terry himself.

Well that about wraps it up for this week. Happy Easter!!!

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Did dream die that day? three with king look back, forward

By CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN

FOR THE NEW VOICE

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Tuesday, March 30 (AP)—Beneath the Lorraine Motel balcony where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was mortally wounded 25 years ago Sunday, April 4, a memorial plaque quotes Genesis:

"They said one to another, Behold, here cometh the dreamer ... Let us slay him ... And we shall see what will become of his dreams."

The inscription begs a question, and three civil rights leaders who were there at 6:01 p.m. on April 4, 1968, offer varying replies: The Lorraine balcony was surely a nightmarish ending, they agree, but they differ on whether it was also a new start toward King's dream.

Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles, with whom King planned to dine that night, recalls the necktie torn and twisted by the bullet, but also that a march King was planning as he died went ahead.

Rev. Hosea Williams, one of King's lieutenants, remembers his rage in that moment, his questioning of the non-violence credo. In the end, he says King's team and its focus shattered.

Andrew Young, who served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, feared that King's death might end his work, but instead spurred an evolution of the civil rights movement.

Summoning the memory of that cool Memphis evening, Kyles said he entered King's room at the Lorraine around 5:00 p.m., impatient to get him home for dinner at 6. "I picked out his tie," he said. As King finished dressing, he bantered with Kyles and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, King's second in command.

"He was in good spirits," Kyles

recalled. There were none of the dark tones of a speech the night before in which King dismissed threats.

"It really doesn't matter to me now," King had said. "Because I've been to the mountaintop. ... I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the promised land."

When the fatal shot came, Kyles was on the balcony and had just turned away from King. "When I looked back, the bullet had knocked him kind of sideways," he said. "And the tie that I had picked out for him—I remember that so vividly—the impact of the shot had severed his tie and turned the knot upside down."

Waiting for an ambulance, he remembered the change in his own father's color as he died. "And I saw that change in Martin," he said.

King's lieutenants were stunned, of course, but Kyles noted they were not paralyzed. Within hours, they had recommitted themselves to the Poor People's Campaign he had been planning, and it went forward.

"It simply does not seem like 25 years," said Kyles, a Baptist pastor who lately has led an effort, which angers some black city officials, to block Memphis' consideration for a National Football League franchise because of what he calls continuing racial divisions here.

While noting America's growing black professional class and greater minority representation in government, he said nonetheless that many of the people King worked for remain far behind.

"We're still, 25 years later, talking about things that we ought to be way

past, and standing on common ground," Kyles said. "So much of Martin's dream has been realized. Much has not."

Hosea Williams was in the courtyard below the Lorraine balcony when he heard what sounded like a firecracker, then King's heavy fall.

"Immediately," he recalls, "I ran back up, and when I got to Dr. King, Abernathy was holding his head, Andy (Young) was there, and Abernathy yelled to Andy, 'Get a towel, get a towel!'"

Afterward, Williams could not contain his confusion and rage:

"I was walking around that yard, and—I'm an ex-scientist, I was a research chemist ... plus I fought in World War II—I was wishing I could pull some molecules out of the air and make me a weapon and just wipe out every white person near, because I thought they had shot Dr. King at that time."

He continued: "I said to myself, 'America, racists, economic exploiters, you sure have messed up now ... because there lies the only one among us, the main one, who has tried to keep us calm. Now you've killed him.' ... I was just so convinced, we are going to set America straight now."

Non-violence, King's guiding principle, suddenly seemed impossible. Having grown up orphaned on the streets, Williams had sublimated that violent past to organize peaceful marches across the South for King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"Then I started thinking, 'If Dr. King was here, what would he say?' I kept going back to that, because I know I'd been so violent all my life."

Williams pledged to support King's

successor, Abernathy, and to carry on his non-violent work. But the shot on the Lorraine balcony marked the end of King's dream, he said, because it fragmented his lieutenants.

Young would leave to form his own group, as would Jesse Jackson, and King's widow, Coretta Scott King.

"All of these organizations, collectively, have the power of a mean dog that has no teeth," Williams said at his home outside Atlanta. "They have a bark, but no bite."

Andrew Young says the opposite—that King's assassination helped free his followers to take new directions as the civil rights movement evolved.

"It was the beginning almost of a new movement," said Young, who also served in Congress and as mayor of Atlanta. He now is an executive of an international law and engineering firm and an organizer of Atlanta's 1996 Olympics.

Young attributes increased recruitment of blacks by universities and corporations partly to their desire to respond to King's death. And the tragedy turned some, including himself, toward elected office.

"While we failed in our efforts for the poor, in my opinion, I think the other stream, of taking the movement into politics, has succeeded dramatically," said Young, terming political power a necessary foundation for building King's other goals.

Still, 25 years ago, as Young rushed with a towel across the balcony, he feared King's work was dying with him.

"Frankly I could not imagine how we could move forward without him," he said. "It meant that you had to take up his work."

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Florida social service officials want statewide ruling on gay adoptions

SARASOTA, Fla., Thursday, April 1 (AP)—After the latest limited-jurisdiction ruling striking down Florida's ban on gay adoptions, state social services officials called for a statewide court decision.

"We need to know definitively, on a statewide level, what we should be doing here," said Catherine Deans, a spokesperson for the state Department of

Health and Rehabilitative Services.

She said Wednesday HRS attorneys plan to appeal last month's ruling by a circuit judge who ruled the state ban on homosexual adoptions unconstitutional. The decision by Circuit Judge Scott Brownwell applies only to Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto counties.

The state's ban on gay adoptions contin-

ues in effect except in the three Central Florida counties and in Monroe County, where another judge struck it down in 1991.

But if a state appeals court hears the case, as the HRS wants, the resulting decision could be effective throughout Florida.

In the Sarasota case, James W. Cox and Rodney M. Jackman filed the suit in 1991

when HRS denied their application to adopt after they acknowledged being gay. They now hope their efforts will have a widespread effect.

"Why should someone else have to go through all the things we've gone through?" Cox asked. "How many sacrificial lambs do there have to be for one cause?"

▼▼▼ CORPUS CHRISTI SOAP

Second Magic Mile Run brings in cash; Clubs have diverse Easter plans

By DEBRA JEAN

The New Voice/Corpus Christi
On Saturday morning, April 3rd, friends, neighbors, co-workers and families joined together at the Second Annual Magic Mile Run benefiting the Coastal Bend AIDS Foundation, The passage and The Loving Spoonful. The event included a 2 mile walk and run, a 5K run, a 10K run and a student walk and run! The weather enhanced the aura of excitement for everyone involved.

Fourteen hundred people competed to win ceramic plates and medallions specially designed by renowned artist William Wilhelmi.

Male and female categories were awarded separately. Students participating were given ribbons and a whopping 310 were part of the event. Some of the lucky participants were given door prizes. The enthusiasm extended to those who could not walk or even run but kept stride alongside everyone in a wheelchair or by car. Students pledged to make healthy choices and help others make healthy choices too.

The different organizations and clubs involved felt that this was a most worthy cause to get out and raise money for. The Magic Mile was sponsored by the Bay Area Consortium on HIV and AIDS. A fantastic \$24,000 was raised in entry fees and pledges. Many community business were involved in the organizing and production of the Magic Mile.

The generosity of Memorial Hospital, American Airlines, KRIS-TV, Sam's Salon, Hidden Door and many others helped put the event together.

Local speed walkers and runners placed in the race which included 700 people. Jena placed 5th on the 2 mile walk/run. Jerry Ortega, bartender at Hidden Door placed 7th. Racing Raceine and "Cha-Cha" were following all the cuties to the finish line.

Mike Garza and James of U.B.U. did their part. Mike said "U.B.U. is here for the community. The Hidden Door was a sponsor who actually brought the event to life. Miss C.B.A.F.—1993, Andrea Osmond



The Member's Only Crew

was missed by everyone— Andrea where were you? A big Thank You to everyone who participated from Matt Stevens, director of Corpus Christi's local C.B.A.F. Choices, the choicest club of Corpus Christi, did it again! It was a show to remember. Over \$150 was raised! Raceine, Torri, Charday, Victoria and Sacca (from Houston and a new regular) brought the house down!

Torri was hot and everyone sitting on the bleachers let her know it. The patio was breezy and festive! The Patio Crew, Keven Haskell; Emperor IV TRE, Richard "Racheal"; Green Empress VI TRE, and John Colp, Crown Prince VI TRE, were great to talk to and served up the best drinks. Absolut and 7 is now a favorite drink! Richard Green had plenty of information about the "New" Loving Spoonful Kitchen!

The Loving Spoonful Kitchen serves 35-40 people daily and is located at 3166 Reed, Suite 11. Richard is the manager and is excited about the new location. Anyone wanting information can call 853-8060.

The 11th Annual Great Lesbian Easter Reunion is here! Grab your bikini and head to the beach! The Corpus Christi beach! Saturday, April 10th at 3:00 p.m. till??? It's six miles south of Bob Hall Pier. Padre Island is where the party starts. As always the infamous Easter egg hunt, Best Body hunt, volleyball, and swimming will be part of the



Debra, Nelda and Friends at Desert Hearts



Debbie Alvarado at UBU

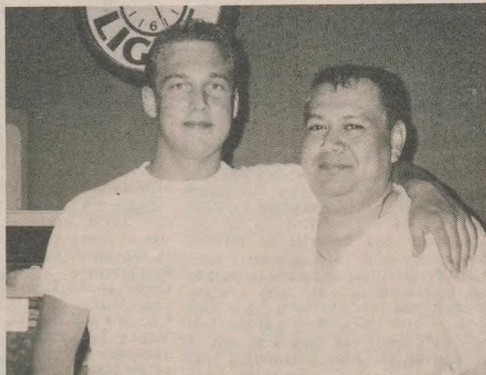
fun! Bring you food and drinks! Camping out is a must (the Bonfire is very memorable). Come out and join the excitement. Everyone is invited. If you need more information please call Deb Hull at 853-0562.

Desert Hearts has a new drink for Easter—The Bunny Zapper! (Liza mixed it up for all the Desert Heart Easter bunnies.) A fabulous game will be played similar to the "Easter Egg Hunt" but with a new twist! Drinks will be the prizes and the game will be explained on Easter night! Be there and celebrate Easter with the best looking bunnies around! Remember the triathlon will commence soon. Practice, practice and win the prizes!

Desert Hearts will be hosting a show to benefit the Passage! Everyone please be there and help support Desert Hearts, the performers and the Passage. You'll be able to see Bruce Herling (manager of the Passage). Parade around in a teenie-weenie little skirt! Get it Bruce! Bruce Herling is from Houston and the Passage is happy to welcome him to Corpus Christi! Bruce says "Hello" to all the boys in Houston

and a special "Hello" to Tad (Love Brucella)! He's doing a wonderful job and everyone is excited to have him here! The yearly operating budget at the Passage is \$170,000 and much of that is funded through private donations and foundations. Volunteers are always welcome and a training course is available. For more information about the volunteer training course you can call (512) 887-7042. The course teaches you not only to care for somebody but techniques and methods that can save a life!

U.B.U.—Hot! Hot! Hot! It's the only premiere show club in Corpus Christi and it's the club that gives you more money! Yes, U.B.U. gives away money, lot's of it (\$100—\$200 per night sometimes). Just recently, we put over \$100 into balloons and put them into a big plastic bag and suspended it from the ceiling. At the start of the music the balloons were released and everyone fell to the floor—balloons were popping and flying everywhere. Money, free drinks and shots were won by everyone involved! Arron, feeling "too lucky" had a \$20 balloon fall right into her hands. Lucky, lucky, lucky. She recently won the title of Miss San Antonio! Congratu-



Alan and Ray of Choices

lations Arron! April 15, U.B.U. will be hosting a benefit for the astonishing and striking Victoria West. Victoria will be going for the gold—Miss Gay U.S.A.! Preliminaries will be held at the Paper Moon in San Antonio and the finals will be held at La-Villita on the River Walk. May 4th—May 9th is the time to be in San Antonio.



Victoria West

Victoria has been an avid supporter of C.B.A.F., Passage, M.C.C. and many other organizations. Victoria's special talents have afforded her the opportunity to participate in many benefits, shows and pageants. She even won Miss Texas 1990-1991. Good Luck Victoria!!

Easter is gonna be hot—cash—big money will be given away to the "Best Looking Boxer!! Technically, there must be on a body and worn at the time, so actually the prize goes out to the best looking boxers on the best looking guy (or body). So get you boxers to U.B.U. and win big bucks! If you want to participate, come out and check out the action! You know it'll be hot! A balloon hunt and special give away prizes will be happening plus food! Free food!

Juan Miquel (a.k.a. Melissa Michaels) is having a Birthday Bash! You know what that means! A party unlike any other! Food and drinks specials for everyone to celebrate!

April 10th "The Pageant" begins and judges tally up their scores to crown the New Miss Sparkling City U.S.A. All the wonderful talented ladies are wished a big "Good Luck." Taylor Kennedy will be here Friday from Beaumont, Texas. Check out her fabulous talents!

