

Art-fully heart-felt opening



Jeff Palmer, left and Joe Pascale, right, creators of the AIDS Benefit Calendar, with Michael Kemper, chair and Jeff Pickett, sponsor at opening reception for "L'Art Erotique III"

(Houston)—A special committee of the Alpha 2 Omega Foundation, chaired by Michael Kemper, hosted the annual Saint Valentine's Day Art-Sale event, L'Art Erotique III, on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1995, 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. The exhibit will run through Feb. 28, at the Wierzbowski Gallery, 1431 West Alabama, 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and by appointment. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Alpha 2 Omega Foundation and Omega House. San Diego's Jeff Palmer and Joe Pascale, creators of the AIDS Benefit Calendar, were the special

guests and autographed their 1995 calendar.

The Alpha 2 Omega Foundation is a non-profit foundation organized to raise funds for Omega House, an AIDS hospice, and other AIDS related non-profit health, education and charitable organizations. L'Art Erotique, a committee of the Alpha 2 Omega Foundation, produces the juried art show and sale of romantic art created by local artists that is "sensual and flirtatious." The art is intended to "pique one's romantic imagination is the grand tradition of Rodin, Rubens and Renior," according to the sponsors.

Tim Duyka of the Wierzbowski Gallery (713-417-5829) curated this year's show.

The AIDS Benefit Calendar, which has contributed more than \$200,000 to non-profit organizations across the country, is dedicated to a future without AIDS, according to its creators.

Gay pop pioneers still the same 'Brave Boys'

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

"We sort of like to see ourselves a chroniclers of the gay experience," observed Paul Phillips, reflecting on the 12-year career of pioneering gay performing duo—well, make that couple—Romanovsky and Phillips.

R & P, now widely respected as the elder statesmen of a burgeoning art form—gay pop/comedy—deny knowledge of this influence even as they point out their impact on the history and culture of a community. It's this nuance of their personal style—an ability to project as impulsive queer Everymen without playing down their accomplishments—that gives the clue to how these performers survived the changes in the celebratory stage revolution they helped spawn. More than a decade after launching their career on the stage of



Romanovsky and Phillips will perform in Houston as part of Spectrum '95 (photo by Steven David)

San Francisco's Valencia Rose Cafe in 1982 as the musical break for Gay Comedy Open Mike Night, Romanovsky and Phillips are still in demand, all over the country.

Significantly, they have never changed the not only openly, but BRAZENLY gay—and painstakingly "politically correct"—driving force of their act...even under persistent heat from critics who deride them as too "queeny," too political, too self-indulgent. Together with appreciative audi-

ences (especially, they note, in non-urban areas and small towns where gay and lesbian people are often "starved" for gay-affirming and empowering messages and images in the culture that surrounds them)—Romanovsky and Phillips keep on laughing all the way to the bank. It's clear they've learned to live by the rules they set forth in such enduring ditties as "Don't Use Your Penis for a Brain."

R&P were in Houston last week to attend the kickoff party for the "Spectrum '95" project slated for June, and to record a song for the "Hand in Hand," a compact disc that will be sold in conjunction with the Spectrum event, plans for which include Town Meeting II, a business expo, art show and "Concert of the Stars." They will return to perform in the concert, along with numerous well-known gay comedians and bands (the kickoff party provided an impressive sampler).

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EEOC sues Houston machine shop that fired PWA after taking employee vote

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

(HOUSTON)—The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed suit Thursday, Feb. 9 against a local machine shop that allegedly put the fate of an HIV-positive worker to a company-wide vote before firing him last summer.

"John Doe" lost his job as a precision grinder on July 18, 1994, after Doe's coworkers were informed of his medical condition without his permission, then asked to vote on whether Doe should be permitted to keep his job.

The EEOC suit charges that the firm, Gulf Grinding Co. Inc. (doing business as Gulf Precision Industries, violated Doe's rights to privacy and reasonable accommodation under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Doe's attorney, Mitchell Katine, has also filed complaints under a state

law whose provisions mirror the ADA, and under the Texas Health and Safety Code's confidentiality protections.

According to the suit, Doe, who had been employed by Gulf Grinding since 1986, requested a medical leave of absence from facility manager R.M. Stribling—who is named as a co-defendant in the lawsuit—in May, 1994. Sometime during Doe's absence, Stribling became aware that the employee's illness may be HIV or AIDS-related. On July 12, Doe and Stribling had a meeting to discuss Doe's return to work.

At the July 12 meeting, Stribling asked Doe if he had AIDS. Doe answered yes.

The following day, Stribling, without asking Doe's permission, told all of the employees of the company that John Doe had AIDS. The employees were then told that they should vote to determine whether Doe should be per-

mitted to return to work.

Katine, in a telephone interview, called the case "egregious," citing the manner in which Doe's dismissal was handled by the employer.

"They had a meeting in which (Doe's health status) was disclosed to the employees. They were passed out written ballots, and asked to vote 'yes' or 'no,'" he said.

Stribling later determined Doe should not return to work because 13 shop employees voted "no." On July 14, Stribling informed Doe that he could no longer work at Gulf Grinding as a result of the employee vote, according to court documents. His employment was officially terminated on July 18.

If management was concerned about safety issues because of the nature of Doe's job, noted Katine, "Why ask the employees?" The fact that a vote was taken indicates (the decision to fire Doe) was based on the irrational fears of

the other employees rather than legitimate safety concerns, he said.

"The laws we have were designed precisely to prevent that type of discrimination (by an employer)," Katine said. Irrational fear and prejudice regarding AIDS are still common, he said.

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From ANNISE PARKER
Houston, Texas

Thanks to all of you who supported me in my city council race. Your money and your volunteer hours made the race possible. Your encouragement and help gave me the strength to persevere. I appreciate the faith you have shown in me.

There were many positive aspects to this race. I ran an effective, professional, issue-oriented campaign. I was considered a serious contender in the eyes of political pundits and the media from the beginning. I was able to raise issues that would not otherwise have been addressed, but also to convey the range of issues I consider vital to this city.

Coming in third of 19 candidates, with 11 percent of the vote, is a very strong showing. I won all the Montrose precincts, took much of the Heights and the Washington Avenue area, and got votes all over the city. Montrose voted in a much higher percentage than the rest of the city, but there just weren't enough total votes coming from the areas where I ran strongest. I know I received a lot of non-gay support, but I am pleased that new data sorts enabled me to mail to gay and lesbian voters who had never been on any community lists.

The local gay/lesbian media was particularly supportive. I am pleased by the depth of coverage of the race, and personally honored by the coverage afforded me as a candidate. The VOICE article by Greg Thielmann gave a particularly good analysis of why special elections are winnable by our community.

I think it is important for your readers (and potential future candidates) to know that I only received a half dozen negative phone calls over the course of the campaign—none because I am gay! I was open about who I am and what I believe, both as an individual and as a candidate, and I was treated respectfully everywhere I campaigned.

Of course, my final goal was to claim victory on election day. Not achieving that is no reflection on the heart and effort of those of you who volunteered, nor on the contributions of those of you who supported me financially.

If Dallas, Austin and Galveston can elect gay candidates, I know Houston can and will. Each race is a step on that path. I hope that those who chose not to vote this time will realize that victory is possible.

I'll leave with this final thought. Abe Lincoln, Harvey Milk, Sheila Jackson Lee and NEWT GINGRICH all lost three races before they won one. I don't plan on losing another race. Do you?

Exclusion is Discrimination

From SARAH DEPALMA
Chair, "It's Time, Texas!"

After a recent telephone conversation with Dianne Hardy-Garcia, Executive Director of the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby, a quotation from Reverend Martin Luther King came to mind. "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

Our conversation took place after the organization which I represent, It's Time, Texas! had twice contacted the LGRL by mail and received no response. The letters stated the desire of my group to work with her to correct the

The conversation was totally unproductive. First she claimed not to have seen any of the information sent to her. If true, one can only wonder about the competence of a staff that does not make certain she receives important mail sent to her. She also made the preposterous argument that even though the words "gender identity" or "perceived gender identity" do not appear in the law, transgendered people are still covered in the proposed law. At the end of our talk it was agreed she would immediately contact Attorney Phyllis Frye, executive director of The Transgender Law Conference, and arrange a conference call to facilitate future negotiations. Not only did Ms. Hardy-Garcia not contact Phyllis Frye, but she never returned Phyllis's message agreeing to the conference call and listing her time of availability. Clearly the LGRL as represented by Dianne Hardy-Garcia does not and never did intend to address transgender exclusion from the hate crimes law, nor do they intend to do so in the future.

Suppose some sort of protective legislation was written that left out the word "color." Would people of color still think they were covered in this new law? Certainly the history of African

Americans in this country has proven otherwise. What if it the law left our women? Women are still not included in many laws and they can certainly testify to the effect this has had on them. Surely gays and lesbians know what they have suffered due to their exclusion from the laws of land. To somehow suggest transgendered people would be covered in a law in which they were not specifically included flies in the face of history and reality.

Furthermore, the behavior exhibited by LGRL in excluding transgendered people from hate crimes legislation runs contrary to a wave of inclusiveness sweeping the country. Hundreds of organizations have across the nation have voted to include their names and supporting documents. On Jan. 15, 1995 the Board of Directors of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association unanimously issued a strongly worded resolution urging the inclusion of transgendered people in the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 (ENDA) and other statutes, ordinances, and regulations along with lesbians, gays, and bisexuals. Even Esquire Magazine (yes, Esquire the "men's" magazine) has noticed the change of attitude toward transgendered people and many activists from Texas will be featured in the upcoming article in their April issue about being transgendered in America.

Stated bluntly, the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby has no excuse for our exclusion. Ms. Garcia stated, "No one sat around and said let's leave out the transgendered people." and I believe her. We were left out of the law either by sincere ignorance or conscientious stupidity. No matter what the actual reason is, exclusion is merely another word for discrimination. The deadline for making changes in bills before the state is fast approaching. We urge Dianne Hardy-Garcia, the LGRL, and our representatives in the legislature to do the right thing and include transgendered people in the pending hate crimes legislation.

Log Cabin: house of sticks is full of shifting sand

Opinion

By PAT GANDY

For the Houston Voice

Oh, we all understand "Log Cabin Republicans." They belong to an organization that is affiliated with the Republican Party, yet they claim that it is "independent." Zounds! "Me thinks" such reasoning resembles that of their "buddies" in Congress who have Freudian slips of the tongue and call a co-Congressman "Barney Fag!"—And then blame that on the press! Yikes, such duplicitous weaving of the spoken and written word.

This attack made on the Democratic Party and elected Democratic officials who have been supportive of gay and lesbian issues is certainly puzzling, to say the least.

My Democratic Congressman Gene Green has promised to support the ENDA Bill, which promises fair and equal treatment for gay and lesbian federal employees. I wonder if Republican Congressmen Bill Archer and Tom DeLay are going to vote for it, too. Let's all write them and see if indeed we have a choice!

My Democratic Governor Ann Richards appointed more openly gay/lesbian persons to public office than anyone ever did before. We don't need to write Gov. Bush to ask him to appoint anyone because he has already said he won't do that! After all, he used her record on that issue in East Texas and Kingwood-type suburbs very cleverly to help beat Gov. Richards at the polls in November. All with the help of Log Cabiner types ungratefully yapping at the governor's heels!

As for the all-powerful Democratic Congress and President, well that is certainly a debatable concept! Two less than astute "policy wonks" in Les Aspin's Congressional office used an unsecured computer to discuss plans regarding the gays in the military issue. By doing so, they "let the cat out of the bag" as to the administration's plans regarding gays in the military. The Clinton administration had to deal with the issue prematurely and came up with the best solution possible under the circumstances.

I don't know why these gay Log Cabin Republicans think it is a worse deal than before. There are infinitely more possibilities to shoot this law down in the courts now than there were under the old rules. The more ridiculous a law is, the easier it is to attack in court. That gives the politicians an out until we have enough gay men and lesbians come out and put pressure on their representatives in Congress. We can hardly blame the entire Democratic Party or for that matter, the entire Republican Party when many of our own people do not bother to write to their Congress members to let them know they have gay or lesbian constituents. Clinton talked Nunn into getting us the best deal he could.

Clinton had no political capital. He was elected with a minority of the popular votes. It certainly wasn't any sweeping mandate for gay rights. Many people believe his unpopularity stems from his support for gays in the military. At any rate, I refuse to

heap condemnation on Clinton until speaker Newt Gingrich, Majority Leader Richard Armey (the "Barney Fag" guy) and Republican Party Whip Tom DeLay, along with Senators Bob Dole and Jesse Helms come out of a Gay and Lesbian Civil rights Bill. What kind of idiots do the Republican apologists in the Log Cabin Republicans take us for?

