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FEATURE INTERVIEW

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

"It's the color pink, the color that the homosexuals were forced to wear in the (Nazi) concentration camps. It's a political statement."

The filmmaker born Holger Mischwitzky in Riga, Latvia, in 1942 is matter-of-fact and calculating in explaining why, in 1967, he took a generally feminine name as his artistic identity. True to his reputation, he details his work and his views in such a way that it is the person interviewing him, like the viewer of his films, who feels challenged and unsettled.

He argues the importance of his current project—an "outing campaign" (his own description) of prominent figures on the German political, arts and entertainment landscape, on television—with equal ease and impermeable logic.

Rosa von Praunheim, whose 1970



Rosa von Praunheim will appear in person at DiverseWorks, May 11

made-for-television (at least, that was the intent) film "It is Not the Homosexual Who is Perverse, But the Situation in Which He Lives" earned him the nickname "The bad boy of the German gay scene." He will make his first appearance in Houston next Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. at DiverseWorks.

Von Praunheim, one of the world's most recognized openly gay film makers, will present his "one man show: 50 years of perversity," which includes video clips of his films.

In addition, von Praunheim will introduce two of his films: "A Virus Knows No Morals" (1986); and "City of Lost Souls" (1982). A discussion period will follow. His appearance is co-sponsored by the Houston's Goethe Institute and the Museum of Fine Arts; von Praunheim and several of his films are being presented as part of DiverseWorks' 1994 "Beyond Desire" gay and lesbian performance and film series.

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'Celebrating Our Community and Ourselves'

The 7th Annual Texas Lesbian Conference

By DEBORAH BELL

The weather was dismal along the Riverwalk in San Antonio, but spirits were high as over 300 lesbians from around the state gathered for the seventh annual Texas Lesbian Conference (TLC '94).

As in previous TLC's, participants in this year's conference were able to fashion a weekend event reflective of their own interests from a broad varied schedule attentive to the diversity and wide-ranging needs of the lesbian community. Issues like Lesbian health—including Safer Sex, the Lesbian Health Initiative, Breast Self-Examination, Domestic Violence in Intimate Relationships and recovery from Childhood Sexual Abuse—were presented in the workshops. Career, finances, cultural matters and politics were covered in various forms, including the exhibition area with crafters and entrepreneurs selling their wares.

Sexuality was the focus of a number of sessions, including "Mango Tree Love Song," a writing workshop involving participants in creative explorations of what women love about sex with women. S/M issues were explored in "Sexuality on the Edge." Old lesbians were the focus of several workshops

as they looked back at the "Good Ole Days" and engaged in a "fishbowl" discussion of experiences of ageism.

Opening keynote speaker, JoAnn Loulan, nationally known author, sex educator and counselor, presented the notion of gender that is more than a butch/femme dichotomy, encouraging participants to look at a wider range of possibilities as lesbians. People get locked into the concept of there being only two genders or a blending of the genders within androgyny, said Loulan, when there is really a myriad of genders in the lesbian culture. She suggested that we have not yet developed the vocabulary to name all of the possibilities.

Loulan is scheduled to be brought to Houston in October by Lesbians in Business (LIB) to elaborate on her "Gender Jail" theory.

Keynote Linda Villarosa, a senior editor at "Essence" magazine (familiar to members of Houston's LIB as the guest speaker at last month's meeting), talked about her experience of coming out publicly in a magazine article she co-wrote with her mother. Villarosa told the audience that she feels her life is much better for taking that step. She has been able to a lot more politically, and is currently actively working to expose right wing attacks on the lesbian and gay community.

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Activist Gene Harrington gets honors, jibes at AEL's MacAdory Awards

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

Houston's AIDS Equity League, for the third year, recognized local advocacy efforts on behalf of people with HIV/AIDS at its annual MacAdory Awards ceremony, held this year at the Westheimer Art Bar last Friday, April 29.

The MacAdory Awards honor outstanding service and contributions by individuals, organizations, medical professionals, public officials and journalists in the AIDS battle. This year's event, however, at times took on the tenor of a "roast" of recipient of the top award, law professor and activist Eugene Harrington. Award winners and presenters in turn took good-natured jibes at Harrington and his well known gift for witty rejoinders and unflattering rep-

artee.

Harrington, a principal co-founder of both the organization and the awards ceremony, received the coveted MacAdory Award, given to the "Houstonian whose general contributions to HIV/AIDS services have had an outstanding effect upon those infected and affected."

The award, and the event, are named in memory of Michael "Mac" MacAdory, a well known member of the Houston gay and lesbian community in the 1970's and '80's and a pioneering local AIDS activist. MacAdory

was one of the first diagnosed cases of HIV after the virus was discovered, and became a powerful voice for the rights of people with AIDS, a vocal proponent for a response from the city to the crisis and a generous contributor to



Gene Harrington (center) emotes on receiving the MacAdory Award from the AIDS Equity League as last year's winner. Maurice "Mo" Jones, and AEL president Doug Moon look on

research efforts.

Other award winners included Wayne Bockman, M.D., who received the League's Medical Award as the health care professional who has demonstrated "leadership in health care delivery and support in regards to HIV/AIDS." Dr. Bockman heads the medical advisory board of the Houston Clinical Research Network, volunteers with the Montrose Clinic and serves as medical advisor to Body Positive Houston. "The past ten years (of the AIDS epidemic) have been nightmarish...but they have also served to make me more proud of the gay and les-

bian community than anything you can imagine," he said in accepting his award.

The Politician Award went to Houston City Council Member Vince Ryan—a gesture that may in itself reflect a political pulsebeat within the organization. John Paul Barnich, who presented the award, noted that Ryan, as a council member, has frequently spoken out on AIDS issues.

But Ryan is also the Democratic nominee for Harris County Judge; he hopes to replace Judge Jon Lindsay, who chose not to seek re-election in the face of fraud and bribery allegations and a move to oust from the office, and who had often been at bitter odds with AEL and other HIV/AIDS advocates over the county's management of the Houston area's Ryan White AIDS funds.

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HIV Bureau Chief: Houston reporting method to be applied statewide

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From CHARLES E. BELL, M.D.

Chief, Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention, Texas Department of Health

Re: "TDH: Houston won't be forced to comply with HIV name reporting;" April 22, 1994

As an update to your article, I wanted to let you know that the Texas Department of

Health will apply the same HIV services reporting methods statewide as will be applied in Houston.

Specifically, in our attempts to gather unduplicated information for justification of continued and expanded state and federal funding for services to HIV/AIDS clients, we will not require local providers to report the names of HIV/AIDS services clients to the administration agencies in each of the 26 delivery areas in Texas.

Our initial plan called for client information, including name, to be reported by the local provider to the administrative agency for the delivery area. The administrative agency would then substitute a code for the name and report the data to the TDH. TDH would then report the data to the federal Health Resources and Services Administration.

After Houston area service providers expressed concern about names being

reported to the administrative agency, we agreed to change the procedure. Now, the substitution of an alphabetical code for names will take place at the local provider level.

I am extremely please with the spirit of cooperation by the Houston area agencies in resolving this matter and trust it will serve as a reminder of the accomplishments possible when attitudes and approaches are those allies, not adversaries.

Richard M. Nixon remembered...lest we forget

YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

Houston Voice/New Orleans

Richard M. Nixon began his public life nearly fifty years ago. Throughout it he practiced politics without grace, but with compulsive courage and amazing drama. The tragedy of his self acknowledged "peaks and valleys" is not disputed here, or anywhere else.

He grew into something larger than life. He became a living metaphor of the turbulence that battered the heart American politics. From Joseph McCarthy to Vietnam to Watergate to last month's meeting in Moscow with saber-rattling

Russian fascists, the name Richard M. Nixon banners much of modern America's history—banners it as a dark metaphor!

Early on he became an accomplished Red-baiter. He first won election in California painting his opponent Red. He defended Senator McCarthy. When that drunken Senator's Commie-chasing work slid into public disrespect and McCarthy took to shamelessly queer-baiting critics of his Red-baiting tactics, Nixon never sullied his right-wing power base by speaking in support of freedom from this tyrant.

His funeral orators notwithstanding, Nixon was hardly beloved.

Even at the somber moment of

death, a version of most common Nixon joke was heard in bar-rooms, at bus stops, and in coffee houses throughout America: "This time, I bet we won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

Alas, not so. From beyond the grave, his next book, eerily titled "Beyond Peace" is scheduled for early publication by Random House.

Often Nixon tumbled with thunder from the power he so loved, and then returned with suspiciously Faustian echoes.

He hated the press, most of which is now singing th praise of this man who advocated "Preventative Detention" (that's jailing the bastards whether the committed a crime or not).

He drew up the famed "Enemy's List" of editors, writers, reporters, columnists, book authors, ministers, talk-show hosts, commentators and anyone "dangerous to the state." "The state" being defined as the power of Richard M. Nixon. and "the danger" opposition to him.

At a coffee house nestled in New Orleans famed French Quarter, I listened to a young brewmeister rant at Nixon for the loss of his Father's life. "The four years he drug out the Vietnam War, my Father and how many others got killed? Just so he could talk about peach at the time of the next election!"

Some people see Nixon with less angelic glow than his eulogist would have it.

Was he a modern day Mephistopheles? Maybe. He was surely a cold-hearted opportunist. The best I can think to say of him is that he undid some of his lifetime work closing the door to China, by opening the door to China. A dark metaphor of power in our times.

Let's have a contest! Send a self-addressed And stamped long envelope, along with the answer to this question: Where was Richard M. Nixon when John F. Kennedy was murdered? Winners will receive something of nearly no tangible value and insight into Nixon as a dark metaphor. Send your entry to Nixon Contest-Yours Truly In A Swamp/Orleans News Service/P.O. Box 72002/New Orleans, La 70172.

Benefits, donations, church and community groups' activities

Quick Notes

A Service of Healing for persons living with HIV/AIDS will be held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 6 in the Chapel of Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Avenue. The Rev. James Abernathy, rector of Christ the King Episcopal Church, Atascosita, will officiate.

The liturgy will include Scripture, hymns, and congregational prayer for the ill and their caregivers and remembrance of those who have died. Personal prayer will be offered at the altar for those desiring. A reception and refreshments will follow in the Cathedral parlor.

The Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist are offered on the first Friday of each month by members of Houston-area Episcopal parishes and hosted by the Cathedral. For information call the Cathedral, (713) 222-2593, or Bill Wicker, (713) 992-2398. If transportation is needed, call Rob Rynearson, (713) 432-0414.

Clinic Donation

The Rockwell Fund, Inc. has awarded the Montrose Clinic a grant of \$10,000 to the Clinic's capital campaign, bringing the Rockwell Fund's total contribution to \$25,000.

announced executive director Ralph Lasher. Lasher said: "We are honored that the prestigious Rockwell Fund has shown continuing support for our capital campaign by giving us a second grant to help make our new building a reality. We now have pledges or donations of \$1.6 million towards our goal of 2.2 million. Construction is well underway and scheduled for completion at the end of August."

The Montrose Clinic was founded in 1981 to develop and conduct research, education, prevention, treatment

and service programs concerned with sexual behaviors and sexually transmitted diseases. It operates a sexually transmitted diseases clinic, offers anonymous and confidential HIV counseling and testing, provides over 12 programs for HIV education and services programs as well as HIV clinical drug testing and research. The new 14,100 square foot building will house all Montrose Clinic programs as well as the clinical operations of the Clinic's Houston Clinical Research Network affiliate.

The Rockwell Fund, Inc. was incorporated in Texas 1949 as a successor to a trust established in 1931 by the James M. Rockwell family, Rockwell Bros. & Co. and the Rockwell Lumber Company. In 1981 it absorbed the Rockwell Brothers Endowment and has been a solid supporter of many philanthropic programs in Houston.

Omega House Benefit

The Museum Restaurant and Bar will host a happy hour reception on Wednesday, May 11, to benefit Omega House, a special care facility offering hospice care to terminal-stage AIDS patients.

At the reception, gift certificates for food and drink at the Museum Restaurant and Bar will be sold. All proceeds from the certificate sales will be donated to Omega House. Gift certificates will be availa-



Miss Camp America members mix with representatives of community organizations at beneficiary reception. From left are Perrie Dolph, Michael Bongiorno, Jay Slemmer, Randall Stripling, Joseph Carlson, Trey Yates and Richard Arenscheidt

ble for any amount in increments of \$5. Donations will also be collected at the door.

The reception will be the first event of Omega House's Campaign for Caring, a drive to raise funds to cover the increased operating costs resulting from the agency's recent expansion. In September, 1994, Omega House moved to a new facility which nearly tripled its patient care capacity.

The Museum Restaurant and Bar's grand opening in January raised over \$4,000 for Omega House. Since then, the restaurant has sponsored other gift certificate sales to benefit local AIDS organizations and other service agencies.

The happy hour for Omega House will be Wednesday, May 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Gift certificates are available in advance from Omega House and will be valid from May 12 onward. The Museum Restaurant and Bar is located at 1512 West Alabama. For questions, call Tom Staley at Omega House, 523-7110.

"Secret Tapes"

Extended

Due to the positive response, Panacea Productions has announced the extension of "The Secret Tapes Of Jesus, A Consciousness Comedy," by the late Michael Morrow, produced and directed by Mary Hooper. The extension will add three performances at 8:00 p.m. on May 5 through May 7.

An additional performance is also being scheduled to benefit the AIDS Equity League, date and time to be announced.

The critically acclaimed play at Westheimer Art Bar and Theatre was the subject of an April 14th editorial by Juan Palomo in the Houston Post, noting the talent of the late playwright Michael Morrow and the unique subject matter. Palomo described the sold out opening performance and termed the play "uproarious."

For further information or photos please contact Nicholas C. Vastakis at (713) 862-1445 or the Westheimer Art Bar and Theatre Box Office at (713) 523-7217.

Miss Camp Reception

The Miss Camp America Foundation held a reception to introduce this year's organizational beneficiaries last Friday, April 28. Representatives of the five organizations selected to receive the proceeds of this year's event were on hand to introduce themselves to the MCA membership.

The beneficiaries for 1994

are: The Assistance Fund, The Colt 45's Trouble Fund, The Pet Patrol, the Houston Names Project and the PWA Coalition of Houston.

Garage Sale Slated

Excel of the Armadillo, an outreach program of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) will hold a yard sale Saturday, May 7, 8:00 a.m. until about noon, at the corner of Washington and White Streets near Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection.

Proceeds from sale will go toward weekend scholarships, operating expenses and training materials. Small items may be dropped off at MCCR in the Fellowship Hall at 1919 Decatur street. For pickup of large items, call Cindy at 485-9803; David at 863-0501 or Ron at 880-9268. Pickups will be made only on Friday, May 6. Items for sale will include furniture glassware, clothes, household appliances and odd items.

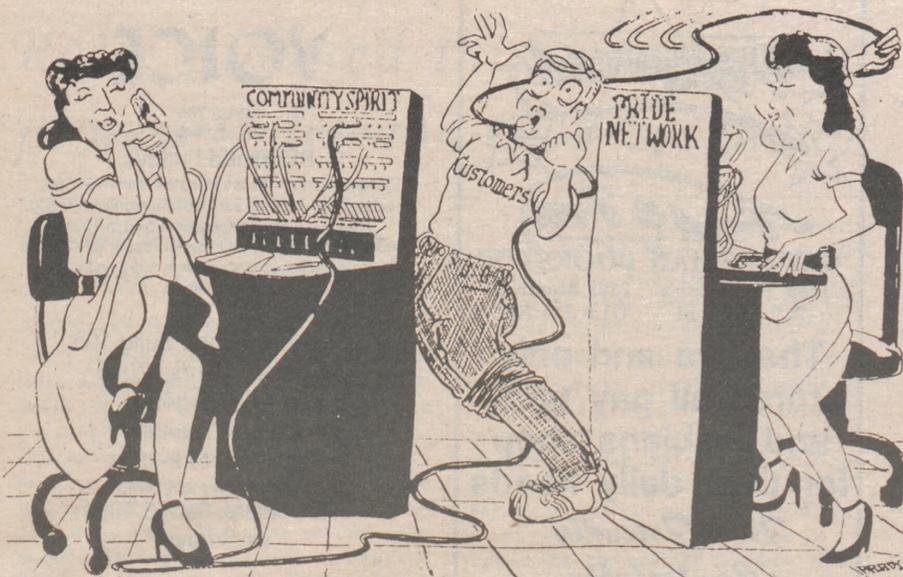
Other Upcoming Community Events:

An auction will be held Saturday, May 7 at the Brazos River Bottom, 7:00-9:00 p.m., to benefit the Pride Committee of Houston.

—The Houston chapter of the Rice University Gay and Lesbian Alumni association will have a cookout at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, May 14. For more information or directions, please call Don Baker, (713) 523-0710.

—The Lunch Bunch, Bering Counseling Center's newest opportunity, offers fellowship for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The group meets Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. at Bering. Call 526-1017 for more information or to sign up (leave message for Bill Heimbach or Troy Plummer).

Brady's Corner



"SNOAT" We don't care, we don't have to...
we're the phone companies."

Anti-gay petition circulating on Capitol Hill

(WASHINGTON, DC, May 3, 1994)—The Christian Action Network, an anti-gay fundraising organization, is distributing a petition on Capitol Hill asking members to oppose "all federal attempts to use tax dollars to promote, encourage, fund (directly or indirectly), or indemnify by code of law, homosexuality or any perverse subgroup thereof." The petition was circulated in response to the recent announcement by the Human Rights Campaign Fund that more than 230 members of the House of Representatives have non-discrimination policies protecting their lesbian and gay employees.

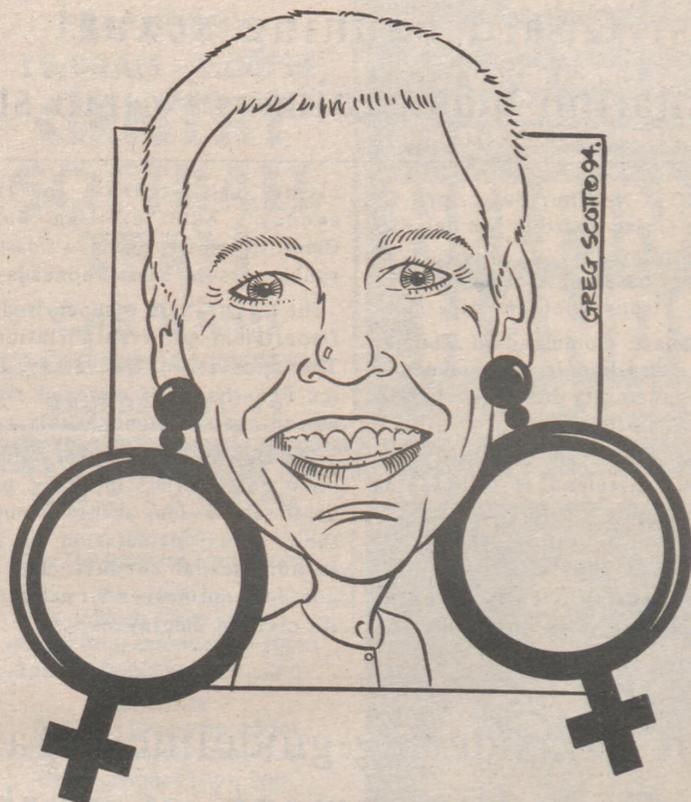
In a March 24 letter to Congress members, Martin Mawyer, president of the Christian Action Network, notes that "recently you were asked to prove your social sensibilities by signing a pledge to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in your personal hiring practices. Keeping in form, we are asking that you sign the attached pro-family pledge." Mawyer calls the homosexual movement "one of the greatest threats to the American family." He set a deadline of May 1st for

responses to be returned to the Christian Action Network.

