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Boxer George Foreman donates \$100,000 to AFH's Stone Soup

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

In a minimally publicized ceremony at his northeast Houston center for youth, boxer George Foreman presented a check for \$100,000 to AIDS Foundation Houston for its Stone Soup Food pantry on Oct. 25. The donation—designated to be used specifically for food purchases to keep the pantry stocked—is enough to keep the pantry operating at its current budget level for the next two years, said Linda Mullins, AFH interim executive director.

AFH has no immediate plans to increase Stone Soup's monthly budget level because of the donation; however, Mullins said that because of changing conditions including the pantry's steadily increasing client load, the board may later consider such a change in order to meet the need.

The money was deposited in a special "George Foreman Stone Soup Fund" account on Monday, Mullins said.

Foreman, who recently has made several large charitable contributions out of funds from a \$1.5 million lawsuit settlement, reportedly is modest about this activity and did not want a public event to call attention to the donation. However, he was convinced by his long time friend and sometime sparring partner, Dr. Adan Rios, who didn't want the effort to go unnoticed, said Mullins.

The ceremony took place within the boxing ring at George Foreman Youth and Development Center off Little York Road. The check was presented to Jan-



Boxer George Foreman, center, presents \$100,000 check for Stone Soup to AFH board chair Janice Thomas (at Foreman's left), and other AFH board members. The donation was prompted by Foreman's association with Dr. Adan Rios (far left)

ice Thomas, chair of the AFH board, with Dr. Rios, an AFH board member and Youth Center supporter, serving as "referee."

"I've been given so much in this

world, and been blessed with so many wonderful things, I've always felt a responsibility to give something back to those who are less fortunate and deserve a chance too," said the former World

Heavyweight Champion. Foreman said it was Dr. Rios who advised him of the need for funding at AFH and recommended the donation to Stone Soup.

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Volleyball tournament raises \$3,000 for ASA's Paul Kirby Fund

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

In a three day volleyball tournament this past weekend over \$3,000 was raised for persons with AIDS in Travis County. The third annual Octopus volleyball tournament, played on Chance's sand lot volleyball court, raised money for Austin AIDS Services' Paul Kirby Fund, a program that provides emergency financial assistance for PWA's. "Y Ask Y" won first place out of a field of 28 teams composed of coworkers and friends. Over 180 people played in the 42 games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in front of a wildly enthusiastic crowd that sometimes exceeded 200 people.

The event's co-organizer, Jeane Minnich, said that the tournament was designed to raise money while having fun. She referenced the tournament's unique "No Forfeit" rule that allowed team members to be replaced by spectators should they grow tired or not show up. "This gave audience participation a new meaning," she commented.

Minnich said that she and other or-



PHOTO BY JEANNE NIELSEN

"Y Ask Y," the first place winning team in the Octopus Club's volleyball tournament

ganizers of the event, Chance's owner Sandra Martinez and Paul Bradshaw, were very pleased with this year's increased turnout. "We have jumped remarkably over last year when we had 16 teams and raised \$2,100," said

Bradshaw. People are beginning to find out what fun this is."

The Octopus tournament raised the money through a combination of team entry fees, company sponsorships, T-shirt sales and individual contributions

by spectators.

The tournament was only one of a series of individually planned parties and events that have been occurring around Austin this past month, put on by the members of the Octopus Club, an independent grass-roots fund raising organization for ASA. This loose knit group of volunteers compete against each other to raise money for the Paul Kirby Fund in creative and fun ways. "It is important to remember that for all Octopus events ALL of the money donated goes directly to the fund," Minnich stressed. "The expenses incurred in throwing the event are covered entirely by the volunteer host.

Last year, Chances won the traveling trophy vase for raising the most money. Bradshaw said the good news/bad news is that in spite of the recent tournament's success, Chances will likely not be able to keep the trophy this year.

"I've heard rumors that one of the Octopus parties raised close to \$5,000, which is great! But we'll get it (the trophy) back next year," he said.

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San Antonio to hold its first AIDS fund raising walk Nov. 24

San Antonians are invited to "Walk for Life" in the first walk-a-thon to raise funds to benefit the San Antonio AIDS Foundation and the Bexar County AIDS Consortium on Sunday, Nov. 24.

The walk will originate downtown at Market Square and participants will walk on the sidewalk 2.5 miles up Hous-

ton street past the north side of the Alamo to Bowie, south on Bowie Street to Commerce, then west on Commerce Street back to Market Square.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., followed by opening ceremonies and the official walk is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. A \$7 registration fee is required and

participants are encouraged to ask friends and family to pledge at least \$1 per mile the participants walk. Monies are to be collected in advance for the total amount they raise, made out to "Walk for Life." Participants will receive a "Walk for Life" T-shirt.

The major sponsor of the event is

Curaflex Infusion Services. Other corporate sponsors include the San Antonio Light, Miller Lite and Coca-Cola.

The "Walk for Life" event coordinator is Evan Pope. Persons interested in obtaining a pledge card should call the San Antonio AIDS Foundation at (512) 225-4715.

Taking time last week to discover the colors of fall as well as revisiting rural America after years in the big city, we stopped in East Texas to visit some of our better half's relatives and in passing his 80-year-old uncle remarked—with tongue at least partly in cheek—that we haven't had a president since Harry Truman.

Granted that is a good-ole-boy overstatement, in one sense it contains a hint of truth. Certainly with the advent of Lyndon Johnson and, more particularly, Richard Nixon, our federal government has come to operate more in the dark than any previous time in our history. Johnson was, by nature, somewhat secretive and loved the gossip J. Edgar Hoover shoveled his way—Hoover's way to insure a continued free, and secretive, hand in his constant surveillance of all perceived enemies of the country and Hoover.

With Nixon the practice took on new depths of secrecy—the White House operated almost as an independent government answerable only to the President and his chief henchmen. In Nixon's case this secrecy was used primarily to insure his re-election, and Nixon wasn't satisfied with mere re-election, it had to be a landslide, a mandate for his ego.

But the real advent of dual government reached his apex under America's first "acting" president, Ronald Reagan. Reagan was truly playing his biggest role and the producers, behind the scenes, directed his every response. Irangate and the Contra connection were but two of the splashier productions. What has still evaded total discovery is the endless connection between Reagan's men and the largest financial scandal—Teapot Dome was child's play in comparison—of our history, on ongoing S&L and banking losses which will yet reach the trillion-dollar mark, all at the taxpayer's expense.

George Bush, never one to be left in the cold, played his part in his own wrinkle to secret government. He has created something called the Council on Competitiveness, a small band of ultra conservatives to which he has appointed Danny Quayle to head. This body was supposedly created to help in restoring American business to a competitive place in the world economy. Instead, it has become the Bush instrument to business from those environmental busybodies. This small body of Bushmen also are in the process of gutting the Clean Air Act on the grounds that the high cost of cleaning the air undermines business competitiveness.

Like Reagan before him, Bush can pose on the rim of the Grand Canyon as the Great Environmentalist, while his secret government under Danny Boy grabs off 30 million acres from protected wetlands. And this secretive council fueled Danny Boy's recent attack on trial lawyers for the high cost of litigation. Bush came off as the middle class defender against lawyers—a profession ranking slightly above journalists in the public's admiring eye—while defending the interests of big businesses from large judgments.

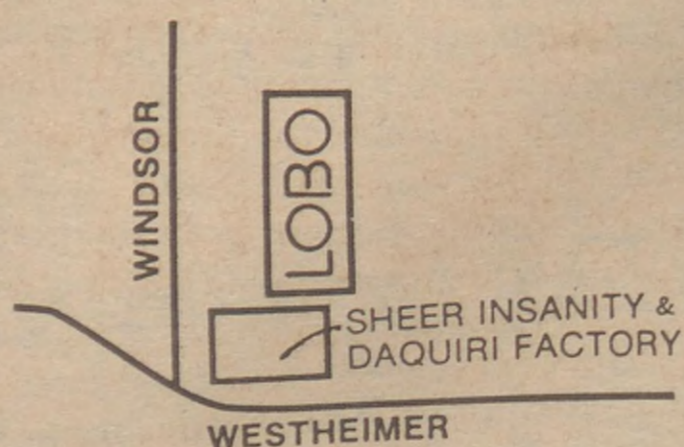
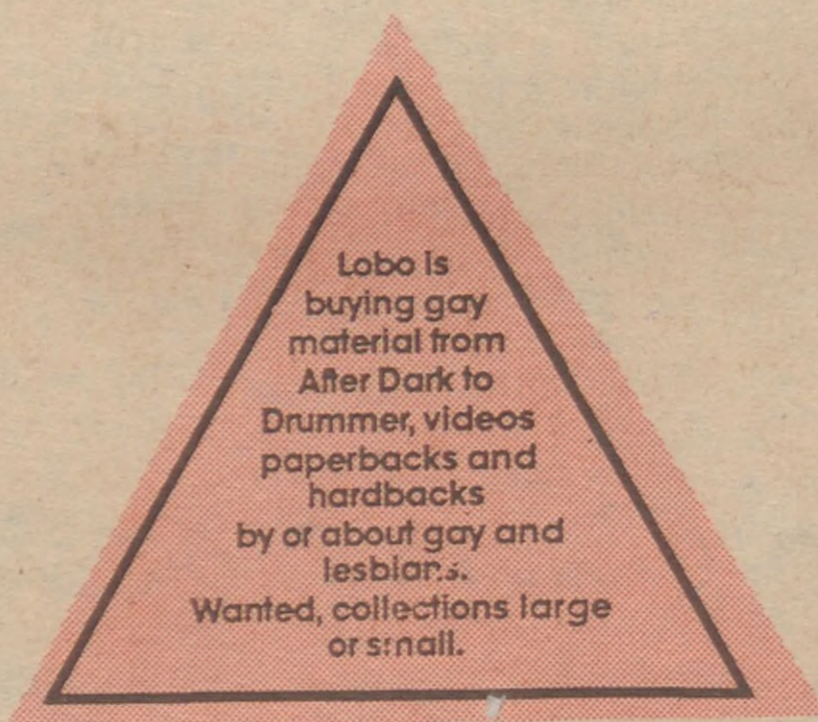
Now the original idea of our two party system developed during our beginnings as the pro-French, agrarian Jeffersonians challenged the pro-English, centralized Federalists who, using the Hamiltonian policy, joined the interests of big money and big government—a tie sustained to this day by the Republican Party. Then there was a clear difference in policy and politicians. Unfortunately, time and money have blurred the distinctions so that the underlying interests in Congress are not so dissimilar. Some of the obvious results of this blurring of the lines was the botched confirmations of both Clarence Thomas and Gates at CIA.

With the lines between Democrats and Republicans increasingly hazy, the deciding factor becomes raw power and the Republicans' willingness and expertise in its use. No longer is American politics conservative vs. liberal, but rather moderate conservative vs. ultra conservative or fiscal conservative vs. progressive conservative. Few Democrats willingly accept the label "liberal," created a dirty word by years of Republican campaigning.

We recall back in 1964, with the martyrdom of Kennedy and the advent of Johnson's Great Society reinforced with the swamping that year of the spokesperson of conservatives, Barry Goldwater, the obituaries were being written for the Republican Party. Never, to paraphrase Mark Twain, was a death reported so prematurely. Thanks only to Watergate and the brief interlude of Jimmy Carter, the Republicans have since had a stranglehold on the presidency. Anytime you can elect a B-movie actor married to the witch of the North to the White House anything becomes possible—even the eventual elevation of Danny Boy.

The only hope for the Democratic Party and an end to government by secrecy is that the party of Roosevelt and Truman re-emerge from the shadows of Republicanism and conservatism. The growing issue of the coming campaign is economics and it requires the Democrats to return to their roots, as champions of the great middle and lower classes of Americans. But this also requires shucking some of the dead weight in the party, taking firm stands (like not selling out on the Civil Rights Bill so that Bush comes out the winner), and playing the game to win.

The election of 1992 is winnable for the Democrats, but if we were a betting person our money wouldn't be on the Democratic line. Too many Congressional Democrats have learned too well how to survive and even thrive alongside a Republican White House. Too many Democrats have found re-election posing as pseudo-Republicans. And the Democrats' best hope for leadership hovers in Albany undecided and undecided—a dilemma used with telling effect against another Democratic governor back in 1952. We are always willing to be surprised by the Democrats but we have also learned never to underestimate to what depths the Republicans are willing to carry this nation in the name of re-election.



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"Besides, I know that someday they are going to find a cure for this dreadful disease, and I want to be able to say to my children that I was a part of that effort," Foreman continued.

"Over the years, I have found George to be extremely responsive to people in need, and when it is within his power to render assistance, you can count on him to be there," Rios said. "This instance is, of course, no different."

Mullins said although the Foundation has made no decision to increase the pantry's monthly budget, the increasing number of clients using the

pantry's services may later necessitate such an adjustment.

"I don't foresee any changes ... what this (donation) will do is guarantee the present level (\$4,000) for the next two years.

"... Because of the conditions ... we might have to consider increasing that amount, because we keep getting more clients. It wouldn't be right to make people wait to make the money last (two years) when people are hungry now," she said.

For years, Stone Soup has struggled to serve its clients under the double burden of a steadily growing population us-

ing its services and decreases in funding, according to the pantry program's administrator, Julio Rodriguez. Clients often wait in long lines outside the cramped pantry only to find the shelves nearly bare when their turn comes to "shop."

Other groups have criticized AFH's administration of the program, questioning everything from the agency's policy of adhering to a pre-set budget for the pantry to its screening and qualification practices. However, AFH representatives insist they are only facing a problem now universal for AIDS service providers: a system strained past its

limits by an ever-growing, overwhelming need.

Responding, perhaps, to past allegations that "overflow" funds for Stone Soup have been diverted to AFH's general fund, Mullins assured "there is no way that these (Foreman) funds can go into any black hole.

"I want to make that clear ... there's no black hole," she said.

Thomas said Foreman has also indicated he will continue to contribute to AIDS-related causes, including research as well as services. "We are fortunate to have such an empathic benefactor," she said.

▼ ▼ ▼ SAN ANTONIO LIVE

Jump Start Performance Co. announces guest artist series

Jump Start Performance Company's 1991 guest artist series, titled "Subterranean: Emerging Voices From Underground," consists of national, regional and local artists whose work "goes beyond the cultural mainstream." A wide range of performance styles will be represented, from contemporary dance and theater, to performance art and stand-up comedy.

Los Angeles based writer/comic Monica Palacios kicks off the series Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-3 at 8:30 p.m. at the Bonham Exchange, 411 Bonham, with "Latin Lezbo Comic," a performance piece that takes the audience on an

autobiographical trip. The event is co-sponsored by Esperanza Peace and Justice Center.

Friday, Nov. 8 at 8:00 p.m. will be Austin's "Hard Women," a six member ensemble. Next is the Ralph Lemon Dance Company, presented at the Carver Theater, 226 N. Hackberry, Nov. 15 and 16 at 8:00 p.m. The New York based company combines narration, music and visual design with modern dance.

David Zamora Casas will present a new work called "Stream of Consciousness Play" on Nov. 22-24 at 8:00 p.m. Casas creates a surreal performance

with music that takes aim at social and religious pretensions.

Other guests in the series include Glenna Park and Diana Cardenas, two primarily visual artists who expand into performance works about oppression, Nov. 29-30 at 8:00 p.m.; Beverley Sanchez-Padilla presents "Camina," a theatrical performance piece centered on the life of a rebel nun, Dec. 6-8, 8:00 p.m.; Austin dancer/choreographer Toni Bravo, Dec. 13, 8:00 p.m.; "Dance-O-Matic," featuring the Kizz-La Belly Dance Troupe of Austin and Aztec dances from Ballet Regional Mexicano; Kitty Williams, Dec. 20-21, 8:00 p.m., and

"Rap-O-Rama," Dec. 22, 8:00 p.m.

Closing out the series will be Trade/Winds by Debra Medows on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27-28 at 8:00 p.m. Poet/performer Medows explores feminine rites of passage through the eyes of a modern African/American woman. Featuring live music by T-Bow.

All performances except Monica Palacios and Ralph Lemon Dance Co. take place at the Jump Start Theater, 1035 S. Alamo in the historic King William district.

For more information, call (512) 227-JUMP.

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Former inmate says sign hung by officer violated privacy rights

MILWAUKEE, Monday, Oct. 21 (AP)—A Milwaukee man infected with the AIDS virus has filed a complaint with the Fire and Police Commission, alleging that his privacy rights were violated when an officer hung a sign outside his jail cell that said "AIDS."

"I'm not after anybody's badge," Dennis L. Bunch said Sunday. "I'm more interest-

ed in a policy change so other people don't have to go through what I went through."

Bunch, 27, was being held in the city jail Oct. 4, 1989, after being arrested for disorderly conduct. The citation, which stemmed from a fight Bunch had with a man who he claimed stole his cap, was later dismissed.

Bunch said he told jail officers about his

condition before he was locked up.

"My gripe is that my constitutional right to privacy was violated," he said. "...I could have been beaten up if I had been put back into the jail population."

Police Sgt. Robert Lewandowski, who works in the jail, said it is procedure to place any inmate with a communicable disease in a cell separate from other in-

mates. Jail workers are informed the person has a disease, but other inmates are not informed, he said. Now a sign such as the one hung outside Bunch's cell would not be used, Lewandowski said.

Bunch, contends, however, that he didn't have AIDS. He says he only tested positive for the virus with causes the disease.

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Federal health official explains \$8.5 million AIDS study to Texas advocates

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

An official of a federal health agency conducting an 18 month, \$8.5 million study on the impact of AIDS on individuals, service agencies and the public health care system on Monday met with representatives of Texas AIDS and gay/lesbian civil rights groups to answer questions about the study, which includes patients at Houston's Thomas Street Clinic.

The survey is the most expensive AIDS tracking study ever to be ordered by the federal government.

David Willis, a senior fellow of the U.S. Public Health Service and one of the directors of the survey which is monitoring about 2200 people in ten U.S. cities, also told participants that interviewers will no longer have access to the names and addresses of patients participating in the study. The release of patients' names was one of the main concerns expressed by the Texas Human Rights Foundation and AIDS Equity League when the survey began—with no prior announcement—in Houston. THRF held that the release of names and addresses violated state Medicaid regulations.

Participants will now be identified by number, such as the patient's Social Security or Medicaid identification number, and all identifying information will be removed before survey results are made available to various groups for analysis, Willis said.

Willis said the agency believed the concerns were valid, and changed the



David Willis of the U.S. Public Health Service was in Houston Monday to address the concerns of Texas AIDS and human rights groups regarding an AIDS survey being conducted by the federal government

identification requirements because of the interaction with the Texas groups. He also responded to concerns about the surveyors' treatment of indigent AIDS patients, explaining that interviewers were subjected to "intensive training and hands on experience" to sensitize them to issues involved in relating to PWA's.

Additionally, he noted, although the survey is being conducted by a private corporation contracted by the government, the company's agents "become direct agents of the federal government, and are bound by all the same (legal) restraints" while involved in the survey. "All of the interviewers are bound by written agreement...to follow all of the

aspects of confidentiality law," Willis said.

He did not address concerns regarding the use of \$50 cash awards to encourage patients to participate in the survey. AEL had previously charged that indigent people who are offered money do not always act in their own best interest, and that the government was capitalizing on this weakness to attract subjects for the study. In Houston, only persons already in the public health care system are being monitored, while in other cities the survey involves participants who are not medically indigent.

The panel discussion, hosted by Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University and the

AIDS Equity League of Houston, came in response to concerns expressed by AIDS advocates about confidentiality protections and methods used in conducting the survey. Panelists included Laurie Eiserloh, executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL); Patricia Presley, legal coordinator for THRF's AIDS Legal Resource Project and Amy Randall Webb, representing AIDS Foundation Houston. AEL president Robert Falletti facilitated. Also present was King Hillier, a Harris County Hospital District administrator.

Presley said the federal agency is also using THRF as an "unofficial consultant" on Texas law as it relates to AIDS.

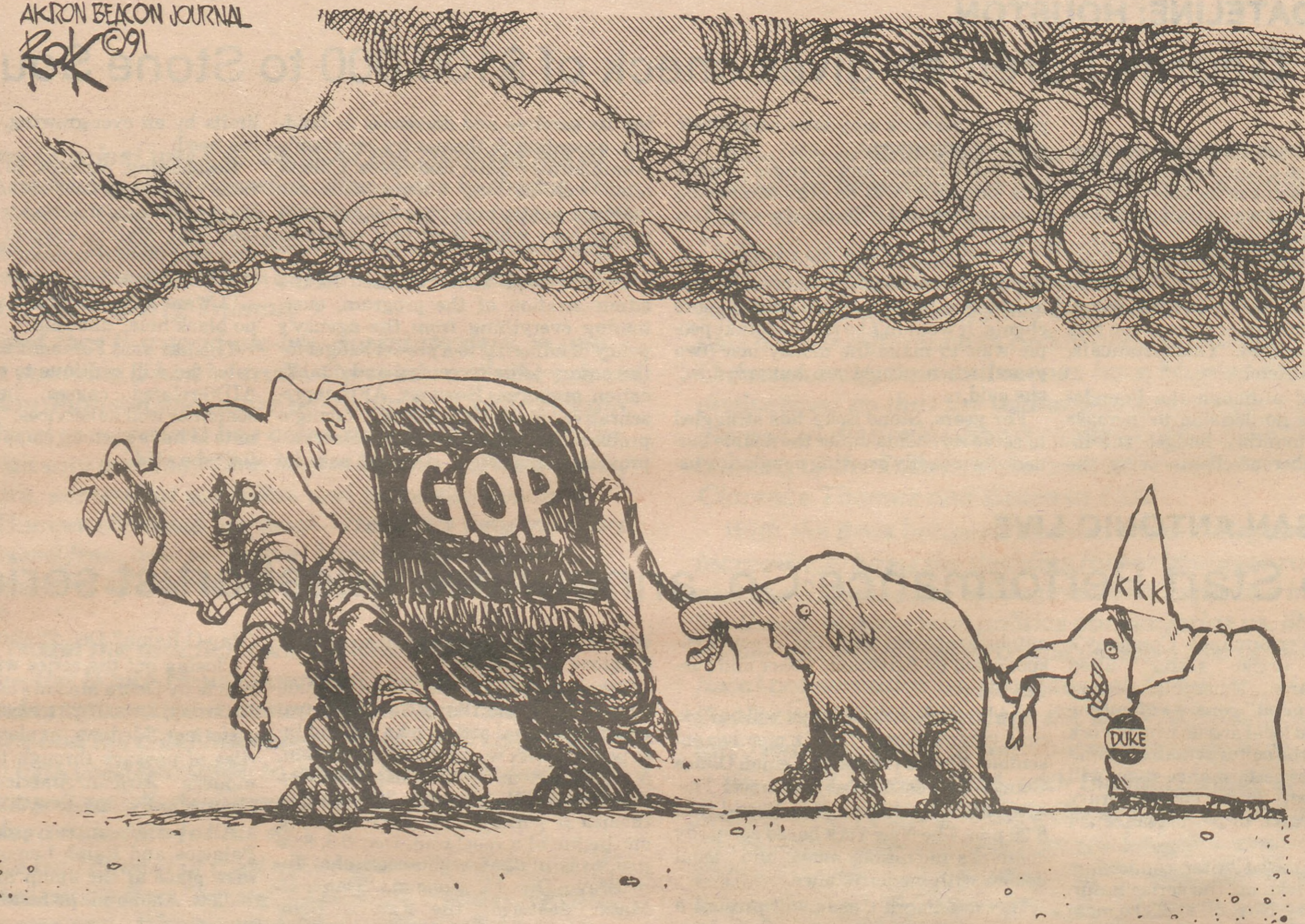
This study differs from other AIDS studies in that it follows patients over a long period of time, rather than studying different subjects at various stages of involvement with the disease. The data gathered will be analyzed and used by Congress, health agencies and other governmental agencies in making policy and funding decisions, Willis said.