And, oh, yes, about Gov. Ann not vetoing the Crime Bill! This is the most irresponsible, immature criticism of a public official that I have ever heard! Imagine, if you will, the hue and cry of an incensed public had the governor in 1994 vetoed that Criminal Justice Reform Act! The governor worked long and hard to get 21.06 out of that Act, and few knew better than I, since I was the co-chair of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas at the time. The Conservative Coalition did us in during the Conference Committee negotiations. We thought we had a deal but alas, that was clearly not the case when we agreed not to call for a roll call vote on the floor of the House during the Criminal Justice Act's time in that body. Once fooled, shame on them; twice fooled, shame on us. I guarantee you there will be no second time. During this session of the Legislature, there will be a record vote and we will all take names...but we'll never be able to punish our enemies if we can't muster more than 5000 votes in a special election in January!

Ken Wilks, president of Log Cabin Houston, wants to "make it perfectly clear" (according to a letter that ran in the Feb. 3 issue of the Houston Voice—ed.) that Log Cabin is a civil rights group that works with Republicans who "share our common goal." Gee, that's great! We are all waiting for him to announce who those Republicans are here in Texas that they cooperate with! In the meantime, I'm going to find out if I can organize a group here in Houston that is called the Log Cabin Independents. That way, we Democrats can join and be as clever as these Log Cabin Republicans think they are by trying to bash Democrats who instead deserve our praise and thanks. We, too, can try to fool the general public as to our REAL political connections and them bash friendly Republicans...that is, if anyone knows one! But on the other hand, no self-respecting Democrat is so fearful of being connected with the Democratic Party that he or she would even want to do that. These Cabiners and their friends allow themselves to be used by partisan operatives of the Republican Party in a blatant attempt to bash every Democrat who has been helpful to the gay/lesbian cause—particularly if that Democrat is a woman. (Never has one of these Cabiners and their fellow travelers said a negative word about Senator John Whitmire and he sure voted for the Criminal Justice Act! It was his bill. This smacks of so much sexism that it permeates the air all over the inside of the Loop). Nah, we Democrats and real Independents don't want to act in such a childish way! We have too many real things to be doing.

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Counterpoint: one loyal Democrat tells why

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I certainly am tired of amateurs trying to tell me how I should think when anyone in their half way right mind knows that in politics you do not have "friends." It does not run on the basis of friendship, it runs on votes. When the gay community has enough votes politicians will listen in relation to the degree that we have the votes, we will have influence.

It is another well know fact of life that one does not condemn sitting public officials who are in a position to help or hurt ones community. There are rank amateurs who would have you to believe that the way to get a public official to support you, especially if he or she was elected with your support, is to lambaste them in public for whatever ills you perceive them to be guilty of. Nothing could be further from the truth. My dear Mother always told me that, "You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar." I guess the Log Carbineers are just vinegar types who can't help themselves.

As a life long Democrat I certainly know the warts on the body of the Democrat Party and its candidates. Yes, we have some really bad Democrats...like Judge Raoul Gonzalez whose Republican Party opponent dropped out of the race because he was so much like them! (He won the sole anti gay vote of the Supreme Court in Texas when it voted regarding 21.06.) Then there is Rep. Warren Chisum, the active gay baiter and ultra right winger of West Texas.

Never have I heard the Log Cabineers lambaste these people...and why not,

I ask? Perhaps it is because they agree with them! After all they are Conservative Democrats.

I am not going to go through some elaborate fiction to say that I am an Independent not a Democrat just because those ill informed gentlemen can get themselves elected to office on the Democratic ticket. I work hard in the Democratic Party for lots of issues including gay rights issues and my party, the Democratic Party has chosen to honor me by electing me to the State Democratic Executive Committee in Senate District 6 just as it has elected Sue Lovell in Senate District 13. We are both openly lesbian. There is another gay man and another lesbian that served before us who were out to their peers years ago!

Mr. "Wiley," I challenge you to get yourself or any openly Gay Republican elected to the Republican State Executive Committee in Harris County. If you do, I will stack B-B's while standing on my head at the corner of Montrose and Westheimer. If you don't then you have to stack them under my direction! I am very confident that I will be the winner. Do you accept the challenge?

You Log Cabineers are just like Newt and his bunch. Full of rhetoric that is ill informed or meaningless, just like the idea of lowering taxes, raising defense spending and balancing the budget! I mean, get real. Some of us can add and subtract!

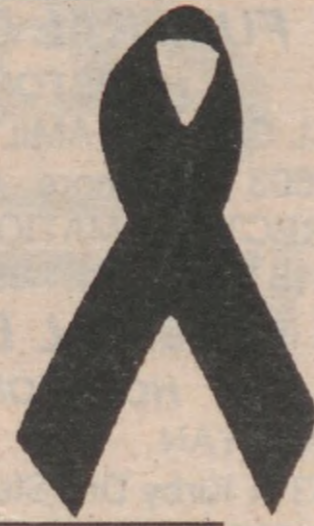
(Editor's note: Pat Gandy is a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee and a long time member of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus).

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AIDS research necessary, military told

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 10 (AP)—In a rare public scolding, the White House told the Pentagon on Friday not to hold up money earmarked for breast cancer and AIDS research.

Chief of Staff Leon Panetta released a letter he sent to Defense Secretary William Perry in which he said that President Clinton was very disturbed by a report that the military might not spend \$180 million allocated for the research.

The Washington Post reported Fri-

day that \$30 million earmarked for AIDS research and \$150 million for breast cancer research might not be spent because the Pentagon did not consider them essential parts of the military's medical program.

The Pentagon's chief budget planner, appearing Friday before the Senate Budget Committee, said the Clinton administration supports continued military financing for AIDS research.

Comptroller John Hamre said such

research is proper since?K◀ toward military needs in wartime. Because blood transfusions need to be conducted on the battlefield, an accurate AIDS test must be developed, he said.

However, Hamre said the Pentagon does not support the \$150 million provision for breast cancer research, which has been criticized as unrelated to the military. The comptroller said that money was added by Congress and was not part of the administration's plan.

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Mo is best remembered for his strong political advocacy and lobbied strongly for additional AIDS funding and demanded efficiency and honest from all persons and agencies dealing with HIV funding. He served on the boards of the AIDS Foundation Houston, Body Positive, and the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance (GHAA). He also served as an officer on Houston's Ryan White Planning Council. At the same time of his death he was serving on the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services HIV Education and Prevention Planning Group representing the gay community.

Mo is survived by his parents, Maurice and Yvonne Jones, Tenaha, TX; brothers, Gary Lee Gibbs, Magnolia, TX and Robert My hand, Louisville, KY; and many, many friends and admirers in Houston and across the country.

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Born: November 17, 1964
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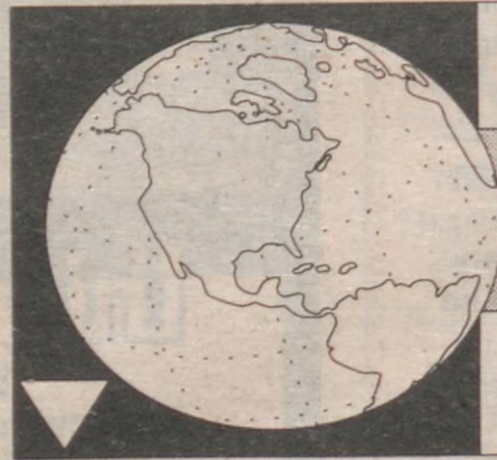
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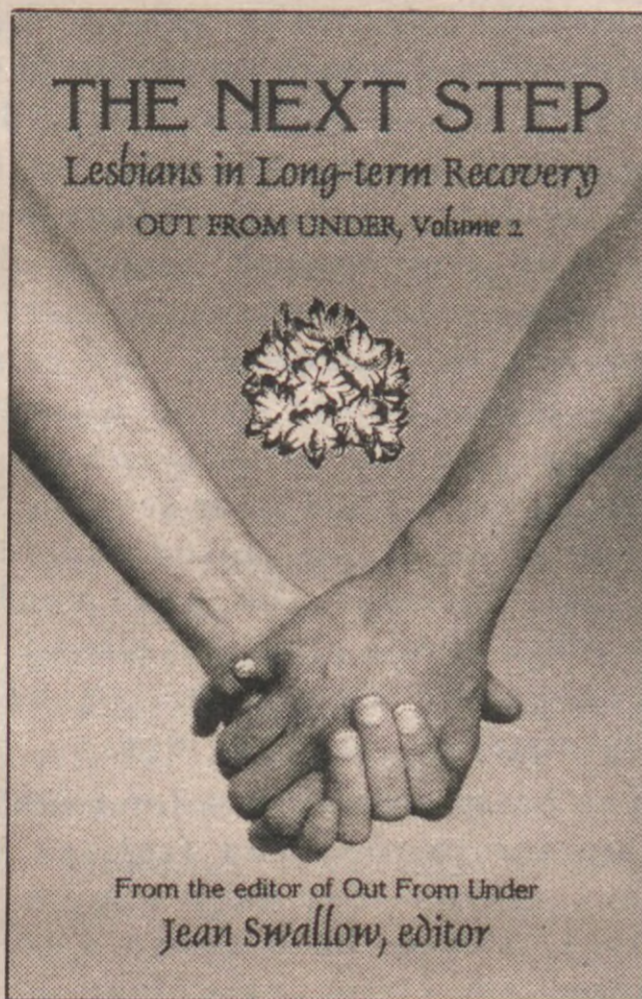
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New for 1995 is a daytime group, established to meet the changing needs of our community, representatives said.

Body Positive/Houston has successfully operated a Peer Counseling program for HIV/AIDS clients since 1988. Each group lasts nine weeks. Weekly meetings are facilitated by trained leaders, who are HIV positive, under the supervision of a licensed psychotherapist. There are ten clients in each group. Based on a training manual developed at Body Positive/Houston, some of the topics regularly covered include working with your doctor, healing alternatives, relationships, lifestyle issues, stress reduction, and relaxation. However, the group ultimately decides democratically the contents of each 1 1/2 hour session. The group sessions are closed and confidential, therefore no new members are added after a group has started. The meetings are casual and all necessary materials are provided.

The basic objective is for clients to share information and feelings with other clients that have similar life issues. Studies have shown a greater degree of client participation and

satisfaction in counseling when clients can easily relate or bond with the other participants rather than be "lectured" or "quizzed" by a therapist, representatives explained. The facilitator serves only to keep the group on track, adhere to certain courtesies, and as a referral source for further information.

The Multi Service Center is located at 1475 West Gray, between Waugh Drive and Dunlavy. If interested in participating or you need further information about Peer Counseling contact the Body Positive/Houston office at (713) 524-2374.

Friend Program Needs Volunteers

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Texas transgenders step up fight for inclusion

By **SHERI COHEN DARBONNE**
Houston Voice Editor

(HOUSTON)—Transgender activists, galvanized by what they view as deliberate and systematic exclusion by gay and lesbian advocacy organizations and projects, are simultaneously stepping up efforts to lobby for inclusion and to organize and streamline their own movement to take up the slack.

Most recently, the debate in Texas has revolved around the Hate Crimes Bill, separate versions of which are moving through the state House and Senate and the subject of an especially intense focus by the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL) for the past several weeks.

Houston TG activists—led by Sarah DePalma of "It's Time, Texas!" and attorney Phyllis Frye, organizer of the national Transgender Law Conference—say transgendered persons are not protected under the bill, which enhances penalties for hate crimes motivated by race, color, disability, religion, national origin or sexual orientation. They want gender identity specifically included in the laundry list of protected groups.

LGRL Executive Director Dianne Hardy-Garcia, however, claims transgendered persons are already "covered" in the wording of the bill—particularly since, Hardy Garcia says, transgendered hate crime victims are most often attacked because of assumptions about their sexual orientation.

While Hardy-Garcia said she hopes to work out the differences in discussions with the transgender leaders, DePalma and Frye said their efforts to meet with Hardy-Garcia to discuss the exclusion have met with half-hearted and even absent response.

If the hate crimes bill is not adapted to include transgenders, DePalma said Texas activists are options ranging from "noisy protests" to "going to the legislature with our own bill."

It's Time's DePalma said she hopes a mutually satisfactory resolution will be reached with LGRL. "I don't think either organization can afford a public fight."

Responded Hardy-Garcia: "I'm saddened over the conflict, but I don't think it's necessary. I can understand the political desire (to be included), but I think they're covered under the bill."

The battle over the Texas hate crimes bill is but one in a long history of clashes between transgenders and mainline gay rights leaders over such issues as non-discrimination legislation and recognition in the names of gay and lesbian organizations and projects. But while, in the past view years, frustrated transgenders have largely drifted away from a broad range of groups in which they once participated here and concentrated on building their own movement, key issues including the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) have brought them increasingly back into the fray.

In Texas, DePalma and others are again approaching local gay/lesbian organizations across the state for backing in their struggle for inclusion in state and federal lobbying efforts. The San Antonio Equal Rights Political Caucus recently became the first Texas gay political group to pass an organizational resolution supporting transgender inclusion—in theory, at least. (A press release circulated by DePalma suggestion that SAERPC approved motions supporting demands that LGRL inclusify its name and include a transgendered person on its board of directors was rebutted by the group's steering committee).

At the same time, a fledgling local transgender movement has become gradually more organized, focused and visible in its own right.

