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DATELINE: HOUSTON

Gay Houston city council candidates claim battle against stacked system

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON
The New Voice/Houston

(Editor's note: this is the second in our series of profiles leading up to the Houston City Council elections. The election is unique in Houston history as it includes five openly gay candidates. Profiles of other candidates and specific issues will appear in subsequent issues).

It's hard to have a discussion with one of Houston's five openly city council candidates without hearing that Montrose, where the gay and lesbian vote is concentrated, was "punished" in Houston's last council redistricting.

The perceived focal point of the punishment is Anise Parker's 1991 District C race against incumbent Vince Ryan. Since then, most believe, including Parker, that the power of the Montrose lesbian and gay vote has been diluted by its move to district D. Activist and Texas Southern University Law Professor Gene Harrington is running as an openly gay candidate for that seat.

Rob Bridges, who is running as an openly gay candidate for at-large seat 3 subscribes to this belief that gay and lesbian voters were punished in the redistricting process. "We ended up getting punished," he says "for getting involved with the political process." He believes that a sequence of behind-the-scenes maneuvers led to Montrose's redistricting including his perception that "Vince Ryan has made it no secret that he wants to become County Judge."

Brian Bradley, a well-known local gay and HIV issues activist is running the at-large position 4 race as an openly gay candidate. He also supports the perception of redistricting as "punishment." He says that it is a move by certain city

officials to "pay us back for running Anise Parker against Vince Ryan."

Anise Parker, the oft-cited former candidate is not so sure. "It may very well be true," she said, "but if it is true, it's punishment for a whole lot of people who did support him (Ryan)."

"And if it is punishment," she added, "then that's all the more reason for us to run and run and run." And Parker believes that some of the five openly gay candidates do have a chance, however she was hesitant to be specific. She says that the political climate has matured in Houston since she ran as an open lesbian two years ago.

"When I ran, everywhere I went, it was 'there's Anise Parker the lesbian activist.'" Her bid for office drew a lot of media attention. This year however, she said, "the media isn't following these

guys around—it's not as titillating anymore, and that's an achievement."

Rob Bridges feels he has several advantages in the position 3 race that other openly gay candidates do not. In addition to having been active in gay politics for many years, as a professional musician, he has extensive contacts in the arts community in Houston. Additionally, and in part by extension, he is a life-long member of the AFL-CIO and is counting on drawing support from labor supporters.

The position 3 race is crowded. There are 14 candidates, of which Bridges considers four, including himself, to be "serious." There is also no incumbent. The whole mix means that the race will ultimately be decided in a run-off. But Bridges says that he's campaigning hard now to get there.

Should he make the cut, Bridges says he wants to focus on reviving a movement to pass an anti-discrimination ordinance. He would support a different approach than the failed 1985 bid. He called that effort's reliance on the Mayor to support the proposal "a grave error." He would work toward uniting council and business interests, convincing them that the ordinance would be good for them because it would be good for their community. "The best way to get a sponsor (for the ordinance) is to get a seat at the table. We haven't had that before."

Position 4 candidate Brian Bradley echoes Bridges' "seat at the table" theme.

"I'm tired of seeing us elect our friends. I think it's time for us to start electing ourselves," he said.

Bradley's race and approach differs somewhat from Bridges'. Instead of facing a 14 candidate race, Bradley is one of three challenging incumbent Sheila Jackson Lee. Given the growing anti-incumbency sentiment in Houston politics, this may be more of an advantage that it may first appear.

In either case, Bradley says "this is a critical moment in our history, and it is a critical moment in my own life." As a well-known HIV/AIDS activist, Bradley also hopes his race provides some inspiration to others with HIV. "I want to show people that just because you have HIV, no matter what the doctors or anyone else tells you, you don't have to go home and wait for the grim reaper to take you."

While Bradley's interests should he win a city council seat would include HIV issues and health care, he is quick to play down the idea that he is a single issue candidate. "We all grew up in a straight world and are perfectly capable and rational to make decisions about mass transit or any other issue," he said.



Brian Bradley



Rob Bridges

DATELINE: AUSTIN

Amid controversy, Travis County begins Domestic Partnership Registry

By JIM RAWSON

The New Voice/Austin

As of Monday, Oct. 11, unmarried partners of the opposite or same sex can register their relationships with the Travis County Clerk's office in Austin.

The domestic partnership registry has been established in part as a response to the recent granting of partner benefits to City of Austin employees and also in response to continued lobbying efforts by the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus.

Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir had been receptive to the idea of a partnership registry for several months, according to ALGPC co-chairs Sonny Hood and Diane Hardy-Garcia. DeBeauvoir had requested assistance from the Caucus in establishing definitions and regulations for the registry process as well as sample forms and affidavits used in other cities and counties.

The County Clerk's office had already begun preparation for the registry before the September vote by the Austin City Council to grant spousal benefits to

unmarried partners of city employees.

While the Travis County partnership registry is not a marriage license or a legally-binding document in most situations, it does allow couples to establish a relationship for the purpose of obtaining insurance coverage and other family-related employee benefits. Sonny Hood said, "We hope to use the registry to encourage private employers to offer domestic partnership benefits. Many companies that were willing to do so have been waiting for some form of documentation so the burden of defining a relationship is not placed on them. The registry provides that."

Several major companies such as Apple Computers, Time-Warner, Disney, and Lotus Development Corporation currently offer such benefits.

Applicants for domestic partnerships will be required to show photo identification such as a driver's license and to swear that all information on their application document is true. The affidavit requires applicants to be over 18, unrelated, and unmarried. The couple applying must also show proof that they share the same residence and living

expenses and that neither has had another partner within the last six months. A standard \$9 recording fee will be charged to file the domestic partnership affidavit.

Employee policy changes for the City of Austin go into effect on Jan. 1, 1994, and open enrollment for the City's insurance plan begins Nov. 4 and lasts for two weeks. According to the City's personnel office anyone wishing to add their partner during that period will be required to file the affidavit with the County. In addition to health and life insurance coverage, the changes in policy will offer unpaid leave for childbirth, adoption, or the care of a sick child or partner in accordance with new federal laws. The personnel office estimates that 470 employees will register partners, adding approximately \$700,000 to the City budget in 1994.

Some Austin and Travis County residents are unhappy about the new employee policy and the registry. The Christ Memorial Baptist Church, known for its conservative stance, recently ran a full-page advertisement in The Austin American-Statesman pro-

testing the City Council's decision and calling for a citizen's referendum. They have been joined by a coalition called Concerned Texans, Inc. which recently ran a similar ad attacking Council Members who voted for the policy.

Christ Memorial's pastor, Rev. Charles Bullock, has said that the coalition has "attorneys working and a multitude of people involved" in trying to force a referendum on the domestic partnership decision. Concerned Texans, Inc. and some churches view the City's and County's actions as approving immorality and threatening the traditional family.

In response, ALGPC co-chair Diane Hardy-Garcia said, "Domestic partnerships recognize the changing definition of family—that not all family units are established by marriage certificates." Both Hardy-Garcia and Hood feel that the petition to force a referendum is not a threat since it is an employee policy change, not an ordinance. Mayor Bruce Todd's office said last week that they had no information on such a petition campaign.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Oklahoma City Council rejects ordinance explicitly protecting gays

OKLAHOMA CITY, Wednesday, Oct. 6 (AP)—The Oklahoma City Council has declined to grant special protection to homosexuals, after a legislator said a proposed discrimination ordinance was protection for "sexual deviants."

"Our society has always discriminated—as it should—against immoral-

ity or evil," state Rep. Bill Graves, R-Oklahoma City, told the council Tuesday.

Jerry Gatewood, spokesperson for the homosexual-rights group Simply Equal of Oklahoma City, said Graves represents the "right-wing zealots ... who want the very special right to discrimi-

nate against those they hate."

Six of nine city council members voted Tuesday not to act on an ordinance that would have explicitly authorized the city human rights commission to investigate job discrimination, intimidation or harassment against homosexuals.

Three of the six who voted to strike the

ordinance said existing ordinances already implicitly protect homosexuals.

Human rights commission chairperson Bill Rogers said Tuesday's vote cripples his group. Another commissioner announced her resignation because of the vote.

HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Rice University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association to hold Homecoming '93

The Rice Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association will host its annual dinner as an officially scheduled event of Rice Homecoming '93.

The reunion dinner is also a fundraiser through which the group hopes to award two \$250 scholarships for the Spring 1994 semester. Contributions to the scholarship fund are not, however, a requirement to attend the reunion dinner.

The dinner will be held at Birraporetti's Downtown, 500 Louisiana at Prairie. RSVP to Anderson Brandao at (713) 797-1732 or Don Baker at (713) 880-4970.

Bisexuals Commune

Houston now has a group for people who are exploring their sexuality or who

already identify as bisexual people. Both men and women are invited to attend.

The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at MCCR, 1919 Decatur. For further information, contact Joel Butler at 464-6553.

Miss Angela throws a party

The non-profit Diana Foundation will host the annual "Miss Angela's Country Dinner" this Saturday, Oct. 16th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Admission to the dinner is \$10. The Foundation, the same people who bring you the annual Diana awards, will donate the proceeds to various service organizations.

For more information, call the Dianas at 639-2000.

HIPY update

The Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth (HIPY) has new space and new hours.

The Outreach Center has moved to 3207 Montrose and is open from noon until 10:00 p.m., seven days a week.

HIPY has some people and material needs due to an increase in the number of clients served. On the material front, they are hoping that someone will donate a washer, dryer and refrigerator. More volunteers are also needed. HIPY's next volunteer training session will be held on Oct. 25th at 6:00 p.m.

For further information about volunteering or needed donations, contact Randy Krepps at HIPY, (713) 524-5757.

Roberta Achtenberg to

speak

Presidential appointee Roberta Achtenberg will be the guest speaker at the 1993 Houston Black Tie Dinner, organizers have announced. The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6th at the Westin Galleria Hotel. Other entertainment will be provided by Atwood & Comeau and the Ed Gerlach Orchestra.

The dinner is a fundraiser for eight local charities benefiting AIDS and women's health issues. A contribution will also be made to the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Ticket information is available by calling 520-1142. They are also on sale at Crossroads Market, Inklings and Lobo.

OBSERVER'S NOTEBOOK

In the face of defeat, have national gay groups gotten any better at this?

By PAUL VARNELL
FOR THE NEW VOICE

In the wake of our near-total defeat on the military gay ban issue, a group of gay activists in Washington, D.C., is mounting an effort to pressure the national groups into becoming more effective.

Those gay activists are not alone. The national gay organizations have been sharply criticized by individuals and groups around the country. Such criticism is to be welcomed. If we do not learn from our defeats, then we shall have nothing but defeats—and probably deserve nothing else.

Criticism achieved its highest profile in a Gay and Lesbian Americans ad in the "Washington Blade" headlined: "Human Rights Campaign Fund: WE EXPECT RESULTS." The ad then went on to criticize HRCF for the poor performance on the military issue and suggested several measures to improve it's performance in the future.

No one could claim that the national groups—HRCF, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the short-lived, hapless, ad hoc Campaign for Military Service (CMS)—did a good job. As one CMS staff member told "Windy City Times" when they disbanded, "It is kind of questionable how much influence we had to begin with." Oops. Did that slip out?

But at the same time, we need to try to get a better grasp of what these groups' problems are. Some of the problems are with the organizations themselves, of course. But others are problems simply in the nature of things. We should not ask the impossible.

The groups are small. A useful recent survey in the "Washington Blade"

revealed that HRCF had only 36 employees, many of whom work on fundraising and development (fundraising). Only seven (and two more part time) actually do lobbying. NGLTF is even smaller: While in the last year it has hired several new staff members (it currently has 24 "full time equivalence" employees), it struggled along until recently with 15 or fewer.

More likely than not, these numbers will actually drop in the next 12 months. Staff positions have been funded with contributions generated by enthusiasm for the March on Washington and, to a degree, concern over the military controversy. But lacking those high-profile issues, how can the gay groups continue to generate the same level of support? Even the off-year elections coming up promise to be fairly dull.

They do not have much money. Despite its reputation for expensive, gala black-tie dinners, HRCF has a total budget of just \$5.5 million. Donations to candidates (its PAC function) amounted to less than \$1 million. And much of that PAC money went to incumbent Democrats who were very likely to win re-election anyway. For its part, NGLTF still has a budget of little over \$3 million, though its income has increased markedly this year.

These numbers are small compared to the budget of major, successful advocacy groups like the Brookings Institution, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Heritage Foundation, the AFL-CIO's Washington office, or the National Association of Manufacturers.

They are not very powerful. As the military debacle showed, the groups have little actual power. Unlike the

tobacco firms or labor unions, they own no congressman. And while HRCF's PAC money has value (it buys access, not support), in keenly contested congressional races which typically involved expenses of a million dollars or more, it is doubtful that a contribution of even \$5,000 or \$10,000 is going to obtain much clout.

Those who believe the national groups are powerful have been reading their press releases and nothing else.

HRCF and NGLTF are good about promoting their victories, but sometimes they claim credit for victories they had nothing to do with, or ones that seem minor. Thus NGLTF claims partial credit for Clinton's choice for head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Or HRCF announces that President Clinton shook hands with and said a few words to two HRCF staff members at a bill-signing ceremony on Sept. 21 (total time elapsed, 15 seconds).

But no one paused to mention that just five days earlier both the President and Vice President Al Gore held an hour and forty minute meeting (on the Truman balcony of the White House) with four leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention, the chief topic of which seems to have been the Baptist's opposition to abortion and "the homosexual lifestyle." You read about it here first.

They are not structured to conduct an all-out offensive. Up until now, the national groups thought primarily in the long term, working for small, incremental gains such as more co-sponsors of the national gay rights law or marginal advances by legislative amendments. Their aim was to change the cultural climate slowly—say, by publicizing anti-gay violence or organizing

workplace diversity programs. But a focused, all-out program is beyond them.

Further, they have tried to do things at both the national and state level, diffusing their focus further. Because of our federal system, some issues (like sodomy law reform) are simply local or state level. And it is, after all, true that gay progress can be trickle-up (osmosis) as well as trickle-down; neither local or national is going to get much ahead of the other; they are mutually dependent.

So it is fine to criticize our national gay groups, but we need to remember that they are small, poor, hopelessly multi-focused, and are not going to get better until we give them more help.

In recognition of these facts, and, of course, in an attempt to forestall criticism, HRCF placed an advertisement in gay newspapers in early August headed "Anger into Action." The text was a mind-numbing profusion of PR generalities, but short on specifics: "state of the art campaign," "building coalitions," "carry the fight to every corner of America," "shattering stereotypes," "take bold action," "will not rest until," "we have to aggressively fight."

Are you still awake? To quote Gertrude Stein, there is no there there.

When gay and lesbian Americans offered criticism of the national groups, they used to much of the same language ("grassroots coalition," "plan for political empowerment," "activist constituencies," "energize the community"), but their attempt to open discussion and offer some substantive suggestions were important. HRCF tried to dismiss the criticism as "a publicity stunt." But that reaction is contemptible: it shows that there are some serious problems. I add my own criticisms next time.

GUEST COMMENTARY

After disappointments from Clinton's start, where do gay politics go now?

By RICHARD D. MOHR

This month, by signing the military appropriation bill with its ban on gays, Bill Clinton became the first president in U.S. history to write discrimination against gay people into federal law. The course and resolution of the battle over the ban thoroughly discredit gay politics of pragmatism and compromise.

Pragmatists, like Barney Frank and Tom Stoddard, argued that some version of the Nunn-Clinton "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" compromise was morally acceptable because it would block Congress from writing the ban into law, where it likely would remain for decades, no longer subject to presidential discretion.

The strategy failed spectacularly. The law eliminated even the virtues which pragmatists thought they could discern in Clinton's compromise. The Associated Press put it thus: the new law "scuttles three major tenets of the Clinton plan—orientation not (being) a bar to service, an end to witch hunts to ferret out gays, and even-handed enforcement of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for homosexuals and heterosexuals."

And what of Clinton's plan itself? The only thing it compromised was gay dignity. The rituals of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" reaffirm and seal the closet, drench it with shame, and cast gays as

degraded, abject beings. And yet, gay pragmatists, in their moral blindness, claimed that this was fine, that this was a step in the right direction, indeed the foundation for future gay progress. If so, I'd hate to see the rest of the journey. The Nunn, Clinton, Frank and Stoddard compromises each greased the skids, one for the next, leading inexorably to the congressional ban. Once compromises begin, politics cannot stop them—only courageous, principled action can.

What is to be done? Taking gay dignity as our guiding principle, we can sort priorities. We should avoid those pragmatists who view gay dignity as a commodity for sale. We should certainly give a low priority to politicians who have shown themselves incapable of even recognizing the importance of gay dignity. Barney Frank is the chief offender here. We should also give a low priority to gay Uncle Toms, like the Campaign for Military Service and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. We should give an even lower priority to gay Booker T. Washingtons, like Tim McFeeley and his Human Rights Campaign Fund, who believe that we will get rights if we just keep our noses clean, "act responsibly," and try to buy off heterosexuals by giving them PAC money.

Instead we should support groups that have gay dignity as their goal and

guide their actions by it. Gay litigative groups that take on the tough cases are star instances of this commitment practice. There are many gay cases that are so important that they are worth losing; cases that lay claim to our dignity and rights are of this sort. For in the very process of asserting one's claim to rights, one dignifies oneself, even if the right is, as a matter of law, denied.

And we need to give more importance to gay cultural projects. We should support those gay individuals and institutions that are transforming American culture by being openly gay, by directly challenging oppression, and by improving society by injecting gay values into it. Groups like the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Defamation League (GLAAD) do this in an exemplary way—by challenging homophobia in the mass media, by hounding it to increase coverage of gay issues, and most importantly, by pressing the media to incorporate gay perspectives. Thanks to these sorts of actions, the taboo against talking about gay issues has all but collapsed in mainstream society.

For the first time, reasoned public discourse is possible on gay issues. But now that the channels are open, more than ever we need gay ideas with which to fill them. And so we need to support gay artists, writers, thinkers, and prophets, not

as entertainers or gurus, but as the first among our community builders and as catalysts, like Tony Kushner, Larry Kramer, and Michelangelo Signorile, who have begun transfiguring society without pandering to its values.

The landscape is littered with phony friends. Beware of politicians and leaders, gay or not, who promise happiness tomorrow if only we are just good enough today by the standards of those who traditionally oppressed us.

Change is in the air. But we cannot be sure that great reversals are not in store—or even that the long arc of the universe does in the end bend toward justice. Nevertheless, we must stay the course. For we can be sure that if we take dignity as our polestar and if we guide our lives by principle and certify them with the sacrifices which principled living entails, then to a significant degree, gay justice can be ours through our own actions, our worth shining forth unsullied, clear, and free.

