

## A Weekly Community News Publication

# Hate Crime Bill Killed

By CHIP BROWN

For the Houston Voice

AUSTIN (AP)—A bill championed by the state's gay and lesbian lobby as an answer to a recent rash of violent crimes against gays has been defeated in the Texas House.

The measure would have toughened penalties for crimes motivated by race, color, disability, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

It was an attempt to clarify a law passed by the Legislature in 1993 that targets offenses based on "bias and prejudice." Law enforcement officials say the statute is too vague and may be unconstitutional.

The House voted 70-68 Monday to prevent the bill

from being considered, most likely killing the measure in the final week of the legislative session.

Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, the Legislature's only openly gay member, said he would try revive the bill by attaching it to another measure as an amendment.

Supporters of the legislation said it was defeated because it singled out protection for homosexuals.

"Clearly, I believe members are afraid of anything with the words sexual orientation in it," said Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, the bill's sponsor.

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## Rise in anti-gay violence

By STEVE CHRYSLER

For the Houston Voice

The bashing of a Gay American couple last winter near the center of Amsterdam, the unofficial Gay capitol of the world, typifies a rising wave of anti-gay hate crimes world wide.

The national Dutch organization for gay rights, the C.O.C., expressed surprise and regret at the attack because it happened on a major shopping street, near the very heart of Amsterdam, and that it was committed not by foreign-born youths, but by three young Dutch men. Gay bashing has been rare through-out Holland for over 20 years, and while now on an upswing, it usually occurred in secluded areas, and by immigrant youths from unenlightened countries.

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## Rhode Island passes gay rights

By BILL DERMODY

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Friday, May 19 (AP)—Nearly 100 spectators erupted in applause after the Senate narrowly passed a gay rights bill Friday, making Rhode Island the ninth state to pass such legislation.

After 11 years of proposed gay rights bills, Gov. Lincoln Almond said he would sign the bill into law by Tuesday.

Senators debated for three hours before the 26-21 vote. Supporters beat back five amendments that would have exempted certain groups, including the Boy Scouts.

The law prohibits gays from being denied jobs, evicted from their homes, or denied housing or loans due to their sexual orientation.

"Obviously we're elated," said Rep. Frank Gaschen, D-Cumberland, the bill's House sponsor. "This was given a long and fair hearing and everyone had their say. It's clear Rhode Island is against discrimination."

Gaschen said the visibility of churches both in favor and against the bill made the difference this year. The bill exempts religious organizations.

Clergy in support of the bill lent powerful credence to the unfairness and wrongfulness of not protecting homosexuals, while clergy who opposed the bill showed their true colors, Gaschen said.

Sen. Will Fitzpatrick, the bill's Senate sponsor and the only openly gay state legislator, agreed.

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## AIDS memorial observed

Marking the 12th anniversary of an observance billed by its sponsors as "the world's largest largest annual community-based AIDS event," about 150 people gathered by the reflecting pool in front of Houston City Hall last Sunday, May 21.

Less solemn this time than in years past, the ceremony included affirming music and a Native American healing ritual along with the memorial lighting of candles and call-to-action speakers that are more traditional elements of the event.

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John Williams, president of the Houston Chain Gang bicycle club, trains for a competition. Every weekend, members get together to ride. (Photo by Gabriel Tran)

## Summer fun awaits you

By GLEN WEBBER

Houston Voice/Houston

Another summer has arrived, and with the beautiful weather greeting us every day, there is no excuse for sitting inside with nothing to do and nowhere to go. Houston has an abundance of organizations and businesses that offer gay men and women a variety of things to do and places to go.

In this special summer kickoff feature, the Houston Voice highlights just a sampling of our community's sources for great fun, good friendships, and fun in the sun!

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About 150 people gathered in front of Houston City Hall for the 12th Annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization last Sunday. (Photo by Gabriel Tran)

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**Community Calendar**  
 by Carolyn Roberts

If you would like an event listed in this section, please feel free to call me at 529-8490 or fax the facts to me at 529-9531.

**Friday, May 26**

- \* Borders Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar. 9633 Westheimer. Call 782-6066.
- \* "Bare as You Dare" party at the Ripcord.
- \* HATCH (Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals) Meets at 7:15 p.m. Call 942-7002.
- \* Lesbian and Gay Voices on KPFT 90.1 FM 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- \* Houston Rockets game on Cable TV at the BriarPatch.
- \* "Golden Girls VII"—Weekend Car Show at the Houstonian. Call 373-1500 for more details.

**Saturday, May 27**

- \* Black-Out Party at Mary's.
- \* Movie Club meets. Call Jimmy @ 952-4048.
- \* "Unsafe, Unsited" at Diverse-Works. Call 228-0914.

**Sunday, May 28**

- \* Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. Call 522-4481.
- \* Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church meets at 3131 W. Loop South, Afton Oaks Room. Call 528-6756.
- \* Community Gospel Church Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. 501 E. Columbia Call 880-9235.
- \* Houston Mission Church Worship Service at 11:00 p.m. 1505 Nevada. Call 529-8225.
- \* Montrose Softball League plays. Call 867-3913 for locations.
- \* HATCH Meets. Call 942-7002.
- \* Dog Dip at Basic Brothers. Pet Patrol fundraiser. Call 522-1954.
- \* The Women's Group meets at 1311 Holman. Call 529-8571.

**Monday, May 29**

- \* AFH creative writing class. Taught by Greg Rodriguez. Call 623-6796.
- \* Sign Language classes at the Brazos River Bottom. Free 7:00 p.m.
- \* Gay Fathers/Fathers First—A support group for fathers and their partners. At Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh Drive. 8:00 p.m. Call 861-6161.
- \* PROTECT—A support group for HIV negative people meets at Bering Church. 7:00 p.m. Call 530-7870.

\* Skating in Memorial Park-Lambda Roller Skating Club. 1:00 p.m. Call 942-7406.

\* Pool Tournament at the Ripcord at 8:00 p.m.

\* "Houston Area Bears Picnic." Call 867-9123 for info.

**Tuesday, May 30**

- \* Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous—A support group meets at 8:00 p.m. at 1509 Fairview. Call 495-8009.
- \* Life...Today! TV Debuts on Public Access, 6:00 p.m. Call 977-4101.
- \* Empowerment for Living meets at MCCR. Call 661-9149.
- \* Front Runners meet at the Tennis Center in Memorial Park. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-8021.

**Wednesday, May 31**

- \* Lambda Rollerskate night at 1820 S. Dairy Ashford, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call 493-5651.
- \* GLOBAL Meets at the U of H 4:00 p.m. University Center. Call 743-7539.
- \* Bi-Net of Houston meets at MCCR at 7:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.
- \* Houston Pride Band practices. 7:00 p.m. 1307 Yale. Call 524-0128.
- \* AIDS Housing Coalition Houston meets at 117 Tuam. Call 902-2231.

**Thursday, June 1**

- \* Slop Shot pool tournament at Mary's. noon.
- \* Art Classes sponsored by AFH. The Art League 1:00 p.m. Call 526-1118.
- \* Front Runners meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Tennis Center in Memorial Park. Call 522-8021.
- \* Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 2515 Waugh Dr. Call 521-7464.
- \* Computer Nerd Sessions meets at 2700 Albany. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-1223.
- \* Community Gospel Church worship service. 7:30 p.m. 501 E. 18th. Call. 880-9235.
- \* En\*Light\*en Up meets at 7:30 p.m. Call Howard at 528-6174.
- \* Houston Thursday Nite Mixer meets at Palace Lanes. Call 522-9612.

**Friday, June 2**

- \* Borders Gay/Lesbian book club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9633 Westheimer. Call 782-6066.
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**Log Cabin Houston sees leadership switch**

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
 Houston Voice Editor

The Houston chapter of Log Cabin Republicans, a political group that in recent months has experienced a revival in membership and visibility, lost and quickly replaced a president over the course of this month's board and general membership meeting.

And while the group's new president insists the leadership change does not indicate a divisive rumbling in the woods from the direction of the Cabin, the conflict made itself obvious this week, when someone had the phone line used by the group disconnected.

Ken Wilk, the president who stepped down during a board meeting in mid-May, says he left the group over problems between himself and the board, which elected a replacement at the same

meeting. In an interview with the Houston Voice shortly after his resignation, Wilk raised bitter charges. He claimed that he he resigned only after the adopted resolutions that stripped him of his presidential authority and accused a controlling "clique" of Log Cabin board members, including the group's new president and vice president, of "playing dirty politics" within Houston's gay and lesbian community. "I felt (the board) no longer had any integrity," he said.

However, the new president, long time Houston activist and gay conservative Gary van Ooteghem, said Wilk's resignation followed a period of problems of the board with the former president over matters he characterized as largely existing only in Wilk's mind.

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## Gay bashing victim's family awarded \$10.5 million

From STAFF and WIRE REPORTS (HOUSTON)—The family of a Houston banker killed in a 1991 "gay bashing" attack has been awarded \$10.5 million in civil damages to be paid by one of 10 youths involved in the slaying.

A jury ruled Thursday that Brian Spake, 21, should pay relatives of Paul Broussard for gross negligence in causing his death. Spake testified he kicked the victim, who was stabbed to death by another Woodlands-area youth.

Attorney Larry S. Lee, who filed the lawsuit on behalf of Broussard's mother, Nancy Rodriguez of Atlanta, said he doubts the damages will be collected.

"It is not really about the money—it is the message," Lee said. "This community is not going to condone this type of vicious hate crime. Those who commit them will be pursued in both criminal and civil courts."

Rodriguez, in a telephone interview this week, said she believed such a message was sent out by the ruling. "I think it's the first time something like this has happened...and I think maybe we're getting the message out that people won't just accept things like this," she said.

Jurors failed to reach a verdict on co-defendant Jeffrey Valentine, 21. He testified that he remained near a car and did not participate in the July 4, 1991, attack.

State District Judge Harriet O'Neill accepted the partial verdict after jurors remained deadlocked in three days of deliberations on Valentine.

The 10 youths involved have been convicted of criminal offenses stemming from the killing and received sentences ranging from probation to prison.

Six more young men are awaiting trial on the civil lawsuit, including Jon Christopher Buice, 20, who received a 45-year prison term for doing the actual stabbing. Three others have settled out of court.

For Rodriguez, the process of pursuing justice has become a life-consuming ordeal. She said she planned to return to Houston next week for to attend a hearing regarding Gayland Randle, another of the young men involved in the attack on Broussard. Randle, who was given probation for his role in the murder, was ordered back to jail after alleged repeated violations of his probation agreement, and could face prison time. The hearing is scheduled for May 30.

## Two votes defeat Texas Hate Crime Bill

### Maxey Vows To Revive Measure As Amendment

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"I think members were afraid to vote for this bill because they were afraid of how that vote would be used against them in an election," Hochberg said.

"I am shocked and appalled and very disappointed in a number of my colleagues," said Senate sponsor Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

"I don't think there is any question that the key issue in this debate was the issue of sexual orientation. The fastest growing area of hate crimes committed in Texas is against people based on their sexual orientation," Ellis said. "I think it was a very negative signal for the state to send."

Rep. Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, who heads a coalition of House conservatives, led the charge to kill the bill. He denied the sexual orientation provision was the sole reason for his opposition.

He said the bill created a "laundry list of special classes" that would receive protection while others were neglected.

"I would have challenged it anyway because I think everyone is due the same protection under the law as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment," Chisum said.

The bill sailed through the Senate after family members of three slain homosexual men gave tearful testimony in favor of the measure during a committee hearing.

But Chisum lined up opposition in the House and succeeded in killing the bill before it was even debated.

One of those siding with Chisum was Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, a black representative who said he didn't trust the state's prosecutors to enforce the proposed law.

"It sounds nice and has catchy rhetoric to it. But I don't really trust the district attorneys across this state to apply this law fairly... especially in the rural areas," Wilson said.

"Black folks would end up being convicted of hate crimes and having the penalties bumped up if they ran a traffic light. Some of them (prosecutors) have hate in their hearts, too."

Dianne Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the Lesbian-Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, said she viewed the narrow vote as progress from a vote taken two years ago in which the House declined to repeal the state's law prohibiting sodomy.

"When we tried to repeal the sodomy law, we got 48 votes. This time we got 68 votes. Those people will be re-elected and they'll live through having voted for something that protects gay and lesbian people," Ms. Hardy-Garcia said. "That's all we seek is protection from violence."

According to a House bill analysis, 374 hate crimes were reported in Texas in 1994. Sixty-five percent of those reported incidents were motivated by racial prejudice; 16 percent by sexual orientation.

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## Former defense secretary Les Aspin dead at 56

(WASHINGTON)—Les Aspin, a former Pentagon "whiz-kid" and congressman who became President Clinton's first secretary of defense, died Sunday after suffering a massive stroke. He was 56 years old.

Aspin, a key architect of U.S. military policy in a Washington career spanning over three decades, was admitted Saturday to Georgetown University Hospital. Hospital spokesperson Michael Tebo said Aspin was awake and lucid when first admitted and his doctors initially hoped for a good recovery, but his condition deteriorated steadily throughout Sunday.

He died Sunday evening with his family by his side. "Les Aspin accomplished greatly because he cared

greatly," Clinton said in an emotional statement late on Sunday, adding, "Les rendered our nation extraordinary, selfless service."

As the powerful House Armed Services Committee Chairperson, Aspin was a dedicated defense expert who fought with defense secretaries, generals and even fellow Democrats in his efforts to shape U.S. military policy.

Clinton named him defense secretary in late 1992 and just a year later, after he underwent heart surgery to implant a pace-maker, he was forced out amid controversies over gays in the military and plans to remold the post-Cold War military.

Clinton later named him to head a bipartisan review of the national intelligence services.

### IN MEMORY OF



**EDWARD HAUSCHILD (Eddie, left)**

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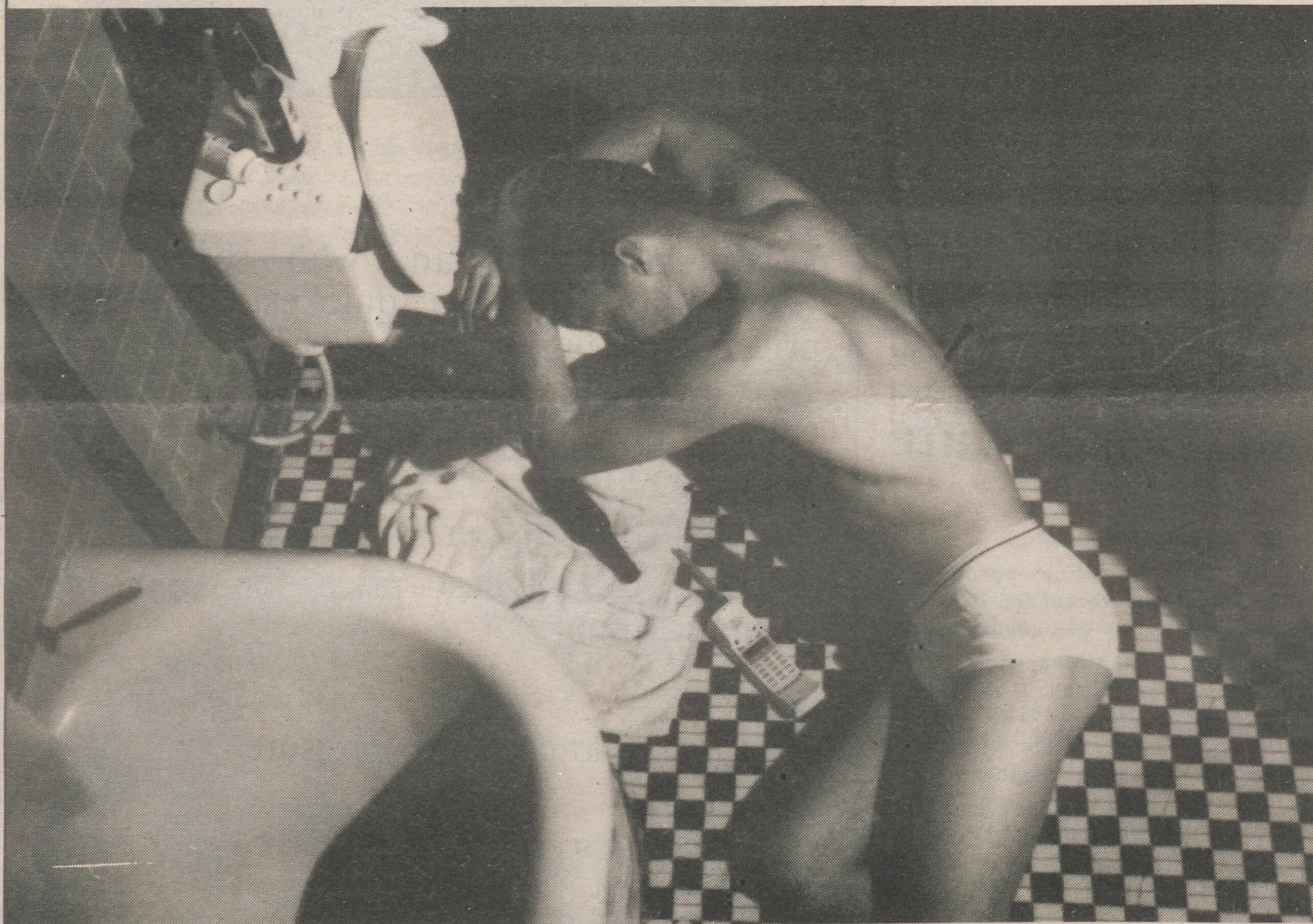
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### DON SANDERS

Don Sanders died May 17, 1995. Sanders was best known as the National Director of American Gay & Lesbian Atheists which he co-founded in 1983. He was also the Executive Vice-President of American Atheists, the organization founded by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair. His greatest concern in life was the exposing and dismantling of religion as the greatest threat to human freedom and liberty. His life was dedicated to the Jeffersonian principle of keeping state and church separate. Sanders was the voice of Dial-A-Gay-Atheist and the editor of "The American Gay & Lesbian Atheist" newsletter, a publication distributed across the United States and around the world. His ascribing to the adage that "Religion is the greatest single impediment which has ever plagued mankind" led him to be known as one of the nation's most outspoken and important Atheist leaders. Besides his love for Activist Atheism, Sanders also loved fine automobiles, especially his Porsche 911 and his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Sanders' life was shortened by AIDS, but even throughout the many bouts of ups and downs associated with the dreaded disease, he fought back each time. A long-time survivor of AIDS, Sanders attributes his longevity to his desire to make the world a better place by promoting freedom of thought, freedom of the mind and freedom of the body.

