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### Graffiti flap reflects deeper differences within gay-lesbian community

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
TNV Editor

Anger over AIDS-related graffiti spray painted on the side of a central Montrose theater has resurfaced a larger—and much older—dispute over widely disparate political philosophies within the gay and lesbian community.

On Saturday, a band of about 20 volunteers led by a Montrose business owner who says he is "fed up with the rantings and ravings" of radical activists, repainted the east wall of the Tower Theater, Yoakum at Westheimer, and covered red stencils reading "Queer Turf" on the Tower and in other Montrose locations.

John Buschlen, owner of TNT Shirts, said he believed the activist group Queer Nation was responsible for the graffiti and "Queer Turf" logos. About a week before arranging the cleanup with management of the theater, Buschlen and his staff printed and began distributing T-shirts bearing the Queer Nation logo, stamped over by the so-called "International No Symbol," a red circle with a diagonal bar.

The volunteer group paid for the paint and materials that were used in the cleanup effort. Buschlen has said he will donate proceeds from the sale of the shirts to charity, with the first donation to go to the Colt 45's.

Queer Nation's Houston chapter, as a group, has denied responsibility for the graffiti, which decries the Bush administration's AIDS policies and has appeared in several locations, but some members have declared a philosophical affinity with the vandals and have hinted that individuals within the organization did the painting. Moreover, Queer Nation is the local organizing force in a protest being planned by activist groups in several cities, to take place in Houston during the Republican National



A group of volunteers led by a Montrose business owner paints over graffiti on the side of the Tower Theater

Convention in August. The convention is alluded to in some of the graffiti messages.

"How can they make such accusations when there is no way to prove anyone (in Queer Nation) did it? In fact, Queer Nation voted at its meeting the week after it happened to disassociate from the graffiti people," said Keith Stewart, a Queer Nation member.

But Buschlen said the red "Queer Turf" stencils implicated the group. "That's their battle cry ... we have all heard them chanting (Queer Turf) at their demonstrations ... if they're not responsible, and if they don't want to be held responsible, why aren't they the ones painting (over the symbols)?" he asked.

"It's not the message we're against, it's vandalism, and especially here in Montrose, especially when (the property owners) have demonstrated support for the gay community in the past," Buschlen said.

But some of the gay men who volunteered to help paint said they were disturbed by more than slogans on a wall. "To us, this was like the last straw," said one. "We wanted to show the rest of the (Montrose) community that we're not all radical and destructive."

Others used the opportunity to announce their displeasure with the tactics of direct action groups on other issues. "There is one common thread of belief among all homosexuals, and that is, what happens between consenting adults behind closed doors is their own business. The process of 'outing' undermines that entire principle," said Jeff Edwards. That activist groups including Queer Nation support the concept of "outing" was evidenced in demonstrators' actions outside the Academy Awards ceremony, he said.

Jim Love, another member of the volunteer crew, said he understood the message the activists were trying to get across, but added, regarding the graffiti,

"Two wrongs don't make a right."

Another Queer Nation member, while also denying responsibility, defended the graffiti writer's motivation, saying the message was meant to raise awareness in the middle of a crisis that is being ignored.

"I applaud whoever did it ... and I think it does need to be here (in Montrose) because the majority of gay people have done nothing to address the AIDS issue," said Brian Bradley. "This is a crisis, people do need to be aware, we do need to be concerned about politics and AIDS."

Asked whether he really believed a message scrawled across a wall would make people think differently about a subject, he responded tersely, "At least now, the issue is being discussed."

Meanwhile, Buschlen claims he has been the target of hate calls since speaking out against Queer Nation in a letter to the editor last week in *The New Voice*. He produced a message recorded on his shops answering machine, consisting of a string of epithets from a caller who identifies himself as "Richard Evans." Several members of Queer Nation said they did not know anyone by that name, and the name does not appear on the group's contact list.

Controversy over the tactics of direct action groups, long a heated topic in gay and lesbian political circles, has picked up steam in recent weeks. A recent demonstration in Washington, D.C. made national headlines when radical activists handcuffed themselves to members of the "mainstream" gay and lesbian organizations. Traditional groups say such activities are divisive and counterproductive. But other activists point to achievements—especially regarding AIDS and hate crimes—they claim were only possible through the efforts of radical groups.

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### PWA residence near Thomas Street Clinic torched by arsonists

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
TNV Editor

A late afternoon fire on Saturday, April 4, left the Living Spirit House, an HIV/AIDS residence located across the street from Thomas Street Clinic, gutted and destroyed most possessions of its five current tenants. By Tuesday Houston Fire Department arson investigators ruled the fire—which broke out on a warm, clear day when no one was in the building at 205 Paschall Street—had been deliberately set.

Only the left wing of the building, where the resident manager had been staying, was left standing. Along with the tenants' belongings, furnishings and appliances belonging to the ministry and the property owner, as well as furniture and household items donated by the PWA Coalition, were lost.

As of Tuesday, there were no suspects, but investigators were seeking two former residents of the facility for questioning, according to Paul Gray of the HFD Arson Division. Gray said the former residents left no forwarding address, and finding them might be difficult because the program serves mainly indigent and potentially homeless people.

"We are attempting to locate two people



The fire that totaled the Living Spirit House at 205 Paschall last weekend was deliberately set, according to arson investigators

... who might have been asked to leave for violating some (tenant) rules. That's about where we are in this case," he said. "We know the fire was deliberately set, but so far, we have no suspects."

Ralph Lasher, president of the board of

Living Spirit Inc., which operates the house, said although five men were living there, none were at home when the fire started. One of the residents was in the hospital, and the others had gone out for the day, he said. Two other residents had

recently moved, and the directors had been considering applicants on a waiting list to replace them.

The low cost housing facility has been operated by Living Spirit, a ministry supported by Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection but with a separate board and corporate structure, for about 18 months. Formerly called Garland House, the building has long been used by hospitals and agencies as a group home and was a PWA residence under previous management as well.

Temporary housing was found for four of the residents, and a fifth, who was in the hospital at the time of the fire, will probably be housed in a local hotel on his release until arrangements can also be made for him, Lasher said. The board was scheduled to meet Sunday to discuss options for continuing the housing program, but Lasher said the owner of the building was working with them on a possible new location.

Meanwhile, MCCR members organized a clothing drive for the displaced residents, who lost almost everything they owned. The directors also received a \$100 cash donation for the fire victims from the Ripcord, a Montrose gay bar that once experienced an arson fire.

**This week the United States Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. Government used entrapment in busting a 59-year old Nebraska man for receiving child pornography from a Postal Service undercover sting operation. The facts were so slanted in the defendant's favor—no prior arrests, a veteran, a farmer supporting his aged father, and two years of enducements before ordering the hot little package—had the Court decided otherwise would have been the greatest travesty of justice since the unleashing of dogs and goons during the Civil Rights movement.**

**What is disturbing is that the Court's decision was five to four, with Justices O'Connor, Scalia, Rehnquist and Kennedy in the minority. Let it be noted that that lover of pornography, Clarence Thomas, voted with the majority.**

**The real paradox of this case is that as of a couple of years ago the United States Government sold ninety per cent of all child pornography in this country, all in cases of entrapment.**



We are particularly pleased with the arrival of a new edition of Lincoln Kirstein's "Paul Cadmus" which had been out of print. Cadmus, for those too young or not art-inclined, is an 87-year-old artist who upset the right wing and homophobics back in the thirties with his art, before Robert Mapplethorpe was even a gleam in anyone's eye.

Cadmus is still doing socially relevant art, specifically aimed at the current controversy over the National Endowment for the Arts. The Midtown Payson Galleries in New York is currently running a Cadmus show including the first exhibit of the painting which stirred the 1937 controversy. And Cadmus was there Thursday evening signing copies of this book.

**And all the government had to do in those cases was to induce someone to order said child pornography and then arrest them in the act of accepting their mail. Our well-run Postal Service cannot deliver a letter within the city limits of Houston**

**to commit a crime had been "independently predisposed" to the criminal conduct. In short, if the police can show that the act with which an individual is charged was not against his "nature," then it is legal entrapment.**

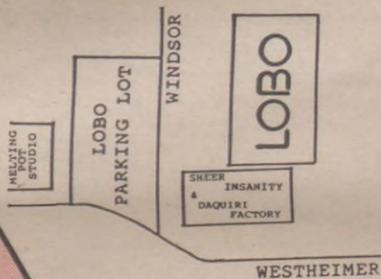


Speaking of pillars of the world of American arts and letters who are also gay, LOBO is proud to announce that Allen Ginsburg, poet and one of the founding fathers of the Beat Generation, will grace our store April 21, Tuesday, from five to six that evening to sign books.

Ginsburg's "Howl" was one of the first cries of a new era in American writing and his poetry has since touched every facet and crisis of our society. Equally important, Ginsburg has always been upfront about his gayness. Now willing or otherwise, age has afforded him the status as America's leading poet. And we at LOBO are particularly honored to host this event.

**This decision does not detour the conservative steamroller that is the Supreme Court and the majority opinion by Justice Byron R. White (John Kennedy's gift to justice) makes clear that the court only intervened because of the extremity of the case and the entrapment, even citing the defendant as a "veteran-farmer" as if, under the law, this sets one apart from the rest of us.**

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# Debate in Arizona spotlights gay community political network

By PAT KOSSAN

The Phoenix Gazette  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

PHOENIX, Wednesday, April 1 (AP)—The battle to persuade Phoenix City Council members to extend civil rights protection to homosexuals has put the spotlight on what some people call the city's gay political power.

It's really not a power at all.

It's more like a well-connected neighborhood homeowners association.

It can produce a crowd, recruit impressive speakers, round up campaign volunteers and votes, and lobby politicians. It is working with the city on the civil rights issue and with legislators who favor abolishing the state's sodomy law.

This year, for example, it has targeted three legislators for defeat in November.

Former Councilwoman Linda Nadolski believes the gay community is quickly becoming a powerful political force. That's because it is driven by basic democratic principles, not an issue that will be here today and gone tomorrow, she says.

Nadolski, who is working with the gay community on its political agenda, expects state legislation protecting the civil rights of lesbians and gays to be passed within five years.

"They are making a determined, concentrated, professional effort," she says.

The political activists within the gay community have been aggressively pursuing candidates to support for more than a decade.

David Blais, a member of the Arizona Committee for Progress, says his organization seeks candidates with viability. "We've never supported anyone because of their sexual orientation," Blais says.

When it comes to political muscle, Blais is a realist.

"We can give you 2 or 3 percentage points and push you over," he says. "We can't give you 50 percent plus 1."

Those 2 or 3 percentage points are enough to make a round of visits to the gay bars a regular part of campaigning for some Phoenix candidates.

"You can get elected in District 25 without it, but it helps," state Sen. Chuck Blanchard says about the gay community's support. The central Phoenix Democratic took his campaign inside gay clubs and says he was shocked at what he found.

"I met members of my church, members of my law firm. I met my neighbors. I learned the gay community was not a group off by themselves, but very much a part of the whole," he says. "I learned I can no longer make assumptions about people."

City Councilman Craig Tribken was surprised when owners of the gay bars turned off the music long enough for him to make short campaign speeches.

"It's hard to measure their strength unless you have sophisticated polling, which I don't," he says. "But you'll have a lot of people stop and listen to you and talk to you."