(Editor's note: Richard Mohr is a Professor in the Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His latest book is "A More Perfect Union: Why Straight Americans Must Stand Up For Gay Rights," to be released by Beacon Press next April. Previous works include "Gays/Justice" and "Gay Ideas.")

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▼▼▼ TEXAS QUICK NOTES

Texas Log Cabin Republicans continue to form new chapters across the state

By SHAUN KEENAN GILSON
The New Voice/Houston

While gay people continue to be generally portrayed in the press as automatic Democrats, there are more gay Republicans than that one might think. And, they are rapidly organizing in many parts of the country.

Texas now has three chapters up and running. Cabinites are working on forming two more. Currently, gays with Republican views are working together in Houston, Austin and San Antonio. The newly organizing chapters are working with Midland and Waco area gay Republicans.

As the Republicans are currently viewed by most analysts as sharply divided (and thus unusually disorganized) on whether social or economic issues should be the party's focus, the timing for the new gay groups is good in terms of developing influence.

Log Cabin Houston can be reached by calling (713) 681-2607 or by writing to P.O. Box 131104, Houston, TX 77219-1104. Log Cabin San Antonio can be contacted at (210) 521-1447. The group's Austin chapter and Texas state headquarters is available at (512) 467-9797, or by writing to P.O. Box 50484, Austin,

TX 78763-0484.

People interested in becoming involved in the new Waco or Midland groups should contact the Log Cabin Republican's state headquarters in Austin.

The term "Log Cabin" stems from the organization's dedication to the ideals of Abraham Lincoln.

TLC '94

Plans for the annual Texas Lesbian Conference are already underway. The 1994 event will be held in San Antonio from May 13th through the 15th.

The TLC's workshop committee has issued its first call for proposals for individual events. The goal is to create a forum for lesbians to share their experi-

ences and knowledge for the "empowerment of the community." Conference fees will be waived for presenters per workshop.

Interested potential presenters are asked to submit a proposal of 100 words or less by Dec. 6th. Proposals should be sent to the TLC '94

Workshop Committee, P.O. Box 12327, San Antonio, TX 78212. Sessions should be both interactive and be sensitive to a multicultural audience.

For further information, call (210) 626-1617 or (210) 656-0375 during evening hours.

Some free advice

The Houston Bar Association will offer up volunteer attorneys will free legal advice on

two evenings next month. Bar members volunteer two nights each month to answer simple legal questions, offer advice or offer referrals to appropriate social service agencies.

Calls will be taken between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd and Wednesday, Nov. 17th. The volunteer cadre is only assembled at the phones during these hours, so the Bar asks that calls not be made at other times. (They probably unplug the line at other hours anyway).

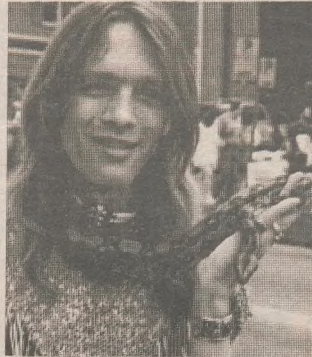
The number to call is (713) 759-1133.

To the street

Both "art festivals" will once again occur in Houston this weekend.

The Westheimer Colony Association has stayed with last spring's decision and hold its twice yearly art festival in the 1800 block of Main under the shadow of the Pierce Elevated. It will be open on both Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Concurrently, the upstart Montrose Street Festival will take place on Westheimer. The Street Festival was very successful last spring and organizers, who have been seen cleaning up vacant lots this week, hope to repeat last spring's performance.



Variety marked last spring's Street Festival

▼▼▼ BATON ROUGE QUICK NOTE

Group holds Founders' Drive for planned Baton Rouge Community Center

Last July, the Lambda Group was formed in Baton Rouge to undertake the development of a gay and lesbian community center to serve Baton Rouge and the surrounding area. A four-member board was formed, consisting of Lori Jones, Steve Ransome, Dee Dee Daigle and Anita Wessling.

After several meetings, interest in the center has grown, and plans are beginning to crystallize. Over \$3,500 has been pledged, and about \$1,500 received. A goal of \$12,500 is expected to be reached by January, 1994, when the center is slated to open.

Besides functioning as a meeting place for groups and activities, the center will

feature a media collection, films and workshops, a gay-friendly referral service, a coffee shop, regular newsletter and a teen outreach program.

The Founding Donors Drive ends Oct. 31, Halloween night. Founding Donors are asked to contribute \$250 or more and will have their names featured on a commemorative plaque. They will also be honored at

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Supreme Court rejects appeal of CIA employee fired after admitting he is gay

By LAURIE ASSEO
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Oct. 12 (AP)—The Supreme Court today turned away an appeal by a CIA employee who was fired after admitting that for years he hid his homosexuality from the agency.

The court, without comment, rejected his argument that lower court rulings in his case leave the CIA and other executive branch agencies free to discriminate against gay employees.

The man, identified in court records only as John Doe, has been on paid administrative leave for the past eight years.

In other cases today, the justices—rejected an appeal by New Hampshire school instructor Pamela Smart, convicted of coaxing her student lover to kill her husband. She had argued that a

state trial judge failed to adequately protect the jury from the extensive publicity her case generated. —Agreed to consider giving convicted criminals an earlier chance to challenge career-offender sentences based partly on their prior convictions. The high court will hear an appeal by a Maryland convict whose federal prison term was almost doubled under the Armed Career Criminal Act.

In the CIA case, Doe joined the agency as a clerk-typist in 1973 and was promoted to an undercover position in 1980.

His lawyers said Doe engaged in homosexual activity starting in 1976 and voluntarily told a CIA official in Jan. 1982 that he was a homosexual. He was placed on administrative leave the following month, and was fired that May.

Doe challenged his firing, saying he

was denied equal protection and due process. He said his family and friends knew he was gay, and thus he could not be blackmailed about his homosexuality.

A federal judge ordered Doe reinstated in 1985, and he has remained on paid administrative leave since then.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1988 that Doe could not challenge his firing under federal law. But the justices returned his case to the lower courts for review of constitutional claims.

The CIA said it fired Doe because he intentionally hid his homosexual activity for more than five years although he knew it was a security concern. His refusal to name his sex partners might make him susceptible to threats to expose their identities, the CIA contended.

A federal judge ruled that Doe was

fired improperly, but the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit reversed that ruling.

There is no evidence the CIA has a blanket policy against employing homosexuals, the appeals court said, adding that Doe was fired because of the individual circumstances of his case.

In the appeal acted on today, Doe's lawyers said that regardless of whether the CIA bans all gay employees, it still views homosexuals as a greater security risk than heterosexuals. Heterosexual employees are not asked to name their sex partners, his lawyers noted.

Justice Department lawyers said the CIA does not ban all gay employees, and that Doe was fired because of security concerns raised by his specific conduct.

The case is Doe vs. Woolsey, 92-2025.

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Gay-bashing conflicts with Jamaica's popular anything-goes image

By DAVID BEARD
FOR THE NEW VOICE

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Monday, Oct. 11 (AP)—In front of wall murals preaching tolerance and black pride, Percival Cordwell proudly recounts how he helped drive two men from his shantytown because he thought they were gay.

The two were lying side by side on a beach four blocks away, in their swimsuits, when a neighborhood man screamed "Batty boys!"—Jamaican slang for homosexuals. Cordwell joined a stick-waving mob moving in on the two men.

"These guys ran for their lives. Everybody wanted to get a lick," Cordwell, 47, a soccer coach for teen-agers, recalls.

Despite the laid-back, anything-goes image propagated by tourist boards, gays and gay-bashers here agree on perhaps only one point: Jamaica is the most hostile island toward homosexuals in the Caribbean.

Gays do visit Jamaica but generally stick to smaller resorts or guest houses away from main tourism areas. Gay tourists are told not to hold hands in hotel restaurants or outside resorts for fear of attacks.

The anti-gay sentiment has become known worldwide through the increas-

ing popularity of Jamaican "dance-hall," a rap-reggae music hybrid that often has raunchy or violent themes.

In slums like Cordwell's rough Southside neighborhood, the music has long been popular, as has gay-bashing. No homosexuals live here and none ever will, he declares.

Cordwell, his long dreadlocks tucked under a multicolored knit cap, said he maintains the integrity of his soccer teams by never picking a player from outside the neighborhood. You never know, he says.

Beside him, a half-dozen members of a neighborhood gang, the Superstuds, agree, competing to describe the violence they would administer if they found gays or lesbians.

Examples of Jamaica's hostile attitudes toward gays abound:—An attempt to toughen Jamaica's rape law stalled last March because critics contended that allowing prosecution for the rape of one man by another would implicitly give legal acknowledgement to sex between two consenting adult men. An outpouring of angry public complaints forced the government to put aside the proposed amendment.—Victims of gay-bashing seek no justice from policemen, some of whom state publicly that they are likely to do some

bashing themselves.—Reggae rappers often depend on gay-bashing themes to stir up concert-goers, as was done in August's Sunsplash music festival. The theme of Buju Banton's international hit "Boom Boom Bye"—kill homosexuals—has provoked criticism in the United States, but little in Jamaica.—A radio broadcast last June about rumors that homosexuals planned a rally prompted scores of youths armed with axes, knives and chains to converge on Nelson Mandela Park in Kingston, the rumored site. No rally took place.

"They were testing the strength of the Jamaican people," one bare-chested Superstud gang member, 30-year-old Errol Sanders, says of the gay activists behind the reported rally. "We were going to murder them."

The tough talk comes as no surprise to Larry Chang, a restaurant owner and property manager who is one of the few gay Jamaicans who has gone public. He has lost work because of his beliefs, endured insults on the street and says neighbors have shunned him.

Homosexuality provokes "a trigger response" among most Jamaicans, says Chang, who had been secretary of a now-disbanded gay rights group.

The intolerance has something to do with the legacy of slavery and with the

predominance of single-parent families, Chang speculates.

"Most Jamaican men grow up without a father. They never felt affection from another man, any kind of affection, and they don't know how to deal with it," he says.

Psychiatrist Aggrey Irons, who is host of Jamaican radio and television programs on human sexuality, adds that constant anti-gay messages by evangelical Protestant faiths may also play a role. He says Jamaica tolerates homosexuality as long as it is not advertised—a tropical version of President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy for the U.S. military.

Irons says he has treated some men who "are afraid that the stigma may be attached to them, so their defense is to hit out rather than deal with their own insecurity."

Jamaica is probably about as hostile to homosexuals as the United States was 15 or 20 years ago, says Irons and Aston Cooke, a spokesperson for the Jamaica Tourist Board. "But," Cooke adds, "sometimes you ask, would you want to be where the U.S. is now?"

Cooke says gay tourists represent "an untapped market," but he does not expect Jamaica to begin directing marketing efforts toward them.

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AIDS research: money and effort on a vaccine or a better condom?

WASHINGTON, Friday, Oct. 8 (AP)—The money and effort spent to develop a vaccine for AIDS could be put to better use by inventing condoms that are more sensitive, comfortable and pleasant to use, two psychologists contend.

"The current program puts billions of dollars into developing a preventive vaccine, while a device exists for HIV which is 98 percent effective, said Paul Abramson, a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles.

"We have to consider cost effectiveness," Abramson said.

AIDS, a contagious disease that attacks the body's immune system, is believed caused by an unusual virus called HIV, which is spread most commonly through contact with blood or with semen from infected persons.

Abramson and graduate student Steven Pinkerton argue in an article that

significant obstacles will remain even after an AIDS vaccine is developed.

Their article was published in *Evaluation Review*, a journal for researchers, planners and policy makers. Abramson and Pinkerton also make their case in a letter in the current issue of *Science*.

"We reject the notion that vaccination is the simplest, safest and most effective form of AIDS prevention," Pinkerton said.

"Additional funding for basic research, education and treatment, and the development of stronger, more comfortable and more pleasurable condoms, would be safer and more cost-effective."

If condoms were 90 percent effective in preventing HIV transmission, the psychologists contend, 90 percent of the population would have to be successfully vaccinated to gain the same benefit as it would from the conscientious use

of condoms.

They argue that an AIDS vaccine would provide a false sense of security because many people would believe, incorrectly, that they could not contract the disease. Abramson said influenza vaccines are less than 80 percent effective.

It also would require booster shots, which many people would not receive, and scientists might not be able to create a single vaccine to be effective against all the existing strains and new ones that might develop.

"Will people who are not vaccinated lie to attract sexual partners?" they ask. "Will insurance be restricted to the vaccinated? Will immigration?"

Asked for comment on the article, Dr. Jeffrey Laurence of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, said no AIDS researcher will claim that a vac-

cine can be made 100 percent effective.

"We can either give up completely or say we don't have the best vaccine we can, but there is some efficacy," he said.

"People are absolutely correct that we should not be spending money or testing vaccines that people believe will be minimally effective when we could better spend that money on basic biomedical research."

And Dr. David Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York said that developing a vaccine is one of the best ways to fight the epidemic.

Said Abramson: "We are not arguing that vaccines are not helpful. In some cases they are extraordinarily helpful. Our feeling is that money should better be spent in treatment. There is no curative treatment at this point, only enormous suffering."

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Major insurer drops \$5,000 limit for AIDS coverage; precedent seen

LOS ANGELES, Monday, Oct. 11 (AP)—A major insurer has agreed to settle a lawsuit by dropping its \$5,000 limit on AIDS-related benefits, setting what attorneys said could be a precedent against discrimination.

Allied Services Division Welfare Fund, which provides health coverage for more than 20 companies nationwide, said it was removing the cap to settle a suit recently filed on behalf of two California men.

"This is an important test case," said

Amelia Craig, attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which represented one of the men. "It sends a message to all employers ... that they cannot structure employee benefits to discriminate against people with disabilities."

The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said the cap on AIDS benefits violated the Americans with Disabilities Act, which bars job discrimination against disabled individuals.

Passed in 1990, the disabilities act is only beginning to be tested in court. If upheld, the commission's interpretation would counter court rulings that self-insured companies can drastically cut payments for major illnesses.

The suit said the men, covered by the Allied plan, had their benefits slashed to \$5,000, compared to the \$300,000 limit applied to other catastrophic illnesses.

Robert Swetnick, Allied's attorney, said the fund continues to believe such

caps are legal but agreed to drop the AIDS limit to avoid a long legal battle.

Trustees were waiting to see how the courts to determine the scope of the disabilities act and to see what happens with the adoption of a national health care plan, he said.

Commission attorney Peter Laura said the settlement was a signal to companies that limit benefits for AIDS or other costly illnesses.

"They are going to have to rethink what they've done," he said.

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

A conversation with Gail Thornton-Collins from New Orleans' STD clinic

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans

Gail Thornton-Collins has a pretty face, a warm personality, and the kind of optimism that makes you both grateful and a little surprised to learn of her chosen work. She is Director of New Orleans' Delgado Clinic, the agency charged with battling the pandemic growth of sexually transmitted diseases in the Crescent City.

She sits sipping a diet Coke, calmly talking about gutted budgets, drug resistant diseases, and hope. "We give free tests and treatment for HIV, VD, and TB, in our present location at 320 S. Claiborn," she says, "and soon we will move to new facilities at 517 N. Rampart."

That new facility is the stylishly curved building nearing completion along the connecting-jog between Basin and Rampart Streets. It is next to the Police Department's First District offices, and on the site of the city's original TB Clinic.

LEJ: "How were you able to gain money for a new building in this age of American nouveau-poverty?"

GTC: "This is a project that has been on the table for the last fifteen years, that I can remember. I've been with the department for the past twelve years. In 1985, the voters decided to pass a millage, out of that tax we built the new building."

"Certainly, at this time, we are trying to increase clinics in the tuberculosis program, because of all the pulmonary problems related to HIV and AIDS, and other social, economic problems that have reduced our communal health."

LEJ: "But your staff is being cut, as we speak."

GTC: "The (support) staff has totally been cut from the medical services of that program, however we've met with the Mayor and members of City Council and we have hopes."

LEJ: "You have a lovely new building. With the cuts, I guess you will be the whole staff there, will you have to dust it yourself?"

GTC: "Right now the maintenance personnel has all been laid off, so I guess I will."

"Keep in mind, all the medical, technical staff has stayed on. Basically we lost our intake staff, support staff, and clerical workers."

LEJ: "I was really frightened when I heard about the cuts, particularly in TB."

No longer a follower of Catholic teachings, I can keep myself safe from sexually transmitted diseases, but nothing protects anyone from the new super TB."

GTC: "Nothing but eradicating it." (At press time, the fabled casino plopped down a \$650,000 prepayment to the city to help reverse announced layoffs.)

GTC: "We only do out patient care. Our services include testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases (STD); counseling and testing for HIV; and our early intervention program for

HIV patients, those are people who have tested HIV positive through the STD program."

"Once they are positive we follow those people and do T-cell counts, physical exams, nutrition education, support groups. Then, once a person's T-cell count drops below two hundred and/or they become ill, we transfer them to (Charity's) C-100 Unit."

LEJ: "Isn't this work duplicated by the NO/AIDS Task Force?"

GTC: "I'm not sure."

LEJ: "It sounds like the client-service that NO/AIDS Task Force provides. Neither of you administer C-100, do you?"

GTC: "No, it's under the hospital's jurisdiction."

"Studies done by the Center for Disease Control indicate that the gay population has educated itself well, and (risky) sexual behaviors have changed, at least among older gay men. This is greatly different from the norm of the young (at risk) population, those who are crack cocaine users, dealers, prostitutes, and others with multiple sex partners."

"There are street people, with an addiction that keeps them running. They are always on the go. Their craving for the drug is strong and always

present. It is not like a heroin high, where they get high and stay high all day and remain functional. With the crack addict, they are running behind crack all day. Prostitution is commonly linked to their habit."

LEJ: "Are you able to do sex education, I mean safe sex education?"

GTC: "We do safe sex education with persons who come into our program, basically because we have a class everyone goes through before they come through the clinic. We teach proper condom use—demonstration, ways to do safe sex."

LEJ: "I'm gay, and I went to sea for thirteen years. I always practiced safe sex, with lots of different partners. I have never had any sexually transmitted diseases. In my heart, I am convinced safe sex is what saved me."

"This push by misguided religious people to negate the usefulness of safe sex education—even to the degree of changing the term to 'safer-sex,' with the obvious implication that 'safer-sex' is risky and will likely, eventually fail—is self defeating, in my opinion, if not flat out evil."

GTC: "Some of what we say to people is that you can choose to be abstinent, but if you choose not to be, these are the things you can do to protect yourself. Of course, there are no guarantees about this, or anything else in life."

LEJ: "If we did convince people to stop having non-church-approved sex we would have something far worse than the AIDS pandemic on our hands."

GTC: "Everyone is given the right to choose their own path."