Sanders is survived by his beautiful Pit Bull, Sugar, many good friends including, but not limited to, Michael Aranda, Brooks Rogness, the Murray O'Hair family, Richard Hernandez, and scores of others around the nation and the world. His parents, Marie and Clarence Sanders, also survive him. Sanders' cremated remains will be placed with those of his deceased partner-in-life, Mark Franceschini, and interred in a cemetery whose location cannot be revealed due to Mr. Franceschini's Roman Catholic parents wanting to steal their son's remains, claim them to a religion he despised and a

church he loathed and from which he sought ex-communication. Even at death, Sanders and Franceschini continue to battle the most regressive and evil force which has ever plagued mankind - the Judeo-Christian cult. Donations to Sanders' memory may be made to American Atheists, Inc., P.O. Box 140195, Austin, TX 78714, or the Houston Clinical Research Network, 215 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77006.

### SAMUEL ADAM FLANNERY

Born: December 31, 1914  
Died: May 16, 1995

Sam lived a robust 76 years, but struggled with poor health during the last four of his 80 years. He wanted the struggle to end and refused further medical treatments. He loved his mother, Sophie Braden Flannery, and his brother Ed Flannery (both long deceased). He bragged of Sophie's endurance as a single mother raising two kids in the Heights area. He is survived by cousins: closest to him were Elvey Braden of El Campo and Charles Black of Houston. He is also survived by a multitude of good friends in the local Retired Postal Workers Chapter where he often served in many capacities, including a term as president. And he is survived by many neighbors who knew him as a kind man who was always willing to help out. Sam often told of World War II as he and other slugged it out in a race across Europe under the command of Gen. George Patton. Sam was also homosexual and forcefully rejected any labels of shame aimed at him or the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He was active in Democratic Party politics and often worked at the precinct level during elections. Rather than curse when he was angered, his friends knew that he had a sweet way of displaying his frustration by declaring that something "frosted" him. He loved animals and often took in strays. He was our friend. We shall miss him.

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## OPINION

# Gay Today

by Glen Webber



### Another Trojan Horse Story

Remember the myth about the Trojan horse? One morning the Walled City woke up to find a beautiful horse statue sitting outside its gates. They were touched by this beautiful gift. Even though they were told not to open the gate to anyone, they let their guard down and opened it anyway. Once safely inside, the horse opened up and out rushed thousands of Trojan soldiers, intent on capturing the city and destroying the residents, claiming victory for themselves at all costs.

The Christian Coalition is our Trojan horse in the political arena now. Coming from nowhere, this group is now at the gate of the American public, wanting in. And they are promising seemingly wonderful things to that unsuspecting American public. They want to give tax breaks to families with kids. They want to give public money to families to send their kids to private schools. They want prayer in school. They also want a sex education curriculum that doesn't teach about sex and how marriage is the only positive lifestyle choice.

This Coalition is hoping the American people will buy it. With the success of their grass roots efforts in traditional Christian areas, this group is expanding. Their goal is to take over the Republican party, high ranking elective offices, powerful judgeships, school boards and the Senate and the House. And they are gaining power, not just by vague promises of a better life for all, but by threats and intimidation.

While the head of the coalition is an attractive, well spoken young man, he has evil intentions, and his group is supported by those with evil intentions. This is why I call the Christian Coalition the Trojan horse of our time. Their real purpose is to destroy the gay community by blaming us for all of society's problems. They will

do anything they can to get the power to destroy us. They have become such a threat that major political candidates are now actively seeking endorsements from this group. The Coalition's motto seems to be, "If you're not with us, your against us."

And yet, this group of so-called loving Christians seems to be missing a very important point. In an analysis of any decline of moral values in today's America, the gay community isn't the enemy. The real problems are deeply ingrained in heterosexual society. The divorce rate in this country is sky-rocketing. Half of all married couples joined in union this year can expect to be divorced in just a few years. The rate of child abuse in families is so widespread that Child Protective Service agencies across the country are unable to respond to all the calls they receive. Wife beatings are common, with no protection for an abused wife, and few shelters available to help these women. Fathers are so irresponsible in paying child support that major legislation is being introduced just to get those fathers to support their kids. Teenage pregnancies are at an all time high, and getting worse. We are now in the third and fourth generation of kids having kids. And drug and alcohol abuse is a staple among all levels of society, destroying families and ruining lives.

The Christian Coalition has offered nothing to solve these societal problems. Their idea of the peaceful little house surrounded by a white picket fence doesn't exist, and never has. Yet the Coalition has no proposed solutions, except to ban gays from society.

Real solutions will never come about until we stop blaming each other and start working together. The Coalition doesn't want that. They just want control, and at our expense. We can only work to educate the American public, and to send out the message: don't be fooled by these strangers bearing gifts.

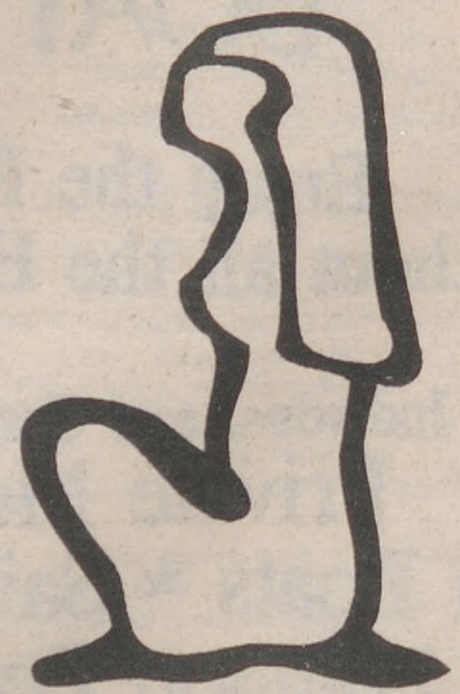
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## Community has many options for summer fun

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### Car Fans

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The car club meets every month and has social outings as well. If you love old cars, this club welcomes you to be part of their group. Call 713-683-1867 for more information.

### Bicyclists

The Houston Chain Gang Cycling Club was founded five years ago for those gay men and women who enjoy bicycling as a hobby and sporting event. This athletic group rides regularly on courses throughout Houston. There are also planned bike rides out of town. They also meet for social events on a regular basis. They can offer you advise on renting or purchasing bikes, repairs and riding events. For membership information please call John Williams at 713-863-1860.

### Skaters

There are two roller skating groups in Houston that offer both indoor and outdoor organized skating activities. The first is a group called Montrose Ice Picks. This gay group meets next on June 5 at the Galleria from 8:00-10:00 p.m. for a night of skating. Admission is \$5 and \$2 for skate rentals. Because this rink is open to the public, members are encouraged to where Montrose Ice Pick T-shirts to identify themselves to other members. There is also a Gay Pride skating event during gay pride week. For more information please call Angel at 629-1432.

Lambda Roller Skating is the other fine skating group for gay rink at 1820 Dairy Ashford. There is also a special skating benefit planned for the Pride Committee on June 31 at the rink. Admission is \$5.00 and includes



Over 100 restored cars will be exhibited at the Classic Chassis Car Club's annual meet this weekend. (This 1963-500 is owned by Glen Webber of the Houston Voice)

admission and rental. They also meet for outdoor skating activities. Their next meeting is at Memorial Park on 18 June at 1 P.M. T-shirts are available for purchase to identify club members. While most members own their own skates, rentals are available. For more information, call Keith at 713-933-5818.

### Campers And Hikers

The Houston Outdoor Group sponsors many types of outdoor camping and weekend getaways for both gay men and women. Whether you're an experienced camper or just beginning to have an interest in camping and related activities, if you love the great outdoors, this group is for you. They meet regularly and are very active during the summer months. If you call KAMP-OUT, and leave your name and address, they will send you a complementary newsletter with all the information you will need about the club.

### Team Sports: Softball

Montrose Softball League continues to play ball. Many of the teams involved are sponsored by Gay owned or Gay friendly businesses. Many of the games are played in and around Montrose and Memorial park. Many teams are playing at Tim Hearn Field, on Memorial and Jackson Hill. If you enjoy spirited play, athletic men, and women, and great baseball, you'll enjoy the Montrose Softball league. Please call their voice mail at 867-3913.

### Bowling

For the bowling enthusiast, there are several bowling leagues for both gay men and women. The Montrose Monday Night Men's bowling league can be reached by calling Gardy at 641-5424. The Monday Nite Women's League can be reached by calling Pat at 437-6218. The Wednesday Nite Mixers and the Sunday evening Inner Loop League can be reached by calling Tom at 522-9612. While many regular bowlers do own their own bowling balls and shoes, they can be rented at nominal prices at any bowling alley.

There is now no excuse to say there's nothing to do or no one to do it with. The summer is yours, so enjoy it while the weather is beautiful and the days are long.



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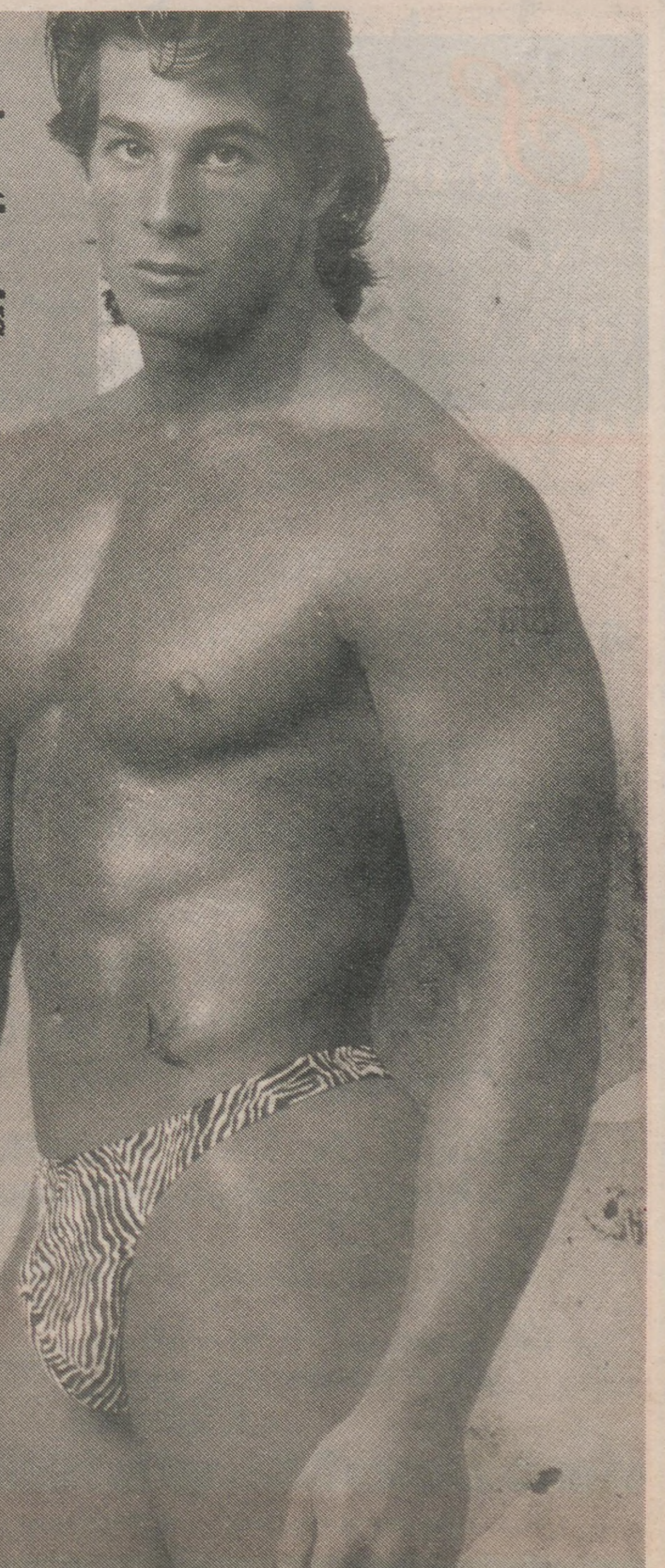
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## Rhode Island governor expected to sign gay rights legislation

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"They absolutely showed that they were for discrimination, that it was okay to fire someone or leave them to the street because of who they are," the Cranston Democrat said.

Chief among the reasons opponents gave against the bill was the concern it would trigger an avalanche of lawsuits charging employers, landlords and banks with discrimination.

But supporters said the dire prediction had not come true in other states that have the bill. In Wisconsin, a state five times the size of Rhode Island, an average of 72 complaints a year have been filed since the bill passed in 1981.

Massachusetts, which has had a gay rights law for six years, 58 complaints have been filed on average annually. Of those, 14 were found to have probable cause.

Others fretted that the law would make it too easy for people to accuse others being anti-homosexual. Proponents argued that the bill placed the burden of proof on the accuser, and that all complaints are kept secret unless probable cause is shown. The law also prohibits the setting of quotas or goals for gays.

Still, many saw the bill as endorsing a lifestyle.

"I'm not homophobic," said Sen. Michael Flynn, R-Smithfield. "I have worked with them, I respect them and their talents, however I'm not willing to make a public policy statement endorsing the gay lifestyle."

Sen. Edward Lawrence, D-Warwick, an outspoken opponent whose positions were criticized by many, said the law went beyond protecting rights and forced people to agree that homosexuality is alright.

"Sodomy is a crime and should stay that way," he said.

He was applauded by one man seated along the wall of the chamber who was quickly escorted out while yelling: "You're all immoral" as the large doors slammed shut behind him.

The debate was in marked contrast to that two years ago when a gay rights bill was voted down in the House Judiciary Committee and a vote to force a House floor vote died. About 100 boisterous supporters in the gallery were ejected; it was later discovered that several historic paintings in hallways had been torn.

Most of the debate centered on the five proposed amendments.

Amendments sought to exempt Boy Scouts and businesses with less than 25 employees. Another asked the matter be put to a public referendum.

Supporters of the Boy Scout amendment said youth groups should be allowed to pick leaders that are "morally straight," but opponents said it was particularly important to include all youth organizations.

"It's when we are youths that prejudice and discrimination begins," said Sen. John Roney, D-Providence. "It must be stopped there."

Sen. Robert Kells, D-Providence, agreed.

"They are human beings like you and I and they have suffered the consequences of insult and ridicule," Kells said. "We as citizens of this state must stop this here and now in this chamber."