Mawyer and the Christian Action Network have experience in petition drives. In 1991, Mawyer wrote to supporters asking them to sign a "Sodom and Gomorrah" petition to President George Bush following his signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which outlaws discrimination against people with AIDS. "Our nation is already riddled with the deadly AIDS virus," Mawyer wrote. "And who is to say that AIDS is not a judgment from God against our land for allowing homosexuality to run rampant?"

Daniel Zingale, Public Policy director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund called the Mawyer petition "a clear example of the radical right's effort to distort an important issue. To suggest that opposing discrimination against lesbian and gay Americans in the workplace is somehow anti-family is an intentional distortion of the facts. We knew that Mr. Mawyer uses distortion in his direct mail fundraising appeals, but I'm surprised he used the same techniques when writing to Congress."

Houston Spotlight



SUZANNE ANDERSON

When she co-founded the Houston women's business and professional organization Lesbians In Business three years ago, local Realtor Suzanne Anderson launched what would become the largest regular gathering of lesbians in Houston's history. From a group of about 30 women meeting upstairs in a feminist bookstore, the group, with nearly 400 members, now fills a hall once a month in the Innova design center, and the continuing, traditional self-introductions now take nearly one hour to complete. The group's members include professionals and working women of every hue, but membership is open to every lesbian - even the unemployed. Anderson has helped

arrange the Houston appearances of famous lesbians, to speak at LIB meetings and other events. She was a force behind bringing lesbian foremothers Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon to town for the 1993 Texas Lesbian Conference. Suzanne is also a member or supporter of numerous other local lesbian and gay organizations, and in honor of Mother's Day this week, we can't leave out the fact that she's also a proud lesbian Mom. Her most recent developing interest is acting; she's joining the cast of The Group's Pride Week production, her second role. Now, she can not only sell a house and pack a house, but bring down the house as well!



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Lord of the Lies: what I found in the world of the 'ex-gay' ministry

Open Letter To Exodus International

From WILLIAM COPPEDGE

San Antonio, Texas

(Editor's note: The writer describes himself as an "ex-fundamentalist").

A segment of the Jerry Springer Show that aired earlier this year featured a 19-year-old transsexual named Angel Roberts. The show began with Ms. Roberts and her mother describing her situation. Ms. Roberts was born with a penis and was given the sex assignment "male" at birth. Her mother stated, however, that Angel's chromosomal karyotype was "XXXY." (Normal males are "XY." Normal females are "XX.") Furthermore, Angel stated that she was born with "internal female parts." She said that when she reached puberty her body began to feminize and her breasts began to grow. This would be consistent with her having internal ovarian tissue, which would begin to produce female levels of estrogen causing feminization at puberty. Cases similar to this are not unheard of in medical practice. Babies are sometimes born with ambiguous genitalia

making it difficult to assign them a "male" or "female" gender role at birth. There are causes in the medical literature of such babies being raised as male until puberty when their bodies begin to feminize. Then, after medical examination, they are found to be genetically female.

Considering Ms. Roberts' story, who the hell is "Exodus International" to suggest that she is male, should change her appearance to male, or live as a male? This was the clear conclusion of Anthony Falzarano of Transformation "Christian Ministries," an Exodus International affiliated organization. Falzarano put on a sickening display of self-righteous bigotry toward Ms. Roberts. As usual, his argument was based not on scientific fact and reason, but on his twisted concept of "God."

Attitudes like his are common among fundamentalists with their idolatrous worship of a book. Not even "a book," per se, but a 2000 to 4000 year old collection of books written by various authors to various cultures in various literary forms. Of course, fundamentalists overlook the fact that their book contradicts itself on every other page.

A couple of years ago I investigated an Exodus group at a cultish, fundamentalist "church," Cornerstone, in San Antonio. Cornerstone is led by one of America's most offensive electro-bigots, John Hagee. In a recently broadcast radio segment of his ranting and screaming, Hagee talked about how America would have less trouble with "sin" if we stoned "sinners" as they did in the Old Testament. I can only assume that this Neanderthal mindset is typical of those "ministries" that align themselves with Exodus.

What was most offensive about the Cornerstone group was the denial and the "lying for Jesus" tactics that were routinely employed. I remember one young man in particular that was paraded in front of a television audience to tell how "Jesus had changed his sexual orientation." This was done at a time when the man shared weekly in group meetings his "struggles" with homosexual desires. In other words, he was just as gay as ever, yet he was coerced into lying on television for his fundamentalist "god."

I recall a time when the Cornerstone group leader told us that he had talked to Desert Stream Ministries' Andy Comiskey and that Mr. Comiskey told him

that he still "struggled" with homosexual "temptations." This was in 1991. Yet prior to 1989, Comiskey had claimed to be no longer experiencing homosexual desires. (See Sylvia Pennington's book "Ex-Gays? There are None!," Lambda Christian Fellowship, 1989, page 112.) So which is it? Was he telling the truth in 1989 or in 1991? Or had he been "healed" of his homosexuality in 1989, only to have it reappear in 1991? Perhaps his sexuality was only in remission in 1989!

Of course fundamentalist "faith-lies" and "faith-denial" are nothing new. I remember my eleventh grade classmate in 1980 who came to school one day without her glasses claiming that her eyesight had just been healed, "in the name of Jesus." It was essential for her to tag that phrase "in the name of Jesus" on the end of her healing story every time she told it. After all, she had been told, perhaps by a pastor, that bad old devil was just lurking in the shadows waiting to steal her healing away at a time of weakened faith. The "in the name of Jesus" tag helped her keep believing her vision was 20/20. The poor girl must have been blind as a bat without those glasses.

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Coast Guard banning sexual orientation bias against civilian staff

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 28 (AP)—The Coast Guard is banning discrimination against its 6000 civilian workers based on their sexual orientation, a spokesperson said.

Coast Guard Commandant Thomas F. Fisher issued an order that "no one be denied opportunity because of their sexual orientation."

While the Coast Guard is not part of the Defense Department, it follows the military policy of not asking the sexual orientation of its 38,000 uniformed personnel.

The order specifically banning discrimination was intended to

clarify the situation for the agency's 6000 civilian workers, Cmdr. Ernest Del Bueno, a Coast Guard spokesperson, said Wednesday.

The Coast Guard is supervised by the Department of Transportation, and Transportation Secretary Federico Pena has long opposed discrimination against homosexuals.

The Defense Department policy permits homosexual military personnel to serve as long as they do not reveal their sexual orientation or engage in homosexual conduct. The Pentagon does not have a formal policy for its civilian employees.

EEOC considering guidelines against 'religious harassment' at work

INFORMATION AND ACTION FORUM

(The Houston Voice Information and Action Forum lists opportunities to participate in local, state and national organizing and action efforts, or to obtain new educational materials, reports or publications, related to gay lesbian civil rights and other issues. This column contains subjective commentary, both from sources cited for individual items and from the editor of the Houston Voice, and is not intended as an objective news report).

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is considering adding "religious harassment" to its guidelines on workplace harassment. The focus of this examination, according to the EEOC, is not on abstract questions, such as whether the wearing or display of religious symbols by an employee can be considered harassment others who are do not share that person's religious views, but on cases in which there is concrete evidence of harassment that is hostile, denigrating or abusive. (For example, wearing a cross or a yarmuke to work would be acceptable under the guidelines being considered; however, badgering a lesbian or gay employee co-worker with the "fact" that he or she is destined to "Burn in Hell" would not. Inviting a co-worker to church or posting a quote from Scripture on the wall would not be considered harassment; a requirement from an employer that all employees attend his or her church, or participate in an activity related to the employer's beliefs might be, and so on).

The Commission is receiving intense pressure from church leaders of the Radical Right. The Rev. Lou Sheldon of the California-based Traditional Values Coalition have been protesting on Capitol Hill and enlisting help from members of Congress in efforts to pressure the EEOC to drop religion from the guidelines.

The Houston-based organization American Gay/Lesbian Atheists, meanwhile, is attempting to organize gay men and lesbians to oppose the pressure from the right by sending letters in support of the EEOC guidelines. According to the group, gays and lesbians are in a particularly volatile position with respect to religion-related harassment and discrimination because of the anti-gay teachings of many mainline religions. (The AGLA wants EEOC to go beyond its recommended guidelines; the group has demanded that the newly issued regulations be modified to exclude all religious displays, programs and communications from the workplace).

Letters concerning religious harassment may be directed to the EEOC, 1801 L Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20507. The AGLA has also requested copies of letters sent by gays and lesbians regarding this issue for their own files. their address is

P.O. Box 6671, Houston, TX 77266-6711 (fax: (713) 862-3283). (Source: American Gay/Lesbian Atheists)

AT&T Ad in Advocate

The fundamentalists will without a doubt be issuing a call to action in response to an ad placed in The Advocate. The ad is the first that AT&T has placed in the national lesbian/gay news magazine.

Al Parso of the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay United Employees (LEAGUE) of AT&T is asking for positive support. He says: "Getting this ad placed is a big event for us. AT&T has included sexual orientation in its non-discrimination policy for nearly 20 years, but has never advertised in media that primarily serves the lesbian and gay community."

Letters can be sent to Jon Mellor, AT&T Media relations, 295 N. Maple Ave., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, tel. (908) 221-5017. (Source: GLAAD Media Watch).

Support in Chicago

Michael Lax and Steven Hanes (of Radical Faerie fame), sent us a copy of an excellent editorial that ran recently in the Chicago Tribune on the topic of domestic partner benefits. The column by Eric Zorn is exceptionally thoughtful and provoking for a piece geared to the mainstream on one of this year's "hottest" gay issues, comparing the rhetoric of the fight currently being waged in municipalities around the country (such as Austin, where Mike and Steve live) to civil rights debates of the past and suggesting that a future society will be embarrassed in looking back on the matter. "It will seem odd, when the years give us perspective," writes Zorn, "that such wrangling and delicate delineations were really necessary in 1994, even as it now seems odd that we had to amend the Constitution in 1920 to grant women the right to vote, that we had to wait for the U.S. Supreme Court to tell us in 1954 that public schools should not be segregated, and that Congress had to pass a Civil Rights Act in 1964 that outlawed racial discrimination in public accommodations."

Trustees in Chicago, two weeks ago, voted unanimously to extend fringe benefits to the same sex partners of gay and lesbian municipal employees. At the same time, a proposal that would have allowed domestic partnerships to be symbolically registered failed in a 4-3 vote.

Austin residents will go to the polls Saturday to decide the fate of that city's domestic partner benefits policy.

Lax and Hanes, meanwhile, point out that Zorn has probably been receiving "a bunch of hate calls" since the column appeared and likely could use some support. They included Zorn's e-mail number: (ericzorn@aol.com).

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- Homosexual joke books on sale \$4.99

What do a hustler and a chicken farmer have in common?
They both make a living by raising cocks!

JOHN: I am going to be late this evening, why don't you do me a favor, stop at The Hollywood Food Store in front of Heaven and please pick up for me a six-pack of Budweiser, a pack of Marlboro, a bottle of Bering White Zinfandel, and an erotic movie (the one on sale for \$7.99).

DAVID: You mean the male one?

JOHN: Of course! Oh, and a bottle of Comfort Lubricant (33 oz. on sale for \$9.99), they even give you a 1 oz. bottle attached with it FREE.

DAVID: Wow, sounds like a great deal.

JOHN: You bet, and don't forget to buy a Homosexual Joke Book and pick up our FREE copy of the Houston Voice. See you later, sugar.

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Coast Guard banning sexual orientation bias against civilian staff

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 28 (AP)—The Coast Guard is banning discrimination against its 6000 civilian workers based on their sexual orientation, a spokesperson said.

Coast Guard Commandant Thomas F. Fisher issued an order that "no one be denied opportunity because of their sexual orientation."

While the Coast Guard is not part of the Defense Department, it follows the military policy of not asking the sexual orientation of its 38,000 uniformed personnel.

The order specifically banning discrimination was intended to

clarify the situation for the agency's 6000 civilian workers, Cmdr. Ernest Del Bueno, a Coast Guard spokesperson, said Wednesday.

The Coast Guard is supervised by the Department of Transportation, and Transportation Secretary Federico Pena has long opposed discrimination against homosexuals.

The Defense Department policy permits homosexual military personnel to serve as long as they do not reveal their sexual orientation or engage in homosexual conduct. The Pentagon does not have a formal policy for its civilian employees.

EEOC considering guidelines against 'religious harassment' at work

INFORMATION AND ACTION FORUM

(The Houston Voice Information and Action Forum lists opportunities to participate in local, state and national organizing and action efforts, or to obtain new educational materials, reports or publications, related to gay lesbian civil rights and other issues. This column contains subjective commentary, both from sources cited for individual items and from the editor of the Houston Voice, and is not intended as an objective news report).

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is considering adding "religious harassment" to its guidelines on workplace harassment. The focus of this examination, according to the EEOC, is not on abstract questions, such as whether the wearing or display of religious symbols by an employee can be considered harassment others who are do not share that person's religious views, but on cases in which there is concrete evidence of harassment that is hostile, denigrating or abusive. (For example, wearing a cross or a yarmuke to work would be acceptable under the guidelines being considered; however, badgering a lesbian or gay employee co-worker with the "fact" that he or she is destined to "Burn in Hell" would not. Inviting a co-worker to church or posting a quote from Scripture on the wall would not be considered harassment; a requirement from an employer that all employees attend his or her church, or participate in an activity related to the employer's beliefs might be, and so on).

The Commission is receiving intense pressure from church leaders of the Radical Right. The Rev. Lou Sheldon of the California-based Traditional Values Coalition have been protesting on Capitol Hill and enlisting help from members of Congress in efforts to pressure the EEOC to drop religion from the guidelines.

The Houston-based organization American Gay/Lesbian Atheists, meanwhile, is attempting to organize gay men and lesbians to oppose the pressure from the right by sending letters in support of the EEOC guidelines. According to the group, gays and lesbians are in a particularly volatile position with respect to religion-related harassment and discrimination because of the anti-gay teachings of many mainline religions. (The AGLA wants EEOC to go beyond its recommended guidelines; the group has demanded that the newly issued regulations be modified to exclude all religious displays, programs and communications from the workplace).

Letters concerning religious harassment may be directed to the EEOC, 1801 L Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20507. The AGLA has also requested copies of letters sent by gays and lesbians regarding this issue for their own files. their address is

P.O. Box 6671, Houston, TX 77266-6711 (fax: (713) 862-3283). (Source: American Gay/Lesbian Atheists)

AT&T Ad in Advocate

The fundamentalists will without a doubt be issuing a call to action in response to an ad placed in The Advocate. The ad is the first that AT&T has placed in the national lesbian/gay news magazine.

Al Parso of the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay United Employees (LEAGUE) of AT&T is asking for positive support. He says: "Getting this ad placed is a big event for us. AT&T has included sexual orientation in its non-discrimination policy for nearly 20 years, but has never advertised in media that primarily serves the lesbian and gay community."

Letters can be sent to Jon Mellor, AT&T Media relations, 295 N. Maple Ave., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, tel. (908) 221-5017. (Source: GLAAD Media Watch).

Support in Chicago

Michael Lax and Steven Hanes (of Radical Faerie fame), sent us a copy of an excellent editorial that ran recently in the Chicago Tribune on the topic of domestic partner benefits. The column by Eric Zorn is exceptionally thoughtful and provoking for a piece geared to the mainstream on one of this year's "hottest" gay issues, comparing the rhetoric of the fight currently being waged in municipalities around the country (such as Austin, where Mike and Steve live) to civil rights debates of the past and suggesting that a future society will be embarrassed in looking back on the matter. "It will seem odd, when the years give us perspective," writes Zorn, "that such wrangling and delicate delineations were really necessary in 1994, even as it now seems odd that we had to amend the Constitution in 1920 to grant women the right to vote, that we had to wait for the U.S. Supreme Court to tell us in 1954 that public schools should not be segregated, and that Congress had to pass a Civil Rights Act in 1964 that outlawed racial discrimination in public accommodations."

Trustees in Chicago, two weeks ago, voted unanimously to extend fringe benefits to the same sex partners of gay and lesbian municipal employees. At the same time, a proposal that would have allowed domestic partnerships to be symbolically registered failed in a 4-3 vote.

Austin residents will go to the polls Saturday to decide the fate of that city's domestic partner benefits policy.

Lax and Hanes, meanwhile, point out that Zorn has probably been receiving "a bunch of hate calls" since the column appeared and likely could use some support. They included Zorn's e-mail number: (ericzorn@aol.com).

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DAVID: Wow, sounds like a great deal.

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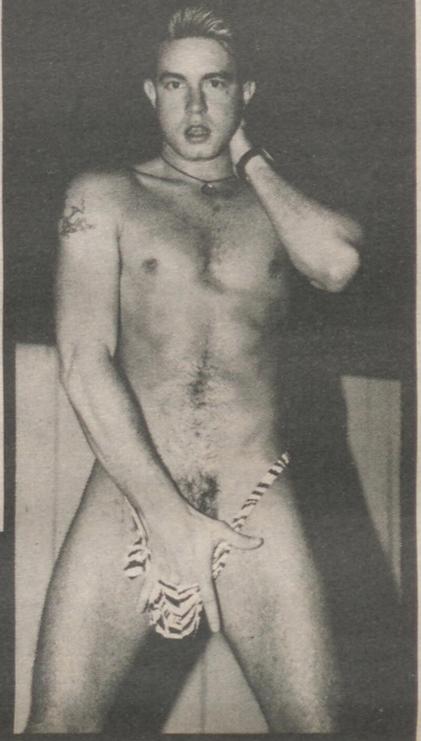
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Beyond Desire: New Queer Film and Video festival kicks off

FILM CLIPS

By **SHERI COHEN DARBONNE**
Houston Voice Editor

DiverseWorks launched the "New Queer Film and Video" part of its extended 1994 gay and lesbian series this week, with its schedule of the first night Wednesday, May 4, featuring an inspiring short by an Austinite.