Gail Thornton-Collins

▼▼▼ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Volunteers sought for research studies on gay, lesbian, and bi issues

From Dr. Stuart Schwartz,

University of Florida, Gainesville

Researchers at the University of Florida are seeking volunteers to assist with two studies regarding persons with disabilities, special education, and gay, lesbian, bisexual issues. Persons who are disabled and gay, lesbian, or bisexual and special education teachers or teachers-in-training who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual are needed by the researchers, Dr. Stuart Schwartz, Professor of Special Education, and Mr. Ross Pappish, Student Development Specialist. The

volunteers will be asked to complete a questionnaire regarding their educational experiences so that the researchers can identify critical factors in special education and in special teacher training.

It is expected that the information obtained through these studies will be valuable for special education professionals by providing them with important information about the education needs of disabled persons who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual. Further, these studies should enable special education pro-

fessors to recognize modifications needed in teacher training programs. Results of these studies will be submitted to professional journals and will be reported at professional conferences.

The names of the volunteers who complete the questionnaires will not be divulged. Most results of the studies will be reported as group data; information which could identify individuals will not be reported. There will be no compensation for volunteers.

Those individuals who are willing to participate should send their name and

complete address to Dr. Stuart Schwartz, Department of Special Education, G 315 Norman Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611. They should indicate if they have a disability or if they are a special education professional. A questionnaire and a stamped return envelope will be mailed to volunteers.

For information regarding organizations for gay, lesbian, or bisexual persons who are disabled and current research being conducted in this area would also be appreciated by the researchers.



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▼▼▼ FILMCLIPS

'For a Lost Soldier' is a good film but holds disquieting subject matter

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice/Houston

War makes strange bedfellows (of course, so does Montrose). Strange, however is a ridiculously inappropriate adjective for describing the discomfiting relationship that unfolds in "For a Lost Soldier." For this film tells a tale that revolves around one of the strongest taboos in modern society, pederasty, and it attempts to portray it as genuine love, albeit in the wrong place at the wrong time.

But pederasty conjures up such ugly images (no offense Alan), that it's difficult to evince thoughts beyond those deplorable incidents that occur with far too much frequency. "For a Lost Soldier" is not, however some disgusting attempt to justify or romanticize child rape or child prostitution; it is instead a touching and lovely story of transient love which evolves through the circumstances of war and the awakening of sexual identity. And writer/director Roeland Kerbosch and producer Matthijs van Heijningen deserve high praise just for having the courage to bring the story to the screen.

The film is based on the autobiographical novel of the same name by Dutch writer Rudi van Dantzig. Choreographer Jeroen Boman (Jeroen Krabbe) is suffering from an artistic block. His current work is inspired by the events that happened to him as a boy during the war, but the distance of years and the conscientious effort to bury the emotions associated with those events have made them remote and inaccessible.

The death of his wartime foster-father, though, confronts him with his past, and his memories come hurtling back into vivid recall. When young Jeroen (Maarten Smit) was only 12, he was one of the lucky few chosen to leave Amsterdam during the so-called "Hunger Winter" of 1944-1945. He was sent to the southeastern part of the country, where there was enough food to eat.

There he was taken in by a fisherman and his wife, who had three children of their own of various ages. In the countryside, the war seemed faraway: there were not many Germans around and the Allied planes seldom disrupted the bucolic tranquility.

Jeroen is accepted by his foster-parents as if he were one of their own children, yet he persists in self-imposed isolation. He prefers to suffer, desire and cry in solitude rather than accept the love that is given to him. Bit by bit, of course, his antagonistic self-defense starts to wear thin.



For a Lost Soldier

He begins to recognize his inherent homosexuality through interactions with a friend from Amsterdam and his foster-brother, with whom he shares a bed. It seems inevitable that his first sexual experience should take place as part of some pubescent experimentation. And then the soldiers arrive (ahhhhh).

A small contingent of Canadian forces arrives in the village, and the soldiers make a big impression on everyone: the uniforms, the weapons, the language of freedom. Among them is one who particularly attracts Jeroen's attention—Walt (Andrew Kelley).

To celebrate the Liberation and the arrival of the Canadians, an entertainment revue is organized with the soldiers' participation. Walt performs a light-hearted song and dance, drag number with three friends, and this fascinates Jeroen (now there's a surprise). Later that night, in the empty hall, Walt teaches Jeroen how to dance the jitterbug.

And thus their relationship begins. Though they speak different languages, they share a more potent means of communication, for loneliness speaks volumes. The beauty here is the patience shown by Walt. He intuitively recognizes Jeroen, but he imparts very little pressure; he wants the boy to be sure of what he is doing. But that is also the film's drawback, especially in light of the subject matter.

When it comes to questions of sex, does a 12-year old ever really know what he is doing? Most would argue (and I agree) that the answer is no. The tint with which this film was made could not possibly have been any rosier, but that doesn't change the fact that this is a man having sex with a boy, and whatever the circumstances, even the vagaries of war, that act is wrong.

Walt is tender and loving, but he is also fully aware that for him, this affair is transitory. When the Canadian presence in the village ends, so does the relationship. Jeroen, being innocent and naive, does not know these things, and for him it will mark his first heartbreak.

Director Kerbosch uses some haun-

tingly beautiful imagery in the film, particularly the dance sequence between Walt and Jeroen, and later a scene on a ship wherein the older Jeroen confronts his past directly. The seaside marshes of the Dutch countryside are a stunning venue. The acting is completely honest particularly from Maarten Smit as the young Jeroen.

"For a Lost Soldier" is emotionally powerful and evocative. But even as you enjoy the film, and you will very much enjoy this film, remember that pederasty, even in the most trying of situations, is ethically criminal.

"A Bronx Tale"

Robert de Niro no longer has to prove himself as an actor. He could falter in every performance he ever did again, and he would still be remembered as one of the best actors of the 70s and 80s. He might now also be remembered as one of the best directors of the 90s.

"A Bronx Tale" is a highly charged, fictionalized story based on a true incident experienced by screenwriter Chazz Palminteri. He, like the young Calogero (Francis Capra) in the film, sees one man shoot another man in a dispute over a parking space, or so it seemed. It was in reality a vindictive murder.

Calogero is pegged as having been a witness to the murder, but when asked to identify the man who fired the pistol, he says he can't. He saw everything, but the man who did the killing is not in the police line-up. Calogero is lying, but because he protected Sonny (Palminteri), the neighborhood crime kingpin from the police, he has secured his future.

Although his father, Lorenzo (De Niro), orders him to stay away from Sonny, Calogero begins spending a good deal of time with Sonny and his cronies. He enjoys the new found respect he is given in the neighborhood because of his association with Sonny.

Calogero finds himself increasingly torn between his street-wise and honest, working class father and the charismatic crime boss. Lorenzo desperately fears for his son's life as the boy is drawn into Sonny's dangerous, yet seductive



Dazed and Confused

world of power, glamour and easy money.

By the time he is a high school student, Calogero (Lillo Brancato) willingly adopts Sonny's lifestyle. Interestingly enough, Sonny provides sound, fatherly advice. He tells Calogero to steer clear of childhood friends who have grown into teenage hoodlums, and he encourages Calogero to finish school and go on to college. Sonny wants Calogero to have a life away from crime.

Though De Niro's directing and acting are both superlative, the story runs adrift with a tangential tale of racial tension and violence. "A Bronx Tale" is good, but it's De Niro that makes it so.

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"Dazed And Confused"

If you went to high school in the 70s as I did, you'll relate to this movie in a big way. Unfortunately, the film falls well short of its promotional billing—an account of that unaccountable decade.

Writer director Richard Linklater was attempting to showcase the split personality of the 70s. The first half reflected the waning idealism of the 60s and the second half hinted at the hyper-materialism of the 80s. With the economy still reeling from the oil embargo and with Watergate still fresh in everyone's mind, the summer of 1976 showed itself to be aimlessly adrift.

Fortunately at the time there were diversions aplenty. Sex was still safe, drugs weren't really dangerous yet and drinking hadn't gotten MADD. With that as a background what kind of story could be drawn. Well, there really isn't one in this case. The film is more of an ensemble collection of characters and their behaviors than a traditional narrative.

There's Pink, the quarterback, who is chafing at the new drug enforcement policy in the school; Mitch, an incoming freshman who suffers under senior hazing; Sabrina, a female counterpart to Mitch; Slater, the school's in-house stoner; Mike, the philosophizing nerd; Wooderson, the aging high school wannabe; and Cynthia, a book smart co-ed.

Although there are moments of outright hilarity, by and large the film trudges along with little of interest, except a killer soundtrack. Indeed, the background music is easily the best part of this show. A word of advice: if you do get high, by all means, do so before watching this movie.

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Actor Kenneth Nelson dead of complications of AIDS at 63

LONDON, Friday, Oct. 8 (AP)—Kenneth Nelson, an American actor who came to London with the hit play "The Boys in the Band" and settled in Britain, has died of AIDS, his agent said.

Nelson, 63, died Thursday.

Born in Rocky Mount, N.C., Nelson was educated in Texas. He made his Broadway debut in 1951 in "Seventeen." Nine years later, he opened as "The Boy in the original off-Broadway cast of "The Fantasticks," which became the world's longest-running

musical.

He was Anthony Newley's standby in the musical "Stop the World, I Want To Get Off," subsequently playing the role of Littlechap on Broadway and on tour.

In 1968, he had his greatest success as Michael, the party host, in Mart Crowley's ground-breaking play about homosexual relationships, "The Boys in the Band." He recreated the part the next year on London's West End, and played Michael once again in William Friedkin's 1970 movie of

the play.

Moving to England in 1971, he returned to the West End in "Showboat" and "Colette," both opposite Cleo Laine, "Annie," and "42nd Street," which he was in for four years.

He appeared in regional British productions of such American plays and musicals as "A Little Night Music," "Barefoot In the Park," "Lunch Hour," and "California Suite."

His last Broadway appearance was in

the 1970 musical "Lovely Ladies, Kind Gentlemen," based on "Teahouse of the August Moon."

In addition to "Boys In the Band," film and TV credits include "Lace," "Lost Empires," "Hold the Dream," "The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald," and "Hellraiser."

He is survived by a sister, Naomi Burns. The funeral will be Wednesday at Putney Vale Crematorium in southwest London, said Lindsay Granger of the Barry Burnett Organization, his agency.

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County board reverses ban on gay paper in Virginia libraries

FAIRFAX, Va., Tuesday, Oct. 12 (AP)—The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors reversed itself and agreed to allow public libraries in the Washington suburb to continue carrying a weekly gay newspaper.

The supervisors voted unanimously Monday to allow the county's 22 public libraries to make The Washington Blade available. But they said a library panel

must meet with the county's attorney to develop ways to keep the newspaper and similar publications inaccessible to children.

"The board wants to keep these out of the hands of children," said Board of Supervisors Chairperson Thomas Davis III. "They can be available the public but they're not going to be available to children. And we're looking at legal ways to do

that."

"Public libraries are public forums," said Phylis Salak, who heads the county's library board. The panel in May ignored the supervisors' suggestion to limit access to the Blade and similar publications by keeping them at library information and checkout stations and making them available upon readers' requests.

During a Sept. 27 meeting the board of supervisors voted to abolish the library panel over the controversy, but the supervisors found they lacked the authority to do that and Monday's resolution effectively repeated their earlier proposal.

Homosexual activists and anti-Blade protesters demonstrated Monday outside the county headquarters as the supervisors met.

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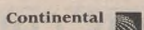
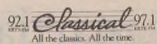
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

San Francisco Mime Troupe does world trade for the stage, with lesbian love scene

By DAVID BRISCOE
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Monday, Oct. 11 (AP)—To tell the story of world trade on the lawn across from the White House took a veteran actor flown in from San Francisco, a lesbian love scene and a quart of oil.

The San Francisco Mime Troupe, which did song and dance but no mime, even provided its own on-stage critique from an actor playing one of the hundreds of homeless people who regularly ply Washington streets.

He didn't like the highly political and slightly sexy play.

"People pay to see this mess ... women

kissing on the stage?" shouted actor Douglas Fields as he pushed his junk-laden grocery cart up a ramp at the end of the first act of "Offshore" by Joan Holden and several other writers.

The few hundred people sitting on the grass of the Ellipse on a Columbus Day afternoon didn't pay, and it wasn't a mess—except for the generator which required help from a woman in the audience who had an extra can of oil in her car.

President Clinton's Oval Office was just out of range, even when the sound kicked in, but the play had a message—actually several messages: on the competition between U.S. and Japanese businesses and clashes between Caucasian

and Asian cultures.

The show combined the styles of ancient Japanese Kabuki, Chinese Opera and American theater, complete with a three-member musical ensemble.

Arthur Holden, whose performances with the group date back to 1962, was brought in from San Francisco after leading actor Kelvin Han Yee's back went out, stranding him in Swathmore, Pa., where the company had performed on Saturday.

"We think the subject matter was important enough that we had to do it here," he said after the performance.

The twisted plot was about as simple as U.S.-Japanese relations.

Holden played a former farmer security guard at an American-owned company that resisted takeover by a Chinese-American dealmaker by moving to Mexico.

"I love America," says the dealmaker, who is accused of lacking patriotism. "It just costs too much to make things here."

The guard's blonde daughter is a bar hostess in Tokyo where she is having in a love affair with the daughter of a Japanese business tycoon involved in the controversy over U.S. efforts to export rice to Japan.

The two women's stylized embrace and kiss, on stage between the Washington Monument and the White House, was the play's emotional high point.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Pittsburgh gay-lesbian film festival, funded at last, draws hundreds

By CLAUDIA COATES
FOR THE NEW VOICE

PITTSBURGH, Saturday, Oct. 9 (AP)—A gay and lesbian film festival, one of three the National Endowment for the Arts initially refused a grant, sold out two shows and turned away 200 people its first night.

"Of course, turning away 200 people is not something you want to do, but it adds to the 'event' atmosphere of the festival," Rich Cummings, the festival's executive director, said Saturday.

About 400 people were seated for the festival, which runs through Oct. 17.

The NEA in August reversed a decision made last year by Anne-Imelda Radice, acting chairperson at the time,

and helped finance the Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival as well as two similar festivals in Los Angeles and New York.

The 8-year-old festival in Pittsburgh received two NEA grants this fall—the \$4,000 grant the NEA denied about a year ago and the \$3,000 grant the festival requested this year, Cummings said.

"People can come and see films that portray our lives and our culture on screen," he said. "It's important for self-esteem."

The festival also is a forum for works that aren't commercial enough to play in mainstream theaters, Cummings said.

Last month, the Christian Action Network, which is campaigning to abolish the NEA, sent to President Clinton and members of Congress excerpts from films shown at Pittsburgh's 1991 festival. It said the films were pornographic. However, no pickets showed at the festival opening, Cummings said.

Radice denied a \$17,500 grant to the National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture, which planned to divide the money among the three festivals.

The alliance, an umbrella organization based in Oakland, Calif., threatened to sue the NEA, saying Radice based her decision not on artistic merit but on politics.

It pointed out that many films shown at the festivals had been shown already at non-gay film festivals.

Ana Steele, NEA acting senior deputy chairperson, later determined Radice wrongfully rejected the grants.

Films scheduled for Sunday were "Sex Is" which intersperses film of men discussing sex with clips from explicit movies, and "Last Call at Maud's," about the closing four years ago of a lesbian bar in San Francisco.

The festival's annual budget of at least \$27,000 goes to rent films and a theater, print a program and advertise in selected bars and in "Pittsburgh's Out," a monthly newspaper for homosexuals, Cummings said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

California Judges Association debates belonging to groups that exclude gays

SAN DIEGO, Tuesday, Oct. 12 (AP)—Members of the California Judges Association are set to decide with a mail-in vote whether they should be barred from belonging to groups that exclude gays.

Judges from around the state who gathered at the group's annual meeting here debated the issue Monday but did not come to a resolution. The group's 2,532 members instead will vote on it by mail next month, with ballot results to be tallied by the end of the year.

The vote could change the California Code of Judicial Conduct, the judge's ethics bible, to prohibit membership in clubs that discriminate based on sexual orientation.

That section of the code, adopted seven years ago, already bars judges from membership in organizations that practice "invidious discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin."

The code provides guidelines for judicial

conduct that are enforced by the state Commission on Judicial Performance. Violations can result in discipline ranging from private reprimands to removal from the bench.

Judge John Farrell of Los Angeles County Superior Court insisted that the new rule would violate constitutional rights to free association, speech and privacy.

On the other side, Judge David Rothman of Los Angeles Superior Court sup-

ported the change, saying he wants the code to be clear about what is meant by discrimination.

He was joined by Judge Stephen Lachs, a gay jurist on the Los Angeles Superior Court, who said the ethics change does not condone homosexuality but instead promotes perceptions of fairness.

"We can't search what's in your heart," he told nearly 200 judges at the U.S. Grant Hotel, "but we can sure look at what (groups) you belong to."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Air Force captain takes stand in his sodomy court martial

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C., Saturday, Oct. 9 (AP)—When Capt. Luther Turner took the stand on his own behalf, he portrayed the man who has accused him of sodomy as a deranged stalker bent on destroying his life.

Turner testified Friday that he had a friendship with his accuser, Richard Bullock, but tried to end it after it became apparent that Bullock was "a sick person."

"Are you a homosexual?" asked Turner's attorney, Mark Waple.

"No," Turner replied.

"Have you ever committed sodomy with Richard Bullock?" Waple continued.

"Absolutely not," Turner said.

Turner's testimony came on the 10th day of court-martial proceedings against him. He is charged with sodomy, entering an off-limits establishment and attempting to obstruct the Air Force investigation into his case.

Military prosecutors say the trial is about honor, conduct and respect for military law—not about homosexuality.

Defense attorneys say Turner is the victim of overzealous investigators who accepted Bullock's claims without bothering to assess his credibility, the News & Observer of Raleigh reported.

In April, Turner's former roommate and fellow unit member, Capt. Troy Carlyle, was convicted of sodomy after Bullock made similar charges against him.

No witnesses have corroborated Bullock's allegations, but several have contradicted his testimony. A dozen witnesses, including a former girlfriend, have testified on Turner's behalf.

Bullock has testified that he had an eight-month romance with Turner that began in the fall of 1991. He said he reported Turner to authorities after finding him in bed with another man on the night of June 1, 1992.

But Turner testified Friday that Bullock had peeked through his window that evening and found him in bed with a woman. Later that night, just hours before Bullock reported Turner to Air Force investigators, someone vandalized Turner's prized Triumph TR-6 sports car, Turner testified.

Turner said he first met Bullock at a film club that met each week at Carlyle's house and the three of them gradually became friends. When they first met, Turner said, Bullock told him he was married and gave no hints that he was gay.

By the spring of 1992, Turner said, Bullock had become obsessed with him and began acting strangely. When he tried to distance himself from Bullock, Turner said, Bullock became even more irrational.

"Richard Bullock is a sick person," Turner testified. "He was out to destroy me, my life, Captain Carlyle, my property and my Air Force career."