Many supporters credited dogged lobbying by the Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights as a reason for success. First introduced in 1984, the bill was killed every year thereafter either on the House or Senate side.

Under the law, discrimination complaints will be brought to the Human Rights Commission, which has the power to fine offenders or force them to redress a wrong. A complainant must go the commission first before suing in court.

The state would join eight others which have passed statewide protections for gay and lesbian citizens. California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Vermont, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia already have similar anti-discrimination laws.

### First Unitarian announces pride service

#### Quick Notes

First Unitarian Universalist church has announced an early Gay Pride Service on Sunday, June 4, at 5:00 p.m. The Rev. Robert Schaibly, senior minister at the church, is scheduled to speak on "Angels in America:" how having to stay in the closet hurts not only the closeted but all people, and how further use of the political process in Texas by sexual minorities and their friends might improve this situation. The service will also feature songs by the Gay

Men's Chorus of Houston, directed by John-Michael Albert.

The church is temporarily meeting at Central Congregational Church, 1311 Holman at Caroline, across from Houston Community Central College, while new and expanded facilities are being built at its regular Museum District location. The congregation affirms full participation in society, politics and religion by sexual minorities, and has been recognized as a Welcoming Congregation for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Persons. For further information: 713/526-5200.

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## Houstonians participate in candlelight memorial

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Entertainer Nancy Ford served as the event's emcee, and congregants were encouraged to see hope, as well as remembrance, in the candles' symbolism.

The program opened with a reprise from last year—the fierce beat of the Las Ilusas Drum Corps—and an introduction by Toby Newman of the HIV Service Providers, the coalition that coordinates the event locally. Pains were taken to recognize multiculturalism: a Cantor, Marilyn Ladin, was among the entertainers (sharing the roster with solo vocalist Thomas Dickerson and the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston); and Jose Alvarez ("Pipe Carrier and Sundancer"), with Tina Cordova, a former employee of AVES, led a Native American Healing Ritual.

Last year, one of the primary topics of note among podium speakers was the absence of and lack of recognition by public officials at the event. This year, two elected officials—City Council Member Felix Fraga and City Controller George Greanias, were present to speak at the



Jose Alvarez ("Pipe Carrier and Sun Dancer") presents healing ritual at memorial

observance, and a proclamation from the city was presented.

Coordinated internationally under the auspices of Mobilization Against AIDS, the event was reportedly observed 240 cities in 45 nations, including sites in all 50 states in the U.S.

## Log Cabin members approve Precinct Initiative proposal

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A proposed cooperative venture with the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, historically a heavily Democratic organization—the Precinct Initiative—appeared to play some role in the leadership dispute. Van Ooteghem said Wilk was among a few vocal opponents of the measure within the group. Wilk, contrastingly, claimed Van Ooteghem and Marion Coleman, who was elected vice president at the board meeting, had supported the bill only because they believed HGLPC would vote it down, thus painting Log Cabin as "good guys" and the caucus as the "bad sports" in the debate over interpartisan cooperation. He further charged that Log Cabin's general membership was unaware of discussions, until an article appeared in the Houston Voice after the caucus vote.

Van Ooteghem said internal politics were never a factor in discussions of the measure, and that he supported the initiative because it represented hope for "getting away from the infighting in the community." He described Wilk as paranoid and overly sensitive.

The coop project, approved early in May by the HGLPC, was adopted after debate by the general membership of Log Cabin on Tuesday.

The goal of the Precinct Initiative is to locate and attract gay or gay-friendly candidates to run for precinct chair positions in the upcoming Texas Republican pri-

mary scheduled for March, 1996.

The two gay political groups are far apart on most political philosophies. The fact that they are working together sets a precedent. It also sets a tone, under which representatives of both say their groups wish to operate: working in peace towards a common goal of obtaining a better and fuller representation of gays within both major political parties.

Whether the goals can be accomplished remains to be demonstrated.

During the debate to approve the joint venture motion, Log Cabin members attempted to table the motion for another month, saying that would give the full membership an opportunity to consider its feasibility. That motion failed.

Questions were also raised regarding the security of the group's mailing list. Van Ooteghem assured the membership that Log Cabin's mailing list would not be released to HGLPC—echoing similar assurances by the caucus' president, Terri Richardson, that the group would not release its list to Log Cabin.

Van Ooteghem also noted that under terms of the agreement, the board of either group could, without prior notice, withdraw immediately from the agreement. He said the board would monitor the progress of the joint project closely over the next ten months. The term of the agreement ends in April, 1996.



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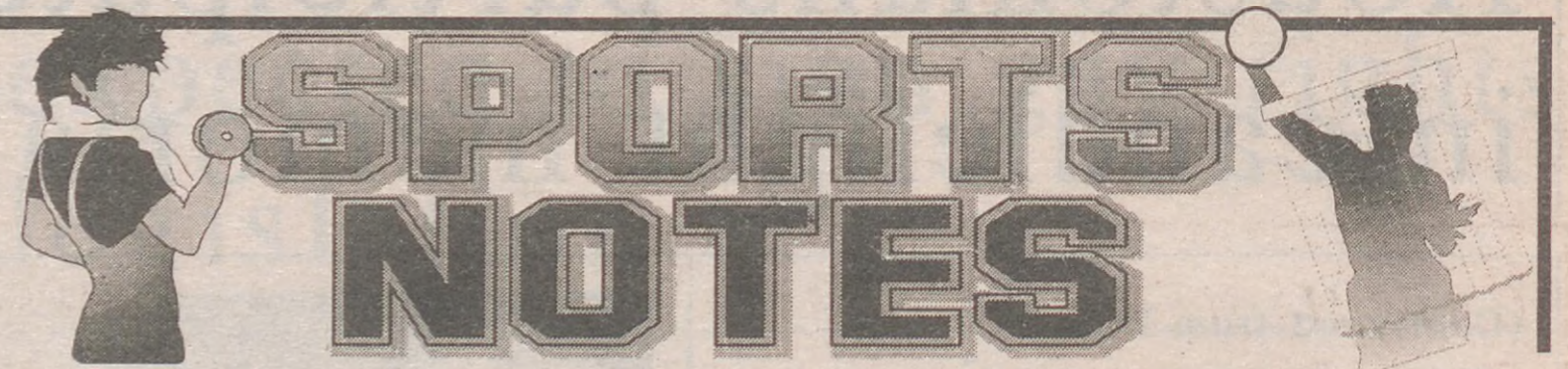
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In the Competitive Division, the Briar Patch lost to the Mining Company Texans in a close contest 7-4. The Voice remains one step behind the Texans by virtue of squeaking past the Montrose Inn by a score of 7-5.

In Recreational Division I, Pacific Street barely beat Rich's Prime, 7-6, in one of the most hotly contested battles all day. The Traveler's defeated J.R.'s Fighting Flamingos, 5-4, in a game where the lead changed hands almost every inning.

Recreational Division II began with the Montrose Counseling Center Auntie Depressants handily defeating Positively BRB, 20-10. In that game, MCC scored eight runs in the first inning as almost everyone got base hits. Sean McVey and Terry Smith contributed to the cause with one home run each. In the second game, the Gentry GAPS defeated Chez E.J.'s, 7-2 to remain in a tie with MCC for 1st place. Donnie Price kept his bat hot as he hit a home run and batted in three runs.

The team standings are as follows: Competitive: Montrose Mining Company, 9-1; Houston Voice, 8-2; Briar Patch, 3-7; Montrose Inn, 0-10. Recreational I: Pacific Street, 7-2; J.R.'s Fighting Flamingos, 6-3; The Traveler's, 5-4; Rich's Prime, 3-6. Recreational II: Gentry GAPS, 5-1; MCC Auntie Depressants, 5-1; Positively BRB, 2-4; Chez E.J.'s, 0-6.

The next week of play is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, at Tim Hearn Field (corner Memorial & Jackson Hill) with the following schedule: 11:00 Gentry vs. MCC; 12:00 BRB vs. E.J.'s; 1:00 J.R.'s vs. Rich's Prime;

2:00 Pacific Street vs. Traveler's; 3:00 Mining Company vs. Houston Voice; 4:00 Briar Patch vs. Montrose Inn.

The members of Pacific Street's softball team would like to invite everyone to Pacific Street on Friday nights. As a fundraiser, they are tending bar on the patio. Go out and see these guys and help them raise funds. It costs a lot of money to attend a tournament!!

If you desire more information concerning MSL, please call our voice mail at 867-3913.

### Bowling Leagues

The Inner Loop Sunday Evening League reports the following standings. Sticky Wickets is in first place, 1/2 & 1/2 is in second and Another Ex is third. High Scratch game of 216 was bowled by Ralph Sikes and series of 580 was bowled by Bob Davidson for the men. For the women High Scratch Game of 220 and series of 569 was bowled by Peri Cain. Bowling is at 7:00 p.m. at Palace Lanes. For League info, call Tom at 522-9612.

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reports Division A standings of Four Blonde Beavers in first place, Lube It or Lose It is second and Bill's Bratts is third. Division B is headed by Party of Four in first, Miss Dee Dee & Do Dah in second and E Pubius YumYum is in third. High Scratch game of 258 and series of 687 was bowled by Lyn Vannoy. Bowling is at 9:00 p.m. at Palace Lanes. For more info call Gurdy at 641-5424.

The Monday Nite Women's League reports Can't Bowl Straight is in first place, Team #8 is second, Legal Insanity is third and Walking Wounded is fourth. Bowling is at 6:15 pm at Fairlanes Southway. For info call Pat at 437-6218 or Marla at 862-3630.

The Wednesday Nite Mixers bowl at 6:30 pm on Wednesday at Palace Lanes will be accepting new teams through this week. The Mixers will bowl May 31. If anyone wants to join the league that day, please arrive at Palace by 6:15 p.m.

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# Community Organizations Bulletin Board

## HATCH Names Board, Committees

HATCH, the Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals, has announced its 1995 board of directors. The board members are Kevin Davidson, president; Dennis Klappersack, vice president; Jeffrey Wacaser, secretary/treasurer; and Leila Hard, Judith Meyer, Trish (Morgan) Kolodney, Margot Morris, Steve Parker, Floyd Robinson and Tom Staley.

The HATCH board also announced the formation of several internal committees, intended to increase service to and opportunities for gay and lesbian youth:

The Educational/Community Outreach Committee, headed by Trish Kolodney takes important issues facing gay and lesbian youth to high schools, law enforcement, counselors, social service and other agencies.

The Fundraising Committee—set up to seek grants, hold fundraising activities and develop other resources. Fundraising Chair Tom Staley is seeking volunteers of time and/or resources for the HATCH prom, which will be held on June 24 at the Majestic Metro.

The Public Relations Committee chair, Steve Parker, is seeking individuals to help developing media relations; outreach materials, including brochures and a newsletter and other information distribution opportunities, including on-line computer services. Jeffrey Wacaser is chairing the Office Committee which coordinates the HATCH organization records, voice mail system, incoming correspondence and the search for office and storage space.

The board of directors has also established a Board Development Committee and invites individuals interested in serving on the board to send their resume to HATCH.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for one of these committees, or to assist the organization in other ways is invited to call HATCH at 942-7002.

HATCH creates safe social environments through peer support groups, educational opportunities and other programs for gay and lesbian youth. Its goals include enabling youth to be positive contributors to the lesbian and gay community and to society as a whole.

## OutVote Elects Temporary Board

OutVote, the new voter registration group, continues its first voter registration drive as it gets organized in anticipation of filing for IRS tax—exempt status in late June.

At its third meeting May 17, members elected a temporary board, approved bylaws, and discussed projects. The next general meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. June 21 (third Wednesday) at the GLPC office, 2700 Albany #304 (one block north of Tuam).

Members elected nine of the 10 board members to serve until September, when permanent board members will be elected.

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OutVote was incorporated May 4 as a Texas non-profit incorporation. After the group files for federal 501 (c)3 tax-exempt status in June, the IRS is expected to grant the request within a month or so. Once federal tax-exempt status is obtained, any contributions made after May 4 will be tax-deductible.

OutVote hopes to achieve tax-exempt status several months before the Nov. 7 City Council elections in time for a fall voter registration and ad campaign, a voters guide, and other get-out-the vote efforts.

The group signed up voters throughout May. The final date for the current campaign will be Saturday, June 3, noon to 6:00 p.m. at Inklings Bookshop, and 10:00 p.m.-1 a.m. at J.R.'s.

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For more information, call 520-VOTE, or 522-9837.

## Correction/Clarification

Incorrect contact information was included with a photograph in the "Community Organizations Bulletin Board" section that appeared in Issue #759 (May 12, 1995) of the Houston Voice. For information on the community garden project for AIDS Foundation Houston's Stone Soup Food Pantry, call AFH at 623-6796.

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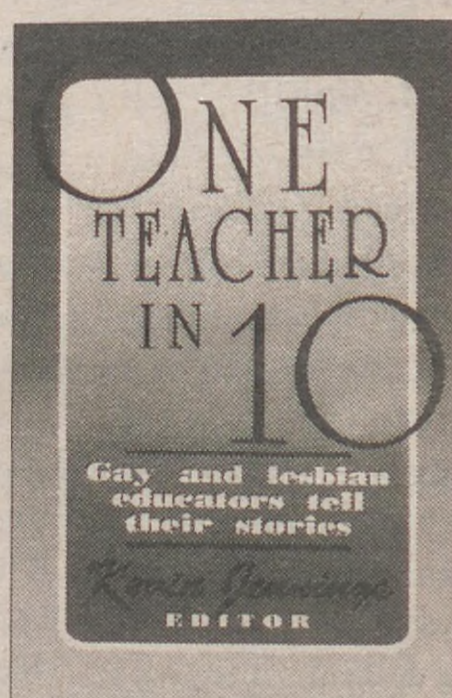
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**A:** The Bible is a book of wisdom. From it we can learn moderation in all things. A legalist would say "NO" to many things in the Bible because of its misuse or abuse. The Holy Spirit gives us direction as to how we are to live our lives pleasing to God. Wine in and of itself is not a bad thing. What creates the problem is the misuse of it. What is excess for one may not be excess for another. Let's look at what the Bible says about wine.

The Bible's primary reference to the use of wine in a negative way is to its excess. The first reference to the use of wine in the Old Testament is right after the flood story in Genesis 9. Noah got drunk on wine and was asleep in his tent, naked. One of his sons came in and looked at his father's nakedness and then boasted about it. His other brothers were respectful and covered their father's nakedness without looking at him. The son who looked at his father's nakedness was later cursed by his father because of the shame it created.

The second reference to drunkenness is in Genesis 19:30-35. Here we see where Lot's daughters got their father drunk so they could have sex with him and have children. At this time they had no husbands and were concerned with their heritage being continued. Lot was ultimately responsible for his drunkenness and the incest that resulted.

In the book of Psalms we find that God is the Creator of all crops that produce wine (Psalm 104:15). In Psalm 4:7 we see that God can give us gladness and joy in our heart that is greater than that which wine brings to our heart.

Proverbs is a book written by the wisest man that ever lived, King Solomon. This is what he said about wine (which I'm sure he consumed his fair share of in his day)! "Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise." (Pro. 20:1) Proverbs associates drunkenness with poverty in 23:20-21, "Do not join those who drink to much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags." Drunkenness is also associated with strife in 23:29-30, "Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes? Those who linger over wine, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine." And finally, drunkenness is associated with injustice in 31:4-5, "It is not for kings, O Lemuel---not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, lest they drink and forget what the law decrees, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights."

In the New Testament we have Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana (John 2:3). He would not have done this if drinking wine was not acceptable. Jesus recognized wine as a common beverage of the day, especially a drink of celebration. The primary concern about alcoholic beverages is consuming it in excess and not in moderation.

Next week.... "How do we know how much is 'too much'?"

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## Strong performances match intense text in 'Destiny of Me'

### Theater Reviews

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

Let no one doubt the passion and sincerity of Larry Kramer. For over two decades now he has spoken with searing honesty of the lives and lifestyles of our community. In 1985, long before most of us had even heard of AIDS, Kramer sounded an alarm about the impending disaster. "The Normal Heart" was both hailed and decried for its unapologetic demand that free-wheeling sex be curtailed, that the community prepare itself for the looming disaster, and that the government galvanize its resources to meet the epidemic. The protagonist, Ned Weeks (who was recognized by everyone as Kramer himself), was viewed as both saint and Satan.