However, the agency conducting the survey will not make any specific policy recommendations, Willis said. "Don't expect a recommendation for national health insurance," he said. "The survey was not designed to postulate specific answers...but rather to do a diagnosis."

He added that while some analysis of the survey data will be done in house, most will be done by others, including academic researchers as well as governmental agencies.

The agency hopes to release some of the survey results back to four of the participating cities in about a year, he said.

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AIDS stirs debate on Irish restrictions on condom sales

By COTTEN TIMBERLA
 FOR THE NEW VOICE

DUBLIN, Ireland, Friday, Oct. 25 (AP)—In Ireland you can get married at 16, but must wait until turning 18 before you can legally buy a condom.

Such oddities of law have been made all the more glaring by the spread of AIDS, and the government is moving cautiously to make condoms more widely available.

However, the proposal to lower the age for purchasing a condom to 17 has pitted conservative Roman Catholics, who believe all forms of artificial contraception are morally wrong, against more liberal-minded Irish, who believe condoms should be used as life savers.

The issue is so charged that Prime Minister Charles Haughey backed off an earlier proposal for a minimum age of 16, and condoms still wouldn't be sold in vending machines. The bill isn't expected to be debated until next year.

Now, only approved pharmacies, family planning clinics and doctors can le-

gally dispense condoms.

However, young people can buy them openly at an illegal counter at the Virgin Megastore, a big record shop, and from a vending machine at Trinity College's student union. The union gave away 1,500 condoms at the freshmen's ball this fall.

"The government's attitude towards contraception is extremely dangerous in this country, given the extent of AIDS and the extent of unwanted pregnancies," said Rory Keeley, a student representative at Trinity College.

To date, 214 people have contracted AIDS in Ireland, and 91 of them have died, according to the Department of Health.

Although abortion is illegal in Ireland, British government statistics show 4000 Irish women a year seek abortions in Britain, and the real figure is believed to be closer to 8000, said Jon O'Brien, a spokesperson for the Irish Family Planning Association.

The government's proposal faces

strong opposition from the church. As the Rev. Seamus O'Ceallaih said in a letter published recently in The Irish Times: "Each and every use of condoms is grievously evil."

More than 90 percent of Ireland's people are Catholics, but many part ways with their pastors on this issue. A poll published in the Irish Independent newspaper in March showed that 57 percent of those surveyed favored the wider distribution of condoms.

Condoms were illegal until 1979. Until 1985, they were available only to married couples with a doctor's prescription.

Today, 900 hundred of Ireland's 1100 pharmacies sell condoms, said Aidan O'Shea, a Cork pharmacist and spokesperson for the pharmaceutical union.

Welfare Hygiene Ltd., the Irish agent for the Durex condom brand, which represents more than 90 percent of the market, sold 4.8 million condoms last year, up 12.5 percent from the previous year, said director Oliver Leahy.

The Irish Family Planning Association set up the counter at the Virgin record shop in 1988, and has stayed there despite being fined \$800. The association believes condoms should be sold by machines at places where young people are thinking of sex, such as discos.

O'Brien said it can be especially difficult to buy condoms in rural areas.

Bernie Fitzgerald, 33, who works at Stephens Pharmacy in Waterford, said many of the shop's condom customers are people from small towns, who would prefer not to buy condoms near home. "In a village, I would say it is still taboo," Ms. Fitzgerald said.

Two people encountered in Waterford exemplified the split of public opinion.

"Young people are going to get the condoms one way or another. It should be the same as any other country," said John Winter, 59.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

Recount shows race closer; Bagneris doesn't want runoff

A recount of the race between openly gay contender Larry Bagneris and incumbent Avery Alexander dropped the tally to only 132 in favor of Alexander, but Bagneris said he won't be pursuing a runoff for the 93rd District state representative seat.

Pre-recount tallies were nearly two to one in favor of Alexander, with the lat-

est count following the election reading 4,264-2,567. Alexander, a 16-year office holder, is a veteran of the civil rights movement and is highly regarded in the heavily black 93rd District. The district includes the Vieux Carre and Uptown.

Bagneris is a long time community activist in both New Orleans and Houston. He ran unsuccessfully for New Or-

leans Dist. C city council seat last year.

"I won't be asking for a runoff. It is far more important we concentrate our efforts on defeating David Duke," Bagneris said.

Bagneris has returned to his job with the NO/AIDS Task Force.

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Eight arrested in protest of Cracker Barrel job practices

BELLEVILLE, Mich., Friday, Oct. 25 (AP)—A protest against the anti-gay hiring policy of Cracker Barrel restaurants resulted in the arrest of eight people that police said were harassing customers Friday.

"We are not going to bend for these people. We have to protect our citizens," Van Buren Township Supervisor David Jakes said.

A Wayne County Circuit Court judge earlier Friday granted Cracker Barrel a temporary restraining order preventing

protesters from coming onto restaurant property, Jakes said.

The Cracker Barrel has been the site of repeated demonstrations since it opened a few weeks ago. Gay activists are upset because several gay employees of Cracker Barrel restaurants were fired. The chain later rescinded a policy against hiring gays and said hiring policies would be left up to individual restaurants.

A restaurant manager, who refused to identify himself late Friday, declined

comment on the arrests and the restaurant's policy.

Jakes said police were called to the restaurant at about 5:30 p.m. after about 35 protesters blocked the entrance. Scuffles broke out between officers and demonstrators when activists refused orders to leave the property, he said.

The restaurant remained open.

Jakes said he met with officials from the Tennessee-based chain earlier this week to suggest the court order.

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-RALPH LASHER
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MONTROSE CLINIC

"I believe that Vince Ryan has been very supportive of the community, particularly in terms of helping address the AIDS crisis."

- LEE MARSTERS
 DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, Retired, Pct. 34

"I believe that everyone knows that I support the concept of an openly gay person on City Council; however, we do have a good friend in Vince Ryan. I have been very pleased with Council Member Ryan's willingness to go the extra mile for our community. Vince and I flew to Oklahoma City to check on Dr. John Arradondo's position on AIDS before his appointment to Health Director and based on that trip raised some serious concerns about his appointment. Vince endured considerable public criticism for supporting the placement of housing for 32 indigent people with AIDS in his District but stood fast and supported us. Vince was the initiator of a federal grant which would help the AIDS Foundation purchase a badly needed location for our Stone Soup Kitchen. I have never gone to Council Member Ryan's office seeking help without receiving Vince's full support on issues that are truly important to our community."

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Montrose Activity Center elects new officers, new board

Montrose Activity Center (MAC) elected new officers and board members for 1992 at its annual meeting on Oct. 21. The new slate of officers is Clyde Williams, president; John Hill, vice president; Linda Marshall, secretary and Gary Burns, treasurer. These officers will each serve a one year term.

Five new board members were also installed: Suzanne Anderson, Robert Harris, Glyn LeBlanc, Lori Moore and Linda Marshall.

MAC's primary focus for the coming year is the procurement of a community center building to house gay and lesbian social, recreational and civic activities. The new center, according to the 1992 board members, is envisioned as "a place that will become the heart of our (gay and lesbian) community a foster a better quality of life" for gays and lesbians in Houston.

To achieve this very ambitious goal, MAC plans a very high profile fund raising campaign.

Originally established as the Gay Community Center in 1975, MAC later purchased and maintained a building that was the site of group meetings, entertainment and "tea dances." In 1983, that building was sold and the proceeds disbursed to other gay and lesbian organizations, including the Montrose Counseling Center.

More recently, the group has served as a non-profit "umbrella organization" sheltering several community projects, a concept the board has liked to describe as a "community center without walls." Some organizations that have operated under the MAC umbrella are Gay/Lesbian Pride Week, NAMES Project Houston, Houston Organizing Committee for the March on Austin, Team Houston, the Gay/Lesbian Student Association of the University of Houston, Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos and the AIDS Equity League.

For more information about the fund raising campaign or to offer assistance, contact Clyde Williams at (713) 236-0064.

—AVES "Dia De Los Muertos"

Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES) Inc., will celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) at Resurrection Church, 915 Zoe St. on Saturday, Nov. 2 with a candlelight procession and mariachi mass beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The Hispanic culturally rooted celebration is an annual tradition, a ceremony and feast by the living in memory and honor of the dead, where death is seen merely as a part of life. This year's AVES event, "Recordando y Celebrando" (Remembering and Celebrating) will also include a celebration with food, live music and special guests will commence at 5:00

p.m. Tickets are \$7; all donations will benefit AVES programs for Hispanics with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones. For more information, call AVES at (713) 640-2837.

—Wrestling Switchboard

Houston Wrestling Club has announced the launching of the Wrestling Switchboard, a voice mail system providing HWC members and groups and businesses interested in wrestling with another option to contact those who share their interest while maintaining their privacy.

The switchboard will allow individuals to record messages in their own voice and receive responses by phone. Informational mailboxes allow other wrestling groups to present news or information about their club or business. For example, in HWC's mailboxes is general safety information geared to a wrestling audience and information about the club's workout schedule.

Messages are monitored for appropriateness; messages with sexual overtones and for-hire services are not allowed. The phone number, (713) 522-5994, operates 24 hours.

—Men's Network

The Montrose Counseling Center's Men's Network has a new roster for the next two months. In November, there will be a presentation by Steve Bradley, AIDS Mastery leader, on self esteem, "Learning to Love Ourselves. Also in November, Michael Grover, attorney, will present "Empowering Our Relationships Legally. December features "Celebrating the Body Electric, presented by two who attended the recent Body Electric Workshop. Based on Tantric, Taoist and Native American traditions, this presentation alerts participants to ways of touching each other safely, lovingly and in nurturing ways rather than the traditionally male mechanical or hostile ways. The second presentation in December will be by Future Gay Parents, a group which explores the options available for gay people who wish to become parents.

The Men's Network meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Montrose Counseling center. Facilitated by Jean-Louis Amand, it features presentations of interest to the gay male community.

—Lawndale's "Day of the Dead"

Lawndale Art and Performance Center's fourth annual "Day of the Dead" celebration will take place from 8:00 p.m. to midnight on Nov. 2 at 529 West Alabama (formerly Pasternak Market). Admission is free to the exhibits, performances and a traditional market of Mexican crafts. The celebration and exhibits are based on the Mexican tradition of remembering deceased friends and family each Nov. 1 and



New board members and officers of MAC: (back row, from left): Robert Harris, James McKinley, Jim Owens, Bernie Barbour, Larry Garrett; (middle row): Gary Burns, Clyde Williams, John Hill and Linda Marshall; (front row): Glyn LeBlanc, Helen Rodriguez, and Suzanne Anderson



Recently elected officers and board members of the 1992 Garden Party are (seated, from left): Revis Bell, second vice president and Michael Lopez, board member; (standing): board members Steve Romero and Ash Lee Short; William Grady, president; Richard Wiederholt, chair of the board and first vice president and Richard Thoen, board member and secretary/treasurer.

2. Memorial "ofrendas" (altars) are created in homes and public places with flowers and items associated with the lives of the departed.

This year, Lawndale's main ofrenda will be a huge structure remembering individuals who have died of AIDS. The public is invited to add items in memory of friends and loved ones. The site will be open for that purpose from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Oct. 28, 29 and 30; 4:00-7:00 p.m. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 and 10:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2. Also, Lawndale will exhibit ofrendas by Edison Middle School art students and students of the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. The "Paint a Saint" gallery will sell imaginative retablos by Houston artists, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Gerardo Garza Scholarship fund at the University of Houston. (Garza, who died of AIDS, was an art major at UH). The exhibits will remain on view through Nov. 10.

The event also includes entertainment on Nov. 2. For more information call (713) 528-5858.

—Yvaral benefit

Circle Gallery and the Bering Foundation will hold a fund raising art exhibition featuring the serigraphs and canvasses of Yvaral, so the optical art master Victor Vaserey. The show will open with a champagne reception from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the Circle Gallery in the Galleria II (5085 Westheimer, 2895).

Yvaral creates hypnotic images of icons

like Marilyn Monroe, Andy Warhol and Mona Lisa using geometric shapes and colors juxtaposed to create an image that seems halfway between reality and illusion. He comes to Houston from Paris for the first time to introduce his work at this show, which will donate a portion of sales proceeds to the Bering Community Service Foundation's AIDS programs.

—"Fantasy Weekend" for transgenderists

The Gulf Coast Transgender Community, an outreach organization, will sponsor its third annual Fantasy Adventure Weekend Nov. 8-19.

The regional event is a gathering of male-to-female cross dressers and their significant others. Because many in this group feel isolated, it is extremely important for them to interface with each other, organizers said.

Isolation and loss of employment are the biggest problems facing the transgendered community, according to the organizers of the event. The purpose of the Fantasy Adventure Weekend is to allow members of this community to come to a safe place where they can express their "trans" gender, shop, visit, hear speakers on the law and employment, and allow the significant others to share with each other, they said.

GCTC representatives added that they are keeping the location secret until after the conference, in order not to attract hecklers and troublemakers.

Warp Factor

Karlos Barney



"I hope Terry likes his birthday present — it took me 6 weeks to do his portrait on the Etch-A-Sketch."

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON ENDORSEMENTS

The difficult choice Tuesday will be against frustration

Editorial by SHERI COHEN
DARBONNE
TNV Editor

For many Houston voters, the most difficult choice regarding this year's city elections (if they indeed are allowed to fully proceed) on Tuesday will be overcoming the urge to avoid the polls altogether out of frustration.

The prospect that any city council members we elect this week may be later "unelected" could result in a dangerous drop in the turnout. And, to some members of the gay/lesbian community, the choices—even in the races that will definitely be decided on Nov. 5—are disheartening, from the perspective of the candidates' records on our community's issues.

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, in its endorsement process, faced in many races a tough decision on whether to endorse at all. A feeling expressed by many at that organization's endorsement meeting Sept. 25, and privately by members of the group's screening committee, was that "no endorsement" decisions reflect an apparent lack of unity and strength. Others, however, disagreed, saying that the strongest front the group could show to incumbents who have gotten "lazy" on gay/lesbian issues would be not to gratuitously endorse them, and to concentrate our efforts on the one race that would result in an undeniable impact by our community—Council Dist. C, in which an openly gay candidate is running.

HGLPC endorsed not only Annise Parker but Mayor Kathryn J. Whitmire, City Controller George Greanias, six incumbent council members and two challengers to council incumbents, as well as one candidate for the Houston Independent School District Board. In a peculiar twist, the group also endorsed Term Limit Proposition 2, which would result in the "elimination" of several of the endorsed candidates from their races if the election of council members is delayed, or if election results are thrown out and a later special election called for council seats.

The caucus endorsement most debated was that of Mayor Kathy Whitmire, who at one point during the discussion was characterized by a member as cold and unfeeling. Whitmire, however, had a number of solid supporters at the meeting, and the group voted by a wide margin to renew its ties to the once-and-still-and-maybe-future mayor.

Many of the HGLPC members who opposed the endorsement—and a number of political observers in the gay and lesbian community who are not members of the caucus—admit to having problems with all of the candidates in the race for Houston mayor.

Whitmire's most ardent supporters say that if she ever disavowed her connection to the gay and lesbian community (she denies, this in spite of assertions in the media over several years), she has renewed her commitment, bent over backwards to show it and is due for another chance. Others, still straddling the fence over the HGLPC decision, say they are supporting in her in this race, but more cautiously than in the past.

While not entirely convinced that we are dealing with a new and improved, cuddly, cordial Kathy, we at The New Voice also endorse the mayor in this election.

We do not conform to the belief that a non-recommendation is necessarily a sign of weakness. However, a visible split in our community's bloc vote in such a high-profile race, at a time when the Houston gay and lesbian community stands to regain a political strength it has not seen in years, would be a great loss. This bloc vote is watched as an indicator of our strength, particularly in politically strong races.

One of Whitmire's opponent's, Sylvester Turner, has proven himself to be intelligent and persuasive in debates and interviews, and he's running as a reformist. His record in the Texas Legislature, however, is not as easy to follow as his articulate, convincing rapport. Houston Chronicle columnist Jane Ely put it eloquently in her post-Chronicle/Channel 13 Debate column on Oct. 29: there are times, said Ely, when listening to Turner that one fails to notice "that he isn't answering the questions."

And for those hard-liners who make decisions based purely on political probabili-

ties, there is the very strong possibility of a Kathy Whitmire-Bob Lanier runoff, or even a first run victory for Lanier, the best financed candidate and the darling of the poll-watchers. While Lanier has a few supporters in the gay/lesbian community, most who are politically active in connection with our issues say he has shown a distinct lack of familiarity with our issues. (He also received markedly low scores during HGLPC's screening.)

The other race in which gays and lesbians should be decidedly involved is the race for City Council District C. For the first time ever, this community has a chance to elect one of its own to the city's government, and this has come about not in spite of but precisely because of our candidate's qualifications.

Annise Parker, a long time activist in our community, is also well-known and well-respected in other circles. She is running on a multi-issue platform, focusing on such issues as crime, the environment and city services. Her record includes a term as chair of the Houston Police Advisory Board, on which she has been active for a decade; membership on a United Way Family Services panel, and is a long time member of the Sierra Club and Nature Conservatory as well as a past president of HGLPC. Her diverse involvements arguably reflect more political experience than did her opponent's at the time he took office. (She is also enthusiastic, articulate, and able to get along with just about anybody.)

Parker is running against popular incumbent Vince Ryan, who in the past has enjoyed the gay/lesbian community's support and has been a political ally of our community in many ways over his two terms in office. However, in the words of Parker's own campaign slogan, "There is no substitute for a seat at the table."

And even if Parker does not win, there is a deeper, undeniably significant reason for uniting in support of her on election day. The entire city will be watching our impact on that race, on that day. The number of votes for Annise Parker in Tuesday's election will affect, for a long time to come, the perception of our political power and directly influence the prospects of other openly gay and lesbian candidates in the future.

The New Voice chooses only to endorse in two of the other council races. These two "fledgling" council members have shown support through their own efforts and those of their staff members for issues important to the gay and lesbian community. They have fallen short of the mark on a few votes; but we believe their performance deserves another chance. The New Voice endorses Beverley Clark in the race for City Council At Large Position 1; and Sheila Jackson Lee for Council At Large, Position 4.

Regarding our other incumbent "friends," we will commit to them the same attention they have given our community and our issues. Of course, many of our community's voters will carry their HGLPC endorsement cards into the voting booth. We are (figuratively) standing by, waving and smiling, but leaving the decisions to these voters.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Austin Gay-Lesbian Film Festival opens Friday at Dobie Theater

By CHRIS LUTHER

TNV Austin

The Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival will take place at the Dobie Theater Nov. 1-10. This annual event will show over 20 feature length films celebrating the diversity of gay and lesbian communities in many different countries. The films in this year's festival were chosen to present a variety of viewpoints and cinematic styles while concurrently demonstrating the power, passion and humor in gay and lesbian life.

Now in its fourth year, the festival continues to build on previous years' experiences. "Gay people, by and large, go to see the same films that 'straight' audiences see, 'Ghost,' 'Terminator,' et cetera," commented festival organizer and Dobie Theater owner Scott Dinger. "Sometimes festivals get too experimental and turn some people off. I've tried to select a range of films that (the audience) will not likely see elsewhere, but are not so far out as to alienate them."

The festival opened last Wednesday, Oct. 30 with a showing of Monica Treut's "My Father Is Coming." This beautifully shot film is a culture clashing tale of the immigrant experience from a particularly "queer" perspective. Vicky is a waitress who, despite her German accent, disastrous auditions and checkered love life, still dreams of a lead role and a fulfilling sexual relationship. Complicating her life further, her bavarian father comes to New York to pay 'his' daughter a visit. The father, the daughter and the audience are all in for a whirlwind of deceptions and discoveries in this sex-positive celebration. This delightful film also opened up the 1991 San Francisco Film Festival, the largest and oldest gay/lesbian film festival in the country.

Judging from its selection as the Audience Favorite Feature at the San Francisco Film Festival, one of the Austin festivals best received films may be "Together Alone." An impressive first feature film from director P.J. Castellaneta, "Together Alone" is the story of the post-coital verbal intercourse of two tricks, Brian and Bryan. In the darkness of Brian's bedroom, they uncover their mutual fears of AIDS and intimacy. The black and white film questions the gray areas of bisexuality, our unrelenting need for labels, and the responsibilities of safe sex. It is also an insightful view of the ways in which men who love men evade and manipulate each other, simultaneously reaching out for love and jockeying for power.