On Feb. 1, at the second meeting of Houston's Transgender Caucus, a loose confederation of groups serving the transgender community, a resolution was drafted that will be presented at Town Meeting II, a community-wide organizing meeting and one of the components of the ambitious Spectrum 95 event scheduled for June 18. The resolution, now being circulated for comment to gay/lesbian/bisexual organizations, is "a broad manifesto calling for specific, affirmative inclusion of transgendered people in all community affairs," according to Dee McKellar, moderator of the group.

McKellar, who also recently challenged the Pride Committee of Houston to "truly include" transgendered persons in the local observance of Gay and Lesbian Pride Week at a community forum on the annual events, said the caucus was organized to promote communication and unity in the transgender community.

"For the first time in Houston, we have participation from across the spectrum, from drag queens to heterosexual cross-dressers to post-surgical transsexuals," she said. "While our motivations and needs may be quite different, there are many issues, such as hate crimes, alienation from family and discrimination, where our interests converge."

The inclusion of drag queens—who normally don't consider themselves transgendered—is significant and telling, according to McKellar. "Some in the gay drag community are starting to realize that they may be abandoned by the gay and lesbian political lobbyists, and that currently proposed legislation may not protect them," she said. "Even if discrimination against homosexuals is ever made illegal, homosexual cross-dressers will be subject to the same discrimination that heterosexual cross-dressers continually face today."

"We are now saying to the gay and lesbian community, 'We're here, too; we're queer, too...and you're going to have to deal with us.'"




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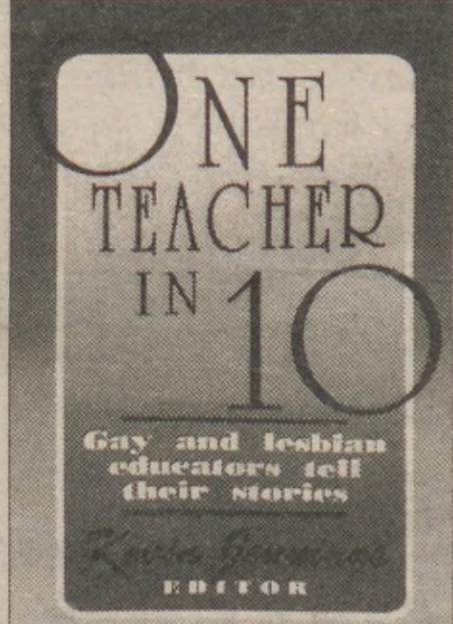
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Meanwhile, AIDS advocates warned the provincial government and health department were overreacting, and that their announcement could result in unnecessary public hysteria. There should be no concern about HIV transmission if the practiced universal precautions, said Sandra Mayguard, coordinator of a local AIDS support group.

According to the health officials, the doctor performed dozens of operations after contracting HIV. About 170 patients were being tracked down and advised to be tested, according to officials with the province's AIDS project.

There Goes The Neighborhood

(BANGKOK)—'Flower Town,' a Thai housing community designed exclusively for gay men, has not wilted. But its developers recently announced that slow sales have forced them to seek heterosexual residents.

The luxury housing project, aimed at affluent Thai and foreign gay men, received a torrent of publicity as it was last year. However, the media attention may have contributed to scaring off potential customers: only about 20 percent of the units in the \$32 million development in Nakorn Ratchasima province have been sold.

Developer Dejdiow Srichai said he was looking specifically for gay-friendly people to buy units in the project, such as relatives and friends of gays.

Dig This Verse

(LONDON)—A Dublin professor has unearthed 300 poems by Samuel Taylor Coleridge after a 20 year search that took him to five continents, according to London's "Sunday Times." The discovery could lead to a reappraisal of Coleridge (1772-1834), one of the great names of English literature.

"There are a lot of new poems, ... they change your understanding of Coleridge," Jim Mays, head of Dublin's University college, told the newspaper. Coleridge is best known for the poems "Kubla Khan" and "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner." Mays, a Coleridge scholar for 35 years, tracked down the poems in private collections and homes.

According to the newspaper, the newly discovered poems are testimony to reports of the poet's rather eccentric personality. Besides texts dealing with gay male and lesbian sex, there is an ode to a broken shaving pot, and versions of a poem in Greek and Hebrew about a friend who has trouble sustaining erections with his frisky new wife, the Times reported.

Vaccine Tests Set

(BANGKOK)—Thailand's Health Ministry announced Friday, Feb. 10, that tests of an anti-AIDS vaccine manufactured by a San Francisco-based firm were scheduled to begin here this month. The trials are aimed at determining whether vaccines made from genetically engineered forms of HIV's envelope protein, known as GP-120, can prevent infection with HIV.

Health Minister Arthit Urarait announced at a press conference that beginning Feb. 21, 30 heroin addicts would voluntarily begin taking the vaccine, manufactured by Genentech Inc. The volunteers would be injected four times a year with the GP-120 vaccine manufactured by Genentech Inc.

The minister did not say whether the testing would continue after the first year. But the Geneva-based United Nations Programme on AIDS has said that Thailand and Brazil were interested in conducting trials of the vaccine.

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AIDS Equity League names new board members

Quick Notes

The AIDS Equity League recently announced new additions to its board of directors. The new board members, introduced at a League reception on Wednesday, Feb. 8, are: Professor Thomas Kleven of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law; Professor Francis "Sissy" Farenthold, former president of Wells College and architect of the National Women's Political Caucus; Georgia Bellamy with Oak Crafters Inc., a well-known fundraiser for HIV and related issues; Mitchell Katine, an attorney with Williams, Birnberg and Anderson LLP and board member of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas.

The following members of the League

were given the title of Board Member Emeritus in recognition of their years of dedicated commitment to the AIDS fight: the late Robert Falletti, former chair of the Ryan White Planning Council; the late Lewis Fuent, founder of AVES, and William Scott, member of the Texas Board of Health and local therapist.

Three persons who have contributed to the League's endeavors as volunteers were also honored with the title of Honorary board Member: the late Steven Bradley, former chair of the Ryan White Planning Council; the late Maurice "Mo" Jones, former chair of the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, and Dr. Adan Rios of OnCol, a major benefactor of the League since its inception.

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Montrose Clinic holds Grand Opening

The long-awaited dedication of the Montrose Clinic and Houston Clinical Research Network's new building at 215 Westheimer took place Saturday, Feb. 11, with several elected officials participating in the recognition and ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

Keynote speaker at the event was recently elected U.S. Congress member from Houston, Sheila Jackson Lee, who praised the new facility as a reason to maintain hope in the face of the AIDS epidemic. Other speakers included State Rep. Debra Danburg and columnist Maxine Messenger, who represented the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) at the event.

Other officials in attendance included Houston City Council Member Judson Robinson Jr. and city controller George Greanias.

During the ceremony, clinic administrators presented awards of recognition to financial contributors and



supporters including AmFAR, Exxon Corp., and Monte Frost, who helped establish the new Frost Vision Clinic.

The newly completed, 13,500 square foot facility houses the testing, treatment and research facilities of the clinic. Case management, education and community services are being temporarily housed at 3407 Westheimer.

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'Long Road to Freedom' impressive, if promotional, historical exhibit

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Houston Voice/New Orleans

Coming soon to an art gallery near you, hopefully, is the traveling Advocate/Seagram's sponsored exhibit, "The Long Road to Freedom." It is a more-or-less chronological depiction of the march of American gays and lesbians from the closet to the sunlight.

Well packaged and displayed, the exhibition is worth seeing. Admission is free, though a fee is sometimes charged for opening parties, e.g., \$5 in New Orleans, \$25 in Tampa. Turnout for the exhibit has been extremely large, 3000 at the first opening, which was in New York City in June of 1994, and 1500 later in Dallas.

Recently "The Road" ran through Tampa (currently it is in Miami), where Trey Clark boasts, "We had the largest crowd next to New York, at over 1,600."

Clark said the Tampa show attracted crowds ranging from "German tourists to sociology classes from the University of Tampa." Clark, who is on the board of local host, the Gay/Lesbian Community of Tampa, said, "We held a lavish gala for the opening and raised \$3,000 for the Community Center."

Executives from The Advocate usually attend such openings.

Stephanie Blackwood, the magazine's New York based Vice President was in New Orleans, where the show hung for a month at the elegant Hanson Gallery on the French Quarter's famed rue Royal and was hosted by the Crescent City's Lesbian/Gay Community Center.

Saint Martin's Press first published the book by the title "The Long Road to Freedom." The Advocate's Editor in Chief Jeff Yarbrough says, "This very important document of the first twenty-five years of the movement came from our archives."

Though some have criticized the

touring show as a self promotion for the book and magazine, Yarbrough is no doubt correct when he says, "There hasn't been anyone who chronicled all of the foibles and the triumphs of the community like The Advocate did."

After the book was completed Yarbrough said, "I felt sort of like it was a bit anticlimactic, because it was done and it was selling well, but there was nothing to follow it. So we cooked up this idea during the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Stonewall, and the Gay Games in New York, to exhibit things from the book."

At first there were no plans to tour the show nationally according to Yarbrough. "We were really blown away by the reaction to the exhibit in New York."

"Of course it's terribly expensive to send something like this out to tour the country. But Seagrams came to us and said they were so happy with the response they got in New York they wondered if we would consider it in another city for awhile." Walking through the exhibition, seeing The Advocate

mastheads, first on newsprint, then grown into a glossy weekly magazine documenting the rise of the gay/lesbian rights movement is the pleasant side of a sword that pricks the heart as the years further unfold testifying to the arrival of AIDS. How many died between those issues?

Another nostalgia is prompted walking past the blown-up pages of The Advocate: the growth of inflation! The first panel of displayed bears a price of .25 cents. The last, \$3.95.

"The difference about The Advocate," Yarbrough says, "from any other sort of community organization, is that we are for profit."

The "Long Road" is scheduled to travel to Atlanta, Los Angeles, Seattle, Milwaukee, Chicago, to name a few. Don't miss it.

Other interested venues may contact The Advocate's Vice President of Merchandising, Promotions, and Public Relations Stephanie K. Blackwood, at (212) 242-8100.

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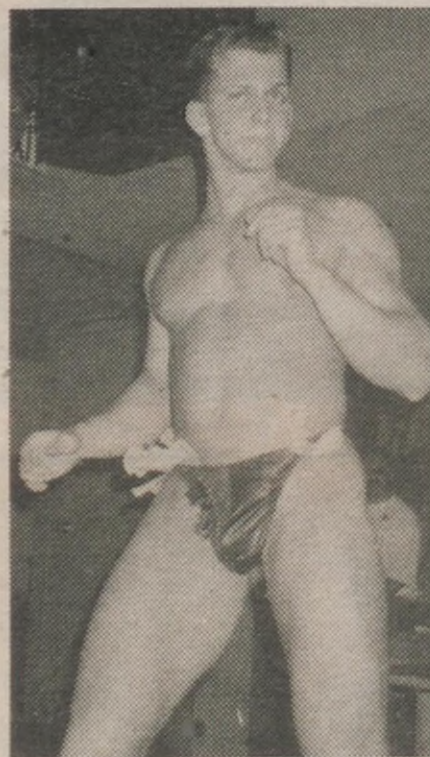
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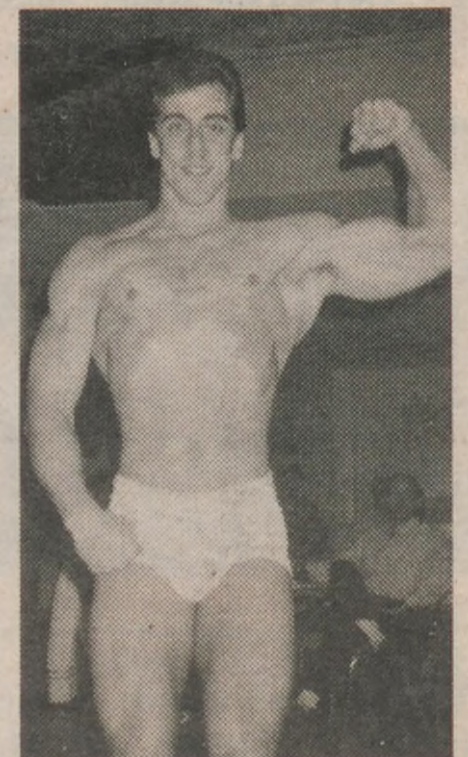
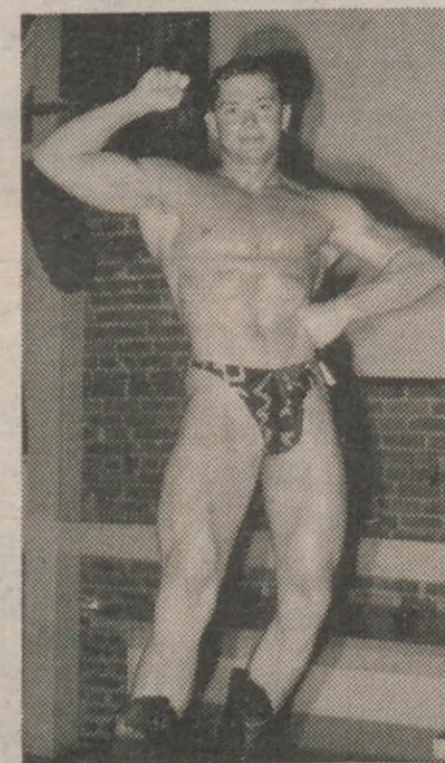
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The restaurant's roof was destroyed by flames after the fire started somewhere along the south wall of the building, near the patio, said HFD investigator Dan Cordaway. The fire sparked somewhere in the wall's interior or inside the wood frame and moved along the eaves toward the top of the building. According to fire department estimates, the blaze left at least \$100,000 in structural damages as well as about \$50,000 in damage to the restaurant's contents. Arson was ruled out as a possible cause early in the investigation; Cordaway said the fire is suspected to be electrical in origin.