Ned's story is continued in Kramer's sequel, "The Destiny of Me," a painfully autobiographical account, in which Kramer relives his coming of age—a homosexual boy becoming a man, who doesn't understand why something that feels so right should be deemed so wrong by everyone around him. While Kramer's narrative of his youthful experience is powerful drama, it alone is not the singular factor in the strength of this work. Rather it is in the manner with which Kramer ties the events of his youth to the adult who finds himself afflicted with AIDS in the present. Kramer, however does more than tie seemingly unrelated occurrences together—event "A" as a teen results in characteristic "B" as an adult—though such ties could clearly be drawn. What is more significant is the unshakable conviction, in both the boy and the man, that something is not right. The boy knows something is wrong when the people who are supposed to love him won't accept him, and he doesn't understand. The man knows something is wrong when the available minds and resources of the most promising country in history cannot marshal enough forces to meet the onslaught of the plague, and he doesn't understand.

The play unfolds in a hospital room in a well-funded government research institute (NIH by any other name). Ned Weeks (James Belcher), ardent AIDS activist, has allowed himself to be admitted to the hospital under the care of Dr. Anthony Della Vida (David Grant), one of the nation's leading clinical researchers in the struggle against AIDS (can anyone say Dr. Anthony Fauci). Assisting Della Vida in caring for Ned is Nurse Hanniman (Dionne Hemphill), who is also Della Vida's wife.

As Ned submits to a medication protocol fashioned by Della Vida, he recalls his youth—a time when he still used his birth name, Alexander (George Parker III), and when he struggled with his awakening sexuality in an environment marked by an unaffectionate, bitter father, Richard (George Jonte); a selfish, misguided mother, Rena (Amy Brooks-Jackson); and an understanding, if unenlightened brother, Ben (Dennis Turney).

Ned and Alexander interact with one another: Ned wanting desper-

ately to guide Alexander through difficult moments, to give him the benefit of hindsight, and Alexander wanting just as desperately to know that his pain and torment will someday yield happiness, confidence and love.

Alexander's youthful, starry-eyed dreams seem typical; his youthful characteristics seem stereotypical. Alexander is a saucy boy, who knows all the words to all the Andrews Sisters' songs and who strikes poses in mimicry of a gaggle of Hollywood femmes fatales. He is also a lonely boy. He neither likes nor respects his father and blames him, somewhat justifiably, for all manner of family misfortune, but particularly for his incessant criticism and unyielding unacceptance. Alexander is devoted to his mother, but their relationship is grounded in his mother's rosy refusal to see below the surface of anything, thus ensuring that family foibles are brushed aside instead of confronted. Alexander's greatest affection is for his brother, Ben, whom he regards as a best friend, mentor, even hero. Ben has a strong personality, underscored by his undaunted disagreements with his father. Ben recognizes Alexander as "different," recommending that Alexander attend a small liberal arts college where he will be accepted, but interestingly enough, Ben doesn't accept Alexander's homosexuality, advising his little brother to seek psychoanalysis.

Ned, much like his younger self, is at odds with his surroundings. He feels that Della Vida is more interested in gathering data from the experimental treatment being conducted than he is in actually finding a cure. Ned is also in near-perpetual confrontation with Nurse Hanniman. He regards her as a tool of the medical establishment with which he is so embattled; she regards him as a strident Cassandra, unable to see the inroads being made because nothing is happening overnight.

The two portions of the one life are thus compared with a wrenching theatrical fervor. The best scene in the play is also the most powerful juxtaposition. Alexander's family seems to collapse around him, with blows being struck and epithets hurled in an agonizing display. At the same time, Ned goes through a screaming hell as his body reacts violently to the medication. It is a shattering moment that slaps the viewer with the power of a sledgehammer and is perfectly emblematic of the play as a whole.

The acting is strong enough to match the intensity of the text from all present, but the two principals stand head and shoulders above the rest. James Belcher as Ned epitomizes the anger, frustration and fear of a man who knows he is at the end of his rope and who feels that a saving lifeline is being held just beyond reach. Belcher also exudes the pensive self-reflection of a man examining his own past, playing over and over again the events of the formative years and how things might have been different.

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# Houston theater: from the serious to the silly-but-fun

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George Parker III is simply perfect as Alexander. He plays the role with ebullience and froth aplenty and contrasts this beautifully with the pain of a child growing up gay in a straight world. Parker and Belcher are both superb.

Amy Brooks-Jackson does admirably as the mother though the "Jewishness" of her characterization was inconsistent, and Dionne Hemphill makes a spiny Nurse Hanniman evoking images of Nurse Cratchit. Dennis Turney performs with a controlled passion as Ben; David Grant is a distantly bureaucratic Della Vida; and George Jonte cuts a pathetic figure as the father.

Peter Webster's direction is solidly on-the-money with the play's stronger elements, but it's way off—the mark from an audience's perception of comfort. There are many scenes that move way too slowly, contributing to the three hours + one must set aside for this production. To cite an obvious example: in one scene the father, who is hospitalized after suffering a stroke, is helped onto a wheelchair and then rolled out of the hospital room. Granted you can't expect the guy to jump out of the bed and race off-



Carolyn Houston Boone, Luis Lemus and Deborah Hope in "The Glass Mendacity"

stage, but how about just going to a black-out and moving on to the next scene. Whatever clips and tucks are made, the play as presented is just too long.

"The Destiny of Me" is a mesmerizing, self-searching journey. It is a testament to Kramer and the struggle he has so long championed.

## The Glass Mendacity

In the mood for something silly? If so, "The Glass Mendacity" is just what you're looking for. This spoof on the

works of Tennessee Williams combines characters from "The Glass Menagerie," "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" into one zany story.

From "Cat" come Big Daddy (Charles Charpiot) and Maggie (Deborah Hope), who for this play are given the surname Dubois. From "Streetcar" we have Blanche (Carolyn Houston Boone), Stanley (Luis Lemus) and Mitch (David M. Dukes). And from "Menagerie" there is Amanda (Randall W. Jobe) and Laura (Jennifer

Doctorovich).

In this funny piece of fluff, Big Daddy is married to Amanda (who is called Big Amanda Woman). Their children are Blanche (who is married to Stanley), Laura (who still waits for a gentleman caller) and Brick (who is a mannequin). Maggie is still married to Brick, and Mitch serves as a narrator/gentleman caller.

The plot (or what passes for one) is taken from all three plays. Amanda is worried about Laura and finding her a beau. Maggie is more interested in inheriting the plantation than anything else. Stanley is determined to see that the Napoleonic Code to which he adheres is followed when it comes to Big Daddy's inheritance. Laura plays with her glass (partly melted ice cubes) collection, and Blanche floats in and out of reality. Big Daddy rails about all the mendacity, and good ol' Mitch is everybody's nice guy. (Brick is still a mannequin.)

The cast members seem to be having great fun with this. They all tackle their roles with the proper tongue-in-cheek attitude, with Hope and Dukes providing the strongest performances.

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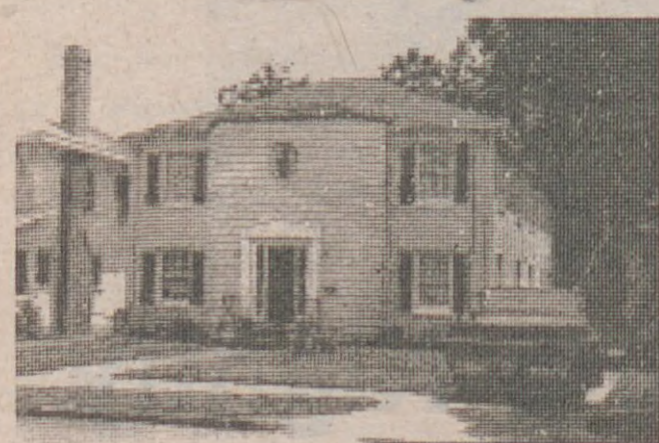
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# Mark Arvin gives swan song performances with Houston Ballet

By ANDREW EDMONSON

Houston Voice/Houston

(HOUSTON)—He's been Romeo, Prince Charming and the Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B.

But the next leap that Mark Arvin, principal dancer with Houston Ballet, takes will be from the stage of the Wortham Center to a career as an actor in musical theater.

Arvin, with his matinee idol good looks and sunny disposition, has emerged as a favorite with both critics and audiences during his ten years with

Houston Ballet. He will bid farewell to his many fans in Houston with two roles that showcase his virtuoso skills as a dancer.

From May 25—June 4, Arvin will strut, preen and pose his way through the rock and roll ballet "Rooster," set to eight songs by the Rolling Stones. And from June 8—18, Arvin's skill as a classical dancer will be on full display when he takes on the enormously demanding title role in "Peer Gynt."

Arvin appears to have everything: starring roles in one of the nation's top ballet companies, critical acclaim,

and a loyal set of admirers. Other dancers have spent their entire careers climbing to the heady position that Arvin is in. Why would he walk away from it all?

"I've always known that I love the theater," he responds during a recent break in rehearsals. As the boyish looking dancer approaches 30, he realizes that if he is going to make the transition to musical theater, he has to do it now.

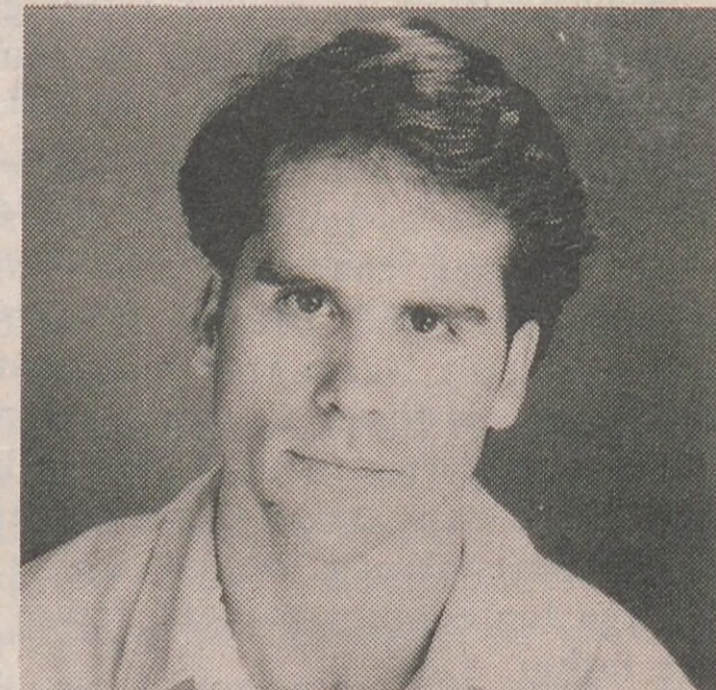
"I wouldn't trade my experience with Houston Ballet for anything. I've gotten to work with Sir Kenneth MacMillan, Dame Margot Fonteyn, and Glen Tetley—some of the greatest figures in twentieth century dance," he observed.

"I've had the chance to go to Singapore, China, Scotland, Denmark, and Norway. I couldn't have asked for anything more."

A native of Biloxi, Mississippi, Arvin came to dance rather late in life. When he was sixteen and living in California, a girl in his neighborhood observed that given Arvin's skill as a gymnast, he should have studied ballet. She concluded that at age 16, he was too old to begin dance training.

Never one to pass up a challenge, Arvin enrolled in a local ballet school, studied for two years, and landed a scholarship at New York's prestigious School of American Ballet. After sustaining an injury to his ankle, he returned home to Austin, where his family was at the time, and danced with Ballet Austin.

He enrolled in Houston Ballet Academy in 1984, and joined the professional company in 1985. Arvin's ascent



Mark Arvin through the ranks of the company was quick and relentless: he was promoted to soloist in 1988, and to the highest rank of principal dancer in 1990. His career has been punctuated by several dramatic episodes and memorable moments.

In Feb. 1990, minutes before the opening night performance of Romeo and Juliet was scheduled to begin, Li Cunxin, one of Houston Ballet's stalwarts, had severe pain in his ankle and was unable to dance the role of Romeo. With 30 minutes notice, Arvin jumped in to costume, and took the stage with his partner, Martha Butler.

"Romeo and Juliet gives birth to new stars" proclaimed the headline in The Houston Chronicle the next day. Dance critic Ann Holmes observed that "Arvin quickly grasped his moment, and became the most intensely focused, theatrically effective Romeo we have seen in the company."

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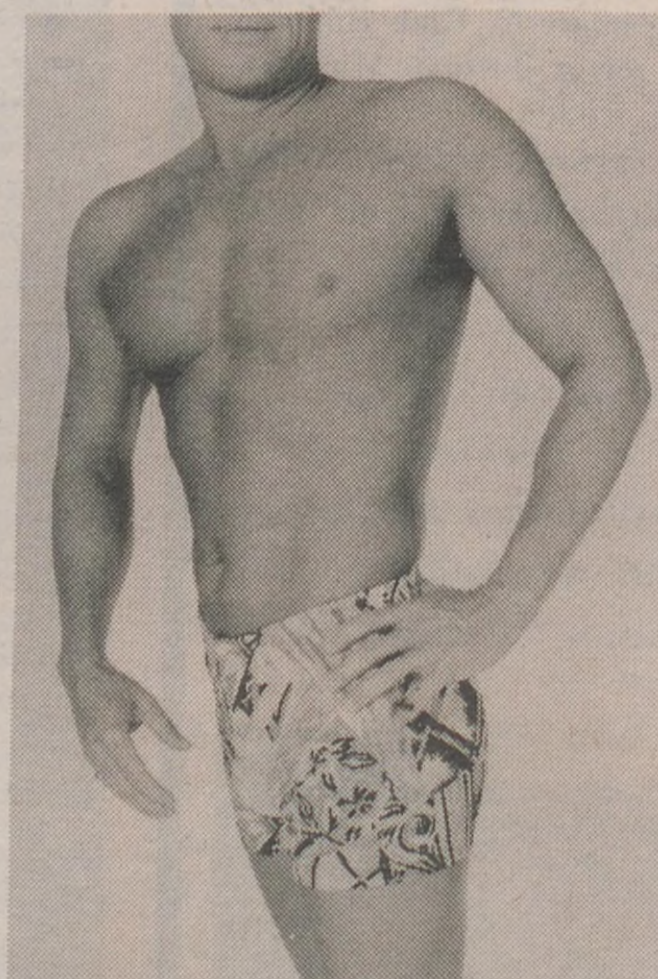


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## Rising star concludes career

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In July 1991 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, Arvin electrified an opening night audience that included President and Mrs. Bush with his virtuoso, high energy solo "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B" at the world premiere of Paul Taylor's Company D, set to eight songs by The Andrews Sisters. The company took curtain call after curtain call, The New York Times dance critic singled Arvin out for praise, and he went on to perform the piece on national television on "The Dennis Miller Show."

With such heady praise from critics, many performers might easily become temperamental or arrogant. But Arvin also wins rave reviews from his fellow dancers.

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Throughout his career at Houston Ballet, two artists have been extremely influential in Arvin's development as a dancer: the company's artistic director Ben Stevenson and the English choreographer Christopher Bruce.

"Ever since Houston Ballet first began dancing Christopher Bruce's work in 1988, Christopher has spent a lot of time picking out the dancers he wants to use," Arvin remembers. "He is the kind of choreographer who very much knows what he wants, and he will work with the dancer to get that out of them. He's meticulous. Once you build a relationship with Christopher, once a bond has been built, he knows that he can trust you with his works."

Arvin is particularly excited about performing the "Little Red Rooster" solo in Bruce's "Rooster."

"I love 'Rooster.' From the moment I first saw the piece on video, I knew that I wanted to dance the 'Little Red Rooster' solo. Performing 'Rooster' isn't just going out there and going through the movement. It is a challenge because there are a lot of stops and starts in the movement. The movements have to be on certain counts, and every gesture is very specific."

"Chris has warned us: 'you have to be careful when dancing to the Rolling Stones that it doesn't become cheap video movements.' He still demands technical mastery and artistic integrity. It's not just going out there and dancing like you would in a disco."

Ben Stevenson created "Peer Gynt" as a showcase for the skills of the male dancer. The ballet is based on Henrik Ibsen's famous 1867 verse drama of the same name. It traces the adventures of a hot-blooded young Norwegian peasant, Peer Gynt, who escapes the confines of his provincial village and sets sail for adventure in the wide-open world, romancing (and deserting) many beautiful women in the process.

The title role is a killer, exceptional in the demands it places on the dancer portraying Peer. In the ballet, Peer ages from 18-75, and is transformed from a naive peasant boy to a womanizing man

of the world. Not only must the dancer playing Peer have enormous strength and deep reserves of technique, he must also be a compelling actor.