Since 1983, the battle against AIDS

has drained Phoenix's fledgling gay political organizations of money, time, energy and talent. With little help coming from federal or state government, a mostly volunteer force abandoned politics and went to work establishing a series of health-care organizations and facilities. The care system was built with an estimated \$2 million donated by the Phoenix-area lesbian and gay community in the past decade.

But the effort to have gays added to the list of protected minorities in Phoenix has revitalized political activity.

Lesbians and gays are specifically protected by citywide anti-discrimination policies in 90 cities around the nation, including Tucson for the past 12 years.

When the same proposal last came before the Phoenix City Council in December, members struck a compromise. They agreed to establish a policy not to discriminate against lesbians and gays in the city of Phoenix hiring and employment policies, but refused to extend it to prohibit discrimination in businesses and services citywide.

"Their case was extraordinarily well presented," Tribken says. Tribken supports the citywide proposal, which is back on the city agenda.

A crowd estimated at 1000 2-to-1 in favor of the proposal appeared at the Human Relations Commission hearing March 26. The commission members passed the proposal last year and are expected to do the same this year.

Before the proposal returns for a council vote in July, it is expected to be brought before the City Council's family and youth subcommittee, which gave it unanimous approval last year.

While admitting there is no evidence a similar ordinance has hurt businesses in Tucson, Johnson says he is against the proposal because he's against placing more regulations on Phoenix businesses.

"It's not that one regulation, or any one regulation. But collectively they (regulations) have caused tremendous problems," Johnson says.

The new-found enthusiasm for the gay civil rights struggle is spilling over to lobbying efforts in the Legislature.

Those efforts paid off last session when lawmakers passed a bill requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data on hate crimes committed against minorities, including lesbians and gays. It's the first time the Legislature has recognized gay people as a minority.

This year gay activists are helping legislators who want to abolish the state law prohibiting "crimes against nature" usually referred to as the sodomy law as part of a criminal code reform package. More than half the states have abolished similar laws.

Blais says his group's efforts also will heat up this summer as it works to replace three state representatives in November.

"A lot of legislators don't vote our way, but these legislators actively go out of their way to attack gays," Blais says.

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## Holy union ceremony for high-profile pair packs Vieux Carre' MCC

The Vieux Carre Metropolitan Community Church was the site Saturday, April 4 of the wedding of Valda G. Lewis and Shelley A. Hamilton. Hamilton is resident pastor at the church; Lewis is the producer of the lesbian/gay television show "Just for the Record."

The church was filled to capacity with relatives and friends as the Rev. Angela Peace officiated. Music was provided by Skip Webber, music director at the VCMCC, John Ray and the New Orleans Women's Music Collective.

The early evening service was held beneath a churning bank of quintessentially Southern ceiling fans and glittering lamp light dancing off trinitities of lavender, pink and white balloons with trailing ribbons. Large bouquets of flowers graced the altar. Outside, a black Ford waited for the newlyweds with a street vendor's huge bouquet of balloons, toilet paper ribbons and a banner that read: "Congratulations Valda and Shelley."

Invocation was led by Courtney Craighead, followed by a Call to Reflection by Vanessa Lewis. Nelita Williams offered a Gift of Music, "Can I Get a Witness." Rev. Peace presented "The Charge to Valda and Shelley and The Questions (for) the Blessing of the Community. The couple then exchanged vows and rings and heard the standing room only crowd pledge support for their vows.

The New Orleans Women's Music Collective chose "The Rainbow People" for both recessional and processional music. A reception was held following the service at 3327 North Rampart.

—NO/AIDS meal program,



Valda Lewis, producer of "Just for the Record," and Shelley A. Hamilton, pastor of Vieux Carre' MCC, exchanged vows before a standing room only crowd last Saturday, April 4

### meeting

NO/AIDS Task Force is starting a Food for Friends Program and needs a paid chef. NO/AIDS is looking for a chef to work weekdays, about 20 hours per week.

Duties of the position will include menu planning, kitchen management and food preparation. Persons interested should send resumes to: Buddy Coordinator, NO/AIDS Task Force, 1407 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA 70116.

In other news from NO/AIDS, the Task Force's next membership meeting is

scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 18 at the NO/AIDS offices, 1407 Decatur Street. Nominations for the board of directors will be accepted.

### —Staff additions

NO/AIDS Task Force has appointed two case managers, Shirley Ann Butler and Linda Conrad and administrative assistant Mary Flack.

Butler earned her bachelor's and master's degree in social work at the Southern University. She is also a licensed practical nurse. Her work experience includes the

Metropolitan Development Center, Volunteers of America of Greater New Orleans and River Oaks Psychiatric Hospital.

Conrad received her master's from Tulane University School of Social Work and her bachelor's at the University of New Orleans. She served an internship in Tulane Medical Center's social services department.

Flack did mental health work in Alabama before relocating to New Orleans. She studied business administration at Wallace State College.

### —Quilt display update

This is the weekend (April 10-12, 1992) the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt goes on display at the New Orleans Convention center.

Opening ceremonies will take place from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Friday, April 10 with names being read aloud by loved ones, people with AIDS and public officials. The scheduled guest readers range from New Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy, a long time supporter of the city's gay and lesbian community, to Councilmember Jackie Clarkson, one of only two council members voting against a recently passed ordinance outlawing discrimination against lesbians and gay men.

New memorial panels will be introduced at the opening ceremony and put on display at the Convention Center. These panels will be incorporated into the Quilt.

San Franciscan Cleve Jones conceived the Quilt in 1985 as a response to the loss he and so many others have experienced from the pandemic. Presently there are 14,700 panels.

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## Gay rights ordinance opponent Jackie Clarkson considering run for mayor

By BUNCH BRITAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

Although she has not yet formally announced, City Councilmember Jackie Clarkson reportedly is planning to run for Mayor of New Orleans in the next election.

Although she represents the French Quarter as well as Algiers, where she lives, she defeated openly gay candidate Larry Bagneris by only 300 votes in the last Council election.

Since her election, Clarkson voted against the Gay Rights Ordinance, claiming business reasons, which has not endeared her to the local gay and lesbian community. Political analysts say Clarkson has several fences to mend in running for mayor if she has any political savvy this time around, especially since she will be running against Dorothy Taylor, mayor pro-tem.

Much of Clarkson's decision to run has to do with the bad publicity Taylor and the

council have received over the way they handled the Mardi Gras desegregation ordinance. Unofficial polls from The Picayune and several TV stations show that up to 80 percent of New Orleans voters are opposed to the ordinance pushed by Taylor and passed by council.

Since Taylor supported the gay community in the passage of the gay rights ordinance, however, chances are the community could once again divide their votes in the mayor's contest.

In one of the strange flukes of local politics, Clarkson is the only present councilperson who may run for re-election to her council position under term limit provisions passed in referendum by public vote last fall.

Because of Clarkson's gay rights vote, along with other snubs to the community, there was some speculation that if he were to run in against her in Council District C, this time around Bagneris could find those additional votes.

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## Tough times for gentle sex, says publisher of Yellow Silk magazine

By RICHARD LORANT

FOR THE NEW VOICE

ALBANY, Calif., Friday, April 3 (AP)—These are tough times for gentle sex. Just ask Yellow Silk editor and publisher Lily Pond.

In the 10 years since she began her "journal of erotic arts," Pond has watched as the religious right, anti-porn feminists, sadomasochistic die-hards and AIDS combined to make sex a dirty word.

Through it all, Pond has stuck to her motto: "All persuasions, no brutality."

Some people have called her quarterly magazine pornographic. Others reject it as boring. But her tasteful mix of short stories, poems and pictures has earned it a readership of about 15,000 people.

Most of the subscribers find Yellow Silk through ads in other literary or alternative

magazines.

Those looking for either Hustler-like titillation or explicit Anais Nin-style erotica are bound to be disappointed—much like an adolescent who sneaks into an Ingmar Bergman movie because it's Swedish and ends up sleeping through a quick flash of flesh.

"This isn't stuff that is written to turn people on. It's erotic from the core out, not from the shell in," Pond said. "Yellow Silk is obscene in the way spring is obscene. Everything is bursting with an urgency that has nothing to do with black lace and garters."

Not to say there are no direct sexual references or exposed bodies. But Yellow Silk's contents are often more literary-minded than sexually explicit.

"There's gorgeous art and literature out

there that everybody's ignoring," Pond said. "I wanted to do a magazine that I wanted to read."

She's not the only one who wanted to read it. The magazine, written on a home computer, now grosses \$250,000 a year from advertising, subscriptions and newsstand sales.

Pond looks an unlikely crusader. She stands just over 5-foot-1 and her warm face betrays not a trace of fanaticism. But she takes a firm editorial stance against what she believes is a campaign to twist us into sexual deviants.

Pond says popular links between violence and sex are fostered by child abusers, media and fashion czars and anti-choice zealots. She notes that the religious right has used the AIDS epidemic to make sex a synonym for death.

The sex industry also deserves blame for its message that any act that stays clear of violence or humiliation is bland.

"We are taught from many sides that sex is immoral, or even deadly, and its fruits shameful ones, we are given few cultural examples of a free and open sexuality, and we are expected to participate in fashions which demean us all," she writes in the upcoming 10th anniversary issue.

Pond says her magazine tries to weave love and sex into a barren literary landscape.

"The only time gorillas have a hard time mating is when they're in captivity. I think that goes a long way towards explaining why we're turning into a nation of fetishists," she said.

"To build a culture with no eros is really to build a hollow culture."

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## To the airwaves: Connecticut governor resurrects controversial AIDS video

By LISA MARIE PANE

FOR THE NEW VOICE

HARTFORD, Conn., Friday, April 3 (AP)—A television commercial on AIDS awareness that the state previously deemed too risqué has been resurrected by Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., who said Friday he would do "everything within my power to avoid the experience that leads to death."

The commercial, which shows the outline of a couple in bed talking about condoms, was shelved by Weicker's predecessor, Gov. William A. O'Neill, nearly four years ago because of objections that the scene was too suggestive.

The commercial will begin airing May 1 on six Connecticut television stations.

Weicker said Friday that he finds objections to the commercial ridiculous in

light of the gravity of the disease, and called education "the only tool we've got that's been 100 percent effective."

"Anything that's at my disposal that works, we're going to do," he said. "The only thing that's going to be taught is the chance to avoid getting AIDS and dying."

"You don't fool people when you take them to school and teach them mathematics or geography or English or French. Why should you give them anything but the whole truth when you're telling them about AIDS?"

Besides objections from O'Neill, the ad also drew criticism from the Catholic Church, which said it was unfit for public viewing—especially by children.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of

Hartford has suggested that AIDS education should push the message of abstinence.

"I think it's ridiculous for the adult world to think kids don't know about condoms. I mean, get out of here," Weicker said. "Unfortunately, that's life. They know about them at a ridiculously young age. So I'm not instructing people about sex."

Recent statistics show that 20 percent of all AIDS cases in Connecticut involve people in their 20s, said Beth Weinstein, chief of the AIDS section at the Department of Health Services.

Many of those people contracted the virus in their teens, she said.

Additionally, statistics show that as of 1990, 23 percent of all gonorrhea cases

occur among teen-agers.

"That makes it very clear that our teen-agers are sexually active" and not using condoms, Weinstein said.