Baba Yega's, a long time favorite among Montrose area professionals



and business persons because of its off-Westheimer location on Grant Street, style and eclectic atmosphere, did brisk business during both lunch and dinner hours. The restaurant was closed for business when the fire broke out. Firefighters were alerted at about 1:27 a.m., Cordaway said.

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A: The Bible speaks more of moderation than complete abstinence in regard to alcohol or 'strong drink.' We find Scripture addressing the behavior of the Body of Christ. People are coming from various cultural backgrounds. Some were former pagans. Some are dealing with their own prejudices and fears. Within the Body of Christ the Apostle Paul addresses classism regarding the rich and the poor. Paul begins to address behavior as it applies to their socialization. Eating together was a common practice. God had shown Peter (Acts 10) that what he once thought to be unclean food was now acceptable to eat when received with a thankful heart. Paul tells us in I Cor. 10 23 that, "Everything is permissible"---but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"---but not everything is constructive. Nobody should see their own good, but the good of others." Paul then goes on to say in verse 31, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God."

We are learning more and more about the effects of alcohol and why some are more prone to be alcoholic. Addictions are powerful strongholds in our lives. They can take away our ability to see life as it really is. Addictions rob us of our time, finances and energy we would otherwise have for the work God has called us to do.

We have an uncanny ability to deceive ourselves when it comes to addictions. If alcohol is used to accomplish release from stress and allow you to be more relaxed and free to talk, then something is wrong. It could become a crutch and eventually a serious addiction to allow you to 'be yourself.' Don't be fooled by this rationalization. Why not learn to 'be yourself' without the use of alcohol? That would truly be freedom for you.

Anytime a person uses a chemical substance, food, sex or spending, etc. to relieve stress, then there is a potential problem lurking in the distance.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if people took their liberty to do whatever they felt was right for them? Wouldn't it be wonderful if in making that decision they also thought of how it might affect others? Wouldn't it be wonderful if they made that choice out of love and not legalism?

I have never seen a 'happy drunk.' I have seen people drunk who looked happy. Happiness is based on circumstances. True contentment and peace is not. If you take the alcohol away and watch them in unpleasant circumstances, will this person resort to alcohol to forget about their life situations? If that 'happy drunk' was happy without alcohol and could remain happy without the use of it and had no trouble eliminating it from their life, then they probably would not need to drink to be happy.

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Shelby St. John, Divine Mike and Jamie Roberts at the TGRA benefit show at Gentry

Houston Soap, Part 1

By CAROLYN LARSON
Past Events

Houston Voice/Houston

This past Friday night, Soiree Aubergine hosted the Creme de le Creme fundraiser at Heaven. Over \$850 was raised to benefit Soiree's charity, the Bering Care Center's Meals Program! Congrats to all involved. After the sizzling entertainment from dozens of entertainers, the talents of porno star Brad Stone filled (and I mean FILLED) the stage at Heaven.

The stage of Pacific Street was filled with talents from all over the country this past Sunday for the Mr. Gay Pride All-American Contest. Mr. John Reny, Mr. Gay All-American from Augusta, Maine proudly presented the title of Mr. Gay Pride All-American to Houston's own, Thomas Rodriguez. This event was hosted and sponsored by Basic Brothers!

On Sunday, Feb. 12, the Houston Chapter of TGRA hosted a benefit show at Gentry. MC Tim Davenport had a line-up of great entertainers, including Virgil Burke, Eddie Taylor, Marsha Johnson, Kim Harrowan, Jamie Roberts, Regina Dane, Shelby St. John, Miss TGRA Divine Mike and many more. \$304 was raised!

Valentine's Day night, Introductions held a gay dating game at the Penthouse. A great time was had by all!

Congrats to the new Miss Toy Box Paivi Lee Love, and the new Miss Sweetheart/E/J's '95 Katrina La Shawn.

The fundraiser for the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard at Chances this past Sunday raised \$639. There was SRO crowd!

This Past Sunday at the Brazos River Bottom. David Chapman held a fundraiser for the Loving Arms Foundation. Totals for the night were \$2152! Congrats to all involved!



John Reny, Mr. Gay All-American presents award to Mr. Gay Pride All-American winner Thomas Rodriguez



Brad Stone & "BB"

The stage of Gentry was filled this past Sunday with talents of TGRA! This benefit for Soiree Aubergine raised \$1200!

The Club Houston's "Honey, I Love You, But I've Gone to the Tubs" party was a splashing success! Leave it to Damion and his wacky staff to throw a great party!

Friday, 02/17

This weekend kicks off Mardi Gras in Galveston! There will be six parades, beads, doubloons, and hot fun! The Kon Tiki is having a show tonight with Black Velvet, Misty, Cinnamon and the muscle beach bound guys of Muscles in Action!

The MailBox Bar has Talent Night tonight! There will be cash prizes. MC Latina be your hostess!

There is a gallery reception tonight at the Houston Women's Caucus for Art, 1413 Westheimer at 7:00 p.m. The show features 6 women artists. For more info, call 267-3967.

Saturday, 02/18

Erica's showcase at the Lazy J tonight features the talents of Brandi Houston, Lady Victoria La Cole and other special guests! The show starts at 11:00 p.m.

Brittany Paige's guests tonight at E/J's are Tandi Cole, Sasha Boom and LaWanda Jackson. The show starts promptly at 11:00 p.m.

Garza Productions presents Ramona LeGere-Miss Gay America 1995, Shawna Brooks-Miss Gay Atlanta 1995, Cinnamon, Misty and those hunky guys from Muscles in Action tonight at the Kon-Tiki. If you are in Galveston for this Mardi Gras weekend, this is the place to find hot, gay old times!

Saturday dinner theater continues at Mary's, naturally! Today, starting at 3:00 p.m., they will be showing "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert," and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" on the patio. For only \$4.50 you can get a 12 oz. T-bone and all the trimmings. You can wash it all down with 50¢ draft beer! Talk about a cheap date!

Sunday, 02/19

Those fabulous Whorehouse Girls are presenting "Love Hangover" tonight at the Brazos River Bottom at 7:30 p.m. This is a variety show benefiting Miss Camp America's Care Bears!

Hal and Jim are cooking at the Venture-N this afternoon starting at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at the Mining Company are still one of Texas' largest beer bust. There is no buy-in and cups of ice cold Miller Lite Draft beer are only 50¢ a cup.

There is a fundraiser for the TLC House tonight at E/J's starting at 9:00 p.m. The TLC (Transitional Living Center) is a place to rent a room by the week or month for male PWAs that are in between programs or housing. Call Matt Locklin at 902-2231 for more info.

The "Little Sisters of the Patch" are hosting a Sunday School Social tonight at the BriarPatch. Chicken Enchiladas are on the menu as well as many other tasty items. Come and stop your tummies from growling. This buffet is on the house. The "Little Sisters" may even sing a song or two!

It is Rodeo time at the MailBox Bar! Tonight they are having hot links and beer all night long for only \$1.50! The MailBox bar is located at 2415 Washington.

Head down to Gentry at 5:00 p.m. for the Club's weekly eight ball tournament. The entry fee is \$5 and Gentry adds \$30 to the pot!

Monday, 02/20

Bark for a buck! If you go to Pacific Street tonight for Clubber's night, crawl up to one of the bartenders and bark like a dog and he will give you a Red Dog beer for only a buck! Get this, if you just ask for a Red Dog, they will charge you the regular price of \$1.75. So, get to howling, barking or wolfing and enjoy a Red Dog!

Wolf Puppy, aka Mark Carlson, will

be guest bartending at the Toy Box tonight. Stop in and see just how many Mind Erasers you can drink!

If you aren't enjoying "Absolutely Fabulous" at J.R.'s on Monday's, you are missing out! You never know what kind of mischief Patsy and Eddie will find themselves in. Every Monday is a multi-cultural event at J.R.'s. You start out in Great Britain with Eddie and Pussy and then catch the 11:00 p.m. Aero Mexico flight with comedy night hostess Lindsay Love. Lindsay will be your stewardess for the night's festivities, which include a strip contest and all the latest Gloria Estefan music.

Tuesday, 02/21



The Love Goddess, Stanley at Club Houston



Alan (VN) and Clay (Penthouse) show Mario from Canada a good time

There is only one redeeming factor about Tuesdays! Thank to Mary's and the \$2 Cuervo shots that help me make it thorough the day!

It is half price night at the Club Houston! Take it off! Make it firm!

Chances has great happy hour specials! Stop and tell Frankie, Rita, Kody, Susan, or Marlene HI!

Wednesday, 02/22

Pacific Street has started handing out Wednesday night passes again. Hit up your favorite bartender to gain free admission!

Bear-ones Brian Keever hosts the Bear of the Month contest tonight at the Montrose Mining Company. Don't forget that the Mine has free pizza on the patio at midnight.

Hot and steamy is the best way to describe Gentry's male strip contest tonight with the effervescent Miss Dyan Michaels as your host. The clothes start to go at 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, 02/23

It is Club Hedo at Rich's tonight. I heard a rumor that "eMCee" might be there again!

Other Important Stuff

Richmond News and Video is having a rodeo special. Get into your cowboy wear and tell the door man that you read the Houston Voice and he will let you in free! Richmond News and Video is located at 4330 Richmond.

The Venture-N opens every day at noon and has happy hour prices until 7:00 p.m.

Make your reservations NOW for the Silk Stocking Ball in Galveston. This is the eighth annual ball. This year it will be at Moody Gardens. All proceeds will benefit the AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas and other AIDS related charities! Call 409-737-3122 for more info.

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Mark Payne as Liza and Brittany Paige at E/J's

More important stuff, birthdays and this week's dirt



The Diana Foundation ticket sellers at the Briar Patch

Houston Soap, Part 2

If you are shopping for a unique gift, head to "Everything's Special," at 1906 Ashland. This really neat little shop is right behind the Carter and Cooley deli. If you need directions, call Neil or David at 869-6906.

Birthday Corner

Happy BD to Les of Mary's. Another Happy Birthday to Sunni Smith! Houston Voices' own Matt Pennington is getting older this week. A belated Birthday hug to Darlene at the Outpost.

Bottom Of Ratrat's Cage!

It's time to share the reams of knowledge I come across in the bars and clubs of Montrose! I was out a lot this past week, so look out! PS, the usual disclaimer is in force!

Dan (Ripcord): Is it true that you do the clean-up chores clad in only a leather jockstrap?

David R.: Did the Laser Wizard give you a hint on what to do

with Miss Keever?

Scott Lewis (Heaven): So, you are chasing a new one? Look out B.B., Scottie is tenacious when it comes to chasing men!

Blister Pussie (ToyBox): What is this about you running around with a recent release from the state mental hospital?

Ben (Dianas): Is it true you took a little nap in the wrong car last Friday night at the BriarPatch? You'd better get your eyes done, too! I heard another BriarPatch customer got almost all the way home before he realized you were in the car!

Steve (Gentry): I love your way of getting excellent gas mileage! But, really, pushing your car to Cousin's is a little extreme, don't ya think?

Happy Honeymoon to Donald Woods and John Benevides!

Wendi (Alternative Visions): Have another Dirty Martini!

Devin (Mary's): A straw is for sucking and a pen is for writing! Now you know why all those

tricks never called, you wrote your phone number down with a straw!

Lipps and Joe Derosa (Mary's): No Christmas songs at J.R.'s...Please!

Damion (Club Houston): Well, did Sid (Houston Voice) have as much fun at your party as I would have?

Thomas (Missouri Street): I tried and tried, but none of your co-workers had any gossip on you! They "claim" you are too "nice" to do anything that

Mairo (Toronto): Thanks for the great times this past week! I'm glad you found our community very hospitable and friendly! But, watch the company you keep! Clay (Penthouse) certainly has a reputation in our fair city!

JD (BRB Customer): Who is it this week? Or should I say "day" or "minute?"

Joe Derosa (Mary's): You have a great new nick name! Josabelle! Better watch it when you team up with Annabelle! You two are pretty scary when you hit the streets together!

JoAnn (BRB): I thought you would never dribble a shot!

Devin (Mary's): So, you finally found out who your taxi driver was last week! Even if I drank an entire case of Cervo, I certainly would remember a ride home with Tommie Sue (BRB)!