Stretching out the envelope will be the Canadian punk queer Bruce LaBruce's

"No Skin Off My Ass." Raw, and made on a shoestring budget of \$14,000, LaBruce's kinky take on "That Cold Day In the Park" may leave a few viewers stumbling. In this version, instead of Sandy Dennis finding a mop-headed waif in the park, it's LaBruce as a punk hairdresser who brings home a gay skinhead.

In an Advocate interview Bruce admitted, "This movie is my revenge of the sissies on the skins...I have been terrorized by skinheads, and I knew that nothing would mortify them more than to see one of their own seduced by this total sissy fag." Gritty, grainy and sexy, this super cheap experiment pushes past its coarseness and post-synchr soundtrack (i.e.: mouth open, pause, hear moan) by sheer wit and queer will.

"The Changer: A Record of the Times" is a documentary covering 15 years of Cris Williamson's role in the development of the women's music scene. The title refers to Ms. Williamson's 1975 record, "The Changer and The Changed," which went on to become one of the all-time best selling albums on an independent label. Williamson concert footage, black and white from the 70's and 80's, mixed into color footage from the 90's provides a rich and interesting retrospective of the movement and its music. This film will introduce many people to Williamson's throaty voice and it will invigorate some of her most loyal fans. Williamson will be in town in an event timed to coincide with the festival. She will perform on the UT campus at the Cactus Club on Friday, Nov. 8 at 9:00 p.m.

Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival tickets for individual programs are \$5. Festival passes, which cover six programs, are on sale for \$22.50 at Book Woman, Liberty Books and the Dobie Theater box office. For a complete list of films and show times see the accompanying schedule or call the Dobie at (512) 472-3240.

(Fourth Annual Austin Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, Nov. 1-10, Dobie Theater, 2021 Guadalupe. All films \$5. Festival passes, \$22.50, good for six films are available at Book Woman, Liberty Books and the Dobie Theater box office. The schedule follows, along with a brief description of the films not previously mentioned):

Friday, Nov. 1: "Crocodiles in Amsterdam," 2:00 p.m. Gino is a flighty blonde with a poodle hair-do who's as happy in a fox fur as in black leather biker gear. Nina is a sulky activist who is dreaming up the ultimate terrorist act. Together they share a passion for the color blue and hatch a plot to rob Gino's rich uncle. It's not just your average wacky girl-meets-girl movie.

"Via Appia," 2:15 p.m. A German airline



"The Changer: A Record of the Times" looks back at the women's music movement of the 70's and its stars, including Cris Williamson

steward is infected with HIV and sets out to find the brazilian man who deliberately infected him. In Rio his guide is Jose, a handsome young hustler, who leads him through gay bath houses and beaches until they reach a street where male prostitutes openly offer their services.

"Homo Promo," 4:30 p.m. Mainstream movie trailers are often more entertaining than the features they're promoting. This axiom holds true for Hollywood's gay-themed films as well. This collection of movie previews and promos is an evening for fans of the art or anyone else who may be interested in what Hollywood really thinks of homosexuals.

"Absolutely Positive," 4:45 p.m. Eleven HIV seropositive men and women share their experiences and feelings in this documentary study of a subject long ignored by the mainstream media. A touching and inspiring movie.

"Together Alone," 7:30 p.m. Two young men have gone home together for the night. One wakes from a dream and calls the other by the wrong name. This starts a series of rifts as the two embark on an all-night verbal odyssey—one of the most honest, intimate and realistic conversations between two gay men ever captured on film.

"Coming Out," 9:30 p.m. The big hit of last year's festival, "Coming Out" has returned with more show times. The story of a gay awakening in the DDR. Shot largely at real East Berlin gay bars and back alleys, this is a first and last look at gay life before wall fell.

"My Father Is Coming," 9:40 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2: "Boys Times Six," 2:00 p.m. A collection of six gay short films, including "Beauties Without a Cause," a delirious moral comedy about four lawless drag queens out for a night of light crime.

"Sex and Muscle," 2:15 p.m. Three short films that are a study of the interrelation of sex and sport. Includes "Personal Best," a film about the gay London swimmers who broke a taboo by swimming naked and the bonding of same sex team sports through lesbian footballers.

"Crocodiles in Amsterdam," 4:30 p.m.

"The Changer"/"Stand On Your Man," 4:45 p.m.

"Absolutely Positive," 7:30 p.m.

"My Father Is Coming," 9:30 p.m.

"No Skin Off My Ass," 9:40 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3: "My Father Is Coming," 2:00 p.m.; "Absolutely Positive," 2:15 p.m.; "Coming Out," 4:30 p.m.

"War Widow," 4:45 p.m. In the book, "The Celluloid Closet," the late Vito Russo lauds "The War Widow" as a "positive evocation" of the lives of gay characters. This film tells the story of the love that grows between Amy, the conventional wife of an overseas World War I soldier, and the free-spirited Jenny, whose passion for photography is equaled only by her passion for Amy.

"Via Appia," 7:30 p.m.; "Together Alone," 9:30 p.m.; "Homo Promo," 9:40 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 4: "Crocodiles," 2:00 p.m.; "Boys Times Six," 5:00 p.m.; "Sex and Muscle," 5:15 p.m.; "Together Alone," 7:30 p.m.; "My Father Is Coming," 9:30 p.m.; "Homo Promo," 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 5: "My Father," 2:00 p.m.; "Homo Promo," 2:15 p.m.; "War Widow," 5:00 p.m.; "Absolutely Positive," 5:15 p.m.; "Boys," 7:30 p.m.; "Coming Out," 9:30 p.m.; "Via Appia," 9:40 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 6: "Via Appia," 2:15 p.m.; "My father," 2:30 p.m.; "Absolutely Positive," 5:00 p.m.; (To be announced), 5:15 p.m. "Together Alone," 7:30 p.m.; "Coming Out," 9:30 p.m.; "No Skin," 9:45 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 7: "Boys," 2:15 p.m.; "My Father," 2:30 p.m.; "War Widow," 5:00 p.m.; "Absolutely," 5:15 p.m.; "The Changer"/"Stand On Your Man," 7:30 p.m.; "Coming Out," 9:30 p.m.; "Sex and Muscle," 9:40 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8: "Absolutely Positive," 2:15 p.m.; "War Widow," 5:00 p.m.; "Boys," 7:30 p.m.; "No Skin," 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9: "War Widow," 2:15 p.m.; "Boys," 5:00 p.m.; "The Changer"/"Stand," 7:30 p.m.; "Coming Out," 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 10: "No Skin," 2:15 p.m.; "Absolutely," 5:00 p.m.; "Changer"/"Stand," 7:30 p.m.; "Via Appia," 9:30 p.m.



"Together Alone," a film about verbal communication between gay men, was one of the best received offerings of the recent San Francisco Gay/Lesbian Film Festival

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS LIVE

Psycho Beach Party at Toulouse Cabaret Theatre is a 'hoot'

REVIEW by LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

"Well, gee whiz," as Chicklev, the scene stealer in "Psycho Beach Party" might say, "this second coming bizz is a hoot!" And a hoot it is. Psycho is in another incarnation at the Toulouse Cabaret Theatre. It is an admirable second run, well worth an evening's visit.

The plot is irrelevant and in fact hard-

ly apparent until the resolution. Who cares. What does happen is Talent! Talent! Talent! An evening in the temple of the theater attending a service designed to whisk you off to the land of joy and mirth.

What director Carl Walker has coaxed out of his group of actors and technicians deserves a standing ovation. However, that corny interaction between on-stage and off stage breaks the stride and should be left out.

The cast does a wonderful job. Special nods to Robert G. Lee (Star Cat); Aux Shea (Marvel Ann); and Brenda Bergman, who has turned into such a fine addition to New Orleans comedy, city council ought to install a plaque on her. Bergman plays mother to a Chicklet done to perfection by Brooks Braselman.

The underwater scene of Joshua Dettmar Epworth (Provoloney) and

Kelsey Farris (Yo Yo) is smashing. A similar slow motion fist fight between Lee and David Lummis (Kanaka) with Braselman's Chicklet caught in harm's way, was convincing enough to have been on film. Great Work!

Toulouse Cabaret Theatre is located at 615 Rue Toulouse (Vieux Carre) between Royal and Chartres. Pay parking at nearby hotels. A reservation might be a good idea, considering how many were there on a Monday night.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

Duke claims Judge Thomas was at one time a Black Panther

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

David Duke made the claim, "in anger," according to a spokesperson at Duke's Metairie office, that Judge Clarence Thomas had once belonged to the Black Panthers, the radical political party of the 1960's. Duke was responding to President George Bush's denouncement of his candidacy for governor of Louisiana.

Duke said, "Why in the world could President Bush support Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court, who was once involved with the Black Panthers, and not support David Duke because I was once involved in the KKK?"

Duke's Metairie, La., office referred re-

porters to TIME Magazine, July 15, 1991, page 19 as the "source of the information."

Duke has been Wizard ("Wizard" in Klan talk means leader") of the Ku Klux Klan. He is often reminded by his critics of that and having donned a Nazi uniform on the campus of Tulane University and other pro-fascist expressions.

Thomas, a black man, was supported by most right wing organizations in his successful nomination to the nation's highest court. In the turbulent 1960's, while an undergraduate at Holy Cross, Thomas often wore the black boots and leather jacket adopted by Black Panthers as an unofficial uniform, according to TIME. The highly publicized Sen-

ate hearings made no mention of this during its investigation of Thomas' qualifications; it is not clear why.

It is also unclear why Duke waited until after Thomas was installed as a Supreme Court Justice to make the matter an issue. A spokesperson at Duke's office said, "It was a mistake. We hadn't planned to bring this up."

That may be, but the issue was brought up simultaneously on N.P.R.'s widely heard Saturday morning news show "Weekend Edition," while also appearing in Saturday morning's edition of the Times-Picayune.

According to a worker at the Times-Picayune, that edition "went to bed long before the radio show."

Near the conclusion of the N.P.R. interview, Duke announced abruptly, "I got to run, I've got another interview." Interviewer Scott Simon jumped quickly with a final jab, "You know, sir, the suspicion is you are hiding your sheets under a suit."

After a revealing, contentious pause, Duke lashed back, "I really think that is an inappropriate thing to say. I don't know what you've got hidden under your sheets. I'm not hiding anything. I'm the only elected official in this country talking openly about these issues. And I've taken a lot of flack from people like you because I do."

The interview quickly concluded with polite goodbyes and thank you's.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Justice Department asks for delay of Council election only

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

Attorneys for the U.S. Justice Department have asked a panel of federal judges to delay Tuesday's election of nine Houston city council positions, but approved proceeding with the scheduled Nov. 5 vote in the mayor and city controller races, and made no mention of several term limitation provisions also on the ballot.

The Justice Department is asking the panel to approve a controversial 11th hour redistricting plan that creates a possible second Hispanic seat, and to call a special election under that plan instead of the current district configuration, which was approved as an interim plan for this election last week by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The panelists include three U.S. judg-

es, District Judges James DeAnda and Sim Lake and Circuit Judge Edith Jones. At press time, the judges had yet to issue a ruling, but seemed hesitant about delaying the election. An avalanche of legal questions and complications surround the simultaneous moves of the Justice Department and Hispanic activists, who are taking their own appeal of Judge David Hittner's Oct. 12 decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Hispanics are seeking to impose an all district, 16-1 plan and have agreed to allow the election to proceed under the current boundaries provided a 16-1 plan is mandated by the court, to be in place by 1993.

Meanwhile, the plan approved by the Justice Department is being challenged by an openly gay city council candidate, as well as some Hispanic leaders who say the Oct. 11 proposal does not create

a second Hispanic majority district. When the proposal was made, they say, council members were counting on the re-election of Ben Reyes in one of the two districts; Reyes could be eliminated by passage of a term limit proposal and his district does not have a clear majority of voting age Hispanics.

And on Oct. 21, the Texas Human Rights Foundation filed a motion on behalf of Annise Parker, a candidate in the District C council race who would be moved into another district under the Oct. 11 plan. The motion requests permission to intervene in the suit brought by the Justice Department against the city and alleges that holding an election under the proposed new boundaries before March 1992 would violate state law.

THRF attorney Pamela Oglesby, who is representing Parker, observed: "The entire situation is totally confusing, es-

pecially for the average voter trying to determine for whom they should vote. The absentee voting has already begun, and it is still unknown at this time whether anyone elected under the current system can legally hold office.

"The entire episode has severely damaged Annise's campaign drive because many of the voters are unsure if she is still in the running," Oglesby said.

A "worst case scenario," according to Parker campaign staffer Cicely Wynne, would be "if the election is allowed to proceed, and (Parker) wins ... and then the results of the election are thrown out by the court."

The boundaries sought by the Justice Department move the Montrose area into District D, currently represented by Councilmember Al Calloway.

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▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

Parties, benefits, shows, stories highlight 'Halloweek' in Austin

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

It was a weekend of parties, both public and private, as Austin began the "Halloweek" celebration. Out last Friday with Tuesday, Gen was found at UT Lambda's party at the rustic Zilker Clubhouse that overlooked Town Lake and downtown Austin. They were just two of hundreds attending the well planned party. John Boardman, past president of the UT Lambda and co-organizer of the event, seemed very pleased with the turnout. "We want to keep the costs down for the students and to provide a break from everyone's studies before the finals," John said as he himself was looking very studious in his leather chaps and jacket. "We broke even with the event, which is fine."

John was lucky enough to book the fabulous "Girls In the Nose," a band that has become a hot item on the local music scene. In addition to gathering a loyal following, the Girls have been getting some good press. This past weekend, Austin Chronicle music reviewer Jason Cohen wrote, "Any Austinite who has overlooked Girls In The Nose because they don't like the politics or aren't interested in a lesbian band are missing out on one of the most original bands in Austin." Kay Turner, lead singer of Girls, said several weeks ago the band was looking forward to playing the Lambda gig. Obviously, the people at the party had equally anticipated the performance. Because of the conflicting schedules of the band's numerous members, they can only perform a limited number of gigs each month. So catch the when you can.

On Saturday, Waterloo Counseling Center threw its annual Halloween costume ball at the swank Metropolitan Club on the 13th floor of the One American Center downtown. This annual gala is one of Waterloo's major fund raisers each year. This year's party is expected to bring in close to \$3,000. This was a Costume Ball with capital letters. Hours of meticulous preparation went into several of the attendees' costumes.

Not spending nearly as much time as



"Best Drag" at the Waterloo Ball was Richard Teeler as Tipi Hedron

some of the others on her costume, but still in attendance was Auntie "B," as in Baily. Ms. Baily has been laying low this summer, resting her wiry feet from her tireless years of political organizing. Reportedly, she has taken this sabbatical to work on her home life (read: get a husband while the tits are still firm)...Looking conservative (who would ever guess she's a Republican) in a muted floral print full length dress, she seemed to be pondering the benefits of her early retirement. Many in the crowd commented on how nice it was to see her out again, and that she was looking better than she has in YEARS.

Following the Waterloo extravaganza, several of the party goers decided to get some extra mileage out of their doo by making a second entrance at the Crossing. There they met several people who, rather than dressing up to attend a ball took a more traditional approach to Halloween, had just returned from strolling the scariest on Sixth Street. For many, the Crossing was the favorite Saturday evening gathering spot because it began its Halloweek celebration by offering special drink prices to all who showed up in costume (which was sometimes more difficult for the bartenders to figure out than you can imagine).

While some of the costumes were down-



Jeanne Minnich, Paul Bradshaw and Sandra Martinez, coordinators of the Olympus Volleyball Tournament at Chances



Bryan Tapp as the Penguin

right forbidding, others were laudable examples of how a little paint, hair, tissue paper and nylon mixed with the right dress and a touch of creativity can work wonders for a "girl's" sex appeal. Robbie's (Crossing) persona was a fine example. That is, if one can believe a story like this one told to me:

After receiving lavish praise all evening at the Crossing for his appearance, Miss Thing decided that she needed to break away from the crowd and spend a few min-

utes alone, strolling in the cool night air. So she walked over to Sixth Street.

Smoke and honky-tonk music billowed out from the numerous doors she passed. She was going nowhere, but everywhere. This was her town (however, the dress was a loaner). That one night, she was the woman she always knew she could be. Attitude, they say, always does the trick, so apparently she had it.

A beautiful young man in a blue pickup truck called out to her. She glanced wryly back. "I'm not sure he realized that I wasn't a real girl until after I got into the truck," Robbie reflected Sunday at the Crossing's back yard BBQ, "I guess my voice gave it away, but by then he didn't seem to mind. besides, he was too polite to kick me out."

Being the gentleman, he gave Robbie a lift back to her place. After a long talk in the car they kissed goodbye. When asked if he would see him again, Robbie answered only with a sigh. One could tell it was one of those Casablanca moments, now just a memory to last a lifetime, or at least until she repairs the hem in her friend's dress that she tore with her heel as she knelt in the truck.

One last time (for those of you extending the festivities through this weekend): Happy Halloween!



Access Cable personality Carman Banana interviews a partier at Waterloo Benefit Costume Ball



Paul Clover gets his hair done by Tim Brown of the D.Q.R.S. (Drag Queen Repair Squad)



Rich Baily: her first time (she says) in drag

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Texas Medical Center researchers find human with monkey AIDS virus

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press/Houston
FOR THE NEW VOICE

A team of researchers from the Texas Medical Center is reporting the discovery in a human of a virus previously known to exist only in monkeys stricken with AIDS.

The findings, disclosed in the November issue of the Journal of Virology, are based on studies of an AIDS patient treated at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

The patient, a homosexual, died last year after undergoing treatment beginning in 1989.

"We don't know that it is significant, really," Dr. Richard Ford, head of molecular pathology at the University of Texas, said Oct. 24.

"It's more for the scientific community that this interesting patient did come into this hospital a couple of years ago. He had a bizarre type of AIDS-related lymphoma. We were able to isolate a virus that previously had been associated only with monkeys."

Ford, along with Robert C. Bohannon

and Lawrence A. Donehower of the Division of Molecular Virology of Baylor College of Medicine, have found no similar viruses in any other patients. Researchers are confident the subject of their research had no previous contact with monkeys.

"We've begun to do testing with other groups that we think may be at risk," Ford said. "But we don't know how it's transmitted and so far it has not been associated with any human diseases."

"Right now, it's just a curiosity and a potentially interesting finding, but the ramifications of it we don't know at this time until we're able to do further work."

The new round of tests has included patients suffering from flu, AIDS patients and primate handlers.

As early as 1970, researchers have isolated in monkeys viruses that are virtually identical to the human immunodeficiency virus, commonly known as HIV. The virus, when injected into juvenile monkeys, causes an AIDS-like syndrome in the infected animals.

The viruses, known as Type D

retrovirus, never have been associated convincingly with humans and any similar discoveries were blamed on laboratory contamination, the three researchers wrote in the Journal of Virology. They noted in their report that they took extensive care and did multiple tests to ensure that laboratory contamination would not influence their research.

"It's something we're very cognizant of," Ford said. "Before the paper was published, we had to convince a lot of skeptical people that was not the case."

The Houston patient, a 32-year-old man, was admitted to M.D. Anderson after complaining of abdominal pain, fever and night sweats for several months. He tested HIV positive and a bone marrow biopsy detected cancer.

He underwent chemotherapy treatment and, despite some remission, died nine months later.

Researchers said they detected unusual cells in tumors and found in examining them under an electron microscope they contained large number of retroviruses.

"However, since this individual was severely immunocompromised by infection with HIV, it is possible that he acquired this type D retrovirus under conditions in which an individual with a normal immune system would resist such an infection," the researchers wrote.

They also noted an "important issue" is whether the association of the retrovirus with AIDS-related lymphomas "is an isolated phenomenon or the harbinger of other co-infections of this type."

"Further extensive screening of patients with AIDS and normal individuals will be required to confirm the validity of this observation and to ascertain whether type D retroviruses have actually entered the human population in significant numbers," they said.

The team also may have been limited by the refusal of the patient's family to allow physicians to perform an autopsy following the man's death.

"I don't know if it would have helped," Ford said. "It would have given us more tissues to confirm that the virus was actually in that patient."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Wife's suit claims husband hid homosexuality during 3-years of marriage

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Wednesday, Oct. 23 (AP)—A Dubuque high school teacher is suing her estranged husband, claiming he hid his homosexuality from her during their three-year marriage.

Paula Ann Huberty filed the civil suit for unspecified monetary damages last week in Dubuque County District Court against Michael Jay Huberty, a Dyersville attorney.

The lawsuit said he married her as a

cover for his homosexuality so he could maintain his social respectability in a small town. Paula Huberty's attorney,

Bob Day of Dubuque, said it is the only lawsuit of its kind he's seen.

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This program is supported under an educational grant from Burroughs Wellcome Co.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON LIVE

'A Flea In Her Ear' at The Alley has some bite

By NEIL BADDERS

TNV Houston

The Alley Theatre opened its large stage season Oct. 17 with an outrageously witty production of Georges Feydeau's 1907 farce "A Flea In Her Ear."

Feydeau skillfully weaves a complicated web of sexual entanglements, where the players savor the game of real and imagined infidelities, mistaken identities and botched assignments. Superbly plotted, mechanically sound, drolly designed, the Alley's offering is briskly paced and performed by a uniformly excellent cast of 12.

Raymonde Chandebise (Kimberly King) is convinced her husband, Victor—Emmanuel (James Black) is having an affair. Otherwise, why his impotence? Her childhood friend, Lucienne (Robin Mosely) assists in preparation of an anonymous note inviting Chandebise to a secret rendezvous at the notorious Pink Pussycat Hotel. Complicating matters is the curious coincidence that the hotel's dimwitted bellboy, Poche, is Victor-Emmanuel's exact double. Mix in Lucienne's intensely jealous Latin lothario of a husband, Homenides (Peter Webster); Victor's bungling friends and associates, Tournel (John Felch), Camille (Jeffrey Bean) and Dr. Finache (Charles Sanders); the hotel's zany staff, Olympe (Bettye Fitzpatrick), Ferrailon (Charles Krohn), Eugenie (Anne Marie Cummings), Baptistin (Alex Allen Morris) and Poche (James Black); the less than selective English guest Rugby (Jamie Callahan) and the Chandebises' straying married servants Antoinette (Lisa McErven) and Etienne (Jonathan Allore) and the antics add up to a winningly hilar-

ious and pointed lesson in misdirected misconduct.