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## Gay rights activist says discrimination is behind firing

PITTSBURGH, Sunday, April 5 (AP)—The Pittsburgh Human Relations Commission is investigating the complaint of a gay rights activist who said he was fired by a computer firm in the city because of his sexual preference.

John Curlovich, 43, had been vice chairperson of the Pittsburgh Fairness

Campaign—a coalition of gay and lesbian advocacy groups. He said he was fired from Aspen Systems Corp. in June 1991, about two months after a supervisor allegedly told him other Aspen employees found his homosexuality "offensive."

Frances Maloney, an attorney for As-

pen, declined to comment on the allegations.

Curlovich said Aspen told him he was laid off for economic reasons.

Discrimination based on sexual orientation is barred in the city under a 1990 gay rights measure passed by City Council.

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## 56 people arrested in New York ACT-UP march over AIDS national policies

NEW YORK, Monday, April 6 (AP)—Fifty-six people were arrested in midtown Manhattan Monday during a demonstration urging the presidential candidates to include a national AIDS policy on their platforms.

Most of the protesters were issued summons for disorderly conduct, said police

spokesperson Sgt. Peter Berry.

The demonstration, sponsored by the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, known as ACT-UP, rallied at 7:30 a.m. outside the headquarters of Democratic candidate Bill Clinton at 47th Street and Broadway.

The group of about 350 marchers shouted

anti-Bush slogans as they marched down to 42nd Street and Broadway, snarling traffic. The group had announced plans to march past the headquarters of all of the candidates in the New York primary.

The arrests occurred at 49th Street and Madison Avenue, when the protesters sat down, Berry said.

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## Cracker Barrel Restaurant protesters acquitted of trespassing

DECATUR, Ga., Friday, April 3 (AP)—A DeKalb County jury took only a half-hour Thursday to acquit 10 people, including a cook fired because she is gay, of criminal trespass charges stemming from protests at a Cracker Barrel restaurant.

The defendants could have been sentenced to up to a year in jail and fined \$1,000 each.

"We are jubilant and overjoyed," said K. Lynn Cothren, a defendant and co-chair of the gay-rights group, Queer Nation/Atlan-

ta.

"A verdict like this sends a message to prosecutors that jurors are not going to take racism, bigotry and hatred in their communities," said defense attorney Michael Hauptman.

A Cracker Barrel spokesman declined comment from the Lebanon, Tenn., offices.

The incident stemmed from a previous policy by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., of firing people "whose sexual

preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values."

Cracker Barrel fired cook Cheryl Summerville on Feb. 16. She and others protested at metro Atlanta restaurants but were arrested in Lithonia after store employees asked them to leave and they refused.

Without referring to its previous policy, the company recently issued a statement saying it will hire and promote based on performance.

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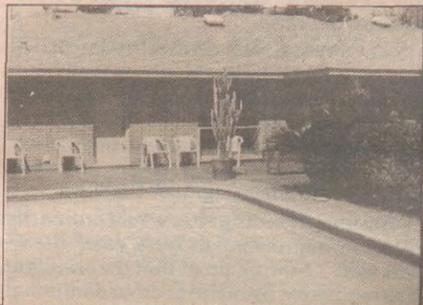
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## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Hate crime laws challenged; Issue is one of free speech

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG

FOR THE NEW VOICE

AROUND THE U.S., Monday, April 6 (AP)—Over the past decade, nearly every state has passed a new kind of law that metes out special punishment for racists and bigots who commit crimes. But many of these laws are being challenged, with courts reviewing cases in Minnesota and other states.

Those doing the challenging—civil libertarians and defense lawyers—say the laws amount to thought control, well-intentioned but dangerously flawed efforts to punish people because they hold unpopular views.

"The basic argument ... is that it creates a 'thought crime' " said Kevin O'Neill, Ohio legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is challenging the law in that state.

The Ohio Supreme Court is scheduled to review challenges of the law next month in three cases involving whites who allegedly taunted and threatened blacks. In one case, a black man on a camping trip said he fled in terror after white campers on either side of him began making loud, racist threats.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court is considering a case in which a black man was convicted in the racially motivated beating of a white teen-ager. And a cross-burning case in St. Paul, Minn., is under review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Those who support laws against hate crimes say they are not only constitutional, but are vitally needed to control an upsurge of crimes motivated by prejudice against blacks, Jews, Asians, homosexuals and

other minorities.

The laws that aim to punish such incidents—known variously as hate crimes, ethnic intimidation or racial harassment—are supported by a wide range of civil rights groups. Over the past decade, in large measure through the efforts of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, they have been enacted in nearly every state.

According to the ADL, only Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska and Alaska lack some form of hate crime law.

The laws have been challenged in many states, and in some cases have been overturned and rewritten. But their supporters say they aren't worried about the latest spate of attacks on the laws and remain convinced that they are constitutional.

"I don't view it as a backlash," said Ohio Attorney General Lee Fisher, who wrote his state's ethnic intimidation law when he was a legislator and now is about to defend it in court.

"It is not unusual for laws like these to be tested in the courts," Fisher added. "I welcome the challenges, because I believe they will ultimately strengthen these statutes."

Steven Freeman, legal director of the Anti-Defamation League, agreed. "If I was a defense lawyer, I'd be doing the same thing," he said.

Even within the ACLU, there is anything but unanimity about the laws. Many civil libertarians believe they are constitutional.

"You can't make racial insults alone a crime," said Stevie Remington, legal director of the Oregon ACLU. But if bigotry is

the motivation behind a crime—gay-bashing, for instance—it deserves extra punishment, she said.

The Oregon ACLU is one of several state affiliates of the civil liberties union that have taken positions in favor of hate crime statutes. The ACLU's national board is due to consider a proposal to take a stand against the laws.

The proposal was drafted by an ACLU free speech committee that was itself split on the issue. The majority came out against hate crime laws, saying they violate First Amendment rights to free speech. The group submitted a report that encapsulates the argument against the laws.

"Assume a beating that would ordinarily result in imprisonment for a year," the report said. "Now, on proof that the assailant was motivated by racial or other additional prejudice the punishment becomes imprisonment for two years."

"The deprivation of liberty for a second year is the direct consequence of beliefs and expression that, however deplorable, are protected by the First Amendment. The state is depriving a person of liberty not for what he or she did, but for what that person thinks."

Gara LaMarche, the chairperson of the ACLU committee, wrote a dissenting report that supported carefully drafted hate crime laws. In an interview, LaMarche compared them to laws that outlaw discrimination.

"If it can be determined that the target of a violent act was chosen on the basis of their race or religion or sexual orientation, is that an enhanced crime?" he asked. "I would say it is."

Supporters of hate crime laws say they are no different from, say, laws that make premeditated murder a more serious crime than murder committed in the heat of passion.

O'Neill, the Ohio ACLU lawyer, insisted there's a difference. Murder laws, he said, simply recognize that it's not as bad to explode in anger than to plan out a killing with cold calculation.

In the case of hate crime laws, he said, "This is an effort by the government to punish someone for having the wrong views."

O'Neill's fear is that the laws could someday be turned against people for whom they were not intended. For instance, he said, what if they're used against critics of the government?

At the heart of the justification for hate crime laws is the assumption that the acts are more damaging to their victims—and the rest of society—than more garden-variety crimes.

Hate crimes, O'Neill says, "have an especially harmful effect. I agree with that. And I think that these thugs ... should be punished severely within the bounds of the law."

But, he argues, they should be punished only for what they did, not for why they did it.

There seems to be widespread agreement that hate crime laws can go too far, and sometimes do. For instance, even the ADL has distanced itself somewhat from the St. Paul measure, which goes beyond enhancing the punishment for other crimes and makes the display of prejudice itself a crime.

## ▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO QUICK NOTES

## SALGA discusses schedule changes, Pride Month at annual meeting

By CORINNE SABO

The New Voice/San Antonio

The San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Alliance held its annual meeting on April 2 at the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center. Although the centerpiece of the meeting was the election of new board members, several new ideas and potential changes in the organization were announced.

Among the changes board members announced, SALGA hopes to be holding quarterly meetings from now on to encourage more and varied input from the community. Some of the participants, however, expressed concerns that the meetings be publicized far enough in advance so that all who are interested may attend.

Due to the late sending of notices for this meeting, it was sparsely attended; however, those in attendance expressed great interest in discussing the future of SALGA. Male co-chair Gerald Aves informed those present of recent developments concerning Pride Month, and the setting of a date for the Pride Picnic. (The picnic is scheduled for June 21, noon to 7:00 p.m. in San Pedro Park.) Kay Ford, outgoing female co-chair, made a few brief remarks concerning her time with SALGA and her plans for the future.

A preliminary outline was announced for a conference scheduled for June 13. The conference will be held at San Antonio College, starting at 9:15 a.m. Deborah Johnson will be the morning speaker, Tom Stoddard will keynote the afternoon session. Two sets of workshops (10 in the morning, 10 in the afternoon) will be offered. All will deal with issues of concern to the San Antonio lesbian and gay com-



Activists from Austin and out of state joined the San Antonio Lesbian and Gay Media Project in protesting Cardinal John O'Connor's recent visit

munity. Workshops and facilitators have not yet been confirmed.

This conference is a first for the San Antonio community, and its success will depend on the interest in the community, organizers said.

The nine candidates for the ten openings on the SALGA board were elected by acclamation. The new board members and the five "holdover" members discussed long-term goals of SALGA, including the opening of a community center and eventual hiring of a staff person to keep the center and the SALGA office open.

## —Veterans Association

The San Antonio Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Military Veterans Association (SAGLBVA) meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the MCCSA Social Center, 1142 Woodlawn. At the April 13 meeting, discussions will center on election of officers and approval of the organization's constitution. Former and active duty military members are invited to attend meetings and join the SAGLBVA, (512) 554-9918, P.O. Box 33397, San Antonio, TX 78265-3397.

## —Cardinal protected

About 25 activists blew whistles, shouted and distributed flyers outside San Antonio's Municipal Auditorium during the recent appearance of New York City's Roman Catholic Cardinal John O'Connor. The demonstration was coordinated by the San Antonio Lesbian and Gay Media Project and included members of Queer Nation Austin and three out-of-state activists, in San Antonio for the National Association of Chicago Studies conference.

"To O'Connor, 'social justice' means putting an end to the rights of women and lesbians and gay men," said Media Project member Dennis Poplin. "His political opposition to abortion, queer rights and safe sex information is literally killing people."

The noisy 45 minute demonstration on March 27, a cold, rainy evening, began at the entrance of the auditorium. The protesters later were ordered across the street by police as costumed Knights of Columbus watched from People filing into the auditorium were greeted with flyers and chants of "Stop hate," "Vida Si/SIDA No," and "O'Connor, we're here, pro-choice, pro-queer." Reactions ranged from confusion to happy waves from supportive nuns, according to the Project.

The ever-vigilant media monitoring organization also noted the diversity of local media coverage after the protest. The San Antonio Express—News described the demonstrators as "about 20 homosexuals," while the Light described them as "24 pro-choice and AIDS activists," the group noted in a press release. None of the television stations who taped the protest ran the story.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Candidate Brown backs down from endorsing same-sex marriages

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 2 (AP)—The campaign of Democratic presidential hopeful Jerry Brown has issued a clarification to his support of same-sex marriages, saying the matter should be resolved by state and local governments, a gay rights spokesperson said today.