Wilma and Meg (Mary's): Don't you just hate it when Tommie Sue sets the house up with a round of shots! She will really make you work for it!

Darlene (Outpost): I heard you were playing Doctor just after your shift ended!

Big Gary (Ripcord): What was Sue Ellen's answer? "Of course I do!"

Scott (Rainbow Rangers): So, if they threw you out of a plane in Idaho, you would know every gay may in the state before you hit the ground!

Nancy (Bite Me) Ford: See ya at KFC this Thursday! Love those dead animals!

Rabbitt (Gentry): You mean you are really only 30 years old? You need to use more anti-wrinkle

cream on those pesky crows' feet!

Kirk (Penthouse): I'm glad we have the same size holes!

Michael P.: So, you don't duck!

Leona: I heard you made a long distance call to the Midwest and kept your pants on! Go Fig! What was it I heard about the little side trip to the Remingtons and finally dropped your pants for a Cannuck or anyone else that enthralled you?

Wayne G. (BriarPatch): I loved your song "Drag Queen Rag!"

Jeff (E/J's): Why do they call you the book store whore?

Miss Peoples is back from the hiding zone!

Marcia Johnson (TGRA): So, you still eat wienies... at least they are good!

Michael Reaper: Loved that rubber outfit you wore this past Sunday! You looked like a bitch that was ready to feed about a hundred puppies!

Well, kids, I'm, off to scrounge up some more dirt, lies and trash! See you soon!

Huggs and Kisses

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David Chapman and Creath Robinson, raising money for the Loving Arms Foundation at the BRB

would warrant gossip! But I know you better!

Vera (BRB): I heard you pulled your back out again! Were you trying to do a young man's thing in an old (wo)man's body?

Tonya (Missouri Street): I can't believe it! I found a dyke without a sharp knife! I love the way you "saw" limes!

Kelly (VN): Why are they calling you "Opie?"

Rita Boulevard: Love your new pimp mobile! How many tricks are you turning to keep it?



The Newlyweds

Community Calendar by Carolyn Larson

(If you would like an event listed in the calendar, please feel free to call Carolyn Larson at 529-8490 or fax the facts to me at 529-9531).

02/17 * LiB (Lesbians in Business) Networking meeting at the Innova Building, 20 Greenway Plaza, 1st Floor. Call 529-0077 for more info.

02/17 * "Lost Cowboy Band" performs at the Brazos River Bottom.

02/18 * RSICSS's PR Ball I at the Travelodge Hotel.

02/18 * Erica's Showcase at the Lazy J. 11:00 p.m.

02/18 * Mr. Toy Box 1995 contest.

02/19 * Fundraiser at the Toy Box for the Bering Care Center.

02/20 * Results of study, "Children Whose Parents are Gay" will be discussed at Grace Lutheran Church. 7:30 p.m. 2515 Waugh Dr. Presented by the Gay Fathers of Houston.

02/21 * Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Meeting. 7:00 p.m. 2700 Albany, Suite 304. Call 529-6979 for more info.

02/22 * LiB (Lesbians in Business) meeting at the Montrose Counseling Center. Celebrating Black Women in History. Call 529-0037 for more info.

02/24 * 8th Annual Silk Stocking Ball at Moody Gardens. Call 409-737-3122 for more info.

02/25 * Mardi Gras Bus trip from the Ripcord. Tickets still available. Call 521-2792 for more info.

02/25 * Mardi Gras Bus trip from the Brazos River Bottom. Call 528-9192 for more info.

02/25 * Fundraiser for NAMES Project at the Venture-N.

02/25 * Erica's Showcase at the Lazy J. 11:00 p.m.

02/26 * Scooter Lee performs at the Brazos River Bottom.

02/26 * "Mr. & Miss Gentry" benefit show at Gentry hosted by Soiree Aubergine. Thomas Rodriguez and Catia Lee Love present "Flashback Follies."

03/01 * Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus board meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2700 Albany. For more info call 521-1000.

03/01 * Edgar Cayce Foundation free workshop. 7:30 p.m. 7621 Westview. For more info call 444-7426.

03/03 to 5 * L.U.E.Y Weekend kicks off. For more info, call 956-9504.

03/03 * Cabaret night at Penthouse hosted by Soiree Aubergine.

03/03 * Disco Mirror Ball Party at Rich's.

03/04 to 05 * Choral workshop at MCCR. Call 861-9149 for more info.

03/05 * RSICSS Benefit show at Gentry.

03/04 * to 11 * Soiree Aubergine's silent auction at Gentry benefiting the Bering Care Center's meal program.

03/07 * Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week executive meeting. 2700 Albany. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-6979 for more info.

03/08 * Women's Network at the Montrose Counseling Center. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-0047 for more info.

03/08 * Edgar Cayce Foundation free workshop. 7:30 p.m. 7621 Westview. For more info call 444-7426.

03/08 * Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus board meeting at 7:30 p.m. 2700 Albany. Call 521-1000 for more info.

03/09 * NLA:H Education meeting, 711

Hyde Park, 7:00 p.m. A tattooing seminar and demo by Ragoo.

03/09 * Montrose Ice Picks skate at the Galleria at 8:00 p.m. Call 629-1432 for more info.

03/11 * Gulf Coast Bears Prowl night at the Venture-N.

03/11 * The Follies at the BriarPatch. A musical review.

03/12 * La Soiree Grande at Gentry.

03/12 * Garden Party presents "Radio Daze—a blast...from...our past"—a musical review at the Brazos River Bottom, starting at 7:00.

03/12 * Deb-U-Not Ball at Rich's. A Miss Camp American function starting at 4:00 p.m.

03/12 * Gulf Coast Bears Monthly meeting. Call 867-9123.

03/12 * "A Night to Remember" at the Ripcord. Hosted by Don Gill.

03/13 * "Myths and Reality of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Political Power"—A seminar at Rice University. 8:00 p.m. Sewall Hall 301.

03/14 * AIDS Equity League lunch at Charlie's at noon. All are welcome.

03/15 * Edgar Cayce Foundation free workshop. 7:30 p.m. 7621 Westview. For more info call 444-7426.

03/17 * Party at the Penthouse! A fundraiser for the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard. Live band Peggy and the Dreamers will be on stage.

03/22 * Women's Network meets at the Montrose Counseling Center at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 529-0037.

03/22 * Miss Gay Houston Pageant at Rich's.

03/22 * Edgar Cayce Foundation work-

shop. 7:30 p.m. 7621 Westview. For more info call 444-7426.

03/23 * "Angels in America" Opening night performance with a special guest. At the Alley Theater. A Benefit for DIFFA/Houston. \$150 per ticket. Call 552-9445 for more info.

03/25 * The Diana Foundation Awards.

03/26 * Cajun Belle Festival at the Lazy J.

03/29 * Edgar Cayce Foundation workshop. 7:30 p.m. 7621 Westview For more info call 444-7426.

03/30 to 04/02 * AIDS Memorial Quilt on display at the George R. Brown. For more info, call 52-NAMES.

03/31 * Art Opening at the Hyde Park Gallery. Artist is David Greiger. 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

03/31 * Healing the Hurt—Conference on Homophobia. Call 867-9020 for more info.

03/31 to 04/02 * Double Dime Anniversary. Call 459-2629 for more info.

04/01 * Texas Lesbian Conference in Austin at the Raddison Hotel.

04/01 * EPAH's Leather and Lace benefit at Pacific Street. 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

04/02 * March on Austin!


04/08 * Westheimer Street Festival!

04/7 to 9 * NLA:H's Anniversary weekend run. Call 527-9666

04/13 * "The Last Days of Charles/Kathryn Split: Portrait of a Drag Queen" at Rice University. Call 527-4882 for more info.

04/14 * Texas Leather and Lace and Texas Riders Annual "Bunny Run."

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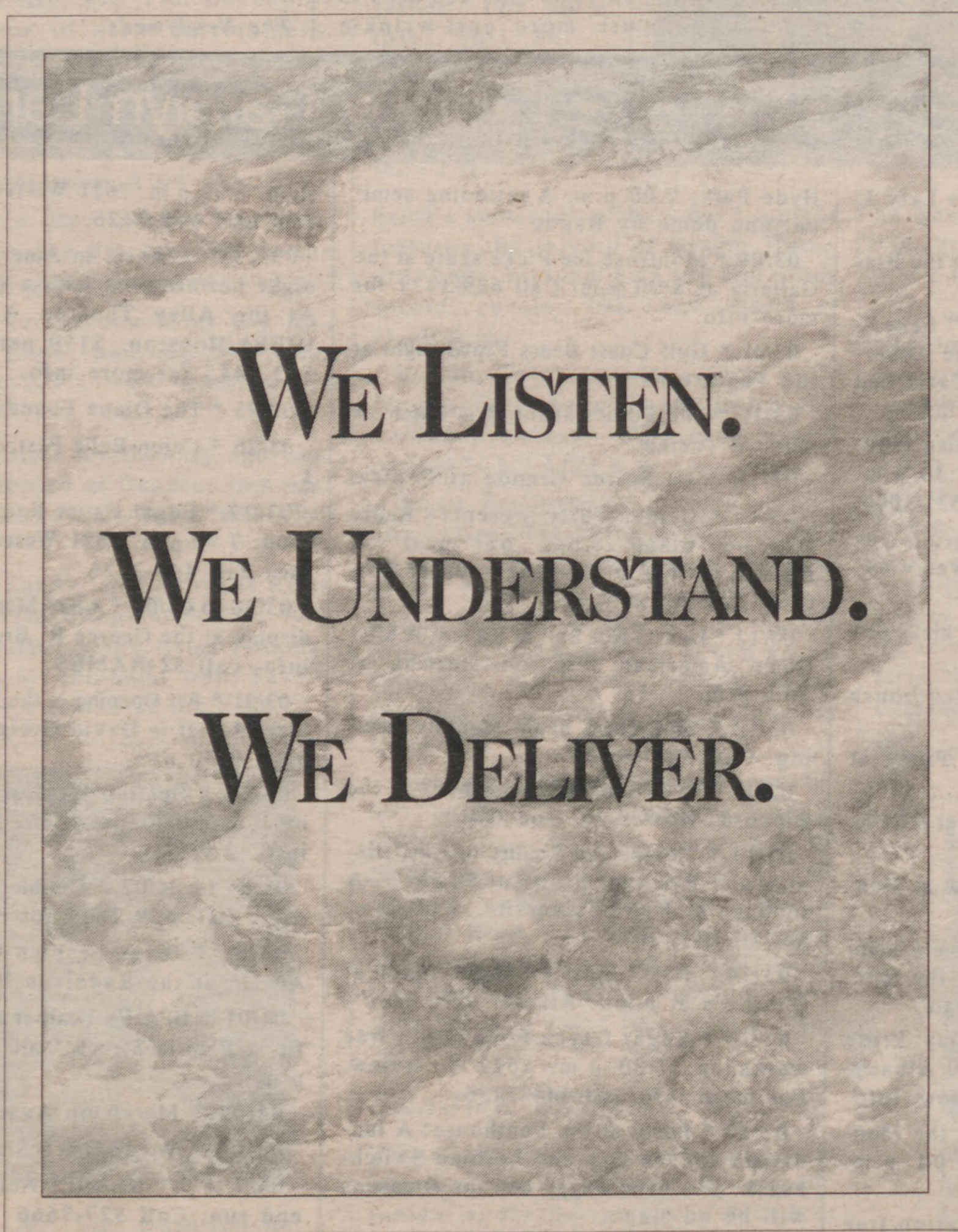
Veterans commissioner, other nominees grilled at testy hearing

By LISA MARIE PANE
 FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE
 HARTFORD, Conn., Tuesday, Feb. 7 (AP)—He didn't always understand all the questions and he didn't have all the answers, but Eugene A. Migliaro Jr. on Tuesday told legislators considering his fate as the designated veterans commissioner that he's on the side of all veterans.
 In a confirmation hearing where legislators at times sniped at one another over the nomination, Migliaro testified that he would help veterans, regardless of the war they fought in, whether they're gay or whether they have the AIDS virus.
 "I am confident I have the background, the qualifications and, more importantly, the commitment," Migliaro said.
 A parade of nominees submitted by Gov. John G. Rowland went before the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee Tuesday afternoon. Appearing before the committee were: Arthur H. Diedrick of Morris, nominated as chairperson of the Connecticut Development Authority; Gene Gavin of Westport,

Department of Revenue Services; J. William Burns of West Hartford, Department of Transportation; and Major Kenneth H. Kirschner of Southington, Department of Public Safety.
 But testimony concerning Migliaro was the lengthiest and most rancorous, attracting dozens of veterans who lined the walls of the committee room.
 The committee is expected to vote on all the nominations this week, then transfer them to either the Senate or the House, depending on which chamber the governor designated to handle the appointments.
 There were times when the hearing involving Migliaro, a Marine military policeman during World War II, grew testy among committee members.
 At one point, the panel's co-chairperson, state Rep. Edward Graziani, D-Ellington, asked Migliaro if he any programs in mind for veterans with AIDS.
 "How's that sir?" Migliaro said.
 "Do you have any programs dealing with AIDS?" Graziani repeated.