The performances are uniformly strong and show a sure understanding of farce's unique demands. Special recognition goes to James Black's dual service and Peter Webster's over-the-edge, hysterical Homenides.

Gregory Boyd's sure-handed direction keeps the three acts of action barreling forward to the frantic conclusion. Scenic designer Derek McLane and costumer David Woolard make bold, often humorous choices, although the whiteness of the Chandebise home under Howell Binkley's bright lighting became tiring to the eyes. Woolard's jewel-toned costumes were ingenious fun.

"A Flea In Her Ear" will certainly make you laugh, and while you do, you'll have to nod in appreciation at Feydeau's timeless eye and talent for dissecting human behavior. The production plays through Nov. 17.

—Horizons garage sale

Horizons Showcase Theatre will hold a garage sale Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the theater parking lot, 10431 S. Post Oak Road at W. Bellfort and 610 in the Meyerland area. Clothing, household items and furniture will be for sale and refreshments will be provided.

The theater is accepting donations to assist in the garage sale. Drop-offs will be accepted Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For information call (713) 728-8461.

—Audition Notice

Theatre Southwest, 3750 S. Gessner at Westpark, will hold auditions for "One



"A Flea In Her Ear," a 1907 farce by Georges Feydeau, opens the Alley Theatre's Large Stage season. From left: Kimberly King, James Black and John Felch (photo by Jim Caldwell)

Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Dale Wasserman Sunday and Monday, Nov. 3-4 at 7:30 p.m. Director Mimi Holloway needs a multi-racial cast of 13 men and four women (20-80). For information, call (713) 771-4060 or (713) 661-9505.

—"In Chains"

Dreem Katz Productions will present what may be its most controversial theatrical piece, as well as the first production not written by company members, from Nov. 7-30 at the Heights Theatre, 339 West 19th Street. "In Chains," Austin playwright Barry Pineo's angry, provocative exploration of sexism in American society, previously enjoyed a successful run in Austin at the Vortex Theater.

"In Chains," directed by Kenny Joe Spivey, will be presented Thursdays through Saturdays in November only (no performance on Nov. 23) at 8:00 p.m. For mature audiences only. Reservations: (713) 880-8318.

—"After Ever After"

Gibbous Moon Productions, a new professional Non-Equity touring company, has

announced its first production, "After Ever After," a black comedy by Houstonian Max Pearson with original music by composer Philip Smith. The play deals with what happens "after" the traditional ending of the aforementioned children's story.

It's been 15 years since the night of the fateful ball. Cinderella's Prince Charming is dead. Her ugly stepsisters are forced to live in squalor in a small dingy room that overlooks the palace slop yards. Cinderella, through the years, has become vain and bitter; she torments the stepsisters mercilessly. Even poor Fairy Godmother, after losing her magic powers, falls victim to Queen Cinderella's wicked nature. Enough is finally enough, and the three decide to assassinate Cinderella.

Director Mary Napier has cast the show with Norman Salvato in the role of Palantine, Jim Napier as Drusilla, Chara as the Fairy Godmother and Maureen Miggins as Cinderella. "After Ever After" opens Nov. 9 at Houston Skyline Theatre, 1617 Fannin (ninth floor of Houston House) and will run four weeks, Saturdays at 10:30 p.m. and Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Reservations: (713) 759-0701. Adult audiences.



Ramonia Floyd, Connie Hanson and Debbie Green "In Chains" in Dreem Katz' production of the Austinite Barry Pineo's play about the subjugation of women, at the Heights Theatre

▼▼▼ DATELINE: LOUISIANA

AIDS tests results unavailable after testing program relocates

BATON ROUGE, La., Wednesday, Oct. 23 (AP)—Nearly 30 people in Baton Rouge don't know the results of their AIDS tests because a state-funded screening program temporarily lost funding and moved to a new office two months ago.

The South Baton Rouge Health Education Program AIDS Outreach Program tests people for the human immunodeficiency virus—or HIV and teaches them about its transmission. The pro-

gram was housed at the Leo S. Butler Community Center until Aug. 16.

Twenty-seven people tested negative for HIV, which causes AIDS. The program could not contact the people because they don't disclose their names. They had been instructed to call a telephone number that no longer works, said program director Melvin Aaron.

"Without their results, I can imagine that would cause some anxiety," he said.

Three other people who tested positive were able to receive their results, Aaron said.

State funding for the program was halted after Inspector General Bill Lynch discovered poor financial record keeping at the South Baton Rouge Community Development Association, a group that operated the AIDS testing clinic and other programs for the needy.

Aaron said he went to the state De-

partment of Health and Hospitals in New Orleans and landed an \$8,000 emergency contract to keep the AIDS program going for the rest of the year.

The Baton Rouge Area Substance Abuse Clinic has donated office space for the testing program, Aaron said. The telephone number is 922-0050.

"We want to make sure the people who were tested don't think we skipped out on them," Aaron said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Texas drug agency disbands AIDS program because of budget restrictions

AUSTIN, Thursday, Oct. 24 (AP)—The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has disbanded a division that oversaw 11 clinics that counsel and test alcohol abusers and intravenous drug users for the virus that causes AIDS.

The division also provided training on acquired immune deficiency syndrome to hundreds of Texas substance abuse counselors.

The commission will continue to provide education on the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, to counselors by hiring private contractors or non-profit agencies to run the seminars, said David Tatum, the commission's deputy executive director.

Outreach clinics will not be affected by the cuts, he said. They are in Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Edinburg, El Paso, Fort Worth, Longview, Lubbock, Midland and Tem-

ple.

Bill Britcher, commission information officer, said, "What this really impacts is the training services that we provide. Those services will have to be contracted out. The services at the clinics should be unchanged."

Dennis Ciscel, an HIV and substance abuse educator for the state who used to work for the commission, said of the cut, "It is a great loss. This no doubt will

have a far-reaching impact."

The commission's HIV division employed six people. Their jobs were among 20 administrative positions cut this fall because of state budget limitations on administrative costs, Tatum said. All 20 have been offered other positions at the commission.

"It was a painful, tough decision," Tatum said. "The long and the short of it is that we have been forced to make cuts in our administrative budget."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Several arrests made in trashing of California state building

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Oct. 23 (AP)—Nine arrests have been made so far in connection with the trashing of a state office building during a protest against Gov. Wilson's veto of a gay

rights bill.

Police said six suspects sought on vandalism charges during the Sept. 30 violence surrendered on Monday. Two

others suspects, also sought on vandalism charges, surrendered last Friday.

Also charged in the disturbance is John Backstrom, 24, of Oakland. Backstrom, charged with felony arson,

was arrested while attempting to flee his home, police said.

He appeared in court on Monday and the judge allowed him three weeks to find an attorney.

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▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

Military and Muscles at the Mining Co. Friday night



The Zydeco Rockers played at the Cajun Fest



The Wolf Pack served up rabbit gumbo (Oh no! Not Bugs Bunny!) at Mary's Cajun Fest

By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

On Friday this week, the Montrose Mining Company will feature Military Night and Muscles In Action dancers. E/J's will have an All Saints Day revue with Rainbo de Klown and Gentry will host a social gathering for Annise Parker, who is candidate for City Council District C. BRB is having a "BRB Does Dallas" fashion party—starch your shirts and jeans, put on a little attitude and win some prizes.

This Saturday at the Venture-N is the Leather Jock/Harness/Halter Contest and party with prizes galore. It's being sponsored by NLA who are also guest bartenders on the FarSide Sunday, Nov. 3.

Sunday at the BRB is the Send Off to Dallas party for the benefit of TGRA Royalty candidates, and afterwards it's "boot

scootin'" as usual to the sounds of Little Bit Of Texas.

Sunday (in case you missed the previous stories) is also the "From All Walks of Life" AIDS walk-athon beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Park, and Miss Camp America's Miss Missouri, "Reno," is hosting a post-walk party at J.R.'s.

Tuesday (Election Central) is at Gentry and beginning at 7:00 p.m. is a campaign celebration for Annise Parker.

The Friday, Nov. 8, Gentry will host the Houtex Tennis Tournament registration starting at 7:00 p.m., with over 200 hot jocks from all over the U.S. and Canada expected. Stop by and check this one out.

Saturday, Nov. 10 is a Fall Fashion Show by Union Jack at J.R.'s/

There's also a new club forming on Pacific Street—River Oaks Boys Club scoot



Lady Victoria Lust, Little Joe and Miss Montrose at Lady V's birthday bash



P.S. at 710 "Pacific Street"—an old kitty with a new life

over 'cause here comes the Mining Company's "Bear Club for Men." And speaking of the Mining Co., I hear Brian Breeger has

started working at the cave.

Now Vera, darlin', lest we forget you, how about that dirt, girl?!

She tells me Duke wants to shave his head like Vera herself, but Tom says no, "There's too many scotch dents!"

Steve Wright, we hear you're driving the van to Dallas. What are you hauling—watermelons?

Jack Hartung, been mending fences lately?

Tommy, someone is making eyes at you, but don't tell JR.

Vera (BRB), gin making you see and feel double? Oops! Missed girl! What, no roll near The Throne?

Finally this week there's an old bar in town with new management and ownership. Go by and see Bette and ChiChi and the gang at Juliet's Place. They are in Club Romeo's old location and are doing a bang up job on renovating the bar.

Bye for now!



John presenting the Crab Shack without Deb at Mary's Gumbo Cook Off



Cass on the patio at Mary's doin' her best pumpkin imitation

▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

15-year-old girl who invented 'C.J.' makes no apologies

DALLAS, Thursday, Oct. 24 (AP)—A 15-year-old hoaxer makes no apologies for the furor she set off by writing to a magazine and saying she was intentionally spreading AIDS to as many men as possible.

Police said the teen-ager's letter to Ebony magazine that a woman named "C.J." was infecting men with the deadly disease was a fake. But they said it prompted calls to radio stations by other women who used those initials.

One, a 29-year-old medical school employee, is being tested for the virus, po-

lice said.

Natasha Johnigan, whose brother's initials are "C.J.," said Wednesday she invented the story to raise AIDS awareness. She said that for months she watched a close friend, a church choir director, suffer from the disease and die in August.

Ms. Johnigan, a high school sophomore, said the worldwide attention and the reaction that the letter, signed only "C.J.," elicited in Dallas' black community was just what she wanted.

"I wanted people to be aware of the disease," she said. "I came up with the idea while I was sitting in my room looking through all my Ebony magazines."

"I always read the 'Ebony Advisor' column and wanted to compose a letter that everyone would pay attention to. So I sat down and wrote what was in my heart," she said of the May letter that was published in September.

After the letter's publication, the Dallas County Health Department set up a phone line to answer the public's questions. Authorities later subpoenaed the

letter from the magazine to run a handwriting analysis.

No charges have been filed. But police said if the medical school employee tests positive for the virus, she could be charged with knowingly transmitting AIDS, a third-degree felony.

Ms. Johnigan's mother said she is proud of her daughter and supports her message.

"I know how the death of her friend affected Natasha," Noble Johnigan-Scott said.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Good Sports plans gathering for football fans on Nov. 16

Good Sports, a club for gay and lesbian football and basketball fans and their friends, is touting a get-together planned for Saturday, Nov. 16 as "college football at its very best, the glitzy match-up we've been waiting for, a dream game for college football fans all over the nation."

The enthusiastic description comes

from Good Sports organizer, Lee Harrington, who goes on to explain: "It's rare when the teams ranked Number One and Number Two in all polls get to face off; we can't wait to watch the national telecast together. The classy contest features the Heisman Trophy's leading candidate in FSU's Casey Weldon; Miami, team of

the decade in the eighties and continuing, and the winner with college football's national championship to lose."

Those attending the gathering will also be able to find out if their favorite college answered the group's recent memorabilia request, Harrington said. A "Pick Card" listing the nation's best match-ups before

Good Sports next event will be given out for prize competition, he added. For location and food details, and to confirm the television game time and how many fans will attend, call (713) 523-9000 as soon as possible, Harrington said. A cash bar will also be available.



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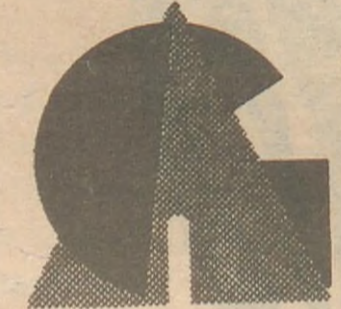
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Gemini

Now's the time to speak up. Let those close to you know how you feel. Your tight lips may cause you to lose out on a special relationship. Be honest and sincere in social circles but employ caution when speaking up at work.

Cancer

You are struggling to get out of a rut. Limited finances have you believing you're just stuck. Not true. Try changing your routine a little. Begin a new home improvement project. You want to be ready for a great new season.

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It's a give-and-take world. And now's your time to take. Gifts of all kinds are coming your way. Be willing to graciously accept because it's time you were repaid for past acts of generosity.

Virgo

Be prepared to re-arrange your schedule for an unexpected visit from a close friend or family member. Earlier plans are easily rescheduled and the visit relieves feelings of guilt.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

County jail won't be able to segregate prisoner with HIV infection

GALESBURG, Ill., Friday, Oct. 25 (AP)—A man who has tested positive for the AIDS virus will have to be kept with other inmates at the Knox County Jail while he serves a 30-day sentence, according to jail officials.

Crowded conditions at the jail would make it impossible to keep Dennis J. Klinedinst away from other prisoners,

jail administrator David Goedeke said Thursday. Goedeke testified at a sentencing hearing for Klinedinst, 33, of Knoxville.

Klinedinst was ordered to spend 30 days in the county jail and serve four years of probation. He pleaded guilty last month to a charge of aggravated criminal sexual abuse for a Jan. 20 incident at Lake Storey with a 16-year-old

boy.

Klinedinst tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in 1989, Knox County State's Attorney Ray Kimbell said. A charge of criminal transmission of HIV filed against Klinedinst last summer was dismissed because there was no indication of any transmission of the virus, Kimbell said before the hearing.

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You're caught off guard in an uncomfortable situation. Play it by ear. Your natural charm and wit will pull you through.

Scorpio

Now that you've settled into your new routine, time is available for friends too long ignored. Precious moments spent in a quiet environment net rewards too great to count.

Sagittarius

This week will be one of great decision making. Be prepared to make intelligent choices in almost every facet of your life. When dealing with people, remain cognizant of the feelings of others.

Capricorn

A special friend deserves some much-needed praise. Don't hold back. They are depending on you for that boost to morale. You are not the jealous type.

Aquarius

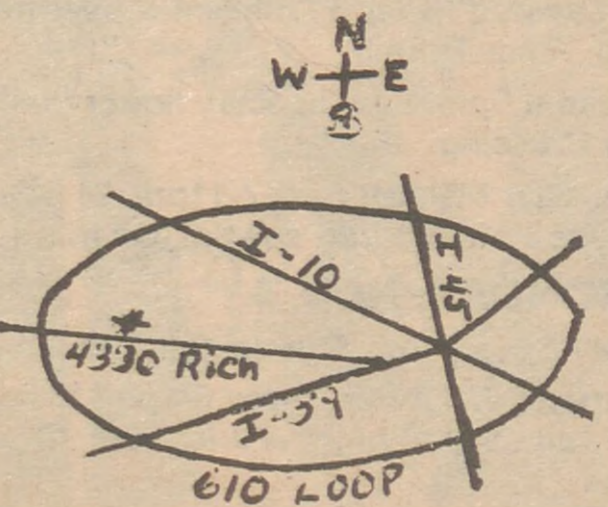
Now that that last surprise is over, it's time to settle down. Start getting organized. Make plans for the next time. Newly acquired friends will play an important role in your plans.

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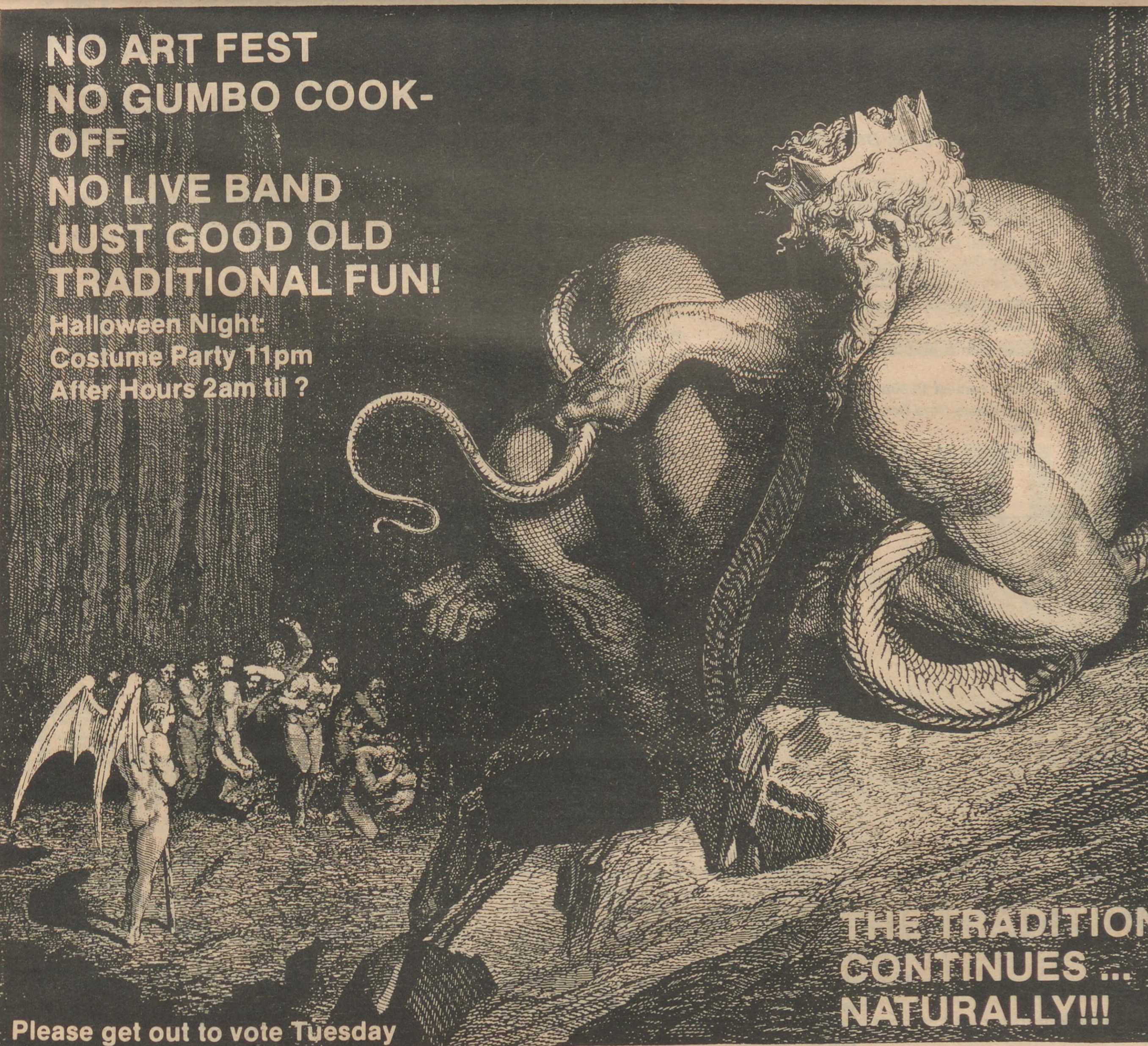
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●SATURDAY, NOV. 2

\$1.25 well & beer 8-11pm, Charlie's
\$1.25 well & beer 9-10pm, 'Bout Time

●SUNDAY, NOV. 3

Pam's Food Feast, \$1.50 well & beer noon-8pm, 'Bout Time
Cookout 5pm, beer special, liquor busts, The Crossing
Lone Star Male Review 7-11pm, \$1.50 well & beer 2-10pm, draft special, Charlie's

●MONDAY, NOV. 4

Nasty Boys 11pm & midnight, The Crossing
Margaret Wright on piano 6-8pm, happy hour all day, all night, TV football, 'Bout Time
\$1.25 well & beer 8-10pm, draft special, Lone Star Male Review 10:30pm & 12:30am, Charlie's

●TUESDAY, NOV. 5

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

●WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

25¢ well with hand stamp, The Crossing
25¢ well deal, Charlie's
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, \$1.50 well & beer 8-11pm, 'Bout Time

●THURSDAY, NOV. 7

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

●FRIDAY, NOV. 8

Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-8pm, 25¢ well drinks 8-9 & 10-11pm, The Crossing
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●FRIDAY, NOV. 1

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
\$1 schnapps & \$1.75 Cuervo 7am-noon, Ripcord
1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Hors d'oeuvres 6pm, Annise Parker 6-8pm, male dancers 10pm, Gentry
Grand opening weekend, open 7pm, Pacific Street
"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N
BRB Does Dallas 9pm, contest midnight, BRB

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Rainbo de Klown's All Male/All Saints Review 11pm, E/J's
After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●SATURDAY, NOV. 2

\$1 schnapps & \$1.75 Cuervo 7am-noon, Ripcord
Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's
Poolside BBQ 1-3pm, Club Body Center
Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa
Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.
Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N
9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time
NLA's leather jock, harness, halter party, Venture-N
Grand opening party, Juliet's Place
Grand opening weekend, open 9pm, Pacific Street
Movies 9pm, Midtowne Spa
Maude's talent contest 10pm, Gentry
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Saturday Super Show 11pm, E/J's
After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●SUNDAY, NOV. 3

\$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all day, E/J's
Poolside BBQ 1-3pm, Club Body Center
Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night, Mary's
BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa
Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mine
Leather day on the patio, Mary's
Chili dogs 5pm, blue light specials, Venture-N
NLA guest bartends, Venture-N Far Side
Steak-n-tater 5pm, male dancers 7pm, Gentry
Steak night from 5pm, Dallas send-off rodeo show 6pm, Little Bit of Texas band 8:30pm, BRB
Man Dance 5pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street
Happy hour prices to 11pm, Ripcord
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●MONDAY, NOV. 4

\$1 margaritas 7am-2am, Ripcord
Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
Male strip contest 10:30pm, MC Maude, Gentry
Half price admission with Stone Soup donation, Midtowne Spa
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●TUESDAY, NOV. 5

CITY ELECTION DAY. Please vote today.