A quick note on Saturday's show at U.B.U., Sydney Mules was hot! Great job girl! Remember, April is the month to give!

Earth Day is April 22nd. Do your part to help our earth be the most beautiful it can be!

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Appeals court rules Rock Hudson's insurance doesn't cover lover's damages

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, March 31 (AP)—An appeals court has ruled that the late actor Rock Hudson's insurance company should not pay damages to the actor's former lover because Hudson's concealment of his illness was "inherently harmful."

The Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. policy covered Hudson against damages in suits for bodily injury. Aetna disputed coverage, citing both a policy exclusion and state law that deny coverage for intentionally inflicted injuries.

Marc Christian was awarded \$21.75 million by a Los Angeles Superior Court jury in a suit filed after he learned shortly before Hudson's death in 1985 that the actor, his lover for almost two years, had AIDS. Christian has tested

negative for the disease but said the disclosure terrified him.

A judge reduced the damages to \$5.5 million. Christian settled the suit for an undisclosed amount while an appeal by Hudson's estate was pending.

The estate's claim against Hudson's homeowner's insurance policy was rejected Wednesday by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which relied on a state court ruling denying coverage for child molesting.

Upholding a ruling by U.S. District Judge A. Wallace Tashima of Los Angeles, the court said the state law would bar coverage for deliberate and "inherently harmful" conduct regardless of whether Hudson intended to infect or traumatize Christian.

The panel cited a 1991 state Supreme Court ruling that rejected insurance coverage for the non-forcible molestation of a child on the grounds that molestation is inherently harmful, even if the molester claimed no intent to inflict injury.

Peter M. Fonda, lawyer for Hudson's estate, was traveling and unavailable for comment, his office said.

In this case, "it is undisputed that Hudson knew that he was infected with the AIDS virus, and that he intentionally misrepresented and concealed his condition with the intent to induce Christian to engage in high-risk sex over a period of nearly eight months," said Judge Cynthia Holcomb Hall in the 3-0 ruling.

Hudson's misrepresentation and his knowing exposure of Christian to a deadly disease were inherently harmful, Hall said.

Although the facts of the case are unique, insurers are confronted with claims involving comparable sexual misconduct more often than one might expect, said Aetna's lawyer, Roy Weatherup.

Unlike this case, in which the estate could afford to pay the damages, the unavailability of insurance sometimes means the victim will get nothing, Weatherup said. But that still wouldn't justify coverage, he added, because "insurance premiums are high enough and they shouldn't go to pay liabilities of this type."

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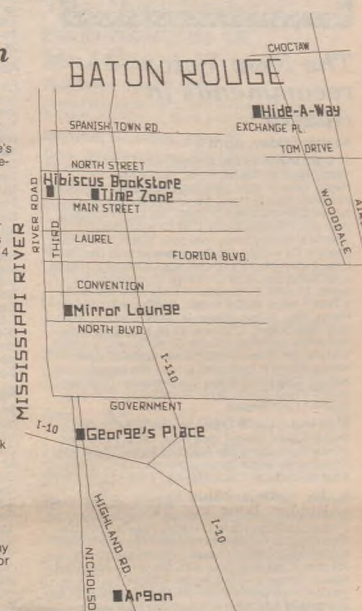
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The New Voice recommends in Lafayette

- Lafayette, Friday, April 9**
75¢ well drinks, 75¢ Schnapps & \$1 longnecks 8-11pm, Lautre'x
- Lafayette, Saturday, April 10**
Drink specials all night, Lautre'x
- Lafayette, Sunday, April 11**
Raycine Ross' gong show with \$1,000 prizes every 8 weeks, Lautre'x
- Lafayette, Wednesday, April 14**
Female Impersonation by Raycine & Co. 11:30pm, Lautre'x
- Lafayette, Thursday, April 15**
75¢ well drinks 8-10pm, Lautre'x; Bourre game 9pm, Lautre'x; \$3.00 beer bust 10pm-11pm, Lautre'x; Pool tourney 11pm, Lautre'x
- Lafayette, Friday, April 16**
75¢ well drinks, 75¢ Schnapps & \$1 longnecks 8-11pm, Lautre'x

The New Voice recommends in Monroe

- Monroe, Friday, April 9**
No cover till 11pm, Hott Shotz; Party Madness - Various drink specials 9pm-2am, Hott Shotz
- Monroe, Saturday, April 10**
Sizzlin Saturdays - Various drink specials 9pm-2am, Hott Shotz
- Monroe, Monday, April 12**
Pool Tournament, 1st-\$50 tab, 2nd-\$20 tab 9:30pm, Hott Shotz
- Monroe, Tuesday, April 13**
\$1.50 longnecks, \$2 well, Hott Shotz
- Monroe, Wednesday, April 14**
\$1.25 longnecks all night, Hott Shotz; "Beat the Clock", 25¢ well 9-10pm, Hott Shotz; "Beat the Clock", 50¢ well 10-11pm, Hott Shotz; "Beat the Clock", 75¢ well 11pm-midnight, Hott Shotz; "Beat the Clock", \$1 well Midnight-2am, Hott Shotz

The New Voice recommends in Baton Rouge

- Baton Rouge, Friday, April 9**
Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Drink Specials, \$4 cover all night, Argon; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Buffet 6-9pm, George's Place; Nightly drink shot specials 8pm-2am, Hide-A-Way Club
- Baton Rouge, Saturday, April 10**
Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; \$1.50 Bloody Marys 6-9pm, Buddies; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Nightly drink shot specials 8pm-2am, Hide-A-Way Club; Bar Tab Drawings, 4 \$50 drawings at 1am, Argon
- Baton Rouge, Monday, April 12**
Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies
- Baton Rouge, Tuesday, April 13**
Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Pool Tournament 10:30pm, Buddies
- Baton Rouge, Wednesday, April 14**
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- Baton Rouge, Thursday, April 15**
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▼▼▼ **DATLINE: GAY AMERICA**

Oklahoma Senate committee defeats House's anti-homosexual proposal

By RON JENKINS
FOR THE NEW VOICE
OKLAHOMA CITY, Thursday, April 1 (AP)—A state House plan to ban homosexuals from the Oklahoma National Guard—no matter what federal military policy is—has been stymied in a Senate committee.
The proposal ran aground Wednesday in the Senate Rules Committee, chaired by Sen. Penny Williams, D-Tulsa.
Sen. Darryl Roberts, D-Ardmore, said he disagrees with a proposed lifting of the ban by the Clinton administration, but Oklahoma cannot have a separate policy for its guard members.

"That would be an act of sedition, according to the dictionary, and the last time that happened we fought a civil war over it," said Roberts, a former Marine.
"Sedition is defined as an incident to commit insurrection against a lawful authority," he continued. "The president is commander in chief and the Congress and Joint Chiefs of Staff make the decision on what the policy is."
Rep. Bill Graves, R-Oklahoma City, had attached an amendment containing the anti-homosexual provision to House Bill 1485, which deals with educational requirements of guard members.

The rules panel approved a committee substitute for the measure on a 13-2 vote, then sent it to the floor by a 14-0 margin.
In Senate floor action, a bill to allow for the seizure of weapons in domestic abuse cases was approved 37-9 after lengthy debate.
Sen. Gene Stipe, D-McAlester, said allowing police to seize guns or other dangerous weapons during a domestic disturbance can save lives.
Stipe said police officers often are unable to make arrests in situations at night when one spouse has threatened the other with a dangerous weapon.

House Bill 1521 allows a weapon to be taken by officers if they have probable cause that it had been involved in such a threat.
Some senators objected to a forfeiture provision and asked whether a domestic disturbance would be used by officers to confiscate someone's gun collection.
Stipe said he usually opposes state laws allowing for forfeiture of property, such as statutes that permit the seizure of automobiles and weapons for hunting violations.
"But protecting someone from domestic abuse is a lot more important than protecting a few deer or a squirrel or two," he said.

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Concerned Maine Families group confident on gay rights referendum try

By GLENN ADAMS
FOR THE NEW VOICE
AUGUSTA, Maine, Wednesday, March 31 (AP)—Leaders of a group that sees no need for a proposed law protecting homosexuals from discrimination are confident they can collect enough signatures to force a statewide vote on the issue next year.
Concerned Maine Families launched its referendum campaign Wednesday as a gay rights bill awaited legislative action.
Group members formally notified elections officials of their intention to

gather enough voters' signatures to force a referendum. Leader Carolyn Cosby said the group hopes to bring the issue to a vote in Nov. 1994.
Cosby, who helped with a petition drive that forced a citywide referendum on Portland's gay rights ordinance last year, said she believes the group can collect at least 52,308 signatures needed to force the statewide vote.
Portland voters decided to keep the city's anti-bias law in effect. A group opposed to Lewiston's recently enacted gay rights law has forced a referendum in that city this November.

Concerned Maine Families says homosexuals comprise a "special interest group" and do not deserve special protected class status the law gives to ethnic and religious minorities, handicapped people and women.
Cosby said the bill before the Legislature "makes a mockery of civil rights and threatens the rights of the truly needy."
She said it would be unfair to allow affirmative action, the ability to compete for minority contracts and other benefits simply on the basis of someone's claim of being a homosexual.

"For benefits like these, a lot of people might be tempted to say they are gay," said Cosby.
The bill still in the Judiciary Committee proposes an amendment to the Maine Human Rights Act that would allow claims of discrimination based on sexual orientation.
John Malmude of Limerick said the law would allow "new, strong governmental powers of investigation and prosecution on an orientation hook which is subjective, cannot be proven, exists in the psyche and in the eye of the beholder."

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Austin, Saturday, April 10
Bottled beer bust 2-8pm, Chain Drive; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; Happy hour 3-9pm, San Fran Cisco's; Liquor Bust 4-8pm, The Crossing; \$1.50 well & domestic beer 7-11pm, 5th Street Station; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; \$1.50 well & domestic beer 6-10pm, Auntie Mame's; Happy hour 7-9pm, Nexus; All drinks \$1.25 7-10pm, Socials; Well & US beer \$1.25 8-11pm, Charlie's; \$1.25 well drinks 9-11pm, Acropolis; \$1.50 well drinks & beer 10pm-11pm, Bout Time; Live music 10pm-2am, Chances; Carefree dancing 10pm-5am, The 404; Male dancers 10:30pm, midnight, Oil Can Harry's; Amateur Talent Show night 11pm, Socials; After hours 2am, The Crossing; After hours 2am, Nexus.

Austin, Sunday, April 11
Liquor bust noon-7pm, Chain Drive; \$2.00 buy-in, 25¢ draft noon-8pm, Auntie Mame's; 50¢ draft, \$1 Schnapps, Nexus; Beer bust noon-midnight, The Crossing; Free breakfast buffet 12:30pm, Auntie Mame's; \$2.00 buy-in, 25¢ draft 2-9pm, 5th Street Station; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; Well & US beer \$1.50 2-10pm, Charlie's; \$2.25 well & beer 2pm-2am, Bout Time; Happy hour, 50¢ Miller Lite draft beer 3-9pm, San Fran Cisco's; Potluck buffet 4pm, Bout Time; Patio cocktail 4-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Beer bust 4-9pm, Chain Drive; Liquor bust 4-8pm & 8pm-midnight, The Crossing; Patio cocktail 5pm-7pm, The Crossing; \$2.00 Bass Pints 5pm-midnight, Chances; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Volleyball league 6pm, Chances; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; Patio cocktail 6-9pm, San Fran Cisco's; Liquor bust 7-11pm, Chain Drive; Male dancers 7 & 11pm, Charlie's; Pool tourney 8pm, Nexus; \$1.25 Cape Cod & screws, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well 8-11pm, Oil Can Harry's; Happy hour all night, San Fran Cisco's; Air hockey tourney 9pm, San Fran Cisco's; \$1.25 well drinks 9-11pm, Acropolis; \$1.25 well drinks & bottled beer 10pm-2am, The 404; Wet boxer shorts contest 10pm-2am, The 404; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Oil Can Harry's

Austin, Monday, April 12
\$1.50 well & domestic beer 7am-11pm, 5th Street Station; \$2 draft-25¢ refill all day & night, Charlie's; Miller products \$1.50, The Crossing; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; \$1.25 well, \$1.50 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's; Buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; \$1.50 well & domestic beer 6-10pm, Auntie Mame's; Margaret Wright at the piano 7-9pm, Bout Time; \$1.75 well drinks & beer 8-10pm, Bout Time; Well & US beer \$1.25 8-10pm, Charlie's; C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran Cisco's; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Charlie's; Male dancers, Lone Star Male Revue 11pm & midnight, The Crossing