Under questioning from Maj. Steve Irwin, the lead prosecutor in the case, Turner acknowledged that he took a weekend trip with Bullock to Columbia, S.C., where he had entered his Triumph in a car show.

And he acknowledged spending a weekend at a Charlotte hotel with Bullock and Carlyle in Oct. 1991, when he had entered his car in another competition.

Bullock testified that he and Turner shared the same bed that weekend and had oral sex one morning when Carlyle was in the shower. But Turner said Friday that they slept in separate beds and had no sexual contact.

Turner acknowledged going to Oz, a Fayetteville bar popular among gays, but he said he had no idea it was off-limits when he went there. The off-limits list posted at his unit headquarters, an elite transportation unit known as Credible Cat, did not list Oz, Turner said.

Turner also said he went to the Power Company, a Durham bar popular among gays, with Bullock and Carlyle on New Year's Eve in 1991. But Turner said he never danced with Bullock.

"You were kissing Richard Bullock when the clock struck midnight, weren't you?" Irwin asked.

"No, sir," Turner replied. "I wouldn't kiss Richard Bullock."

Turner is expected to take the stand again when testimony resumes Tuesday, the Observer Times of Fayetteville said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Little Rock homosexuals rally for 'National Coming Out Day'

LITTLE ROCK, Sunday, Oct. 10 (AP)—Gays and lesbians say "coming out of the closet" helps both homosexuals and heterosexuals.

Today is "National Coming Out Day," and about 40 people rallied this weekend at the Old State House to give testimonials and publicize the event.

Ted Holder, chairperson of the state Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said participants were "celebrating this day of coming out

so that people can tell someone about themselves without feeling ashamed of who they are."

The group maintains that disclosing one's homosexuality helps reduce homophobia and prejudice against homosexuals and creates better relationships among people.

"Build upon the foundation of honesty," said Shana Saunders, the task force vice chairperson. "I'm not angry or hostile

about who I am. It's okay to say I'm queer and to be on the steps of the Old State House saying that."

James Thweatt of Little Rock used his testimonial to proclaim his discontent with what he called America's "religious right" and with opponents of abortion.

"The religious right hates us for loving members of the same sex. Yet they deny children a good and loving home simply because it's a same-sex household," he

said.

Thweatt noted the case of a lesbian from Bentonville, who last week lost custody of her two children in Benton County Chancery Court "simply because of her sexual orientation."

He added, "The religious right and a government run by middle-aged white men has no business in my bedroom or in your uterus. I'm here, and I'm queer and I'm pro-choice; and the religious right had better get used to it."



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▼▼▼ **DATELINE: GAY AMERICA**

Organizers say about 500 attend Omaha gay, lesbian Coming Out Day

OMAHA, Neb., Monday, Oct. 11 (AP)—Organizers of an Omaha event marking a national celebration for gays and lesbians said about 500 people showed up for the Nebraska observance. National Coming Out Day was celebrated in most U.S. cities today.

The Nebraska event was held Sunday in the University of Nebraska at Omaha's

Milo Bail Student Center.

The program was sponsored by the UNO Gay and Lesbian Students Organization and a group called Citizens for Equal Protection.

The theme of the national event was "coming out to educate and legislate."

Among the speakers at UNO was state

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, a co-sponsor of Legislative Bill 395, which would prohibit employment discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

Sandy Kershaw of Omaha, a member of Citizens for Equal Protection who said her son is gay, noted that the event provided a way for parents to step forward and held eliminate negative stereotypes.

Wally Martin, owner of Arbor Moon, an alternative lifestyles bookstore in Lincoln, was among a few dozen organizations that set up booths.

"We want to build a culture that affirms people," Ms. Martin said. "We want affirmed diversity. We want to be who we are."

HOUSTON SOAP

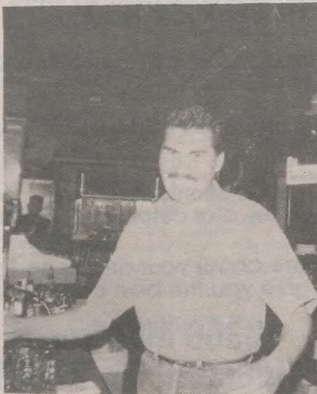
Houston social calendars jammed this weekend according to guest soapers

By RON SHAWN & DON DOWDEN
The New Voice/Houston

Due to the dirt "Fang" Tad has dished for the past three years and some odd years, some of you will be elated to know you won't have to read his "mess" this week or next. He says he's out runnin' the road with Trucker, but as you know, you can't believe everything you read, so even we have our doubts. Illusions of grandeur, my dear!

From Mary's, once again it's Art Festival time and the Roof Top Revue. Lee Chardon and special guests will entertain the crowds starting at 1:00 Saturday and Sunday afternoon on the patio and move to the roof of Mary's from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Also you might want to check out the new Mary's T-shirts. They are only \$12 and as usual they're really hot! And while she's in town for the Gray Party, guess who's going to guest bartend Monday morning? Yes, she's back to terrorize Houston; direct from the Venture-N in Tucson its Candice and her new animal act "Schnauser and Thangs" naturally...

One more weekend of parties and a good example is the Venture-N. Start with Leather & Lace color hanging Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. for a perfect warm-up and proceeding from there via the shuttle bus to the Wigs on Fire party. After the Wigs on Fire party its back to the Venture-N to have a few to cool down after a hot night in Montrose. Don't forget, \$1.00 power hours, well, beer and wine every day from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Devin—service with a smile?

Have you ever thought of being the only bottom in the middle of a dance floor surrounded by hundreds even thousands of gorgeous body beautiful tops? Well, question their top or bottom status if you must but the closest thing you ever get to that thought is the 11th Annual Gray Party. Yes, its time again and it is this Sunday night at that nice accommodating little straight place at the Windsor Plaza. To start with this weekend the Wolf Pack hosts the "Gray Party Kickoff." Friday, Oct. 15, at 7:00 p.m. at Pacific Street. A howling good time (providing you're not wearing cologne) will be had by all.

Remember, the actual Gray Party is Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. benefiting Stone Soup Pantry and the Assistance Fund. After sending out over 3,000 invitations they are restricted to "invitation only."

Ed at E.J.'s has a Super Saturday show this weekend starring Brittany Paige Paivi and Lee Chardon. Special guest is Iris Russell, Miss Gay Hispanic Houston. The show is at 11:00 p.m. so don't miss it! Ed is also excited about the Lust in Las Vegas Four Casino Night and Show presented by Lady Victoria Lust and the Texas Renegade Club coming next weekend, Saturday, Oct. 23. Ed promises a night of all nights.

If you read this article in time and make tracks you can catch this the rage act "Fem 2 Fem" appearing this Thursday, Oct. 14 at Club Hedonism, 2401 San Jacinto. Don't miss them singing

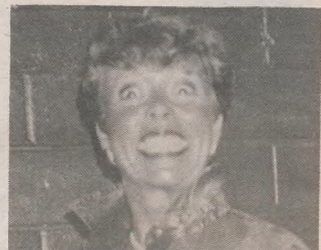
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Rich's at 2401 San Jacinto will be holding their Classic Tea Dance each Sunday in October featuring classic dance music and videos...plus the newest in high energy.

Just to remind you, the Texas Leather & Lace anniversary this weekend, Oct. 16th starts at Mary's at 11:00 a.m. "Home away from home" color hanging will start at 1:30 p.m. at Mary's. Then at 3:00 p.m. the party shifts to the Brazos River Bottom. At 7:30 p.m. is the official Leather & Lace Color hanging.

The Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos will host The First Annual Vickie and Dickie Awards Presentation that is a food drive for Stone Soup Pantry, Sunday, Oct. 17, 1993 at 4:00 p.m. This is an Awards Ceremony honoring various community clubs, bars and individuals. It is a kickoff function for the Colt 45's Annual Fall Harvest Show. The B.R.B.'s part in this event is to promote the collection of much need items for the shelves of Stone Soup Panty so that



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Well, this is a close for this week's soap. Stay tuned for next week as Ron Shawn and Don Dowden try to come up with another soap edition.

HOUSTON QUICK NOTE

AIDS Mastery workshops offer innovative approaches to coping with HIV

Northern Lights Alternatives (a national non-profit organization providing support programs for individuals affected by and infected with HIV/AIDS) celebrates a new home with an open house on Monday, Oct. 18th from 3:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. The Center of Light is located at 3408 W. Lamar in Houston and can be reached by calling (713) 520-6996.

Northern Lights Alternatives has been producing the AIDS Mastery

Workshop for person affected by and infected with HIV/AIDS for over 5 years in the Houston area. The AIDS Mastery Workshop is presented in over 37 different US and foreign cities.

The Houston area group has moved from space to space, even producing the workshops in private homes just to keep the work of the Mastery program alive.

Through the efforts of several Mastery graduates and members of the

HIV/AIDS community, Northern Lights Alternatives has acquired the use of their own space which has come to be known as the Center of Light.

The Center of Light will help ensure that this work can continue to reach out to the HIV/AIDS community for another four years.

In addition to the AIDS Mastery Workshop, the Center of Light is a wellness center where workshops, classes, exercise groups, support groups and

many other activities that contribute to individual wellness. Graduates of the AIDS Mastery program invite all individuals affected by and infected with HIV/AIDS to join them for an afternoon of refreshments and information about the AIDS Mastery Workshop and other programs. For more information about the AIDS Mastery Workshop, other programs and the Center of Light, contact Michael Coll, (713) 520-6996 or (713) 523-8711.

DATeline: GAY AMERICA

Federal appeals court denies stay on gay discrimination order

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Oct. 9 (AP)—A federal appeals court refused to overrule a judge's order to allow gays in the military, rejecting a request for an emergency stay by the Clinton administration.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday denied the Defense Department's request to either suspend or overrule the Sept. 30 decision by U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter Jr. of Los Angeles. Hatter ruled that the military's ban on gays is unconstitutional.

Department General Counsel Jamie Gorelick had said the Pentagon would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if it encountered any significant delay in the appeals court.

"We can't stay in this limbo," Gorelick

said.

In the meantime, the Defense Department suspended its ban on gays serving in the military while it pursues the case.

The case involves a gay sailor, Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, who filed a lawsuit challenging the military's ban.

Meinhold, a sonar instructor at Moffett Field Naval Air Station near San Francisco, was discharged in August 1992, after disclosing on national television that he was gay. He was ordered reinstated by Hatter.

"I've always expected the case to be resolved in my favor. This has amplified that," Meinhold said Friday.

The appeals court's ruling Friday did not comment on the merits of the case. But John McGuire, Meinhold's lawyer,

said the order "demonstrates a certain degree of confidence by the appeals court in Judge Hatter's finding."

The same three-judge panel was scheduled to hear the Clinton administration's appeal of Hatter's ruling in December.

In asking the court to suspend Hatter's ruling, Justice Department lawyers argued the order would "seriously interfere with management of day-to-day military affairs."

The Pentagon delayed implementation of President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on Oct. 1 while it awaited congressional action on the issue and dealt with the court challenges.

According to a memorandum by

Assistant Defense Secretary Edwin Dorn, "no administrative action will be taken based solely on a servicemember's homosexual orientation or statements of homosexuality."

By taking that position, the department is merely acknowledging its obligation to follow Hatter's nationwide injunction, McGwire said.

Clinton's policy ends the practice of questioning recruits or service members about their sexual orientation, but says the military will discharge members "who engage in homosexual conduct, which is defined as a homosexual act, a statement that the member is homosexual or bisexual, or a marriage or attempted marriage to someone of the same gender."

DATeline: GAY AMERICA

Long Beach city councilman censured for remarks on homosexuals

LONG BEACH, Calif., Wednesday, Oct. 6 (AP)—A city councilman who said he wasn't worried about homosexuals gaining political power since so many were dying of AIDS was censured for his remarks.

The City Council on Tuesday unanimously voted to censure Douglas S. Drummond, 56, for "highly inflammatory and prejudicial" comments he made at a public forum in the Los Angeles suburb.

The vote of disapproval doesn't carry any penalties.

Drummond reversed his earlier defense

of the remarks and voted for his own censure. He called his comments "insensitive and intemperate" but rejected calls for him to resign.

"I've been termed bigoted and prejudiced. I'm not by any means," said Drummond. "I stand responsible for what I did, and I believe, as a result, that I should be censured."

Drummond spoke to the local chapter of the conservative Eagle Forum of California on Sept. 21. In his talk on family values, Drummond said he wasn't worried about gay political power because so many homosexual leaders were dying of AIDS.

Drummond also said he supported Cuba's policy of quarantining people with AIDS and called it "pitiful" that homosexuals are allowed to adopt children.

City officials anonymously received tapes and transcripts of the talk, prompting a political uproar in which at least 16 community organizations called for Drummond's censure or resignation.

Among those who spoke against Drummond at Tuesday's council meeting were lovers, friends and family of those who had died of AIDS.

"I've had mothers call me in tears

because of your terrible disregard of their sons," said Sue Caves, whose son died from AIDS.

Councilman Alan S. Lowenthal said he felt Drummond's remarks promoted hate crimes.

Drummond earlier this year voted in favor of the council's symbolic statement recognizing non-traditional families, such as homosexual couples.

But he led opposition to specific benefit proposals. The council in June voted against extending health benefits to city employees in non-traditional relationships.

**IN MEMORY OF
MARC ALEXANDER GARSON**

Marc Alexander Garson died October 5, 1993 due to complications associated with AIDS. Marc was born on January 21, 1961 in New York City where he attended NYU and received a degree in Theatrical Arts. Marc was active in the battle of AIDS, volunteering his time, energy and efforts in hopes of defeating this human tragedy. Marc was instrumental in the formation of The Red Ribbon Foundation and also served on the Event Council for Project: Red Ribbon. He is survived by his mother, Dianne and brother Charles. In lieu of flowers, donations to Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) 129 West 20th Street, NY, NY 10011 or Broadway Cares: Equity Fights AIDS, 165 West 46th Street, Suite 1600, NY, NY 10036 is requested.

"There's one more angel in heaven, one more star in the sky. I love you."

Polo

TONY MATWYZUK

Tony Matwyzuk passed away Thursday morning, October 7, at Hospice House at Diagnostic Hospital. Services and burial were in Buffalo, NY on Saturday, October 10. Tony was an avid sports enthusiast and was a nine year active member of the Montrose Softball League playing for Rich's, 611, Fitness Exchange, BRB, and Gentry. His family and close friends wish to thank all those people whose emotional and professional support greatly eased everyone's burden during his illness.

Many thanks to the AIDS Foundation Houston, Visiting Nurses Assn., Dr. Farinas, and the staff at Hospice House. Lately, thank you Tony for the privilege of allowing us to be your friends.

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Q: IS AIDS A FORM OF GOD'S PUNISHMENT?

A: If we go back to the promises of God given to the people of God in the Old Testament we see that God simply rewards and blesses upon obedience. God also disciplines and punishes based upon our disobedience. The choice is always ours whether to obey God's Word or disobey. Deuteronomy 28 is the chapter that defines what God offers to God's people. We also find throughout the entire Bible that God's promises are conditional. The first condition of receiving God's promises is acceptance of God's way, and God's will. The laws of the Old Testament drove us to the New Testament where we began to see that we could not fulfill the commandments of God on our own. No matter how hard we tried to do good, or how bad we were, the condition was still the same. We must "die to self" and let God be God, and let Jesus be the Ruler of our life! AIDS is a disease, or a "dis-ease" of the body. It is noted many times in scripture that disease comes upon people for many different reasons. Only one of those reasons is because of sin (deciding to run my own life and be independent of God and not submitting to God being the ruler of my life-disobedience). Another reason that disease came upon a person was for God to be glorified. Lazarus' death in the Gospel of John 11:4 tells us that his sickness was for God's glory. Job was the man of trials who lost all of his family, his wealth and his health for no reason other than for him to see clearly that God is able to bring redemption out of the greatest trials of life. This means that out of this trial something "life-giving" occurs. I have seen many people with AIDS lose everything just as Job. Through the disease process many people criticized them for their sexual orientation or promiscuity (which was not necessarily the case, but an assumption). Just as Job learned who his "friends" were, so people with AIDS learn who really love them. Through AIDS there has also been many redemptive happenings with families reunited, relationships mended, forgiveness offered, assurance given, and God was glorified. It is not up to any one of us to say why a disease comes upon a person. That is between them and God. That some would say AIDS is a punishment from God stems from fear and hatred and condemnation which are not from God. One of the best ways to overcome a fear or hatred or a condemnation of someone or of a disease that you fear is to pray. Ask God to reveal to you how God is so much greater than any disease process. Only by God's grace can we remove ourselves as judge of another person's life and the trials they may suffer. Homosexuality as an orientation is not a sin and AIDS is not a "gay disease." If you just view the QUILT and hear the many stories of the people who have suffered and died from AIDS, you too will step back and say, "Who am I to say what God can do even in the midst of a tragic and evastating disease--Let God be glorified!"

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM ADDRESSED BY REV. JANET PARKER, PLEASE WRITE TO: MARANATHA FELLOWSHIP MCC, P.O. BOX 667032, HOUSTON, TX 77266-7032

▼▼▼RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

New student group becomes increasingly visible, invites all to join

By ALICIA LUGO

The New Voice/Rio Grande Valley
How many of you remembered that Monday was National Coming Out Day? Shame on you! In 1988, a group of community leaders chose to celebrate this Gay Holiday to commemorate the 1987 March on Washington, which had been a political and communal success. Since then it has been celebrated every year on Oct. 11th.

The goal of National Coming Out Day is to increase the visibility of Gays and Lesbians throughout the world. The organization lists the following reasons for observing this holiday:

- 1) We will only be able to achieve respect, dignity and equality under the law only if we are "out" and visible.
- 2) In our fight to gain legislative support for AIDS funding we are constantly having to fight on "their" agenda, not by our own rights.
- 3) Most people who know someone who is Gay are much more supportive of Gay rights and issues. By the same token those who claim they don't know anyone who is are more apt to discriminate. Only by coming out to those around us will we be able to change this.
- 4) Gay-related issues will never be taken seriously unless we can come out and break the stereotypes that have been imposed on us. "In other words, lets show them our positive sides."
- 5) It is important to discuss homosexuality in order to raise the national consciousness about the issue.

So there you have it, the whole scoop about the importance of National Coming Out Day. However, it is important that we don't use only a single day out of the year to promote our lifestyles. Although in our society most of the time it's difficult to come out completely, we should still focus on displaying a positive image of our lifestyles.

And speaking of coming out, there is a new organization at UTPA. I spoke to Reuben Jimenez, who is the new president of the "Gay, Lesbian Student Association" at the university. The organization has been established to provide an environment that will support the gay/lesbian community on campus as well as fight the homophobia that already exist on campus.