Happy hour prices 7am-2am, Ripcord
Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
Burgers noon-3pm, Mary's
HGLPC Election Central 7pm, Gentry
C&W dance lessons, 10pm BRB
Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Talent contest 10:30pm, MC Giovanni, E/J's
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

\$2 domestic beer 7am-2am, Ripcord
Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, MC Maude, Gentry
Steak night 6pm, Lee Chardon & the Uptown Boys 10:30pm, E/J's
Bare Chest Night, Venture-N
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●THURSDAY, NOV. 7

\$2 well 7am-2am, Ripcord
Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
Burgers & BBQ noon-3pm, Mary's
Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
50¢ hamburgers 6pm, dance lessons 7:30pm, BRB
Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
Rolling Rock \$1 to 11pm, Venture-N
Video classics 9pm, Gentry
Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●FRIDAY, NOV. 8

Happy hour 7am-2am, Ripcord
1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa
Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.
Hors d'oeuvres by Jeannine 6pm, male dancers 10pm, Gentry
Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne Spa
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N
Master/Mistress of Leather slave auction, Venture-N
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm, E/J's
After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

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Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
Dance 9pm, strippers 11pm, no cover to 1am, after hours, Wild Club
Adults no cover to 10pm, 50¢ well 8-11pm, 25¢ draft to 2am, after-hours, Bonham

Exchange

Gong with the Wind Gong Show, Hardhat
After hours, Nexus

●SUNDAY, NOV. 3

50¢ draft, pool tourney 8pm, Nexus
Cowboys in Action, 50¢ draft, Silver Dollar
Liquor Rush 8-11pm, male dancers 11pm, no cover, Wild Club
Adults no cover to 10pm, 50¢ well 8pm-11pm, 25¢ draft to 2am, show 11pm, Bonham Exchange
\$1.75 Cuervo, \$1.50 longnecks, Memories
Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon
Bartender tag team hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

●MONDAY, NOV. 4

Lone Star Male Review, Hardhat
Mad Money Mondays, Wild Club
\$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories
Talent contest & square dancing, no cover, Bonham Exchange

●TUESDAY, NOV. 5

Happy hour 10am-10pm, El Jardin
Happy hour all night, Nexus
Wild Wheel drink specials, Wild Club
Birthday bash party for Will & Norma, Rosarios'
Steak night, happy hour to 9pm, Memories
No cover, Bonham Exchange
Male dancers, Hardhat

●WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

50¢ draft, country night, Nexus
Male strippers 11pm, Wild Club
J. Leslie live 8:30pm, \$1 longnecks to 11pm, Memories
Hot chest contest, 50¢ well & draft, cover charge, Bonham Exchange
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●THURSDAY, NOV. 7

Steak night 7pm, Nexus
Amateur strip, Wild Club
Adults no cover to 10pm, amateur male strip contest midnight, 25¢ draft to 2am, Bonham Exchange
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
Hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

●FRIDAY, NOV. 8

Dance 9pm, strippers 11pm, no cover to 1am, after hours, Wild Club
Adults no cover to 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, male & female strippers, after-hours, Bonham Exchange
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SATURDAY, NOV. 9

Dance 9pm, strippers 11pm, no cover to 1am, after hours, Wild Club
Adults no cover to 10pm, \$1.25 drinks, after-hours, Bonham Exchange
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
After hours, Nexus

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Women's hot oil wrestling, Memories
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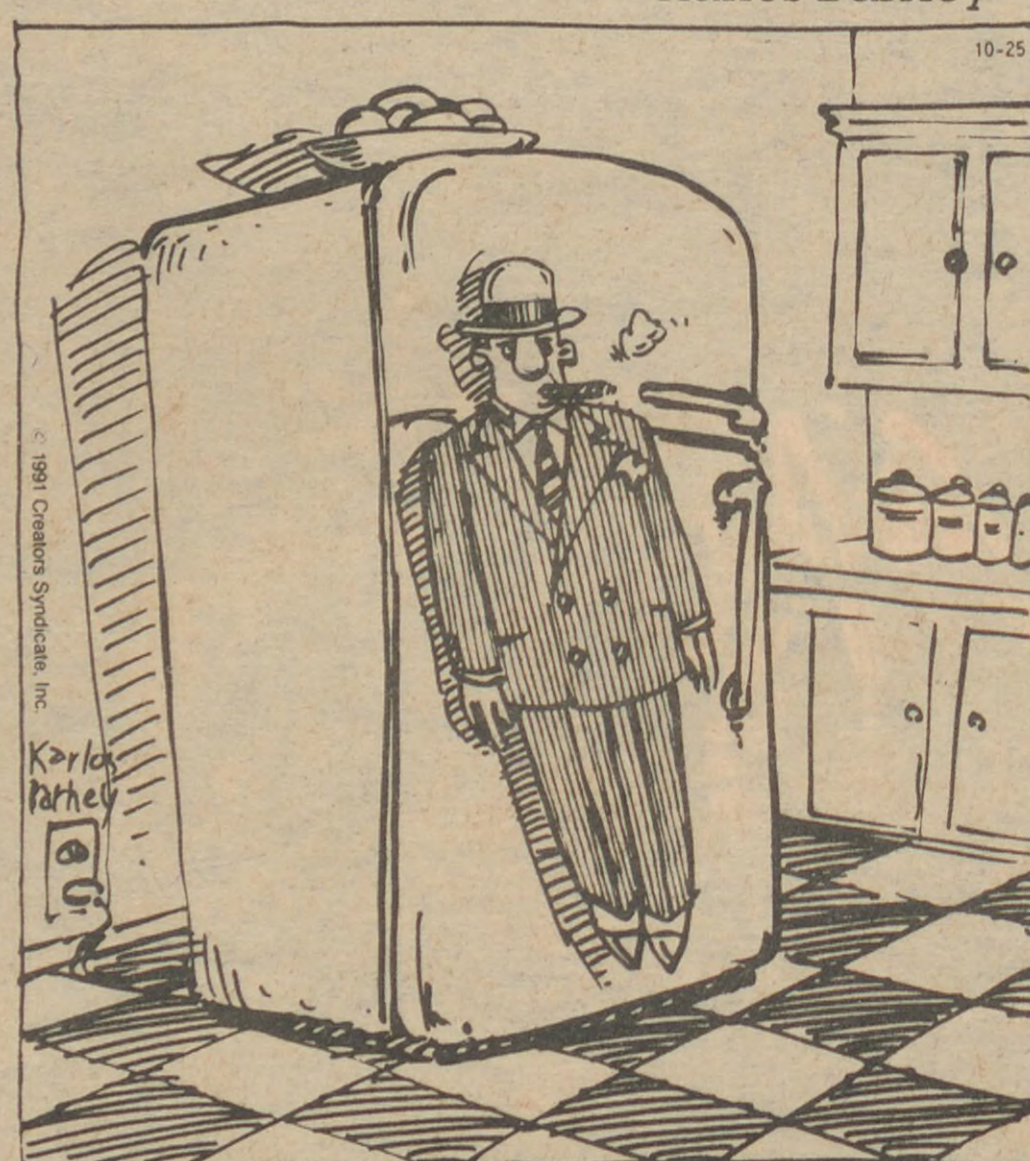


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▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Texas Gay Rodeo next week in Dallas; A month to vote Choice Awards

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT
TNV San Antonio

Happy Halloween, San Antonio. While you're putting the finishing touches on your white sheet (Casper the Friendly Ghost again this year?), pull out your calendars so we can make plans for next weekend.

The big statewide event to keep in mind is the Texas Gay Rodeo Association's annual extravaganza. This year, it's in Dallas, Nov. 7-10. The San Antonio community will be represented by one of its most high-profile members, Terry Neal. Good luck to Terry, who will be a favorite candidate for Mr. TGRA 1992. Austinite Karen D'Angelo will also be

representing the Alamo City in her quest for the title of Ms. TGRA.

The TGRA contest is a judged competition whose popularity has grown like wildfire since the Association was organized. (I think this proves the point that no one can resist an authentic cowboy), As for the rodeo itself, advance sale tickets are \$12.50, and you can find them in San Antonio by contacting Terry at (512) 735-0150.

As for all the surrounding celebrations, things get started on Friday, Nov. 8 with a kick-off dance. All you kickers will be entertained by that colorful C and W group from Houston, A Little Bit of Texas. I hear that Marissa Marlowe is in charge of the TGRA entertainment,

so you can expect top-notch performers.

The host hotel for this year is the Dallas Grand, which is the site of the awards banquet on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Terry Neal has raised over \$17,500 to support his candidacy for Mr. TGRA, the lion's share coming from a big fundraiser at the Bonham Exchange.

You remember when the whole Texas community descended on San Antonio to help celebrate Gay Fiesta. Well, now it's time for the inner circle in San Antonio to mosey up to the Big D to help our brothers and sisters in the Metroplex celebrate the annual Texas Gay Rodeo.

Shall we look ahead to December? Why not! On Thursday, Dec. 5, the

Bonham Exchange will host the Annual Gay Community Choice Awards. In the entertainment category, awards will be given for Best Female Impersonator; Best Group and Best Overall Entertainer. In the bars category, San Antonio will choose it's Best DJ, Best Female Bartender, Best Male bartender, Best C and W Bar, Best Dance Bar and Best Neighborhood Bar. Advance sale tickets for this shindig are available at the Bonham, Grasshopper, SAAF House and the Nite Owl. So make your plans now to salute the best of the San Antonio community.

Got some gossip for Soap? Then call me at (512) 824-4735. And have a safe Halloween.

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO QUICK NOTES

Visual Arts for Life to hold T-shirt silent auction

Visual Arts for Life will present an installation and silent auction of original T-shirts by 70 local artists in celebration of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the dead) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 at the Blue Star complex. "Arts for Life: Artists in Direct Service" is a grass-roots community wide coalition of San Antonio artists and arts organizations that have banded together to promote AIDS/HIV awareness and raise funds for local AIDS service organizations.

The visual artists participating in Arts for Life were given special commemorative T-shirts, silk screened on the back, and asked to create their own unique designs on the front. Participating artists include David Zamora Casas, Gilberto Tarin, Michael McElhaney, "Dac" Spellman, Lisa Mellinger, Glenna Park, Diana Cardenas, Judy Bankhead and Michael Martinez.

Admission to the event is free. Food and drink will be available. Music and other

exhibitions will take place in the complex. Blue Star Complex is located at the corner of South Alamo and Probandt Streets, just south of the King William district.

—Choice Awards

The ceremony for the Alamo Gay Community Choice Awards has been rescheduled. The Awards ceremony will be held Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Bonham Exchange.

The Alamo Gay Community Choice Awards is a benefit for the San Antonio

AIDS Foundation. The date was changed because of the number of other events scheduled to be held in October, according to coordinator Terry Neal.

Also, tables will be set up in various bars over the coming weeks where ballots can be filled out and turned in with a \$1 donation, Neal said. The ballots may be filled out and donations made at The Country Club, 115 General Krueger; Grasshopper, 4026 McCullough; The Nite Owl, 330 San Pedro and SAAF, 818 E. Grayson.

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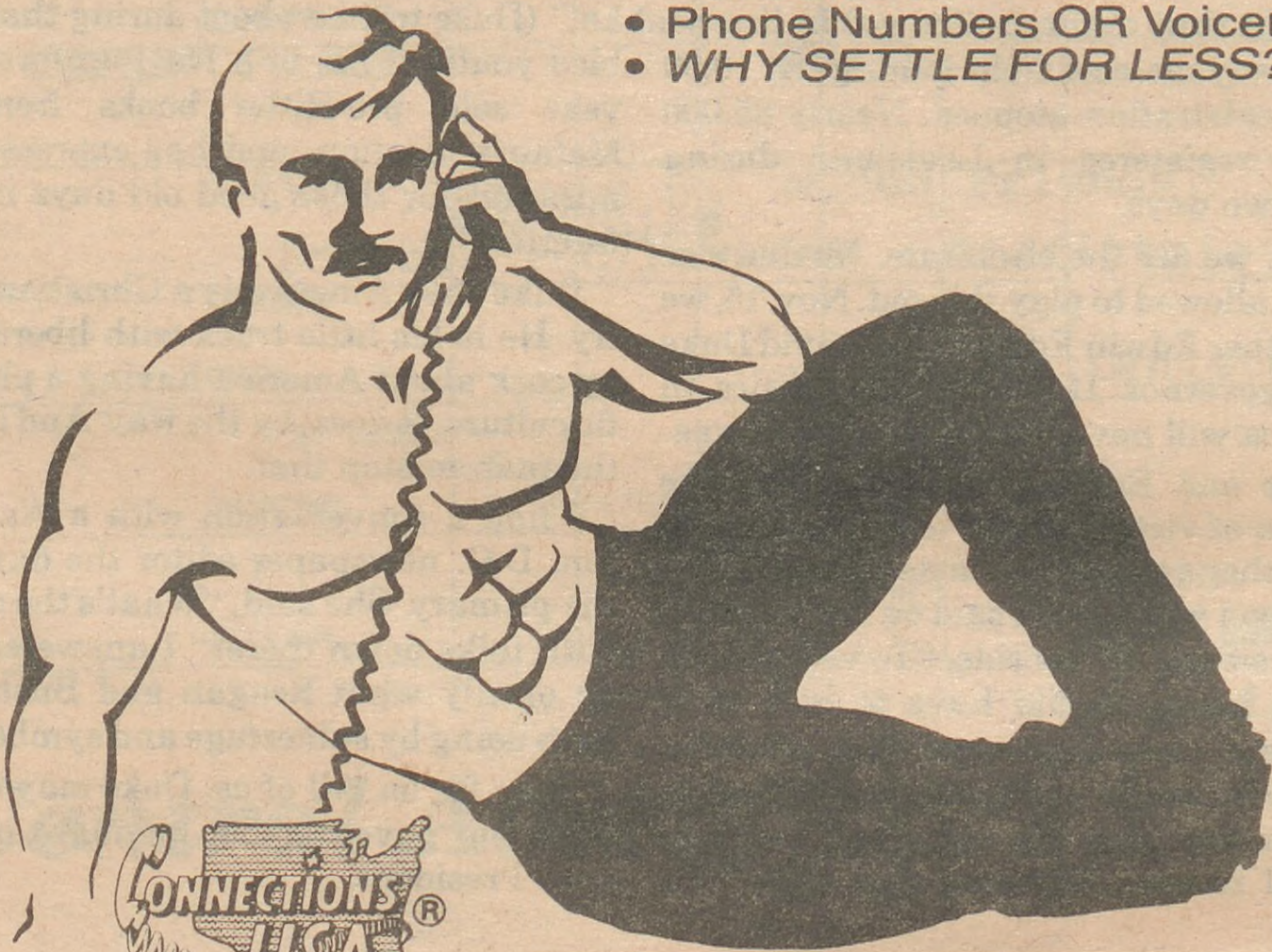
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'Hard to believe?' Maybe not, under the circumstances

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

"Hard to Believe." That is the comment you hear most often when people talk about Louisiana's 1991 primary election. It pits thrice governor and twice federally indicted Edwin Edwards against ex-KKK Wizard (head) David Duke, in a frantic heat for the Baton Rouge Governor's Mansion.

The voters rejected the one-term incumbent Buddy Roemer with his Harvard education and reformist "Roemer Revolution" slogan. Roemer was elected by default four years ago when then-Gov. Edwards withdrew, after a primary that left him with little chance of winning.

"If he wants it, he can have it," were Edwards' parting words. Not Nixon-bitter, but quitting is not Edwards' style and those were hard words for him to utter.

One of the things going on in this election is a monumental Edwards vs. Roemer grudge fight. My barber contends, Edwards quit four years ago in a deal cut between Roemer and Edwards that involved releasing Roemer's father from state prison. I forget why the elder Roemer was there, he was a state official so it is reason-

able that he was. Roemer and his papa were not close, but no one likes seeing theirs in the poky.

Anyway, my barber is not always right. The reason I don't buy his story, only Roemer got anything. Roemer's old man got out of the big house, Roemer moved in to the governor's house, but Edwards only got to fume over in French-speaking Acadiana, pining for his former job. A joyful moment of the just-ended primary campaign was an Edwards TV ad in french, featuring porch sitting Cajuns, singing with "joyeaux," and ending with an arm-swinging "Bonsoir, Revolution!"

Another thing you hear is Roemer's true believers talking about not being able to vote for Edwards. Perhaps a play for off-camera dealing. Roemer's people want desperately to keep the "Roemer Revolution" from being dismantled. Still, this leaves a disquieting metaphor churning in my stomach.

If Roemer's fans are considering dealing with The Duke, are they not considering a Faustian deal with evil itself? Isn't that the path all revolutions take to their demise?

For two days, and only two days, follow-

ing the primary, new voters were allowed to register. In New Orleans the crowd snaked out of doorways and around street corners. Inside The New Orleans Center, a shopping mall, a lone pair of Macy's shoppers talked of a two hour wait across the street, at the main office of the registrar of voters.

On the second and last day, it was worse. By eight that night, police got in line and ended anyone else from joining. At 10:00 p.m., registration stopped. Nearly 65,000 people registered in Louisiana during those two days.

Now, we are the electorate. No one else will be allowed to play this out. Nov. 16, we pick either Edwin Edwards or David Duke to be governor. If it is Duke, politics in America will never again be what it was.

Duke and Edwards vowed, under the passion of victory night, to not talk about each other's past. That lasted 'till the next afternoon when Duke said on TV, with Edwards sitting by his side, "To vote for Edwards, people would have to hold their noses and close their eyes," (this is a reference to Edwards' two federal racketeering indictments and his tarnished environmental record). Edwards shot back, "Or

come out from under their sheet to vote for you!" (-a reference to what Duke claims are wayward ways of youth, best forgotten, when he was the leader of the Ku Klux Klan).

Edwards got off a good shot, but lacking in the "joyeaux de vie" of other campaigns, when he said the state's bird, "The pelican will not be replaced with a Swastika!" (Duke trotted about during that troubled youth of his in a Nazi uniform, last year sold pro-Hitler books from his Metairie location, and has expressed admiration for those good old days in "der faterland.")

Duke says America is a Christian country. He holds little truck with liberal poppy-cock about America having a pluralistic culture. It does, by the way. And Duke's the man to stop that.

I had a conversation with a Washington, D.C. newspaper editor the day after the primary. She said, "What's the matter with folks down there?" I answered, "We do openly what Reagan and Bush have been doing by subterfuge and symbolism."

Pray for us. All of us. Duke may not become our governor but he might become your President.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Activists: Hate crimes up due to governor's veto to gay rights bill

LOS ANGELES, Thursday, Oct. 24 (AP)—AIDS activists said a benefit walk will also protest discrimination and hate crimes, which are surging in the aftermath of Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of the so-called gay rights bill.

"We were going to walk. Now, we must march," said Michael Weinstein of the AIDS Health Care Foundation walk downtown on Nov. 3.

"Come. Show up. Walk with us. Help us raise money," said Assemblyman Richard

Polanco, D-Los Angeles, who attended the Olvera Street news conference Thursday. Polanco coauthored the vetoed legislation.

Weinstein noted an upsurge in hate crimes since the Wilson veto of AB 101, although the proposed legislation focused on employment rights. Homosexual organizations had predicted increased activity by hate mongers.

Activists in the homosexual community have staged a series of demonstrations throughout California since Wilson's veto

of AB 101.

Wednesday night, about 400 demonstrators denounced Wilson outside the Century Plaza Hotel in Century City while hecklers inside interrupted the governor's speech during a fete celebrating his silver anniversary in public service.

"You're a liar, a coward and a bigot," Christopher Fairchild screamed before he and fellow demonstrator Mauri Tasner were escorted out of the hotel ballroom.

The governor said: "That's what's won-

derful about America. Everyone has a right to make an ass of himself."

Outside, the demonstration got rowdy as police on horseback moved in on Avenue of the Stars. Nine people were arrested and booked for investigation of felony cruelty to animals for allegedly hitting police horses.

David M. Smith of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center complained that police "unnecessarily used excessive force to break up a nonviolent demonstration."