Austin, Tuesday, April 13
Beer bust noon-midnight, The Crossing; \$1.50 well & domestic beer Noon-2am, Auntie Mame's; Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's; \$1.50 well & domestic beer 2pm-2am, 5th Street Station; \$1.75 well drinks & beer 2pm-2am, Bout Time; \$2 draft 25¢ refills all day & night, Charlie's; 50¢ draft beer all day, Chain Drive; \$1.00 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's; Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Happy hour all night, Nexus; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; Steak night 6-8pm, Charlie's; Cocktail Wheel hourly specials, Charlie's; Volleyball league 6pm-midnight, Chances; Boys Night, draft beer bust 7-11pm, Socials; Pool tourney with happy hour all night 9pm, Nexus; Pool Tourney 9pm, Nexus; Amateur male dancers 11pm, Socials; Amateur male strip contest 11pm, The Crossing; Show 11pm, Nexus; Trollop Trash Night (Amateur Drag) 10pm, 5th Street Station; Amateur male strip midnite, Charlie's

Austin, Wednesday, April 14
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Austin, Thursday, April 15
\$1.50 well drinks all day, Chain Drive; \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well 2pm-2am, Oil Can Harry's; DJ 4-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's; Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances; \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus; Complimentary buffet 5:30pm, 5th Street Station; Free pool 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; Steak night 6-8pm, 5th Street Station; \$1.50 well & domestic beer 6-10pm, 5th Street Station; \$1.50 well & domestic beer 6-10pm, Auntie Mame's; Bisexual Network Meeting 6:30pm, Moonance Diner & Bar; Steak night 7-9pm, Nexus; All drinks \$1.25 7-10pm, Socials; \$1.75 any drink all night, Nexus; Well & US beer \$1.25 8-10pm, Charlie's; Live music 9pm, Chances; \$1.25 well drinks 9-11pm, Acropolis; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Charlie's; Male dancers 10:30pm & midnite, The Crossing; Male dancers 10:30pm, midnight, Oil Can Harry's

Austin, Friday, April 16
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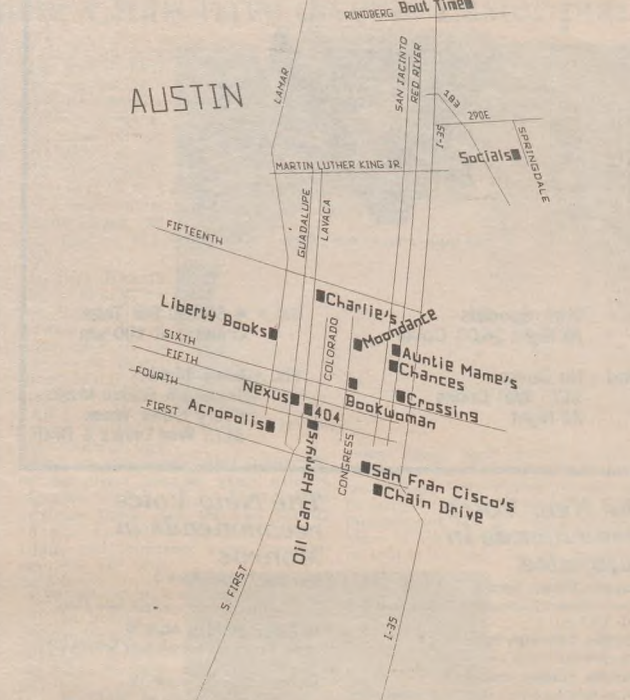
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The New Voice recommends in Galveston

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Galveston, Monday, April 12
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 25¢ draft beer 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts

Corpus Christi, Sunday, April 11
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Corpus Christi, Monday, April 12
 Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour Noon-closing, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; \$2.00 drink special 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts

Corpus Christi, Tuesday, April 13
 Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; \$2 imported beer all day/all night, Desert Hearts; Happy Hour, \$2 - 1800 & Coyote 3pm-closing, Desert Hearts; Volleyball 6-8pm, Hidden Door; Steak Night 7-10pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; Pool tournament, \$20 prize, no entry fee 9pm, Hidden Door; DJ 10pm-2am, Choices; Pool Tourney \$50 prize - No entry fee 10:30pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Wednesday, April 14
 Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1.00 well drinks 11am-2am, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Absolute 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; \$4 steaks & real tators 5-10pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; "Choices" Show midnight, Choices

Corpus Christi, Thursday, April 15
 Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2 margaritas, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Pool Tourney, no entry fee, \$25 worth of prizes 9pm, Desert Hearts; Variety show, no cover Midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Friday, April 16
 Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; DJ 10pm-2am, Choices; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Show, \$2 cover Midnight, U.B.U.

The New Voice recommends in Harlingen

Harlingen, Friday, April 9
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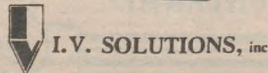


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San Antonio, Sunday, April 11

Sunday Tea Dance with early male dancers, Sparks; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws noon-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour \$1.75 beer & well drinks Noon-8pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks noon-10pm, El Jardin; \$2 pitchers Noon-2am, Stallion; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.50 well drinks & longnecks 2-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; 25¢ draft beer 2-11pm, Noo Just Us; 25¢ draft 2-11pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Beer Bust, 25¢ draft 2-11pm, Stallion; 50¢ draft 2pm-2am, Country Club; Buck burgers 4pm, Nite Owl; \$1.50 bloody & screws 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Happy hour \$1.50 well drinks, \$1.50 longnecks & 25¢ draft 4-8pm, Ab's Westernaire; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ab's Westernaire; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; T-Dance (Trash Disco) 4-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Free brunch buffet 5pm till, One-O-Six Off Broadway; \$1.75 Cuervo Ole, Memories; \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; 25¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras; No cover till midnight & Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon; The Wild & Wicked Sunday Show, Wild Club; 50¢ draft, \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 ritas & \$1 Schnapps 6pm-2am, Nexus; Dart tournament with cash prizes 7:30pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; 25¢ draft all night, Paper Moon; Open pool tourney 8:30pm, Nite Owl; Cash Dart Tourney 8:30pm, Nite Owl; In house pool tournament 8:30pm, Ab's Westernaire; 25¢ well & draft 9-10pm, Noo Zoo; \$1 well drinks 9-11pm, Wild Club; Sassy's 10:30pm, Nite Owl; Memories; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; 50¢ draft 11pm-2am, Noo Just Us; 50¢ draft 11pm-2am, Silver Dollar Saloon; Show 11:30pm, Noo Just Us; Super Show, no cover 11:30pm, Bamboleo's; Female strippers 11:30pm, Paper Moon; Gay Texas Amazing Grace 11:30pm, Noo Zoo; Male & Female strippers 11:30pm, Bonham Exchange; Cowboys in Action midnight, Silver Dollar Saloon; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After hours 2am, Paper Moon

San Antonio, Monday, April 12

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour \$1.75 beer & well drinks Noon-8pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; 25¢ draft 2-11pm, Stallion; \$1.50 well drinks & longnecks, 25¢ draft all day & all night, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; Happy hour 2pm-2am, Country Club; Happy hour 2pm-2am, Noo Just Us; \$1.50 White Sale 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta Hour Val d'ity all night, Bamboleo's; Social hour, \$1.50 well, \$1.50 longnecks & 25¢ draft 4pm-2am, Ab's Westernaire; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories; 50¢ draft & \$2 well & longnecks, Paper Moon; 50¢ draft & \$2 well, Paper Moon; After Night, Memories; Shady Lady Show & no cover, Paper Moon; Talent contest & square dancing & no cover, Bonham Exchange; Underwear/T-Strip Night, Free Pool, Stallion; \$1.75 well drinks, \$1.75 longnecks & 50¢ draft all night, Wild Club; The Shady Lady Show, Wild Club; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; 25¢ draft beer 2pm-2am, Noo Just Us

San Antonio, Tuesday, April 13

\$2 Pitchers 8am-2am, Stallion; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour \$1.75 beer & well drinks Noon-8pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; Handkerchief Night, wear your colors and cruise; 25¢ draft, free snacks 2-11pm, Stallion; \$1.50 well drinks & longnecks, 25¢ draft all day & all night, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; \$2.00 call drinks 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Happy hour to 9pm, Memories; Social hour, \$1.50 well, \$1.50 longnecks & 25¢ draft 4pm-2am, Ab's Westernaire; \$1 well & longnecks, \$1.50 frozies.

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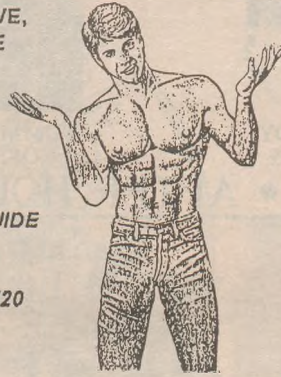
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San Antonio, Wednesday, April 14

\$2 pitchers 8am-2am, Stallion; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; \$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories; Happy hour \$1.75 beer & well drinks Noon-8pm, One-O-Six Off Broadway; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.50 well drinks & longnecks, 25¢ draft 2-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Beer bust, 25¢ draft, free snacks 2-11pm, Stallion; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 2pm-2am, 2015; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, 50¢ draft & \$3.00 pitchers 2pm-2am, Country Club; \$1.00 longnecks 2pm-2am, Noo Just Us; \$1.50 Dark Sale 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; 75¢ well, \$1.50 longnecks, Noo Zoo; Adults \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; Hot chest contest, Bonham Exchange; Muscles in Action; Paper Moon; Steak night 6-10pm, Ab's Westernaire; \$2.00 mug beer/50¢ refills, \$2 well drinks & \$1 pony longnecks 6pm-midnight, Nexus; Open pool tourney 8:30pm, Nite Owl; In house pool tournament 8:30pm, Ab's Westernaire; Jennifer St. John hosts 5x5 Specials, 75¢ draft, \$1.25 longnecks & 50¢ well drinks all night, Wild Club; \$1.25 well drinks, \$1.50 dom. beer, 75¢ Schnaaps 9pm-2am, Bamboleo's; 50¢ draft 9pm-2am, Silver Dollar Saloon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; All male revue 11:30pm, Ab's Westernaire; Talent night with Jessica Wells 11:30pm, Noo Zoo; Cowboys in Action midnight, Silver Dollar Saloon

San Antonio, Thursday, April 15

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San Antonio, Friday, April 16

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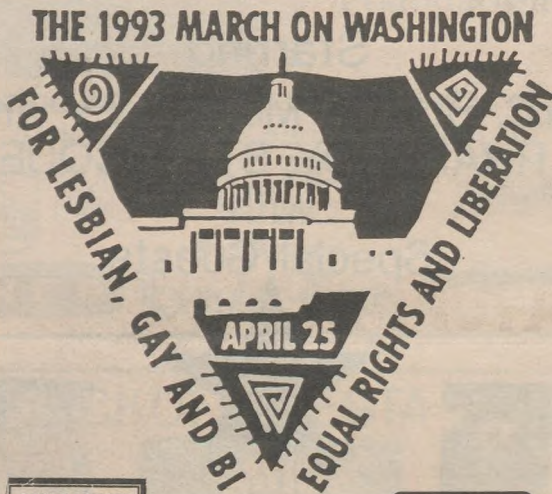
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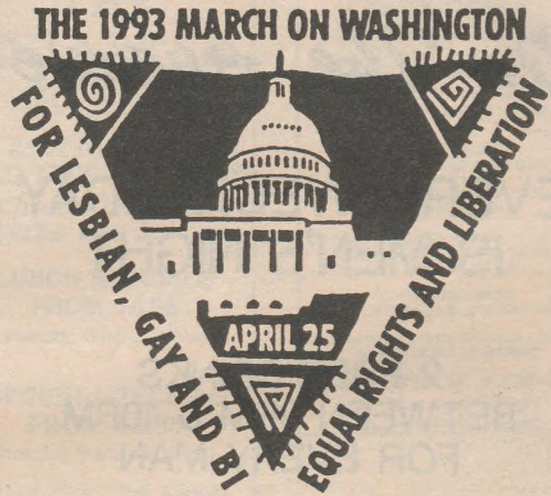
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New Orleans, Saturday, April 10

Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Happy hour 11am-9pm, The Sterling Club; Happy hour 2-7pm, The Roundup; Happy hour 2-7pm, The Wild Side; Happy hour 2-7pm, Ziggie's; Country music beer bust 3-7pm, Rawhide; Beer bust 4-7pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 4-7pm, Corner Pocket; Happy Hour 4-9pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-9pm, Jewel's; Happy hour 4-9pm, Wolfendale's; Happy hour 4-9pm, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, T.T.S.; Pool tourney 4:30pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 5-9pm, Good Friends; Happy hour 5-9pm, Cafe Lafayette in Exile; Mr. B's on the Patio 6pm-2am, Mississippi River Bottom; 2 Step Dancin', Outback 8pm on, The Four Seasons; Dancing with DJ 'Curtis' 8pm-3am, Wolfendale's; Saturday night special \$2 admission 9-11pm, The Parade Disco; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 9pm-2am, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Hot Stuff New Orleans Style, featuring Becky Allen & Ricky Graham with Joel Simpson on Piano 11pm, The Mint; Lusty ladies 11pm, Sundance