Gregory King, spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a gay-rights lobby, said Brown's campaign disavowed its initial answers to a questionnaire seeking the candidates' positions on gay issues.

According to answers received Tuesday,

the former California governor said same-sex couples should have the right to marry and enjoy the same legal and tax benefits as heterosexual couples, King said.

Two days later, however, Tom Pier, Brown's deputy press secretary, amended that answer in a memo to the campaign fund.

"Although Gov. Brown supports the intent of the Domestic Partnership Act (including the rights of some same-sex couples to health and other benefits), he feels that this legislation should be pursued at

the local level," King quoted Pier as writing. "He does not support federal legislation recognizing gay and lesbian marriages."

Pier also said that the staffer who originally answered the campaign fund's questionnaire was not authorized to do so.

King said his group was untroubled by Brown's new answer to the question.

"I'm disappointed that there was a mixup," he said. "But the governor's point that it is a local and state issue is one that we agree with."

"If this is the only point that the governor wants clarified, I think it's fair to say that he has a strong platform for the lesbian and gay community," King added.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, who is challenging Brown for the Democratic presidential nomination, told the campaign fund he opposes same-sex marriages and equal legal and tax benefits for homosexual partners.

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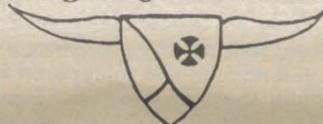


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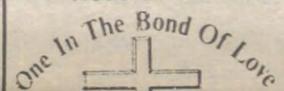
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## ▼▼▼ AUSTIN QUICK NOTES

## LGRL receives first donation for new board appointments project

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL) is trying to raise \$15,000 to put together a comprehensive appointments package to encourage the selection of qualified lesbian and gay people to serve on state boards and commissions. The first donation to this project was recently received from Toby Johnson and Kip Dollar of Liberty Books, who requested that the amount be kept confidential, according to LGRL director Laurie Eiserloh.

Although LGRL and a related fund are already working on gay/lesbian appointments, Eiserloh said, the money is needed for mailout preparation, printing and postage, and additional staff time. The project which intended to educate the gay and lesbian community about the existence of appointment opportunities and how to prepare and apply.

Actual lobbying efforts on behalf of

gay and lesbian appointments come under LGRL's regular lobby funding, while research/general education efforts for all projects are funded by the associated Allen Calkin Fund, she explained.

"This donation has provided the first seed money we need for a very important project. Appointments will provide a 'window of opportunity' to put gays and lesbians on the ground floor (of state government)," she said.

## —“Victory Party”

The Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus (ALGPC) is planning a fund raising “Victory party” to celebrate the success of its endorsed candidates in the 1992 Primary Election. The event, scheduled for Thursday, April 30, will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Abbey, a beautiful Victorian house located at 801 Rio Grande. Candidates, caucus members and the community are invited.

According to ALGPC co-chair Paul von Wupperfeld, ALGPC believes the results of the 1992 Primary are cause for celebration. “Of the Democratic and Republican candidates who sought and received ALGPC's support, over 90 percent won the support of their party's voters,” he explained. “This translates into a strong slate of pro-gay, pro-lesbian candidates on the November ballot.”

However, the party is more than a celebration, he noted. It is intended to help the caucus raise funds for its candidate forums and endorsement mailouts. “A single mailing to our database costs us over two thousand dollars. We're glad to do it, but its not cheap,” said von Wupperfeld.

Candidates who were victorious in the primary have been invited to attend the party. Tickets are \$10 for ALGPC members; \$15 for non-members; ticket price includes refreshments. For more infor-

mation, contact the ALGPC at P.O. Box 822, Austin, Tx. 78767; phone (512) 474-0750.

## —Poster exhibit

Poster art from the first annual Keith Curry Memorial HIV/AIDS Poster Contest will be on exhibit April 11-25. The contest, sponsored by the Central East Austin Community Organization and KXAN-TV 36, was a project of CEACO's Youth Health Education Program.

Titled “The More You Know...The Safer You Are” the exhibition opens with a special showing of the poster art at 10:00 a.m. Saturday (April 11) at the Texas Museum of Natural History. The museum is located at One American Center, 600 Congress Avenue, Second Floor Pavilion. Admission is \$2 per person.

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## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Study: Sexual identity unfolds gradually in many adolescents

By MICHAEL GOUGIS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

CHICAGO, Monday, April 6 (AP)—A new study suggests that many adolescents are uncertain about their sexual orientation, even though researchers have long believed that sexual preference is formed early in life.

A survey of more than 34,000 Minnesota students found that 25.9 percent of 12-year-olds were unsure of their sexual orientation, while 5 percent of 17-year-olds expressed such uncertainty.

“Sexual orientation is widely believed to be determined during early childhood, but its unfolding between childhood and adult-

hood is poorly understood,” says the study in the April issue of the journal *Pediatrics*.

Dr. Gary Remafedi, who led the University of Minnesota researchers, said the results show many people develop and affirm their sexual identity—heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual—during adolescence.

Debra Haffner, executive director of the Sex Information and Education Council, said the study is significant because it shows a wide range of sexual orientations among adolescents.

“There are very few people who want to acknowledge there are gay and lesbian young people, so for many people research

in this subject is taboo,” she said by telephone last week from New York.

“By not acknowledging that there is a diversity, we hurt those young people who are struggling to come to grips with their sexuality. We deny that they exist, and we teach young people that there's something wrong with them.”

Researchers analyzed the responses of 34,706 students to five questions about sexual orientation in the 189-question Minnesota Adolescent Health Survey taken in 1986-87.

The survey may indicate that students are experimenting sexually during their adolescent years in an attempt either to de-

cipher—or struggle against—their sexual orientation, Remafedi and Haffner said.

“We can postulate that one of the ways kids resolve their uncertainties is through sexual behavior. That can have some important public health consequences as well,” Remafedi said by telephone last week.

“The message is, you don't need to test out your sexual behavior to find out who you are,” he said. “If young people can be honest with themselves and have appropriate information—information about the general wholesomeness of all sexual identities—they will eventually figure out to whom they are attracted.”

## ▼▼▼ HOUSTON LIVE

## ‘American Vaudeville’ at the Alley offers a mixed bag for viewers

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice

Vaudeville, as an entertainment form, was a hodgepodge variety showcase comprised of dissimilar short acts such as song and dance routines, slapstick turns, magic acts, animal acts, juggling performances, monologues, minstrel shows, lectures and impersonations.

In this respect, “American Vaudeville,” a new work by Anne Bogart and Tina Landau, having its world premiere at the Alley Theatre, more than satisfactorily reflects its subject matter. Unfortunately, as with a genuine vaudeville production, it suffers from terrible inconsistency.

At its best, it's an engaging, sharply executed piece that admirably displays the colorful pop culture of another time. At its worst, this show falls to the level of a plodding circus side show.

Its misdirection is evident right from the beginning. The playwrights, who have subtitled their work, “A History in the Form of an Entertainment,” have placed too much weight on their notion of a historical presentation.

The opening monologue is followed by a grand entrance of “Headliners.” This roll call of the stars is done with enough fanfare to evoke applause from the audience (this critic et al excluded), for a show that has yet to go anywhere and for performers who have yet to do anything. The list does, to be sure, include names of enough stature to warrant this perfunctory appreciation: Jolson, Cohan, Brice, Marx, Cantor, Houdini, Waters. The names of these and other entertainers depicted are certainly deserving of applause, but it would be far more suitable to have generated this applause from a sampling of the artists' stage work than from this quasi-drum roll.

Remarkably, the opening attendance check is far and away a better listing than the show's closing. At the end, the names of entertainers are called again, this time with a voiceover joining the recitation. The result is a somber death



Diane Fratantoni as Eva Tanguay: one of the brighter moments in Alley's “American Vaudeville”

knell as the characters on stage wander off to oblivion when their respective names are called. Vaudeville's passing as an entertainment form was certainly a loss of a unique cultural phenomenon, but its demise is most definitely not the stuff of this melodramatic fodder.

In between this ill-conceived beginning and ending, the show varies from the stars demonstrating their form to the stars talking about different aspects of vaudeville.

These short reflections from the characters are at first interesting and do provide genuine insight into the lives of

these entertainers; whenever possible, the playwrights used the actual words of the portrayed characters. The concept is good, but the delivery quickly wears thin. There are four of these episodes, and they progressively lose their appeal.

The entertainment stretches mirror the inconsistency of this show as a whole. Some were thoroughly enjoyable: Diane Fratantoni was great as Eva Tanguay, singing her trademark song, “I Don't Care,” and Bernel Vagneris as Bert Williams was poignant, with the perfect frustrated tinge in performing,

“Somebody Lied.” Adam Heller as Al Jolson, Sheryl Sutton as Ethyl Waters and particularly Barney O' Hanlon as Eddie Cantor gave excellent portrayals and were able to capture that stage presence—Jolson's likeable conceit; the sultriness of Waters, and Cantor's delirious energy—that made each of their characters special.

Kudos for the best performance, however, go to Jeffrey Bean as the irrepressible comedian George Jessel. In performance after performance at the Alley (“A Christmas Carol,” “The Boys Next Door,” “A Flea In Her Ear” and many others), Bean has demonstrated an unqualified versatility and superior technique, and this portrayal is no different. He matched Jessel's crowd-pleasing style and impertinent antics. Bean is quite possibly the best actor currently working on a Houston stage.

Unhappily, the incongruity of this production applies equally to the acting. Tina Shepherd as Mae West was just awful. She had none of West's fetching sexuality and completely missed the take on West's snappy repartee.

Also lacking luster were Robert Aberdeen, who as Harry Houdini was ridiculously stiff, and Lee Merrill, who played Norma Bayes with about as much relish as one sees on the face of someone facing a sink full of dirty dishes.

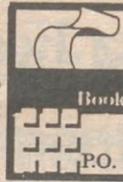
Technically the show was impeccable. Lighting and sound cues were handled without a hitch, which is especially noteworthy because aisles and raised areas on either side of the audience were used frequently.

The set was simple, but catchy with the stage floor painted in wide red and white stripes and a theater archway which moved up and down stage as needed.

“American Vaudeville” has its brighter moments, but it is so wholly uneven as to be almost capricious in nature. When it succeeds, it works very well, but that doesn't happen often enough to compensate for its shortcomings.



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## ▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS SOAP

# New Orleans Traditions: Quarter Fest, Jazz Fest and parties

By BUNCH BRITAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

Now that all the Carnival costumes have been put away for a few months, New Orleanians are turning to what we do best—enjoying the friendship in the bars, good eating and the finest music in the South.

The next few weekends will highlight all of these good "Nawlins" traditions.

This weekend is the French Quarter Festival, and then the world famous New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival comes to town April 24 thru May 3.

Most of our bars are offering special events during the month, so check our guide carefully, lest you miss something that's right up your "alley."

We especially want to remind you that Jewel's is celebrating its 15th anniversary all month. Jack's having a \$1.50 well drink and beer special, 24 hours a day all month to celebrate the milestone. All this with their compact disc drawing at 11 pm this Saturday and the extra special Full Moon Birthday Bash

next Friday make it a prime place to spend your time.