During the rehearsal process, Arvin has discovered a key to what motivates the inscrutable Peer. "If you look at the whole ballet, there is a pattern, 11 he observes. "Peer can't see that he's actually worth loving, that he's a person who deserves love. I can't say that I've been that way, but I certainly know what that feeling is like."

"When Peer finally realizes that things are going badly for him when he is in Egypt in the second act, that's when his life starts to turn around. He realizes, 'Something is dreadfully wrong, and I need to get out of this situation. I But by then, he is not young, he's wasted his life. He sees that he needs to be home in Norway, with a person who loves him. Sometimes you don't realize that love is right there in front of your face."

In addition to the theatrical challenges of playing Peer Gynt, there are several moments in the ballet that give Arvin the chance to truly shine as a classical dancer.

"In the first act right before his mother dies, Peer has a solo in which he is very exposed. It is one of the few times in the whole ballet that he just gets to be himself. He gets to do what he loves," Arvin



Mark Arvin will dance give his final performance with Houston Ballet in "Peer Gynt"

notes. "It's a beautiful solo, and I think that Ben really captured the true essence of Peer in it."

In addition to his busy round of rehearsals and performances, Arvin still manages to squeeze in time for his "significant other," Kevin White, and to volunteer his services for several Houston AIDS organizations. In 1990, he performed as part of The Heartstrings National Tour in Houston. At the end of March, he performed in the opening ceremonies of the display of the NAMES Project AIDS quilt display at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

"I had wanted to get involved with an AIDS organization and try to utilize what I'm doing as a performer for benefits," he remembers. "A friend of mine died, and I made a quilt panel for him. I think that the NAMES project helps us to heal when we lose our loved ones. Making a panel is so sad, yet so rewarding because you actually feel a part of the person you've lost when you make their panel. Especially in my case, where a friend designed his own quilt and asked me to make it."

After his final appearance with Houston Ballet, Arvin won't completely disappear from Texas's stages. Houstonians will have the chance to witness another side of this talented performer this summer—if they are willing to travel to Galveston. He has been cast as a member of the ensemble for Galveston Outdoor Musicals' production of West Side Story in July.

(Mark Arvin will dance in "Rooster" May 25, 27, June 1 and 3. He will be featured in "Peer Gynt" June 11 and 16. For tickets, call 227-ARTS).

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**HEALTH**

**Lesbian health advocates plan  
Breast Cancer Awareness Day**

By **SHERI COHEN DARBONNE**

*Houston Voice Editor*

(HOUSTON)-Pat Gandy, president of the Lesbian Health Initiative (LHI), has more than one reason to be concerned about breast cancer and its impact on the lesbian community.

Yes, there is now a recognized increased risk for the cancer among lesbians due to several known factors, the most widely cited being that women who have never given birth are at the highest risk for developing the disease. Recent lesbian health studies by groups in several U.S. cities—including the first ever in Houston, completed recently by LHI—point up the threat of cancer in general in the lesbian community, as well as a distressing gap between women who say they know how to perform a breast self-examination and those who actually do the exam on a regular basis.

Gandy, however, had a much more personal experience to relate to the members of Lesbians In Business at the group's May meeting, which focused on lesbian health issues.

"I myself am a breast cancer survivor. I am standing here today, alive and healthy, because I woke up one day and had the sense to have a mammogram," Gandy told the group. She was joined by other LiB and LHI members who recounted their experiences.

Virginia Miller, who now leads a support group for lesbians with breast cancer and their partners at the Montrose Counseling Center, said she formed the group after discovering, while herself looking for support, that there was nothing available to her that addressed her issues and concerns. "A few years ago, I looked for a support group," Miller recalled, "and what I found was (women discussing) 'Here is how your husband feels about your breast...!' So I wrote to LiB, and I asked for help in forming a support group for lesbians and their partners."

There are a number of risk factors for breast cancer over which women, lesbian or heterosexual, have little control. Studies have shown a relationship between breast cancer risk and estrogen cycles, for example, as well as the time of the

onset of menopause. Women over the age of 35, particularly those who have never had children, have a somewhat higher risk, as do women with a history of cancer in their families.

Results of the recent Houston lesbian health survey, however, indicate that there is a gap between what lesbians know about breast cancer prevention and what they do. Even among survey respondents who have had mammograms, most indicated they did not have the test regularly. And while most of those surveyed—92 percent—said they knew how to do a breast self-examination, 16 percent said they never did the procedure, and many more said they did not do it monthly.

To help raise awareness to the issue, both in and beyond the lesbian community, LHI, LiB and the Montrose Counseling Center are sponsoring a Breast Cancer Prevention Day. The event, to be held Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center offices, 701 Richmond, will offer services including a "how to" session on the breast self-exam (every hour 9:00-2:00); educational presentations by volunteer physicians, including individual doctor assessments (10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; seating limited, appointment cards are available at Inklings book shop); manual breast exams by trained nurses, and mammograms (\$5:00, by appointment; space limited, appointment cards available at Inklings).

Information on lesbian-friendly physical and mental health services will be available in the lobby throughout the day. Networking with other lesbians will be ongoing throughout the day, and snacks will be provided, organizers said.

Dr. Allene King is the physician coordinator for the event, which is underwritten by the three groups listed above. Business sponsors include Suzanne Anderson Properties, Sisters of Houston and the Alternative Health and Wellness Center. Ticket/registration site is Inklings, 1846 Richmond; the mammogram unit will be provided by Texas Mobile Health. For more information on Breast Cancer Awareness Day, contact Madelyn McNeil, 529-0077.

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**LOCAL/STATE**

**Montrose Clinic announces new schedule**

**Quick Notes**

Clinic will expand its hours beginning Tuesday, May 30, 1995, announced Eileen Hegar, president. The clinic will restructure its service hours for sexually transmitted disease treatment, HIV screening and the Frost Eye clinic to offer these services at the most convenient times for the greatest number of people. Also, most services will now be offered on an appointment basis, but walk-ins are still welcome.

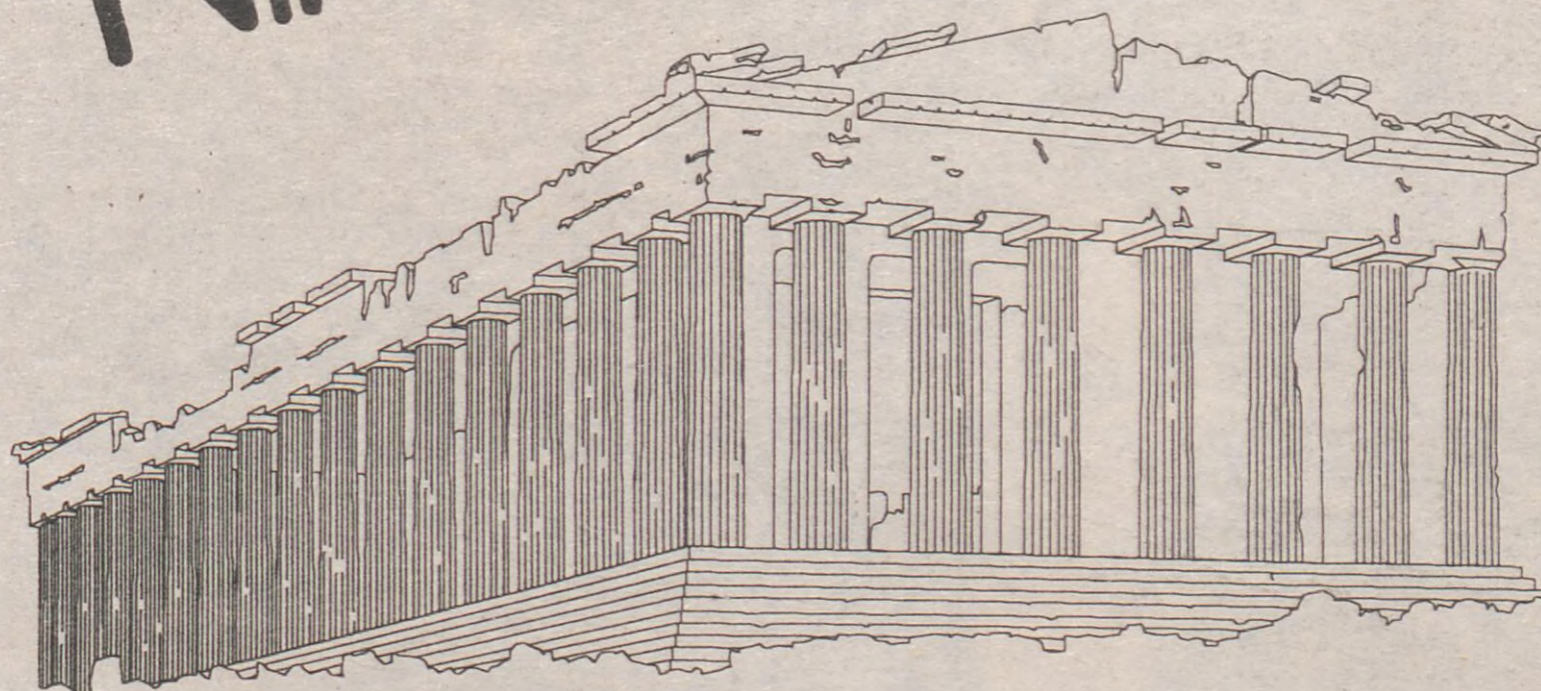
Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) screening will occur from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anonymous and confidential HIV counseling and testing will be offered from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. "This will allow us to serve both persons who need to come in during the evening as well as those who prefer to come in during the day," commented Hegar.

Beginning on May 15, 1995, the Frost Eye Clinic, a joint project with the University of Houston which offers free or low-cost eye screening, cor-

rective vision prescriptions, lenses and eye glasses to persons living with HIV, will expand its hours to 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Another component of the Frost Eye Clinic offering screening for eye diseases such as CMV retinitis to HIV+ persons with 100 or fewer CD4 cells, will be offered every other Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All services can now be scheduled by appointment. "The single most common comment we get concerns how long clients sometimes have to wait to be seen. To solve this problem we are switching from a walk-in clinic to a clinic that allows patients to schedule appointments that fit into their schedule. Our goal is to reduce client's wait time and better serve their needs. Of course, if someone walks in we will still offer them service; however, persons with appointments will be served first. It may take some time for people to make the change, but eventually I think everyone will benefit from this," said Chris Jimmerson, vice-president of clinical services. The clinic will begin accepting calls for appointments immediately. Appointments may be made by calling 520-2000. Appointments for anonymous HIV testing will be made using a number only.

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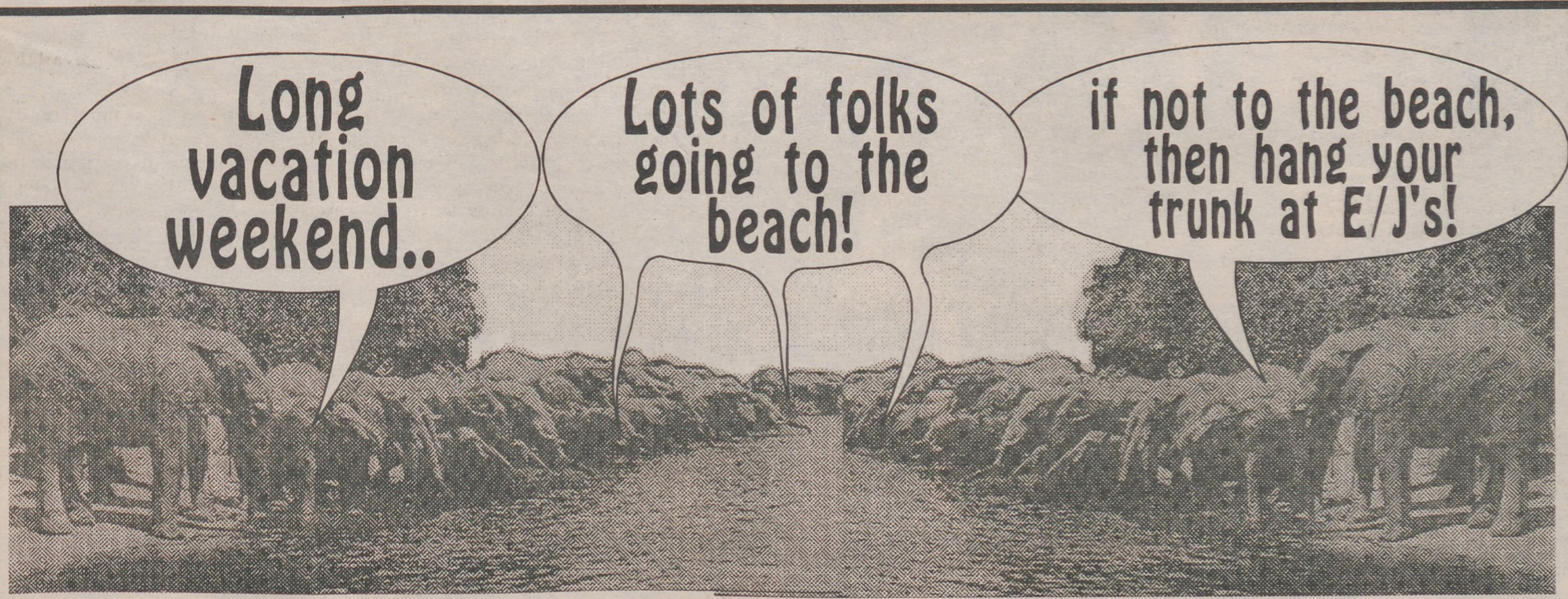
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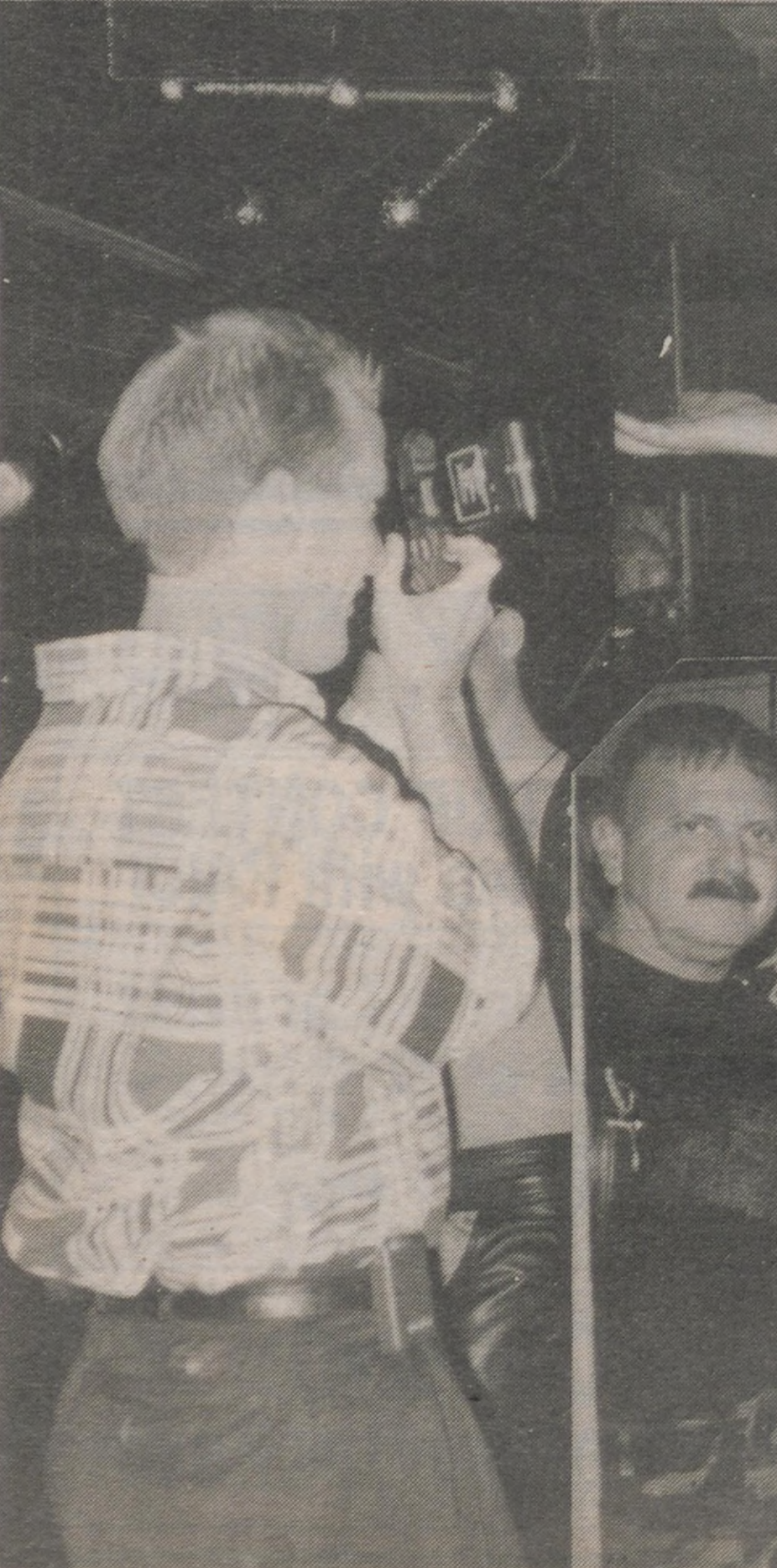
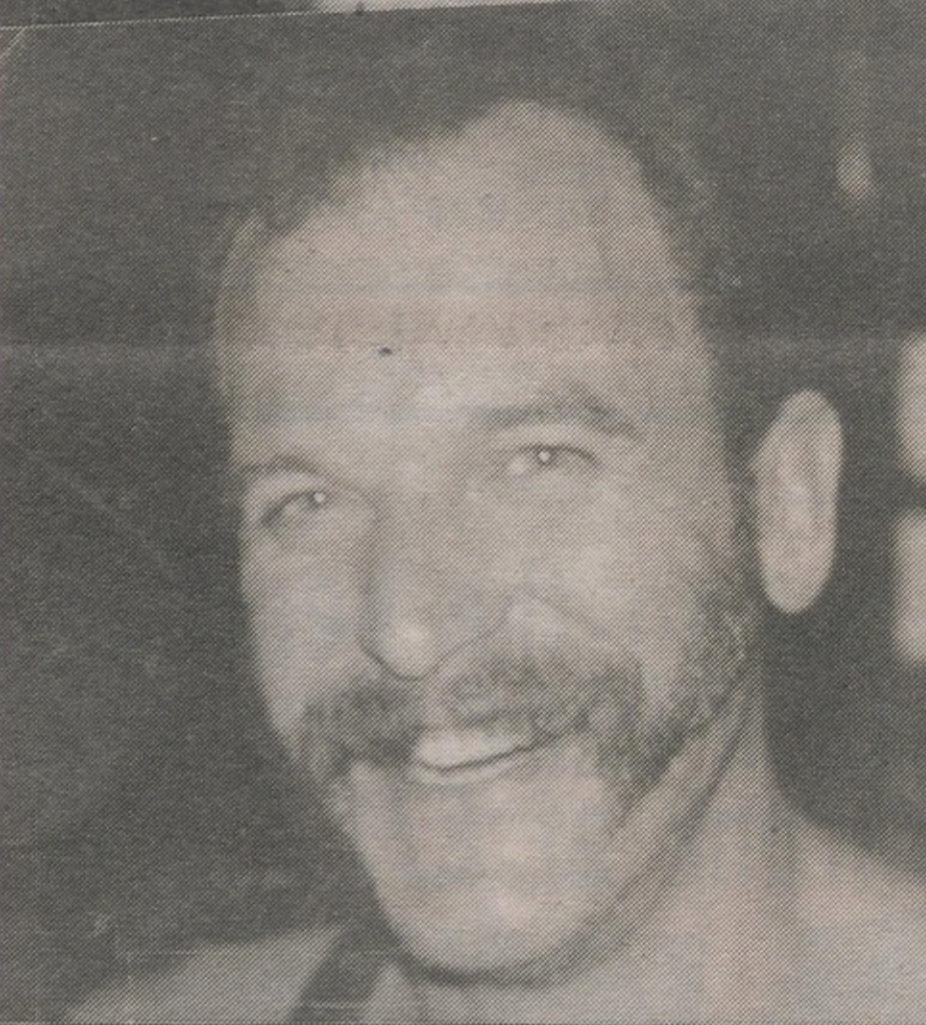
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Cindy (Sundance)—So your foot surgeon's name is Dr. Hack, and just who is your pedicurist?