"Programs for the aged?" Migliaro said. "I have one in mind that I'd like to see, one that I think is very important and I'm a classic example of it. Right here: hearing aids," he said, pointing to the hearing aid in his ear.
 Migliaro then explained that many veterans can't afford hearing aids even though they might need them. He said he'd like to create a program to test the hearing of veterans.
 "Perhaps you didn't hear me correctly," Graziani said, repeating his question.
 "That's typical of guy with a hearing aid," Migliaro said.
 At that point, Migliaro said he would not turn away any veteran with the AIDS virus.
 "HIV is not a contagious disease," he said. "It's an unfortunate one, and many people, through no fault of their own, have HIV."
 When Graziani then asked Migliaro how he would describe the program and how it works, his fellow co-chairperson, Sen. Louis DeLuca, R-Woodbury, objected, saying Migliaro is not a medical expert.

"I don't believe it's an improper question," Graziani said.
 Graziani continued his line of questioning, asking Migliaro about programs for veterans with Alzheimer's disease, the number of people at the Veterans Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill, the size of the agency's budget and the number of employees.
 The budgetary questions, in particular, drew a rebuke from Senate Majority Leader James T. Fleming, R-Simsbury, a member of the committee, who then questioned Graziani's own grasp of the operations at the Legislature.
 "I was wondering if you could tell me what the budget is of the Legislative Management Committee?" Fleming said.
 After a brief pause, Graziani responded, "I'm not going to entertain questions from the committee members."
 Under questioning from other committee members, Migliaro—who once referred to homosexuals as "lollipops"—testified that he would help veterans who are gay.



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Wisconsin gay teen claims other students harassed him

MADISON, Wis., Wednesday, Feb. 8 (AP)—A former Ashland High School student contends in a federal lawsuit that classmates beat and harassed him for more than four years because he is homosexual.

Jamie Stuart Nabozny, 19, claims in lawsuit filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Madison that his repeated requests for protection were ignored by school officials.

Nabozny, who dropped out of school as a junior in Dec. 1992, is seeking \$350,000 damages from the district. He also wants a court order allowing him to attend a graduation ceremony and receive a diploma.

The lawsuit said word of Nabozny's sexual orientation spread quickly after he was sexually assaulted in 1987.

When name-calling escalated to physical assaults, Nabozny and his parents said they reported the harassment

to middle school Principal Mary Podlesny.

Podlesny told the Naboznys that "boys will be boys" and blamed the incidents on Nabozny for acting "openly gay," the suit contends.

Podlesny and other district officials never investigated Nabozny's harassment complaints, the suit contends.

Ashland Superintendent Steven Kelly was out of the office Wednesday and un-

available for comment, a secretary told The Associated Press. Tim Foley, curriculum director, said the district had been advised by counsel not to comment.

Kelly said Tuesday that the district investigates and disciplines proven cases of sexual harassment.

The lawsuit said the district's alleged failure to respond to Nabozny's complaints enabled students to step up their acts without fear of

discipline.

Afraid to go to school, Nabozny twice attempted suicide and was hospitalized for observation, the suit said.

"Regardless if Jamie flaunted his sexuality or not, you can't put the onus back on the child," said Nabozny's lawyer, Rae L. Randolph of Minneapolis. "That's not an appropriate response by school officials when a physical assault complaint is brought."

AIDS activists plan court battle to keep anonymous testing in N.H.

DURHAM, Saturday, Feb. 11 (AP)—AIDS activists plan to ask the courts to decide which AIDS testing system will best serve the public's health after a state panel's decision to end anonymous HIV testing at county health departments.

The same policy-making state panel had voted in November to continue offering anonymous testing across North Carolina for two more years. The decision Thursday by the state Commission for Health Services left local activists bitter.

"We're livid about this," said Steven Harris, a leader of ACT UP Triangle, the local chapter of the national

AIDS activist group. "I thought we had reached a gentlemen's agreement that we would work together."

The vote upset some members of the commission, which voted 6-5 against the compromise that gave anonymous testing a two-year extension.

"I was so surprised when the vote was taken," said commission member Barbara Huberman of Charlotte. "I'm concerned that those who feel very strongly about keeping anonymous testing left the meeting in November thinking: 'This is no longer an issue; it will be extended.'"

On Thursday, the two-year extension was canceled when one commis-

sioner changed his vote from the November meeting and another commissioner who was absent in November voted against the extension.

The commissioner who changed his vote was William Rippy, a retired Elon College family physician.

"I looked at the figures that the disease is now the number-one reason for death among young men and decided it was time to try something else to see if we can't get it under control," Rippy said.

In anonymous testing, which is offered only at public health departments, a patient is only identified by a number. Under confidential test-

ing, a patient has to provide his or her name, address and telephone number. But state health officials note that a person's identity is protected by state and federal laws.

State health officials favor confidential testing. They say it enables health workers to contact more of the people who may have been infected by someone who tested positive for the disease.

But ACT UP and many Triangle AIDS experts say requiring people to leave their names will scare away those who belong to the groups at highest risk for the disease: gays, bisexuals and intravenous drug users.

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New Hampshire gay rights supporters lay groundwork for another bill

KEENE, N.H., Saturday, Feb. 11 (AP)—Supporters of a gay rights law in New Hampshire are laying the groundwork to introduce their plan again next year.

Rep. Bill McCann, D-Dover, the sponsor, is circulating drafts to get comments while homosexual rights' groups lobby and monitor new legislators to see where they might stand.

Last year was the first time the measure was introduced in New Hampshire. It passed comfortably in the House, but died on a close vote in the Senate.

James Bretz, moderator for the New Hampshire Coalition to End Discrimination, said next year's plan will be similar to last year's. It would outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment and some housing and public accommodations. A provision from last year's bill covering being denied credit will not be included next year.

Bretz said supporters will try to build on last year's campaign, amassing firsthand accounts from victims of discrimination, educating the public and legislators, trying to line up support from employers and taking aim at the current system.

The most effective tool last year proved to be accounts by people who were fired or faced discrimination at work, Bretz said. Legal talk bores people, Bretz said. "It's very necessary. People need to hear the stories," he said.

Attorney General Jeffrey Howard has said he will approach employers who discriminate against or fire homosexuals. But critics say with no law, all Howard can do is talk.

"Right now, there's nothing to do except dialogue, which we're already doing. If I get fired, I'll talk to my boss," Bretz said.

Family remember victims of double killing in Mississippi

By GINA HOLLAND
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

LAUREL, Miss., Saturday, Feb. 11 (AP)—A jury last week cast a symbolic vote for two slain men despite a controversial defense intertwined with the victims' homosexual lifestyles and their HIV status, friends and relatives said.

Joseph Shoemake and Robert Walters were killed last Oct. 7, and their bodies left in thick brush outside Laurel. Shoemake was shot under the left eye, Walters in the temple.

In convicting 17-year-old Marvin McClendon, the jury rejected claims he was only trying to ward off their sexual advances.

"There's still a lot of the Old South embedded here, but I felt they (jury) would have an open mind," said Gary Walters, who found out his son had the HIV virus when the judge announced it in the courtroom Thursday.

In describing his son, Walters solemnly said "he had the type of personality to just light up the house or wherever he was. He didn't have a mean bone in his body."

"He never so much as got a parking ticket," he said. "He was just at the wrong place at the wrong time."

The Walters family sat through the entire trial, stress visible on their faces. Cousins of Shoemake also attended, and friends of both quietly celebrated the verdicts in an emotional moment.

McClendon will be in prison until at least 2015.

"It's not enough, but that's as much as we can hope for," said Shoemake's partner, Billy Joe Murry.

Murry said every time someone asks about the victims "it's like cutting yourself over and over and over."

"I'm glad there is still law and order in this world, and when somebody murders two people, they're going to have to pay for it," Laurel Mayor Susan Vincent said. "I worried that these side issues would distract from the fact that two people lost their lives."

Numerous times during the three day trial, the men's sexual preferences were discussed.

"I've heard snickers in the back of this courtroom as men who proclaimed their homosexuality took the stand," assistant District Attorney Gray Burdick said during closing arguments. "But these men all had jobs and all contributed to this community."

He called the defense "a wholesale exhibition in the exploitation of the gay lifestyle."

"Why? It was the defense attempting to reach out and touch your prejudice, your bias," he said.

Brian Levin of the Center for Study of Ethnic and Racial Violence called the verdicts "symbolic."

"It sends a message that in Mississippi stereotypes will not obscure justice being done. Anyway you slice it, this is a case of a brutal double murder," Levin said.

"If this trial had taken place a generation ago, it perhaps would have ended differently," he said.

Walters, 34, in the commercial art business, and Shoemake, 24, a computer programmer, were discreet about their lifestyles, Murry said.

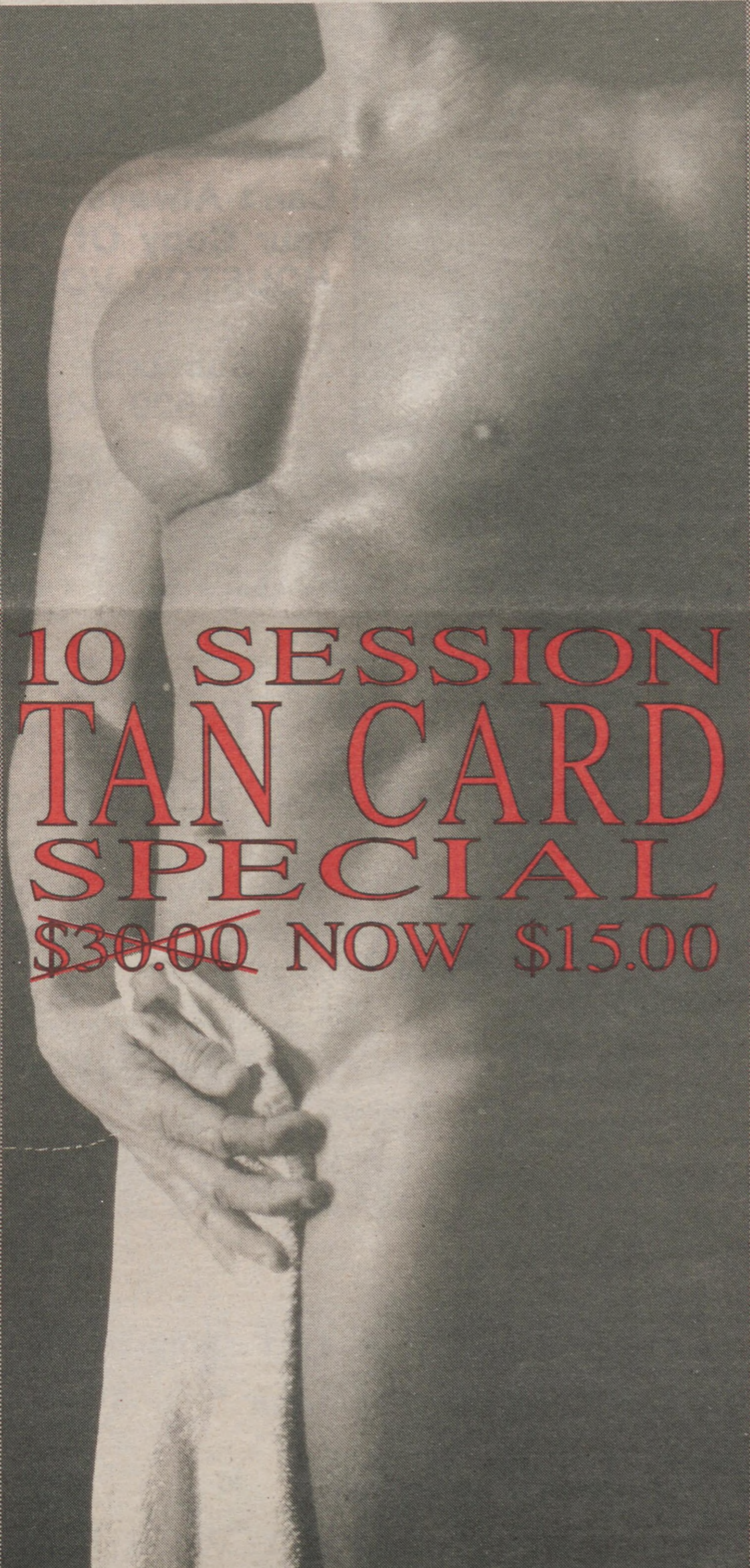
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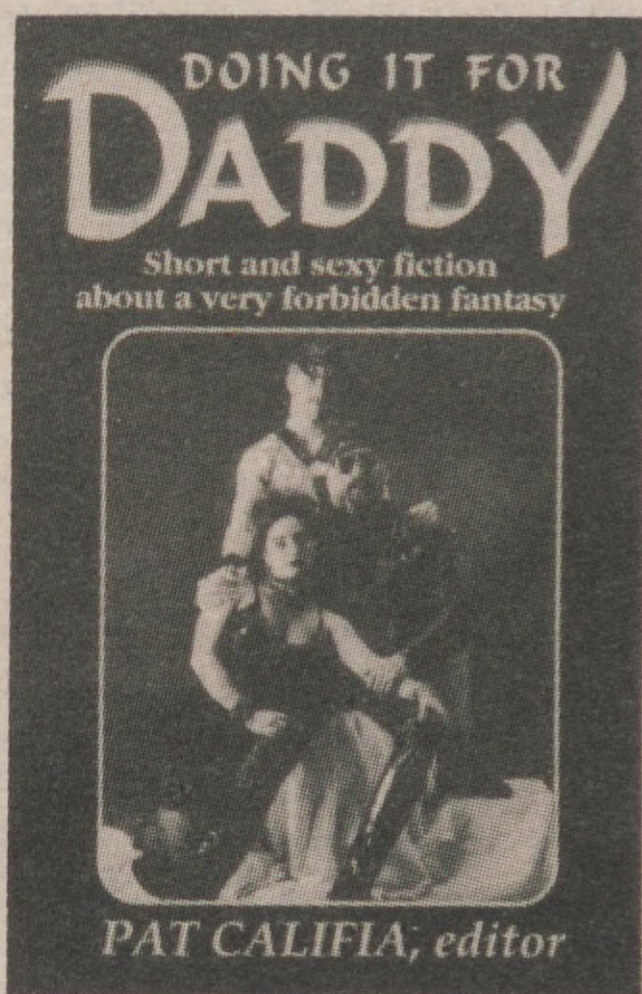
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Gay atheist group urges support for Surgeon General nominee

Quick Notes

In a message faxed on Saturday, Feb. 11 to the White House, American Gay & Lesbian Atheists—a Houston based national organization dedicated to maintaining separation of church and state—called upon President Clinton not to abandon his nominee for Surgeon General, Dr. Henry Foster, Jr., and leave him “to fend for himself against the wolves.”