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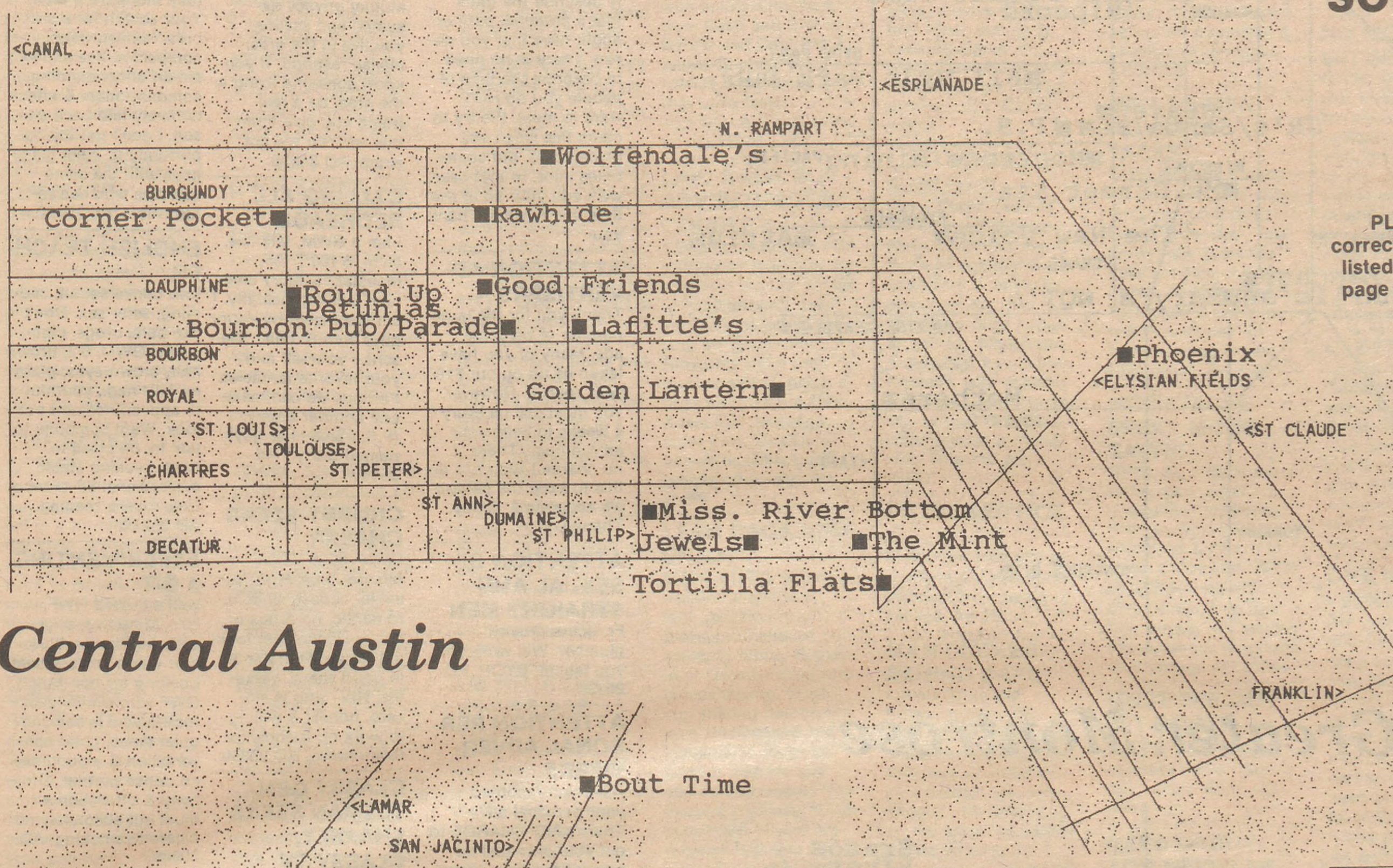
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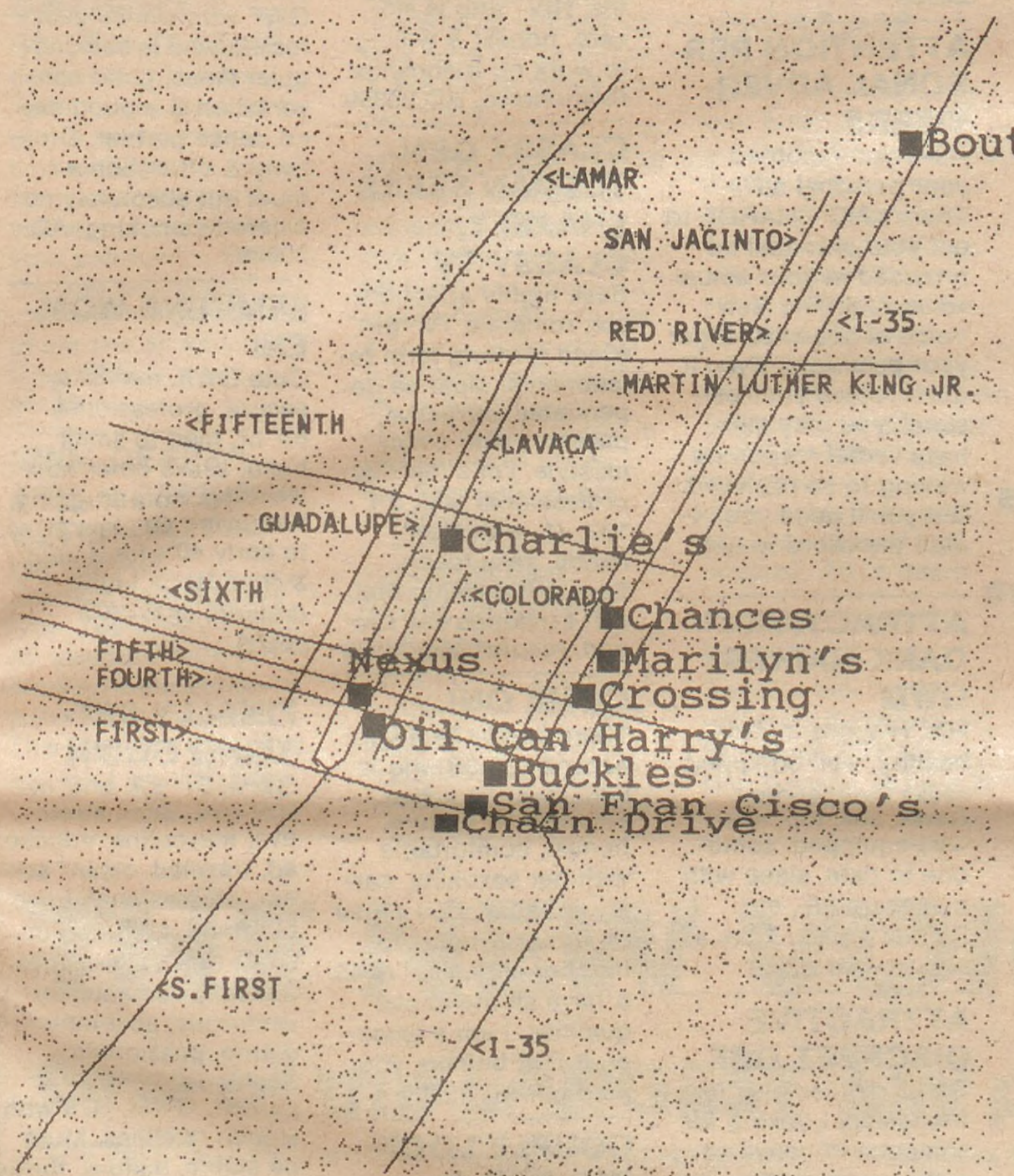
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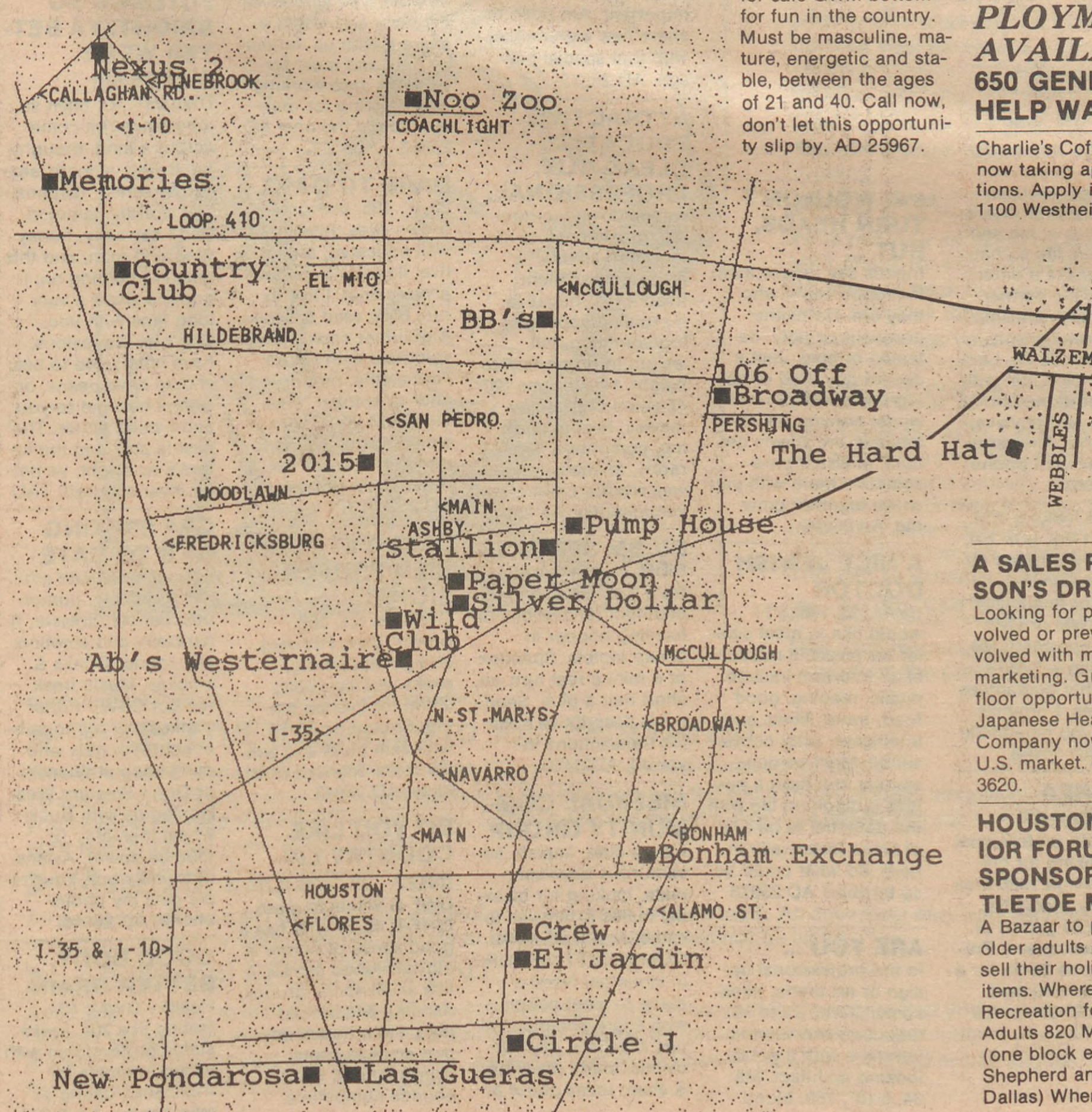
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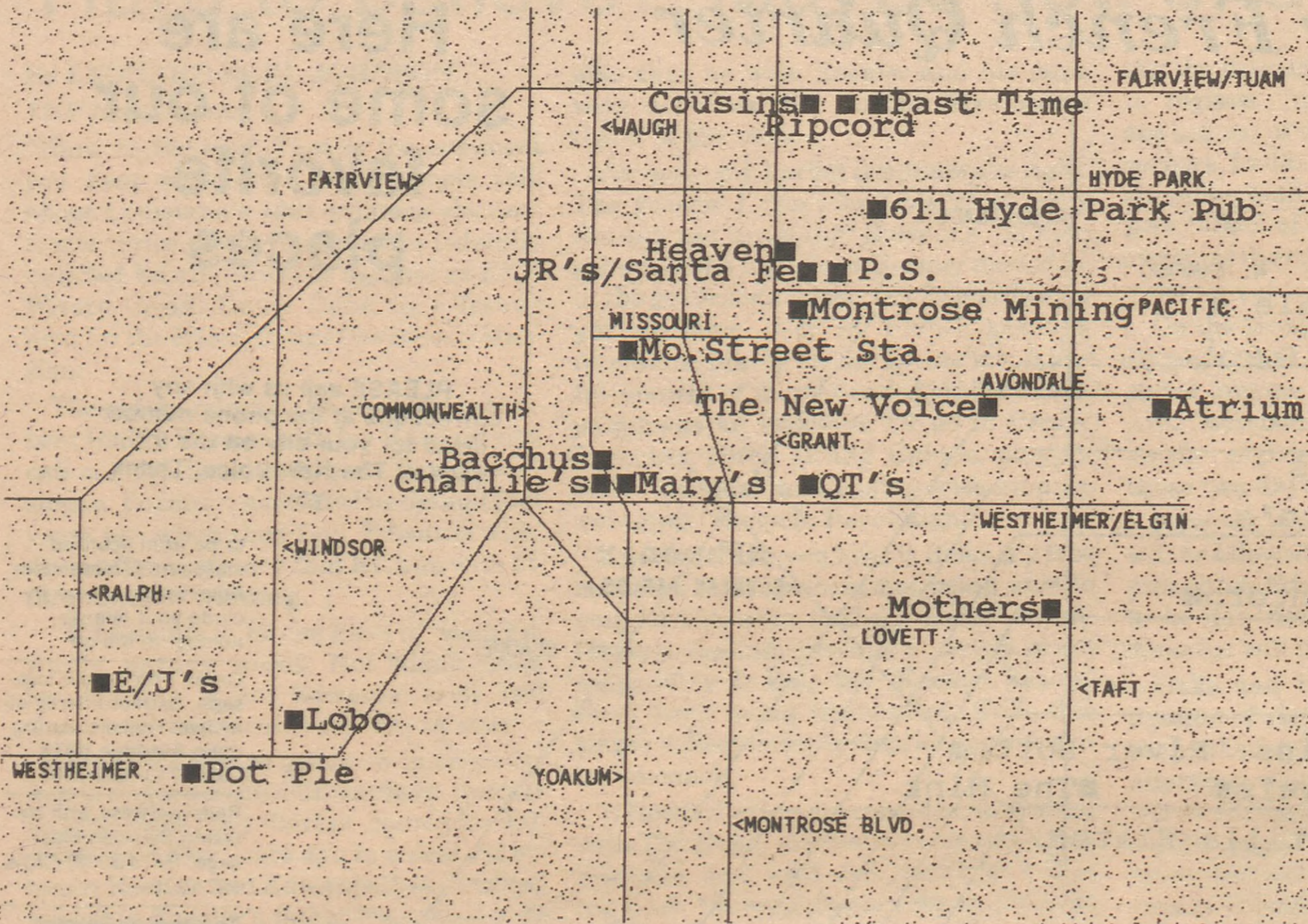
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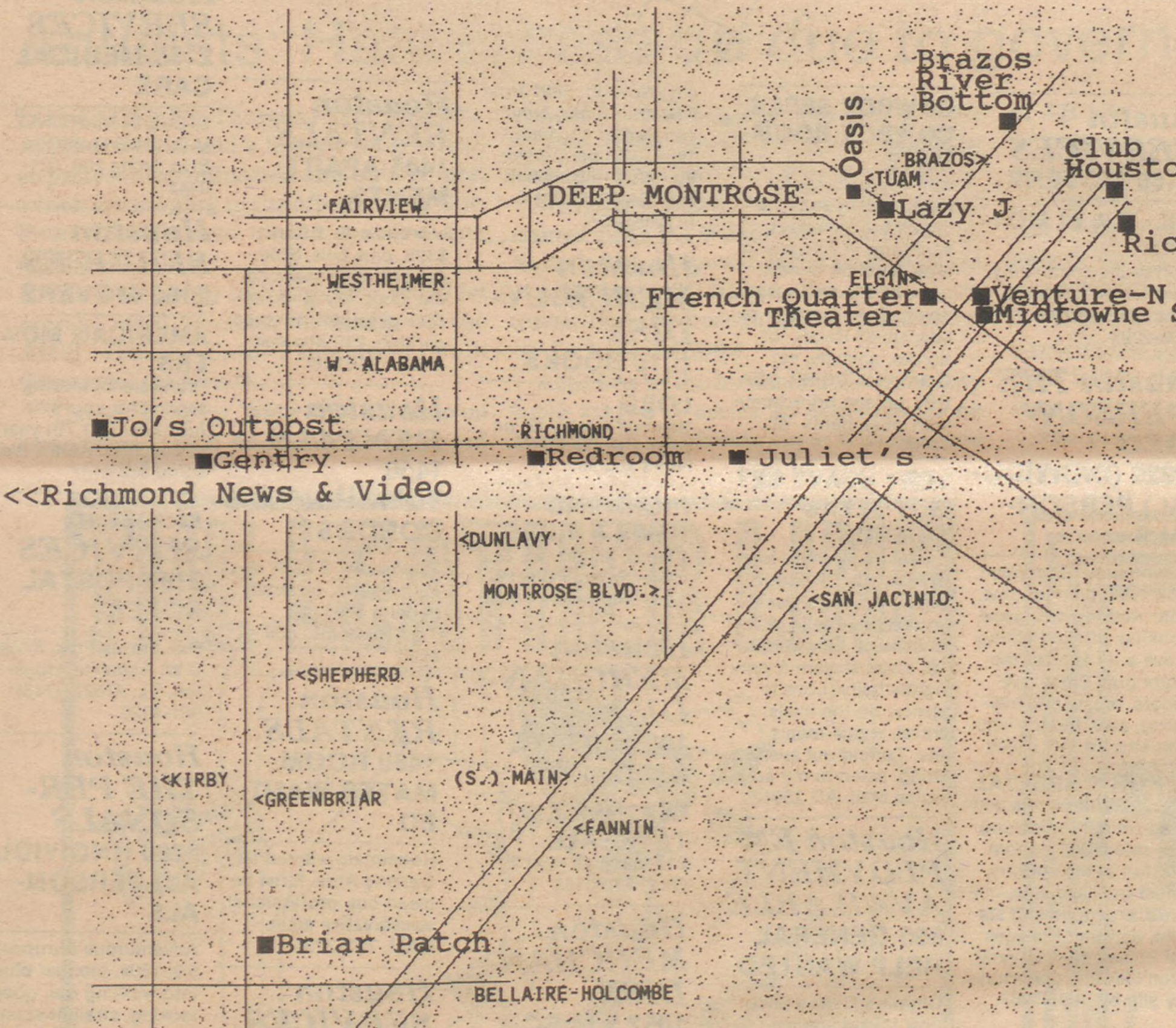
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GWF, 33, attractive, blonde/ blue, working on doctorate - but like cartoons and other mindless entertainment. Seeking quality companion to spend some time with. I've tried but have low/ no tolerance for PMS, smoking, C & W music. AD25189

GWF, attractive, blonde/ blue, stable, professional, 33. I don't smoke, do drugs, and rarely drink. I'm not a stereo type & am not looking for one. I'm tired of bar sleaze & game players & would like to meet a serious minded individual who knows what honesty is. AD25955.

GWF, who is thought-

ful, gentle, compassionate, original, open-minded, intelligent, good sense of humor, looking for GWF under 30 with same qualities. I'm 19, 5'9", 135 lbs, short hair. People say I'm attractive. An avid reader, especially literature. I'm abstract, sometimes absurd. Enjoy music, poetry, movies, renting videos, dining out, being with friends. Please write and enclose picture if possible. AD 25123

GWM, 26, 5'11, 185#, blonde/ brown. Looking for 18-30 year old for friendship and fun. Possible relationship. Enjoy the beach, C & W music movies and sports. Let's do lunch or dinner. AD 25940.

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

GWM, 40, 5'10, 145, br/ br, moustache, masculine, HIV-, a little bit country, in good shape, responsible, sincere.

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CHUBBY SEEKS CHASER
GWM, 50, 6', 300+, blonde/ blue, HIV-, versatile, honest, sincere, romantic, no drugs or heavy alcohol, am looking for GWM under 35 in good shape, versatile, HIV- who is sincere, honest & willing to work on friendship/ relationship. AD 25899

CLASSY GENTLEMAN SEEKS SHAPELY, CLASSY TV
Seek highly affectionate, romantic TV "girl" friend for long term relationship. Must be dependable, attractive, passable with stable lifestyle. I'm a married professional WM, 5'4", 130, 41, with slow hands, easy touch. Seek a friendship first, soft sensuous sex second, respect. Ad 25088

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

please contact me. AD 25804

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GWM, 5'1, 26 yrs, seeking same for stable companionship & hopefully more. 5'5 a plus. Your search for a sincere, honest, warm companion has ended. I am an understanding, compassionate & affectionately laid back person. i don't get the opportunity to meet many guys with the same qualities who can return them. Ad 25182.

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EXPERIMENTING A BIT
well adjusted GWF, 30's, attractive, physically fit, blonde, blue, non-butch professional. Looking for non-butch GWF with similar zest for life who is seeking quiet times, good conversation & a good disco dance partner. Creativity & discretion a must but absolutely no cigarette smoking. AD 25926.

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Cute GWF, mid 30's, secure, professional, br/ br, med to small build, seeks other non-smoking, non-drugging, fun loving GF, late 20's to early 40's for dating & friendship. Light drinkers okay. AD 25905

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GWM, 37, 5'9, brn/ hzl, HIV pos., slim, attractive, masculine, educated, traveled, clean/ sober, professional. Love outdoors, cultural pursuits, new experiences. Sexually versatile, adventurous, accommodating, passionate. Seeking sincere companion, GWM, 30's with similar qualities. Must be stable, mature, thrive on affection, intimate and ready for meaningful relationship. AD 25960

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

GWF SEEKING LIFEMATE
GWF, early 30's, Christian. I am non-smoker, non-drinker, honest, self-aware growth-oriented & capable of physical & emotional intimacy. I am seeking a similar GWF with no children for a long-term monogamous relationship. AD 25913.

GWF SEEKS OTHER GF
In a city full of wrong way signs, I want to be left in your mind. To understand your talent, not to compete. Don't want to be out of balance, just want to stand on my own two feet. Right by you. AD 25897.

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non-smoker/drinker seeking that "special lady" to spend quality time with, be it a moment or a lifetime. If you want to explore your spirituality, learn the true meaning of love and the gentleness of life and all its treasures, then let's talk. Ad 25138

GWF DESPERATELY SEEKING ULTIMATE TEDDY BEAR
Average joe mechanic type. You're HIV-, over 35, versatile, hairy, chubby, bearded, respectable, employed. This bear cub's 26, 5'10, 140 lean, smooth boy-

ish looking, not effeminate, good job, morals, sensitive, honest. not out long but know what I want. For possible relationship, contact. AD 25193.

GWM PROFESSIONAL
32, brn/ brn, moustache, straight actions and appearance, 6'5, 220, seeking sincere person for friendship or possible relationship. Alcohol & drug free. AD 25970.

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

GWM, 32, 6'5, 285
mostly bottom, but can be versatile. Enjoy camping, canoeing, politics, movies, theater. Non-smoker, occasional glass of wine. Know what & who I am - hope you do too. Looking for friendship/companionship - worry about the rest later. If this sounds interesting, let's have lunch/ dinner & see where things go. AD 25919

HANDSOME GHM
30, 144, blk/blk, well equipped, versatile, mostly top, slim muscular build and clean-cut, enjoys football, movies & tennis, seeks attractive GWM or GHM 25-35, muscular build, clean-cut and weight in proportion to height. For friendship & fun. Ad 25925

HANDSOME GWM PROFESSIONAL:
42/ 5'11/ 170 lbs/ salt & pepper hair/ blue eyes/ degree/ professional/ masculine. Interests: travel, working out, col-

lecting antiques, writing, self-improvement, dining out. Good Listener. Great conversationalist! Seeking significant relationship with good-looking GM of similar or intriguing qualities. Could this be THE one for you? Let's get together & find out! Ad 25237

HAPPY HEALTHY HORNIV POS.
Three out of 4 ain't too bad. GWM, 37, 160, 5'10", brown hair, blue eyes, looking for others with a very positive outlook on life. Interests vary from sweaty workouts at the gym to cultural events. Ad 25809

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

HOT PHONE SEX
GWM, 43, loves hot phone sex but hates to pay for it. Looking for other horny Houston guys who like to get off on the phone. AD 25962

I'M MR. RIGHT. WHERE ARE YOU?
GWM, 24, 5'10", swimmer build, knows that you've been looking but maybe in the wrong direction. I enjoy song writing, weight lifting, valued friendships. Have driving need to succeed. Is that a crime? Seek someone 19-29, "responsible," offering not mind-games & manipulation but complete honesty, sincere caring & faithful heart capable of monogamy. Ad 25191

I'M THE RIGHT MAN FOR YOU
If you're looking for a non-smoking GWM, 6', 240, 50ish, HIV neg., smart, sassy, solvent in-

to good sex, kissing and monogamy, then I really am the right man for you. Let's talk. Ad 25173.