A three week schedule of film and video by and for gay and lesbian people includes 19 films. The alternative art space's "Beyond Desire: New Gay and Lesbian Performance and Film Series" also includes live performances by nationally known and promising local lesbian and gay artists.

Some highlights of the film festival:

Butch Wax

Kathryn Korniloff, formerly of the nationally Austin-based lesbian band Two Nice Girls, explores the "flip side" of the intrigue of drag in a quick moving video collage that resembles the performer profile vignettes that air on music video stations features her transformation into her drag king persona, with the lesbian point of view in an area not usually associated with lesbians as the spotlight backdrop. As such, it doesn't matter that Korniloff is not an entirely convincing male, or matter whether the viewer is a devotee of impersonation. If nothing else, this snappy peek

into both the allure of the stage and the "butch" psyche promises more creativity to come from this multi-faceted, multi-talented Texan.

Unfortunately, Wednesday was the only showing listed for "Wax," but don't worry. DiverseWorks promises it will be back.

A Virus Knows No Morals

This week, the spotlight is on Germany's Rosa Von Praunheim (interviewed elsewhere in this issue), whose films will be shown at both DiverseWorks and the Museum of Fine Arts. Von Praunheim has been described as "the senior member of the Berlin school of underground film making." Offering an excellent glimpse into how von Praunheim earned such a title is the decadent, and frighteningly clairvoyant "A Virus Knows No Morals," a black comedy about AIDS.

Made in the mid-eighties, long before the Radical Right backlash and a couple of years before the late Reagan-Bush radicalism of frustrated AIDS activists, the film features as shadowy heroes the "ASI" (picture ACT UP as a paramilitary operation), the only respondents to the crisis, outside of those who seek to exploit it and those who see it as an intrusion into their everyday affairs. Von Praunheim plays the central gay character, a bath house owner whose only concerns seem to be continuing his business without disruption in the midst of the epidemic, and reforming

his lover, a spacy Seminarian with an Oedipus complex, to a more realistic expression of "gay life."

Playing in the background, around von Praunheim's character and later, other symbolic gays, are horrific political changes and an HIV quarantine. The free gays, of course, are seen in the film's final frames turning off the depressing AIDS news on their television.

The twin evils of the heterosexual-dominated society and its ludicrous responses to AIDS are represented by the women in the cast, a symbolism which was attacked after the film came out. (Von Praunheim, in a telephone interview, pleaded the Opera/Soap Opera Queen Syndrome, and insisted that the film was made with a half-man, half-woman collective who divided the various roles).

Many will find the dark, cynical humor in this piece offensive. Don't worry. It's intended. (Wednesday, May 11, 8:45 p.m.).

One Nation Under God

The most fascinating thing about this 83-minute documentary (which is also scheduled to be shown on PBS in June) is that it's true.

With two former leaders of Exodus, the so-called "ex-gay" ministry group, as narrating centerpieces, "One Nation Under God" explores so-called "reparative therapies"—the outlandish and sometimes terrifying methods that have

been used throughout the years by those who believe it is possible to "change" one's sexual orientation.

Gary Cooper and Michael Bussee, once counselors and boasted success stories for Exodus, met through the ministry...and later fell in love, with each other, realizing the truth on a plane on the way to give a speech for the group in a church. The speech they gave was not the one that was expected.

Beyond this couple's now well-known love story, however, the film explores the shaky foundations of the "ex-gay" movement itself, with occasional chilling insights from Cooper and Bussee. Exodus and similar groups, use brainwashing techniques; they are known to have driven more than one gay man to suicide with the "lasting fruit" they offer.

The film also gives a glimpse of some bizarre practices. Current leaders of the groups introduce, with enthusiasm and seeming pride, a beauty makeover workshop to help lesbians feel feminine. But an Exodus members' recommendation of softball games to promote gay men's masculinity is jumped, instead, to scenes of gay softball league players in action.

More frightening past "therapies" and "cures" are also discussed, such as electroshock treatments and "orgasmic reorientation." The film is both funny and frightening, and should be the non-fiction highlight of the fest.

Next week: "Rules of the Road"

Cincinnati police monitor controversial play

CINCINNATI, Thursday, April 28 (AP)—Police are monitoring a play that includes nudity and homosexual themes to see if it violates obscenity laws.

At least one vice officer attended the premiere Wednesday of Poor Super Man. Sgt. Paul Klusmeier said any evidence

that the play violates the law would be presented to city prosecutors.

Police won't try to shut down the show, Chief Deputy City Prosecutor Charles Rubenstein said. It runs through May 15.

The play discusses homosexual, heterosexual and trans-

sexual love. The Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati has uniformed guards making sure no minors are allowed in.

The theater's board voted Nov. 17 to drop the show from its 1993-94 season because of concerns about how prosecutors and patrons would react. The theater's founder and artistic director, David A. White, and play director Mark Mocabee got the board to reverse its decision.

The premiere Wednesday was sold out. Patrons said authorities shouldn't try to censor the play.

"This city has enough black eyes

as it is. Do we need another one?" said Brian Forrester, 27.

An art gallery was prosecuted in 1990 for showing Robert Mapplethorpe's homoerotic photographs. A jury later acquitted on all charges.

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Tampa's debate over gay rights goes on

TAMPA, Fla., Monday, May 2 (AP)—The controversy in Tampa over gay rights—marked by adoption of a anti-discrimination ordinance, its repeal and a successful legal challenge of the repeal—isn't over yet.

David Caton, a leader of the Take Back Tampa repeal campaign, has warned the city council that it can expect a petition drive to put the issue before voters next March.

"Take Back Tampa is not responsible for creating this issue," Caton said after the Thursday council meeting. "It was the Tampa City Council. They thrust this upon the public."

The council approved a gay-rights ordinance three years ago and voters repealed the law in Nov. 1992.

But 462 signatures on the petition that forced the vote were ruled invalid by the state Supreme Court and the law was back on the books last October.

Two weeks ago, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear arguments in the case.

Caton, also the head of the American Family Association which unsuccessfully tried to overturn anti-gay discrimination ordinances state-wide, vows to make the Tampa ordinance the top issue in the 1995 city elections.

Some wish he wouldn't.

Mayor Sandy Freedman last month urged voters not to sign the petition, saying it would divide the community. She added that the issue doesn't "show up on the radar screen" in terms of the most pressing matters on voters' minds.

Mark Puig of the Tampa Bay Gay Men's Chorus said Caton is only making the gay and lesbian community more determined.

"The best way to combat the religious right is to educate," he said.

Puig's biggest beef with Caton and the media is the portrayal of the issue as "special rights" or "gay rights."

The ordinance also protects the rights of heterosexuals, Puig said.

"Portraying this as special rights is their most effective tool," he said. "It's why they are winning. Middle America does not want special rights. But this is about equal rights for gays and lesbians."

Mark Merrill of the Tampa-based Florida Family Council, a nonprofit educational group, doesn't think gays warrant the same treatment as legally protected groups.

"I don't see gay ghettos, gay homeless," Merrill said. "We haven't seen conclusive evidence that they as a class have suffered a pattern of discrimination."

He finds a like mind in Tampa City Councilman Eddie Caballero.

"I think it's a lifestyle, not a legitimate minority," Caballero said.

Caton said he will oppose the re-election bids of council members Rudy Fernandez and Scott Paine, who supported the law. The other two supporters, Linda Saul-Sena and Perry Harvey Jr., can't run again because of term limits.

The law bans discrimination in public accommodations, housing and employment. Since it was approved, only eight complaints have been filed.

Of those, five have been investigated. Not one finding has been made on behalf of a gay or lesbian person filing a complaint; the city either decided it didn't have jurisdiction or that the complaints were unfounded.

By contrast, during the three years ending in January, 143 race discrimination complaints and 60 gender complaints had been filed.

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Texas Lesbian Conference held in S.A.

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Comic Marga Gomez, who describes herself as "half Cuban, half lesbian," entertained Saturday evening before the dance. She also presented a workshop during the conference, based on her experiences growing up with flamboyant parents who were entertainers. She addressed how she got into the business, struggled with the issue of being out, and went on to be one of the performers on the stage at the 1993 March on Washington.

The conference closed with addresses from two Texas women, Dianne Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby and Graciela San-

chez of the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center.

A more formal structure for the Texas Lesbian Conference is being proposed, as it seeks to incorporate as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that would provide an annual conference for the purpose of educating and empowering lesbians. Two board members each will be from "host" cities of Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio, with three at-large positions for women who are in non-host cities or rural areas. The 1995 conference will be in Austin, possibly over Memorial Day weekend. For information, write: TLC '95, P.O. Box 142972, Austin, TX 78714.

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Rev. Janet Parker

Q: "Can methods of 'divination' sometimes be confused with the gift of 'prophecy'? Please explain the meaning of both.

A: 'Divination' is the art of forecasting the future supposedly by supernatural means. It is also known as fortunetelling. This is an ancient practice which is still popular today. The one who practices this is known as a diviner. The diviner makes use of various props to receive their supernatural knowledge. These props may include: **palmistry** (reading the palm of the hand); **cartomancy** (Tarot cards); **mirror mantic** (use of crystal balls, mirrors, rock crystals or still water); **psychometry** (a person who may hold some material object of another in their hand and have the ability to make statements and identify characteristics of the owner of the article, or even foretell part of their future).

The Bible never says fortunetellers can predict the future. What is objectionable is that the fortuneteller attempts to peer into the future through occultic means. The person who seeks a fortuneteller or diviner is no longer looking to God for guidance, but to other sources. Satan's purposes are accomplished which are getting people away from worshipping the true and living God.

A diviner (Deuteronomy 18:14) can be called by many names. In the Bible they are also referred to as mediums (Deuteronomy 18:11), astrologers (Isaiah 47:13), magicians (Genesis 41:8), soothsayers (Isaiah 2:6), sorcerers (Acts 13:6,8) and spiritists (Deuteronomy 18:11) as well as false prophets (Jeremiah 14:14).

The first King of Israel, Saul, was punished severely for going to a medium instead of to God: (I Chronicles 10:13) "So Saul died because he was unfaithful to Yahweh; he did not keep the word of Yahweh and even consulted a medium for guidance, and did not inquire of Yahweh. So Yahweh put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse."

People who desperately need to know the future are delving into areas that they may not need to know. Some things God has determined to remain secret. We are told not to worry about the things of life...what we are to wear, what we are to eat, but to "Seek first the dominion of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you." (Matthew 6:33).

Divination is a pagan counterpart of prophecy. Let us now look at 'Prophecy' as we know it to be of God. A prophet is one who is divinely inspired to communicate God's will to God's people, and to disclose the future to them. In Hebrew, prophet means "an announcer, a declarer." Another Hebrew word used for prophet is "seer." Sometimes a prophet is referred to as a "watchman" or a "shepherd." In the Greek, a prophet signifies one who speak for another, interpreting God's will for another.

The prophetic institution was set up by God so that the Israelites would not consult with the diviners or fortunetellers (Deut. 18:9-22). The prophets are described as deriving their prophetic office immediately from God. The function of a prophet was to show the people of God their sin. They were pastoral monitors of the people of God. They were to encourage and exhort, to expose existing sins, to threaten the people of divine judgment, and to call them to repentance. They also brought the message of consolation and pardon. The prophet was not to only tell the future, but dealt with application of the law of God, declaring God's will. Prophecy is not intended to open the future to idle curiosity. It's purpose is higher: to furnish light to those whose faith needs confirming, to give hope, to inspire confidence, to warn of evil threatening the faithful. The source of the prophet's knowledge is the Spirit of God. The source of the diviner is the evil spirit world, Satan.

The diviner and the prophet can be separated according to the source of their knowledge and whether their prophecy comes true. It is also distinguished by who gets the glory—theirself or God.

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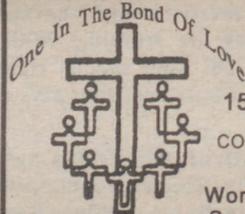
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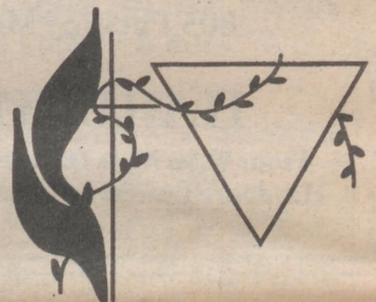
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Suzy Wagers steps down as director of Texas Human Rights Foundation

STATE NOTES

(Austin)—After working for the Texas Human Rights Foundation for nearly four years, Suzy Wagers is leaving to take over as executive director of Austin's Waterloo Counseling Center, which provides mental health services to lesbians, gays and those living with HIV in Austin. Wagers was hired as THRF's Director of Development and Administration in August of 1990 and was promoted to Executive Director in November of 1993.

Wagers' tenure coincided with THRF's most recent legal challenge to 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, Texas' sodomy law. The lawsuit, Morales vs.

Texas, was resolved by the Texas Supreme Court in January. The Foundation is currently considering other possible high-impact litigation opportunities while maintaining its AIDS Legal Resource Project (ALRP), the only statewide legal resource for Texans with HIV illness.

Wagers observed, "I have enjoyed my work with THRF immensely and have learned a great deal. I know the Foundation will continue to be on the cutting edge of high impact litigation for lesbian and gay Texans, and will continue to serve those with HIV as well. This is an exciting time of change for THRF, a time to set a



Suzy Wagers is leaving THRF to head Waterloo Counseling Center course for the future."

Wagers is replacing Keith Arrington as executive director of Waterloo. Arrington served in that capacity for over

three years.

It is expected that the board of trustees for THRF will take no action in hiring a replacement for Wagers until their May 21st board meeting.

S.A. Pride Picnic

(San Antonio)—To start off Gay Pride month this year, San Antonio's Lesbian and Gay Assembly (SALGA) will celebrate San Antonio's annual Pride Picnic during the first weekend of June on the 5th.

This year the theme is Remember Stonewall! in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Stonewall. Stonewall was a gay bar in Greenwich Village, New York, where gays and lesbians joined in an historic revolt against

police brutality and marked the beginning of the Gay Rights Movement.

Come celebrate Stonewall—Fiesta style! Join the San Antonio lesbian and gay community at San Pedro Park starting at 12:00 p.m. and lasting until 8:00 p.m. In case of rain, the event will be held on Sunday, June 26th.

Volunteers are still needed to help in the planning stages, as well as, during the day of the picnic. The Pride Picnic Committee is also looking for individuals who would be interested in entertaining. If you would like to volunteer and have fun at the same time, call (210) 733-7546 for meeting times. Help and make this the best pride picnic in honor of Stonewall.

AEL's Individual, Organizational Service Awards are plural

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Two award decisions this year resulted in a "tie" and were presented each to two recipients. The shared awards were the Community Award (to a service organization), shared between Names Project Houston and the Thomas Street Clinic Volunteer Project; and the Individual Service Award, presented dually to Kerwin Diggs and Jackie Martin. Diggs is a former member of the Ryan White Planning Council; Martin is a current member of that panel, and a vocal advocate for minorities and the under-represented.

The Robert Falletti Award (formerly the Professional Service Award), given for work by a professional in the area of HIV/AIDS service and dedication, was pre-



Kerwin Diggs, left and Jackie Martin shared honors for Individual Service

sented to Raul Carvajal, head of the HIV services for the Harris County Jail system for his efforts to improve conditions for inmates with HIV. The award was renamed this year in memory of Falletti, an AEL co-founder, who died in January. In accepting, Carvajal joked that the group had "taken away" his privileges to a time-honored ritual of the tireless jail workers: complaining that their efforts go unappreciated in the community.

The Journalism Award for 1994 went to D.J. Wilson, former medical reporter for the Houston Post and current staff writer for the Houston Press. Wilson commented on how he has watched AIDS coverage change, and even fade, in the mainstream media (a topic he has tackled in the Press).

Donna Day to star in Pride Week tribute to Judy Garland



Wade Mylius and Jason Douglas star in Westheimer Theatre's production of "The Zoo Story" by Edward Albee

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES

"Close your eyes and click your heels—it's A Tribute to Judy Garland: Donna Day at the Tower" for The Company We Keep's Pride Week production. Lee Harrington, TCWK's producing artistic director, said the event is scheduled for Friday, June 10 on the Houston Lesbian and gay Pride Week '94 calendar. He predicted an early sellout.

Among the evening's highlights, said Harrington, will be a sneak preview scene from The Company We Keep's planned premiere of the rave new stage play, "Judy at the Stonewall Inn" by Thomas O'Neill. The play, about the event that sparked the gay rights revolution and set the timing of Lesbian/Gay pride week, is a dramatic portrayal of June 27, 1969. Its world premiere in New York City is being billed as one of the most important new plays to emerge in years.

There would not be Stonewall without Judy Garland, Harrington explained. "The feds had raided the Stonewall Inn many times, but it was the night of Garland's June 27 Uptown Manhattan funeral when the police made their big mistake." THAT night, still somber from their beloved diva's seance earlier in the day, the drag queens, lesbians and gay men at the Stonewall Inn were in no mood to take it any more, he said.

"The drag queens were the first to fight. Three days of rioting ensued, with police cars and equipment burned and battered, and the police barricaded themselves inside the 'bottle bar.'" As a result, the City of New York made substantive changes to protect homo-

sexuals.

"Many young gays and lesbians have heard of Stonewall, but do not know the Garland connection. How appropriate, then, that Donna Day, Texas most famous female impersonator, be their history teacher, and the Tower be her classroom," said Harrington.

In addition to a medley of tributes to Garland and music by DJ John Sims, patrons of the 8:00 p.m. show at the Tower Theater will also be treated to "Mr. Stonewall" and Judy Lookalike contests. Contestants must call now for advance registration. All patrons will be given a party kit, valet parking and a cash bar will be available, and area clubs will offer free cover after the show, he said.

Reservations are essential. Orchestra, box and balcony seating \$8-25 in advance; \$13-30 at the door, if seats remain. Call 523-9000.

The Zoo Story

The Westheimer Theatre and Art Bar, through Panacea Productions, will present three time Pulitzer prize-winning playwright Edward Albee's drama, "The Zoo Story," May 14-June 4.

This production is of special interest in that it is "a rare and incredible opportunity to have Mr. Edward Albee himself involved in the production," said Westheimer Theater representatives. It is directed by Martin McGovern, associate artistic director of Urban Theater, and stars Jason Douglas and Wade Mylius.

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"It is Not the Homosexual..." his first longer film and first effort to deal artistically with the subject of homosexuality, is probably also his most controversial, said von Praunheim.

"I made it because I was asked to do so, because it had become possible to do so. The laws had changed in favor of the homosexual, it was possible (to televise a documentary about gays). At the time, I hadn't done a longer film...I had made some shorts, and was known...Bavaria Television approached me. Of course, they had no idea what I was going to do."