When Keith and I had Sally's Apartment in Austin we got many copies of music tapes and mixes from the DJs at Jewel's. It's great to see that Tom and Tony are keeping up the quality of music the bar's been famous for. And if you don't know them, introduce yourself to Greg, Kenny, Mark, Joe, and Jill behind the bar. Hot! Congratulations to Jack for making it to the 15th year.

While we're writing about customer appreciation, and for those who are planning ahead, the Wood Enterprise bars are once again giving free bus rides to and from Tom's bars to the Fair Grounds Race Track during each Saturday and Sunday of the Jazz and Heritage Festival. You get your ride badge at Cafe Lafitte, Good Friends or The Rawhide when you buy a drink while waiting for the bus. They'll be running on a frequent schedule from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 25th & 26th and again on May 2nd and

3rd.

Mad Thad, local entrepreneur and bon vivant extraordinaire, is having his grand opening tomorrow of the new sculpture shop on Chartres. The molds were designed by Thad's former partner, Paul, and are excellent examples of local art sculptures. Stop by at 408 Chartres from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

After all the local newspaper and TV reports concerning the use of Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) during Mardi Gras (mainly by the straight community), the New Orleans City Council has outlawed its use or sale as an inhalant, as well as the well-known "poppers." They've provided for a stiff fine, causing all the local retail outlets to stop their sale. It's probably just as well since we've been warned since the mid 80's that "poppers" have a detrimental effect on our immune system.

Please be a part this weekend of the most unselfish project our community has given to America. We've seen the NAMES Project Quilt during the Sec-

ond March on Washington and again when it toured in Austin and Houston. It was an honor in Austin to be part of the reading of the names of our friends whose panels are parts of the Quilt. The experience of seeing this massive project brings home as nothing else the sacrifice and tragedy that has touched all our lives. The unfolding is tonight from 6 to 9 pm at the New Orleans Convention Center. Viewing will be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday. It's open to the public and free of charge. Sponsored by NO/AIDS Task Force and Curaflex Infusion Services, it's part of "An Event in 3 Acts—The National Tour." This may be your last chance to see this magnificent project locally. It will both humble you and inspire you equally.

After living in New Orleans for only three years I can use all the help you can give me in providing information of interest to our readers. Just call our local number 524-3279 and let me know what you have.

## ▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

### *Houston Outdoor Group planning weekend train trip through East Texas*

The Houston Outdoor Group is planning a ride on a 19th-century steam locomotive of the Texas State Railway through the hardwood forests of east Texas as part of a weekend campout at the Rusk-Palestine State Park. The trip is scheduled for the last weekend in May (May 29-31).

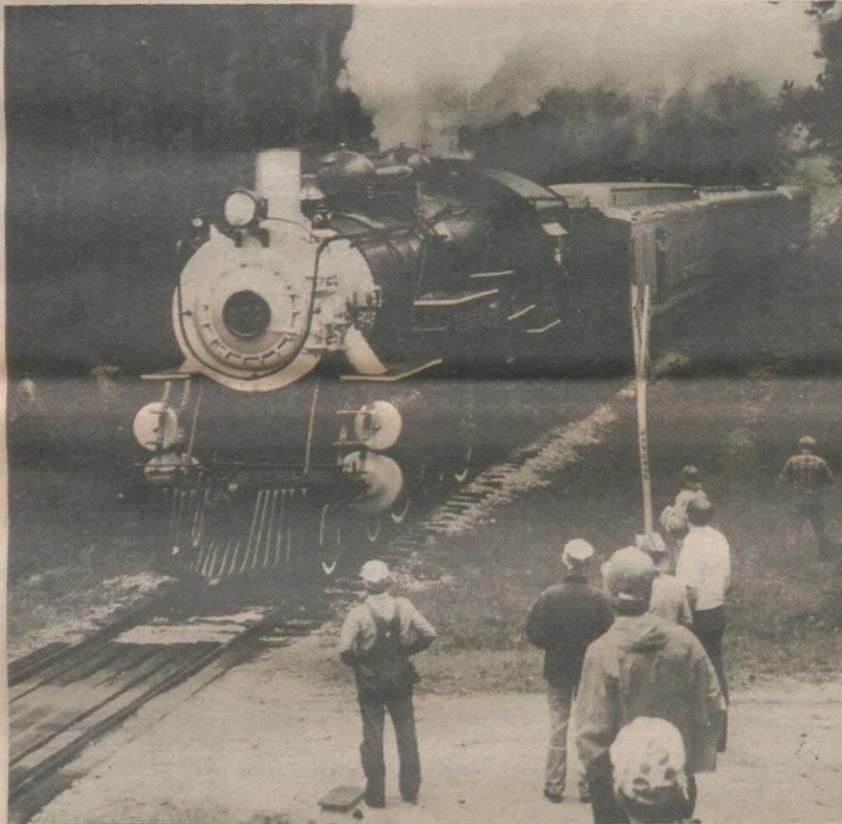
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For more information on the camping trip, call Jim Owens, (713) 523-6109 or Neal Massey, (713) 526-6188. HOG will host a pre-trip meeting at the Montrose Public Library May 7 at 7:00 p.m. Early reservations are advised, members said, because the Texas State Railway fills rapidly at this time of year.

#### —Ice skating

The Lambda Rollerskating Club, the Houston Outdoor Group and the Chain Gang Bicycle Club will hold their monthly ice skating get-together at the



A ride through east Texas forests on a 19th century steam locomotive is a highlight of Houston Outdoor Group's weekend camping trip, planned for May

Galleria Ice Rink on Tuesday, April 14 from 8:00-10:00 p.m.

The admission of \$4.50 includes skate rental. Everyone is welcome and skaters are urged to wear red shirts or blouses. Chuck of the Gay Blades will again be offering free skate lessons to anyone interested. For more information, call (713) 523-6381.

#### —Brays Bayou bike ride

The Chain Gang Bicycle Club will cycle along the Brays Bayou bike path on Sunday, April 12, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The ride leaves from the parking lot of Heaven at 800 Pacific and proceeds through West University, Hermann Park and along the Brays Bayou trail.

This ride is an Easy Rider ride at a moderate pace and is around 20 miles in length. All bikers are welcome and there is no cost.

For those who prefer a quicker pace and longer rides, the Chain Gang Chainsmokers will be participating in the MS 150 on April 25-26. This ride goes from Houston to Austin and back by bus.

For more information on the Chain Gang, call (713) 522-4481.

#### —MCCR Easter schedule

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection will be holding many services during the Easter Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, April 12 at 10:45 a.m. Rev. John Gill will preach a sermon titled "Fickle Hearts." At 7:15 p.m. that night, the MCCR Praise Choir will present the special show, "Remember Me." There will also be three services the week before Easter. On Holy Wednesday, April 15, Rev. Ralph Lasher will speak on the topic, "I Don't Know Him" at the worship service; and on Maundy Thursday, Janet Parker will preach a sermon titled "A Satisfied Thirst." On Good Friday at 6:45 p.m., the Rev. John Gill will speak on "Two Thieves and a Savior."

The final services will take place on Easter Sunday. On April 19 at 6:30 a.m., church members and friends will meet at the fountain on Allen Parkway, across from the American General Building. Carolyn Mobley, assistant to the pastor, will present the service titled "Learning to see Jesus." The regular service will be at 10:45 a.m. and the Rev. John Gill will bring the message at that time. Everyone is welcome to attend all services at MCCR. For more information, call (713) 861-9149.

#### —Quilt panels

The NAMES Project is accepting new panels for the May showing of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at the University of St. Thomas. The display, which will be held in UST's Jerebeck Athletic and Activity Center May 1-4, is part of "An Event in Three Acts: Heart Strings, the Quilt and You."

Panels to be included in this showing are needed as soon as possible, said NAMES Project Houston representatives. For panel maker information, contact the NAMES Project office, (713) 52-NAMES. The shop is now open seven days a week at 1410 Fairview.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

### Isle of man legislators vote to overthrow ban against homosexual acts

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, Tuesday, March 31 (AP)—Legislators on the Isle of Man, which is part of Great Britain, have voted to overturn the island's law banning gay sex, bringing the British dependency into line with most of the rest of western Europe.

Legislators in parliament's 24-member lower house voted 13 to 11 Tuesday to permit homosexual acts between consenting male adults in private. The measure is expected to gain formal ap-

proval in parliament's upper house next week.

The 220-square-mile Isle of Man, with a population of 69,000, is a British crown dependency 35 miles off the northwest England coast. It is largely self-governing but Britain is responsible for its foreign relations.

The island's parliament had voted twice in the last five years to maintain the island's law banning gay sex. The

law provides for up to life in jail for violators, but most were only fined.

Sex between consenting male adults in private has been legal in Britain since 1967 but remains outlawed in Ireland. Sexual acts between lesbians have never been outlawed in Britain, the Isle of Man or Ireland.

Opponents claimed removing the ban would increase homosexuality and the spread of AIDS.

Gay activists, who campaigned for the change for two years, celebrated in the capital of Douglas on Tuesday night.

"This is a big step into the 20th century. All we have been asking for is privacy in our own homes," said Alan Shea, spokesperson for the Isle of Man Gay Group.

The group accused police of harassment when, earlier this year, 21 men were arrested and charged under the ban with gross indecency.

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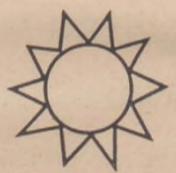
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▼▼▼ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Queer Nation Houston members respond to letter writers

From KEITH STEWART, DAVID WESTERKAMP, DAVID FOWLER, GARY GRANT, BRIAN

BRADLEY, MARK GARTNER and DAVID PARNELL

We are writing in response to the letter from Messrs. Buschlen, Brokermann, Zippirani and Manson, billing themselves as "Concerned Citizens Against Stupidity," and herein referred to as "Stupidity," in the "Letters to the Editor" section of The New Voice (issue 597, April 3-9, 1992).

We will attempt to address each issue raised by "Stupidity," although the disjointedness of its diatribe makes this endeavor difficult.

"Stupidity" begins its manifesto by discussing "Queer Turf" and AIDS-related graffiti that appeared in Montrose two weeks ago: "Queer Nation, like a rabid dog, attacking anything in reach, lifting its leg anywhere it feels, is marking territory in a tactic that can only be labeled Vandalism" (sic). While the propriety of the graffiti is clearly a subject for debate, we hasten to add that it was neither sponsored nor condoned by Queer Nation. In fact, at the Queer Nation meeting on Tuesday following the action and reiterated its policy of pursuing its objectives within the bounds of the law.

"Stupidity" accuses Queer Nation of "hid(ing) behind the first amendment, yet violating others' rights to respective freedom of speech" (sic). As an example, "Stupidity" cites the counter-demonstration against the fundamentalists several weeks ago. At no point during the counter-demonstration did Queer Nation, or any other non-Queer Nation participant, attempt to abridge the fundamentalists' right to freedom of speech. The fundamentalists gave their testimonials and sang their hymns; the gay and lesbian counter-demonstrators chanted their slogans. The event demonstrated the First Amendment in action. The counter-demonstration, which "Stupidity" characterizes as an "unprovoked attack" and an "absurd antagonistic approach," was staged to present an alternative to the fundamentalists' homophobic point of view. We believe that objective was accomplished. Moreover, transporting a large number of Christian fundamentalists to a predominantly gay neighborhood for the purpose of proselytizing is, anyway you

slice it, provocation. We wonder whether "Stupidity" would have so critical of the counter-demonstration if it had been organized by any group other than Queer Nation?