In the memo to the President of the United States, AGLA national director Don Sanders wrote, “For almost a thousand years, the forces of religion held medical science hostage and forced the world into what was known as the Dark Ages. Time and time again, we see uprisings of the forces of the Dark Ages popping their heads from the sand. We need you, sir, to stand against these repressive forces and stand with reason and sanity.”

The message attacks Clinton for a “long record of abandonment of causes and individuals, such as the issue of gays-in-the-military, his broken promises for a so-called ‘Manhattan Project on AIDS’ and his inability to appoint an effective ‘AIDS

Czar,” his failure to support Lani Guinier, and the recent firing of former Surgeon General Dr. Jocelyn Elders.” The memo accuses the President of “selling out” to right-wing and religious forces, particularly in dismissing Elders.

“Now you have nominated an OB/GYN who is being hung out to dry by the forces of regressive religious groups because, during his career as a physician/scientist and researcher, Dr. Foster performed legal and ethical medical procedures.” The memo continued by reminding Clinton that “this is yet another assault on science by the regressive, ignorant forces of right-wing religious extremism.

American Gay & Lesbian Atheists is a non-profit, educational foundation whose national headquarters is located in Houston, Texas. The organization has a world-wide outreach, primarily through its bimonthly newsletter, The American Gay & Lesbian Atheist. For further comments on this issue or others pertaining to state/church separation and gay rights, contact Mr. Don Sanders at (713) 863-9537.

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Soldier: lesbian allegations retaliation for harassment complaint

SPOKANE, Wash., Wednesday, Feb. 8 (AP)—An Army private who filed a sexual harassment complaint against a fellow soldier says the military retaliated against her by accusing her of being a lesbian and having engaged in sexual misconduct.

Pfc. Shannon Emery's claims have gained the attention of both the state's U.S. senators. Republican Slade Gorton and Democrat Patty Murray have written Army brass about the case, and Gorton's office has opened an inquiry into the matter.

The Army has denied any retaliation. “The stupid ironic thing is, I like my country,” Emery, 22, of Spokane told The Spokesperson-Review newspaper in a story published Tuesday. “I've learned the military's not that just.”

Emery says her problems began when a male soldier in her platoon at Camp Carroll in South Korea grabbed her Sept. 16 and asked her to make a pornographic movie and have sex with him.

Emery said she kneed the man in the

crotch and another soldier pulled him away. She said her female roommate was grabbed by a different male soldier the same night.

Emery said she complained to her superiors two days later. Then three months later she was accused of sexual misconduct with other women.

The two male soldiers were transferred to another platoon—standard Army practice in such cases, said Army spokesperson Maj. Mark Newell. He said he did not know if other steps were taken against the men and declined to discuss specifics of Emery's case because it is ongoing.

Newell was the only Army official in Korea who would talk about Emery's case, the Spokesperson-Review reported. Emery's lawyer, one of 10 Army defense lawyers handling cases in Korea, refused to discuss the matter, the newspaper said.

Judy Johnston, an Army spokesperson at the Pentagon, said Tuesday she could not immediately comment further on the case.

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Gay police officers cancel march in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Thursday, Feb. 9 (AP)—A group of gay U.S. police officers, arriving here Thursday for its first convention, canceled a planned march through part of San Juan for fear of attacks, a gay activist said.

About 150 members of the Gay Officers Action League originally planned to march through San Juan's upscale Condado tourist district Thursday.

But they canceled the march for fear of violent reprisals, local gay activist

Cukie Jones said.

The leaders of two groups that compete to represent the 10,000 police officers in Puerto Rico, a U.S. commonwealth, both said in radio interviews that they opposed the planned march.

Police Superintendent Pedro Toledo acknowledged current rules are outdated and discriminatory because they bar gays from the force. But he said no officers have been expelled for homosexuality.

Utah bill would deny recognition to same-sex marriage

SALT LAKE CITY, Thursday, Feb. 9 (AP)—Legislation has been introduced to strengthen Utah's ban on same-sex marriages and to deny recognition of such ceremonies performed elsewhere.

Rep. Norm Nielsen, R-Orem, the sponsor, said the bill is needed to prevent Utah gay couples from going to Hawaii, obtaining a marriage license in that state and then attempting to enjoy the union's legal benefits in Utah.

Homosexual marriages are not yet legal in Hawaii, but could become so under a state Supreme Court ruling

there last year. A trial scheduled later this year is expected to decide the issue.

"Given the tremendous lobbying and advocacy effort that gays and lesbians have launched, it is quite possible that the Hawaii trial court could rule that Hawaii must allow same-sex marriage," Lynn Wardle, a law professor at Brigham Young University, said in a memo to Nielsen.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which operates BYU, is opposed to same-sex marriages. However, church spokesperson Don LeFevre said Wednesday that the church is neutral on the bill.

"This is Lynn Wardle the Lone Ranger acting here," said Wardle, who is promoting the bill. "I've talked to no one in the church about this—period."

The church's First Presidency last year urged members to lobby "legislators, judges and other government officials" to reject any attempts to legalize gay marriages.

David Nelson of Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats acknowledged that Utah homosexual couples would take advantage of the Hawaii marriage law, if it is changed.

"All we want is the legal recognition for something we do outside

Utah," Nelson said. "Gay people want to say, 'We're married.'"

Nelson compared the ban on homosexual marriage with the 1960s prohibition on interracial marriages. "It is discrimination, pure and simple."

Chris Ryan, president of the Republican gay-rights group, Utah Log Cabin, called the measure a "red herring" diverting lawmakers' attention from more important matters.

Any change in Hawaii law probably will not occur for several years, if at all, he said.

California high school coach accused of harassing gym teachers over homosexuality

LONGMONT, Colo., Thursday, Feb. 9 (AP)—Longmont school officials have hired outside fact-finders to investigate Longmont High School's wrestling coach, accused of harassing female gym teachers over sexual orientation.

About 200 students and parents attended a Longmont school board meeting Wednesday to express their support for coach Dave VanderMolen. At the same time, most of Longmont High School's teachers stood in silence as a statement was read sup-

porting the school's female coaching staff.

VanderMolen, who reportedly has been sympathetic with female students who complained that female gym teachers watch them dress, was placed on administrative leave without pay

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School Board President Michael Shaw said VanderMolen has been named in harassment complaints accusing him of creating a "hostile working environment" for his colleagues.

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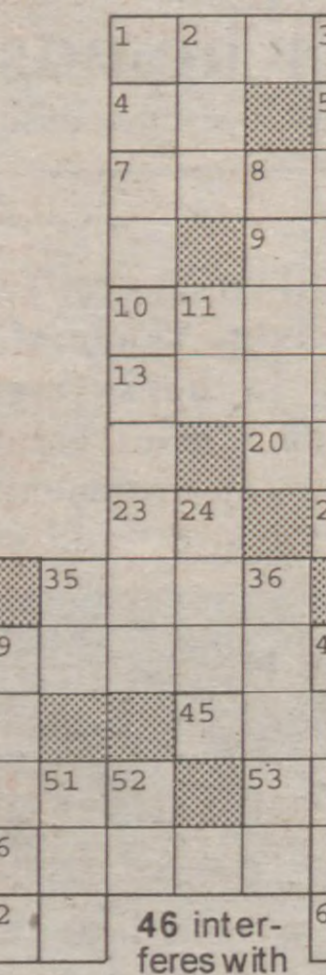
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ACROSS

- 1 James, first native Texan to be elected governor
- 4 prefix for 'not'
- 5 symbol for chemical element radium
- 7 supporting post

- 31 serenade or croon
- 35 Austin radio station with presidential call letters
- 37 stops
- 38 seeable in advance
- 41 Lloyd, Clinton's retired Treasury secretary
- 44 armed fighting between nations
- 45 rhythmic swing

- 9 destructive rodent
- 10 game in which 1 side scores 0
- 13 climbing plants
- 14 southeast Texas county with Beaumont and Port Arthur
- 20 units of gravitational force
- 22 beerlike beverage
- 23 state with Baton Rouge as capital, abbrev.
- 25 Texas admission to the Union, 2 words
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- 49 First State, abbrev.
- 50 caused to exist
- 53 interjection for attention
- 54 male swine
- 56 1983 movie filmed in Houston starring Shirley MacLaine, Jack Nicholson, 3 words
- 62 legendary country singer "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" Williams, initials
- 63 raised speaker platform
- 64 perspiring
- 65 senior, abbrev.
- 66 1995 will be San Antonio's 104th time
- 67 turgid
- 69 symbol for element tellurium, occurring naturally with gold, used in refining copper
- 70 famous for roses, area nurseries propagate more than half the nation's field-grown rose
- 72 one of the points of a fork
- 73 detestation



- 15 consumes
- 16 move through the air
- 17 fixed charge
- 18 waste cloth
- 19 cereal grass
- 21 unit of a chromosome that carries
- 24 Cain's brother
- 26 wheal
- 27 state with prairie rose as official flower, abbrev.
- 28 chilled
- 29 head coverings
- 30 listen
- 32 whether
- 33 at the present time
- 34 1/1000ths of a kilogram
- 35 state with Topeka as capital, abbrev.
- 36 prisons
- 39 Texas county with Stephen-

- 41 exist
- 42 direction McAllen to Beaumont, abbrev.
- 43 state with goldenrod as official flower, abbrev.
- 46 electrical-ly charged particles
- 47 angry
- 48 in 1836, Sam Houston became this, of Texas
- 51 nighttime moisture
- 52 adjective & adverb suffix for comparing 2 items
- 54 capital of Lebanon
- 55 one chosen at random
- 57 firmly fixed
- 58 reverence
- 59 sleep
- 60 companion
- 61 acronym for approximate time of reaching a destination
- 66 relating to a son or daughter
- 68 legend
- 71 spin
- Solution elsewhere this issue

ville as seat
40 animal's red life-giving liquid

MTV News spotlights 'Queer Punk' bands

GLAAD Media Watch

By AL KIELWASSER

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, San Francisco

MTV News continues to out-pace other national outlets in its coverage of the queer beat. The Feb. 2 broadcast featured a segment on Queer Punk, "a new breed of proudly gay punk bands making a big noise these days." The segment highlighted the music of such groups as Pansy Division, Chainsaw Kittens, and Fifth Column (an all-lesbian band).

The segment included interviews with members of Pansy Division and Greenday, as well as commentary from a writer for Interview magazine. According to Ray Rogers of Interview, "Queer Punk is just a general term, but is basically out queer people making music that they love, for themselves, for the queer audience—singing about their issues, what's important to them. They are like, right on, we're queer, we're out there, we rock."

Referring to the San Francisco-based band Pansy Division, the lead singer for Greenday-Billie Joe—added: "They are just out there spewing homosexuality, and I think it's great. You know, I think they are the future of what's going to happen to rock n' roll music." The MTV announcer pointed out that, most importantly, "the music will reach young audiences, gay and straight."

The segment also included concert footage of Pansy Division. The boys in the band sang "Fem in a Black Leather Jacket" to a large crowd, as the lyrics to the tune scrolled beneath them: "With his long, long hair and pouty lips/cute little butt and sexy hips/The way he moves has me inspired/he's the boy that I require."