Originally created as a subjective documentary for Bavaria Television, "It is Not the Homosexual Who Is Perverse, But the Situation in Which He Lives" was banned from German TV for two years. During that time, von Praunheim said, he travelled with the film—and became, himself, an object of controversy, perhaps more so within the gay community than the mainstream of Germany's art and film scene.

Gays were upset, von Praunheim explains, because the film he made was not the one they felt was needed at the time. "I didn't tell anyone how radical I was going to go with it," he said. "At the time, I believed in shaking up the homosexual community...I wasn't going to make a propaganda film, that just says how wonderful we are."

The film, instead, attacked the gay mindset of the day—one that is recently resurfacing—that elevated as a preferred objective a style of life that is little more than a mimicking or "tasteful perversion" of heterosexual society's unjustifiable traditions. The alternative, through this skewed perspective, is a lifestyle of total immersion in an apathetic bar scene and self-indulgent fashion, sex and preening. Von Praunheim's protagonist tries both ways unsuccessfully, then, finally, is jolted to a sense of political urgency and desire to change "the situation." That mentality was viewed cautiously in 1970, appar-

ently abroad as in the U.S., and much as it is today. (Thankfully, the vision and strength that recharges von Praunheim's buffeted homosexual at the end of the film is also resurfacing).

More disturbing, when compared with recent events is von Praunheim's 1986 "A Virus Knows No Morals." With dark, often outrageous humor and cynicism, he presents a "future" (later '80's in the film, and in some of its predictions, horrifyingly accurate) in which people with HIV rebel against the benevolent "straight" society that "cares for" and exploits them. Ultimately, they are quarantined to an island called Hellgoland (nicknamed Hellgayland) by the same social leaders, who boast of their diligence in equipping the center with every amenity, including robot nurses (male and female) with built-in "play button).

Von Praunheim said he was criticized heavily for the fact that the villains in the film—metaphors for the medical and mental health professions, researchers, the press, religion, even the virus itself—are all played by women. "I was attacked a lot for that," he said. "But actually, it (stems from) the fact that we homosexual men, for some reason, like strong female characters. You'll notice, the men in these films (made by gay men) are weak...stupid, even. the women are strong, interesting characters."

With his latest campaign, he is once again stirring up a controversy in his homeland. "The out-ings have outraged the public somewhat," he said.

However, says von Praunheim: "I don't believe that people's sexuality is a private matter, not so log a gay people are getting attacked and beaten up, gay people are thrown out of school and the like. People used to say the same thing about women's sexuality."

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Stonewall 25 schedule of diverse events continues to grow

NATION

Labor Group, Gay Liberation Front Plan Events

The Organizing Committee for Pride at Work/Stonewall 25; A Nation Lesbian/Gay/Bi Labor Conference announced that their founding meeting will take place in New York City on June 24, 1994.

Both the trade unions and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender movements are under attack from numerous radical right-wing factions. Recognizing this, labor activities representing local Lesbian/Gay/Labor groups from across the country met on April 26, 1993, one day after the 1993 March On Washington. At this initial meeting, plans started for a national organization that recognized the natural alliance of the two movements.

"As lesbian and gay workers, we personally know about Right-Wing attacks. The Radical Right-Wing has used attacks on lesbian and gay men as one of their main rallying cries as they organize their whole anti-worker agenda. In response, we are forming an organization to use our combined experiences and strengths to better fight for our rights. Pride At Work will also better enable us to educate both the Lesbian and Gay Community about a workers rights agenda as well as the Labor movement about the concerns of its lesbian and gay members," state Organizing Committee Co-Chair Teresa Conrow.

The Pride at Work Conference will bring together lesbian and gay trade unionists and their supporters to address these and other issues. The Conference will take place on Friday, June 24, 1994, (just two days prior to the Stonewall 25 Celebration), at the Office of AFSCME District Council 37, 125 Barclay Street in New York City.

For more information, please call the Pride At Work National Conference Hotline at (617) 422-1561.

Early Activists to Convene

A celebration of the activist of the Gay Liberation Front who started the modern-day gay liberation movement will take place during Stonewall 25, the week-long celebration surrounding the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall bar rebellion in June 1969. While several homophile organizations were in existence in 1969, and gays had fought back against police harassment before, what made the Stonewall Rebellion significant was the

began. Gay Liberation Front in New York, started immediately after the riot, was the first militant organized response, and GLF groups quickly appeared across the country and around the world.

The Women's, Anti-War, and Anti-Racism movements had set the stage: GLF was where it came together for lesbians and gays. It was in GLF meetings that "coming out" was

first defined as a political act. Centuries of fear and repression were examined and faced, and many courageous actions were taken to push back the boundaries of the closet. "Out of the Closets and Into the Streets!" became the watchword of a new political movement. GLF organized the first anniversary march of thousands of open gays and lesbians up Sixth Avenue in New York City, demonstrating their new-found political strength. It adapted the technique of "consciousness, began the first gay community center in NYC, and made strategic alliances with many other movements on the political left. Although the group had a life span of only a few years, the issues that it identified and struggled with are very much a part of the issues that the gay movement and society still face today.

A two-day program is planned at New York University, on Friday and Saturday, June 24-25, 1994, sponsored by the Association of Lesbian and Gay Faculty, Administrators, and Staff (ALFGAS) at NYU and organized by 4 early pioneers in New York's and Chicago's GLF's, Jim Clifford, Steven Dansky, Murray Edelman and Henry Wiemhoff. A group of film makers working on a film recording the history of GLF in New York will be on hand, both to show a short segment of footage that they have already shot for this documentary film, as well as to capture additional footage of this historic two-day event.

A call is out to all activists that participated in any of these early Gay Liberation Front organizations to attend a reception and reunion on Friday evening, June 24th.

Then, on Sunday June 25th, there will be a program of panel discussions entitled "Gay Liberation: From Rebellion to Activism, Then and Now," addressing the meaning of the GLF experience. Saturday's program is open to the public, with a minimum donation of \$5 requested at the door.

The intent of the two-day program is both to commemorate our history and also to bring the wisdom and experience of the past together with the people who are active in the gay and lesbian movement today.

Saturday's program will be held at the NYU Theater, 35 West 4th Street. For more information about the program or to RSVP to the reunion, contact GLF 25th Reunion, c/o Persona Productions, P.O. Box 14022, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 775-

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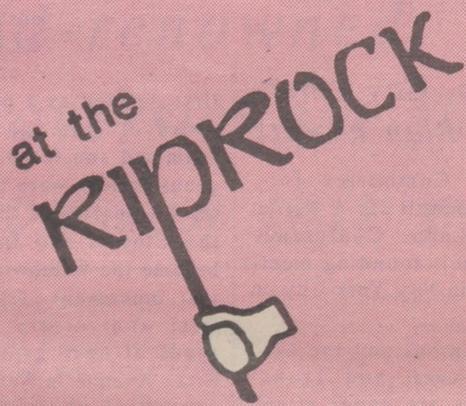
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PHIL STUCKER

Born: August 7, 1954
Died: April 30, 1994

Phil's friends are invited to join us in Oklahoma City this Sunday to remember, to hug, to console. And Phil's friends are truly spread out from coast to coast. Being a trucker, an outgoing Leo, a Mudman, and an exceptional cook (especially for large groups). All who met Phil will never forget him. We in Houston were fortunate that Phil called this home and still came back to visit after moving to Oklahoma.

Our fond memories and deep personal loss are shared with his mother, Verna Stucker, his brothers; Russel and Mitch and his father; Maurice Stucker. When I close my eyes, I can see Phil grinning real big, waving a welcome "Come on!" Many of our friends and lovers have already died. More will soon. To have been Phil's friend made us all better people.

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RICHARD J. MAHNS

Richard J. Mahns passed away on April 30th from AIDS complications. Born in Indiana 37 years ago, Rich has been a Houston resident since the early 80's. He taught school as a Special Ed teacher with HISD. But he was better known as a dancer appearing in many TUTS musicals here in Houston. He also took leave from teaching to appear in a national touring company of "Mame" and in a European tour of "Evita". Rich is survived by his mother, Patricia Mahns, and by a sister, Lorraine Townes. Interment will be in Indiana. Rich will be missed by his many friends in show business, in teaching, and at Lambda Center. He was a sweet and gentle man with not an ounce of malice in his heart.



CECIL "NEAL" RAYBORN

Neal Rayborn, 44, of Hope, Arkansas lived from the early 70's to early 90's in Houston and passed away on Thursday, April 21, 1994 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Neal was born in Magnolia, Arkansas on June 23, 1940. Survivors include his mother Elize Rayborn Allison of Texarkana, his brothers, Bobby, Jimmy, Hershel of Texarkana, and Leo of Doddridge, Arkansas. His sister's Betty Coker, Ethel Beatrice Ivey of Texarkana and Judy Johnson of Jefferson, Arkansas.

Services were at 3:00 p.m. on April 23, 1994 at Texarkana Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wilkerson officiating. Burial at East Memorial Gardens.

David and Bob of Dallas and Hand and Barry of Houston bid farewell and love from each extended family member.

Goodbye dear friend your extended Family....

STEVEN C. O'KELLY

Steven C. O'Kelly, 49, went home to be with the Lord on April 22, 1994, after a long and courageous battle with AIDS. Dr. O'Kelly was born August 27, 1944, in Ashville, North Carolina. Dr. O'Kelly received his Bachelor of Arts Degree and his Master of Arts degree from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. Dr. O'Kelly received his Doctorate of Divinity degree from Southwestern Theological Baptist Seminar in Ft. Worth, Texas. Dr. O'Kelly was a member of Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his Lifetime Companion, Laurence Camp (Larry) Hargett on October 29, 1993. Dr. O'Kelly is survived by his father and step-mother, Clarence and Sue Jones O'Kelly of Andrews, North Carolina; his mother, Inez Von Borstel of Spray, Oregon; his sister, Loretta Wright of Merritt Island, Florida; his brothers Michael Patrick and Robert Gary O'Kelly both of Atlanta, Georgia; his stepsister, Brenda Clark of Houston.

Visitation was held at Waltrip Funeral Home in Houston, Texas on Sunday, April 24, 1994. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 25, 1994, at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold Street. Entombment followed at Memorial Oaks Mausoleum in Houston.

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Opponents of Milwaukee police officers' reinstatements express concerns

MILWAUKEE, Tuesday, May 3 (AP)—About 90 representatives of religious and community groups conducted a prayer vigil during which they criticized a judge's order to reinstate two police officers who failed to arrest serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

"It's a sad day when our justice is taken away by a Green Bay judge who does not know the

pain this community has experienced," the Rev. Joseph Games told members of the Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope who gathered Monday in front of the Police Administration Building.

"These officers' lack of care for all people in the Milwaukee community cannot be rewarded with \$100,000 of our taxpayers money," said

Games, MICA's president.

Reserve Circuit Judge Robert J. Parins ruled last week that former Milwaukee police officers John A. Balcerzak and Joseph T. Gabrish should be reinstated and awarded back pay of about \$50,000 each.

MICA members changed "No justice, no peace," and "Bad cops have got to go" during their gathering.

Games urged city officials to demand that Police Chief Philip Arreola's original firing of the pair be upheld.

"Our city should appeal Judge Parins' unjust decision," the minister said.

Arreola fired the officers for allegedly failing to properly investigate a confrontation between Dahmer and Konerak Sinthasomphone, 14. The boy and four of Dahmer's other

victims were killed after the incident.

The Rev. Joseph Ellwanger, vice president of MICA, said the judge's decision had reopened a wound in the community.

"There are people in this community that are gloating at this time, but there are others that are angry and hurting with the judges decision," he said.

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Exodus and similar 'ministries' spread neurotic lies, hatred

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My experience with Exodus in San Antonio showed me how much psychological harm that Exodus groups can cause. Sexual orientation was the least of any of the group members' problems. The major problem at hand was the spreading of neurotic, toxic religion; an all or nothing, black and white, fundamentalist style of religion evidenced by statements made by the group leader such as: "All sexual acts outside of marriage are acts of worship to the Old Testament idol Baal." "Drinking alcohol is a sin." (Masturbation is also a sin, but smoking is only a "bad habit." Gluttony was not covered, but apparently is dandy fine, based on the physiques of some tele-evangelists.)

"Homosexuals are going to hell!"

"Quit calling yourselves homosexuals; you are Christians being healed of homosexuality." (One of my personal favorites! Quit calling that apple an apple; it's an orange. Call it an orange long enough and it will be an orange.)

I have wondered whether or not civil, class-action suits would be appropriate to be filed against this and other Exodus cults by individuals who have been psychologically damaged by these unprofessional groups. Certainly attempted brainwashing such as this constitutes ministerial malpractice.

The fact of the matter is that religion and fundamentalist is fundamentalism, regardless of the label you put on it. American fundamentalists are just as deranged and hateful as any other religious fundamentalists in any other part of the world. Interpreted literally, their, "holy word of god" is just as sickly condemning and psychologically toxic as the Muslims' Koran and the Later Day Saints' Book of Mormon. (I refuse to use the oxymoron "fundamentalist Christian," as fundamentalists generally are some of the most non-Christian acting people you would ever want to meet.) Christ surely must be shocked by the hatred being perpetrated in America today, in his name, by today's modern day Pharisees.

The political fundamentalist "church" has helped to make gay and lesbian Americans the most popular hate group of recent decades. They attempt to incite public opinion against Equal protection under the law for gay and lesbians, mislabeling it as "special" rights. They spread filthy lies about gay and lesbian people in vicious propaganda films such as "The Gay Agenda."

It's time for thinking, truly "Christian" Americans to stand up against this rabid spread of fundamentalist trash. It's time that American voters educated about the stealth tactics of fundamentalist candidates for local offices, how

they intentionally hide their narrow minded, bigoted religious views from the public until after the election. Thank God that some traditional Republicans have recognized fundamentalist tactics for taking control of local precinct conventions and now can work to prevent their success. These peoples' religious lunacy doesn't stop when they run for office; I am reminded of a Republican in Houston named Fontenot who claimed that "God had told him" to buy expensive antiques and home furnishings on his recent travels. Personally, I couldn't care less about how the man chooses to furnish his home. I just find it odd that "God" consults with him on such matters as home decoration. I wonder, does "God" tell fundamentalists what brand of toilet paper to buy too?

Well, I've been talking to God lately myself; and She told me that fundamentalist religion is a diabolical, sick pile of crap. So I will continue to do my small part to educate people about the "Fundamentalist Agenda"!

And "ex-gays," please ask your heterosexual friends a few questions about their sexuality: When exactly did you choose to become heterosexual? Given the fact that 90 percent of all child molesters are heterosexuals, doesn't that affect your choice of sexual orientation? Could your heterosexuality possibly be a "phase" you're going through?

Could it be that all you lack is a good relationship with a same sex partner? What about the failure of heterosexual relationships? Why do half of all heterosexual marriages end in divorce? Heterosexuals just can't seem to form stable relationships. Why is it that so many heterosexual males beat their wives and abuse their children? Why is alcoholism and drug addiction so rampant in the heterosexual community? What about heterosexual promiscuity? Heterosexual teenage males make a game of their female sexual conquests, keeping notches in their belts and such. And how about some of the vile sexual practices of heterosexuals engage in? Besides vaginal penetration, most heterosexuals engage in oral sodomy. Many heterosexuals engage in a perversion known as "golden showers," or urinating on their heterosexual partners.

Well, "ex gays," of course the final authority in the judgment of your heterosexual friends must be the "holy work of God." Pre-marital and extra-marital sexual contact, child abuse, wife abuse, divorce. Surely if heterosexuals would repent, "God" would do almighty works in them; how wonderful it would be to be "used mightily of God."

Take a good hard look at your theology and think about your attitudes, fundamentalists.

James Raitt, musical director of 'Damn Yankees,' dead at 41

NEW YORK, Thursday, April 28 (AP)—James Raitt, the musical director of "Damn Yankees" on Broadway and "Forever Plaid" off-Broadway, has died. He was 41.

Raitt died of AIDS on Monday at his home in Manhattan, said Guy Stroman, a friend.

The musical director and vocal arranger for "Forever Plaid," Raitt trained the casts of more

than 30 national and international companies of the show. He was also the dance arranger for the 1990 Broadway production of "Meet Me in St. Louis."

Raitt grew up in Santa Ana, Calif.

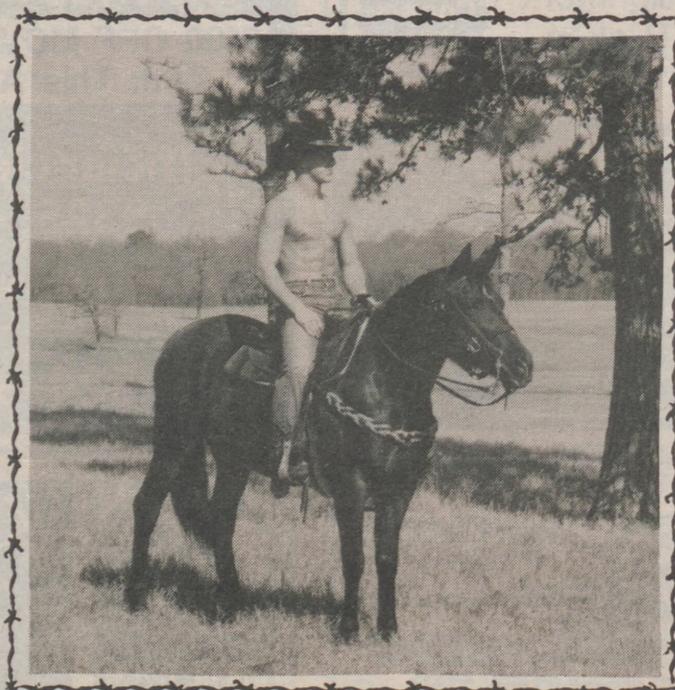
and received a music degree from the University of Southern California. He taught at the University of Southern California, New York University, the Eugene O'Neill Institute and Sarah Lawrence College.

His survived by three sisters, Dorothy Lykes of Scottsdale, Ariz., Marjorie Marie-Rose of San Francisco and Janet Overin of Whittier, Calif., and a brother, Emmett Raitt of Irvine, Calif.