Roxanne (Club 403)—Do we need to look up the words "unbiased" and "impartial" in Webster's?

Lonnie (Rich's)—You and Jose Cuervo cannot go bowling together anymore! A 96? For shame!

Ron (hangs at PS)—I hear that Mr. Sandman is helping you to dream about Tim.

Lee (Ripcord)—Boy, some party animal you are! The only one at your birthday party NOT crossed-over.

Robert (BRB)—I understand you had a prom date, corsage and all.

Lamonte (hangs at Heaven)—You need to watch out with that NEW hair! You can really give a girl hair lacerations!

Mitzie (hangs at PS)—I heard you split your red dress hurdling the fence—were you in a hurry girl? Also your snake is for sale—or was that the Lincoln?

Wilma (Mary's)—You really do resemble some dummy at the Venture-N.

Lazer Wizard—What is this I hear about the captain of the Viking Princess (how apropos) trying to kick you off the ship for making navigation nearly impossible from all the COMOTION?

Bruce (Gray Party) Now remember that all of the potential hosts for this year MUST be old enough to drive.

Jerry (hangs at Mine) Boom Boom Boom Boom—P-I-G hawg!

Tommy Sue (BRB) You scored a 149 and couldn't even see the pins? Imagine you missing something shaped like that!

Victoria Lust—What is this I hear about you crawling around Montrose looking for a cigarette? P.S. You owe Sue Ellen \$5.50 for cab fare.

Joe (Mary's)—I saw what you and that married woman were doing on the bar stool.

Munson (hangs at PS) You have a new hobby I understand, I didn't get the whole story, but it involves your upstairs bedroom, batteries and rabbit ears.

Sally (Ranch)—I heard that your black leather nurse's outfit is just stunning! Too bad it is a size (or 10) larger then I could borrow it.

David (Ripcord)—So you got your asphalt Jackhammered, and woke up the entire neighborhood.

Jimmy (Gray Party) Now I know that lying flat on your back for an entire week has always been a fantasy of yours, but it is really good to see you up and about, glad to see you are feeling better for your birthday this weekend HFBD.

I want to thank everyone who helped me throughout this two weeks and especially to the blushing bride. Somehow whenever I walked into a new bar, everyone was so...how shall I say... Giving! I hope to do this again soon!

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### B-Boy, B-Boy, What You Gonna Do...

By CHRIS LAMBERT

("B-Boy Blues" by James Earl Hardy, \$9.95 paperback, Alyson Press, 1994, 283 pages)

Mitchell, the double college honors graduate, now working as a serious journalist for a magazine in New York, has a problem. He craves a fantasy lover. And, not unusual in an intellectual who describes himself as a "soft," he wants to take a rut on the wild side. Since Mitchell is black, his particular ideal rough is a "Ban-gee-boy," a young gang punk with attitude up to here and pants down to there, 40 oz. Colt Malt Liquor in hand, and no future in sight except terrorizing the street corner.

My particular problem with this book is that the book is an exercise in wish fulfillment, a dream sequence which in its improbability leaves hard edged romances like "Pretty Woman" ("Cinderella" for that matter) gasping at the sheer sweep of its unreality. I like my Harlequin Romances identified as such and not disguised as literature. Anyway, Mitchell's story...

It all begins when Raheim, a 21 year old stud with a glistening body which would make Claude van Damm envious, picks Mitchell out of a crowded bar and approaches him. Later, the stud shows up at Mitchell's job (Raheim is a bike messenger which keeps his thighs to sigh for well pumped) and they adjourn to Mitchell's apartment where they have sex whose noise level is audible in the street. Sex that lasts till after dawn. Raheim moves in for two weeks which are so exhausting-exhilarating that no clothes get washed or phones answered. Are we in Oz yet?

It gets better. Raheim, who dropped out of school at 16 because he fathered a child, turns out to be a speed reader who can discuss Tolkien, Tolstoy or telekinesis at the drop of a reversed baseball cap. He regularly beats Mitchell at Jeopardy, which seems to be the only time they interrupt you-know-what. He then proves to be such a marvelous free-hand artist Mitchell gets him an immediate job designing CD covers. Raheim in due course produces his son who at 5 proves too incredibly cute, intelligent, loving, polite and obedient.

Mitchell himself blossoms. He quits, in a blaze of glory, his oppressive job when a white Reaganite Yalie is promoted over him. He reveals around page 200, after various sneers about athletics, that in high school he had been an All New York City gymnast (which at least explains Raheim's taste) who had turned down college scholarships because they bored him. He is an ace champion Spades player and thereby establishes his standing among Raheim's street buddies.

Despite various problems ranging from Raheim's messiness and tendency to vanish after quarrels to the street killing of one of Raheim's buddies—presumably it had never occurred to Raheim that violence was part of his life style choice—true lust conquers all. Raheim returns after a final yelling match about accepting one's homosexuality, and in a final, nicely and steamily written show of bad boy fantasy submission becomes, for the first time ever, the

bottom part of the sex sandwich—with the appropriate decibel level, of course. Curtain.

There are other petty annoyances. Everybody's clothing is described in detail. Fabrics, colors. Everybody's height is given. Geez, even Dickens didn't do that. Mitchell, an oppressed minority, is painfully politically correct. ALL the women are neat and supportive. ALL the white guys are jerks. The universe and New York City are synonyms. Mitchell, who "swoons," "gags" and "giggles" throughout the book, and is obsessed with clothing, swears he is not a queen (see gymnast evidence!) and is a hard body macho dude himself.

Finally, there are some editing problems. For example, it seems like Mitchell gives his mom cruise tickets as a present at a suburban family barbecue, but nobody says anything until twenty pages and a month later.

Lest this review be completely negative, Mr. Hardy does have some neat turns of phrase throughout the book, and, after all, this is his first novel.

### Michelangelo Signorile Outing Once Again

By B. ALAN

"Outing Yourself" (Random House, June, 1995) is the latest book written by Michelangelo Signorile. Signorile—a name once associated with 'outing,' as in revealing the homosexuality of prominent people—this time puts the reader in the stressful position of 'outing' as it relates to the self—coming out.

The 14 step, self help book, for which Signorile did extensive research, is full of quotes from people who went through the process and what they experienced.

"I had what I guess you could call a crush on a guy at school—I mean I used to dream about kissing him—and every time I saw him in class my heart would start pounding and I'd turn red. I would then get this queasy feeling in my stomach, like I was sick, because this feeling of liking the guy made me ill, because I thought homosexuality was disgusting.

"I convinced myself that I was bisexual, and that I could control the gay side and not act on it. But I soon realized that I didn't like girls in a sexual way at all. Two years later I began dating a girl who really was bisexual—I mean, she liked girls and guys and had relationships with both. And, well, she and I had very little sex. After a lot of long talks she eventually said to me, 'You're not bisexual. You're gay.'

"I sent home that night, and for the first time wrote in my journal, 'I'm gay.' Then I crossed it out. I just couldn't face it."

With personal experiences like this mixed in with honest talk, makes the book easy and enjoyable to read. There is not doubt that someone's personal story will touch each person and will help them deal with the struggle of coming out.

Like Mr. Signorile, I too have always encouraged people to come out, unlike Mr. Signorile, I encourage people to do it when the time is right for them. "Outing Yourself" is the best way for any person to begin the process of coming out.

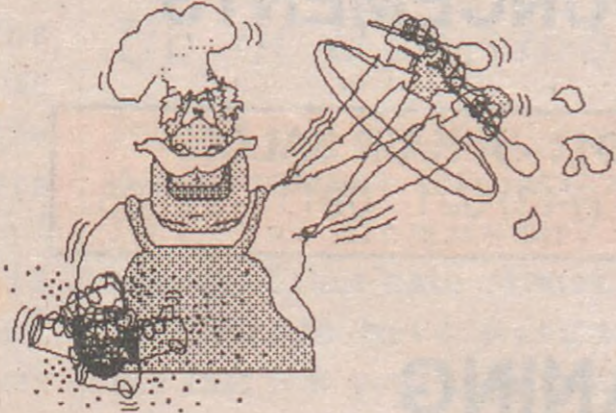
RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD

Okay! It's time to give you an appetizer recipe. I tried this one last week, and we really enjoyed it. Except using it as an appetizer, we had it as the entree. You could do some stir fry with this, but we had snow peas and sliced tomatoes. Hey, sometimes I don't have time to fix a meal that is really proper! I do stay busy with the emus and our insurance business. Anyway, these are easy and I really think you will enjoy them.

Chinese Baked Pork Rolls

Marinade:

- 2 Tbsp soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp catsup
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp vinegar
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp toasted sesame oil
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 1 pound pork tenderloin



Stuffing:

- 6 dried mushrooms (I used fresh)
- 4 whole scallions
- 8 water chestnuts

To make the marinade: In a medium bowl, stir together the soy sauce, catsup, sugar, white wine, vinegar, cornstarch, sesame oil and pepper.

Cut the pork tenderloin crosswise into 12 thin slices. With a meat mallet, pound each piece between sheets of heavy-duty plastic wrap to a 1/4 inch thickness. Toss the meat in the marinade and let stand for 15 minutes (I marinated for about 2 hours).

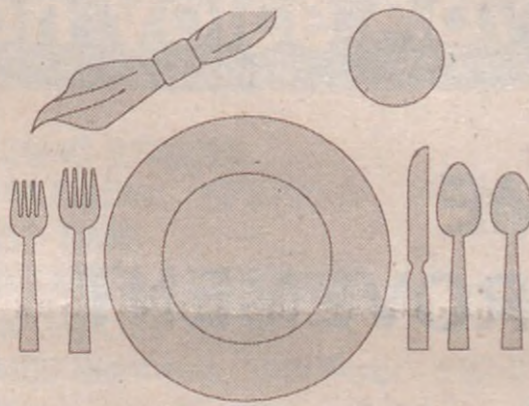
To make the stuffing: Soak the mushrooms in boiling water for 15 minutes. Drain; discard the water and the stems. Thinly slice the mushrooms lengthwise. Using a knife, cut the scallions into thin shreds. Chop the water chestnuts. Stir together the vegetables.

Remove the pork slices from the marinade and drain, reserving the marinade. Place 2 Tbsp of the stuffing on each pork slice. Roll the slice of pork around the stuffing. Fasten each roll with a wooden toothpick. Arrange the rolls in a single layer in a baking dish. Pour the reserved marinade over the pork rolls. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 20 minutes.

I think it is easier to keep the vegetables separate. I mixed them according to the recipe, and it's hard to divide the vegetables equally on the pork. These would also be good with hot mustard.