Kourtney as Dolly

The organization started a year ago and has steadily formed into a recognized group throughout the university. Reuben stated that although in the first year the organization was a little low key,

they will become more visible this coming year by participating in an AIDS awareness campaign, as well as providing several functions and guest speakers. Reuben has posted a letter to all faculty and students to introduce the organization. Reuben contacted the Valley Voice and has requested that they also join in the effort to promote their group. The organization is open to everyone.

In other news, the Valley's own Kristian Kline, sponsored by Club 440 and Michael Brooks Productions, was chosen the Mr. Gay Texas at the Papermoon in San Antonio last weekend. Congratulations Kristian! Kristian is a part of the Maverick Dancers here in the Valley.

Last Sunday, Club 440 held a Madonna Party. They gave away T-shirts, CD's and all kinds of goodies. This Friday night they will have a spe-

cial show featuring the talents of Andrea Osmond, Miss Texas Frontier, and Rashelle Stevens.

Then on Sunday, Club 440 and Michael Brooks Productions will be hosting the 1993-94 Mr., Miss, and Mr. Butch Club 440 Pageant. They will have special guest including Malissa Mychals, Club UBU show director, and others. So be sure and be there for all the excitement.

I'd like to say hi to the two great guys I met from Houston at 440 last week. For those of you who were there they were the ones in shorts with the muscles shirts and leather armbands. Hope to see you two again soon.

Also don't forget that Club 440 will be bringing away over \$500 in cash and prizes on Halloween night for the best costumes.

In Harlingen, Zippers packed the house last Saturday as they hosted a super show with male strippers and Rashelle Stevens and Bonica Baker. Be looking for a special night on Halloween at Zippers also. Details to be announced next week.

In McAllen, 10th Avenue hosted the talents of Kourtney Van Wells direct from La Cage in Las Vegas. She did stunning impersonations of Madonna and Dolly Parton.

On Oct. 29th and 30th, 10th Avenue will have Muscles in Action performing live. And on Halloween they are also planning a super contest with lots of cash prizes.

I saw Chuck at PBD's last week, and although he celebrated another birthday last week, I can vouch that there are

no new wrinkles on his beautiful 19 year old face. Right Chuck? Stop by and say hi to Daddy Drew, Don, Chuck and Jose. Oh and incidentally, Jose is a terrific dancer maybe you can get him to take you for a twirl on the dance floor like he did me.

Last Sunday Just Tery's birthday party for Dora was a huge success. Sara and Carla provided Mari-

achi for the event. Also celebrating her birthday was Zue. Robert and Steve celebrated their 5th Anniversary that night too. In short, it was one wild party night!

Peggy is in Portland, Oregon visiting



Kristian Kline

her first grand baby who was born last month, thanks to the generous contributions of many friends from the bar who all pitched in to get her a round-trip ticket and extra spending cash. Friends like that are few and far between. Her thanks to everyone!

On Saturday, Oct. 23rd, J.T.'s will host the talents of Jill Jordan and 3 Pretty Boys (male dancers) from Houston. There will be a \$5.00 cover. Then on Sunday, Oct. 24th, there will be a barbecue and show to benefit the UTPA Gay and Lesbian Student Association. Doors will open at 3:00 p.m. and the show will be at 10:00 p.m. There will be a \$2.00 cover.

On Oct. 31st, J.T.'s will host the 1st Annual Pumpkin Festival (Halloween Carnival). The doors open at 5:00 p.m., with the carnival going on from 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. There will be a Halloween costume contest at the witching hour (midnight) with lots of cash prizes.

On Nov. 5th, Just Tery's will have, direct from Houston, "A Touch of Cream," Kofi and two male dancers from Muscles in Action. There will be a \$5 cover.

Valley Voice met for bowling this week at Cressy's. Monty took top billing scoring a whopping 202. Congrats Monty!

Next week Valley Voice will gather for a short meeting, followed by a movie at 2313 East Crockett in Harlingen at 8:00 p.m. Bring munchies if you like.

That wraps it up for your roving reporter this week. Catch ya'll later. Bye!



Michael & Roy visiting 440 from Houston



Ruben Jimenez

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Court challenge on Colorado anti-gay rights law begins; lawyer seeks dismissal

By CARL HILLIARD

FOR THE NEW VOICE
DENVER, Tuesday, Oct. 12 (AP)—The long-awaited court challenge of Colorado's anti-gay-rights law began today, with state attorneys seeking dismissal of a claim that homosexuals have been traditionally discriminated against.

John Dailey, an assistant state attorney general, told Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless the claim should be thrown out because gays are not a so-called "suspect class," but have repeatedly demonstrated their political clout in Colorado. He noted that three Colorado cities have approved ordinances that protect homosexuals against discrimination.

Challengers of the anti-gay-rights measure, Amendment 2, have partly based their case on the "suspect class" claim. They say gays are discriminated against and denied full participation in the political process. Amendment 2, they claim, opens homosexuals to even more discrimination.

Bayless reserved judgment on the state's motion, saying he wanted to hear testimony on the argument.

The trial got under way in an overheated courtroom where the "Perry Mason" television programs were filmed. The courtroom was packed with spectators and media.

At one point, a spectator held aloft a sign that read "Boycott Colorado." When Bayless saw it, he said, "Put the sign down. They're not helping anybody and they're liable to make me cranky."

The civil trial is being watched closely by homosexuals and gay rights opponents nationwide. Motions were expected to dominate today's proceedings. A two-week trial is anticipated.

Attorneys for the state are defending Amendment 2, claiming gays have political clout, may change their sexual proclivity and are not written out of the political process.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit challenging the anti-gay-rights amendment's con-

stitutionality argue individual or group rights cannot be infringed upon because a majority of citizens want it so.

Amendment 2 prohibits passage of any law protecting homosexuals from discrimination. Passed by voters last November, Amendment 2 was to become effective last Jan. 15, but Bayless issued an injunction preventing it from ever being enforced, saying it likely violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The Colorado Supreme Court upheld Bayless' injunction, and the state is appealing that decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The amendment also would cancel gay rights protection ordinances in Aspen, Boulder and Denver. Lawyers for those cities—joining three individual plaintiffs in the lawsuit—will claim their cities have a right to keep their local laws in spite of a statewide vote.

If the Colorado amendment is found unconstitutional, it may forestall a flood of other anti-gay initiatives antici-

pated in other states, opponents say. Supporters say a decision upholding Amendment 2 would turn back homosexuals' drive for "special rights" and pave the way for proposals similar to Amendment 2.

Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton says the issue is whether homosexuals may argue they are an identifiable group, or "suspect class," whose constitutional rights have been trampled—as were those hurt by racist voting and housing laws.

She said they must prove a history of discrimination—that gays, as a group, are incapable of changing their status, and are politically powerless.

Challengers say they will produce witnesses testifying there is a history of discrimination and that sexual orientation occurs early in life and is not merely a matter of choice.

Three original plaintiffs, including tennis star Martina Navratilova, formally withdrew from the case last week, leaving three individuals and the three cities as plaintiffs.

▼▼▼DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Judge refuses to remove child from gay foster home in Washington

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Friday, Oct. 8 (AP)—A mother trying to regain custody of her 3-year-old son has lost another attempt to remove him from his gay foster parents.

Whatcom County Superior Court Judge Steven Mura on Thursday ruled the boy should remain with his current foster par-

ents while his mother, Megan Lucas, continues her legal fight. Lucas wanted her son moved back to a Whatcom County foster home.

Mura's decision was based on minimizing the number of moves the boy would face, lawyers in the case said.

"I think this is a real sad thing," Richard

Kimberly, Lucas' lawyer, said of the ruling, which was issued at a closed-door hearing.

"The child has been up here for months in a home with a mother and father and siblings, and now he's down there with a homosexual couple," Kimberly said.

Lucas, who has said she does not want her son raised by homosexuals, has asked

the court to let her reverse her decision to relinquish parental rights to her son. A trial on that request is scheduled for Nov. 2-3.

She surrendered her parental rights on Sept. 8, 1992, and moved to revoke that surrender on Sept. 9 of this year—one day too late under state law.

▼▼▼ CORPUS CHRISTI SOAP

From Patsy to Pat—Tanya Garrett captivates audience and will be back

By SUZETTE LOCKE

The New Voice/Corpus Christi This week started early. After a long hard day it was quite a surprise to wander in to Desert Hearts Looking for a cold one and enjoying a Hot One!

Song bird Tanya Garrett kept everyone captive at Desert Hearts belting a knock-out mix from Patsy Kline to Pat Benatar. If you missed it, get ready, she'll be back soon, but not soon enough. On Oct. 28th her live vocals can be experienced from 9:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. Tanya has many years experience and has enjoyed entertaining for diverse engagements, including the official Texas Lottery Party. With the emergence of other successful Lesbian entertainers, she feels it her time to be heard. Come out, come out wherever you are, Tanya Garrett is waiting to entertain you!

Speaking of sensational singers, Terri brings back her All-Female Furor Oct. 22nd. You really need to get out and see her. Terri's shows are hot and action packed. See ya' there, if there's any room.

Get ready...its a bird...its a plane...its a super Halloween Contest with three \$100 prizes which can be yours for the hottest, most original costume. Stay in touch for all the dirty details. P.S.: Great job Brave 'n Crazy Desert Hearts softball team...Zondra should play more often. Well ladies, Zondra heard your pleas! Delilah will be back to start your Holidays off right. Nov. 5th is a date.

Choices, of course features great drink specials, and some of the hottest men on the Texas Riviera. Strippers appear on Friday. What a way to start the weekend, specially with no cover. Sunday, Oct. 17th, Mr Corpus Christi America and special guests come to Choices. This man will make you sweat. Dark, smoky eyes, thick dark hair, and a body that won't quit. With the dancers on Friday night and Mr. C.C. on Sunday...its



Tanya Garrett



Sweet Savage

gonna be a party, party weekend!

Recently, Choices hosted a party with Ms. Gay America 1993, Leslie Rage, from New York, as guest of honor. It was a star-studded event that rocked the house.

This Sunday, Oct. 17th, marks the 3rd Anniversary Party Week. Ken, Alan, Mo, and all the great guys at Choices would like to thank all of their rowdy friends for three years. Many, many more to come! If you thought last year's Halloween at Choices was a smash, wait till this Oct. 31st!

Corpus Christi's newest sensation, Babalous, jammed them in last weekend! Seriously folks, this was an event. Tejano star Laura Canales of "Dile A To Esposa" was a special guest. Beautiful latin lovers enjoyed on helluva show that included Deborah Lee, La Reina (Erika Lynn), Dana Marie, Adrianna, and James Allen.

Happy, happy birthday Sadie and Dana Marie. Many more to be celebrated at Babalous! Bring your favorite spirits and someone special to party at Corpus' rising star! It's on the runway between Choices and the Hidden Door.

Speaking of the Hidden Door, after four weeks of bowling, the team "Lane Scorchers" are in the lead. They are followed by "James, an officer and a gentleman," "STC officers" and last but certainly not least, "The H.D. Fat Boys"! More bowlers are needed for the '94 season. The season consist of 15 weeks. Call Amador at H.D. (512) 882-0183 for more information.

The Loving Spoonful Kitchen proudly announces its first anniversary, Friday, Oct. 15th. Dinner will be served from 6:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. Call (512) 853-8060 for reservations.

UBU is gearing up for Dec. 15th as they will be celebrating their first anniversary with a week long party. Stay tuned for more details. But wait, there's more! Ms. Gay USA, Sweet Savage, tore

the house up with her fabulous talents on Friday along with Jasmine SX, Lori Adams and Melissa Mychaels, with a birthday bash Sunday for Linda Love. Get ready, UBU's talent night on Oct. 27th.

This Wednesday, Oct. 20th, join their "Too Sexy For My Underwear" contest.

Then, Thursday, Oct. 21st, it's "Money for Nothing"—a balloon drop with cash and prizes. Pauletta Leigh does Corpus again on Friday, Oct. 22nd, with Aaron Davis. DJ Cues Power Mixin' dances you all night Oct. 23rd. Then, Sunday finish your weekend with Donna Day, Melissa Mychaels and Ms. CC—USA, Jasmine SX!

Things are happenin' in Corpus Christi, Texas!



Coming to Choices...

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Halloween, wet underwear and hot oil highlight San Antonio parties

By LEFTY TAYLOR

The New Voice/San Antonio Well, I'm back.

And, if you were wondering, I'm much more poorer thanks to all those casinos in Gulfport and Biloxi. I took the chows and my mother was scared to death that they would eat up her Chihuahuas. I got back just in time for all the excitement.

This Thursday night is Malibu and Miffy's birthday party show at the El Jardin. There will be food and a special cast of stars to titillate you.

Coming soon is the El Jardin annual Halloween contest. There are categories for best costume, best drag and most original. There have been some real doozies here and its something that can't be missed.

Now at the 2015 on Wednesday nights is a wet underwear contest at 1030 p.m. There will be cash prizes. On Wednesdays its \$1.25 for a frozen margarita. I'll tell you those things are good. Also on Fridays, Sundays and Thursdays, there are special dancers and strippers for your enjoyment.

New at Memories: male and



Sammy Fong at El Jardin

female hot oil wrestling. It's the best of the co-ed matches. If you would like to volunteer, please call the bar. I must remind you, this is not for children and you're gonna get oily! How about some drag queen wrestling? They need the volunteers.

On Monday nights at the Wild Club, Amber Nix hosts drag racing. You can chase Amber around the bar for cash, and if you catch her, you get another prize. On Thursday nights, Victoria West hosts Talent Night. This is not for just drag, its also for live singing, stripping and or dancing—just about any kind of act for cash prizes.

Coming Saturday, Oct. 23rd, is Colt Model Scott Sloan. I've got a nude photo of him I'm going to get him to sign. It's in this years Colt calendar.

Now a new one with its own personal space...Wild West...the grand opening is Oct. 21st at 8:00 p.m. I have been inside this building and so far I can tell you it's not anything like San Antonio has seen before. I'm so very glad for a change. This place will be one of Texas' most unique country

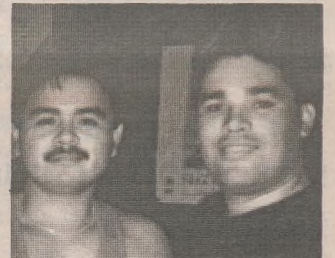
and western video dance bars.

It's the new Papermoon with the all new "Super Sunday Show" featuring Tandi Andrews, Shady Lady, Pauletta Leigh, Ariel Andrews and Erica Andrews. On Sundays its \$1.50 well from 9:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. and 75 cent draft all night. On Wednesdays, Don't Tech-no for an answer. Its only a dollar for well, call, longnecks and wine. Shady Lady hosts Muscles in Action. On Thursdays, Tandi hosts a T.E.A. party with special guests Ariel Andrews, Erica Andrews and Vanessa Gordon. On Fridays, Shady Lady hosts the hottest male dancers with special music by DJ Oscar Reyna. Coming to the Papermoon on Nov. 4th, Texas Gay Royalty contest. Coming Nov. 19th, the Miss Gay Tri States USA Pageant.

For you rodeo fans...the IGRA finals are in Fort Worth on Oct. 22th through the 24th. For Rodeo and ticket information call (817) 496-1333. Also the Tenth Annual TGRA Rodeo will be held in San Antonio at Freeman Colosseum Nov. 4th through the 7th. For more information call (713) 270-TGRA. More information on this one next week.

And if you need to get your friends a place to stay when they come to the Rodeo this November, or any time they come, you can tell them to call the San Antonio Bed and Breakfast. They are conveniently located near downtown and near Freeman Colosseum.

And if you act quickly enough, you could buy your own home from Ken Bradshaw and design it yourself so you have enough room for your friends or relatives when they come to visit. Ken is there and ready and willing to help you into the home of your dreams whenever



At the Silver Dollar's door

you are ready. He's also a really nice guy.

Textures is now even more than a bookstore. Martha is serving gourmet coffees while you browse. She has T-shirts and jewelry for you to look at, too.

Well, the experiences from the last week have worn me down. Jim tried his first frog legs. He was scared when I told him he gets to pick them out like at Red Lobster. He said they looked like fried Barbi Doll legs. One night, after getting drunk down in Pensacola, Jim came in and got in bed with my sister and her boyfriend. Its not the first time he has made mistakes like this.

He's tried to get me back by laughing at me for chasing the dog around the telephone poles, but I do that all the time. I think I'm going to buy myself a new snake for my birthday. See you later Chow!

P.S., those Cajun boys shore do look good.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Los Angeles Police step up efforts to recruit homosexual officers

LOS ANGELES, Tuesday, Oct. 12 (AP)—When last year's riots erupted, Officer Lisa Phillips and her partner braved the rocks and bottles thrown by a mob to rescue a motorist under attack.

For the officers' courage in reaching the unconscious woman and carrying her to safety, they received the police department's highest honor: the Medal of Valor.

These days Phillips, 34, is being commended for another act—her openness about being a lesbian.

On Monday, National Coming Out Day, she helped launch a stepped-up effort by the police force to recruit other lesbians and gays.

Phillips said a gay officer gave her

"the courage to come out." Since then, she said, she has received "very few negative comments."

"When I've heard them, I've tried to educate," Phillips said at a news conference at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

Councilman Joel Wachs said Phillips' bravery during the riots proved "gay and lesbian officers of the LAPD are second to none."

The Police Department is counting on leaders who are homosexual, like Phillips, to help dispel any remaining prejudice.

"The department wants to reflect the diversity of this city," said Cmdr. Dan Watson, head of personnel for the LAPD

and Phillips' supervisor.

"We want to be sure we are opening the doors to all groups of people," he said.

Watson, who was at an LAPD recruiting session Monday night at the Hollywood-based center, said it was time to go beyond the department's initial efforts to recruit gays and lesbians. Those efforts consisted mostly of uniformed officers handing out materials at community events.

Kurt Cooper, who is openly gay, showed up at the session and said he was considering becoming a police officer.

"I'm sure I'd be nervous at first, but I think I would have a lot of backing and

support, and I think I could help people a lot," said Cooper, 21.

Lorri L. Jean, the center's executive director, called the recruitment effort "a historic event ... a significant signal to lesbians and gay men" that the Police Department is changing.

In 1988, Officer Mitchell Grobeson resigned from the force and filed a lawsuit alleging he was harassed because he was gay.

The suit was settled in February, and Grobeson rejoined the force in July, asserting attitudes at the department had changed for the better since Chief Willie L. Williams replaced Daryl F. Gates. Gates had been resistant to the active recruitment of gays.

▼▼▼ GALVESTON SOAP

Club Evolution evolves; Tiffany Arieagus makes an Island City appearance

By JERRY STUART

The New Voice/Galveston

Well, it's about time. They finally reopened the upstairs at Club Evolution. I went in this past weekend and there were quite a few people up there. Angie was on the dance floor with some of her friends. They were dancing to some country and western song. Star was behind the bar slinging draft beer to a crowd of lesbians and a few other kickers that were really getting into the country tunes being played by Steve the DJ. It was like a blast from the past. Deja vous or something! Then at 12 mid-



Mr. Bill



Tiffany & Jesse with K.T. staff

night things really started to heat up downstairs with the talents of the group Muzik Box.