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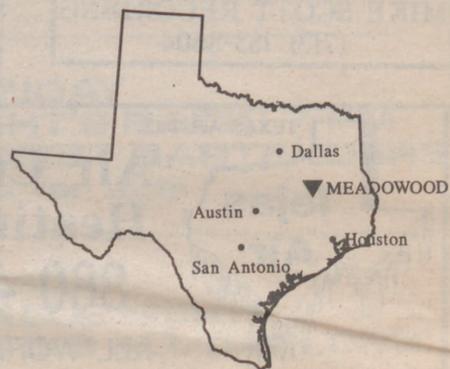
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'Oleanna' is excellent as provocation, but mediocre as a play

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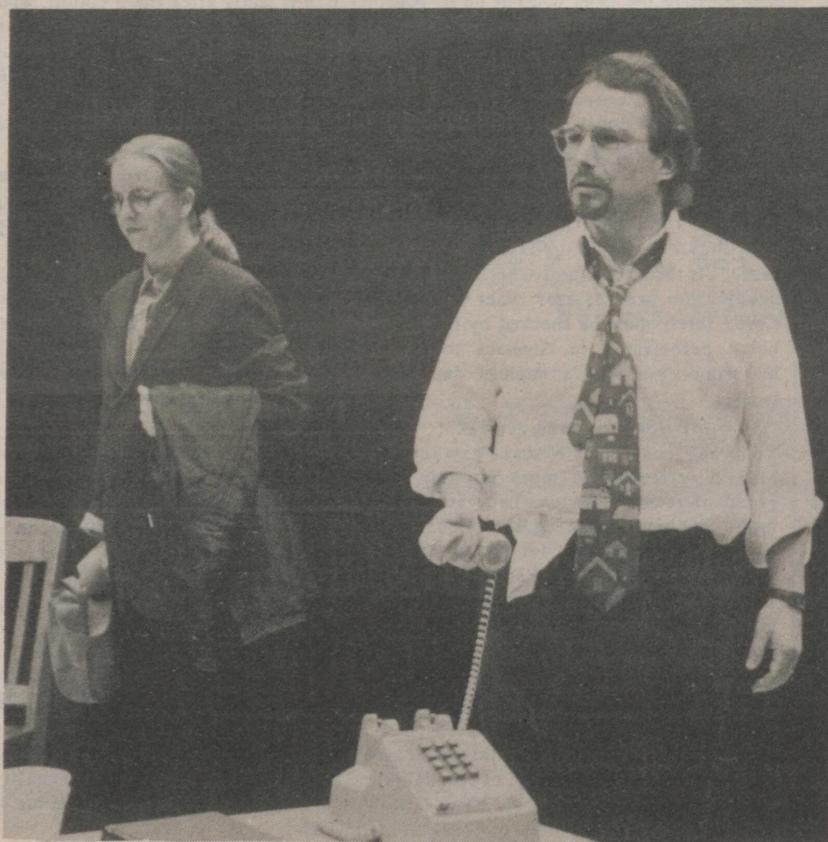
By JAVIER TAMEZ

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At what point does innocuous conversation become personally offensive? Where is the line between political correctness and censorship? When does an ostensibly innocent gesture, such as putting one's hand on another's shoulder, go from being an act of benign comfort to one of sexual harassment?

These, or similar questions, have probably been at the core of innumerable conversations of audience members who have just seen "Oleanna" by David Mamet, currently being presented on the Alley Theatre's Neuhaus Arena Stage. For more than anything else, this play will provoke passionate debate. And while I well appreciate the playwright who succeeds in evoking an emotional response in me, a play must also be more substantive than a volatile subject matter. "Oleanna" is, of course, more than its topic, but it was also clearly devised with provocation in mind. This too is fine, in and of itself, but Mamet leaves glaring inconsistencies and, in pursuit of a wrenching denouement (which he achieves), he resorts to an extreme so far removed from the mainstream that a legitimate point of view is made virtually dismissible.

The play involves only two characters—Carol (Tiffany Fraser) and John (Jim Frangione). Carol is a college student who is apparently having trouble adjusting to a different kind of life; John is her professor and he happens to be coming up for tenure. Carol has come to John's office because she is flunking his course. This, however, is not something that is readily apparent. The beginning of their conversation (and



Tiffany Fraser (Carol) and Jim Frangione (John) star in "Oleanna"

I'm talking a good 15 minutes here) consists of broken bits of sentences. The two characters continually interrupt one another (or at least that was the intention) in a stupefying manner which becomes increasingly annoying.

When the conversation finally settles into a coherent pattern, the professor tries to assure his young student that she is in no danger of flunking and he

offers assistance of an unorthodox, but certainly not outrageous, manner. Additionally, throughout all this the two are constantly being interrupted by telephone calls. John is trying to close on a deal to buy a home for he and his family, and his wife and real estate agent can't seem to make a move without him. Also, Carol is always taking down notes, even after John asks her to just listen.

I will refrain from revealing too much of

the course of their conversation. One of the most enjoyable parts of this play is following the discourse in the first act with extra care trying to detect what words and actions will be later used against the professor. Suffice it to say, you'll notice several of them, but not all of them.

When Act II opens, you immediately learn that a sexual harassment complaint has been filed by Carol with the tenure committee. John is incredulous, but realizes the potential impact of Carol's actions on his personal life. In the course of John's attempt to dissuade Carol from proceeding, we learn the particulars of Carol's complaint. Some of her protests actually seem justified—harassment after all does not necessarily have to be overt. At times, Carol even makes a perfectly rational argument for her perspective of the situation. But others of her complaints are patently ludicrous and detract from the case she makes.

John and Carol present their opposing views of the same afternoon. Carol is passionate and defiant and many times she refers to the support and encouragement she is receiving from an unnamed campus "group." John steadily grows exasperated and it becomes obvious to all that eventually he will be driven over the edge.

By Scene 2 of the second act, the tenure committee has made its decision, and John is meeting with Carol one last time, futilely hoping to somehow persuade her to intercede with the tenure committee. Carol is there against the advice of the "officers of the court" where she has filed far more serious charges against John. And with predictable tension their exchange proceeds to an inevitable climax.

Play explores sexual harassment, exchange of power

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"Oleanna" has some wonderful aspects to it. Most notably the transformation that occurs in both of the characters. Carol moves from a mousy, seemingly naive waif into a strident, calculating, vindictive bitch. John goes from a pedantic, bombastic and patronizing superiority to being frantic, frightened and at times pathetic.

This evolution in the characters' persona underscores the meaning of the play beyond sexual harassment. "Oleanna" is also an examination of power and the transference of power from one to another. The fall of John from his position and the rise of Carol to a comparable position of influence and control is utterly absolute. The proverbial cards change hands.

In John, this metamorphosis is towering in its dimensions. The paternal self-assuredness he displays in the first act is easy to misinterpret. In his mind he is being beneficent and magnanimous. To Carol though, his words and gestures signify sexual innuendo and moral opprobrium. There is no room for misinterpretation of John's words beyond Act I. He descends from half-hearted warnings of Carol's incipient humiliation before the tenure committee to virtual groveling, only redeeming himself at the climax when he refuses to be a party to censorship.

In Carol, the transformation is no less drastic, but in her, Mamet stumbles over the characterization. Carol is not the brightest woman in the world; in the first act she repeatedly states that she doesn't understand and refers to herself as "stupid." And she goes a long way in convincing me of just that when she has trouble with run-of-the-mill 25-cent words such as "indictment" and "transpire." I would be far more willing to accept her ignorance of those and more difficult words over which she stumbles—"paradigm" for instance—were it not for the fact that this woman easily wields far more articulate, and invidious, jargon as "paternal preroga-

tive" and "protected hierarchy."

Mamet's failure to more clearly define Carol as a character is perhaps deliberate. She is given no offstage life whatsoever, and there is never any elaboration on the "group" to which she refers. Did Carol rally them to her cause, or did they take her aside and inject her with invective for John? The only thing that can verifiably be determined about Carol is that she is an exceedingly poor dresser, even for fashion conscienceless co-eds. Her wardrobe is painfully drab and severe and consists entirely of sack wear that would surely please Chairperson Mao.

Moreover, the extreme fanaticism displayed by Carol distorts a bona fide battle against sexism and makes it into something as ugly as McCarthyism wherein an opposing idea is quashed without consideration.

The problems, or at least my reservations, with the text are exacerbated by inconsistency in the staging as well. Jim Frangione and Tiffany Fraser both do well enough at times, but both also suffer from an unnaturally stiff demeanor. At the beginning of Act I, when the two are supposed to be stepping on each other's sentences, they are instead completing the line and waiting for the response. It's intended to be "natural" dialogue, but it just sounds like a bad tape recording.

Director Christopher Baker has capitalized on the inherent tension of the play, but he failed utterly in transferring Mamet's flow from the text to the stage.

"Oleanna" takes its name from a folk song that refers to a 19th century escapist vision of utopia. Mamet is suggesting that the sequence of events in "Oleanna" are a scenario from which we must escape—a battleground where common sense and simple discourse have given way to suspicion and obdurate behavior.

"Oleanna" is powerful in its provocative prowess but rather mediocre as a play.

Gathering aimed at preparing to fight Idaho initiative

KETCHUM, Idaho, Sunday, May 1 (AP)—About 70 gay rights supporters gathered in Ketchum during the weekend to polish their speaking skills and prepare to confront the Idaho Citizens Alliance's proposed anti-gay rights initiative.

Idaho for Human Dignity and Your Family Friends and Neighbors sponsored the two-day conference, designed to train gay rights advocates in the art of political persuasion.

Brian Bergquist, co-chairperson of the Don't Sign On Committee, said Idaho's gay community must "dispel a lot of myths about gay men and lesbians."

"If we don't speak up for ourselves and our friends don't speak up, no one will," he said. "A lot of gays and lesbians are realizing now that there's a price to pay for silence and complicity."

Though touted as a "human rights conference," the weekend program focused on "the current threat to civil rights for gay and lesbian people."

Bergquist said it is natural for human

rights activists in Idaho to focus on the proposed anti-gay initiative.

"If the neighbor's house down the street burns down, everyone starts to get concerned about fire safety," he said, and other activists "smell the smoke" generated by the initiative campaign.

Idaho Citizens Alliance Chairperson "Kelly Walton's going to be here a lot longer than November," Bergquist said, and activists must learn how to effectively answer his group's arguments.

The conference included information on "the Radical Right," the Idaho Citizens Alliance, and anti-gay rights campaigns in Oregon and Colorado. One session focused on "countering right-wing rhetoric"—including the argument that the proposed initiative is aimed at prevent homosexuals from receiving "special rights."

"Special rights is this wonderful catch phrase that doesn't have any connection to reality," Bergquist said. "If you ask 99.99 percent of gay and lesbian people if they want special rights, they'd say no."

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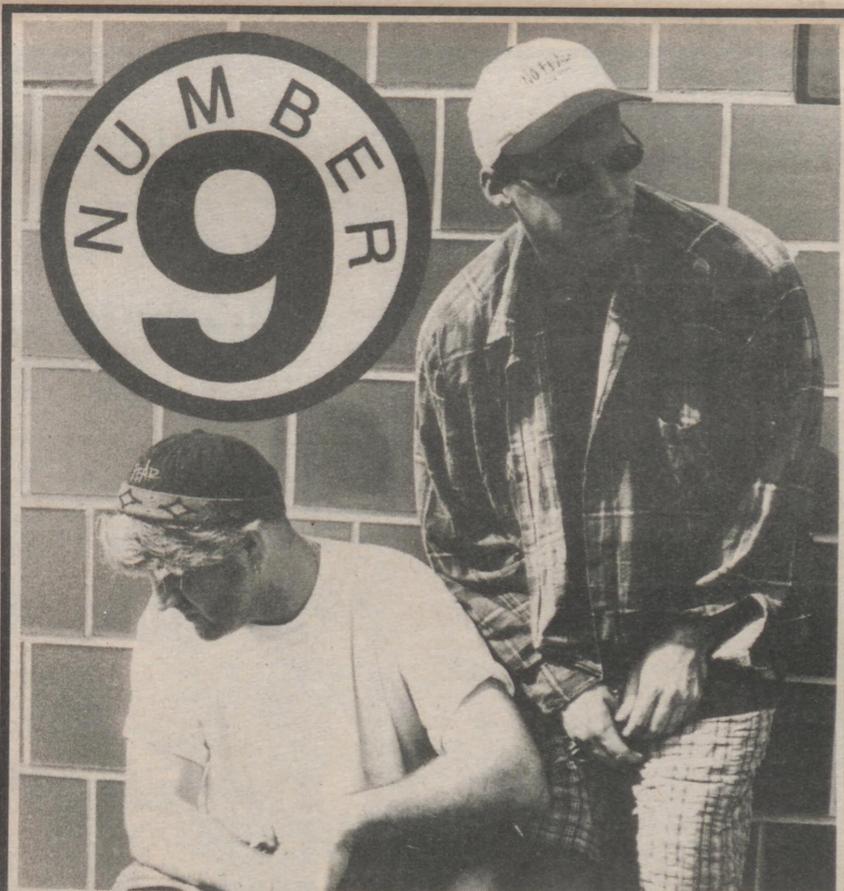
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Episcopal priest announces he will not bless lesbian couple

RALEIGH, Friday, April 29 (AP)—An Episcopal priest backed down Friday from a public challenge to his church when he announced he would not, after all, bless the union of a lesbian couple.

The change of heart came 10 days after retiring Bishop Robert Estill and Estill's successor, Bishop-elect Robert Johnson, issued a "godly admonition" warning clergy that to perform such rites would violate their ordination vows. The letter went out to all clergy in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, which covers the Piedmont area from Charlotte to just east of Raleigh.

If he had gone ahead with the ceremony, the Rev. Jim Lewis could have faced trial in an ecclesiastical court and risked being stripped of the priesthood.

The couple, who are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Raleigh, will still exchange vows before a minister on May 14, but neither Lewis nor any other Episcopal priest will preside.

"I feel like a hypocrite, like I'm abandoning them," Lewis said.

He emphasized that he still supported gay and lesbian acceptance in the church. "There's going to be another day," he said. "I'm confident that someone is going to make the battle."

Lewis said he hadn't expected such a strong response from the bishop, and with his wife battling cancer, the stakes and the pressure were too high to continue.

The church has been debating homosexuality for more than a decade. When the national General Convention meets in August, it will consider a resolution to create a liturgy for blessing gay relationships. The North Carolina convention in January defeated a resolution that would have urged the national body to approve such rites.

Lewis said earlier this month that he had chosen a public confrontation over gay marriage in an effort to force faster change in the church.

Navy revives effort to discharge gay officer

By CASSANDRA BURRELL
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, April 27 (AP)—A gay officer says he'll fight the Navy's attempt to discharge him under the new policy on homosexuals in the military which basically says it's okay if no one knows about it.

The Navy has begun its second disciplinary proceedings against Lt. j.g. Richard Dirk Selland, who

acknowledged his homosexuality a day after President Clinton was inaugurated because Clinton had promised to lift the ban against gays in the military.

Clinton later retreated from his pledge, which ran into opposition in Congress, and reluctantly agreed to support a compromise policy that went into effect March 1. The policy advises officers not to ask about a recruit's sexual orientation or investigate charges

a person is gay unless he or she discloses it or demonstrates homosexual conduct.

"It's frustrating, and now the hammer's coming back down again," Selland said Tuesday. "I think they're trying to slowly push me out the door, fight me at every turn."

The Navy last week asked Selland to appear before a board of inquiry to tell why he feels he should not be dis-

charged. No hearing date was set.

"We're going to definitely fight it again and file a lawsuit at some point in federal court again seeking an injunction to stop the Navy from discharging Lieutenant Selland," said Hank Hockeimer, Selland's attorney.

Selland, who is stationed in Norfolk, Va., told his commanding officer he was gay Jan. 21, 1993, believing that the ban would soon

be lifted. After a four-hour meeting, Selland was given a gym bag and told to gather his belongings and leave his submarine.

After the new policy went into effect, the Navy agreed not to discharge Selland under the old policy. Selland, in turn, dropped a federal lawsuit against the Pentagon.

The Navy now is trying to discharge him under the new policy.

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Mainstream churches condemn anti-gay measures

SEATTLE, Thursday, April 28 (AP)—While conservative church activists have been a bedrock of support for two ballot measures to outlaw civil-rights protection for gays and lesbians, others in the religious community are uniting against the initiatives.

Washington's Roman Catholic Church bishops, who earlier this year opposed state legislation protecting homosexuals from bias in housing and jobs, issued a statement Wednesday saying Initiatives 608 and 610 are discriminatory because they single out gays and lesbians for "who one is, rather than how one behaves."

"What we are saying is they are flawed legal instruments. Don't use them ... no matter what you think of the morality of homosexuality and the morality of discrimination," said the Rev. Francis George, bishop of the Diocese of Yakima.

The bishops for Washington's three Roman Catholic dioceses are also among the leaders of several mainstream churches who have signed a pastoral letter asking Christians to

oppose the initiatives. The Washington Association of Churches has distributed the letter to 1700 parishes and congregations.

Others signing the pastoral document were bishops representing the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Also signing were executive ministers for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Church of the Brethren, Presbyterian Church, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church.

The document states "only what we were unified on—that is opposition to discrimination," John Boonstra, executive minister of the Washington Association of Churches, said Wednesday.

The initiatives would bar enforcement of laws that protect gays from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Supporters hope to gather enough signatures to qualify one or both propos-

als for the November ballot, and say many church people are involved in the effort.

"There are many, many church people involved," said the Rev. Gary Small, an Everson pastor coordinating the Initiative 608 drive in Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan counties. "Individuals in hundreds of churches are taking an active role."

Sam Woodard, who heads the Initiative 610 campaign, said, "Most of the support I get has been from members of the church." He said an Assembly of God congregation last week donated \$200 and pledged to continue giving \$5 a member each month for the remainder of the campaign.

Woodard had little patience for statements made by church leaders against the initiatives.

"Those so-called religious leaders have gone on their knees to the state, rather than to God," he said. "They're endorsing the state policy on homosexuality, as far as I'm concerned."

Investigators rule fire at Maine gay man's trailer was accidental, not arson

READFIELD, Maine, Monday, May 2 (AP)—State fire investigators who initially suspected arson as the cause of a fire that gutted a homosexual man's mobile home have concluded that the blaze was accidental, a spokesperson said Monday.

State Public Safety Department spokesperson Stephen McCausland said the state fire marshal's office determined the fire was caused by an electrical problem in the kitchen area.

The trailer's occupant, Alan Crocker, discovered the fire when he

returned to the trailer Thursday after being away for much of the day.

Authorities initially held open the possibility that it was linked to harassment against Crocker that began several months ago, but investigators ruled out foul play.

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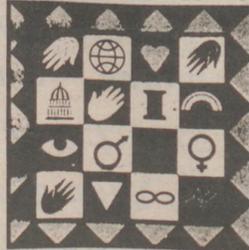
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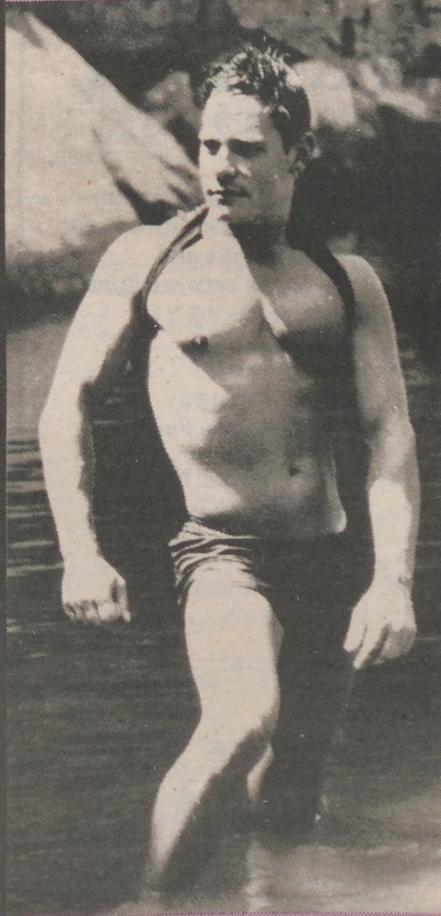
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Prominent British lawmaker writes steamy sex novel

By MONIQUE EL-FAIZY

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

LONDON, Saturday, April 30 (AP)—Edwina Currie used to shock her friends, win headlines and ultimately put herself out of a job with a knack for the blunt pronouncement.