New Orleans, Sunday, April 11

Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Breakfast with Bobby 8-11am, The Phoenix; \$1 juice drinks 8am-noon, Corner Pocket; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 8am-noon, Sundance; Buddy night, pay for a room, get a locker free 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Champagne Brunch 10am-3pm, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Happy hour 11am-9pm, The Sterling Club; Happy hour 2-6pm, Jewel's; Happy hour & buffet 2-7pm, The Roundup; Happy hour 2-7pm, The Wild Side; Happy hour 2-7pm, Ziggie's; Mr. B's on the Patio 2pm-untill, Mississippi River Bottom; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 3-9pm, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Sunday Madness w/ announced drink specials 3-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Trash disco 3-9pm, Cafe Lafayette in Exile; Happy hour 4-7pm, Corner Pocket; Beer bust 4-8pm,

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New Orleans, Monday, April 12

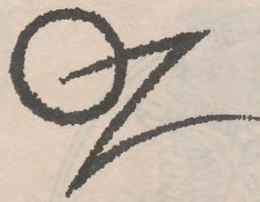
Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Daddy night, anyone over 40 gets a room 1/2 price 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Afternoon delite, 2 for 1 well drinks & \$1.50 domestic beer 11am-3pm, The Four Seasons; Happy Hour 4-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Sterling Club; Happy hour with beans & rice 4pm-midnight, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour to 1am, Big Daddy's; Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar; 25¢ draft, Quasi; Bring your own meat BBQ 7pm, The Phoenix; Monday Night at the Movies 8pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Pool tournament 9:30pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's; 90¢ longnecks 10pm-2am, Rawhide; Monday Night at the Movies midnight, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 3-6am, The Roundup

New Orleans, Tuesday, April 13

Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; 1/2 price for everyone 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Afternoon delite, 2 for 1 well drinks & \$1.50 domestic beer 11am-3pm, The Four Seasons; Happy Hour 4-9pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Sterling Club; Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar; Queen's night out, come in drag & get 2 for 1 well drinks, Sundance; 75¢ well drinks, The Parade Disco; Margaritas \$1.75 6pm-midnite, Mississippi River Bottom; Margaritas \$1.75 6pm-midnite, Wolfendale's; No cover with Student ID, \$1 can beer, \$1 Schnapps, Quasi; Steak Night, ribeye \$3.95 7pm-midnight, The Sterling Club; Pool tourney 8pm, Twenty-Six-O-One; Beer bust 9pm-midnight, The Phoenix; Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's; Happy hour 3-6am, The Roundup

New Orleans, Wednesday, April 14

Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Boy toy night, anyone under 30 get a room 1/2 price 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Afternoon delite, 2 for 1 well drinks & \$1.50 domestic beer 11am-3pm, The Four Seasons; Happy Hour 4-9pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Sterling Club; Hump day happy hours 4pm till 2am, Mississippi River Bottom; Hump day happy hours 4pm-4am, Wolfendale's; Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar; 2 for 1 night, The Parade Disco; Dancing with DJ 'Curtis' 8pm-3am, Wolfendale's; Men's Night, 2 free drinks 9-11pm, Quasi; Country night 9pm-till,



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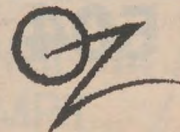
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New Orleans, Friday, April 16

Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Student night, show your student ID and get a room 1/2 price 8am-8am, Midtown Spa; Afternoon delite, 2 for 1 well drinks & \$1.50 domestic beer 11am-3pm, The Four Seasons; Happy Hour 4-8pm, The Four Seasons; Happy hour 4-9pm, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 4-9pm, Bourbon Pub; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Sterling Club; Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar; Mr. B's on the Patio 6pm-2am, Mississippi River Bottom; Bear's beer bust 8-11pm, Boots; 2 Step Dancin', Outback 8pm on, The Four Seasons; Dancing with DJ Curtis 8pm-3am, Wolfendale's

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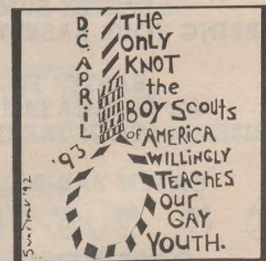


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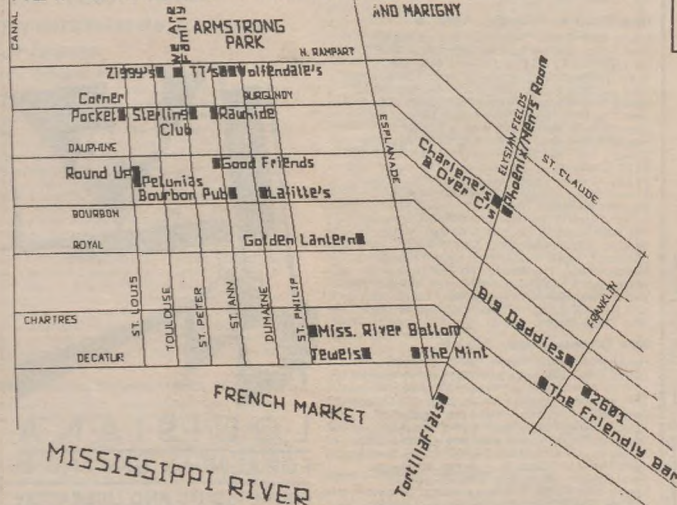
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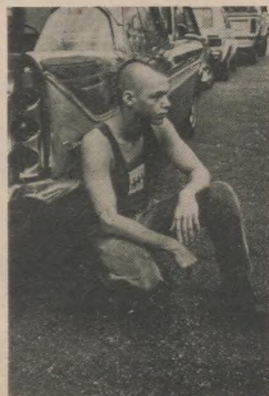


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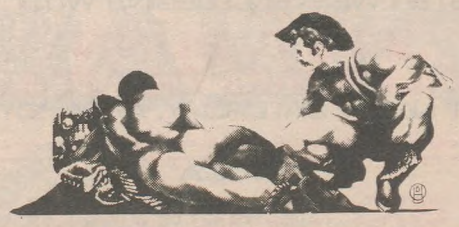
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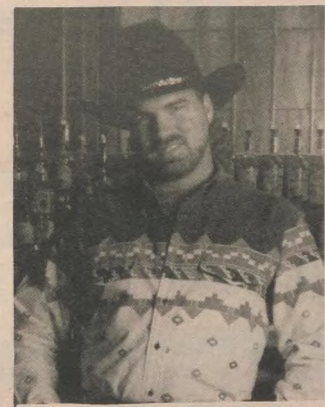


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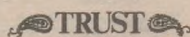
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 N; \$1.50 well drinks & Miller Lite 9pm-2am, Red
 Square; Alternative Music 9pm-2am, XTC;
 Techno-teria, 18 yrs., 50¢ well 9pm-2am, Rich's;
 Piano Sing-a-long with Jim Cater 8-10pm, Briar
 Patch; Cousins & Company Show 10:30pm,
 Cousins; Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review
 11pm, E/J's; Show midnight, Club Guadalajara;
 After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club
 Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Saturday, April 10

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Bluelight
 specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy
 hour 7am-7pm, Mary's; Happy hour 7am-8pm,
 Ripcord; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River
 Bottom; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Mug
 club 9am-noon, E/J's; Happy hour, longnecks and
 well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park
 Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy
 hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; Complimentary Bar-
 B-Q 1-3pm, Club Body Center; Beer blast on the
 patio 1-6pm, Mary's; \$5.25 Liquor Bash with 25¢
 refills 4-7pm, Atrium; Well drinks \$1.50 4-7pm,
 E/J's; Happy hour 4-6pm, The Dance Hall &
 Saloon; Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's; Cash pool
 tourney 5pm, Venture-N; Keoki Kona live
 entertainment from 8pm, Red Room; Longnecks &
 well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub;
 75¢ vodka 6-11pm, Mothers'; 90¢ well all night,
 Pacific Street; 9 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past
 Time; 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time; Drink
 specials 8-11pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon;
 Chuck Ciulla, D.J., Venture-N; Alternative Music
 9pm-2am, XTC; Leather & Flesh, no cover for men
 in leather 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Piano Sing-a-
 long with Wayne Gray 9:30pm, Briar Patch;
 Britany Paige & Company 10:30pm, E/J's;
 Cousins & Company Show 10:30pm, Cousins;
 After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club
 Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Sunday, April 11

Bluelight specials noon-5pm, Brazos River
 Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River
 Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Happy

hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm,
 The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Johnny & Mike's Football
 Corner on the Patio noon-6pm, Mary's; Happy
 hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm,
 Mother's; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; \$3
 pitcher beer noon-2am, Atrium; Complimentary
 Bar-B-Q 1-3pm, Club Body Center; Beer bust on
 patio 1-6pm, Mary's; Pool tourney 2pm, Cousins;
 \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E/J's; Cook
 out 3pm, Midtowne Spa; Chili cheese dogs, free
 4pm until gone, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Steak
 night 4-8pm, Mary's; Club Body Center; Beer bust on
 patio 1-6pm, Mary's; Pool tourney 2pm, Cousins;
 \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E/J's; Cook
 out 3pm, Midtowne Spa; Chili cheese dogs, free
 4pm until gone, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Steak
 night 4-8pm, Mary's; \$5.25 Liquor Bash with 25¢
 refills 4-7pm, Atrium; \$1 schnapps 4-8pm, Juliet's;
 \$1.50 well drinks 4-8pm, Missouri St. Station; Pool
 tournament 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon;
 Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Beer blast
 (\$2.00 buy in - 25¢ refills) 4pm-midnight, The
 Dance Hall & Saloon; Blue light specials 5pm til
 Venture-N; Burgs & dawgs from 5pm, Venture-N;
 Beach Party, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street;
 Steak night on the Patio, steak \$5.50, sausage
 \$4.50, chicken \$3.50, veggie plate \$2.50 5-8pm,
 The Ranch; Steak night 5-9pm, Brazos River
 Bottom; Pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's; 301 dart
 tournament 6pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well
 drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Ride
 the Pony Express 6-10pm, Brazos River Bottom;
 Rich's Tea & Me; Tropic Sound on the Patio, 25¢
 well, \$1.25 frozen's & \$1.25 beer all night, Rich's;
 Man Dance/T Dance 7pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well
 all night, Pacific Street; Bingo 8pm, Briar Patch;
 \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all night, E/J's; Show
 Directors' Gayla 9pm, E/J's; "Dangerous Disco",
 \$1.50 well drinks & Miller Lite all night, Red
 Square; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Zack's Fun
 Time Revue 10:30pm, Cousins; Show midnight,
 Club Guadalajara; Open all night, Club Body
 Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Monday, April 12

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour
 specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well
 \$1.75 opening-9pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-
 9pm, E/J's; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; 75¢
 mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's; Happy hour all day
 & night, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour,
 longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-8pm,
 The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour noon-8pm,
 Venture-N; Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club
 Body Center; Happy hour Noon-2am, Cousins;
 Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Happy Hour 4pm-
 2am, Mrs. B's; Pizza night 5-7pm, Past Time;
 Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm,
 Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food
 donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa;
 Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611
 Hyde Park Pub; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 8
 ball slopshot pool tournament 8pm, Brazos River
 Bottom; Bingo 8pm, Briar Patch; Dart Tourney
 8pm, Cousins; Monday Night Football with
 Sundance Cattle Company on the Patio 8pm,
 Mary's; \$1.75 longnecks 8pm-2am, Atrium;
 "Clubbers Night", no cover for men wearing
 colors 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Open all night,
 Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Tuesday, April 13

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour
 specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well
 \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-
 9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm,
 E/J's; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Burgers
 11:30am-3pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and
 well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park
 Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy
 hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; 6 month membership
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Houston, Wednesday, April 14

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; 6 month membership special (1/2 price room) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Happy hour 1pm-2am, Ripcord; Happy hour 4pm-2am, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Mrs. B's; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Steak night 6pm, E/J's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Executive ladies/free buffet 6-8pm, Missouri St. Station; Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm, Red Room; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Bare chest/harness night-Extended Happy Hour til 11pm, Venture-N; Montrose Cloggers 7pm, Brazos River Bottom; Movie night on the patio 7pm, E/J's; TGI Friday party, no cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Happy Hour 7pm-2am, The Ranch; Joe De Hoyas, DJ 8pm, Venture-N; Open Mike Night with Toni Rae 8pm, E/J's; Southern Country dance group 8pm, Brazos River Bottom; \$1.75 longnecks 8pm-2am, Atrium; White Hot Wednesday, DJ/VJ Victor Toledo plays top hits 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; "New Music Wednesdays"; \$1.50 well drinks & Miller Lite all night long, Red Square; Piano Sing-a-long with Wayne Gray 9:30pm, Briar Patch; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Thursday, April 15

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Longnecks \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's; \$1.50 longnecks all day & all night, Brazos River Bottom; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Dart Tourney 11am, Mary's; Burgers 11:30am-3pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; Rooms & lockers half price noon-midnight, Club Body Center; Happy hour 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Mrs. B's;