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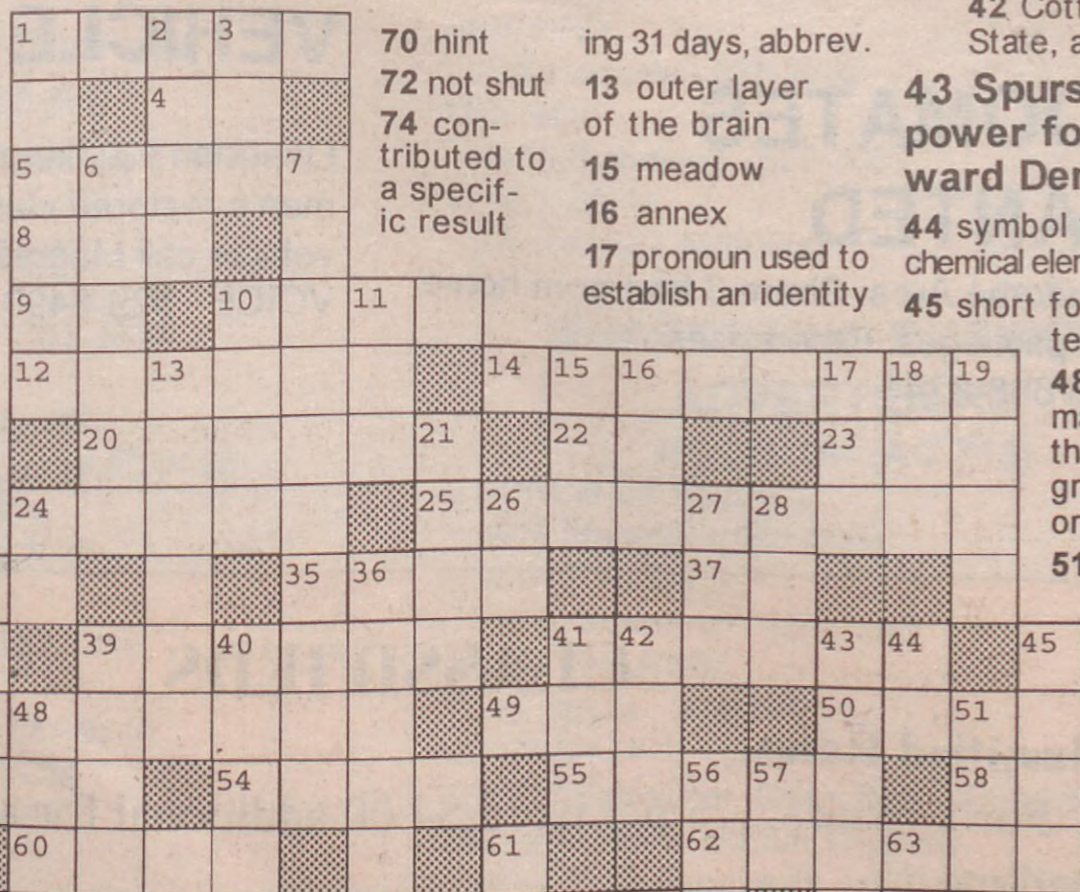


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- 9 symbol for iridium, a hard, brittle element used in high-temperature materials
- 10 fog & smoke
- 12 part of a plan of action
- 14 Rocket's center Hakeem
- 20 hoisting drinks in one's honor
- 22 adjective & adverb suffix for comparing 2 items
- 23 border on cloth
- 24 unite
- 25 site of 1st two games of the Rockets/Spurs series
- 29 NBA conference of the Rockets & Spurs
- 35 Roman numeral 902
- 37 symbol for chemical element gold
- 38 art objects
- 39 erected
- 41 last team that the Spurs eliminated

- 46 Ocean State, abbrev.
- 47 Rockets guard Clyde
- 49 girl
- 50 one time only
- 52 alt. spelling of paid
- 54 engrave
- 55 Spurs center Robinson
- 58 calendar dates before the year 1
- 59 one's former spouse
- 60 one who does
- 62 entangle
- 64 20th century American jurist Warren, chief justice of U.S. Supreme Court, initials ("Liberty, not communism, is the most contagious force in the world.")
- 65 this is the object of the game of football, abbrev.
- 67 NBA team with best regular season record
- 69 because

- 75 objective case form of 'we'
- 76 symbol for chemical element krypton
- 77 consumed
- 79 revise for publication
- 80 Spanish prefix for English 'dis'
- DOWN
- 1 site of 3rd & 4th games of the Rockets/Spurs series
- 2 Spurs coach Bob
- 3 reasoning power
- 6 supply with air
- 7 partially secret
- 10 male deer
- 11 6th month hav-

- ing 31 days, abbrev.
- 13 outer layer of the brain
- 15 meadow
- 16 annex
- 17 pronoun used to establish an identity
- 18 original equipment manufacturer, abbrev.
- 19 Land of Enchantment, abbrev.
- 21 brought out or stated
- 24 state with lady's-slipper as official flower, abbrev.
- 26 Chinese distance of 1/3 mile
- 27 tree that bears acorns
- 28 outstanding
- 30 abbrev. for electron volt
- 31 call handle for a knight
- 32 animal's stomach
- 33 abbrev. for time zone east of central
- 34 Rockets coach Tomjanovich
- 36 show of pity

- 39 redecorate
- 40 watchful
- 41 boy
- 42 Cotton State, abbrev.
- 43 Spurs' power forward Dennis
- 44 symbol for chemical element tin
- 45 short for technical
- 48 primary hue that's not green or blue
- 51 TV

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Houston Voice readers born this week share their birthday with Christine Jorgensen (né George Jorgensen), b.1926. Christine was not gay, since having never considered herself male, she could not possibly be attracted to the "same sex" just because she was interested in men. She never liked the term "transsexual", she always conceived of herself as a woman, and a woman was what she determined to become. "Life has been good to me, I have no regrets."

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) Your normally high energy level kicks into an even higher gear this month. Having the multiple facets to your personality draws a considerable amount of energy. Having the high stress areas of your present life, leaves little room for personal needs being met, but in meeting these needs becomes the secret in being able to handle the many important demands upon you. Be good to yourself.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23) You will be tempted to stray from basic ideals and goals of your life this month. You know that this is not correct and the answer to others is quite clear. Greed, ego and lust are the three drives that have gotten you into trouble in the past and are again likely to cause trouble to you at this time. Happiness for you will be to say "no" and follow through with what is truly correct.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug 22) Continue to guard your need for privacy. In an attempt to help every one who comes along, you take time from yourself and end up the week without needs met. If you want to go to the CBC or the MidTowne, do it and enjoy yourself. For I'll probably see you there. I have often thought that you would look good with a white towel around you. Rather than taking Prozac, just try satisfying your needs more often.

**VIRGO** (Aug 23 - Sept 23) The spiritual side to your personality has an excellent opportunity to come out until the 21st of June with the Sun transiting your solar ninth house. Not only will you feel more comfortable than usual in attending a religious service but you may wish to use this month in becoming actually involved with the order of worship. See Debbie H. for instruction on playing the chimes.

**LIBRA** (Sept 24 - Oct 23) The new moon on May 29th should place extra control and restrictions on your run away enthusiasm. You will be less likely to end up with projects half completed. Try to finish what you all ready have under way. The current recipe from the Kuntry Kidd is an excellent taste treat and please consider preparing it for yourself and friend this weekend.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Look at your social calendar this week, and see where additional time to spend with your lover may be fitted in. You have been slighting her/him at the expense of making the other person feeling wanted. There is no doubt as to your loving commitment to the relationship, but rather the amount of time you personally spend with the other person.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23 - Dec 21) You will have an extra amount of discipline this week and next to tackle some of the 'hard' projects in your life. This would include rebeginning your diet, controlling any addictive behavior, and becoming more punctual at work and social events. Happiness will be yours with the accomplishment of some of these goals. Carry with you a written piece of paper with your plans (s) on it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22 - Jan 20) The new moon on the 29th of this month will see a decrease in your energy level that is temporary and you should not place any significance to the drop in work goals. Try to get as many work projects completed by this time. Pay attention to the details, as you will be tempted to cut corners and to try to get by with only average work. Fortunately, your energy levels will increase by 15 June.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Your personality becomes more labile this month with wider than normal swings in your up and down moods. Strangers who do not know you may be taken aback by these wide mood swings. Limit the amount of coffee and tea that you drink per day. Watch your personal hygiene level to make sure that are always pleasant to be close at hand.

**PISCES** (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Set aside from each pay period some extra moneys to cover any special purchases in the future. Try to limit your self to having one credit card with an outstanding balance due. As I found out recently, it is O.K. to be carrying more than one card, but keep those other cards with a zero amount due. Treat yourself to a spring bunch of nicely cut flowers for your quarters or Office desk.

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr 20) There is an increase in your romance possibilities this week and next, and it is more important that you get out and about to be seen. No one is going to discover your self 'sitting home alone in your room'. Look about your living quarters and see where a bit more color will add a new and more contemporary look to your living spaces. You do enjoy spending time at your home, so make the most of it.

**TAURUS** (Apr 21 - May 21) You new and shorter hair length looks great on you. Makes you look more contemporary and younger. I am sure that the new style is more easily cared for, also. Earlier health problems continue to improve in an excellent fashion, giving to you confidence to get up and about accomplishing projects. Happiness will be to live for the presence and the future.

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# Hate crimes against gays on the rise everywhere

(Continued from Page 1)

The American couple was attacked by three white youths. Two of the attackers had shaved heads. The attackers were adrift on the empty street but looked like many other young college students who had been out too late and missed their train home. As the Americans approached, one of the attackers asked about a taxi in a polite and friendly tone of voice. Then as the couple came closer, the attackers said something about "Homophile" (an outdated Dutch word referring to homosexuality as a disease) as they violently pummeled and kicked their victims.

The attacker's prescription glasses were found, but the Amsterdam police seemed reluctant to trace them to their owners. The C.O.C. has offered to help by encouraging the police to track down the attackers through the optical distributor carrying the unique frame and then cross-matching with the precise prescription.

Amsterdam isn't the only progressive European city to see an increase in gay hate crimes. "De GAY Krant," the Netherlands' largest gay newspaper, reports that Prague, the liberal flower of eastern Europe, now has skin-heads stalking outside gay bars to bash unsuspecting patrons.

"Hate crimes are up all over the world, particularly in Western Europe," noted Elan Steinberg, executive

director of the World Jewish Congress. "The attacks are frequently done by Skin Heads and they strike upon foreign workers, Jews, Gays, other minorities, the elderly, and the handicapped. These skin head groups have strong and growing international links."

## Up in USA, too

Jerri Lynn Fields, Director of the Anti-Violence Project at Chicago's Horizons Community Services reported that hate crimes against Gays in Chicago have steadily risen over the last few years. In their March 1995 study, The New York City Gay And Lesbian Anti-Violence Project reported that hate crimes against gays and lesbians through-out the USA are up in general. They found a nationwide trend in six major cities. It showed that while reported hate crimes against gays and the number of serious injuries declined slightly in 1993, that violence is still at an alarming level—90% above 1989 figures. New York City leads the country in reports of anti-gay/lesbian crime.

## Why Gays?

Luis Aragon, Deputy District Attorney of the San Diego D.A.'s Office shed some light onto why Gays were targeted. He said, "It seems that in the assailant community, there is an impression that gays are easier tar-

gets (as crime victims)." Many assailant's know that if they shout "faggot" a few times during the mugging that some victims won't report the crime to police, whether gay or straight.

Bob Heider concurs, "Interesting statements, by one of them at least, they targeted Hillcrest because they found the victims 'easy'... that's not a good sign." Heider also noted the irony of these gang members all being caught by these "easy" victims. The gay community is particularly alert to violence and organized to fight violence decades ago. These jailed criminals' gay stereotype didn't match reality. News of the error has apparently reached the assailant community. The S.D.P.D. reported that, "There have been no more Hillcrest robberies reported being done by Latino youths since the arrests began."

## What Triggered Rise

Matt Foreman, executive director of The New York City Gay And Lesbian Anti-Violence Project provided the following information, "The apparent connection between anti-gay/lesbian organizing and hate violence against gay men and lesbians is supported by data from other parts of the country. In 1992, right wing groups organized campaigns to pass ballot initiatives in Colorado

and Oregon to prevent the extension of civil rights protection to gay men and lesbians in those states. Proponents of the measures suffused both states with egregious myths and negative stereotypes of gay and lesbian people. In both states, hate crimes against lesbians and gay men soared. In Denver, for example, anti-gay incidents rose 129% during 1992(89 to 204). In Portland, advocates reported 968 incidents in 1992. During 1993, the fever pitch abated in both states and reported incidents in Portland declined 82%, and in Denver the rate of increase dropped 93% to 12%

James McElroy is an attorney who handles hate crime cases and successfully sued Mike Metzger of W.A.R. (White Aryan Resistance) for \$12,000,000. When asked which minority group showed the biggest increase in hate crimes, McElroy responded, "(the) most significant increase is in the gay community. In my personal opinion, gay hate crimes are up in the USA and the world. The kind of individuals most likely to commit a hate crime are kids who don't have a lot of support system, not much strokes from family, sports, or school. They tend to be out of the military, BUT there is a strong military connection. Weapon caches of these hate groups, having been smuggled off military bases."