So it was no surprise when the prominent Conservative lawmaker was in the spotlight once again with a sexy novel set in the House of Commons.

In Currie's book, "A Parliamentary Affair," photos of a gay government minister in drag and his underage lover are splashed all over the front pages of a tabloid newspaper. Another newspaper exposes an affair between a junior minister and a journalist. And two married Conservative members of Parliament are threatened with exposure of their longstanding affair.

Unfortunately for Currie, life has outdone art in a recent spate of uncommon doings in the House of Commons.

A Conservative lawmaker was found dead, dressed in women's stockings and a garter belt with a plastic bag over his head and a cord around his neck. Four senior government officials dogged by sex scandals have resigned their posts this year.

"I didn't make up the scandals that have been going on in the last six months," the spirited brunette said in an interview in the crowded dining room at the House of Commons.

"Had I known what was happening, I'd have made it a lot spicier."

Or maybe added more strawberries, as in this passage from her book:

"Pulling her hair back with one hand, she balanced with the other, and ate the strawberry and cream from his chest, running the tip of her tongue into each crevice of his skin, lapping up every trace of white foam. She moved down and performed the same action on the fruit and cream in his navel."

Such dessert suggestions may seem a bit

indelicate coming from a member of a party that preaches "back to basics" and family values.

But Currie, a former junior minister in the Department of Health, stands in a long line of parliamentary novelists starting with the 19th-century prime minister, Benjamin Disraeli.

She says her aim wasn't to reveal sex scandals.

"I wasn't intending to expose Parliament in that sense," she says. "I wanted to write what it's like being here and, in order to make it more interesting for a general readership, the way to do it was to make a love story at the heart of it."

"The real story is that all these people are totally in love with politics, that's the parliamentary affair."

Currie says the British people—who have the highest divorce rate in Europe and one of the highest rates of out-of-wedlock births in the industrial world—have unreasonable expectations of their MPs.

"They expect members of Parliament, or at least they imply that they expect members of Parliament to conform to a norm which is no longer widely respected in the country. I think that is plain batty," she says, ever the plain speaker.

The best-selling book is set to become a television series and Currie has already signed up to do a sequel.

Currie, 47, is seeking wider political horizons after representing Derbyshire South in the English midlands since 1983. She is a candidate in this summer's elections for the European Parliament. And unlike many of her Conservative colleagues, she is enthusiastic about the European Union.

"I thought, 'Goodness, there's a serious job to do over there. It's on a Continental scale,'" she said, devouring a piece of steak.

It's also a place where a British politician can disappear, in terms of media

exposure.

But Currie has no such worry, and no false modesty.

"Since I'm a national figure I don't lose my national position by going to the European Parliament," she said.

After entering Parliament, she quickly caught the eye of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and was appointed a junior minister in 1986. Currie arrived for her first day on the job wearing a T-shirt saying, "Never underestimate the power of this woman."

She campaigned against smoking and drinking, urged Britons to spend their money on dental care instead of vacations, and advised elderly people who were worried about heating their homes to knit woolly garments.

Eventually, she undid herself during an outbreak of salmonella food poisoning by declaring, "Most of the egg production is infected with salmonella."

She says it was a slip of the tongue—what she had intended to say was "much of the egg production"—but the market for eggs collapsed and the government was stuck with a huge bill for compensating poultry farmers. She never apologized, and was forced to resign.

"I've had a marvelous time since," she said, denying any regrets. "I've had four books, I've made a lot of money, I'm better known than any of the people that ever tried to decry the points I was trying to make."

But she made sure to have the last word on salmonella.

In her book, she exacts a horrible revenge on a journalist who rapes the daughter of the main character, Elaine, Stalker. She has him eat a runny egg, and packs him off to the hospital with salmonella.

The doctor's speech to the patient seems to come straight from Currie's heart: "If I had my way I'd make every member of the government suffer with it, one really bad dose just like yours. Then they might take it seriously and do something effective."

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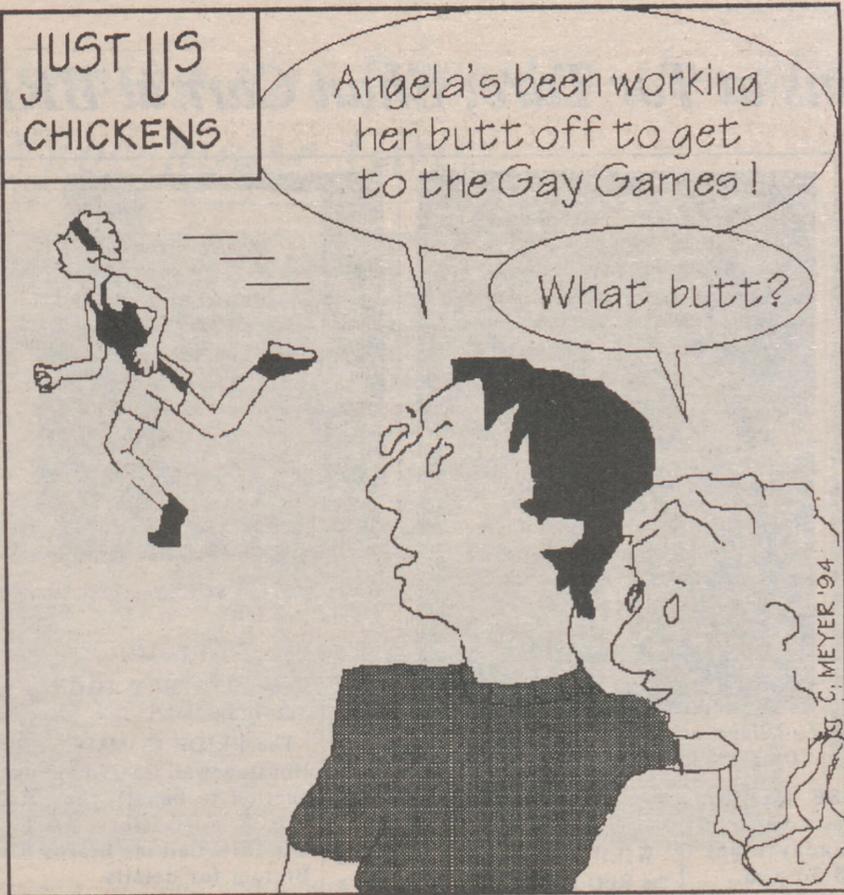
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Univ. of New Mexico same-sex benefit plan prompts about 100 calls

ALBUQUERQUE, Thursday, April 28 (AP)—A plan to offer health care and other benefits to University of New Mexico employees' gay and lesbian partners has prompted about 108 telephone calls, a university official said.

Anne Thomas, UNM's director of Equal Opportunities Programs, said that of the 108 people who have called the school about the plan, 66 favored the policy and 42 opposed it.

Some people object "on moral grounds and others because we're not extending benefits to unmarried couples who are heterosexual," Thomas said Wednesday.

She said the plan is an implementation of an existing policy and is not new. UNM has had a policy prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation for several years.

Don Burge, president of UNM's Staff Council, said his group will not formally discuss the plan until May 17. But he said he believes the policy probably would not pass if university employees were to vote

on it.

"We're opening a hell of a can of worms," Burge said.

The policy would afford "protected class" status to gays and lesbians, he said.

People in protected classes, such as women and minorities, must be covered under affirmative action programs.

But Thomas said the only obligation the university has is to not discriminate—and that means homosexuals do not have to be included in affirmative action programs.

"That's a common misperception on this issue," she said. "It's two different issues."

Offering gay and lesbian partner benefits will not have to go before the UNM Board of Regents for approval because the anti-discrimination policy has already been passed.

A draft of the policy was sent out to deans, directors, department chairs and the Staff Council with an invitation to comment.

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Fire at gay man's home in Maine ruled accidental

READFIELD, Maine, Monday, May 2 (AP)—A fire at a homosexual man's mobile home was accidental, according to investigators who originally suspected that the blaze was an intentional hate crime.

State Public Safety Department spokesperson Stephen McCausland said today the state fire marshal's office concluded that the fire was caused by an electrical problem in the kitchen area.

The trailer's occupant, Alan Crocker, 46, reported the fire when he returned to the trailer Thursday after-

noon after being away for much of the day. He escaped without injury, but lost everything inside.

"When he opened the door and walked in, a ball of fire met him," said Readfield Fire Chief Larry DeBlois. "He dropped what was in his hand, somehow grabbed a phone and dialed 911."

Authorities initially believed the fire was part of harassment that began nine months ago in the form of raps on his windows and hang-up telephone calls. A month ago, someone spray-painted the message "Get Out or Die, Fag" on the outside of Crocker's mobile home.

Rick Donovan at the Mine; sexy twins at Tar Tare; Shan Carr at BRB

HOUSTON SOAP, PART ONE

By CAROLYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston
Hello Montrose!!!

By now you may have figured out that Tad and the Trucker were on vacation for the past four weeks. They have recovered from their travels!! Unfortunately, the week they got back was Tad's birthday week and he has NOT recovered from that... as of yet!!!! During Tad's birthday celebrating... he was "HOG TIED" to the pool table at Mary's and somehow... he was "harmed..." like a dislocated shoulder!!! ... not to mention the bruises on his derriere... Happy (Belated and still trying to recall Birthday)!!!! On that note, I am STILL chained to the computer... trying to reveal and recall the events that are note worthy!!

LAST WEEK:

The Rick Donovan "You know I Can't Dance" tour made it's Houston stop at the Montrose Mining Company on Friday and it proved two things... Rick is definitely porn's BIGGEST star and he really can't dance. The Mine was packed for this show. Rick signed autographs until after 2:00 a.m. for a long line of fans who wanted to MEAT this MAN in person. Check out the photo.. Lucky David Snyder (Mine's Asst. Mgr.)!!!

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twist to how music should sound. Look for him to return to Houston in the near future.

The DRAG SHOW FROM HELL at GENTRY was a trip down to the depths of Hell. Check out the devil's own Lee (see photo). ...

The BEAR OF THE MONTH title was won by Jeral Knight. First runner up is James Martin.

Richard Arenschieldt was the winner of Miss Camp America's "GLASS SLIPPER AWARD." Congrats!!

The wicked tongue of SHAN CARR whipped the audience at the Brazos River Bottom.

ABOUT TOWN:

MONDAY.. We all despise Monday... So get out of the house and head to town for Monday nights. At the RED ROOM Catia hosts a Talent night.. show to start around (drag time) 8:00 p.m. Over at E/J's, PAVI MC's the MALE STRIP Contest at 11:00 p.m. (Sharp)

AMIE'S starts a Dart Tournament at 6:00 p.m. Robert is your Referee... I hear is the "point" to be at Monday nights.

PACIFIC STREET has CLUBBER'S Night. No cover for Club members (In colors) or employees of a restaurant or hot night spot. Get there early and get your "Clubber's Card"!!!

If you are hungry for a taste of Italy, head to the VENTURE-N on Monday night for spaghetti. Each Monday the a different club cooks a heap of pasta for your taste buds to devour. Din-

ner starts at 7:00 p.m. DON'T BE LATE!!!

The MONTROSE MINING COMPANY still has a pool tournament each Monday night. Ball-off-time is 8:30 p.m.

GENTRY'S BOY TOY Dancers starts at 7:30. Check out the "G" strings of these boys.

TUESDAY... There is only one place to be on Tuesday.. MARY'S Naturally. It \$2 cue-rvo shots on Tuesday. I never even make it in to the office on Tuesday, so just call your gossip in to me at Mary's... I'll be at my usual bar stool !!!

If I ever get off my bar stool, I head over to E/J's for the Amateur Talent night. The lovely and curvy Brittany Paige is your hostess. Show time is 10:30 p.m.

The RED ROOM spotlights PAVI with a male strip contest. The clothes start to go at 8:00 p.m.

Before the strip show, head over to AMIE'S for the spread that DAVID prepares. I hear it will make you mouth water.

The CLUB has half price lockers on Tuesday night. It a great place to have a "Cheap Date.." (See Damion for details. ...) Love Ya Honey !!!

WEDNESDAY ... HUMP Day... and night. Check out Pacific Street.. It is WHITE HOT HUMP NIGHT. Check out the sounds of Victor Toledo and the lights by the LASER WIZARD.. They love to "Hump It" all night long...

Go on over to the VENTURE-N and check out one of MY favorite Bar-tenders .. LEE DENNING.. he also spins the groovy sounds for the VN on the weekends. It is a great chance to see the DJ in his "other mode"!!!

It is KARAOKE night at E/J's every Wednesday night. The songs begin at 9:00 p.m. Remember to get



Lee lived up to the advance notice, "Drag Show from Hell" at gentry



Rick Donovan and Mine asst. manager David Snyder

E/J's Sivi Ross!!!

The MYSTERY TOUR is this Saturday !!!!!

The PRIDE COMMITTEE for Houstonwall 25 is holding an auction to benefit the PRIDE WEEK activities. YA'LL COME!!! Call the Brazos River Bottom for details.

PAST TIME has a KEG Party every Saturday. It a \$5 buy in and refill only 25 cents. The suds start to pump at 4:00 p.m. and bubble till 7:00 p.m.

Git DOWN to GENTRY'S this Saturday for the clubs softball team car wash. Suds and fun 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Getting rid of the dirt... sounds like what Tad pays me to do.!!

MEADOWOOD RANCH wants to invite you out to their neck of the woods... Cinco de Mayo party weekend. Call (903) 338-2288 for reservations and information.

CALL YOUR MOTHER...IT IS MOTHER'S DAY!!!!!!

SUNDAY ... E/J's is having a "Farewell to Friends..." GOOD LUCK Party for BJ and David. Be there by 7:00 p.m. dinner show starring the delights of Miss Paige and her girl friends.

This Mother's Day the Brazos River Bottom is havin' a mother of a day... Come by and enjoy happy hour prices and a good piece of meat... (steak night ... that is...

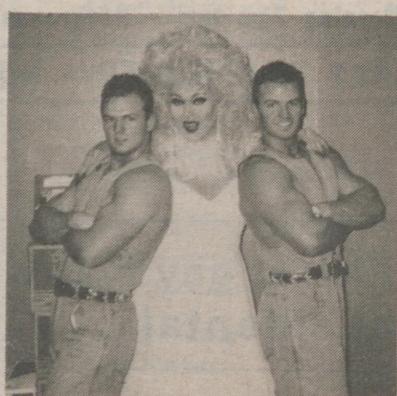
Heaven's Sunday night continues to be the only place to spend your last night before returning to work (Ugh!!) on Monday. Well Drinks are only a quarter until 11:00 p.m.

PAST TIME on Sundays is a great place to past the time.. Carlos and the guys have a LIQUOR BUST. ... It is a \$5. buy in... YES Only five bucks... and each refill is only 2 bits... (that is a quarter for those who were not brought up in the south...) What a bargain.. Look out Carlos, I just might tattoo my hind end to one of your bar stools all day Sunday... (Sorry Mom and Dad!! I guess I won't be meeting you at church this Sunday... By the way can I borrow 5 dollars... PLEASE...!!! I'll get the quarters for the LAZER WIZARD!!

(Continued on following page)



Rick Chew and Shan



Yolanda of Club Tar Tare with sexy twins Derick and Erick

Sealed With A Kiss



Coming up: Beverley the Slut; Mary's Blackout Party; The Whorehouse Girls



Richard Arenschielt of Pet Patrol (center) accepts "Glass Slipper Award" from Miss Camp America



Evan at Club Tar Tare

HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

By CAROLYN LARSON

CLUB TAR TARE has a special guest star this Sunday. BEVERLY... THE SLUT... graces the stage of the ART BAR. Most of us know her as JIMMY JAMES. Also performing is BUBBA McNEELY and a special appearances by LAUREN BRACH and CLUB TAR TARE'S own YOLANDA!!!. The longnecks are cheap (kinda like Beverly)... only 75 cents. Be sure to catch the Butcher Boy Dancers... They sure do Pack the MEAT!!!!!! MIDTOWNE SPA has Wienies, Beer and BUNS. 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

GENTRY'S is the helping hand for BERING CARE CENTER. A benefit show starts at 9:00 p.m. Open your pockets and help keep this organization going.. They help so many of our brothers and sisters. ... but they CAN'T do it with out your support... Dig Deep. ...

Every Sunday at the VENTURE-N Hal and Jim cook up a feast!! You can stuff you face for a donation to the COLT 45's TROUBLE FUND Box!!

MOTHER OF MONTROSE . . . MARY'S. . . . Sunday at 4:00 p.m.!!

COMING UP.

May 12-Club HEDONISM will be hosting a record release party for the local group. ... "NUMBER 9." These two guys put an incredible show on sound and visuals. ... Mark this on in your date book!!!

May 14-MARY'S Blackout Party. David and Robb will be serving attitude and what ever else they can sling out!!!

May 15-Mr. GAY HOUSTON at PACIFIC STREET!!!

May 21-E.P.A.H. annual LEATHER AND LACE PARTY to be held at PACIFIC STREET. Tickets are available at Leather by Boots, Basic Brothers and at the door. May 22-The Whorehouse Girls Present... A Variety Show... benefiting the People with AIDS Coalition Houston, Inc. Betsy invites you down to the RANCH (9200 Buffalo Speedway) at 8:00 p.m. Tickets at \$5. individual and \$100 tables for 4. Tickets are available at Inklings and PWA Coalition offices and at the door.

MAY 22-GAY PRIDE Week Fundraiser on the Patio at PACIFIC STREET. And YES, hell did freeze over, I will be your Bartender da jour for this event.

May 27... BRIAN BLACK is at the BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM...

Details as they become available.

Some time in June... The 13 HOUR BAND will be rockin' at MARY'S...I'll let you know more as info becomes available.