Hamburger night 5-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; \$1 vodka & dart tournament, Juliet's; Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm, Red Room; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Dart Tournament 7pm, Briar Patch; Pool Tournament 7pm, Briar Patch; Happy Hour 7pm-2am, The Ranch; Beginners dance lessons 7:30pm, Brazos River Bottom; Beer blast (\$2.00 buy in - 25¢ refills) 8pm-midnight, The Dance Hall & Saloon; \$1.75 longnecks 8pm-2am, Atrium; DJ Paul Lampkin 8pm, Venture-N; Advanced dance lessons 9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa; \$1.50 well drinks, Miller Lite & frozens all night long, Boy Bar; Tan Line Night, \$3 cover, 90¢ well, \$1.50 longnecks, \$1 Schnapps 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Trash Disco, \$1.50 well, frozens & beer, 18 yrs+ 9pm-2am, Rich's; Piano Sing-a-long with Steven Payne 9:30pm, Briar Patch; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Live Show & Wheel of Fortune with B.J. Williams 10:30pm, E/J's; Talent Night 10:30pm, Cousins; Show midnight, Club Guadalajara; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Friday, April 16

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Slop shot pool touerney noon, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom; Free buffet 6-8pm, Missouri St. Station; Happy hour 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's; Happy Hour 4pm-2am, Mrs. B's; Happy hour, free pizza 4:30-8:30pm, Red Square; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Keoki Kona live entertainment from 6pm, Red Room; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Movie night on the patio 7pm, E/J's; TGI Friday party, no cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Happy Hour 7pm-2am, The Ranch; 8 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; Drink specials 8-11pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Chuck Ciulla, D.J., Venture-N; "Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N; \$1.50 well drinks & Miller Lite 9pm-2am, Red Square; Alternative Music 9pm-2am, XTC; Techno-linga, 18 yrs+, 50¢ well 9pm-2am, Rich's; Piano Sing-a-long with Jim Cater 9:30pm, Briar Patch; Cousins & Company Show 10:30pm, Cousins; Rainbo de Clown's All Male Party 11pm, E/J's; Show midnight, Club Guadalajara; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa



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SINGLE, CLEAR LAKE AREA FRIENDS WANTED

Shy, GWM in Clear Lake looking for other single, clean, well-matched, GWM's and GYM's (20-35) in the neighborhood for friendship. I'm 28, 5'8", blond blue eyes & weigh 150, masculine & do better with similar friends. Only genuine well-adjusted people with integrity please. Ad#25155

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COME TOGETHER, RIGHT NOW, OVER ME

Blus collar, independent, GWM, 35, tall, long hair, HIV+. Body is average in some ways, above average in others. Smoker, light drinker. Seeks GWM or GW couples, 20 to 40 with average or above average bodies. Should be versatile, eager to enjoy life. Ad#25292

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HI! I'M 37, AND A GWF

And if you are a professional GF between 25-45, financially and emotionally stable we have a lot in common. I'm seeking the right someone for a partner in life, but first a friend. I enjoy movies, talking, church, Race, ethnic uniportant. Smoker/drug free, social drinkers only. Ad#25253

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QUALITY OLDER SEEMS QUALITY YOUNGER

If you are young, healthy, trim, drug/alcohol free and would enjoy fun times, friendship, and more with a quality middle aged professional who is stable, sensitive, honest, and does not go to the bars, please respond especially if you have not answered an ad like this before. Ad# 25105.

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AGGRESSIVE PROFESSIONAL GWF 35

Red/hazel, 5'9", 150. I like romantic evenings at home, eating, music and going to bars occasionally. Non-smoker, social drinker and drug free. Finances stable, non-role playing and have a good sense of humor. Looking for that special ad like someone age 25-40. Ad#25264

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GWM, very fit physically, considerate, honest, attractive, optimistic, responsible, goal oriented, independent. Describes me. Prefer you be similar. I'm 44 (appear younger), 5'8", bl/bl, 125, NS, very light drinker. Post graduate professional designation, successful career, affluent (but very low key) lifestyle. Wide variety of physical, cerebral interests. Ad#25290

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Former Reagan era pentagon official backs lifting military ban of gays

By DONNA CASSATA

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, March 31 (AP)—The Defense Department ordered destruction of a draft study in the late 1980s showing that up to 200,000 of the two million people then in the military were homosexuals, a former Pentagon manpower chief during the Reagan administration said Wednesday.

Testifying at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on gays in the military, Lawrence Korb said the numbers surfaced as part of a broad-ranging review of manpower security issues. He said officials at the time considered the finding to be extraneous to the purpose of the study.

Korb's revelation came amid questioning by committee members after he said he could find "no convincing evidence" that lifting the ban on homosexuals would undermine unit cohesion.

"In fact, this change is likely to have less short-term impact on cohesion," than racial integration or broadening

the military opportunities for women, he said.

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

2200 THE PERSONALS
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CUTE YOUNG GUY SEEKING COMPANION
GWM 20, 5'11", 150, blk/hazel, young looking, masculine, mature, sincere and live around the Houston/Clear Lake area and ready to meet guys under 23 (surfer, skater, baseball cap type, prep) who are tired of playing games and ready to fill that empty space in their lives like me. Serious inquiries please respond a.s.a.p. Ad#25363

2200 THE PERSONALS
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SCORPIO LOVERS ARE WONDERFUL MAGIC MAKERS
GWM, 6', 190, br/br, handsome, distinguished, professional, well-educated, and traveled, socially and financially secure, in search of a drug/smoke free masculine GWM 30+. Healthy, happy, honest, sincere, romantic, fun-loving guy. One who enjoys dining by candlelight, quiet evenings at home, "back-tie affairs," old movies, opera, theater. Very important loving and being loved and wanting a long term monogamous relationship. Ad#25275

2200 THE PERSONALS
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GWM
52, 5'8", 130lbs, blue eyes. Looks younger. HIV negative. Looking for GHM or Asian male, under 30. Prefer masculine male, eight in proportion to height. I'm not into the bar scene, but I enjoy going to movies and all sports. Ad#25354

2200 THE PERSONALS
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Professional African/American male 31, 6'3", 195, athletic build, HIV+, very healthy. Prefer masculine man under 40 who is physically fit and emotionally & mentally mature. Ad#25594

2200 THE PERSONALS
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HAIKY CHESTED Moustached GWMEN WANTED
Let's be friends first, then ??? GWM, 37, 150, 6', br/br, seeks masculine GWM, tall, 30-40, non-smokers with hairy chests/moustaches for fun/quiet times. Mature, well built, stable, professional, gym bodies, no mind games, big pluses. ad 25668

2200 THE PERSONALS
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POSSESSIVE GHM
GBM, mid 40's, professional seeks attractive GHM. I am masculine, sociable, fun loving, simple yet complex, honest and wanting to hear from you. I would like to have your own unique traits as well as some of the above. If you tend to be possessive, that is fine with me. Dating will hopefully lead to a relationship. I am ready to share my life with you. Ad#25316

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G/W/F FORTY PLUS
If you are 38-48, tired of co-dependant, dysfunctional disappointments. Fed up with emotionally and spiritually bankrupt women. Ready to experience a life of love, support, nurturing and unconditional acceptance. Ready to share in the work that it takes to ascend to that place of peace and love then you are the special person that I seek. No Smoker/Drinker/Drugs/Dikes Ad#25285

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VERY LONELY GHM
HIV-, 5'8", br/br, 42, easy going with a sense of humor. I live in Southeast Houston. Passive, seeking GWM for long term relationship 50 or over. Ad#25297

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GF, 25, 5', 105 LBS
Blk/br, looking for someone to share a great friendship, then maybe love interest later. No mind games. You must be open & honest about yourself. I have honest, wholesome qualities & like a variety of entertainment. I have a cute personality. Let's talk & see what happens. ad 25601

2200 THE PERSONALS
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HIV+ COWBOY
Healthy, 34, 6'2, 180lbs, br/bl, mustache, masculine, professionally employed, non-smoker, drug free. Enjoys C&W music and dancing, leather, uniforms, camping, cooking and sports. You: GWM 30-45, hairy chest and similar interests looking for someone to share life with. Ad#25364

2200 THE PERSONALS
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I'M LOOKING FOR MR. BUTCH
Someone tall and very masculine and monogamous. I'm GWM, 23, HIV-, extremely cute with an excellent personality. I'm 5'7", have beautiful brown eyes with dark brown wavy hair. I'm a little Cajun that likes totally butch men. Ad 25380.

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NEWCOMER
Well established professional, 53, likes the Sunday New York Times, anything by Mozart, classic 19th Century novels, Macintosh computers, Italian cuisine, comfortable friends, memorable movies, challenging conversations, exploring country roads, trying new experiences, a good laugh. Seeks an independent and self reliant guy, 35+ with a warm personality and similar but not identical interests. Ad#25165

2200 THE PERSONALS
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All ads in this category should be strictly individual to individual. No commercial offerings. Nothing for sale. 30, 5'10", 185, br/br, medium build, mustache. Enjoy cooking, quiet evenings, and dancing on occasion. Not looking for lover. Let's meet and see if we want to mate. Ad#25612

2200 THE PERSONALS
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CLOSETED GWM READY TO COME OUT
GWM, br/br, 5'7", 140, medium build. Likes C&W music, movies and rentals, nice quiet evenings at home. Seeking someone 40-50 years of age for a meaningful relationship. Smokers and moderate drinkers are okay. Serious inquiries only. Ad#25286

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GHM LOOKING FOR GWM
GHM, 33, 5'6", 160, masculine, well built, uninhibited with strong drive, predominantly likes to drill. No relationships strings attached. Looking for safe one on one or group encounters. Ad#25369

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ATTRACTIVE BLACK SEKS ATTRACTIVE WHITE
Seeking friendship and monogamous commitment. I am 6'1", 180lbs, 35 yrs, handsome well dressed professional individual. I like to travel, dine out and spent quiet time with that special someone who like the same and who is serious about a commitment. Only sincere person age 27 to 40 please. Ad#25273

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SEEKING DARING YOUNG ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL
Masculine GWM, HIV-, 25-40, well built, secure, sincere, honest, fun-loving, sensitive, romantic, clean shaven, good dancer (not C&W). For going out many times and possible relationship with HIV-, handsome gentleman who has zest for life, is caring, loving, fun, sensual and adventurous. Enjoys travel and entertainment. Ad#25355

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GAY ASIAN MALE SEKS SAME
Attractive, masculine, Gay Asian male, 23, 5'7", 135, educated, mature, HIV-, non-smoker and drug free. Enjoys working out, running and intimate conversation. I'm seeking other Gay Asian males with similar interests and background for friendship and possibly more. Stable and serious, but never afraid to walk on the wild side. Ad#25271

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HUG, SQUEEZE & PLEASE
W/M that is partial to Hispanics/Latinas, Natural Red-heads, but not exclusive. I'm 37, 5'10", 185, br/br, medium build, mustache. Enjoy cooking, quiet evenings, and dancing on occasion. Not looking for lover. Let's meet and see if we want to mate. Ad#25612

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HOT HISPANIC SEKS SAFE HOT TIMES
Attractive GHM, 41, look younger, 5'9 1/2", 155lbs, passive, masculine, non-smoker, seeks GHM, masculine, age unimportant, for hot, safe, fun encounters during my travels to Houston/Galveston area. I'm not into "bar scene" and "hotel scene" gets old quickly. Prefer non-smoker/drug-free-hairy, a plus. Ad#25352

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GORGEOUS FROM HEAD TO TOE
30, 5'9", 180lbs, brown/hazel, I am looking for a sincere, generous man to have fun and spend quality time with. Ad#25250

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GOOD LOOKING PROFESSIONAL
GHM mid 30's, HIV+, interested in GWM, 35-40 average looks and weight, non-smoker, social drinker. I'm into travel, movies, dinner out, and quiet evenings at home. I'm also into good times and lots of fun. If interested, let's talk. Ad#25171

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NICE GUY WANTS SAME
Life is full of beautiful things - nature, love and you. The best is the warmth of two special people sharing and giving. Want to experience how beautiful the world can be and the deepest joys of living? Happy GWM, drug/smoke free, social drinker HIV-. You: same. Ad#25168

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TO COUNTRY BOY IN BRENHAM
Enjoyed phone conversation. Call again. Mike

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LET'S GET TOGETHER!
GWM, 30, 5'7", 135#, boyish good looks, healthy, not into bars, clean lifestyle. Seeking discrete get together with good looking guy, stable, 40+, manly, masculine, married guys ok. Ad#25278

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LOOKING FOR A REAL MAN!
GWM 37 (look much younger), HIV-, non-smoker wants to meet a man between the age of 38-45. Must like C&W music and dancing and have a good personality. Macho doesn't describe what I think a real man is. You tell me. I'm just over 5'11", masculine, medium build, br/hazel, boyish good looks, body proportionate to height. You: dark hair (graying ok), sincere, honest, very trustworthy, attractive, non-smoker. Attitude is a plus. If you can keep a smile on your face, a bounce in your step, and a ducky in your pocket I'd be interested in talking to you! Ad#25367

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LOVABLE, DEPENDABLE, PASSIONATE
GWM, 36, 5'11", 140lbs, brown/hazel, attractive, non-smoker, HIV+, seeks a compatible companion to share my life with. I enjoy music, reading, traveling, being active and spending time at home with a special man. I have a lot to offer to the right person so let's meet and talk. Ad#25368

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MUSCULAR, ATTRACTIVE GWM
148, 5'7", 38. I am fit, HIV-, work out regularly and enjoy quality movies, eating out and good conversation. I am looking for a long term monogamous relationship with a fit, firm bodied, informed and stable man. Ad#25298

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LAST OF A VANISHING BREED
Degraded professional GWM, 45, 5'9", 160, very healthy, HIV+, non-smoker, drug-free, stable, romantic, good listener. I enjoy travel, working out, quiet dinners, movies, affection. Looking for committed companion. GHM/GBM welcome. Ad#25183.