LABEL DEFYING
... professional, corporate type with Bohemian heart. 26, 5'10, 165# with eclectic interests from Bach and Brie to BarBQ and Clint Black. Wants to make good friends but seeking him that loves freely, strongly, and exclusively. Ad 25976.

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

LEAN BACK AND ENJOY
GWM, 31, 6'5, 195, attractive, intelligent, HIV-, passive. Into pleasure of special non-smoking White, Hispanic or Oriental male who enjoys talking, laughing, sharing humor, life, love. Intelligence and imagination more important than muscle and enhancements. Numerous interests. If true commitments and monogamy turn you on then please respond to AD 25953

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GWM 40 is taking applications for full time boy/ slaves between 24-35. You will be trained in all phases of S&M-B&D. All of you needs will be well taken care of. You must reply with complete details about yourself. Ad 25846.

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

LOST IN THE SUBURBS
Older GWM. I've had the frenzy of Spring. Now I crave the opulence of Summer & Fall. Intelligent & very well educated, my time is my own. I prize honesty, candor, tenderness & steadfast friendships. Capable, with eclectic interests & antic humor. Shy but not reticent. Need friends & friendship. Reply to AD 25167.

LOYAL SERVICE
... to another man can be gratifying. If you derive pleasure from being of service, Ad 25134

MAN LOCKED BEHIND BARS
Lonely 37 yr. old brown/ brown, 5'8, 185#, incarcerated man seeks correspondence with mature warm 45 plus person. Me, very athletic - ex bodybuilder. No family or friends. Please write to me. I will respond. AD 25938.

MASTER, TALL, 40, PIERCED
You—dedicated to the idea of belonging to a master. You have most of the following qualities: submissive, healthy, under 35, employed, determined to please, domestically oriented, masseur, pierced, drug free, love one big tall bearded man, non-smoker, likes dogs, doesn't have one. Ad 25928

ME: GM, ORIENTAL ...
30's, 5'6, 180lbs, smooth, passive, grad student, down to earth, free of smoke, alcohol, drugs. Safe sex, enjoy classical music, reading, conversation. You: GWM, 40-50, educated, active, for friendship & possible relationship. Ad 25103.

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GWM circle of friends for safe sex. Let's share fantasies, uniforms, C&W, underwear. You know your turn-ons. Let's act them out as a group. Take a chance. You might enjoy yourself. A sure way for male bonding & new friendships. Ad 25241

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

MUST SEE GUY 1ST BOOTH ARTS FESTIVAL
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NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?
Mature professional, very hairy body/ hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer). You mentally mature, non-smoker, large equipment a plus, bottom - into safe sex. Ad 25916

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GWM, 5'10, 172, blk/hzl, 33, airline employee, college grad. Works out and in shape. Likes old

classic movies, new age and classical music. Meditates. is renovating home. Would like to meet athletic GWM 30-39, responsible yet easy-going, for companionship or more. Non-smoker or light drinker. Ad 25159.

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Lonely, slim, cute. GWM, 21, deeply loyal, seeks stable and secure GWM 40ish a plus. Provide home, intimacy and long term relationship. Friendly and outgoing and likes to spend quiet time alone. Call or write AD 25958.

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ABOUT BEING POSITIVE
GWM HIV+, 38, 6'1, 185, brown/ hazel. Looking for GWM with warm heart for friendship and help with fighting the wicked witch. Prefer tall (6'4 +) muscular, heavy (220 +) with big heart from the Victoria, Bay City, Houston area. Will certainly consider all. AD 25943.

PUMP ME TILL DAWN
That's all I want. GWM, 25, tanned, toned and cute, wants physically fit, attractive and overly-endowed studs 18-25 to pound me into the next century. Let's cut right to the quick & get on it. Time's a wastin' ... AD 25890

PUMP ME TILL DAWN
... We're riding the range tonight. This 27 yr. old buckaroo is looking for a saddle buddy for more than just bedding down. Wanted between 25-35. Hairy bod a plus, hairy face a must. Reply with philosophy. AD 25240.

RELOCATING FROM DENVER IN MARCH
GWM, 30, boyish good looks, 5' 7, 130#, brn/ hzl, hairy chest, discreet, healthy, drug free, not into gay lifestyle, ready to settle down. Enjoy outdoors, workout's, quiet times. You're somebody to look up to, take charge type, good looking, manly, moving. AD 25227

SEEKING A HOT MAN WITH A GOOD MIND
GWM, 38, 5'9", 165, HIV-, good body, versatile, seeks other intelligent, educated, masculine, well-built men age 30-40, under 6'. I'm looking for men who are interesting outside of the sack as well as in it. Ad 25066

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If you do NOT participate in this "live voice" aspect of our Voice Phone Personals, you will not be eligible for the \$19 per year unlimited rate but may instead purchase a personal ad at our regular rate of 40 cents per word per week.

REWARD OFFERED

GWM, 34, 6'2, 175, brown/ blue. New in town, just moved from Los Angeles. Looking to meet special gentleman. I'm happy, healthy, mainstream, am professionally employed, with varied interests including skiing, sailing, Nautilus, socializing. Seeking well adjusted, out-going, reasonably sincere boyfriend/ stud. Respond for a rewarding experience. AD 25935.

SEARCHING FOR THAT SPECIAL GHM

GWM, 49, 6'1, 174#, blue/ brown, HIV-, Christian, self-employed, secure, stable, honest. Wants monogamous relationship with GHM who is attractive, high self esteem, affectionate, good conversationalist, positive attitude, chemical/ smoke free, spiritual, 25 to 45, growth oriented, pleasant personality, masculine appearance. The traits I seek are the same I offer. AD 25951

SEEKING CONSIDERATE HIV-NEG. GWM/GHM TOP

GBM seeks affectionate GWM/GHM under age 43 & under 170 for continuous weekend pleasures. This HIV-neg, GBM, 31, 141, seeks a truly considerate slim or muscular GWM/GHM top who can verbally express his feelings. Hairy a plus. Drug-free expected. AD 25009.

SEEKING COSMOPOLITAN SOPHISTICATED INTELLIGENT MAN

who speaks German or French and who is slim to moderate build. I am a discreet well-educated professional GWM, 6'2, 240, 45. I love good conversation, sharing experiences with friend, European travel, films, taking long walks, autumn, sensual experiences in the arts. I love experiencing life. AD 25213.

SEEKING WOMAN WHO MAKES MY HEART SING

GHF, 37, 5'2", 118, attractive, light olive complexion, androgynous, intense brn. eyes, witty, educated, artistically inclined, spiritual, compassionate, incredibly romantic about love & life, seeking feminine GHF or GWF, 28-40, cultured, physically fit, non-smoker, social drinker, intelligent, affectionate, romantic, honest, financially secure, monogamous. AD 25183.

SHORT GUYS

GWM, 52, tall, slender, long hair. Seeks submissive short guys, 5'7 and under. Wearing tight bulging jock straps, briefs, while watching x rated videos and training me in French. Big/ thick a plus. Respond with your fantasies, vital statistics, phone. Ad 25950

SORRY, I CAN'T GO ...

out with you Friday night. I've got to wash my hair. Tired of those dates from hell? Problem solved! I'm an upbeat, fun GWM, 31, 150, 5'9", sold, slim/muscular build. Enjoy cuddling, wrestling, intelligent conversation. Seeks one similar monogamous GWM/GHM 25-40 HIV neg. Ad 25122

STUD WANTED

Cute GWM, 27 with a nice trim body, 155, looking for a 20s to 30s cute GM who has a great body, is adventurous and spontaneous. If this fits you, here I am. Ad 25008

TIRED OF BARS ... MIND GAMES?

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

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VERY ATTRACTIVE GWM COUPLE

Looking for that one very special buddy for friend. Must be good looking, weight in proportion to height, straight acting. Must like children, dogs, cats, horses, boats, movies, the country, etc. Looking for one person who can enjoy all these without the bars. If this sounds like you, give us a call, you never know. AD 25952.

VERY HEAVY SET GUY SEEKS FRIENDS

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

VOYEUR SEEKING EXHIBITIONISTS

GWM 35 slim/ attractive, blonde/ blue. Looking for Montrose locations. Have a window you like to perform in? Send address, which window, best time, best/ safe place for me to watch. Like me? Invite me in. Phone # optional (to let you know I'm watching) AD 25947

WANTED GWM COMPANIONS

GWM seeks other GWM(s) for companionship and hopefully more. I am 5'7", average looks, shy but friendly and willing to develop a value-for-value relationship. You need only be easy-going, playful, open-minded and willing to meet in person. I like nudism, giving/getting sensuous body rubs and meaningful time spent together. Ad 25104

WANTED

Professional GBM 30-40 for companionship. I am professional GWM, 33, top, HIV+, in good health. I like romantic dinners at home, TV, video's, movies, or just spending the day driving through city with

that special someone. AD 25941.

WORKING, WILLING AND WAITING

Fun, nice, professional GHM 6', 185#, brn/ brn, med build, desire to meet self assured GWM with definite direction in life, age 20 - 35. Who can enjoy having fun and a serious side as well. Tired of playing house. Would like to make a home. AD 25971

YOU

Didn't run an ad so I will! Good looking GWM, 34, seeking someone special 18-24 for permanent relationship. I'm HIV + in excellent health, non smoker, stable, honest, and fun loving. Looking for someone to share my life with. If you're looking for someone special, let's explore the possibilities. AD 25957

Houston THE PERSONALS 2240 (COMMERCIAL) PERSONALS

MARIA, PLEASE CONTACT THE FUTURE GAY PARENTS NETWORK

Maria, the Future Gay Parents Network received your letter. We would really like to meet you, but you did not give your address or phone number. Please write us again! Respond to AD 25921. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Think you would make a great parent? The Future Gay Parents Network is open to all gay men & women who know they would! We're exploring modern, alternative methods of parenthood, such as surrogacy, adoption, etc. For further information, & time/date of next meeting, reply to Ad 25056

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Adventurous European, 5'9, 160#, blonde/ blue, into working out, good looking, straight acting, have a lot to offer the right guy. Enjoy outdoors, music and traveling, seek friends who are sincere. AD 25949

BI-W-M SEEKING LONG-TERM FEMALE COMPANIONSHIP

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

NEW FACES, NEW PLACES GWF (39)

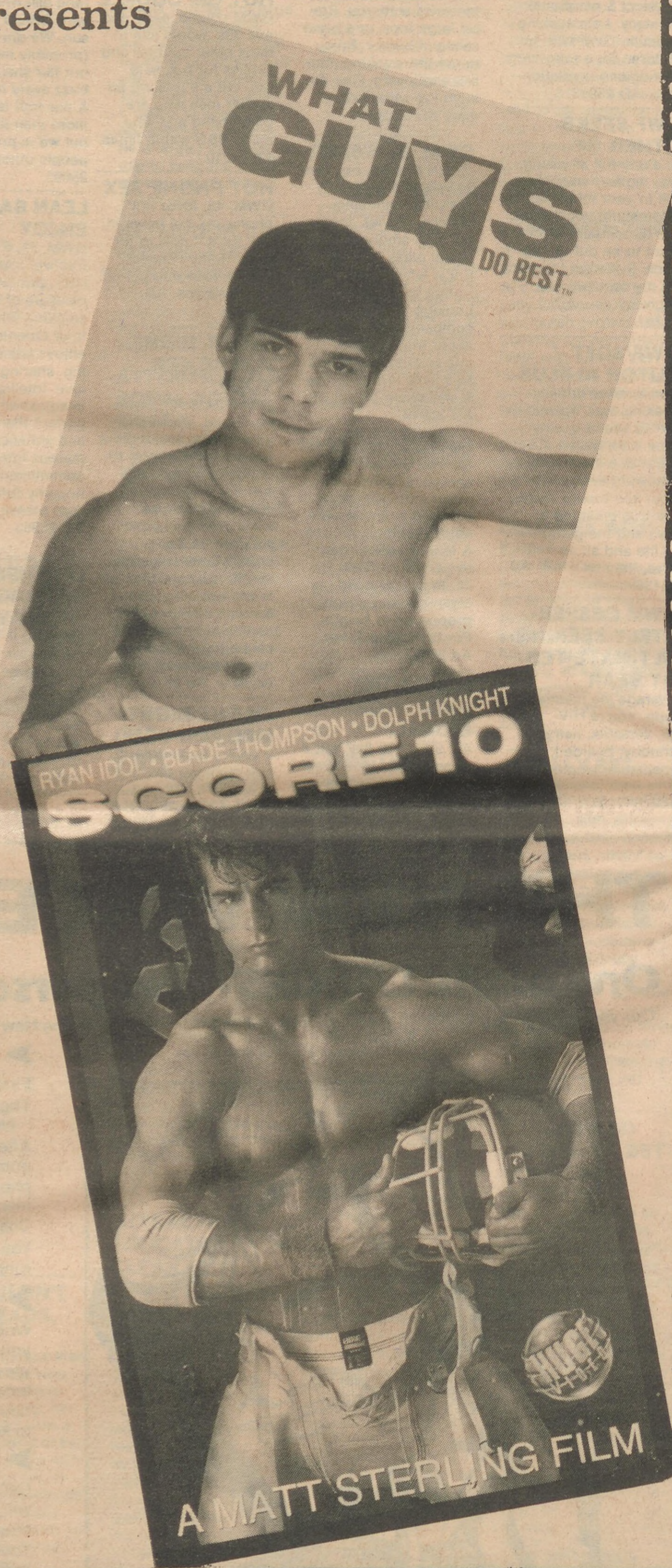
Seeks same (35-45). Tired of the same old faces? Wouldn't it be fun to have an out-of-town girl friend? I am single, attractive and more feminine than not. Would enjoy meeting someone with similar attributes. If you think monthly rendezvous sound appealing, get in touch. AD 25931.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Parade chairperson's re-election voided by national headquarters

NEW YORK, Thursday, Oct. 24 (AP)— Frank Beirne's third term as chairperson of the St. Patrick's Day parade committee has been voided, temporarily at least, because he is under suspension by the An-

cient Order of Hibernians, the parade sponsor.

Beirne, who created a storm last March when he tried to bar homosexuals from parading as a group, was re-elected parade

chairperson without opposition Oct. 10.

The election was thrown out because Beirne had been suspended by the Ancient Order in May, according to Al O'Hagan, former state chairperson and now an offi-

cer of the order's national board.

O'Hagan said the reason for the suspension was "an internal matter completely unassociated with the parade committee business."

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▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART ONE

Still more events on the way, this weekend and all week

By TAD NELSON

TNV Houston

Hello Houston! Did you hear about Mary's busy Sunday last week—or perhaps if you live in the neighborhood, you just plain heard it!

The police were called, Mary's opted to pay the \$200 rather than turn down the music and spoil the party! Way to go, Gaye! Fight back, girl—your customers love you.

And the winners of the Gumbo cookoff were: first place, Lewis Foret; second, John Lawrence and sister Deb, and third, Texas Riders. The award for best presentation went to John and Deb for "The Crab Shack."

And did you guess? P.S. stands for Pacific Street, and this is their Grand Opening Weekend. Go by and preview the high tech facility in the landmark location. Saturday, a traditional Grand Opening Party begins at 9:00 p.m. and continues 11:00 p.m. featuring the high tech European light show; neon sculptures and "an interior designed dance area that can be modified for special events—just like the Astrodome." Don't miss the combined show on Mandance Monster T-Dance and the exciting hunks of Caged Heat—Men Behind Bars!



Larry, winner of best costume at the Mine's contest—"Leather Fairy"

At E/J's last Sunday, the Royal Court of Imperial Pitied Sugarbickers—oops, well, you know who, the name is too long anyway—raised \$152 for Stone Soup. Sorry girls, but anyway ... Way to go!

I hear Fantasy Ball was quite a thrill this year and included such treats as complimentary confections a'la Alice B. Toklas. That's a new twist to Trick or Treat. And the Wolf Pack was in attendance and got my vote for best group costume (Oh, hell! Best group anything—Woof! Woof! Woooo ...) as Little Red Riding



David Alwell with Mark Davis (right) of Miller Beer and Mark's wife Leslie at Cousins' Miller Lite party Friday, Oct. 25

Sh—and the wolves carrying a basket of (oh my goodness!) large rubber phallic-looking items. I'll bet Grandma felt better after Little Red arrived. Did the wolves eat her or not?

Don't forget the Halloween parties and costume contests everywhere like "Freakers Ball at Venture-N; Fright Night

at E/J's; Metropolis—City of Lights at the Ripcord; Haunting House of Whorers at Gentry; Mardi Gras Halloween at BRB; costume contests at the Mining Co., J.R.'s and Heaven, as part of the big street closing and giant party, and Mary's—also PS! and everyone has a contest at midnight—take your pick, and a hard choice it is, too.



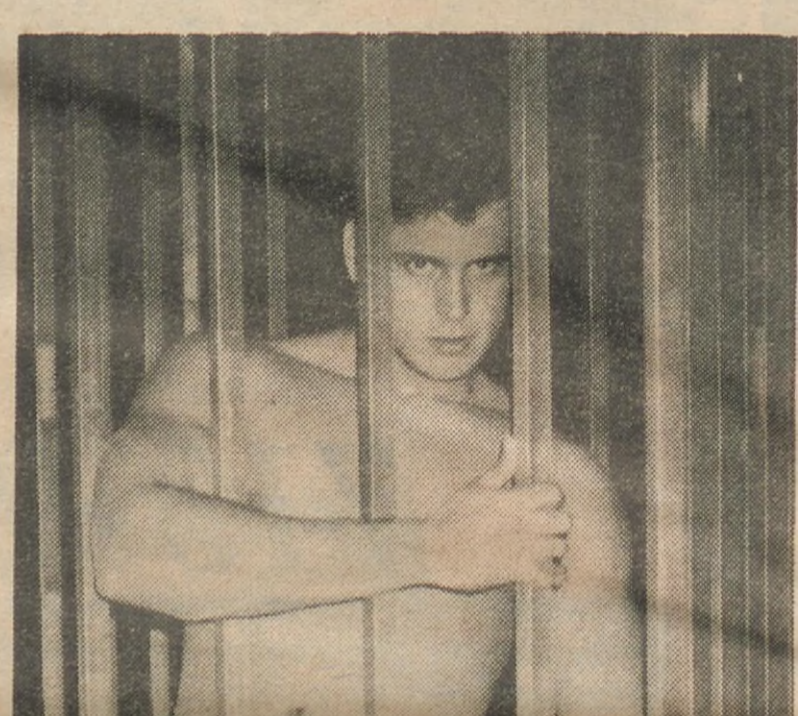
Montrose Mining Co.'s doorman, Richard: are you making flapjacks?



J.R.'s best costume winner was Daren as Commander Yardon



Bruce, with lips like that you shouldn't kiss fish



Marty dancing at PS for your pleasure

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Illinois governor commutes sentence of AIDS-afflicted prostitute

ROCKFORD, Ill., Wednesday, Oct. 23 (AP)—Gov. Jim Edgar commuted the three-year sentence of a prostitute in prison for attempting to spread the AIDS virus.

"At this point, the governor believes that she will not be a threat to society," Diane Ford, the governor's chief legal counsel, said Tuesday. "She has devel-

oped pneumonia and is quite ill." Tracy Eichman, a 34-year-old convicted prostitute, pleaded guilty in February. Prosecutors said she agreed to have

sex with an undercover officer even though she knew she carried the virus. She is expected to be released from prison this week.

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Colorado company stops making spray device for AIDS drug

By DEBORAH MESCE
FOR THE NEW VOICE
WASHINGTON, Friday, Oct. 25 (AP)—The only company that makes a spray device used to administer a drug that prevents a lethal pneumonia in AIDS patients has stopped making the device because of alleged manufacturing problems.

AIDS activists said Friday they were concerned about possible shortages of the device, but the Food and Drug Administration said none was expected.

As part of a consent decree with the FDA, Marquest Medical Products Inc. of Englewood, Colo., agreed to stop production and distribution of all its products until the company brought its operations into full compliance with the

FDA, said FDA spokesperson Brad Stone.

The company suspended distribution on Sept. 27 and manufacturing on Oct. 8, said Alex McKinnon, chief financial officer of Marquest.

Marquest makes a variety of respiratory and anesthesia products, including a nebulizer that is the only device approved for administering aerosolized pentamidine, which is one of the standard preventive treatments for *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia in people with AIDS.

The AIDS Action Council expressed concern that the halt in manufacturing and distribution could soon result in a shortage of the nebulizers. Though no

shortages have been reported, "we are concerned that the slow pace of resolution will soon result in such a shortage."

Neither the company nor AIDS Action Council officials could estimate how many people were currently using the nebulizers.

Company officials also were not aware of any shortages, but McKinnon said Marquest's suspension of operations "is bound to have an impact in terms of availability."

FDA's Stone said the agency officials believe the company's current inventory will be able to handle immediate demands and that there will not be "any dramatic shortages."

"If there is a problem, we will take whatever steps are necessary to make

sure that patients who need the nebulizer will not be denied it," Stone said.

The FDA said the company did not meet its "good manufacturing practices" standards.

McKinnon said the FDA alleged the problems included failure to document manufacturing records properly and failure to report complaints about the performance of its products to the FDA.

"It comes down to an interpretation of these regulations," McKinnon said, adding that the company was talking regularly with the FDA and "working as hard as we can to get back into business as quickly as we can." He said he could not predict a date when manufacturing would resume.