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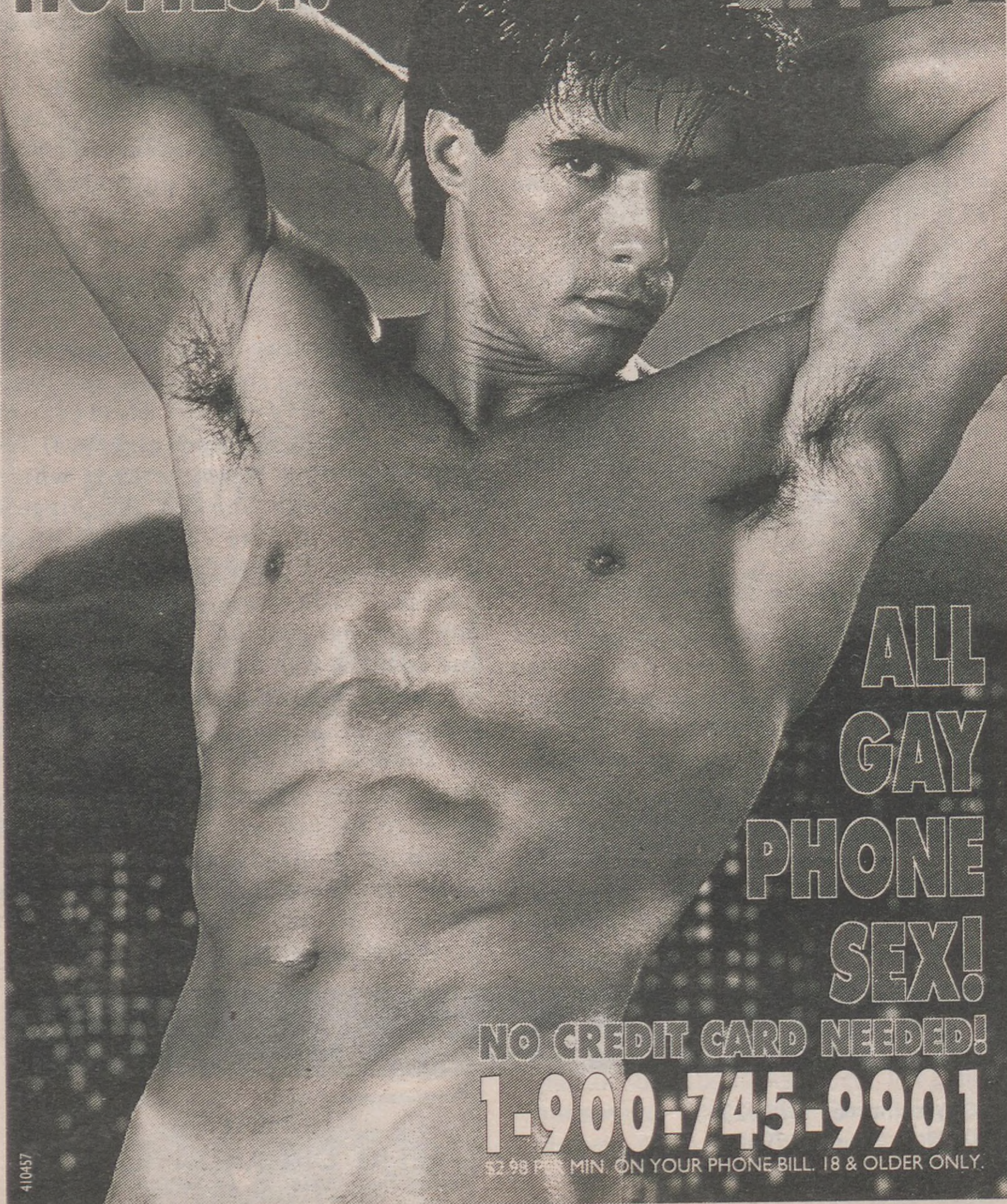
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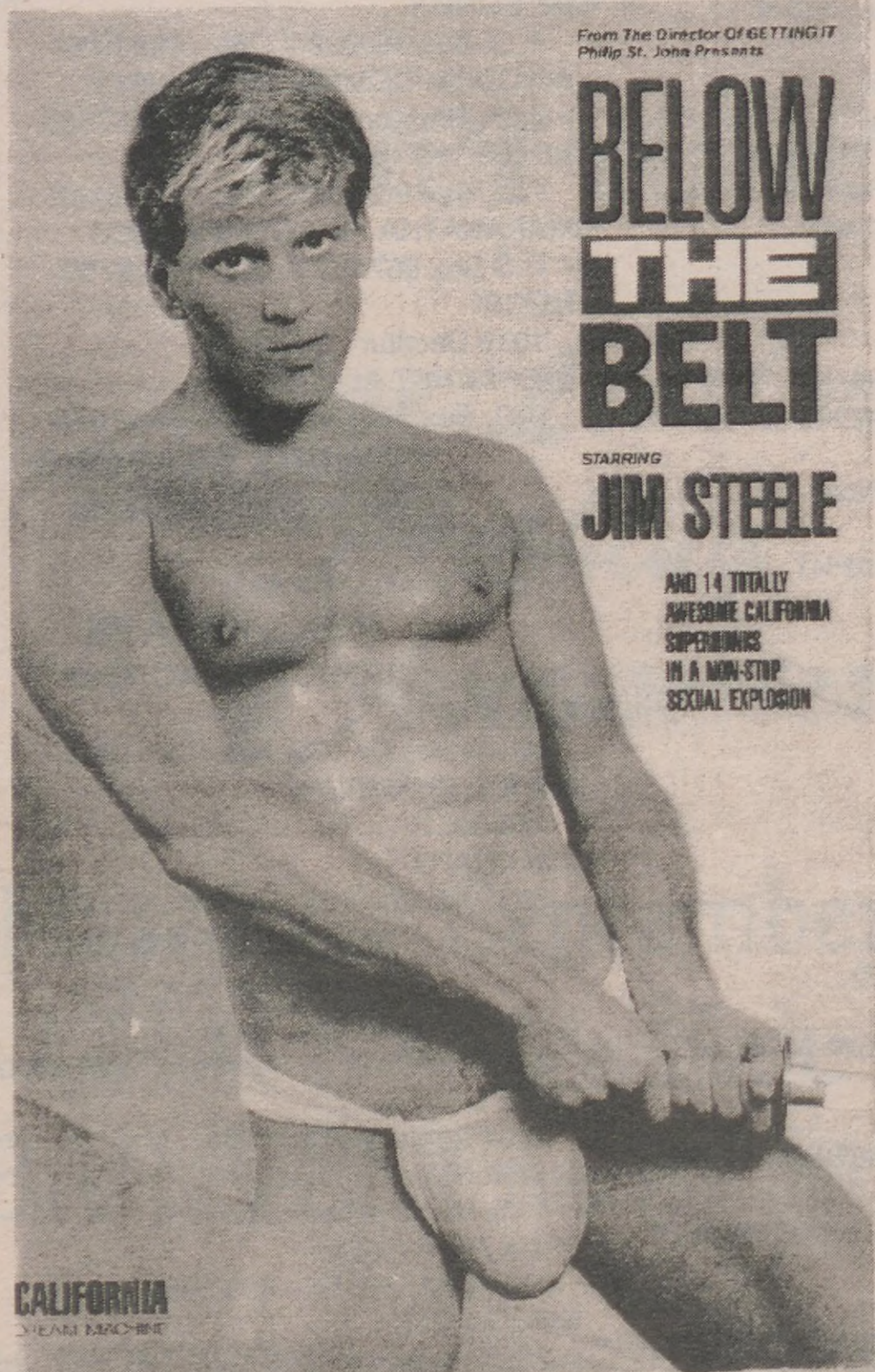
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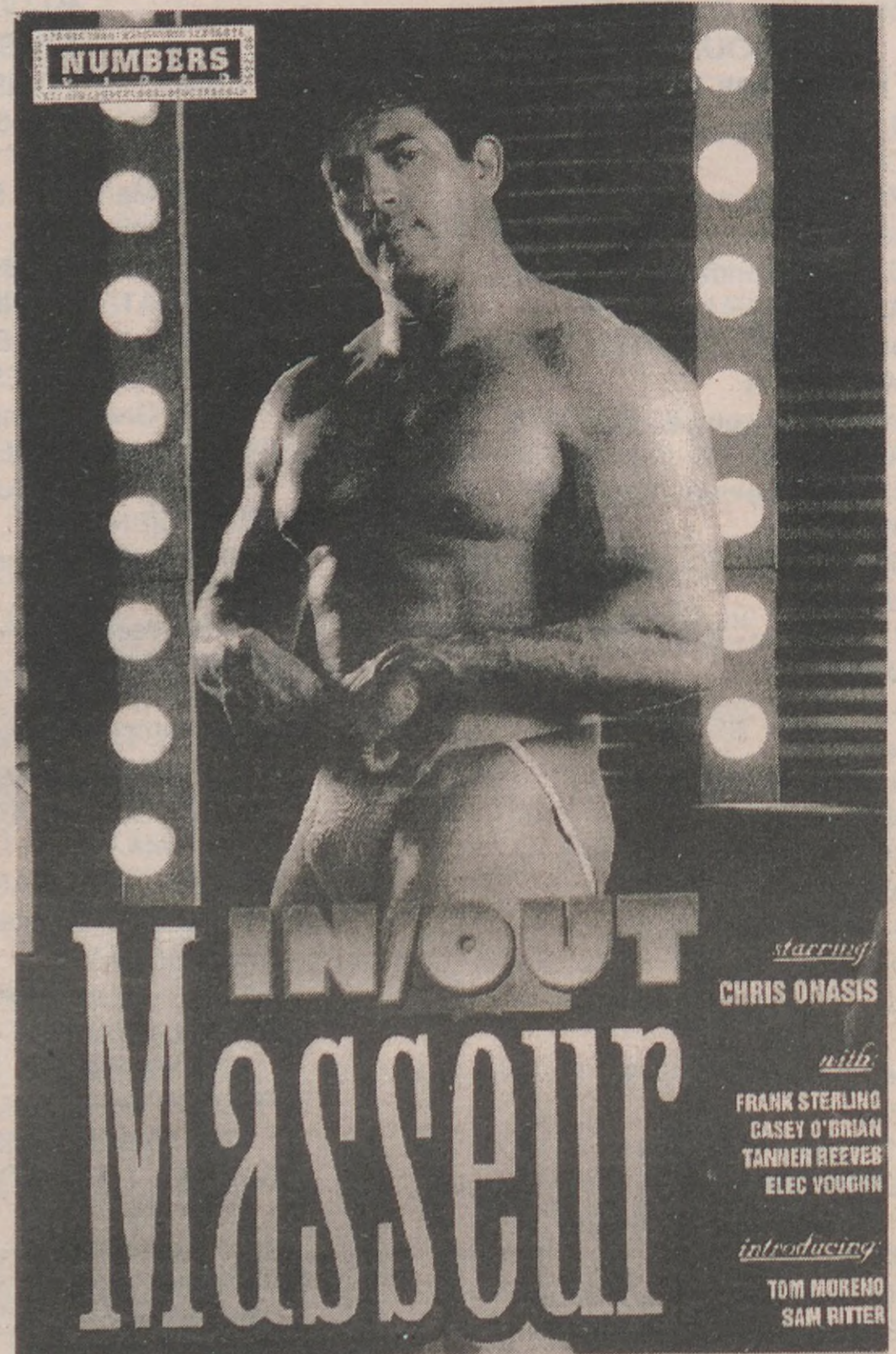
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# Houston VOICE Personals

## FOR \$29.95 PER YEAR YOU CAN HAVE AN AD IN THIS SECTION

To establish your own advertisement in the Houston Gay Personals call (713) 529-8490 (or if outside Houston (800) 729-8490) or come by our offices at 811 Westheimer, Suite 105. Please have your ad written out. You will be given a box number as soon as we receive payment along with all instructions. Happy love making!

## FRIENDLY YOUNG MAN WANTED

Affectionate older GWM seeks a young man for discreet and safe fun. I like to please young men, especially if they are slender, boyish and smooth. DDF please. Ad 25693

## BROWN BOYS BEWARE!

Attractive GWM is AFTER you! Me: 5'8", 150#, professional, work out regularly -28"w, 14"a, 36"c. You: GHM with fiery Latin libido; ISO honest, educated men, weight prop/height, no drugs/addictions, to share life, leather, possibly love. Photos a plus. Let's share hot passionate Latin nights! Hoy, Chico! Ad 25694

## LOOKING FOR LIKE/ PROF. FOR LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP

Looking for a fellow professional with a strong work ethic. Interested in a long term relationship with someone who enjoys nice quiet weekday nights, followed by busy weekends. I'm 36, 6'1" and 175lbs., DDF. You should be between 28 and 38, established in your career, DDF and proportionately built. Life is good and I would like it to get better with the right man. Ad 25656

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## NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

Mature, professional, very hairy body/hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer) . You, mentally mature, non-smoker, into safe fun. Please respond to Ad 25916.

## GALVESTON: LOOKING FOR SEXUAL BUDDIES

I'm 43, married, 5'10, 160lbs., average looks, DDF, clean, no drugs, married-top-cut-discreet. Ad 25598

## PLAYS WITH TOYS

Slim trim toy expert seeks experienced partners. Respond by letter only. Ad 25689

## GO FOR IT!

GWM seeks man of color to make my dreams come true. Looking for love. Tired of games and one night stands. You can't lose what you don't have. Ad 25692

## HAIRY DADDY SEEKS BOY

Boy should be 21-40, weight proportionate to height, open-minded. Daddy is 50, 5'9", 180, bearded. Let's discuss possibilities. Photo exchange will be required eventually. Ad 25673

## MUSCULAR, HANDSOME SEEKING MALE 40+

SWM, 40 (look younger), gay but never been with a man, loner, very muscular, extremely handsome, masculine, athletic (former college athlete), affinity for men 40+, seeking new life and LTR, if compatible with wealthy/affluent mentor. NOT looking for free ride. Correspondence first. Absolute discretion offered. Ad 25696

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## LOOKING FOR FRIEND IN WEST HOUSTON

GWM, 44, 5'5", 175lbs, DDF, looking for friends in West Houston/Bear Creek area. Professional, stable guy looking for other professionals. 30's to 40's, also DDF for friendship, fun, possible relationship. I like animals, cooking, movies and quiet evenings at home. Smoker, light drinker not into heavy bar scene. If interested in a short hairy guy please respond to Ad 25671.

## BLACK MALE SEEKS WHITE MALE

37 year old black male, HIV+, 30 waist, 6', 155, healthy and active. Seeking GWM HIV+ age 25-40 for monogamous relationship. Must be sincere. No one nighters please. Ad 25681

## WANTED:

part-time houseboy/servant who knows how to be of service. Master is 44, 5'9", 180lbs, demanding, lives in Montrose. Ad 25134

## INSTRUCTIONS

### TO PLACE a Houston Voice Personal Ad --

Come to our offices at 811 Westheimer, Suite 105.

It's a good idea to write out (up to fifty words) what you want to say. The annual cost is only \$29.95 -- less than one dollar per week. (You must restate [by phone] your desire for the ad to keep running every four weeks.) At the office you will be given the functioning details. Ads can also be placed by mail, with payment enclosed, phone 713-529-8490, for details.

**TO RECEIVE RESPONSES TO YOUR AD:** A toll-free 800 number will let you know if you have recorded telephone responses. You can then listen to these responses on a 900 number using your personal code and pin (personal identification number). Responses can also be received by mail, see below.

**TO ANSWER AN AD BY PHONE** - Call 1-900-454-3576. Listen to the instructions. You will then actually be listening to the advertisers recorded message and can leave a voice message with your name and number. You can respond to more than one personal during the phone call. As individuals check their messages, they can respond to yours. OR you can pre-pay a special 800 account, listen and respond without the cost appearing on your phone bill. Call 529-8490 for more information.

**TO ANSWER AN AD BY MAIL:** Each ad has a five digit code. Write your response and seal it in a stamped envelope with the five digit code in the address place. Place your sealed response and \$2.00 in an envelope and mail it to us, we will affix a mailing label and the intended person will receive your response. This service costs \$2.00 plus postage per numbered envelope, and is available only with the Houston Voice Personals.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** To take advantage of the \$29.95 per year offer, you are required to participate in the "live voice" aspect of our Personals by calling the special 800 toll-free number. You must record, in your voice, your Ad. If you do not participate in the voice aspect, your ad may be discontinued without reimbursement. The voice message can be as simple as "You read the ad, leave a message" to complex and informative. The ads, both print and voice, can not contain references to sexual acts or organs (FCC et al. regulations). If you are having difficulty recording your message, phone 1-800-780-4947, for assistance. Ads should be positive, describe what you want, undesirable qualities/characteristics need not be listed.

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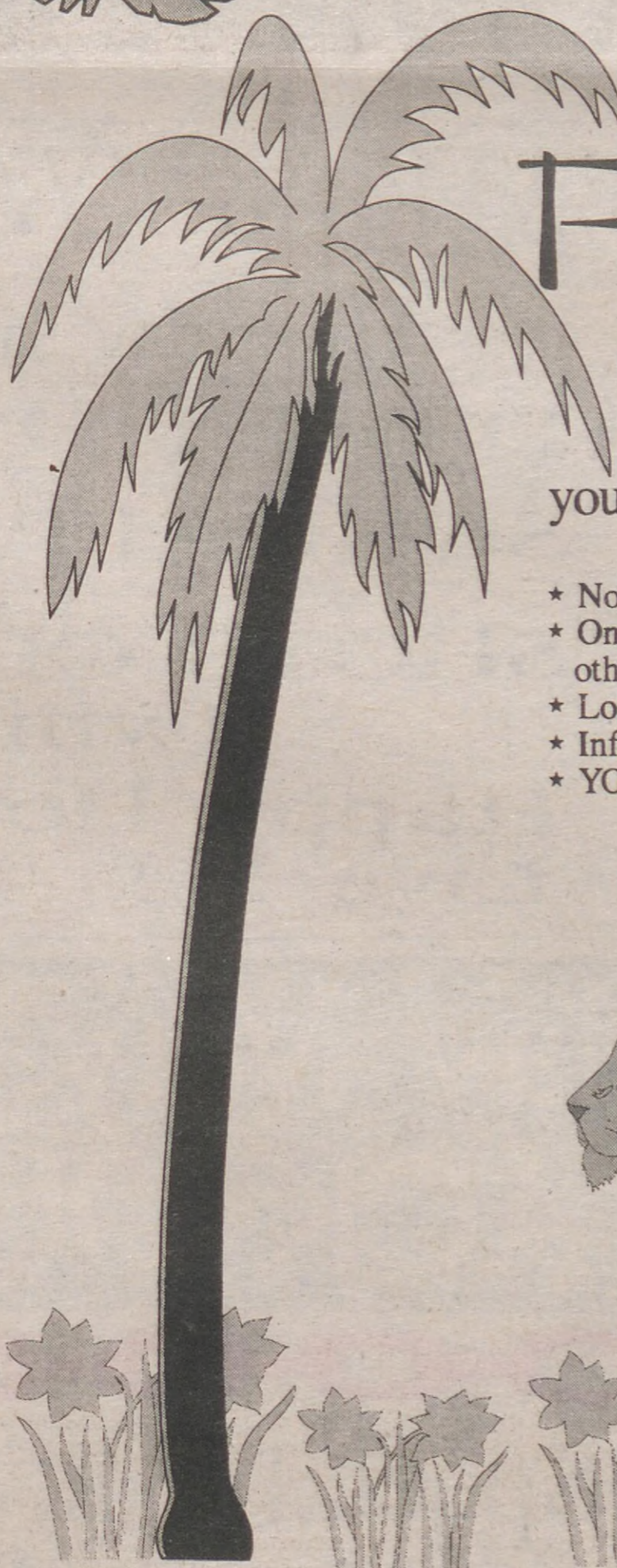
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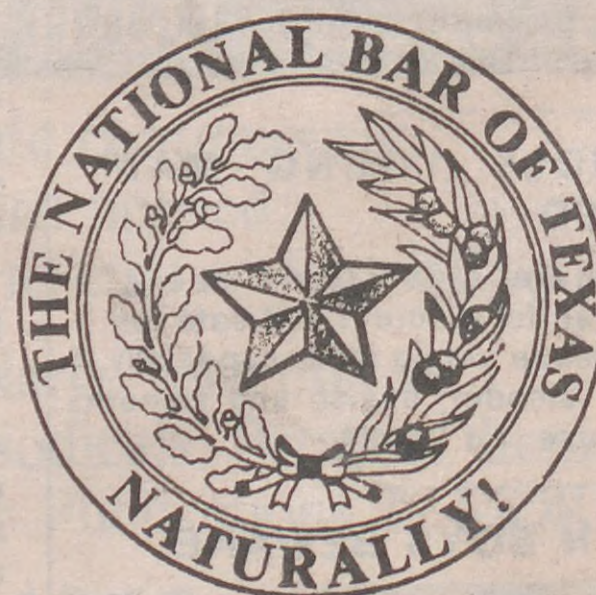
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### SILVER ANNIVERSARY SPECIALS

(Thursday May 25th ONLY)

- ▼<sup>25</sup>¢ DRAFT All Day - All Night
- ▼<sup>25</sup>¢ SCHNAPPS All Day - All Night
- ▼<sup>25</sup>¢ SHOTS OF EZRA CHARLES  
(while supplies last)

*Also...*

Happy Hour All Day - All Night  
Live D.J.

Saturday May 27th 10 - 2 AM  
BLACK OUT PARTY II

**MARY'S** Special Edition Silver Anniversary  
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