Across the street at Kon Tiki, Tiffany Arieagus and Tranae Chardon were entertaining the crowd. Tiffany was brought to Galveston by none other than Garza Productions. She put on a fabulous show, and the audience really loved her. Her costumes were elegant, and her dance numbers were fast and glitzy.

Tranae, who sings live, was as talented and entertaining as I had heard she was. During one of her numbers, she

had a slight accident when her high heel pump got caught in her gown. She literally crashed into the mirrors behind her. Luckily, she was hot hurt, and, as usual, the show went on...and on...and on.

After the show, there was a great after hours party for Ms. Arieagus who was staying at the Treemont House down the street. Jesse was the host, and the Dom Perignon flowed freely. Needless to say, I didn't make it home till the wee hours of the morning. It was also Scott's birthday. So we all partied extra hard in celebration. You can now visit Scott on Monday evenings at Club Evolution.

As for fun and gossip, Brittany, who will be a regular at Club Evolution got herself a few scrapes and more than her share of bruises after falling on the side of the dance floor of Evolution. Too many cocktails, hmm Brittany?

And Jeff, don't you know it's dangerous to walk the Seawall at 3:30 a.m. in the morning? Did you have car trouble, or were you just enjoying the early morning air?

Till next time, signing off. Don't forget to call with all the latest grime!



Tiffany Arieagus

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Lawsuit seeks to remove Cincinnati anti-gay rights issue from ballot

CINCINNATI, Friday, Oct. 8 (AP)—A measure that would repeal the city's gay rights law should be removed from the ballot because proponents have misled voters about the issue, a lawsuit said.

The local League of Women Voters, the Equality Foundation of Cincinnati and a group of individuals filed the lawsuit Friday to take Issue 3 off the Nov. 2 ballot.

Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Richard Niehaus denied the request to temporarily block the county elections board. But he agreed to hear arguments on Oct. 15.

Issue 3 would nullify the section of the city's human rights ordinance that bans discrimination against homosexu-

Alphonse Gerhardstein, the lawyer who filed the lawsuit, said voters who signed petitions to place Issue 3 on the ballot were improperly informed about what the ordinance does.

"People think that the Cincinnati human rights ordinance gives special rights to gays and lesbians and bisexuals and that's not true," Gerhardstein said.

A spokesperson for Equal Rights, Not Special Rights, a group supporting Issue 3, said residents should be allowed to vote on the measure.

"Not only does the homosexual community want special rights, they now want to take the right to vote away from the rest of Cincinnati," spok-

esperson Mark McNeil said. "The homosexual agenda has launched a full-scale invasion and Cincinnati's better wake up before it is too late."

The elections board could seek dismissal of the case, an assistant county prosecutor, Bob Taylor, told board members at a meeting Friday.

The board also could ask Niehaus to let the election go forward but delay counting ballots on Issue 3 until the issues raised by plaintiffs are decided after the election.

Elections board spokesperson Robert Bedinghaus said ballots already have been printed with Issue 3 on them.

"It would certainly be easier for us to go through with the election and suppress the results, but that's up to the

judge," Bedinghaus said.

Also Friday, the leader of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Cincinnati asked residents to defeat Issue 3.

Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk said in a statement printed in Friday's editions of the Catholic Telegraph newspaper that protections for homosexual behavior should be dropped while the ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation should be retained. He has said homosexual behavior is a sin, while homosexual orientation is not.

"Apparently, the proposed amendment would make it possible to discriminate freely against persons of homosexual orientation in such matters as housing, employment and public accommodation," he wrote.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay rights activists hail ruling in Atlanta job discrimination suit

ATLANTA, Friday, Oct. 8 (AP)—Gay rights activists praised a federal judge's ruling that homosexuals have a constitutional right to associate intimately, even though he dismissed a lesbian lawyer's job discrimination suit against Georgia's attorney general.

"It's technically a loss but an enormous victory," said Teresa Nelson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, which represents a woman whose job offer was revoked by Attorney General Mike Bowers because she married another woman.

Ruth Harlow, associate director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project in New York, called Thursday's decision by U.S. District Judge Richard C. Freeman unprecedented.

"If there are other cases where action has been taken against someone because they're in a lesbian or gay relationship, the state will have to justify

that action with a very good reason," she said.

Robin Joy Shahar, 30, sued Bowers two years ago, saying he violated her constitutional rights by revoking a written offer to employ her in the attorney general's office after her June 1991 graduation from Emory University's law school.

In July that year, she participated in a Jewish marriage ceremony with Francine Greenfield. The attorney general said employing Ms. Shahar would indicate his tacit approval of homosexual marriages, which are not recognized under Georgia law.

Ms. Shahar said the ceremony was purely a religious one and had no significance under civil law. She said that by withdrawing the job offer, Bowers violated her rights to freedom of religion, association and equal protection under the U.S. Constitution.

Freeman issued a summary judgment in Bowers' favor, saying there was no proof that Bowers' decision was based on an intent to discriminate against Ms. Shahar because of her sexual orientation.

The judge said the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized two types of associations—intimate and expressive—to be constitutionally protected from unjustified government interference.

He found that "plaintiff's relationship with her female partner constitutes a constitutionally protected intimate association."

However, Freeman accepted Bowers contention that he had to consider the public's perception of employees in the attorney general's office, which is charged with enforcing Georgia's antisodomy statute and other laws. He said Bowers' "interests in the efficient operation of the department outweigh plain-

tiff's interest in her intimate association with her female partner."

Ms. Nelson said the ACLU will appeal Freeman's decision because that matter should be decided in a jury trial.

"The rights of gays and lesbians are far too important for us not to appeal," Ms. Nelson said. "We feel strongly that the judge was incorrect in making a factual determination that was not tried."

Bowers, who successfully defended the state's sodomy law before the Supreme Court seven years ago, said he was extremely pleased with the outcome. "I have no doubt in that there is a high likelihood it can go to the U.S. Supreme Court," he said.

Ms. Shahar, who now works for the Atlanta city attorney's office, called it a narrow defeat.

"Certainly the freedom of association decision is quite a victory in my mind."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

New York state broadens health insurance law to aid unmarried partners

By DAVID BAUDER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

ALBANY, N.Y., Wednesday, Sept. 29 (AP)—Activists for gays and lesbians hope that a policy shift by state regulators will encourage many health insurance companies to offer family policies to unmarried partners.

The state Insurance Department on Wednesday, while pointing out that it could not order insurers to offer this policy, broadened its rules to encourage more companies to move forward.

Currently, only one company, the Oxford Health Maintenance Organization, offers such coverage in New York, according to the state Insurance Department.

"I think it is long overdue," said Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, a

Manhattan Democrat and author of legislation to give more rights to domestic partners. "I think it is important as a reflection of the concern for the reality of people's lives and the need for people to have access to health care and coverage."

Health insurance for homosexuals has become a major issue in New York since the emergence of AIDS. The state has more AIDS cases than any other state.

The state Insurance Department has long held that in order to get health insurance for a domestic partner, one person has to be completely dependent economically on the other.

Under the change announced Wednesday, a person may get coverage for a domestic partner by proving that each

is mutually dependent on the other.

Such interdependency could be demonstrated by shared ownership of property, shared budgeting and the length of a relationship, the department said.

"It makes it easier to show that people have a relationship and that it's the same thing as people being married to one another," Insurance Department spokesperson John Calagna said.

David Hansell, chief counsel to Gay Men's Health Crisis, said there was a lawsuit pending by a gay teachers group against the New York City Board of Education. The board had refused to offer insurance for domestic partners and blamed state insurance regulations for that, Hansell said.

It wasn't immediately clear how the state action Wednesday would affect

that lawsuit.

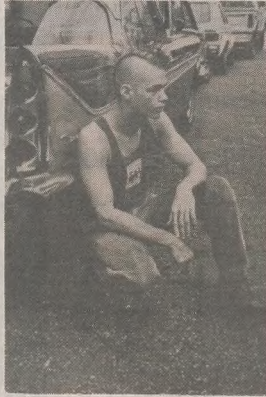
However, New York City Mayor David Dinkins said he was confident "this issue can be resolved quickly and satisfactorily."

"The commissioner's decision eliminates a major obstacle to a productive settlement of the gay teachers case," he said.

The policy change was announced by Gov. Mario Cuomo, who called it an issue of "elemental fairness."

"It has nothing to do with morality," Cuomo said. "It has nothing to do with religion. It has nothing to do with convention. It has everything to do with the purpose of the law. If you depend upon one another and you're in that kind of a relationship, you should be able to insure one another."

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New Orleans, Saturday, Oct. 16
Beer bust 4-7pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Phoenix; Pool tourney 4:30pm, The Phoenix; 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 Paino 11pm, The Mint
New Orleans, Sunday, Oct. 17
Breakfast with Bobby 8-11am, The Phoenix; Buddy night, pay for a room, get a locker free 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Champagne Brunch 10am-3pm, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 3-9pm, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Phoenix; 75¢ well drinks 9pm-midnight, Quasi
New Orleans, Monday, Oct. 18
Daddy night, anyone over 40 gets a room 1/2 price 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; 25¢ draft, Quasi; Bring your own meat BBQ 7pm, The Phoenix
New Orleans, Tuesday, Oct. 19
1/2 price for everyone 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; No cover with Student ID, \$1 can beer, \$1 Schnaps, Quasi; Beer bust 9pm-midnight, The Phoenix
New Orleans, Wednesday, Oct. 20
Boy toy night, anyone under 30 get a room 1/2 price 8am-8am, Midtowne Spa; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Men's Night, 2 free drinks 9-11pm, Quasi
New Orleans, Thursday, Oct. 21
Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; \$1 well drinks all night, Quasi; Show featuring hot guys 9:30pm, Midtowne Spa; The Ken & Barbie Bouffant Beach Party Boogaloo, with Ricky & Becky 10:30pm, The Mint

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA
Gay rights group protests sole trial of AIDS vaccine; seeks grant reversal

By CHRISTINE HANLEY
FOR THE NEW VOICE
MERIDEN, Conn., Friday, Oct. 1 (AP)—An AIDS advocacy group says allowing MicroGeneSys Inc. to go ahead with a sole trial of its AIDS vaccine is wrong and the \$20 million appropriated to the company should be taken back.
But the president of MicroGeneSys denied the group's allegations that his company is obstructing AIDS research for corporate gain, and said that debate over the \$20 million appropriation would only delay the trial and cost lives.

The ongoing controversy over whether MicroGeneSys should be allowed to test its vaccine in a sole trial resurfaced Thursday when 15 members of an AIDS advocacy group were arrested after they chained themselves to the company's property to protest the company's research on an AIDS vaccine.

The group, known as the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, or Act Up, accused MicroGeneSys of corporate

greed.
"This is a prime example of putting profits over peoples' lives," said James Learned, one of five members of the group not arrested because they stood across the street from the company's property during the protest. "It's totally unethical and unscientific and has the potential to actually kill people."

MicroGeneSys President Frank Volvovitz defended his company's research, saying the loudest critics are those who don't know much about the company's vaccine efforts.

The protesters chained themselves to the front door and gates at the Meriden-based MicroGeneSys about 9:00 a.m. Some chanted "MicroGeneSys AIDS extortionists," while others wore T-shirts bearing the same slogan.

It took city police and fire officials a little more than an hour to break the protesters free and take them away in handcuffs. A blow torch had to be used to remove one lock.

The activists each were released on \$1,000 bond after being charged with

criminal trespassing and obstructing free passage, Meriden police Sgt. Leonard Caponigro said.

MicroGeneSys lobbied Congress for a \$20 million appropriation to conduct a national trial of its AIDS vaccine, gp160. The company has said it plans to begin the test early next year under the guidance of Army researchers.

The AIDS activists agreed with some members of the scientific community who criticized MicroGeneSys for hiring a Washington lobbying firm to help get funding for the sole testing of its vaccine.

The activists specifically criticized Volvovitz, saying he thwarted a comparative vaccine trial in the rush to get ahead of the competition and secure the \$20 million.

"There's a lot of hype (about gp160), but that only speaks to the savvy of Frank Volvovitz and his hiring of lobbyists," said Denny Lee, another activist who wasn't arrested. "He doesn't want to find a vaccine. He just wants to get a vaccine approved so he can make

money."
Volvovitz disagreed. He said gp160, which has been tested for several years, is a promising drug and is way ahead of other vaccines.

"The other products are at much earlier stages of testing. They don't have anywhere close to the clinical trial data we have with this product. So far, there's no evidence that any of the other products have been able to achieve the same type of positive responses that we have," he said.

The advocacy group also agreed with a recommendation made earlier this year by a panel of AIDS experts who said by the National Institutes of Health should spend the \$20 million on a trial that would test vaccine candidates from a number of companies instead of only the MicroGeneSys product.

"Act Up is all for a vaccine. But we want one that's effective," Lee said. "What MicroGeneSys is actually doing is sabotaging the scientific process and making it difficult to find a vaccine that works."

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA
Minnesota judge agrees to issue order preventing sale of devices to cure AIDS

MANTORVILLE, Minn., Wednesday, Sept. 29 (AP)—A judge has agreed to issue a court order preventing a man from selling devices that promise a cure for AIDS, cancer and Lyme disease.

Judge Lawrence Agerton is expected to issue the order in a few days. The state will try to make the injunction permanent against Leo Schwenke, 72, who runs a health food store from his rural Kasson home.

A lawsuit filed by the state attorney general's office said Schwenke used devices called "analyzers" and "frequency generators" to diagnose and treat illnesses in at least 200 clients.

The suit said Schwenke engaged in consumer fraud and deceptive trade practices and described the services as "pure quackery."

Schwenke has denied wrongdoing.

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Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; \$2.00 drink special 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 3pm-closing, Desert Hearts; 100% beef cheeseburgers, \$1.00 plate 6pm, Choices; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Tuesday, Oct. 19
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; \$2.00 Margaritas & Colorado Bulldogs 3pm-2am, 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; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; DJ 10pm-2am, Choices; Pool tourney \$25 cash prize No entry fee 10:30pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Wednesday, Oct. 20
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1.00 well drinks 11am-2am, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Absolute 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; \$4 steaks & real tators 6-10pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; Hot male strippers 10:30pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Thursday, Oct. 21
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1 well drinks 3pm ill closing, Desert Hearts; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Pool Tourney, no entry fee, \$50 cash prize 9pm, Desert Hearts; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; Pool tourney \$25 cash prize No entry fee 10:30pm, Choices; Variety show Midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Friday, Oct. 22
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1 well 2-9pm, Choices; Happy hour 2-11pm, Choices; 50¢ draft 2pm-closing, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour, \$1 beer, \$1.75 Coronas 7-9pm, Babalov's; \$2.00 margaritas 8-9pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; \$1.00 well drinks 9-10pm, Desert Hearts; 69¢ well 9-11pm, Choices; \$1.50 domestic longnecks 10-11pm, Desert Hearts; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts; DJ, male strippers 10pm-2am, Choices; Show midnight, U.B.U.

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Corpus Christi, Friday, Oct. 15
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Corpus Christi, Saturday, Oct. 16
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Harlingen, Sunday, Oct. 17
Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-11pm, Zippers
Harlingen, Monday, Oct. 18
Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers
Harlingen, Tuesday, Oct. 19
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Harlingen, Wednesday, Oct. 20
Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers

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The New Voice recommends in Galveston

Galveston, Friday, Oct. 15
Corona Party, \$1.50 margaritas & Corona all day, Kon-Tiki; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recesson Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Pretty Boys 9pm, Evolution; Muscles in Action 10pm, Kon-Tiki; After hours 2-4am, Evolution
Galveston, Saturday, Oct. 16
Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recesson Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Pretty Boys 9pm, Evolution; Muscles in Action 10pm, Kon-Tiki; After hours 2-4am, Evolution
Galveston, Sunday, Oct. 17
Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki; \$1.00 well drinks, draft & Schnapps 4pm-2am, Evolution; Beer Bonanza, 1st draft \$1 refills 10¢ 5-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 4-10pm, Evolution; Recesson Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Cabaret 10:30pm sharp, Kon-Tiki
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Galveston, Wednesday, Oct. 20
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The New Voice recommends in Brownsville

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Friday Night Super Show Midnight, Club 440
Brownsville, Saturday, Oct. 16
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Brownsville, Wednesday, Oct. 20
Happy hour 8:30-10:30pm, Club 440; \$1.50 well drinks 10:30pm-2am, Club 440; Amateur night Midnight, Club 440
Brownsville, Friday, Oct. 22
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Human Rights Task Force launches petition drive to amend Florida constitution

By JAMES MARTINEZ

FOR THE NEW VOICE

TAMPA, Fla., Thursday, Sept. 30 (AP)—A gay rights task force launched a petition drive Thursday for a state constitutional amendment to ban any discrimination based on personal or private lives.

Members of the Human Rights Task Force, an umbrella group for a number of gay organizations, said the proposal purposely makes no mention of homosexuals and comes in response to those opposed to gays and other special interests seeking discrimination protection.

"This proposal effectively refutes the notion that this struggle is about 'special' anything," said Keith Roberts, the

lawyer representing the task force.

"It captures simply and straightforwardly what gays and lesbians and all citizens justifiable and understandably seek—the right to be free from discrimination based on purely personal matters having nothing to do with an individual's ability."

The wording of the proposed amendment had not been filed with the state Division of Elections as of Thursday afternoon. Supporters must collect more than 400,000 signatures statewide to get the amendment on the Nov. 1994 ballot.

The Florida Constitution already has a provision that "every natural person has the right to be let alone and free from governmental intrusion into his

private life."

The task force would add: "No person shall be denied access or opportunity in employment, housing, public services or accommodations or the extension of credit, on account of matters pertaining to his or her private life."

Roberts said the proposal is a direct response to a statewide effort launched in March by David Caton and the American Family Association to repeal existing gay rights ordinances and to bar any new laws relating to discrimination for any reason other than race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, handicap or marital status.

Caton refused to comment on the proposed amendment until it is filed with

the state. "I'm real reluctant to comment on a fire that hasn't been lit yet."

Caton led an effort in November to repeal a Tampa ordinance that barred job and housing discrimination based on sexual orientation, a vote overturned Thursday by Florida's Supreme Court.

Justices said lower courts were wrong to order the elections supervisor to count 462 signatures that gave voters the chance to vote down the anti-discrimination measure.

The human rights ordinance will be effective again when the opinion becomes final in 15 days, Hillsborough County Attorney Emeline Acton said, barring a decision by the court to reconsider its position.