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GWF-B LOOKING FOR GWF-/ GHF-F 40-50

I live 50 miles from Houston in the woods, don't want to live in a city and would like to find someone who feels the same. I don't smoke, seldom drink. Honestly important I like: reading, dancing, fishing - the outdoors. Please have your head on straight. No pain games. Ad#25260

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GAY AFFECTIONATE JAPANESE MALE
A very affectionate Gay Japanese Male, 41, 5'7", 160, HIV-. I am stable, very honest, financially secure, educated, thoughtful, considerate, kind, caring and compassionate person. Like a positive attitude. Looking for a man to share a wonderful and serious relationship. Ad#25291

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WANT TO DATE?
GF, attractive, stable, easy going with delightful sense of humor. I enjoy cycling, reading, thoughtful, considerate, kind, caring and compassionate person. Like a positive attitude. Looking for a man to share a wonderful and serious relationship. Ad#25291

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FRIENDLY GWF 35, Desire's GWF 25-40, blondes/brunettes s. Prefer small to medium build. No role playing, no head games. I like movies, dancing, concerts, anything fun. No drug/smoker, drinkers welcome. I am seeking the right someone for a partner in life but first a friend. ad 25404.

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MISSING - MAN TO SHARE LIFE WITH
Seeking friendships first, monogamous commitment based on HONESTY, SINCERITY & TRUST second. Attractive GHM, 39, 5'10", independent professional, energetic, romanticist. Enjoys workouts, quiet evenings, hiking, camping, CW dancing, dining, traveling, movies, FAMILY, RC faith. Seeks attractive GWM/GBM Italian under 40 with similar interests. Must be disease free, nonsmoker. ad#25161

2200 THE PERSONALS
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SOUL SEARCHING
GWF, 26, old fashioned values, loves children, animals, the outdoors, affection and sincerity. Seeking to find a feminine GF, age or race not important to share my interests and let me share in yours as well. Ad#25289

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HIRSTUTE MALE WANTED
Black male, slightly above average looks in search of exotic, hairy men. Not seeking drop dead gorgeous guy, but will not discourage you from responding. Not into labels. I am masculine, but not butch. Have been actively masculine, but it's time for a change. Brazilian, Hispanic, or Middle Eastern is the look I crave. Don't be afraid, black men don't bite, too hard! Ad#25565

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
Professional, attractive, androgynous GWF, 34, looking for same in soul mate and life partner. You are between 30-40 yrs. old, drug/smoke free. You are romantic, spiritual, kind, joyful, patient, communicative, physically attractive. If you fit this description please respond to Ad# 25296.

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ANSWERING A HOUSTON PERSONAL

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PLACING YOUR OWN HOUSTON PERSONAL

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Ex-army nurse: Military has double standard on sexual misconduct

By LAURA REHRMANN

FOR THE NEW VOICE
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Friday, April 2 (AP)—The military has a double standard when treating heterosexual and homosexual misconduct, a former Army nurse said.

Margarethe Cammermeyer, a former colonel in the Washington State National Guard, told a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors on Thursday that she was forced out of the military after admitting she was a lesbian.

"I was on the receiving end of an enormous amount of sexual harassment, of being solicited, particularly in Vietnam," where men felt servicewomen were there to satisfy their sexual needs,

she said.

"The issue of sexual conduct in the military has been selectively geared toward homosexuals, totally ignoring the sexual conduct and misconduct that goes on throughout the military," Ms. Cammermeyer, who now works at a Veterans Administration hospital after she was forced out of the military in June 1992.

The editors, who are meeting for their 70th annual convention this week in Baltimore, were at the U.S. Naval Academy to hear a speech by President Clinton and attend several convention sessions.

But a retired Army colonel argued during Thursday's panel discussion that the military does not have to be "an

equal opportunity employer."

"The mission of the military is to win wars. It is not a democratic institution," said retired Col. David H. Hackworth.

Hackworth, who served four tours of duty in Vietnam and has received more than 100 military medals, said gays would destroy the trust necessary among men in combat. Gays will make sexual advances toward fellow servicemen, because "it's their nature," he said.

He cited as an example an Army captain he knew in Vietnam who propositioned a man after getting drunk at a party.

Hackworth sidestepped a question about whether he had known any heterosexual officers who got drunk and made sexual advances toward women,

saying "I was always in airborne units and we never did anything like that."

When asked by one editor how accepting in the military differed from integrating the armed forces, Hackworth said the question was insulting to all blacks in the military.

"There's a big difference between sexual orientation and race. In the views of thousands of soldiers I've spoken to, it won't work. I don't think that gays will ever be openly accepted in the military because of the mind-set of the warrior," Hackworth said.

Responding to Hackworth's comments, Ms. Cammermeyer said that during a war "the last thing on your mind ought to be sex."

DATELINE: THE WORLD

Judge overrules governor on St. Maarten gay pageant; show must go on

By ERASMUS WILLIAMS

FOR THE NEW VOICE
PHILIPSBURG, St. Maarten, Thursday, April 1 (AP)—A judge ruled Thursday that a promoter could hold a gay pageant in this Dutch territory and threatened to fine the lieutenant government if he did not grant a permit for the show.

Lt. Gov. Russell Voges had banned the Caribbean Gay of Gays Male Pageant on March 26 following pressure from

church groups.

Promoter Leroy Richardson challenged Voges' ban in court, and Judge Lo Sin Sjoie agreed that the competition among female impersonators did not violate international standards of freedom of expression.

The judge ordered Voges to issue a permit by the end of the day or face \$5,500-a-day (10,000-guilder) fines. His office had no immediate response.

The leader of island's Christian Coun-

cil, Methodist Rev. Lloyd Brissette called the court ruling "unfortunate."

"What message do we send? And what example are we setting?" Brissette said. "If the courts say this degrading show will go on, we have to respect the court."

The pageant was originally set for Saturday, but Richardson said it would have to be postponed. He did not have a new date.

The event was to have featured female

impersonators from Aruba, Barbados, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Guadeloupe, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, Trinidad and Venezuela.

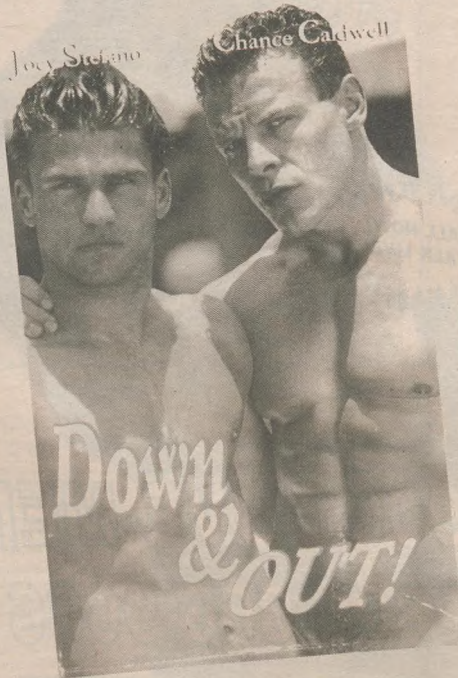
The battle over the show is just the latest for gays and lesbians in the Caribbean, a region long hailed as a playground for the passionate and the uninhibited. Homosexuality is not expressed openly on this Dutch-French resort island, except in several bars and on nude beaches.

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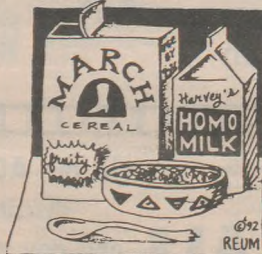
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NEW ORLEANS

FRIDAYS

GAY/LESBIAN TV - Lesbian/gay programming, "Just for the Record, is scheduled on Cox Cable Channel 49, 9pm.

NO/AIDS BINGO - Fun to benefit AIDS charities at Mama Rosa's, 616 N. Rampart. Info: (504) 945-4000.

SATURDAYS

WOMEN'S SOUND PROGRAM - WWOZ Radio, 90.7 FM present music by and for women from 5:30-7:30pm.

SUNDAYS

GAY/LESBIAN TV - Lesbian/gay programming, "Just for the Record, is scheduled on Cox Cable Channel 49, 9:30pm.

TUESDAYS

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP - Gay/lesbian group meetings are confidential. Info on location and times: (504) 552-9360.

GAY/LESBIAN TV - Lesbian/gay programming, "Just for the Record, is scheduled on Cox Cable Channel 49, 6:30pm.

ALLIANCE OF PRIDE - Gay Pride Festival and Parade meets at the Community Center, 816 Rampart St. 1st & 3rd Tues., 6pm. Info: (504) 949-7333 or 897-3939.

PARENTS' GROUP - Parents of gays and lesbians meet every 2nd Tues at 1545 State St. at 7:30pm. Free. Info: (504) 895-3936 or 581-2749.

WEDNESDAYS

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THURSDAYS

MOTHERS' SUPPORT GROUP - Meeting every 1st and 2nd Thursday for mothers of children with HIV/AIDS at Boswell Center. Info: (504) 944-3663.

QUEER STREET LIVE - Half-hour tv phone-in on NOLA Cox Cable, Channel 49 at 6:30pm.

CONTINUOUS

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE - NO/AIDS Task Force is giving free flu shots while supplies last. Appointments are necessary. Info: Claire Duplaix (504) 945-4000.

SCULPTURE EXHIBIT - Arthur Rogor Gallery, 432 Julia, presents work of various artists through April 24. Info: (504) 522-1999.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

LESBIAN FILM - Theatre Marigny, 600 Frenchmen St., presents "Framing Lesbian Fashion" and "Lesbian Bumpers." Info: (504) 943-3087.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

MARCH ON WASHINGTON BENEFIT - The Mint, Decatur at Esplanade, presents live entertainment at 9pm to benefit Louisiana march on Washington. Info: (504) 891-9572.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

"IVY ROWE" - Southern Repertory Theater presents special performance to benefit NO/AIDS Task Force at the Canal Place Shopping Center, 3rd Floor at 8pm. Info: (504) 945-4000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

NO/AIDS PARTY - Social gathering for NO/AIDS volunteers, 7-10pm, Galler Hall, St. Charles Ave. Info: (504) 945-4000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

PRE-MARCH MARCH - From the Lesbian/Gay Community Center, Rampart St., to the Bourbon St. Pub for 2pm rally. Info: (504) 891-9572.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

SUNDAYS

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - Rio Grande Valley Worship service at 7pm. Info: (210) 781-0884.

MONDAYS

AIDS/HIV SUPPORT GROUP - Meeting and dinner every week for PLA and HIV+ individuals at Casa Merced PLA/HIV+ Activity Center at 6:30pm. Info: (210) 618-2775.

WEDNESDAYS

GROUP COUNSELING - Meeting every 1st and 3rd Wed. at Fellowship Hall. Info: (210) 781-0884.

THURSDAYS

FAMILY SUPPORT - Support group meeting for family members of PLAs at Casa Merced Activity Center at 7:30pm. Info: (210) 618-2775.

FRIDAYS

VALLEY LAMBDA AA - Open meeting each week at 8pm. Info: (210) 781-0884.

SAN ANTONIO

TUESDAYS

OPEN CHORAL REHEARSALS - Alamo City Men's Chorale holds rehearsals at 7:30pm at the River City Living Metropolitan Community Church, 202 Holland. New members welcome. Info: (210) 979-7654 or 734-7226.

CONTINUOUS

VAMPIRE LESBIANS OF SODOM - San Antonio's longest running play at Main Avenue Studio, 1608 N. Main, presented by Actors Theatre of San Antonio. Saturdays at 10:45pm. Info: (210) 227-ATSA.

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AUSTIN

AGBL STANDINGS
The standings for the Austin Gambiers Bowling League as of March 30 are: 1) Chain Drive; 2) Buns of Steel; 3) Uncle Charlie's; 4) Shear Innovations; 5) Strike-a-Pose; high scratch male is Michael Bolander, 249; high scratch female is Shelly Wood, 178.

TUESDAYS

BOWLING - Austin Gambiers Bowling League meets

each week at Capitol Bowl on Koenig Lane @ Grover at 6:30pm. Info: (512) 451-5607.