According to "Stupidity" the Queer Nation protest at the opening of the movie "Basic Instinct" was a "silly demonstration" of the sort that is "partly responsible for the increase in hate crimes." After all, a movie is just a movie and everyone knows that Hollywood is in the fantasy business. "Stupidity" apparently believes the images and ideas conveyed by Tinsel Town have no effect on Bubba's attitudes. Was "Stupidity" orbiting the earth in the shuttle when during the furor provoked by "JFK," which goaded even the do-nothing Congress into action? No thinking person really doubts the overwhelming and disproportionate effect that motion pictures and television have on the perceptions, attitudes and beliefs of the American public. The argument that vocal demonstrations against homophobia foster gay-bashing, while scenes of murderously crazed, ice pick wielding dykes do not, is bizarre and Kafkaesque.

"Stupidity" states that it is "tired" (a truism if ever we heard one) of certain groups "acting like a bunch of unruly children, stomping their little feet and whining until they get what they need at the moment, all the while claiming to represent the gay community. Well, they do not represent us." At no time in its history has Queer Nation represented to anyone at any time that it represents the lesbian and gay community. Queer Nation represents Queer Nation. Queer Nation would not presume to speak for the community, and it would certainly not want to speak for Stupidity. If anyone has a problem with Queer Nation's tactics or positions on the issues, she or he can get involved and present an alternative view.

The Stupid(ity) letter closes with the assertion that the general consensus in the community seems to be against Queer Nation, and the authors urge Queer Nationals to channel their energy into positive groups like Q-Patrol. We do not know to what "general consensus" Stupidity has been listening, but we have heard largely supportive comments about Queer Nation's activities. The primary complaint has been

the use of the word "queer!"

And, as a matter of fact, Queer Nationals have been channeling their energy and time into Q-Patrol. John Buschlen ... attended the Queer Nation meeting at which the Q-Patrol was organized. The meeting apparently escaped his selective memory of the facts. Further, approximately 80 percent of the men and women who have volunteered for Q-Patrol are Queer Nationals, including the authors of this letter. Despite the pleas for volunteers in the lesbian and gay press and on lesbian/gay radio programs, neither Buschlen, Brokermann, Zippirani nor Manson have volunteered to participate in Q-Patrol or even inquired if they could be of any assistance.

"Stupidity" fails to offer even one constructive suggestion in its letter ... As Queer Nationals, we are no longer content to shuffle off and thank patronizing white, male, heterosexual politicians for the symbolic crumbs they deign to throw our way. When all is said and done, and Mr. Buschlen sells the last anti-Queer Nation T-shirt ... Queer Nationals will smile at him and say, in unison, loudly and proudly: "We're still here, we're still queer, we're still fabulous, get used to it!"

—Housing survey

From KEN HAUGHT, administrative director, Body Positive Houston

We want to thank the Alley Theatre for offering a performance of "The Baltimore Waltz" to us as a fundraiser for our non-profit 501(c)3 organization. It is people like Stephen Albert, executive director of the Alley, and organizations such as the Alley Theatre which enable us to continue our outreach to people affected by HIV disease.

This fundraiser was also a benefit for Queer Nation and HATCH.

We also support and applaud the Alley's effort to assist other HIV/AIDS organizations in the Houston area by having fundraising performances.

—Thanks from artist

From FRANK PARSLEY

I have just completed an exhibit of black and white photography of some of my favorite Mardi Gras subjects. It certainly was a fun and rewarding experience. I want to thank everyone who ventured by to see the

exhibit and my many friends that helped make it a success. First and foremost my thanks to the Venture-N. David and that great staff of his not only gave me the opportunity to do the show but gave the help and encouragement needed to make it a success. A special thank you to my friends Don Sanders and Mark Franseschinni for making my printed material look so professional, and to Randy Huffman for his help in hanging the exhibit. We also raised \$200 for the Colt 45's General Charities Fund in remembrance of my dear friends Rick Kellogg and Ed Thurman. I also want to thank The New Voice for publicizing the show.

Now for those of you who did not get enough culture from that show, there are seven of my photographs in the group show opening this Friday, April 10 at the Venture-N.

—Thanks for survey help

From TIM O'REILLY

As a part of both the Community Endowment Foundation and the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance housing task force committee, I want to personally thank Body Positive/Houston for voting to include in their April 6, 1992 newsletter a four-page survey pullout. The information from this survey will be made available to anyone interested in programs on housing for the HIV community.

A pre-printed mailing address is provided on page four for the convenience of those who want to return their survey by mail. Others will find drop boxes at the following locations: Body Positive/Houston, FWA Coalition, Bering Care Center, Montrose Counseling Center, Charlie's Coffee Shop and Thomas Street Clinic. Additional copies of the survey will be available from Body Positive/Houston and at several other locations. If you need one call (713) 528-0037 and we'll direct you to where you can get your copy. Much can be accomplished from the results of the survey. We want to encourage HIV persons from throughout the Houston community to participate in shaping our housing needs for both the near and long term.

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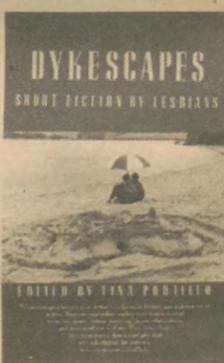
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## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Prosecutor drops sodomy charges against North Carolina gay couple

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Thursday, April 2 (AP)—Two Chapel Hill men arrested for engaging in oral sex in public will not be prosecuted under a North Carolina statute that is "outdated and arcane," District Attorney Carl Fox says.

Fox, the prosecutor in Orange and Durham counties, said Thursday that he had dropped felony sodomy charges against Julius Kenneth Walker, 25, and Earl Joshua Flamer, 36. The men were ordered to pay legal fees and court costs but were not fined after Walker pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting indecent exposure and Flamer pleaded guilty to

indecent exposure.

Fox said he had changed his mind after first saying in January that he would prosecute the men.

"I asked myself whether I would use state resources to prosecute a heterosexual couple, and I honestly couldn't say I would," he said. "There's no reason to prosecute them for their sexual orientation."

The district attorney added that he would be unwilling to prosecute consenting adults who practiced oral sex in private. It would be inequitable to prosecute on felony charges solely because a sus-

pect acted in public, he said.

Fox said the existing crime against nature statute, which includes consenting acts between adults as well as sex with children and animals, should be changed.

"This law is outdated and arcane," Fox said. "There's no place for a law that does not fully delineate behavior the public is expected to conform to. The Legislature should write a new law that is more specific and would not intrude into the bedrooms of consenting adults."

Fox said the public is generally unaware that some sexual acts between con-

senting adults are felonies.

Walker and Flamer were arrested Jan. 13 when officers saw them in the parking lot of the abandoned Western Sizzlin' restaurant. The men engaged willingly in a sexual act in the parking lot at about 10:00 p.m., according to police reports.

Public defender Pat DeVine said she would ask the court to expunge the offense from Walker's record.

"I think he was quite wrongly charged in the first place," she said. "He has no prior criminal record. He's a college graduate and has held the same job for the past five years."

## ▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

## MSL season opener rained out but play is to begin this Sunday

Due to the stormy weather Sunday, April 5, the scheduled opening date of the Montrose Softball League's playing season, the season will commence this Sunday, April 12 at Tim Hearn Field, 4200 Scotland (near Memorial and Waugh). Official play will begin at 10:00 a.m. with opening ceremonies commencing at noon.

The official schedule for the day is also changed, as follows: 10:00 a.m., Montrose Mining Company (competitive) vs. New Voice; 11:00 a.m., Fair Lanes vs. Gentry (Recreational); noon, opening ceremonies, J.R.'s vs. Gentry (Recreational); 1:00 p.m. Gentry (Competitive) vs. Montrose Mining company; 2:00 p.m., Briar Patch (Competitive) vs. New Voice; 3:00 p.m., New Voice (Recreational) vs. Pacific Street; 4:00 p.m., Pacific Street vs. Brazos River Bottom (Recreational); 5:00 p.m., E/J's vs. New Voice (Recreational); 6:00-8:00 p.m., host bar, Gentry.

League representatives said the turnout on opening day was good despite the bad weather, and expressed thanks to the teams and fans for their interest. Montrose Softball League games are free and open to the public.

## —Women's bowling

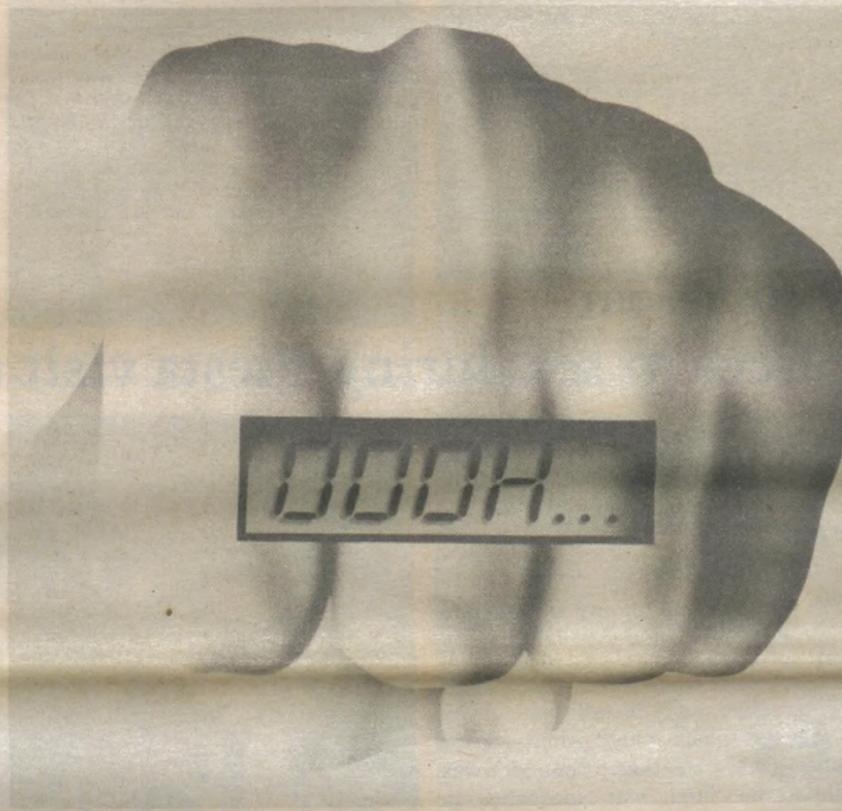
The summer session of the Monday Night Women's Bowling League will begin on Monday, April 20. The league will bowl every Monday night from 6:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Fair Lanes, Southwest Freeway at Gessner. An organizational meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. before the start of bowling on the first night. The league is open to both experienced and "Wannabe" female bowlers looking for new friendships, light exercise and fun. For more information, call Marla at (713) 862-3630.

## —"Freedom of Expression"

Fourteen area artists will be seen in "Freedom of Expression," an exhibition at the University of Clear Lake's Bayou Building art gallery, April 15-May 2. Focusing on "controversial" art, the exhibit is part of the Law Day IV symposium on the First Amendment. It is sponsored by the Law Day IV executive committee, the Legal Studies Association and the Applied design and Visual Arts Program.

Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The exhibit includes landscapes, portraits and works about religion, love



"Oooh Powah" by Rachel Hecker is one of the works in the "Freedom of Expression" exhibit at UH-Clear Lake

and death. Most, if not all, would have been destroyed as degenerate in Hitler's Germany; others would be banned today in some countries.

Organizers of the exhibit said Americans tolerate great variety in artistic styles and subjects; public debate is rare, and often provoked by extreme images. However, Robert Mapplethorpe's photograph of two fully clothed men kissing caused debate, because the image communicated an idea that was unacceptable to many Americans.

Artists in the UH-Clear Lake exhibit invite viewers to ponder the complexity of drawing the line where freedom of expression is concerned. What if the artist's intention is to express a controversial idea, but the image leaves many viewers in doubt about its meaning? What if the work is widely acceptable with one title, but not with a more explicit one?

Artists in the exhibit are Eric Avery, Ed Blackburn, Rachel Hecker, Keith R. Hollingsworth, MANUAL (Hill/Bloom), Paul Miller, Kristin Musgnug,

Kathleen Patrick, Steve Paulk, Lynn Randolph, the late James Reaban, Beth Secor, Ann Trask and Mark Wade. The exhibit was organized for the sponsors by Mary Ross Taylor, executive director of Lawndale Art and Performance Center in Houston.

## —Ray Hill phone bank

Volunteers are being sought for a massive get-out-the-vote effort on behalf of community activist ray Hill's campaign for Justice of the Peace. Telephoning will take place both Saturday and Sunday afternoon, April 11 and 12 from noon to 5:00 p.m. and again on Monday, April 13 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

"This election will be won or lost on the basis of our ability to get gay people to the polls on election day," said Rob Bridges, Hill's campaign manager.

Hill has picked up a number of new endorsements since finishing second in the primary election, and three of his former opponents in the primary—Cynthia Owens, Harry "Red" Loftus and Desmond Gay—have also declared sup-

port for Hill in the April 14 primary.

"Phone banking is a simple reminder to people that the election is upon us and that we have a candidate that needs our support. It is among the easiest and yet most vital work you can do for the campaign," said Jim Owens, phone bank coordinator. For information or to volunteer, call Jim at (713)523-6109.

## —"Spring Fling" for safer sex

Friday (April 10), the Houston Department of Health and Human Services and AIDS Foundation were scheduled to kick off their "Spring Fling for Safer Sex" campaign.

The program involves "safer sex buddies" dropping in to area clubs, giving away safer sex kits and promoting springtime safer sex awareness. The buddies will also have a table in front of J.R.'s, 801 Pacific, where the kits may be picked up. The packets include latex condoms, water-based lubricant, Hershey's kisses and instructions.

AHH will also be holding safer sex workshops on April 21 (for gay and bisexual people) and April 28 (for people of all sexual orientations). For more information on AFH classes, call Bart at (713) 623-6796. For information on the HDHHS early intervention program for HIV positive persons, call (713) 796-8123.

## —Log Cabin Republicans

The next meeting of the Log Cabin Republicans of Houston will be held on Monday, April 27 at the home of Glenn Smith, 4 Courtlandt, with the social hour beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dolly Madison McKenna, Republican nominee for the 25th congressional district, will be the guest speaker.

Log Cabin Republicans of Houston is a group of gay Republicans who seek "to organize and activate the conservative and moderate members of our community, who do not feel comfortable with or represented by more liberal group like Queer Nation or the Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus," according to Roger Parton, president. The immediate goal of the group is to establish a strong presence within the gay and lesbian community, as well as the local, state and national Republican Party, Parton said.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month and are open to the public. For more information, call Roger Parton at (713) 52208803.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Long-time labor official, civil rights leader Tom Kahn dies from AIDS

SILVER SPRING, Md., Wednesday, April 1 (AP)—Tom Kahn, the AFL-CIO former official who helped organize the union's aid campaign to the Solidarity trade union in Poland, has died of AIDS. He was 53.

Kahn died Saturday at his home in Silver Spring, the AFL-CIO said in a state-

ment.

Kahn, a former international affairs director for the union, retired from that position on disability this month. He had held the job since 1986.

He helped the union send money and equipment to Solidarity in 1981, when

the group was being suppressed by the Polish government. Kahn also worked with other trade unions that were born in Soviet bloc nations in the late 1980s.

He served as an assistant to AFL-CIO presidents George Meany and Lane Kirkland. Kahn also was a longtime champion of civil rights, drafting the

plan for the 1963 March on Washington.

Kahn was born in New York City's Brooklyn borough and graduated from Howard University in 1961.

He was survived by longtime companion Alain Fournier of Silver Spring and a sister, Rosemary Colville of San Luis Obispo, Calif.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

## Gays incensed at Ft. Bliss' 'health' excuse in placing bar off limits

After an El Paso gay bar was declared off-limits to military personnel, allegedly as a measure to prevent sexually transmitted diseases, gay and lesbian activists in three Texas cities reacted indignantly to the implication that gay and lesbian establishments pose a health risk to service members.

Local activists in El Paso's Gay/Lesbian Issues Alliance (GLIA) said they believe military homophobia is the real reason the restrictions were placed on the Old Plantation. GLIA president Laura McIntosh said the bar has a reputation for supporting AIDS education and safer sex.

"(The Old Plantation) always has condoms by the door and has contests to see who knows the most about safer sex," she said, adding that the bar also regularly donates to the Southwest AIDS Foundation.

"If the military at Fort Bliss was really concerned about the prevention of sexually transmitted disease, then they should have placed all of the straight bars in El Paso and Juarez on restriction that don't do safer sex education," McIntosh said. "This 'disease prevention' excuse is ludicrous. The real issue is discrimination against gay and lesbian military personnel."

McIntosh also claimed that a Lt. Col.

Preyst had called her at home to talk about the exemption. "I don't know how he got my unlisted phone number. ... I think he just called to harass me," she said.

GLIA held a press conference in El Paso on March 30, charging among other things that Fort Bliss did not go through the proper procedures in placing the Old Plantation off-limits and had shown no proof of cause for the action.

In Austin, Laurie Eiserloh, executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, said the recent action in El Paso has renewed some attention to an ongoing problem. "This is certainly not the first time in recent history that we have seen this type of discrimination against gay and lesbian military personnel," Eiserloh said. "The military in San Antonio also harasses gay and lesbian bars in that area. However, what is different about the El Paso situation is the use of disease prevention as an excuse for placing gay and lesbian bars off limits."

In San Antonio, the military stated outright that the gay and lesbian bars are off limits because of homosexual activities, Eiserloh said.

Over the past several years in San Antonio, the military police have worked closely with the local police department

and the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission in efforts to restrict military personnel at gay and lesbian bars. A common technique was for the police cars while the military police "carded" people inside the bars, according to Kay Ford, co-chair of the San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Assembly (SALGA). Ford, who is also the former owner of local bars the Circle and the Jezebel. She added that military police would also peel military stickers off of cars and then report individuals who asked for new stickers.

Ford said that in a city heavily dependent on the money spent by military personnel, raids also have a highly adverse effect on lesbian and gay businesses.

Currently, several gay and lesbian bars in the San Antonio area are reportedly off limits to military personnel.

After Ford challenged the military, they left her bars alone, according to Eiserloh.

"These harassment techniques by the military in El Paso and San Antonio are indicative of a much wider problem of discrimination against gay and lesbian people in the military," Eiserloh said, adding that the root of the problem, the Department of Defense's policy barring gays from service, has surfaced as an issue in the current presidential race. Lesbians and gay men, she said, should consider the

candidates' positions on the military policy. "At this point, the presidential campaigns are still fairly open to change, however, we must keep in mind that Clinton promised to repeal the military exemption of gay and lesbian people. Brown is also supportive of this issue. Clearly, George Bush's stand is against the repeal of the military policy.

"In a state like Texas where the military has a large presence, we must not overlook the importance of this issue," she said.

Eiserloh also said gay and lesbian Texans should write their legislators in Washington stating that they support the repeal of the military's anti-gay/lesbian policy.

(Nationally: the Human Rights Campaign Fund issued an "Action Alert" last month regarding the DOD's anti-gay policy. In late 1991, Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) introduced a resolution calling on the president to sign an executive order removing the Department of Defense ban on lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans in the military; a comparable resolution was introduced in the Senate. The resolution has 57 co-sponsors in the House and five in the Senate. In response to HRCF's recent presidential project survey, all of the contenders for the Democratic Party nomination said they would sign such an executive order if elected.)

## ▼▼▼ NEW VOICE FEATURE REPORT

## There are other places to see during Fiesta visit to San Antonio

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT

The New Voice/San Antonio

(Editor's note: San Antonio's annual celebration of Fiesta will draw thousands of visitors to the Alamo City this month. Because so many of our readers from other cities will be spending time in San Antonio, The New Voice-S.A. has compiled some information on the city's history and some of the attractions for visitors.)

## —San Jose mission

Spanish colonialism was at times exploitive. Yet compared with some nations it was also decidedly humanitarian. The Franciscans, who directed the mission effort among the Indians of South Texas, introduced an enlightened doctrine.

One year after Fray Antonio Margil de Jesus left the failed missions in East Texas, he founded what would become the largest and best known of the Texas missions. After early travails, San Jose prospered, its inhabitants sustained by extensive fields and herds of livestock.

Viewed as the model among Texas missions, San Jose gained a reputation as a major social and cultural center. So rich an enterprise was a natural target for mounted Apache and Comanche raiders. With technical help from two or three presidential troops garrisoned there, San Jose residents learned to defend themselves. Already proficient with the bow and arrow, Indians also practiced the use of guns and lances.

Although they could not prevent raids

on their livestock, the mission itself was almost impregnable. In his journal, Fray Juan Augustin Morfi attested to the defensive character of Mission San Jose.

## —Espada dam

The initial success of any new mission was dependent upon the planting and harvesting of new crops. Sparse rainfall and the need for irrigation water made the design and installation of an "acequia" system a high priority. So important was irrigation in Spanish Texas that crop land was measured in "suertes," the amount of land that could be watered in one day.

The Moslems introduced the use of acequias—irrigation ditches—to the arid regions of Spain. Once arrived on the frontier, the Franciscans found the system well suited for use in the desert Southwest. In order to distribute the water, missionaries and Indians built seven gravity-flow ditches, five dams, and an aqueduct—a 15 mile irrigation network.

The best preserved of these acequias is the one near Mission Espada. Espada Dam, completed by 1740, diverted river water into an "acequis madre"—mother ditch. It is still in operation, but now plays a secondary role beside the modern dam. The water was carried over Piedras Creek through Espada Aqueduct—one of the oldest Spanish aqueducts in the United States. Using floodgates, the "aquador" (water master) controlled the volume of water sent to



San Jose mission

each field for irrigation and for such auxiliary uses as bathing, washing and power for mill wheels. Today, nearby farms still use the water from this system.

## —Japanese garden

Walking through an oriental archway flanked by colorful planted flowers, visitors enter the Japanese Tea Garden, one of the oldest and most beautiful gardens in San Antonio. The Japanese Tea Garden is an extraordinary example of reuse of an old cement plant and rock quarry.