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Baton Rouge, Saturday, Oct. 16
Oasis hour, \$1.00 well drinks & bottled beer 6-9:30pm, Argon; No cover till 10:30pm, Argon

Baton Rouge, Sunday, Oct. 17
Apollo's Summer Extravaganza, contests, entertainment, \$8 cover, Argon
Baton Rouge, Wednesday, Oct. 20
Drink specials, no cover all night, Argon
Baton Rouge, Thursday, Oct. 21
Thirsty Thursday, \$1 well drinks & bottled beer 6-9:30pm, Argon; No cover till 10:30pm, Argon
Baton Rouge, Friday, Oct. 22
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Austin, Saturday, Oct. 16
\$1.75 beer & wine coolers 4-11pm, Socials, Etc.; Beer bust 4-11pm, Socials, Etc.; \$2.25 beer & wine coolers 11pm-close, Socials, Etc.
Austin, Sunday, Oct. 17
Beer bust 2-11pm, Socials, Etc.; \$1.75 beer & wine coolers 4-11pm, Socials, Etc.
Austin, Wednesday, Oct. 20
\$1.75 beer & wine coolers 4-11pm, Socials, Etc.; Beer bust 4-11pm, Socials, Etc.; \$2.25 beer & wine coolers 11pm-close, Socials, Etc.
Austin, Thursday, Oct. 21
\$1.75 beer & wine coolers 4-11pm, Socials, Etc.; Beer bust 4-11pm, Socials, Etc.; \$2.25 beer & wine coolers 11pm-close, Socials, Etc.
Austin, Friday, Oct. 22
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San Antonio, Saturday, Oct. 16
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; Drink specials all night, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$2 drinks, Memories; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Shady Lady hosts The Wild Club Dancers, Wild Club; Adults no cover to 10pm, Bonham Exchange; \$1.75 drinks 8-11pm, Bonham Exchange; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; After hours, Wild Club; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange

San Antonio, Sunday, Oct. 17
Sunday Tea Dance with early male dancers, Sparks; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws noon-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks noon-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; 50¢ draft 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 Cuervo Ole, Memories; \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; The Wild & Wicked Sunday Show, Wild Club; \$1 well drinks 9-11pm, Wild Club; Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, Memories; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Super Show, no cover 11:30pm, Bamboleo's; Male & Female strippers 11:30pm, Bonham Exchange; After-hours 2am, Wild Club

San Antonio, Monday, Oct. 18
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; Happy hour 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta Hour All day, all night; Bamboleo's, \$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories; Pool tourney, Memories; Talent contest & square dancing & no cover, Bonham Exchange; \$1.75 well drinks, \$1.75 longnecks & 50¢ draft all night, Wild Club; The Shady Lady Show, Wild Club;

Dancers 11pm, Sparks

San Antonio, Tuesday, Oct. 19
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Happy hour to 9pm, Memories; \$1.75 well drinks, 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Dance all night, Wild Club; No cover, Bonham Exchange; \$1.50 Well drinks, \$1.75 dom. beer, 75¢ Schnaaps 9pm-2am, Bamboleo's; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Hot oil wrestling 11pm, Sparks

San Antonio, Wednesday, Oct. 20
\$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 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 2pm-2am, 2015; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, 50¢ draft & \$3.00 pitchers 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Adults \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; Hot chest contest, Bonham Exchange; 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; Dancers 11pm, Sparks

San Antonio, Thursday, Oct. 21
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.50 longnecks & 6 ponies 2-4pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 well, 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Tandi's Talent Nite, Wild Club; 50¢ well drinks & draft, Bonham Exchange; Karaoke Sing Along 9-11pm, Sparks; Male dancers 9pm-1am, 2015; Sassy St. James host strippers 9:30pm, Memories; Amateur Contest 10:30pm, Bamboleo's; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Strippers midnight, Bonham Exchange

San Antonio, Friday, Oct. 22
\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.75 longnecks, \$2.00 Cuervo & \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.25 well drinks & longnecks 6-8pm, 2015; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Male & female strippers, Bonham Exchange; Male Dancers, Wild Club; Male dancers 6:30-8:30pm & 9-11pm, 2015; No cover til 10pm. 75¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange

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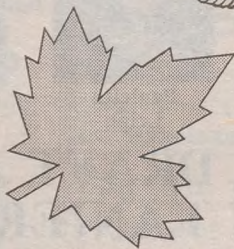
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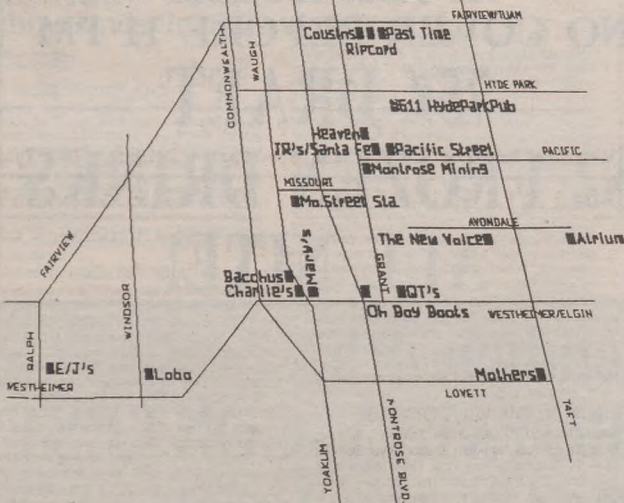
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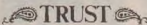
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Houston, Saturday, Oct. 16

Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-7pm, Mary's; Happy hour 7am-

8pm, Ripcord; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Party by the pool with complimentary bar-b-q 1-3pm, Club Houston; Beer blast on the patio 2pm till, Mary's; Well drinks \$1.50 4-7pm, E/J's; Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.25 well vodka 6-11pm, Mother's; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 9 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time; Chuck Ciulla, D.J., Venture-N; Leather & Flesh, no cover for men in leather 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Sunday, Oct. 17

Bloody Bulls, \$1.25 Noon-5pm, Venture-N; Blue light specials noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Beer blast on patio Noon-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's; Party by the pool with complimentary bar-b-q 1-3pm, Club Houston; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E/J's; Cook out 3pm, Midtowne Spa; Trash Disco 4-7pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Blue light specials 5pm til,

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Houston, Monday, Oct. 18

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$2.50 pitchers, 75¢ mug Miller Lite 7am-2am, Mother's; Happy hour all day & night, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Spagggggetti nights, \$2.00 5pm-7, Venture-N; 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; "Clubbers Night", no cover for men wearing colors 9pm-2am, Pacific Street;

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Houston, Tuesday, Oct. 19

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light 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; Cookin' with Herman noon, Mary's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 6 month membership special (1/2 price locker) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Hot Dog night 5pm til, Past Time; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Free pool plays 5-8pm, Venture-N; 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; Southern Country C&W Dance Lessons 8-10pm, The Ranch; Young executive night, no cover with personalized business card 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River Bottom; Male Strippers with B.J. Williams, M.C. 10:30pm, E/J's

Houston, Wednesday, Oct. 20

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour

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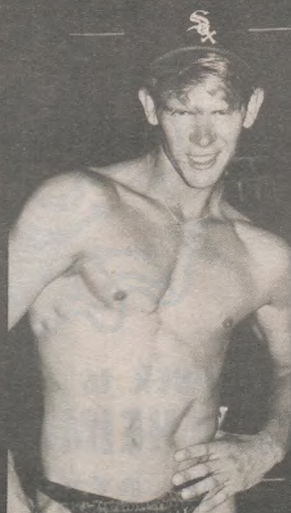
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Houston, Thursday, Oct. 21

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Houston, Friday, Oct. 22

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blueight 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; Happy hour till 10pm, Mother's; Slop shot pool tournney noon, Mary's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Buffet 4-

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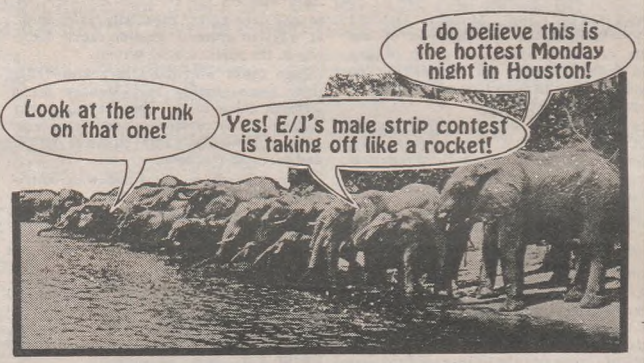
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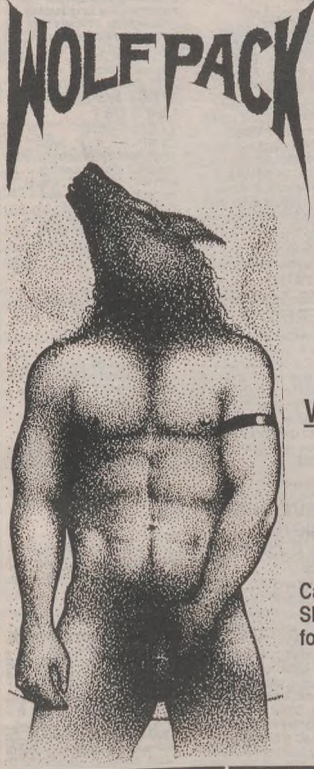
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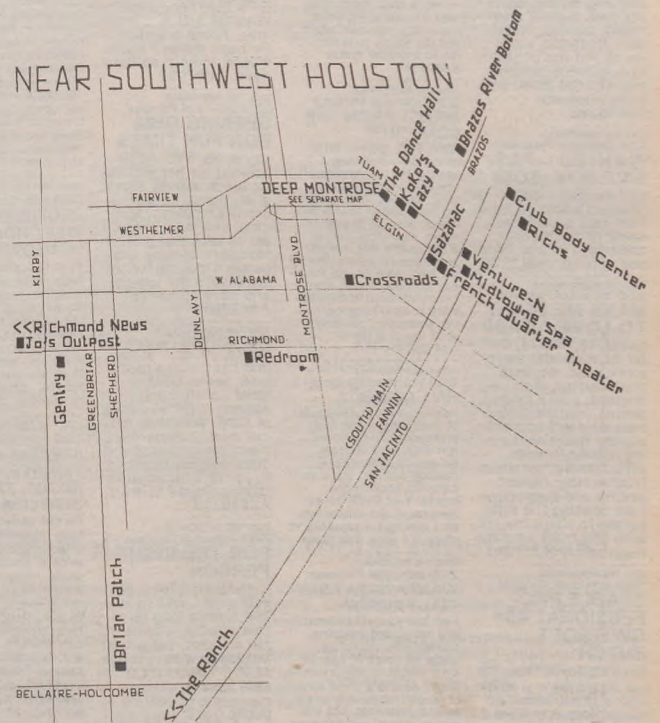
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Connecticut gays, lesbians seek help for gay youth; urge gays to come out

HARTFORD, Conn., Monday, Oct. 11 (AP)—Standing in the shadows of the state education offices, a group of gay and lesbian adults on Monday urged state officials to help teen-agers come to grips with their sexuality.

In celebration of National Coming Out Day, the group also exhorted gay, lesbian and bisexual adults to reveal their sexual identity—to free themselves personally and politically.

"Every time we come out, it's a little revolution," said Susan Hyde, a lesbian running for a seat on the Hartford Common Council.

A group of a little over a dozen acknowledged gays and lesbians stood on the steps of the State Office Building, across the street from the Capitol, where the offices of the state Education Department are located.

Unlike past years, there were no dramatic disclosures by prominent people who are gay. For example, several years ago, Joseph Grabarz, then a Democratic state legislator from Bridgeport, revealed he was gay—the first and only openly gay lawmaker in Connecticut.

This year's focus was on youths, who are two or three times likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual youngsters, according to federal statistics.

"For youth, isolation is among the biggest problem they face," said Carla Odiaga, co-chairperson of the Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian & Gay Civil Rights. "We're here to say being gay does not mean being unhappy."

Gay and lesbian rights activists urged state education officials to consider developing programs to reach out

to gay teen-agers, especially as it looks at ways to promote greater racial diversity in the public school system.

Even those who publicly acknowledge their homosexuality said Monday it's a difficult thing to do. But they said they believe it's necessary as the homosexuality community gains political power and personal freedom.

"My stomach is still filled with butterflies," Hyde said. "It's still a very dangerous thing to come out in our society. And I'm really touched every time we do this."

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Ad#25991

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PROFESSIONAL, WEST HOUSTON HOMEOWNER
40's, DDF, blonde/bl, hairy chest, mustache, weight in proportion, non-smoker, enjoys movies, dining out, jogging, biking, C&W dancing and travel. Fire place also make me happy. Want sincere, affectionate man for dating and possible relationship.
Ad#25988

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
SINGLE POLISH GUY, 31
I would really like to have special American friends. I am a lover of music. Also I love to travel, photography, hiking in the mountains, nature and animals. I will answer all letters. Zbigniew H. Nowak, Ul. Kurpiowska 7-13, Pl. 44-335 Jastrzebie, P.O. Box 53 - Poland. Ad#7024

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GBM WHO DARES TO BE DIFFERENT!
Independent - thinking Gay Black Male with red convertible sports car, seeks someone completely different than oneself. I have every toy a man could want except that elusive Boy-Toy. All I guarantee is a good time!
Ad#25707

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ANSWERING A HOUSTON PERSONAL
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2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
MAKE ME WANT TO LOVE AGAIN!
GWM, 46, 185lbs, 6'11", Bl/bl, muscular swimmers build, degreed professional, well dressed, seeks monogamous relation with a man who will appreciate my qualities. Loving, caring, tender, affectionate, romantic, trustworthy, honest, sincere and supportive. I am seeking the right person to share my life with and build a future together.
Ad#25704

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
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
2220 Individual Personal
SEEKING AFFECTIONATE, FUN, GENEROUS, FRIENDLY GENTLEMAN
I'm tall, athletic, healthy, hairy, handsome, sensual, affectionate, fun, friendly, sincere, blond, 30's, professional, homeowner, you fit, weight/height proportionate, affluent, generous gentleman, capable of giving time, affection, friskiness, contributions, gifts, travel etc. Relationship: casual to serious. Privacy, discretion, friendship, companionship assured. Let's spoil and pamper one another.
Ad#25978

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
FOR THE RIGHT PERSON
I am looking for a Bl/W or a GWM to live and form a long term relationship, income is not a factor, but would be nice between the age of 25-35, slim built, sexually active, must be masculine appearing in public (most bars are red neck). I live 35 miles out of town and play darts. I am 44 years old, 5'9", br/bl and 200lbs. If this is what you are looking for then please leave a message with name and telephone number in mail box number #25927.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HANDSOME GWM SEEKING SAME
I'm 30, 6'3", 210lbs, HIV+, short brown hair, hazel eyes, hairy chest and mustache. I own my home and am financially secure. Seeking a relationship with a man who is also HIV+ or able to deal with the situation on a mature and informed level, about my age, sexually secure and versatile, non-smoker, weight in proportion to height, comfortable in jeans or a tuxedo, and financially secure. I'm a very romantic person and seek out those qualities in others. We'll have to start out as friends first and let nature take its course.
Ad#25962

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PASSIVE SEEKING HIGHLY ACTIVE FOR FUN TIMES
GWM, 50's, 5'8", 240lbs, DDF, bearded, PASSIVE, professional seeking under 50, employed, ACTIVE GM (any race) for friendship/companionship. Sincerity more important than physical attributes. Interests: cooking, travel, dinner in/out, good times. Hairy A+ but all welcome. If you're younger ACTIVE seeking mature PASSIVE let's get together and start a relationship.
Ad#25911

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
PLACING YOUR OWN HOUSTON PERSONAL
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2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
STABLE PROFESSIONAL 40+ GWF SOFT BUTCH
Looking for a feminine but aggressive woman with a great sense of humor, stable, mature & comfortable with sexuality. Family oriented woman a plus. Enjoy camping, beach, movies & intimate evenings. Someone willing to take the time needed to truly get to know each other. Tired of playing games.
ad#25614

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WANT A GREAT SPECIA FRIEND?
I am and you will be masculine acting and sounding, GWM/GBM, attractive, under 45 years of age, sincere, weight in proportion to height, possess a great sense of humor, reasonably intelligent, non-smoker, non-substance abuser, not into bars or S & M, and have free time for safe get-togethers.
Ad#25011

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
DOMINANT GWM
40, 145, 5'9 seeks GWMs into S/M - Bl/D. Limits respected. Ad 25336.

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2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**TELEPHONE MAN
SEEKS RIGHT NUM-
BER**
In shape GWM, 41, 5'9",
145, br/br is looking for a
sincere masculine man
for dating. I enjoy dancing,
outdoor activities and quiet
evenings at home. Non-smoker
a plus, but not a must. Ad#
25956

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**ATTENTION: GYM
BODYBUILDER**
We met at a coffee
house for drinks on Friday
afternoon September
24. We liked each other
but unfortunately were
unable to make further
arrangements. Your name
is Dean. You are a 30 yr.
old bodybuilder from
Alabama studying for
your C.P.A. in Accounting.
I have been unsuccessful
contacting you on your
paper. I was very impressed
with you and would really
like to talk to you again.
Hope to hear from you soon.
Respond to my Ad#25908?