Two gay men run for university homecoming king, neither wins

By CINDY BENEDICTO
FOR THE NEW VOICE
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Friday, Oct. 25 (AP)—Two homosexuals lost their bids to become Ohio State University's homecoming king Friday night but will make appearances as members of the king's court.

Marc Conte and Mike Scarce, both 21, are the first openly gay members of the school's homecoming court. They were selected from among 11 male applicants by the school's homecoming committee.

But neither was selected homecoming king during festivities Friday night that also included the election of a queen and a parade.

"I'm a little bit disappointed but I'm totally confident with the selection process," Conte said. "I entered for recognition. Homecoming is not about sexuality, it's about achievements."

Conte and Scarce lost out to Michael Owens, 21, an elementary education major. Dianne Jones, a 21-year-old biology

major, was elected homecoming queen. "I'm sorry that we didn't win but I'm happy for Mike and Dianne. I'm happy just to be with the court," Scarce said.

The king and queen and their court will appear at Saturday's Ohio State-Michigan State football game.

Faculty, staff and students selected candidates on the basis of academic performance, participation in university clubs and contributions to the community.

Conte, a senior communications major,

is president of the student organization Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Scarce, a senior communications and women's students major, is vice president.

Conte and Scarce will be paired with female members of the court and will accompany them to a dance Saturday night.

Scarce said he and Conte would protest a policy barring homosexuals from the ROTC by breaking with the tradition of walking under the crossed sabers of ROTC members as the court enters the Student Union's ballroom.

Surgeons group opposes mandatory AIDS testing or restrictions

By ELLIOT SPAGAT
FOR THE NEW VOICE
CHICAGO, Wednesday, Oct. 23 (AP)—The nation's largest organization of surgeons says it opposes proposed federal guidelines that would govern the practices of doctors infected with the AIDS virus.

The American College of Surgeons said the possible risk of transmission of the virus to patients "appears so low that costly measures such as testing and limiting work are not justified."

The Chicago-based organization, which has 51,000 members, sharply at-

tacked proposed federal guidelines that doctors and dentists who do surgery or pull teeth be required to take AIDS tests and stop procedures if they're infected.

"We deplore these actions because they are not based on direct scientific data; they are not cost-effective; they are intrusive to the extreme; and they are unable to achieve their desired effect," said a statement issued Tuesday at the surgeons' annual meeting.

The federal Centers for Disease Control's proposed guidelines could affect tens of thousands of surgeons and dentists nationwide. They urge doctors and

dentists to refrain from invasive procedures involving blood exposure unless an expert panel concurs and patients are informed.

The American Medical Association and the American Dental Association, the nation's largest physicians' and dentists' groups, already recommend that AIDS-infected doctors refrain from invasive procedures unless their patients are informed and approve.

But the dentists' organization earlier this month declined to draw up a detailed list of procedures believed to pose a high risk of transmitting the AIDS vi-

rus to patients. The ADA said there was no valid way to define the risks, since only five patients have ever been documented as having been infected in a dental setting, all by a single dentist. The route of viral transmission in those cases is still unknown.

No case of surgeon-to-patient transmission has been documented, the surgeons' group said.

Earlier this year, CDC statisticians estimated that the nation has about 300 infected surgeons and 1200 infected dentists.

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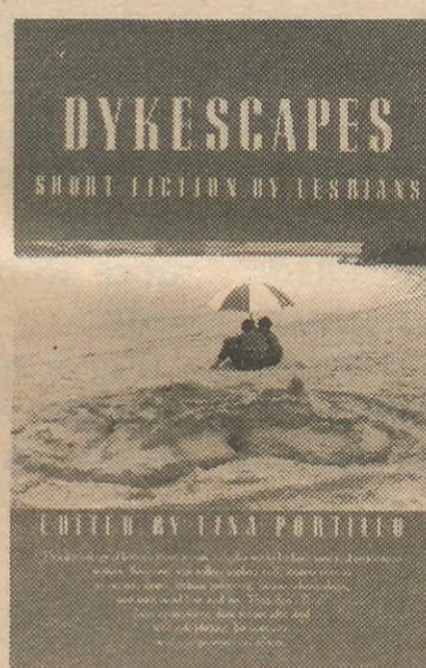


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Woman fired for not helping AIDS patient denied reinstatement

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., Friday, Oct. 25 (AP)—A former Greensboro social worker fired two years ago because she wouldn't train a blind AIDS patient lost her case before the State Personnel Commission.

"What they're saying is that I was in-subordinate," Thelma Lu Mendenhall said. "But I didn't have a choice, and nobody tried to help me figure it out. If I had taken that client, I would have placed my health in jeopardy."

The commission rejected the recommendation of an administrative law judge. The panel ruled Ms. Mendenhall should not be reinstated to her job in the Winston-Salem regional office of state services for the blind.

Ms. Mendenhall, 39 and legally blind since 1981, was fired for refusing to provide hygiene training to a blind AIDS patient.

Judge Beecher R. Gray ruled in February that Ms. Mendenhall's supervisors had been unreasonable and discriminatory. He said they had failed to provide adequate training to safeguard her from the risk of exposure to the lethal disease, acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

He recommended that she be reinstated with back pay and legal expenses to a job that paid \$26,076 a year in late 1989.

Ms. Mendenhall, as a blind worker trying to teach a blind, infected patient how to feed, shave and clothe himself, could have contracted AIDS through

contact with tears, saliva, urine or vomit, Gray wrote.

State records show 2033 North Carolinians have contracted AIDS, and 62 percent have died.

Gray's ruling was not binding. The commission's Oct. 3 decision to reject his recommendation was released Thursday, said Michael F. Byrne, the chief of employee relations for the North Carolina Department of Human Resources.

"The commission found the judge's recommendation to be inconsistent with the evidence of the case, and they upheld the dismissal of Ms. Mendenhall," Byrne said.

Commission chairperson Garland

Edwards declined to discuss the case, saying he felt that would be inappropriate.

Ms. Mendenhall's attorney, Martha Geer of Raleigh, said the decision may be appealed to Wake Superior Court.

"Basically, it looks as if the commission adopted most of the judge's findings of fact, but then they reached just the opposite conclusion," Ms. Geer said.

Ms. Mendenhall was fired Sept. 8, 1989, after working more than 11 years for the state.

Gov. Jim Martin declined to intervene in the case two years ago.

Ms. Mendenhall said she is weighing her options and surviving on disability pay.

Report: Defense to seek to query jurors on sexual orientation

NEW YORK, Thursday, Oct. 24 (AP)—The lawyer defending a man charged with a gay-bash murder wants to be able to ask prospective jurors whether they are homosexuals, but said today he didn't know how the judge will rule on the issue.

An informed courthouse source said the question will not be allowed by the judge, Justice Ralph Sherman of Queens Supreme Court.

The lawyer, Harold Harrison, was quoted earlier as saying Sherman had agreed to let each juror be asked about sexual orientation.

Harrison said today he couldn't comment further because Sherman imposed a gag order on attorneys late Wednesday, but he added, "I don't know what he's going to do. I don't know if he knows what

he's going to let me do yet."

Sherman, who will preside at the trial of two men accused of murdering Julio Rivera in the summer of 1990, refused through his secretary to answer a call for comment.

The courthouse source, who declined use of his name, said today:

"They're not going to be asked in open court, 'What's your sexual preference?' They won't allow that. If a guy wants to talk to the judge about something like that, they're going to have to go one-on-one in chambers, and then the judge will talk to him and make a decision about that juror, but they will not be asked about their sexual preference as part of the questioning."

As at most trials, jurors would be free to

ask for a discussion in chambers of problems, conflicts or circumstances that might affect their impartiality, he said.

Harrison was quoted in the New York Post as saying Wednesday: "The judge agreed that we will be able to question each juror about their sexual preference. We intend to ask prospective jurors if they're gay or if they have gay family members."

Jury selection was scheduled to begin Monday in the case, in which Harrison's client, Eric Brown, and a co-defendant, Esat Bici, both 21, are accused of murdering the 29-year-old Rivera with a hammer and knife in a Jackson Heights schoolyard.

The prosecution has said the defendants and a confederate, who has pleaded guilty

and will testify, went to a "cruising" area hunting for homosexuals July 2, 1990, when they lured and attacked Rivera.

Harrison told The New York Times that as long as the judge "intends allowing evidence to show the deceased was gay, we're entitled to inquire if any prospective jurors or their families or friends are gay."

Harrison said he feared that covert homosexuals on a jury would "bury my client."

Matt Foreman, executive director of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Antiviolence Project, told the Times he believed it would be proper to ask prospective jurors about their attitudes about homosexuals but said "it is completely inappropriate to ask someone what their sexual orientation is."

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Famed Seaman Joseph Neal Powers, 'Mother Powers,' dead at 79

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Sometimes people lose sight of the fact that New Orleans is the largest port in the United States and that the thing tourists first came here to see was the nation's most unique and tolerant culture built around that seagoing, sailor in port atmosphere.

One of New Orleans most flamboyant seamen has died. Joseph Neal Powers, better known as "Mother Powers," from his years riding the briny main, was born in Erin, Tenn. He lived most of his years "in from the sea" either in New Orleans or New York City.

Powers, always colorful, lived in seaman's narratives that made "Mother Powers" known in fable as much as in

person. Hardly a tar afloat didn't know at least one tale of Mother Powers' kindness, "I was a one man U.S.O.," he was fond of saying.

Down at the New Orleans Seafarers' Hall, where Powers "caught ships" for nearly 30 years, some old timers played cards and laughed at stories about him. Jose, an aging, retired ship's steward, said he recalled when Powers first introduced himself. "He was Chief Steward and I was a green kid. He put out his hands and said, 'I'm Mother Powers, we can either dance or we can fight.'" (The card players laid down their cards, reared back and roared with laughter).

Retired sea Capt. John and Mrs. Marie Williams talked about Powers at their post in front of a shop they own on

Decatur Street. "I was a beautician with him on the old Alcoa passenger ships," said Marie as she sipped coffee from a styrofoam cup, adjusting her huge amber ring so the light caught the translucent orange. "We put on a cabaret show one night that transformed the passengers' dining room into a great night club. He used to be a dancer, you know."

Capt. Williams: "I had Mother Powers on both the Del Sol and the Del Norte. Never had a better Chief Steward, and the crew never ate better. And you know, he didn't cost the damn company any more than those 'Hungry Hana Stewards.'"

For a number of years, in his youth, Powers was a Broadway dancer. He worked in shows with Gene Kelley, Bette

Davis, Agnes Moorehead and Joan Crawford. He and Van Johnson were both chorus boys in the famed New York production of "Pal Joey."

Going to sea between shows, "Mother Powers" kept sailing aboard U.S. Merchantmen right up to his last voyage aboard a Persian Gulf-bound supply ship. He started shipping in 1942, during the Second World War.

He shipped aboard the former New Orleans based Delta Steamship line, Sea Land Container Line, Alcoa Passenger Line and other steamship companies whose names are lost like flotsam on the foam.

"Mother Powers" died at age 79 of heart failure. Burial was in Rose Heath Cemetery, Bossier City, La. The service was closed to the public.

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Police investigate campus flyers offering bats for beating of gays

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday, Oct. 23 (AP)—Mayor Tom Bradley urged criminal prosecution of whoever was behind the distribution of anti-homosexual leaflets that urged the beating of gays at California State University, Northridge.

Authorities at CSUN are investigating the anti-homosexual flyers advertising the "first annual gay bashing and clubbing night."

Police said they are investigating the discovery on the 31,000-student campus in the San Fernando Valley as a hate crime.

"The distribution of the flyer itself is a hate crime," said Sgt. Steven Vinson.

The flyers, which appeared mysteri-

ously last weekend, showed a stick figure knocking another figure's head off.

"Smear the queer," it said. "Why waste your money at the batting cages when you can practice your home runs for free."

University President James W. Cleary condemned the flyers. A campus gay organization protested with a candlelight march Monday.

On Tuesday, Tom Bradley denounced "such bigoted persecution."

In a letter sent to Cleary, Bradley said he was sickened and dismayed by what the flyers promoted and added such criminal activity cannot be tolerated.

"I urge you to take swift action to ensure that all students at CSUN will be

guaranteed their legal and moral rights to live free from such bigoted persecution," Bradley wrote.

"Students must be educated as to the legal, moral and social repercussions of homophobic and other hate-motivated behavior," he wrote.

The mayor also offered the services of the city Human Relations Commission but a university spokesperson said it won't be easy to find the culprits.

"Because no group has claimed responsibility we have no way of knowing if this is one lone individual or a group," CSUN spokesperson Kaine Thompson said.

University police recovered seven flyers and others were found off campus,

but there did not appear to be widespread distribution, she said.

The flyers appeared to have been produced on a computer and then photocopied, Ms. Thompson said.

The flyer advertised a gathering at the "Northridge Park parking lot," which could refer to a student residence or nearby city park. Police were watching the locations.

The flyer also said "Squish the S.Q.U.I.S.H.," in reference to a campus gay organization, Strong Queers United In Stopping Heterosexism.

Ms. Thompson said the reference to the campus organization led to speculation the flyers may have been distributed in response to a "kiss-in" organized by the campus group.

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Gay fraternity says it's misunderstood, welcomes all as members

EAST LANSING, Mich., Friday, Oct. 25 (AP)—A co-founder of a new fraternity at Michigan State University says it's open for anyone—even though all eight pledges and two officers are gay or bisexual.

"We've been mislabeled," said John Follmer, 21, of Mount Clemens, who helped start the chapter of Delta Lambda Phi. "We're for anyone, regardless if they're heterosexual or homosexual. We want people in the fraternity who are not going to discriminate against anyone."

The fraternity formed for mutual understanding and a chance to socialize, they said recently.

"People can have fun in a safe setting, and be who they want to be," said Doug

Scheidemantel, president of the chapter at Michigan State.

However, he said a heterosexual may not get a strong invitation to join. Many would be reluctant to join any way, he said.

"I'm not really placing all my hopes and joys on it," Scheidemantel said. "I think most straight men would rather get involved with a fraternity of straight men."

The national organization was founded in 1987 by gay college graduates in Washington, D.C., and has about 500 members nationwide.

The Michigan State group plans to do some community work, host a few parties and maybe have a sister organization, Follmer said. It also is trying to be-

come a member of the university's interfraternity council, which usually takes about two years.

The group may have some tough times ahead, other fraternities say.

"I personally don't have a problem with it," said Chris Frick, president of Psi Upsilon. "But I can see some problems they may face from people with homophobia."

Several letters asking that the fraternity not be allowed to form on campus were sent to Michigan State President John DiBiaggio.

Another fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma, has similar Greek letters and printed fliers declaring that its members were heterosexual.

"That was a disgusting thing to put

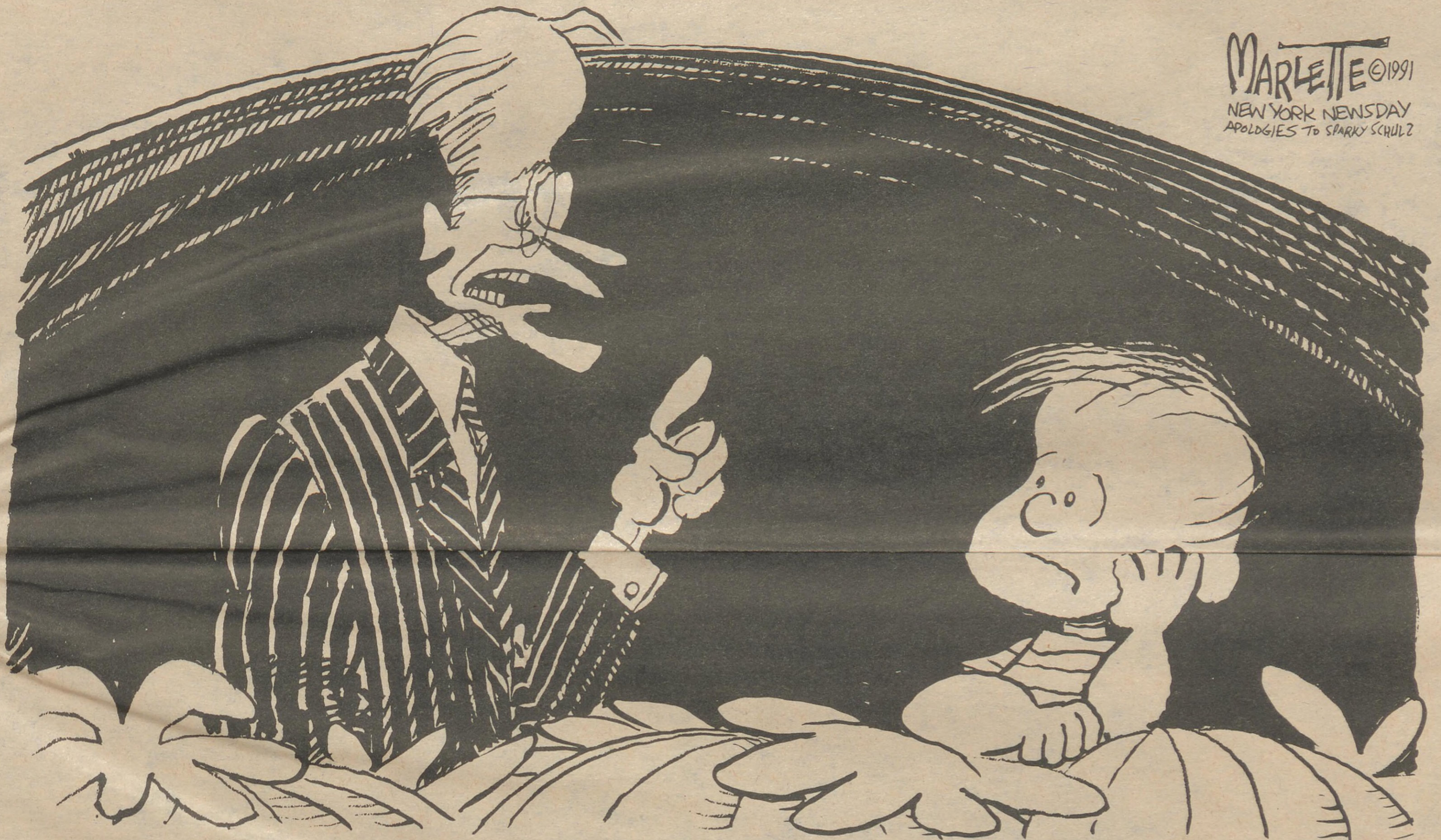
on a flier," Follmer said. "I don't think it was meant to distinguish—I think it was meant to belittle."

The Alliance of Lesbian-Bi and Gay Students asked the Associated Students of MSU, the student government, to demand a public apology from the fraternity.

An apology was printed by the fraternity in an Oct. 10 issue of The State News, the campus newspaper, saying the flier was meant only to distinguish between the fraternities.

Follmer said acceptance of the fraternity is "a little better in a college setting."

"But I'm disappointed in the number of people who have disagreed with us or set up obstacles," he said.



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Michigan's unusual law on sex and AIDS getting its first trial

By PAIGE ST JOHN
FOR THE NEW VOICE

BALDWIN, Mich., Tuesday, Oct. 22 (AP)—JoAnn Hanlon could hardly watch as her son was handcuffed and led out of a Michigan courtroom, headed to trial as an accused AIDS carrier.

"You drive into town and think, your son is on trial against the law of the state," she said Tuesday, trying to find the right words. "And I think, if this law serves a purpose, we could take this good."

Jeffrey Hanlon, 29, of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., was bound over Tuesday on a felony charge of violating Michigan public health law. He is accused of having AIDS and not telling his sex partner about it.

The victim is a 21-year-old Battle Creek man who claims he had oral sex with Hanlon once.

If convicted, Hanlon could be jailed for up to four years. He already has been imprisoned since June 15, much of it in New York state, and now has a \$25,000 bail his lawyer says Hanlon could never make.

He is the first person charged under a 1988 law making it a criminal offense not

to disclose an AIDS infection. Police seek similar charges against a man in Oakland County. Hanlon's defense lawyer said he has answered queries from two counties where there might be other cases.

Hanlon's parents drove 12 hours to see their son in Lake County District Court. It was their first real contact since the lengthy extradition proceedings in New York's Dutchess County.

The alleged victim said he did not learn until last summer, from another of Hanlon's lovers, that Hanlon had tested positive for the AIDS virus. The victim himself has not tested positive for the disease.

He said he learned that from Patrick Archer, who had lived with Hanlon for about three years.

Archer testified Tuesday that he and Hanlon went together for AIDS tests in 1987 and later sought treatment together for the disease.

Archer said he was with Hanlon when he learned he had AIDS. "It was a pretty devastating day for me," he said. "I cried and he cried a lot. We could not even drive

home on the freeway."

JoAnn Hanlon, a nurse's aide in a care home for handicapped people, sat through all of Tuesday's testimony. She listened as two former lovers said they were present on separate times when Hanlon was told he might have the AIDS virus. She heard the alleged victim describe how he and her son made love.

She also heard when a man on the same courtroom bench turned to her and her husband and said, "Your son is a slut." The bailiff asked him to leave.

"This has devastated Jeffrey's life," Mrs. Hanlon said. "It serves a purpose, putting Jeffrey away?"

Only a few states have criminal AIDS statutes like Michigan's. Mrs. Hanlon said she wished Michigan did more to advertise the penalties—especially if her son is found guilty.

"Look, Michigan has this law. People will pay attention. Show the law. State the law has got a four-year prison term."

"I can understand it... that it's meant to be a deterrent."

"I just wish it wasn't my son."

District Judge Richard Farabaugh set a Nov. 4 circuit court hearing date for Hanlon. He refused to hear the arguments of defense lawyer James Catchick against a blood test given Hanlon just the day before.

A Lake County sheriff's sergeant on Monday asked for and received a search warrant to take Hanlon's blood for an AIDS test. Catchick said he didn't learn about the test until Tuesday morning, though Hanlon's court-appointed attorney apparently was made aware of the test. Catchick is volunteering his work through the American Civil Liberties Union.

Farabaugh last week robbed county Prosecutor Michael Riley of his main case—Hanlon's medical records. The judge ruled they had been improperly seized. Riley said Tuesday that he is now trying to re-establish medical proof that Hanlon has AIDS.

Saying he has AIDS now does not say Hanlon had the virus last November.

"What's the relevance?" Catchick asked outside of court. "I'd say it's stupidity."

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