The NAMES Project Houston asks you to join them at the First Unitarian Universal Church (5210 Fannin) on Saturday, June 4, at 5:00 p.m. Friends and Families will come together to dedicate and send off the panels they have made in remembrance of their loved ones who have died. Panel registration for the dedication ceremony will take place at the NAMES Project Workshop, 2410 Woodhead, on May 21-22 from 1-5 p.m. and May 23-26 from 6-9 p.m. In addition, volunteers will be available from 2-4:30 p.m. on the day of the ceremony to receive panels at the church. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will follow at the NAMES Project Houston Workshop. For more information, please contact the NAMES Project Houston at (713) 52-NAMES

Look out, The 3rd annual Mistress Auction, sponsored by Texas Leather and Lace is approaching. Mark your calendars for June 10th. Part of the proceeds will go the charity of the winners choice. (I just might enter this one again...Maybe I'll do better than 2nd runner up this time)

RICH'S is bringing in another great performer... The lovely and talented JODY WATLEY will be at RICH'S on May 21. ... Doors open at 9:00 p.m.

OTHER INFO.

I found this memo in my in "box. ..." (I'm gonna paraphrase).. WE are calling ourselves THE MOVIE CLUB... We meet every 1st and 3rd Saturdays (usually restaurants)... There are no dues... just the price of your dinner and movie tickets... Please CALL 952-4048 for details, or call my office and I will read this press release to you... (Sorry my fingers are getting a little weary to type this long info sheet...)

Sometime in September... Keep your eyes open for Drag Queen Mud Wrestling!!

Check out Channel 30 (on regular TV)... Shop till you drop!!!

The FIREDANCERS guest bartend at MARY'S on the patio from 7:00 p.m. till 10:PM the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month!!

CONGRATS. Ralph Lasher and Harry Gibson... 39 years together... That is quite an accomplishment

...especially in this day and age.. Keep up the love...(or what ever keeps you two together!!!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (Belated to some) to: Lee Denning of the World Famous VENTURE-N. ... Carl Eckman...(also world ...or Montrose famous...) and to Frank (R.S.I.C.S.S)... needs a few Birthday whacks also!!!

!!!!!!!!!!!!DISCLAIMER!!!!!!!!!!!!

This is the juicy part of Soap!!! This is a gossip column... I write about the raunchy, dirty, vicious information that is brought to my attention. You can leave me material 24 hours a day on my voice mail 529-8490!!! If you have a friend, acquaintance, lover, ex-lover, bartender, business owner, or just only old person you would like to rag on, please let me know.. I'll print just about anything...even outright lies!!! So look out, I have some yummy gritty dirt that needs to be washed:

The Club has a stranger lurking around the steam room. It is Rita Boulevard? is that you??... I've been looking for you. ... Damion you better check it out!!!!

John and Glen (Pot Pie) are in Las Vegas. . . .This is a great time to go and eat them out of house and home. . . .

The CAT PACK has attached.. Check out the pussy in the window down at the Venture-N. I know Donnie Pearl worked his little paws to the bone hangin' that pussy. . . .

The Red Room has a new location. They are serving cocktails at 61 Reisner street. Rumor has it that all of the bartenders spent a little "hard" time there... all for various offenses... Crayola... Gotta be careful when you run over people... make sure they are hurt enough NOT to call 911. You need to call that "Comedy" Defensive Driving school I hear about on the radio.. I bet you could teach them a thing or two...

Tommy Sue (BRB) When the Red Red Robbin goes bob, bob, bobbin along.. you need a neck brace. Oh, by the way, it is amazing what a little freon will do for a girl's complexion!!!

Bruce (V-N) There is not enough soap in this column to get you squeaky clean... but I keep rubbing you on the washboard to "get the stains out" Why does that old tv commercial come to mind... "Stronger than dirt.." I bet you would like to meet "Mr. Clean"!!

Calvin (Mr. Texas Leather Pride 1994) It that a tic-tac in your pocket or you just glad to see me? Also.. Why were you a little hesitant to get on the Jet-Ski with Ken (PS)?? Afraid of getting a little wet!!

Mike Scott (Mr. Sexy Voice).. I hear

you are expanding your living room... just what do you need that extra 100 square feet of space for???

Lee Chardon can't keep her balls on the pool table... She hit the cue ball soooooooooooooooooooooo hard it bounced out the door of MARY'S, then off the bumper of a passing car, and finally landed in the parking lot of what will be Slick Willies. ... God Girl, you sure have a hard stroke!!!

Bobby (PS).. he has been found. He has been "tied" to his computer editing his "to be released" book Guess the title... Bobby's Adventures in Baby sitting... or How to be the Oldest Living Bartender in Montrose. Release date TBA...

Dog Lips-Who's pocket have you peed in lately ?? Watch your pockets kids!!!

John M. (Renegades) How come they had to call an ambulance after one of your tricks? I hear you have a new nickname.. BOOM BOOM!!

Lee (Leather Forever) and Harry (Leather By Boots)... I hear you two are new parents. I want to know just who is the Mama and who is Dada.. Be nice.. remember I know where you live!!!

Mark (TLC Pet Service).. Just love your NEW Bike.. Heard you paid a fortune for it!!! PS, we ALL want rides!!!

Cliff (PS) This weekend in Austin, I hear you changed your game from "Romper Room" to "Romper City"!! Just how many husbands do you need in one weekend!!! Last count reported to me was into 3 digits!!!

Thanks to Lee Chardon.. Job well done at MARY'S Roof Top Review!!!

David B. (Spaghetti Warehouse) Have You returned to the scene of the crime. Nothing like a little raid at the bookstore to keep your spirits up.. and what ever else you can keep up!!

Does anyone know about the new D.D. in Houston. We now how 2!! The first person to call me and correctly identify both of the D.D.'s, I buy a shot of Cuervo for. I'll give you a hint, they both are a schnauzer!!!!

BOY TOY (TLL) Why are your shoulders so sore.. Gotta watch picking up those fat tricks!!!!

Doug A. (PS) What's this I hear about an up coming surgery... Warts and cellulite to be removed!!

Beaudessa (BRB) What's this I hear about a new singing career?? and why are you always smiling now.. got something up your sleeve??

And finally, Michelle Michaels has once again deserted the Houston scene for a quick practice venture at Kon Tiki this Friday night. I understand she's head to Paris for more party hose!!

Well it is Cuervo time for this Cuervolyn.. Have a great week!!!



Virgil Burke (candidate for Mr. TGRA) and Marcia Johnson (candidate for Ms. TGRA)

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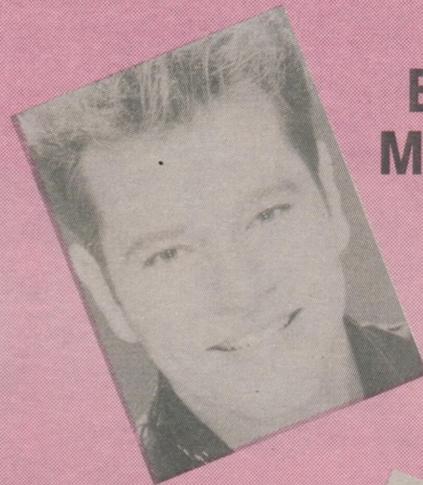
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Apology sought to family of New Hampshire rest stop sting suicide victim

ALTON, N.H., Tuesday, May 3 (AP)—A man cleared in a sting to stop homosexual activity says Alton owes an apology to the family of a man who killed himself after the police set up the arrests.

Arthur Richardson, 51, was acquitted of indecent exposure charges last month. He and six other men were arrested last summer at a Route 28 rest stop.

He said he will ask the Board of Selectmen to apologize for similar charges police lodged against Paul Eastman of Barnstead, who committed suicide after his arrest became public.

Alton Police have said they would not apologize and that charges against

Eastman never reached court. The selectmen also have stood firm against an apology.

Richardson, who said he was arrested while urinating, was the only one of the seven acquitted.

The sentencing of former Alton police officer Allan Ford this week in Belknap County Superior Court brings the sting full circle, Richardson said Monday.

Ford, 54, pleaded guilty to sexual assault and indecent exposure with a 12-year-old boy that occurred the same month as the sting. Ford was suspended and fired.

Richardson charged that former Police Chief Thomas Mynczywor conducted last summer's sting amid an atmosphere of homophobia that led to arrests of innocent men.

There was no evidence of inappropriate behavior at the rest stop and the arrests were entrapment, Richardson said.

Mynczywor said the arrests were justified and legal.

Claire Ebel, director of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union, said she has spoken with Alton interim Police Chief Arthur Bastian, who is the investigation.

In Richardson's case in Laconia District Court, the state couldn't muster enough proof, Ebel said.

She called Eastman's case "a very sad, very tragic situation."

Ebel said two stings at the rest stop in three years violated the rights of Richardson and others.

In a letter to Ebel, Richardson wrote: "As the first step in the healing process, I feel it essential that the town of Alton drop the charges made against Paul Eastman. ... Whether the charge was actually filed with the court or not is immaterial."

Phoenix 'Gay bashers' given prison terms

By AL BRAVO
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE
PHOENIX, Friday, April 29 (AP)—A judge said two men who pleaded guilty in a "gay bashing" case deserved prison terms because it was hate crime.

Joseph Rivera Ramirez, 19, was sentenced Friday to the maximum 10 years in prison for armed robbery, while Richard Joseph Enriquez, 28, was sentenced to 5 years for conspiracy to commit aggravated assault in the attack which included hitting the victim over the head with

beer bottles.

"This is a hate crime," said Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Lawrence Anderson. "You picked on him because he was different, because of his sexual orientation."

Gay-rights advocates applauded the sentencing.

"We're very pleased because Judge Anderson sent a strong message that hate crimes will not be tolerated," said Mark Colledge of the Arizona Human Rights Fund.

The men approached Michael Anthony Senecal, 25, in an

area frequented by male prostitutes and lured him into a car on Jan. 30, 1993, according to a witness. They took him to the golf course at Encanto Park in central Phoenix where they beat and kicked him, hit him over the head with unopened beer bottles and threatened him with a machete.

Senecal, who now is in prison on an unrelated drug case, required stitches after the beating.

Defense attorneys and relatives of the defendants refused to comment on the sentence.

Ramirez and Enriquez

pleaded guilty in February. While Ramirez got the maximum term, Enriquez could have been sentenced to 7 1/2 years in prison.

A third man, Harold Sean Chavez, 26, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy and is scheduled to be sentenced June 6.

Ramirez quietly apologized for the attack.

His lawyer, Richard Gierloff, urged the judge not to make an example of Ramirez, arguing that he had no criminal record and was seeking approval from his companions by taking part in the

attack.

"I protest strongly that you treat him as some kind of sacrificial lamb," Gierloff said.

Enriquez's lawyer, Jeffrey Williams, said his client should not be sent to prison because of a one night of "stupid and mean behavior."

But Anderson disagreed, pointing out Enriquez was the oldest and should not have attacked some one "solely because of his sexual orientation."

"Because he was gay he was free game to your friends," Anderson said.

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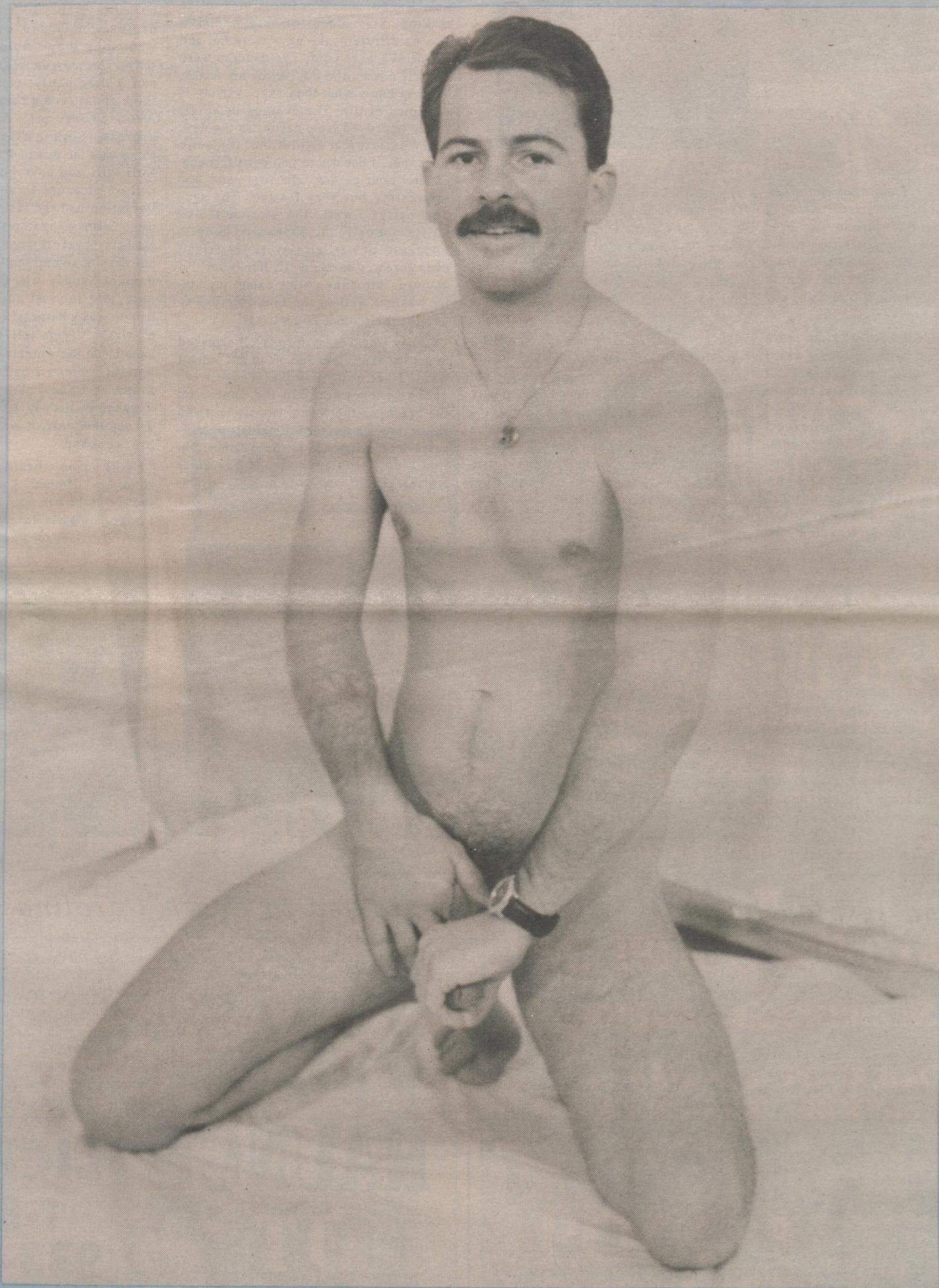
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Galveston celebrates Splash Day with a real splash



Black Velvet, aka Whitney

GALVESTON SOAP

By JOSH DAVIS

Houston Voice/Galveston

The weather this past weekend was quite a drag (no pun intended). It rained Friday and then again on Sunday evening. But as usual, the girls rose to the occasion. Did a little rain stop us from having a flawless time?...of course not! We just donned our shower caps and had tea by the sea.

Friday started out kind of slow, with the weather and all being such as it was. I didn't go out until late (cramps!). I dropped by the "New" Kon Tiki club for a cocktail or two...or three...or four. I have to tell you, I really didn't expect anyone to be out under the circumstances. Of course forgetting how tenacious queens could be, imagine my surprise upon arriving and finding a crowd of party goers and pretty pretties. After gossiping and exchanging hellos (priorities first!). I settled in to watch the show. I was a bit disappointed when I learned Shawna Brooks would not be making an appearance. As it turned out, the girl overbooked for Splash weekend. I guess when you're hot, you're hot! Oh well, what's a girl to do? Next! However, the show must go on. And on it went with the Island Deva herself, Misty Valdez, and her crew of lovelies putting on quite a performance. When Reed, with Muscles in Action came out I thought for a moment I might touch myself. Reed is a fresh face for an old fan. The crowd seemed to have enjoyed his performance. (I know I did!)

Over at Evolution's thing picked up



April bringing down the house

around the witching (twitching) hour. Once everyone had a few cocktails and a taste of Calvin's house mix style the dance floor was packed and the boys were rockin'!! I didn't know whether to cry, scream, or wet my pants. So! Id all three, but not in that order! (oops! spilt my tea).

Bright and early Saturday morning (noonish), I tipped over to the beach just to see what the sights were. I was not impressed. The weather was not pretty and neither was the beach. That's a woman for you, Mother Nature had to pee all over the parade, don't you just hate it when that happens. Determined not to be depressed, later that evening, I put on my best skirt and skipped to the clubs. My first stop was the ever popular, Robert's Lafitte. I was a tad early so I checked to see how Muffin's knees were doing. Sources report they are healing quite nice. Then I fell down crossing the street, and everyone laughed. I was not amused! My skirt got dirty so I had to rush home and change. After a quick change (lavender isn't my color anyway), I decided to see how

Evo's and Kon Tiki were doing. The Kon Tiki, as usual, had two very delicious dancers, Lex & C.J. performing side stage. And right along side C.J. and Lex was the ever famous April. What I want to know is what does she have that makes all those lezzies scream so much. Not only did April perform a dynamic number in her sassy little cowgirl outfit, but she also came back for two standing ovations. Girl! keep up the good*work. I also hear she has a new business idea in the making. Stay tuned for details! Evo's was no different, the guys were hot and the drinks were cold. The dancers were cute, if not a little boyish for my tastes, but you know what they say...variety is the spice of life! The evening had definitely improved from earlier in the day. After partying at Evolutions for quite some time, I decided to pop in on a couple of after hour parties. The first party was interesting but very festive. The second party!...well, the stretch marks will eventually disappear (I hope!). Speaking of parties, my sister friend even threw a party, well, her lover did anyway. After the police came, my sister was not well so she told everyone to get the hell out. You go girl!!

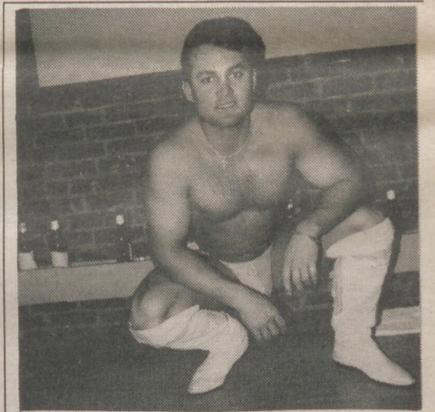
Sunday was the day for play, I managed to get my skirt clean and off to the beach I went. I got quite a shock! There were queens everywhere! In the dunes, on the beach, in the water, you name it and there was a sister! Evolution canceled their party due to the weather, but that didn't stop anybody. It was quite festive! There was even a game of les-

bian football (Imagine that!) Evolution moved the party to the club. There was free hot dogs for any and everyone who stopped by. The parties started early on splash day! Kon Tiki was hosting Kofi and Company and a fabulous appearance by Miss Tommie Ross. Miss Ross and Black Velvet were having a Whitney Houston Marathon. Their numbers were back to back. It could have been tacky but it turned out to be quite nice. Both entertainers are professionals and each decided on what song they would sing before the show. That way they avoided one of those messy drag battles (Eeesh, I shudder to think about such a thing! Heels, Hair & Avon everyone!) Anyway, not to digress, both girls were fabulous, along with the rest of the cast. By the way Kofi, girl you have got it going on. Its truly a pleasure to see you in action. Evolution had the last show of the evening with Cinnamon giving an outstanding performance. I think she got her days mixed up though, she must have thought Sunday was Bare as You Dare night, for the last number. All the girl had on was a harness! I hear it doubles as a stirrup. (you tell me!) When they announced the winners of the Mr. & Mrs. Splash Contest, I had a flashback from lunch at Long John Silvers. I had a Chicken & Fish Platter (Pretty Pretty). To say the least, it was quite an enjoyable weekend.