SUNDAYS

VOLLEYBALL - Informal volleyball games are held each week at Bailey Park (just west of Lamar between 32nd and 33rd Streets). Just show up and play. 1-5pm.
RUNNING CLUB - Austin FrontRunners meets along the hike-and-bike trail at Butler Shores (across from Zachary Scott theater). Run or walk for 30 minutes, then go out for brunch. 9:15am. Info: (512) 473-8334, 343-0106.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SKATING CLUB - Lambda Rollerskating Club is planning to begin a chapter in Austin. People interested in participating or getting on a mailing list can write to LRC, P.O. Box 66450, Houston, TX 77266.

CYCLING CLUB - Breakaway, a long-distance bicycling club for Austin/San Marcos is organizing. For cyclists interested in weekend rides of 25 miles or more. Info: (512) 447-6406.

HOUSTON

LSVA STANDINGS

The standings for the Lone Star Volleyball Association as of Mar. 22nd are: Power Division - 1) Super Model, 22-0; 2) Helfers, 15-5; 3) Wear It Again Sam, 10-10; 4) Houston Hurricanes, 8-12; 5) Gentry 5-17; 6) Nervous Recs, 2-18. Intermediate Division - 1) The Big One, 19-5; 2) Probes, 17-5; 3) The Matadors, 14-10; 4) Cliffhangers, 14-12; 5) Elias, 10-12; 6) Ball Bangers, 10-14; 7) Bottoms Up, 8-14; 8) Onusnotinus, 0-22. Recreational Division - 1) Almost Sober, 16-4; 2) 6 Fags & A Hag, 12-4; 3) Silent Dragnet, 11-9; 4) Bumping Pussycats, 10-10; 5) Volleys Follies, 7-13; 6) Ret To Go, 4-16.

HMBL SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

The schedule for the Houston Metropolitan Billiards league for April 13th is: Crystal Balls v. Scandalous Reds I @ BRB; Scandalous Reds II v. Dignity @ Cousins; Brian Patch v. E.J.'s Toys @ E.J.'s; Jackson 5 v. Walter's Boys @ Gentry; Crazy Eights v. Coalition @ Jo's Outpost; Kissin' Cousins v. Suicide Squad @ Koko's; Koko's v. MaMa's Boys @ Mining Company; King's X v. Gold Diggers @ Mother's; Past Time Parrots v. Mother's Nutz @ Past Time; VN Juicy Fruits v. Ripcord @ Ripcord; Oul' Cousins has the night off.

SUNDAYS

RUNNING CLUB - FrontRunners, gay and lesbian joggers club meets every week in Memorial Park at 9am. Info: (713) 522-8842 or 522-8021

OUTDOOR ROLLERSKATING - Lambda Rollerskating Club holds an outdoor skate every Sunday, weather permitting. Skaters should meet in Memorial Park at 100 Picono Lane at 1:30pm. You must bring your own skates, or you may rent from a local shop. Info: Ray Ramirez (713) 862-4875.

MONDAYS

ROLLERSKATING - Lambda Rollerskating Club holds a gay/lesbian skate night every 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday from 7:30-10:30pm at Trade Winds Roller Rink, 5006 W. 34th St. @ Hwy 290. closed to the general public. Cost - \$5. Includes skate rental and raffle ticket. Info: Ray (713) 862-4875.

BASKETBALL - Open play basketball at the Love Complex, Shepherd and 12th. Cost-\$2 per person, first time free. Info: Mike Harwell (713) 880-9009.

TUESDAYS

WOMEN'S RUGBY - Houston Women's Rugby Club meets each week at the Bellaire YMCA. Info: (713) 955-1720.

RUNNING CLUB - FrontRunners, gay and lesbian joggers club meets twice a week, (Tuesdays and Thursdays) every week, in Memorial Park at 6:30pm. Info: (713) 522-8842 or 522-8021.

TUESDAY, APR. 13

ICE SKATING - Gay Ice Skate night at the Galleria Ice Rink, 5015 Westheimer, from 8-10pm. Admission - \$4.50. Includes skate rental. Open to the public; the color for April is yellow. Ballots for selecting the name of the new ice skating club will be passed out at the skate. Info: Angel (713) 526-8764.

SATURDAY, APR. 17

WRESTLING - Houston Wrestling Club is holding an instructional workout at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, from 1-4pm. All skill levels welcome. Info: Wrestling Switchboard (713) 522-5994.

SUNDAY, APR. 18

MONTROSE SOFTBALL LEAGUE - Opening day for the 1993 season will be held at Memorial Park, Fields 4 & 5. A proclamation from Mayor Lanier naming the day Montrose Softball League Day and a letter of support from Governor Richards will be read. Representative Maxey will be on hand to throw out the first ball. Info: Marvin Peterman (713) 867-3913.

NEW ORLEANS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WATER VOLLEYBALL - The New Orleans Water Volleyball League opens league play in May at the Country Club, 634 Louisiana. Info: Bruce Manuel (504) 244-7118 or Joey LeBlanc 365-0195 or Jeff White 947-7206.



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GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Information for the community calendar must be received in writing at The New Voice main office in Houston no later than 4:00 p.m. FRIDAY one week before the publication date. Calendar entries should include date, time span, description of event, fees, beneficiary and/or sponsor and a number to call for more information. Mail or fax to The New Voice, 408 Avondale, Houston TX 77006; Fax (713) 529-9531

AUSTIN

FRIDAYS

STUDENTS ASSOCIATION - Lesbian, bisexual and gay students family hour at Cactus Cafe, UT. 5pm. Info: (512) 471-4387.

SEX ADDICTS ANONYMOUS - AWARE holds sex addicts meeting, 500 Oakland. 7pm. Info: (512) 322-0125.

SATURDAYS

DIGNITY/AUSTIN - Mass at Holy Spirit Chapel, 27th @ University. 2nd & 4th Sat. 6pm

SUNDAYS

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - Service at 425 Woodward. Interpreted for the deaf and child care is provided. 9am & 11am. Info: (512) 416-1170.

GAY AA GROUP - Lambda Live & let Live AA meeting in the Village Shopping Center, 2700 W. Anderson, #412. 1pm. Info: (512) 453-9802.

WOMEN'S ACTION COALITION - Meets weekly at Chances, 900 Red River. 5pm.

OUTYOUTH/AUSTIN - A young people's support group. 5-7:30pm. Meeting info: (512) 476-0880.

SHAMAN'S CIRCLE MEETING - Gay group sharing spirit and heart connections; honoring and empowering sexual diversity; exploring heart fire and gay spirit. Bring instruments of sound, objects of meaning, written and spoken words to share and an open heart to Crosswinds, 3355 Bee Cave Road #101. 8-9:30pm. Info John or Michael (512) 477-1578.

MONDAYS

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP - Meets at Waterloo Counseling Center. Info: (512) 322-9653.

SOBER WOMEN - AWARE Women for Sobriety Group meets 500 Oakland. 5:30pm. Info: (512) 322-0125.

TUESDAYS

TREEHOUSE SUPPORT GROUP - For Lesbians Considering Children meets at 607 Nuecos. 2nd & 4th Tues., 7-8:30pm. Nominal fee. Info: (512) 477-5822.

HIV TESTING - Informa Sida conducts HIV testing, 1643 E. 2nd St. 7-8:30pm. Info: (512) 472-2001.

WEDNESDAYS

HIV SUPPORT GROUP - For HIV+ individuals and their significant others at David Powell Clinic, 1000 Toyah. 4-5:30pm

EDITH SUPPORT GROUP - For 18-22 year olds. Meets 7-8pm. Info: (512) 476-0880.

ACT-UP - Weekly meetings at the Grassroots Peace Building, 227 Congress. 8pm.

COMING OUT GROUP - For women meets at 607 Nuecos. Interview required. 1st & 3rd Wed., 6-7:30pm. Nominal fee. Info: (512) 477-5822.

LESBIAN AL-ANON AWARE sponsors a lesbian Al-Anon group, 500 Oakland. 7:30pm. Info: (512) 322-0125.

ALLGO/INFORME SIDA - Gay Latino HIV+ support group sponsors. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed., 7pm. Info: (512) 472-2001.

TREEHOUSE SUPPORT GROUP - For Lesbian moms meets at 607 Nuecos. 2nd & 4th Wed., 6-7:30pm. Info: (512) 477-5822.

THURSDAYS

GAY MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - Waterloo Counseling holds a meeting in the evening. Info: (512) 322-9653.

OPEN ORCHESTRA/CHOIR REHEARSAL - MCC/Austin holds an open orchestra rehearsal at 6pm; choir rehearsal at 7:30pm. Info: (512) 416-1170.

HIV+ LESBIANS - Support group meets at Waterloo Counseling Center. 7:30-9pm. Info: (512) 322-9653.

GAY STUDENTS MEETING - ACC Organization meets in the Rio Grande Campus Building, Rm. 124. 2nd & 4th Thur., 8:30pm. Info: (512) 469-9337.

STOP THERAPY ABUSE - A consumer advocacy and educational support group meets monthly at the North Loop Library, 2210 Hancock Drive. 3rd Thur., 7pm. Info: Marie (512) 458-2605.

CONTINUOUS

HIV TESTING - Austin Travis County Health Department offers free, anonymous HIV testing. On April 18 at Charlie's from 6-9pm.

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - AIDS Services of Austin is facilitating a 6-month, bi-monthly group. Views and experiences on issues of concern in a non-sexual, chemical-free environment. Available to any gay man at no cost regardless of HIV status. Info: Oscar Lopez (512) 406-6165.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

DEIDRE MCCALLA - Popular OlViva Recording Artist will be at Cactus Cafe on the UT campus in the UT Union for one show at 9pm. Presented by Live Wire Productions. Tickets \$8. Info: (512) 471-8228.

HOUSTON

FRIDAYS

HATCH (Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals) has peer support group, restricted to ages 16-21. 7:30-10pm. Info: (713) 942-7002.

LESBIAN GROUP - Lambda Women's Social & Support Group meets 6:30-8:30pm. Info: Cheryl (713) 736-1439 or July 724-7222.

NEXT STEP WORKSHOP - Confidential program of information and free medical testing for persons who are HIV+ at the Montrose Clinic, 2606 Montrose. 3rd Fri. from 2-4pm. Info: (713) 529-0037.

CODEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS - With emphasis on gays/lesbians meets at MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur. 7-8pm. Free. Info: (713) 861-2808.

GAY/LESBIAN RADIO - New radio show focusing on gay/lesbian issues includes news, Womyn's music, reviews and commentary. KPFT 90.1 FM, 8-9pm.

SATURDAYS

HIV FITNESS PROGRAM - Low impact aerobics sponsored by LIFE Physical Therapy and the PWA Coalition at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. 10am-12pm. Info: (713) 965-2272.

COMMUNITY GARDEN - Volunteers needed to help

tend garden at Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. All produce goes to needy PWAs. 10:30am. Info: (713) 524-2374.

DIGNITY MASS - Dignity/Houston holds a mass, followed by a social, for gay/lesbian Catholics at 1307 Yale, Suite H, 7:30pm. Info: (713) 880-2872.

GAY/LESBIAN RADIO - AfterHours, gay/lesbian radio show is heard on KPFT 90.1 FM, 1-3am. Info: (713) 526-5738.

PARENTS GROUP - Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Group holds a social for parents and their children every 2nd Saturday. Info: Glenda or Suzanne (713) 666-8256.

SUNDAYS

DAWN OF FAITH METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - Gay/lesbian worship service, 10595 Telephone Rd. @ Fuqua, 10am. Info: (713) 991-6766.

COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH - Charismatic religious service. 501 E. 18th @ Columbia, 11am. Info: (713) 880-9235.

NAMES PROJECT WORKSHOP - For anyone interested in creating a quilt panel for a loved one who has died of AIDS at 1410 Fairview. 1-5pm. Info: (713) 522-NAMES.

LAMBDA AA GROUP - For women meets at Watergate Marina Clubhouse #2. 8pm. Info: (713) 326-1025.

AMIGA DE HOUSTON - Holds monthly business meeting and potluck. 3rd Sun., 5pm. Info: (713) 520-5667.

LOAF - (Lesbians Over Age 50) meets at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. 3rd Sun., 2-4pm. Info: (713) 661-1482.

OPEN 12-STEP GROUP - Meets to discuss one step per week and share experiences on that step at MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur, 5:30-7pm. Info: (713) 861-9149.

MONDAYS

SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP - Kolbe Project sponsors a support group for HIV negative survivors in its location, 1508 Hyde Park, at 8pm. Info: (713) 522-8182.

GAY FATHERS - And their partners meet for discussion group. 8-9:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church. Info: (713) 265-8191.

MOTHERS' SUPPORT GROUP - Billingsly group meets every other Monday at AVES, 2510 Broad Street, #200 at 6:30pm. Info: (713) 640-2837.