Encourage MTV to continue covering queers in music. Send compliments to Viewer Department, MTV Networks, Inc., 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, tel. (212) 258-8700, fax (212) 258-8718, e-mail mtvnews@aol.com.

Apple Drops History Cd

"Who Built America?" is an award-winning history CD-ROM developed by the Voyager company and the American Social History Project of Hunter College in New York. Until recently, Apple Computers donated the multimedia package to public schools as part of the company's free software program. However, homophobic complaints about the CD have apparently led Apple to discontinue distribution.

According to Wall Street Journal (2/10/95), "Who Built America?" has drawn complaints from some school districts because of its treatment of such topics as homosexuality, birth control and abortion. One critic quoted by the Journal describes the CD as "a politically-correct, left-wing version of American history that has understandably met with some opposition."

Among the "objectionable" material contained in the CD is an 1882 let-

ter from a gay German immigrant explaining how he fled to America after being arrested for a homosexual relationship. The disc also contains a 1901 New York Times account of a transgendered Tammany Hall leader. For 25 years, Murray Hall—a woman—masqueraded as a man and was married twice.

After failing to get Voyager to delete the controversial sections of the CD, Apple announced it would discontinue shipments of the disc to public schools.

That decision is hardly keeping with Apple's own progressive history. The company has aggressively supported benefits for same-sex domestic partners, and has also utilized lesbian super-jock Martina Navratilova in ad campaigns.

Send feedback to Apple Computers, 20525 Mariani, Mail Stop 76-4 AD, Cupertino, CA 95074.

Media Briefs

Outpunk is a queer record label and magazine uniquely reaching out to youth audiences. For more information, contact Outpunk, P.O. Box 170501, San Francisco, CA 94117.

—Warren J. Blumenfeld has created two slide presentations, "Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price" (based on his book of the same name) and "Recovering the Past: Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual History." Anyone interested in showing either presentation can contact Blumenfeld at P.O. Box 929, Northampton, MA 01061, e-mail Blumenfeld@educ.umass.edu

—"The Disco Years" is a video, set in the late 70's, that tells the coming out story of a high school teenager. For details, contact Select Media, 225 Lafayette St. #1102, New York, NY 10012, tel. (212) 431-8923, fax (212) 431-8946.

—"Condom Availability in Schools: A Guide for Programs" is a step by step guide to advocating, planning, implementing and evaluating a condom availability program in school settings. For more information about this manual, contact The Center for Population Options, 1025 Vermont Ave., NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20005, tel. (202) 347-5700, fax (202) 347-2263.

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Bowlers list weekly standings

Sports Notes

Houston's gay and lesbian bowling leagues reported the following standings for the week:

In the Inner Loop Alternative League, the first place team is Fish-N-Pole, followed by Gone Swishin' in second place and Sticky Wickets in third. For the men, the high scratch game of 266 and series of 712 was bowled by Mace Adams; for the women, Diann Thompson bowled high scratch game of 232 and Terry Shannon bowled series of 595. For league information, call Tom at 522-9612.

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reports these Division A standings in first, second and third place, respectively: 4 Non-Blondes, Pin-Ups and Party of Four. Division B standings are The Point After, first place; Ms Dee Dee & Doo Dahs, second and Nellie By Choice, third place. High scratch game of 246 was bowled by Gardy Harvey and

series was bowled of 660 was bowled by Marty Rutherford. For more information on this league, call Gardy at 641-5424.

In the Monday Night Women's League, first place team is Maybe, Maybe Not; second place, Can't Bowl Straight; third, Balls Are Out and in fourth place, Lesbados. For info, call Pat at 437-6218.

The Houston Thursday Night Mixers reports Download and Unzip in first place. Second place team is Pat & Company and third, Bowling Impaired. High scratch game of 241 was bowled by Mace Adams and series of 601 was bowled by Marty Rutherford for the men. For the women, Terry Shannon bowled scratch of 199 and series of 544. For more info, call Tom at 522-9612.

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RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD

Here's a real treat for ya!!! My significant other fixed me dinner last weekend, and this is the recipe he made up himself. Besides a great dinner, I also have a great caring person that loves me. I didn't ask him to cook, and this is what he prepared for me. Let's see! Valentines Day is coming up. I wonder what I could get him to fix for me if I ask him to cook? Anyway, give this one a try. I'm sure you will enjoy it!!

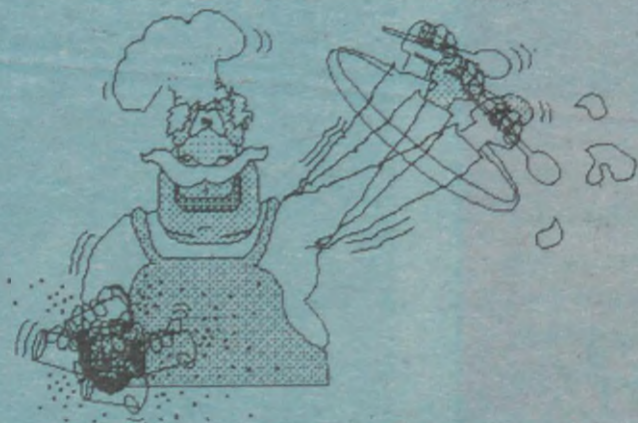
SPINACH LINGUINE W/SHRIMP IN PESTO SAUCE

Group 1

- 1 lb. cleaned, cooked shrimp (leave tails on, but don't overcook)
- 1 lb. Spinach Linguine

Group 2

- 1/3 Cup dry white wine
- 1/4 Cup white wine vinegar
- 1 Cup olive oil
- 1/4 Cup fresh chopped basil
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. fresh ground black peppercorns
- 1 tsp. fresh ground green peppercorns
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. dry Pesto spice



Group 3

- 1/4 lb. butter
- 4 tbsp. flour
- Ground pepper
- 1/2 Cup milk
- Grated Parmesan or Roman cheese

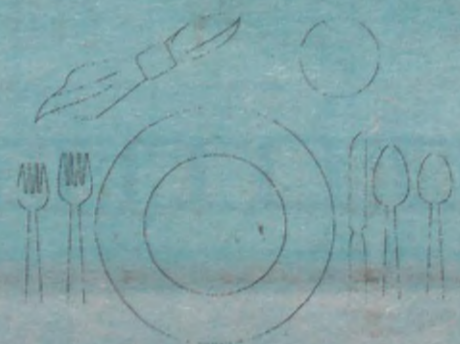
Mix second group or ingredients and marinate shrimp in closed container for 3-4 hours.

Remove shrimp from marinade and sauté in hot skillet with 3 tbsp. melted butter, turning once, adding more ground black pepper to shrimp. Remove shrimp from skillet and keep warm.

Sauce: Melt 1/2 stick butter in sauce pan, add 4 tbsp. flour and make paste. Add marinade gradually, stirring constantly for smoothness and finish with milk for creaminess.

Cook linguine 7-8 minutes (Al Dente), drain and toss with 1 tbsp. butter. Add sauce and shrimp, toss together for final time before serving.

This dish is served best in pasta type bowls.
Top with grated Parmesan or Romano cheese.



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HOUSTON VOICE readers born this week enjoy the open and direct approach of "telling it like it is," as did author W.H. Auden, born York, England, 1907, when he penned "The Platonic Blow." The poem was a frank description of oral contact, especially when published in 1965.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Wanting someone special to love is a strong desire of yours this week, after celebrating Valentine's Day earlier this week. Seeing other friends who are within a relationship causes your strong nesting instincts to surface. You are very vulnerable to being taken for a ride, and taken advantage of, in your present mind-set. For the next two months, the stars favor casual dating rather than establishing a one-on-one relationship.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Happiness is yours this week upon serving another person. Giving of your talent and time is exactly what is needed to give your life the sense of purpose that you have been looking for. Be careful that you are not being used, and that your services are aimed toward helping the other person(s) regain at least partial control over their lives. Look closely about you, as there may well be a neighbor or former co-worker who needs your assistance.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Improving your self esteem will go hand in hand with rebuilding your body. Seriously think about joining a gym or fitness center, as the discipline you will have by being a member is critical for you to stay with a workout program. Having a set of weights at home sounds good, but I doubt if most Aries will remain with a home program. You tend to be ready to rationize a course of action. Happiness is yours with a moderate amount of workout time three times a week.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Self discipline continues to be the key for recovering your former active lifestyle. Your earlier years in Houston were some of the best years of your life, and now it is necessary for you to bring some of the "fun and games" and overall excitement back into your current life. The moon phases this weekend and next will be in your favor to feel your energy level returning to normal. Your diet will handle more calories than those of your dieting friends.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Watch out for an overload with your current work schedule. Your mind and body would appreciate a somewhat slower pace. You need to lower your tension and stress levels. Have you noticed that you are making mistakes in areas where you normally do not? Try to communicate to those close at hand when your stress level begins to reach near to the top, rather than to wait until you are in "stress overload" to speak your piece.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) I heard that you really scored this past Valentine's Day, in that there were several hot dates after you. Keep the telephone numbers at hand, as you should be able to make use of them later in the month. The thing that worked so well for you last weekend was the more butch appearance and body language that you conveyed while you were out cruising. Even if you do not feel like a top at all times, this is the role you need to play to get the attention you wish.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 22) Set aside a savings from each of your next four paychecks to begin building what you have always wanted to have, a financial nest egg. You will be so proud of yourself, and best of all, you will not miss the amount being saved. Do not plan to spend the money for at least six months in the future, and then only if you truly must. Use only one half of the amount or less. The money will give you a welcomed sense of independence, which is also something that you have long thought of.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 23) As with you Leo friend above, the next four weeks are not a period of time for you to be spending any money, except on the basics. Rent, food, transportation, religious tithes, and medicines are the basics. Leave your credit cards at home and stick to your pre-written shopping list to prevent impulsive selections in the stores. Wearing brightly colored clothing when you are out socially will help you to be noticed by the friends that you are interested in.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) Do not allow yourself to become bogged down by the serious or troublesome events that are happening in your life. Trying to look on the brighter side, seeing where an adversarial event maybe turned into a new opportunity is the goal. If the depression lasts for more than two months or seems to be progressive, seek help from a licensed professional quickly. As well-meaning as your friends and family may be, they may be too close to you to really tell you "as it is," and may have a vestige interest in your misfortune.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) A love oriented relationship is around the corner for some of my Scorpio friends. Keep your ears and eyes open to be aware of people cruising you. Make a list of the personality traits in the other person that are necessary for you to have in Ms./Mr. Wonderful. Then make a list of traits that are highly desirable, but not absolutely necessary. A good one half of us are unable to meet 51 percent or more of the important needs of each other. And then we wonder why relationships fail.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21) Look at your credit card balance and do two things, one is begin paying off the unpaid balance by at least forty percent a month, and secondly, cut in one half the amount of dollars that you would normally add to the card each month in purchases. You are foolishly paying far too much in interest dollars each month. If you are dating, look for the special person who has more financial savvy than you have.

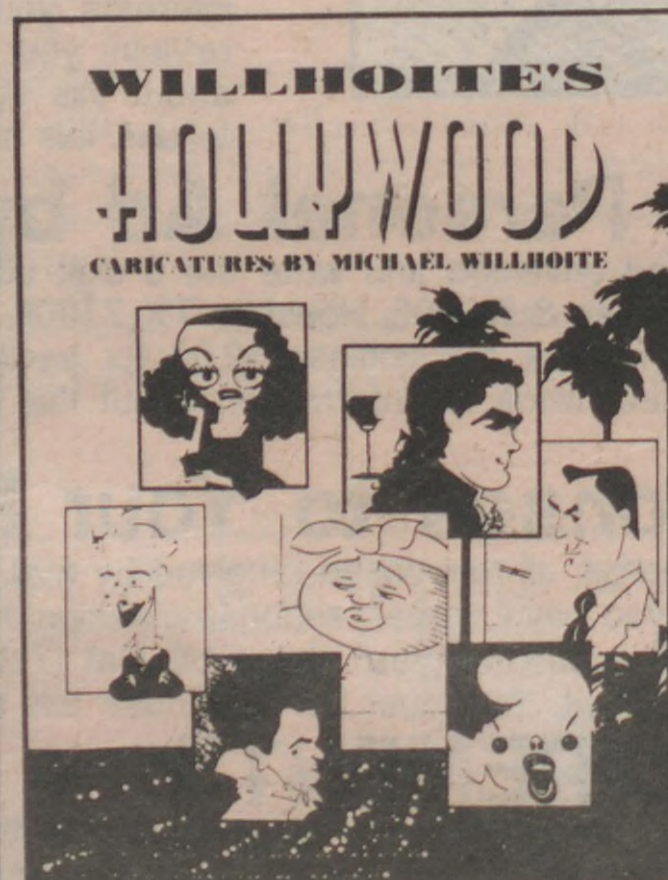
CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 21) Sort through your clothes closet and toss away, or better still, call Sam at the Community Resale Shop, and get rid of the many clothing items that you are no longer wearing. Save clothes that lend themselves to being mixed and matched, especially when you are traveling and storage space is limited. Spend part of Saturday afternoon polishing your boots and shoes, so that you will look more "squared away" than you normally do.

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