I still haven't heard from this mysterious Lee. Hmmm? I wonder, is there a rooster in the hen house? Lots of love and I hope you girls have a Happy Mother's Day. Until next, see ya!



Pretty pretties at Evo's



C.J. in a pose

Gay and lesbian business organization formed in South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C., Saturday, April 30 (AP)—Gays and lesbians have formed a group to promote business and trade among themselves and to show how much economic strength they have in South Carolina.

The South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Business Guild helps to promote businesses either owned by gays and lesbians or ones that support them.

The group, which includes heterosexuals and people who are not business owners, is surveying members to determine buying power.

"Once we have that information, it will be one of the most effective things the guild can do," said Teresa Williams, owner of Bluestocking Books in Columbia and a spokesperson for the group.

The guild includes nongay members and people who are not business owners.

Its bylaws allow members to remain unidentified. "Some people are just not in a position to be open about their sexuality," said Freddie Mullis, a founder of the guild and co-owner of The Hubbard Group, a residential real estate firm.

Bill Bishop, director of procurement for

the Department of Social Services, said being a guild member makes him feel part of a unit even though he is not a business owner.

"I feel there is a need for a positive gay community group that is not about demanding rights or justice but just wants to be a group that gives back to the community and reminds people that we are part of the community," Bishop said.

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Sunday's MSL games postponed, but the show goes on; Lone Star Volleyball open play continues



Montrose Softball players Arthur Miller, Barry Larson, Lee Davis, Joe Falcon and Clay Sather camp it Gentry GAPS' host night show

COMMUNITY SPORTS

This weekend proved a "wash," figuratively and literally, for scheduled community sporting events, but players managed to maintain an upbeat attitude and keep themselves—and in the case of the Montrose Softball League, many others—entertained.

Despite postponement of MSL games due to wet conditions on the playing field, Gentry GAPS had an exciting Host Bar Night on Sunday, May 1.

With a huge crowd on hand, "Balls and Bras—The 30-minute Drag Show from Hell" was presented. Emcee Vanna had the audience going even before the first entertainer, Miss Jennifer Elsworth took the stage. Jennifer wowed the massive throngs with her rendition of Bette Midler and Wynona Judd. (You go, Rainbow!) Denny was totally Michael Bolton as the one true female entry in the show. What happened next was the unexpected. The crowd was warned to be scared, very scared, and rightfully so! Miss Camp Lejune was outrageous in her performance of a number whose name cannot be repeated, for fear of retribution. What followed her was not so pretty either, as "Madonnot" performed her version of "Material Girl."

A 50-50 raffle drawing was held at the conclusion of the show. Marvin Peterman was the lucky winner! Over \$300 was raised by the event. The Gentry GAPS thank everyone for their support...

Sunday, May 8th's schedule is as follows:

11:00 a.m., Mining Co. vs. Pacific Street; 12:00 p.m., Hellraisers vs. Houston Voice; 1:00 p.m., Venture-N vs. Briarpatch; 2:00 p.m., J.R.'s vs. Travel in Style; 3:00 p.m., Ripcord vs. BRB #2; 4:00 p.m. Gen-

try vs. BRB #1; 5:00 p.m., E.J.'s vs. Rich's Prime.

The BRB serves as host bar for the evening. All are invited to come and watch the games at Tim Hearn Field (Memorial at Waugh) on Sundays for a day full of fun!

If you have any questions regarding the MSL, call 867-3913.

Lone Star Volleyball

Open play continues this Sunday and

Monday for all divisions (Recreational, Intermediate and Competitive) of the Lone Star Volleyball Association (LSVA).

On Sunday, May 8, times are from 5:30-10:30 p.m., and on Monday, May 9, times are from 8:00 until 10:30. People from all levels of play are welcome to come out to the Jarebeck Center, located on the University of St. Thomas' campus. Fees for the summer league are \$30 for the league and \$5 membership dues. Fees for all leagues are due this weekend. Also please note: in order to play in the Intermediate division, interested persons must attend clinics to be held on May 15 and 22; there are no exceptions.

Persons with questions about the LSVA may contact K. Doug Stewart at 864-1234.

Bowling Standings

Following are the weekly standings Houston's gay bowling leagues:

Inner Loop Sunday Nite League—In first place is Bambi's Bandits, followed in second place by Just Plug Us In, and third place, Lip Service. The High Scratch Game of 225 and series of 600 was bowled by Tom O'Dell. For information on this league, call 522-9612.

Thursday Night Mixers—First place, it's But U R Blanche, You Are. Team #6 is in second place this week and third place, Big Dawgz. High Scratch Game of



Players made two holes before Bad Girls Golf's scheduled tournament last weekend was rained out, one of several outdoor sporting events that fell victim to the wet weather

254 was bowled by Marty Rutherford and series of 634 by Tom O'Dell for the men. Pam Spayde bowled 254 and series of 659 for the women. For league information, call 432-7239.

Montrose Monday Nite Men's League—The End Users in first place, followed in second place by The Gutter Butter and third place, Ladies and the Tramp. High Scratch game of 237 was bowled by Tom O'Dell and series of 594 by Mace Adams. For information, call 641-5424.

Monday Nite Women's league—First place, Electric Slide; second place, Can't Bowl Straight and third place, Balls R Out. For more information, call 437-6218.

Candlelight No Tap Doubles

The Candlelight No Tap Doubles tournament for May is Saturday, May 14, 8:00 p.m. at Fairlanes Southway (Hwy. 59 at Gessner). Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Come single and get matched or bring a partner. Entry fee is \$11, with pay-off for the top eight doubles.

Billiard Standings

Following are last week's standings for the Houston Metropolitan Billiard League, by team position:

(1) BRB Ball Busters; (2) Coalition; (3) Ripcord Rebels; (4) Jackson Five; (5) Jo's Sudden Impact; (6) Amie's; (7) Crazy 8's; (8) 611 sticks; (9) E/J's Mess; (10) Styx.

(11) E/J's Boys; (12) Rebels Too; (13) Sioux's Boys; (14) Bill's Restless Boys; (15) Beau's Real Balls; (16) Dream Team; (17) Miner 69'ers; (18) King's X; (19) BP "Ate" Ballers; (20) Suicide Squad; (21) Oui, Cousin's; (22) 611 Shooters.

Gay activist says he'll challenge Honolulu mayor for Hawaii gubernatorial nomination

HONOLULU, Thursday, April 28 (AP)—A gay activist has declared he will challenge Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi for the Best Party gubernatorial nomination.

Bill Woods, who is currently a Democrat, said Fasi constantly plays one group of people off against another

and is not consistent in his politics.

Fasi announced Tuesday that he would run for governor under the Best Party banner along with running mate entertainer Danny Kalekini.

Woods said he has not been able to get a membership form to sign up for the

party.

He criticized Fasi opposition to same-sex marriages, saying it is a political ploy to gain money and support from conservatives.

Woods said same-sex unions represent traditional, committed relationships

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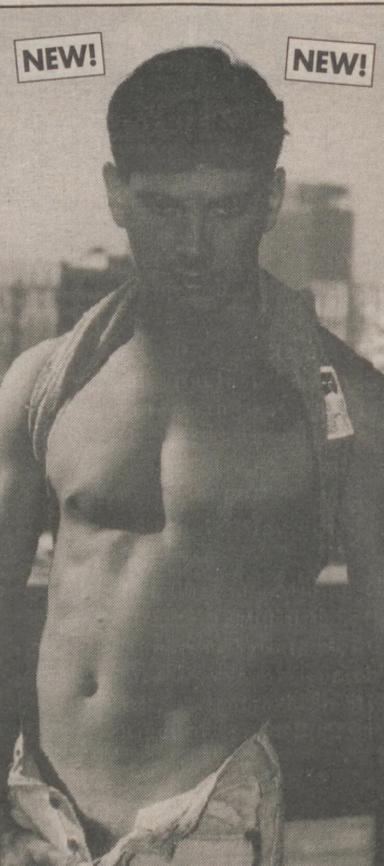
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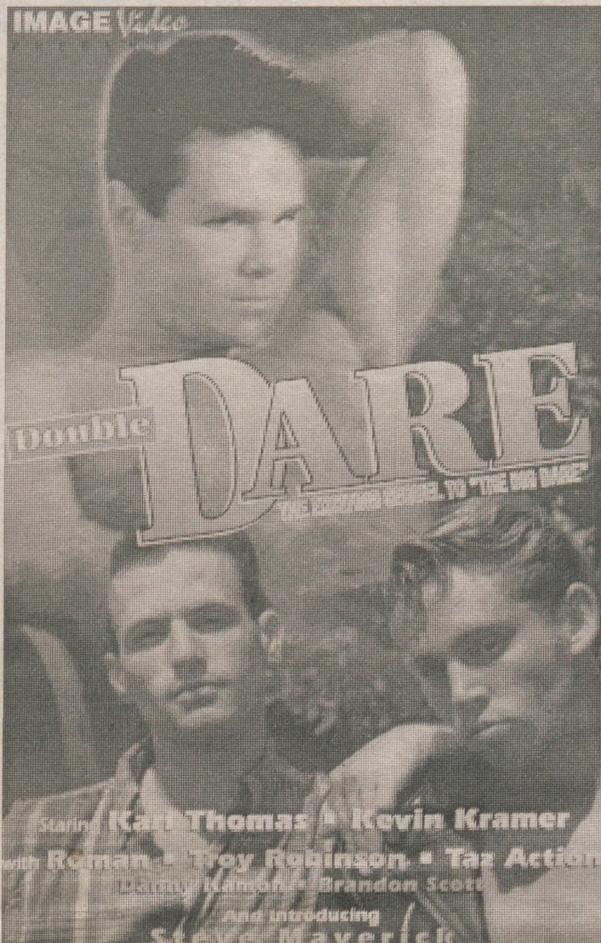
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HOUSTON VOICE readers born this week share with famous musical playwright, Sir Arthur Sullivan, born London, 1842, the sharp wit and enjoyment of life, as in the *H.M.S. PINAFORE*

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20) This Springtime will be a wonderful period of three months to enjoy the romantic side to your personality. You are feeling the "warm fuzzy's" of this sensitive side to yourself. Strongly recommend that you carefully align your affectionate feelings with a person who will not use or take advantage of you in this vulnerable period. There is a heightened interest in your domestic life also, decorating your quarters and sorting out your closet of not needed clothing makes sense."

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) As with your Taurus friend above, looking through your bedroom, kitchen and garage spaces will give to you an opportunity to find former 'treasures' that are no longer needed and maybe of benefit to someone else. Take advantage of garage sales and turn these items into cash for yourself or an organization, eg. the MCCR garage sale May, 7th. You will be impressed with the extra amount of space that you will have by cleaning out your living areas. And you may find someone interesting at the sale for a weekend date.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Use your happy and smiling personality this week to help someone who is not doing well physically. Your upbeat attitude is just what the other person needs at this time. If not sure of what to do, telephone one of the volunteer groups, as the A.F.H. for some good ideas. Wearing bright and bold colors will convey a fresh new look to yourself. If you enjoy animals consider working with the Pet Patrol. You have so much to offer to others this month.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) Unfortunately you did not get much of a tan this past weekend in Galveston or at Hippie Hollow, but you look good always and take advantage your good looks at your place of employment to be noticed by your supervisor. This will be especially to your advantage if you turn out an extra amount of quality work. Do not try to 'fudge' a project. Be honest in your work and even try to be ahead of starting time and be willing to remain after hours, especially if a co-worker is not there. This is a golden opportunity to make a terrific impression at work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Continue to be in a savings mood, and purchase only those items that you really need. Be careful about buying a 'big ticket' item for the next two months. Pat yourself on your back as you keep track of your increased savings. Party with friends who are also careful about spending money, and yet are great fun to be with. Save don to one credit card, and then pay it off each month, pocketing the interest payments as a special treat for yourself. You will have several good purchase offered later this year to consider buying.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) I see a new person about to enter your life, if not already accomplished. Because you tend to be a strong character watch overwhelming the other person. If you have several persons to choose from, select the most strong individual so as to not intimidate the all read to go, as the way to the person's heart is through their stomach. Brewing a pot of flavored tea is a good tip on having your home smell extra good, and do not forget the plate of cookies for late night munchies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) The mystical side to your personality comes into play for the next two months. You will find yourself to be more versatile sexually than you have considered. You will tend to march to the beat of a different drummer. This is a good time to get a tattoo, though be careful about being too 'wild' in the design. Stop by The Houston Voice to show me. If you are looking for a partner, forego the missionary position ones, and head directly for those who are able to match your interest in variety and spontaneity. This maybe why previous relationships failed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) As with your Scorpio friend above, be realistic as to the type of person who is really able to meet your varied social/sexual needs. Wear you keys and hankies in the correct pocket and never mind what some of your jealous friends will say. Take advantage of the dance lessons being offered by some of the Clubs to make yourself more skilled on the dance floor. This will be a great way to make yourself attractive to others. Especially in learning the full range of Country and Western dance steps. Go to it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Take advantage of our fine weather this month to work on your exercise program out of doors, eg. bicycling, running, or just fast walking. Your body will respond in great shape and your self esteem will really benefit. This is a good month to again work on your diet, dropping about ten pounds is a reasonable goal. Your body will look wonderful in a pair of jeans and a tank top. Decrease you intake of sucrose (raw sugar) to help you with your diet, and the lowering of the sugar level will add to the energy level.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Be willing to trust a health care professional in solving your health needs this month. Your worries about being in good health are fortunately easily solved, but first of all you need to seek out a degreed professional to help heal your "aches and pains." You tend to have more faith and confidence in yourself to make a diagnosis than in others, but some of your solutions to your problems have not worked out too well recently. Get these problems solved and then place them behind you. You are spending too much energy in your worries.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Your high energy level continues, making this a great time to complete redecorating your quarters, detailing your care, and sorting through your closets. Try to accomplish some project before going out to cruise so that you will have burned off some of this high energy so as not to scare off a prospective trick with your directness. Have some low calorie foods at home to munch on, if a weight control diet is needed. Get rid and do not replace the high calorie foods, especially the high sugared foods. You will be dancing all over the floor at Rich's this weekend.

ARIES (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) Happiness is to know you, especially this month as you are looking for new friends to party with. You tend to be overly generous with spending, in part to keep people near you. Let them buy you a drink this weekend. Consider bringing a couple of flowers to the office to set at your work station to brighten up the area. You enjoy being surrounded by beautiful things, even more so than most of us. And this is part of your special charm. Look around at your quarters and see if there are some items to set aside to give a more open attitude to your space.

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4 astrological sign
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7 boy
10 baby
12 a main street of our community
19 Greyhound's

DOWN

16 state with Annapolis as capital, abbrev.
17 to supply with the means to do something
18 beams of light
20 browse
24 crush, pulp, squash
26 Officer of the Guard, abbrev.
27 19th century Irish wit Wilde, initials ("I can believe anything provided it is incredible.")
28 sports tie breaking time period, abbrev.
31 a bunch of the 25th letter of the alphabet
32 a ballet dance
33 love affair
34 invalid
35 comfort
36 planets
39 discloses

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42 symbol for chemical element chromium
43 20th century American author Hemingway, initials ("Courage is grace under pressure.")
45 one that uses before a vowel sound
49 popular name for Africanized honeybees
50 monument to the battle where Houston defeated Santa Anna
51 Spanish for river
53 31st U.S. President & relief administrator, initials ("America... a great social and economic experiment, noble in motive and far-reaching in purpose.")
55 inquired
57 First State, abbrev.
61 Russian revolutionary leader Lenin, initials
62 symbol for element dysprosium, a rare-earth metal used in nuclear research
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23 Jimmy Carter's daughter
25 largest river wholly in Texas
29 an affirmative vote, one spelling version
30 alternate route
36 oscillate
37 20th century U.S. jurist Douglas, initials ("Violence has no constitutional sanction and every government from the beginning has moved against it. But where grievances pile high and most of the elected spokesmen represent the Establishment, violence may be the only effective response.")
38 baths
40 one of Texas 1st 2 U.S. senators, 2 words
44 major baseball league, initials
46 psyche
47 objective case form of 'she'
48 Land of Opportunity state, abbrev.
50 Texas governor who served longer than any other western state with Salt Lake City as capital
54 space man Shepard
56 Gem State, abbrev.
58 Latin for 'that is,' abbrev.
59 our governor
60 valley
61 east Texas town of 11,000 that got its first black modern-times resident in Feb. 93
63 direction San Antonio to Austin, abbrev.
64 slide over snow or water
65 goes with peanut butter
67 which state has the oldest state flag in the nation?
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1 site where the first Congress of the Republic met
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Dubbed "Raise The Rainbow," the project aims to collect over half a million dollars for AIDS organizations. Funds are being raised through tax deductible contributions of \$50-or-more by individuals interested in carrying the flag up the Fifth Avenue march route.

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Baker—mover, shaker and maker of the original six-color rainbow flag, now an international symbol of Lesbian and Gay pride— personally overseeing the creation of the flag.

Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, is also working with Raise The Rainbow as chair of The Stadtlanders Foundation National AIDS Community Advisory Board.

Together, these two leaders promise the project will be the biggest rainbow happening since Dorothy in Oz.

A REBELLION CARVED IN STONE.

On a hot June night in 1969, a raid incited a riot that sparked a rebellion that was felt around the world.

It all happened at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village. Instead of going along with routine police arrests, patrons of the Inn fought back. And the Lesbian/Gay rights movement, as we know it today, was born.

The 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion will be celebrated in New York City on Sunday, June 26, 1994. Formally known as the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People, the march will be the community's largest single event ever.

A PHARMACY THAT GIVES BACK.

From medication delivery and insurance billing to patient counselling, Stadtlanders Pharmacy is nationally known for the invaluable services they give individuals coping with chronic conditions. They're also known for what they give back. Especially to the HIV/AIDS community.

Stadtlanders Pharmacy has

sponsored national symposiums on HIV and nutrition; provided free educational nutrition booklets and developed a magazine devoted to HIV-related issues. Now they're underwriting the costs for creating the world's largest rainbow flag— The Stadtlanders Foundation fundraiser to benefit AIDS charities.

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