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**LOOKING FOR THE
RIGHT MAN**
25-45, masculine, neat
in appearance and at home,
DDF, NS, (light drinker)
who wants to share
apartment in a peaceful,
quiet, very luxurious
atmosphere, with a mature
person. Must be financially
responsible and able to
afford \$400 monthly for his
part of rent and utilities.
Ad#25700

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
GWM, 36, 5'11", 180,
professional, masculine,
sincere and stable. I
enjoy sports, movies,
theater, dining out, and
travel. Seek similar 30-45
year old for friendship
and/or relationship.
Ad#25912

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**ASIAN MALE PLEASE
RESPOND!**
GWM wanting to meet
GAM, Chinese, Japanese,
Tai, Indian etc. You:
20-30 y.o., responsible,
attractive, slim or muscular,
Me: 6', frequently told I'm
good looking, 30's, excellent
physical shape. Call,
let's talk. Ad#25973

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**FRIENDSHIP IS
WORTH THE
EFFORT**
Two GWM's, 35-52, HIV+
healthy, Houston Heights,
seeks other couples or
singles for friendship. Interest
include movies, dinners,
games, travel and good
company. Prefer non-
smokers. If you sincerely
interested in finding friends
we would love to hear from
you. We know you are out
there. Don't be afraid to
reach out. Ad#25934

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**ATTENTION PROFESSIONAL
MEN!**
GWM, 34, 6', 155lbs, br/bl,
DDF, good looking, college
educated, masculine, and
passionate who enjoys
movies, jogging, bike riding
and camping is looking for
other DDF GWM's, 25-35 with
similar interests for
friendship, dating and possible
relationship. Ad#25987

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**HIV+ HISPANIC
MALE**
Mid 30's, professional,
healthy, sincere, good
since of humor. Seeking
other HIV+ men for
friendship, but I'm
primarily interested in
entering a serious
relationship with an
honest, caring, and
loving man. Ad#25987

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**OUTDOORSMAN
SEEKS OUTDOOR
MEN!**
Small town boy, GWM,
34, 5'9", 165lbs seeks other
GWM's which enjoy the
great outdoors. Activities
include hunting, fishing
and camping. Ad#25706

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
AM I ALONE?
GWM, 29, considered
very good looking, h/w
proportionate, HIV+ for
6 years with no
complications. I'm very
honest, sincere, lonely
and missing a special
someone. You must be
GW or GH with great
looks, honest, no
health complications, sexy,
h/w proportionate, have
a strong will to live and
share your life with someone
that deserves the best.
You out there somewhere!
How can we meet? You
won't be disappointed!
Ad#25270

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
MARRIED MEN
Spend quality time day
or night w/ semi-retired
GWM in Houston. Ad#
25328

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**MANLY MEN - THAT'S
A COOL FEELING!**
Attractive WM 35, tall,
nice build, long hair,
hazel eyes, HIV+,
versatile, seeks self-
supporting masculine
WM with self esteem,
not into one night
stands. I enjoy rock,
country, live bands,
football, golf, the outdoors
and Tex Mex food.
Smoker/drinker
okay. Ad#25701

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**BEAUTIFUL FRIEND-
SHIP WITH NATURAL
LOVE!**
Let's always be just a
very sincere relationship
between two GWM's,
I'm 25. Tired of
playing the crazy game
of the single life. I'm
very open minded and
understanding and
am looking for the same.
Fun loving, honest,
sweet and caring. We'll
work our way up from
being friends. Ad#25987

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
HELLO LADIES!
I am an attractive 31 year
old attached GWF, 5'5",
120 lbs, very healthy and
active looking for an
attached female 25-45
to share an exciting
and very discreet
affair with! Ad#25980.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**ATTENTION REAL
MEN**
GWM, 37, good looking,
6', dark brown/blue,
clean shaven, professional,
educated, seeks GWM
or BWM 25-39 years old
who is together and
knows who they are
going and would like
a loving monogamous
relationship. Previous
responses to this ad
number 25948 were not
received, please
respond again to the
new Ad#25964.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**SMALL KINGDOM IN
NEED OF PRINCE**
Really tired of kissing
frogs. GWM, br, business
man, 46, 6', 195lbs, wishes
to meet younger (20-30),
attractive GWM. Prefer
trim, clean shaven, in
shape with smooth body.
Seeking a quality individual
to help me enjoy the
rewards of a successful
career. Dining out,
theater, movies, and
travel as well as quiet
and sometimes
passionate times at
home. Ad#25983

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**ROOMMATE TO SHARE
BEAUTIFUL LARGE
HOUSE BETWEEN
MEDICAL CENTER
AND U OF H.**
Professional with
references. \$350
plus 1/3 utilities.
(713) 523-1022

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**LOOKING FOR
FRIENDS**
41 yr. old GWF looking
for women friends. I
don't smoke, do drugs
and only drink
occasionally. Romance
is possible, but
friends are more
important right now.
Ad#25939

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**DEDICATED AQUARIAN
SEEKS HIS SPECIAL
SOMEONE**
GWM, 23, 6'2", 225, br/gr,
clean-shaven, DDF,
non-smoker, not into
bars, mature, attractive,
humorous, well-
educated, sincere
seeking that special
someone. Honesty is
important. Age not
important. Blacks,
Hispanics, and Asians
are a plus. Some of my
interests include
swimming, poker, Q-
Patrol, hug therapy,
movies, computers,
and video games.
Ad#25954

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
Senior BWM and mid 30's
still occasionally
capable. Wants to
contact other similar
old guy (s) for
occasional casual
pleasure - no
special relationship.
Prefer North-
west Houston or near.
Ad#25970

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
WAITING!
24, 5'7", 140lbs, bl/br,
have nice eyes and
smile. Would like
to meet someone
intelligent and kind.
Have varied interests.
No problem with
age or race. Height/
weight proportionate.
Ad#25936

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**NEED DADDY YOU
NEVER REALLY
HAD?**
Mature, professional,
very hairy body/
hairy chest, Edwardian-
beard, (sign of
cancer). You, mature,
non-smoker, into
safe fun. Please
respond to Ad#25916.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**HUG, SQUEEZE &
PLEASE**
GWM 37, 5'10", 185,
brown/brown, med. alt.,
moustache, contact
lenses. Enjoy going
out on occasion,
the outdoors, jogging,
quiet evenings,
cooking, cuddle up,
kiss, etc. I'm S.E.
inside the loop,
also occasionally
out to Cypress/Cair
area. I'm
passive looking for
get together. Not
serious for now.
Ad#25612

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**ACCOMPLISHED
PROFESSIONAL
SEEKS YOUNGER
MAN**
40ish GWM, grad school
educated, healthy,
sincere and sensitive
man in Houston for
serious relationship.
I'm 6'2", 190, br,
masculine. Women tell
me I'm handsome. If
you are the boy-
next-door looking for
an honest, loving and
accomplished man,
please respond to
Ad#25976

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**ATTENTION
BLACK, LATINO
MEN!**
Great-looking/muscular
white guy craves hot
fun with black or
latin men who crave
the same thing. No
drugs, no disease,
free 6ft. tall, 180lbs,
and ready. Let me
know what you got
and what you want.
You won't be
disappointed!
Ad#25531

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**LOOKING FOR
FRIENDS AND A
LIFE PARTNER**
GWM, 32, stocky, DDF,
seeking GWM or
GWM 18-30. I
enjoy quite evenings,
movies, and outdoors.
If you like these
things contact me.
Ad#25989

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**BOY IN SHORT
SHORTS**
Young 23, sexy, very
attractive, oddly
enough single, disease
free, GWM, bl/bl,
5'11" seeks similar
23-30 for dating
and possible relationship.
Filled with
romance, fun, spontaneous
times, honesty
and monogamy.
Stable, masculine,
dark hair a plus,
non-smoker, no
drugs. Show me
the right attention
and you'll receive
the same. Ad#25365

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**AGGRESSIVE PRO-
FESSIONAL GWF 35**
Red/hazel, 5'9", 150,
I like romantic
evenings at home,
movies, camping,
music and go to
bars occasionally.
Non-smoker,
social drinker and
drug free. Financially
stable, non-role
playing and have
a good sense of
humor. Looking
for that special
someone age
25-40. I just
recently moved to
New Jersey. Please
respond if interested.
Ad#25284

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
ROMANCE FOR TWO
GWF, 32 - long dk.
brown hair, brown
eyes seeks a non-
smoker, light
drinker (drug
free to date). I
enjoy movies, fun,
attractive and
monogamous. If
you're the same
please respond.
Ad#7055

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
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Gaymates, P.O. Box
2167-Y30 - Decatur,
IL 62624-2167. Discretion
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(217) 875-5005.

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**ROCKET MAN IN
NASA AREA**
GWM (27, 5'8", 150 lbs.,
DDF, NS), masculine
and attractive, looking
to meet a caring man
for possible monogamous
relationship (dating
first). If romance
doesn't work,
friendship would
also be nice. I'm
funny, romantic,
and like working
out. Turn ons:
short hair, hairy
legs, white tennis
shoes. Looking for
a similar professional
GWM or GHM (23-35).
Ad#25155

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**WANTED: VERY
TALL, HUSKY
MAN**
Me: GWM, 40, 5'10",
175, br/bl, moustache,
(really look 30),
smooth body,
workout, sports,
movies, music,
dancing, travel,
computers. Professional.
Can be monogamous
for right man.
Humorous and
serious personality.
Farm boy-cosmo
man. You: 6'3"+,
football player
body. Old - young,
attractive, masculine,
intelligent, mature,
responsible,
caring, loving -
enough. Ad#25982

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
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2220 Individual Personal
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for others to see
and hear, call
Houston local
number 529-8490.
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write your
proposed ad
using up to 6
words as a
bold headline &
up to 50
words to describe
the people and
traits desired.
Keep it positive.
Describe yourself.
Before you'll
know it, you'll
have people
wanting to meet
you!

2200 THE PERSONALS
2220 Individual Personal
**IF YOU HAVE
NEVER
ANSWERED AN
AD BEFORE**
Please consider this
one. I am a 52 y.o.
professional,
healthy, honest,
sincere and sensitive
man who enjoys
younger men who
are healthy with
slim bodies,
free of drugs
and alcohol, for
gay fun times,
touching, quite
evenings together.
I am free
afternoons and
some nights and
weekends.
Ad#25947

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pumps - professional
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permanent
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Kaplan (312) 274-2191.

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neighborhood
movers, our 10th
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Call Frank at
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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

ACLU fighting Creswell, Oregon's anti-gay measure; financial reports out

CRESWELL, Ore., Tuesday, Oct. 12 (AP)—An anti-gay rights city charter amendment faces a legal challenge as financial reports show it is taking a lot of money to fight over the issue elsewhere around the state.
The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit Monday in Lane County Circuit Court seeking a permanent court injunction barring Creswell from enforcing an anti-gay rights amendment approved by city voters last month.
City Manager Ron Hanson said the Creswell City Council decided Monday night not to enforce the charter amend-

ment and to wait and see what happens in court.
He said the city was aware of the law passed by the Oregon Legislature at the end of its 1993 session that forbids enforcement of anti-gay rights measures.
However, that law is being challenged in Marion County.
But the executive director of the Oregon ACLU said that lawsuits against local anti-gay rights measures will continue.
Dave Fidanque said fighting anti-gay measures accounts for one-third of the ACLU's active legal work in the state.

"The measures represent such a fundamental attack on the Bill of Rights that we couldn't let any of them stand," Fidanque said.
Meanwhile, the first round of financial reports for the next two gay-rights battlegrounds were released Monday for Oregon City and Keizer, but it is hard to tell who's ahead.
Both cities have elections scheduled Nov. 9 on local anti-gay rights initiatives sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance.
But both the OCA and its main opponent, the Support Our Communities political action committee, filed overall

contributions and expenditures reports that do not list donations by community.
Support Our Communities listed contributions of \$188,595 since its formation in February. The group reported expenditures of \$185,686.
In contrast, the OCA's No Special Rights political action committee reported contributions of \$54,926 and expenditures of \$54,940 since June 9.
But reports filed earlier this month with the state Elections Office show that for the period from Nov. 24, 1992, through last Sept. 1, two OCA political action committees reported raising more than \$385,740.

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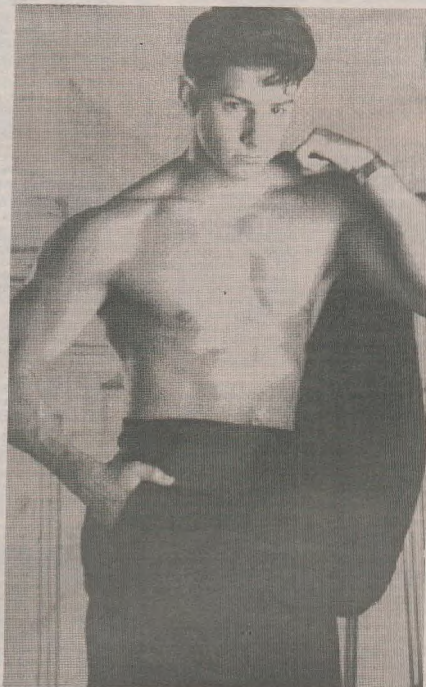
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After you've read your ad to us, and we prepare it to go into print, we will give you an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-letter PIN. Call the 800 number using a touch-tone phone and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. (Somewhere in your verbal ad, say what city you live in.)

Cost: \$24.95 for up to a year. We will mail you a bill.

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

● **To PLACE a Personal Ad by Mail:**

Write out your ad using up to 6 words in a bold headline and up to 50 words in regular type. Then, mail it with your check for \$24.95 to New Voice Personals, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006.

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You can change your ad as often as desired during the year. But you must call us or mail us a note every 4 weeks to keep the ad running.

● **To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Phone:**

Call 1-900-454-3576. Listen to the verbal instructions. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill from "Multiquest." Call (713) 529-8490 for information about this service. You must be 18+.

You can respond verbally, leaving your name and phone number, to as many personal advertisers as you wish. You can also browse through all the personal advertisers until you hear someone that interests you. As the individual advertisers periodically check their incoming verbal mailboxes, they will retrieve your response. Additionally, you can listen to verbal ads placed through other major gay newspapers in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Miami, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Orlando, Raleigh and San Diego.

● **To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Mail:**

Mail each response separately to New Voice Personals, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006. Write the 5-digit ad number on the outside of the envelope. Your response will be forwarded unopened to the advertiser. (Do not

mail multiple responses in a single envelope. Only individually-sealed, first-class, personal responses will be forwarded.)

● **To RECEIVE Responses to Your Personal Ad:**

We will forward to you daily, unopened, at no charge, all responses received by mail.

To see if you have any verbal messages waiting to be retrieved, call the 800 toll-free number we gave you when you placed your ad. Follow the verbal instructions. If the recording there says you have verbal responses waiting, have your 5-digit code and secret 4-digit PIN handy and call 1-900-454-3576 to retrieve your verbal responses. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill as "Multiquest." Call (713) 529-8490 for information about this service. You must be 18+.

● **RULES of Etiquette:**

All personal ads, and all responses to personal ads, should be in good taste. An advertiser may not describe sexual activity or anatomy. All advertising should be "positive." That is, describing only those people or traits desired. (People or traits not desired must not be listed.)

● **Additional REQUIREMENT:**

To take advantage of this \$24.95-per-year extraordinary offer, we require that you participate in the "live voice" aspect of our Voice Phone Personals by calling a special 1-800 number we will give you at the time you place your ad. There, by following the verbal instructions, you will record, in your own actual voice, your personal ad.

If you do NOT participate in this "live voice" aspect of our Voice Phone Personals, you will not be eligible for the \$24.95 per year unlimited rate but may instead purchase a personal ad at our regular rate of 55 cents per word per week.

WHERE THE GUYS ARE...

ONLY!
99¢ PER MINUTE
+ \$2.99 connection charge.

CALL NOW! TALK LIVE!
1-900-HOT-HUNK
BILLED TO YOUR TELEPHONE
1-800-767-6767
BILLED TO YOUR VISA OR MASTERCARD

Must Be 18 Or Older • Prices Subject To Change Without Notice
Touch Tone Phone Only • For More Free Information Call: 1-800-576-GUYS • ©1993 Real People, Ltd.

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BILLED TO YOUR PHONE

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STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

2 WEDNESDAYS AT 9 P.M.
WEDNESDAY OCT 20 & 27, 1993

MEET OUR NEW
MASSAGE THERAPIST
JEFFERY TAVEL
TX LIC > #3236

FREE CHAIR MASSAGE **FREE**
WITH THIS COUPON ONLY
VALID ONLY WED., OCT. 20 & 27, 1993 - 9:00p.m.

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\$20



- MONDAY • ½ PRICE LOCKERS
 - TUES • ½ PRICE ROOM & LOCKERS
 - WED • NEW BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL STUDENT I.D. = ½ PRICE LOCKER
 - THURS • ½ PRICE ROOM & LOCKERS
- YOUR COMPLETE ENTERTAINMENT & PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPLEX**

- NAUTILUS
- FREE WEIGHT
- TANNING BED
- DRY SAUNA
- STEAM BATH
- PRIVATE DRESSING ROOMS
- LARGE SUNDECK
- FREE B.B.Q. ON WEEKENDS
- SPECIALS WEEKLY
- MASSAGE THERAPY
- POOL
- JACUZZI
- SHOWERS
- VIDEO ROOMS
- LOCKERS

EXCLUSIVE TANNING

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EXCLUSIVE TANNING PRESENTS FROM TOP MEN'S CLUBS IN AMERICA SUCH AS CHIPPENDALE'S AND OTHERS

“ADULT” ENTERTAINMENT
for the Discreet Gentleman or Groups of Gentlemen

SAVE \$35.00: Cut this ad out and bring it with you.

FEATURING ACTS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

Now Introducing Man-to-Man “Live”

Featuring: *Exclusive* **DOMINATIONS**

SAVE \$35.00 with copy of this ad.

Don't risk those little ads in some house. Come to the leader in DOMINATION in Texas. Call ahead for appointments.

- ROTATIONS INCLUDE**
- Wednesday Featuring Mistress Heidi or Mister Butch (Your choice)
 - Thursday Featuring Mistress Dominique or Lord Aggressiveness
 - Friday Featuring Colonel Klink or General Patton
 - Saturday Featuring Mistress Dominique or Mister Butch
 - Sunday Featuring Mister Butch or Mistress Heidi
 - Monday Featuring Mistress Heidi or Mister Butch
 - Tuesday Featuring Mister Butch or Mistress Dominique

- Tools-of-Trade Provided With Session**
- Whips - Various
 - Mask
 - Doggie Spiked Collar
 - Leash
 - Bring Your Own!!

This session is normally \$75.00.
SAVE \$35.00 WITH THIS COUPON EVERYDAY
Appointments Only - Call

Talk to a Great Exclusive Tanning Model - Live Out Your Fantasy on the Phone

- Billed to your Visa or Master Card
- Only local phone line in Houston (no 800 or 900#)
- Must be 18+ and prices subject to change

Introductory Special thru 10/28
Call and Say You Saw The New Voice ad and Rates are:

- 1-5 Minutes • \$5.00
- 5-10 Minutes • \$8.00
- 10-20 Minutes • \$15.00
- 20-30 Minutes • \$20.00

Come with us and join the hottest phone line in Houston for men

Charged to your Visa & Master Card as Marketing Org. of America

Best man-to-man phone sex in America is now available locally in Houston. Come experience your fantasy on the telephone.

Exciting
 •
 Fantasize
 •
 Inexpensive

Call 669-0253

Your 1st Choice in Phone Sex

Cut This Out • Save \$35.00 With Coupon

SESSIONS

by **Beautiful Female and Male Models** in a totally stress free arousing environment.

- Motion Lotion provided.
- Safe & Convenient location.
- Relax Today

This session is normally \$75.00.
SAVE \$35.00 WITH THIS COUPON EVERYDAY
Appointments Only - Call

Two for One

with copy of this ad **Save \$40**

For a limited time get 2 superstuds for the throbbing price of 1

This is the greatest adult entertainment value in Houston.

Introducing to Houston

- “Cody” “Tower” “Superstud” “Justin”
- “Big Willie” “The Man With The Plan”

This Special is normally \$80.00

SAVE \$40 APPOINTMENTS ONLY

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Come see us for a frolicing good time

- Male and Female Oil Wrestling
- Nationally Known Male Adult XXX Entertainers
- Sexiest Male Models in America Available Today!
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