LONE STAR SYMPHONIC BAND - Open rehearsal. New members welcome regardless of degree of expertise. Info: (713) 521-0181.

TUESDAYS

HIV+ MOTHERS - And their children have a support group that meets at Casa de Esperanza. 2-4pm. Info: (713) 529-0639.

WOMEN'S HOUR - KTRU 91.7 FM, 6-7pm. Info: (713) 527-4050.

NEXT STEP WORKSHOP - Confidential program of information and free medical testing for persons who are HIV+ at the Montrose Clinic, 2606 Montrose. 1st and 2nd Tues. from 6-8pm. Info: (713) 520-2087.

AIDS EQUITY LEAGUE - Meets at Charlie's Coffee Shop. 2nd Tues., noon & 4th Tues., 5:30pm. Info: (713) 871-0092.

CARING STEPS WORKSHOP - Information and education for spouses/partners of persons who are HIV+ at the Montrose Clinic, 4606 Montrose. Every 4th Tues. from 6-8pm. Info: (713) 520-2087.

MCCR SUPPORT GROUP - Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection holds "Empowerment for Living," support group for persons dealing in some way with HIV, at their location 1919 Decatur St., from 6-8:30pm. Buffet served until 7pm. Info: (713) 861-9149.

DEAF/HEARING IMPAIRED GROUP - with HIV concerns and questions meets at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 7-8:30pm. Info: (713) 529-0037.

FRIENDS, LOVERS, SIGNIFICANT OTHERS - Support group at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, if you have a loved one afflicted with AIDS. Donation requested. 7:30-9pm. Info: (713) 529-0037.

WELLNESS TRAINING FOR YOUTH - Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth (HIPY) offers support group to teach young people how to stay health with HIV in 811 Westheimer, #201 at 6pm on alternate Tuesdays. Info: (713) 942-9884.

LIVING WELL - A support group for people living with HIV providing unconditional support, updated information on treatment, and coping skills at 6pm for people in the Bay area. Info: (713) 333-2278.

HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP - Kolbe Project hosts support group at 1508 Hyde Park from 10-11am. All are welcome. Info: Brother David (713) 522-8182.

PARENTS/FAMILY GROUP - Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 6-7:30pm at the Central Presbyterian Church, 3788 Richmond at Cummins. Info: (713) 621-2424.

PWA/PWARC SUPPORT GROUP - Meets 7:30-9pm at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Info: (713) 529-0037.

WEDNESDAYS

GAY/LESBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION - University of Houston group meets for discussion groups, 3:30pm & 7:30pm in the Casplan Room of the University Center Underground. Info: Damon (713) 524-9711 or Landis 921-3152.

KOLBE PROJECT - Hosts a gay issues support group in its new location, 1508 Hyde Park. New members always welcome. (Closed meeting) 8:15pm. Info: (713) 522-8182.

AA MEETING - Weekly mixed-group meeting for people in Clear Lake/Bay area at Watergate Marina #2. 7pm. Info: (713) 326-1025.

SEX ADDICTS - SORA (Sex or Relationship Addicts Anonymous) a support group for lesbians meets at MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur. 7-8:30pm. Info: Glenda (713) 866-8256 or Kimber 529-1827.

SELF HEALING CLASS - Michael K. Wilson's class meets each week at the Spectrum Center, 3416 Audubon. Guest speakers each week. 8-10pm. Info: (713) 523-4241 or 868-4251.

NEXT STEP WORKSHOP - Confidential program of information and free medical testing for persons who are HIV+ at the Montrose Clinic, 2606 Montrose. 3rd Wed. from 2-4pm. Info: (713) 520-2087.

WOMEN'S ACTION COALITION - Open meeting of

women committed to action on issues affecting all women. 7pm. Info: (713) 867-9551.

MEN'S NETWORK - Education and social gathering for gay men. 1st and 3rd Wed. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Donation requested. 7-9pm. Info, including topic: (713) 529-0037.

WOMEN'S NETWORK - Education and social gathering for lesbian women. 2nd and 4th Wed. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Donation requested. 7-9pm. Info, including topic: (713) 529-0037.

YOUTH RAP GROUP - HIPY sponsors support group with clinical social worker for young people to discuss homeless, runaway and throwaway youth, 811 Westheimer #201 at 7pm. Info: (713) 942-9884.

THURSDAYS

GAY MEN'S CHORUS - Holds open rehearsals at the Bering Memorial Church, 1440 Bering. 7pm. Info: (713) 630-0333.

ACT UP - Gulf Coast meeting takes place at Montrose Place, 1505 Nevada @ Commonwealth. 7:30pm. Info: (713) 524-5863.

POSITIVE SUPPORT GROUP - For people with HIV, at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Donation requested. 6-7:30pm. Info: (713) 529-0037.

NEW AGE SPIRITUALISM - en-LIGHT-en UP, a spirit seeking group for gay men, meets at the Crystal Dolphin, 3400 W. Lamar at 7:30pm. Suggested donation-\$5. Info: Michael (713) 520-6996, Howard 528-6174, Gary 520-7254.

NEXT STEP WORKSHOP - Confidential program of information and free medical testing for persons who are HIV+ at the Montrose Clinic, 2606 Montrose. 1st and 2nd Thur. from 6-8pm. Info: (713) 520-2087.

GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS - Support group for the entire family. Childcare is provided. Info: (713) 666-8256.

YOUTH COPING GROUP - HIPY holds discussion group dealing with issues facing gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, 811 Westheimer #201. Info: (713) 942-9884.

HISPANIC SUPPORT GROUP - Meets at AVES, 2510 Broad Street, #200 at 6:30pm. One group in English; one group in Spanish. Info: (713) 640-2837.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - Meets every other Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm at Central Presbyterian Church, 3788 Richmond at Cummins. Info: (713) 664-6610.

HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP - Sunset Heights Civic Club meets monthly on last Thurs. Info: (713) 880-5855.

COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH - Mid-week services at 7:30pm, 501 E. 18th Street.

CONTINUOUS

GARDEN PARTY INC. - Weekly meetings on Wednesdays to prepare for the July bash which raises money for charities directly assisting PWAs at 2606 Montrose at 7pm. Info: (713) 688-0536.

MIXED ANTIPODY COUPLES - A ten-week group for gay/bisexual male couple of mixed antibody status on Tuesdays at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Donations accepted. Info: (713) 529-0037.

SOBRIETY AND YOUR FAMILY - 12-week program to explore the family's role in an addict's recovery on Tuesdays at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Sliding scale fee. Info: (713) 529-0037.

TEENS WITH GAY PARENTS - Just for us, a social group for teens with gay/lesbian parents meets on an irregular basis. Info: Dawn or Ray (713) 666-8256.

"RENAISSANCE TAPESTRIES AND MINIATURES" - From the permanent collection, bronze sculptures, decorated religious books, painted dishes and a Claret portrait miniature at the Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross, through mid-May. Free. Info: (713) 525-9400.

"ENDANGERED" - A fundraiser for the HIV outreach art program of the Art League of Houston. Etchings for sale on display at Art League gallery, 1953 Montrose, from April 2-23. Info: Linda Carter (713) 523-9530 or Eric Shamban 528-5909.

PASSION PLAY - The Alkey Theatre in conjunction with the choir of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will perform the medieval rendering of the crucifixion at area churches. On Friday, 4/9, @ 6pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 2405 Navigation; and on Saturday, 4/10, @ 7pm, at Trinity Baptist Church. Info: (713) 228-9341.

"THE CUTTING EDGE: 200 YEARS OF CUT CRYSTAL" - Museum of Fine Arts exhibit featuring works from 18th century to present, 1001 Bissonnet. Info: (713) 639-7300.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT - Contemporary Arts Museum presents "Works by Lorna Simpson" from Mar. 20 - May 30 in Gallery Two. 5216 Montrose. Info: (713) 526-3129.

IMPERIAL AUSTRIA - Treasure of Art, Arms and Armor from the State of Styria, presented by the Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet, through June 27. Info: (713) 639-7300.

MEXICO'S HOLIEST SHRINE - MFA presents "Treasure from the Basilica of Guadalupe" featuring sacred objects from the most important pilgrimage church in Mexico. Info: (713) 629-3700.

JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT - Exhibition of graffiti-style paintings and works on paper at the Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross through May 9. Free. Info: (713) 525-9400.

"HEDDA GABLER" - Skyline Theater, 1617 Fannin (on the 9th floor of the Houston Hotel) presents the classic drama by Henrik Ibsen. Through May 8. Tickets - \$8. Info: (713) 759-0701.

"GUYS AND DOLLS" - HITS Unicorn Theatre is presenting the classic musical at Miller Outdoor Theatre on April 8-10 and April 15-17 at 8pm. Free. Info: (713) 861-7408.

"THE FOREIGNER" - Jason Williams and Joe Sears of "Greater Tuna" fame star in comedy by Larry Shue being shown April 5-10 at the Grand 1894 Opera House in Galveston, 2020 Postoffice. Only Houston-area performances. Tickets - \$22-25. Info: (409) 765-1894 or (713) 480-1894.

"LEND ME A TENOR" - Comic farce at the Company OnStage, 536 Westbury Square, runs on Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm through April 24. Cost - \$9. Info: (713) 726-1219.

"MERGING FORCES/KEEPIN' THE BEAT" - Jazz dance residency will be held at Jewish Community Center featuring renowned choreographers Gus Giordano and Keith Anthony R. Cross from April 14-18.

Info: (713) 551-7255.

"FRIDA AND DIEGO-A LOVE STORY" - Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Pkwy, and Houston International Festival present story of Mexican artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. Performances Wednesday thru Saturday at 8pm and Sundays at 5pm beginning April 9. Tickets - \$15 and up (discounts for students, seniors, and group of ten or more). Info: (713) 525-5242.

"TRUE WEST" - Actors Theatre of Houston presents play by Sam Shepard depicting sibling rivalry in all its facets. Being presented on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from April 16-May 22. Cost - \$12 (Fri.), \$15 (Sat.), \$10 (Sun). Curtain is at 8pm, 4pm on Sundays. Info: (713) 529-6606.

"FLORA, THE RED MENACE" - Main Street Theater presents musical comedy about spirited young fashion designer who falls for a shy American-born Communist. Shown Wednesdays thru @ 7:30pm, Thursdays - Saturdays @ 6pm; and Sunday @ 4pm from April 14 - May 23. Tickets - \$10 (Wed.), \$15 (Thu. Fri.), \$18 (Sat.) and \$12 (Sun). Info: (713) 524-6706.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL CLASSES - The Inter-Tribal Council of Houston presents various classes promoting aspects of their culture at 9180 Old Katy Rd. On Saturday, 4/10, Drum Making, 9am-12pm, cost - \$95 (materials included); on Monday, 4/12, 7-9pm, Breast Plate, cost - \$25 (materials not included); on Wednesday, 4/14, 9:30-11:30am, Bead, cost - \$25 (materials not included); on Saturday 4/17, 9:30-11:30am, Finger Weaving, cost - \$35 (materials included); and on Sunday, 4/18, 2-4pm, Shawl Making, cost - \$25 (materials not included). Info: (713) 464-1164.

"COMEDY ITALIAN STYLE" - Five-week film series sponsored by Italian Cultural and Community Center. Films are shown on Mondays, beginning with introduction at 7pm, at the Center, 3033 Chimney Rock, #601. On 4/12, "La Grande Guerra" (The Great War). Free. Info: (713) 524-4222.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - Community Gospel Church, Houston Mission Church and Kingdom Community Church will hold joint Good Friday services. Info: (713) 880-9235.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

"DAMNED IN THE USA" - Award-winning documentary of the battle waged in galleries, movie houses and airwaves. Accounts from all sides in controversies over works of Serrano, Mapplethorpe, Scorsese and 2 Live Crew at the Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet, at 8:30pm and 9:30pm. Also Sunday, 4/11 at 7pm. Co-sponsored by DiverseWorks. Tickets - \$4-5. Info: (713) 639-7300.

THAI NEW YEAR - Asian & Friends will celebrate Wan Songkran, the "old" Thai New Year, at a social at which officers will also be elected. Please bring a food item to share plus any alcoholic beverages. Info: David (713) 772-3757.

MONDAY, APRIL 12

OPEN AUDITIONS - Texas Mime Theatre will hold auditions for "African Tales," a show for children at 7pm in Room 112 of the Fine Arts Building, HCC. Needed are two African-American performers, one male, one female. Auditions also held on Tuesday and Wednesday. Info: (713) 665-7145.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

OPERA CLASS - Houston Grand Opera is holding a two-part class to prepare interested parties for "The Barber of Seville," from 7:30-9:30pm at 1517 Bracher Drive. Class includes visual and musical selections and insightful commentary. Cost - \$15. Second half of class on April 20. Info: Ann Thompson (713) 465-0755.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

"IMAGINING INDIANS" - Hopi filmmaker Victor Masayesa Jr. will screen movie addressing exploitation of Native American culture by Hollywood, sports teams and comic books. In the Brown Auditorium of the Museum of Fine Arts, 100