The old rock quarry had produced the limestone that was used to build the State Capitol in Austin and many of the homes in San Antonio. After 27 years of use as a quarry and cement plant, the transformation into a much photographed beauty shop was completed in 1918.

A group of four little houses, a "Mexican Village" were built as part of the original construction. This construction included a palm-thatched arbor and small fish ponds.

Later the pagoda was added to com-

plete the oriental motif, and a young Japanese couple operated a tea room in the building beside the pagoda. During World War II, under pressure of public prejudice, the family was forced to move and a Chinese family took over. The snack bar was then called the Chinese Tea garden, and the Gardens were called the Chinese Sunken Garden.

Recently, the City of San Antonio hosted the Japanese Ambassador to the United States and descendants of the Japanese couple who were forced out after the war. The name Japanese Tea Garden was officially reinstated at that time.

The outstanding floral displays, which are replanted each season by city Parks and Recreation Department gardeners, feature a wide variety of plants from hibiscus to cooper plants to ornamental cabbage. Irregular shaped ponds with giant goldfish and water lilies reflect flashes of color from the plants and trees. Pebble pathways and bridges guide visitors throughout the gardens. A waterfall drops 60 feet from a high cliff into a pool. The Japanese Garden is located in Brackenridge Park and admission is free.



Espada dam



Japanese garden

▼ ▼ ▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

# Fiesta in the Air: the tastes, sights and sounds of San Antonio

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT

The New Voice/San Antonio

Fiesta San Antonio is in the air! For Fiesta activities, mark San Antonio on your April calendar. Isn't it great the way Fiesta and Spring work together? Yes, that's right. Just to think of it makes you want to jump up and party.

Yes, that's right. That's the word—come to San Antonio for your vacation and party, party, party. What, you don't like to drink? So, party anyway. Every club in San Antonio has non-alcoholic beer, cokes and sparkling spring water. Yes, that's right, spring water you buy in bottles comes from San Antonio's own Aquifer. This is one place you won't hear anyone say, "Don't drink the water" (Of course, there's always many a special being offered for those of us who do drink, too)!

Ah, San Antonio. The city has more history behind it than meets the eye. For instance, did you know the Towers of America is the largest single standing structure in the United States? yes, and you can also find Paris in San Antonio—yes, stroll down the river walk, passing through hundreds of tourists—eating, drinking and being merry. Enjoy restaurants serving food from all over the world. Stroll down a river, winding through the mall. That's right—in San Antonio you can do window shopping from a boar for only \$1.50. Oh, and how could I forget about Fiesta Texas, the amusement park that just opened. It has the tallest, fastest and steepest roller coaster in the world (they say), The Rattler, eight fully staged musical productions, over 400 singers and dancers 153 days of Texas traditions and 25 mild to wild rides. Oh, there are other tourist things to do—so go out and enjoy the day time.

Are you hungry? Drop by O'Boys Burgers, 742 W. Ashby (737-6269) across from San Pedro Park and SAC, and take a trip down memory lane with the best burgers in town. If you've tried others—come have a better burger—O'Boy's guarantees your satisfaction. O'Boys is a late fifties, early sixties style restaurant specializing in hamburgers of the "original" type/ Their menu features six different varieties of burgers using third pound patties, seasoned in a special sauce, on five inch buns. They are also famous for their old fashioned milk shakes, so stop by and enjoy a trip to the past while eating, drinking and listening to 50's and 60's music and commercials. By the way, on Fridays and Saturdays O'Boys is open 'till midnight, so drop by and have a gay old time...

For special souvenir shopping, support your gay businesses. To A Tee T-Shirts, 806 E. Mistletoe (732-2215) is having a sale all month long. Yes, come to San Antonio and be thrifty, and thrifty is the word. Buy these souvenirs for all your friends. Come to To A Tee



Dixie (Las Gueras), careful with those!



Lon of the Silver Dollar with Lance Fox (SAAF) and Robert (Wild Club)



Silvia Poteet, Queen of the Silver Dollar three years in a row. Can she do it again?



One of S.A.'s favorite DJ's, Raymond Denson, spins 30 minute sets of Tejano every hour and favorites from the 80's, with a touch of country



Could it be Lance, at the Dollar's Switch Night benefit for SAAF?



Alfonso, DJ at the Hard Hat



Ron at Switch Night at the Paper Moon as "Miss Barbie Doll '92"

and select a poster from their \$10 sale. No poster is over \$10 and there are over 150 in stock.

On Friday, April 10, the Paper Moon, 1430 Main, will have David DeLorean Productions presenting Miss Gay San Antonio/Metroplex USA with special guests Jennifer St. John, Miss Gay Texas/USA '92; Melissa D'Moore, Miss Gay San Antonio Metroplex '91; Naomi Sims, Akasha Tharroas, and Syreeta Monroe. On Saturdays, it's Savage Muscles In Action with Sweet Savage, Miss Gay Southwest USA '92—75 cent drafts all night, after hours 'till 4:00 a.m. Monday Madness has the Shady Lady Show with special guest Vanessa Gordon and Musical Chairs with no cover all night, 50 cent drafts, \$2 well and long necks. Call 225-7330 for additional information.

The Silver Dollar, 1418 Main, will host

the Sixth Annual Queen of the Silver Dollar, benefiting SAAF, on Thursday, April 16. Mondays-25 cent drafts, \$1.50 wells and long necks and free C and W dance lessons. Wednesday-50 cent drafts, \$1.50 well and long necks, Cowboys In Action. Thursday-25 cent drafts all night. Friday and Saturday—50 cent drafts all night. Sunday-25 cent drafts, \$1.50 well and long necks and T-dance until 9:00 p.m.; then 50 cent drafts from 9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. with Cowboys In Action.

El Jardin, 106 Navarro, will be holding the Fourth Annual Miss King Williams Crowning of the Queen, on April 15 at 9:00 p.m., with all the beef cake pictures, frame and all, to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. This is an AIDS benefit. Contestants for the Miss King Williams crowning are still needed, so if you would like to participate, please call El Jardin at 223-7177 and get all the information you need. Drop by and see the "hottest new country act in town"—(watch it) that's right—none other than the one and only Amanda Jones, aka Richard Wright. That's right, this writer will be in drag,



Ron at the Paper Moon, "before"

raising money for our brothers and sisters who need those nickels and dimes to help them with whatever they need. And I want you to show up and support the AIDS Foundation and the oldest gay bar in Texas.

Speaking of old, the Bonham Exchange, 411 Bonham (271-3811) is 101 years old. The building, that is. That's right, it was completed the first year Fiesta was held. It is just like Fiesta—as the corner stone was being laid the first Battle of Flowers Parade was being planned in 1891. Thousands of eyewitnesses lined the streets from roofs to basements. The crowd swelled until it numbered 10,000. the Committee of Ladies held the first meeting at the Menger Hotel. That year, they decided that Fiesta would go from the 21st to the 24th. Great planning, ladies. This will be the biggest Fiesta ever for the Bonham exchange. Come take a walk through huge hallways which have archways that are indescribable, decorated with art, predominantly from the gay community of San Antonio, lined with hard wood floors. This is the historical landmark in San Antonio. See the Bonham Exchange's April calendar to find out about their special Fiesta celebration.

The Country Club, 115 General Krueger, will have a big Easter Balloon Drop from 10:00-11:00 on April 19. There will be 50 cent drafts until 10:00 and no cover. The balloons will be filled with free drink coupons and money. I'll see you there—I need the money. Mark that on your calendars! On April 23, come bring in Fiesta with the Country Club—a free shot of Amaretto, Schnapps or tequila or a free draft beer with any ticket stub at the bar from Niosa or Lascmanne's. And there will be specials, such as dollar frozen margaritas and \$2 tequila Sunrises. Don't forget Talent Night on the second Thursday of every month at the Country Club. Sign up time is 7:30 or contact Sara at 344-5660—Fifty dollar prize! This is an open show and there will be judges. On May 3, Lady Sara's Variety Show will begin at 7:00 p.m. and on May 17, the TGRA Gong Show benefit for Stormy will be held at 7:00 p.m. All entries should contact Sara.

Don't forget the Wild Club's Wednesday Hot Oil Wrestling—hot, sexy men, cool environment. The Wild Club, 820 San Pedro, stays on top. That is why there is nothing like seeing Rafael, their wild and wicked manager, who has no problem with remodeling the place on the spur of the moment, or let's just say he has Spring Fever. The Wild Club has just redone itself again! Come to the Wild Club and see cool, fresh waves, like the ocean; handsome

men in frames on the walls—and just the right lighting to be with your significant other or maybe meet one. I suggest the Wild Club be marked on your calendar for your Fiesta activities, and there is nothing like those Wild and Wicked Sundays. Call 226-2620 for more info.

(If you have anything that may need to be mentioned about your club, restaurant, shops, stores and organizations, please contact Richard Wright of The New Voice at 222-8558 (deadline is Sunday night) or Sue at (512) 737-2615.

## ▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART ONE

# Festive times planned for Westheimer Art Festival and Easter weekends

By TAD NELSON

TNV Houston

Hello Houston! Have you managed to save enough of that daylight time to adjust your sleep schedules yet? Ever since I was a babe, when they started this nonsense with Daylight Savings Time, I must admit that I never understood how it all began. I mean, just who decided that it was possible in the first place, to get every person with a clock or watch to change it twice a year, up and back, so you could start saving daylight anyway? Not only that, but what kind of container do you save the daylight in? Do you suppose the reason we don't get to save daylight all year long could be the government doesn't want billions of people walking around with stored up light years.

And what scientist's wife do you think sat at home while her "Einstein" was in the lab and thought up the little poems so the dunces of the world could remember which direction to move the hands of the clock, at which time of the year. Personally, I wish they would leave things just the way they are now. I like the more sunlight in the evening hours. Well, if they don't watch out, I have a plot to get a petition to make them take back all of our Daylight Time we've managed to save over the years and then our government would be in trouble. After all, politicians with too much time on their hands...horrible thought, isn't it. Enough said, but how about some dirt from the start for a change?

Little Joe and Miss Rocky (BRB), beep, beep, beep, beep, beep!

Kenny (Killer), we hear your name has been changed to Nadine, but why now Miss Thang?

John (TNT), what are the Sisters of Stupidity?

Vera (BRB) is it true that your stuffed buzzard disappeared from BRB and was last seen hanging out at the Midtowne?

Wolf Pack, is it true that the magic number is only seven? One to go!

Butter, milk, bread, beer, bananas (oops, wrong piece of paper)!

David (E/J's), tell me the story about how you got the neck brace again? A slipped Texas Rider or what?

Lee (Texas Riders/Adventure-N Tucson), my apologies on the picture caption from last week. Gary informed me that it definitely was not you I picked on after all, but was some other sleepy head named Bill, who was most assuredly burping material.

Carolyn (VN), a "thimble party?" Get real! The Cuervo Fountain sounded better. Cass will back me there. Now that's a party come rain or shine.

But, wouldn't you know that the worn out "R" word raised it's ugly head Sunday to postpone the opening of the games for the Montrose Softball league's new season. But, for those eager fans, let it be known that this Sunday at noon at Tim Hearn Field both the J.R.'s recreational team and the Montrose Mining Company competitive team will take on The New Voice for the start of what promises to be a great season.

If you missed E/J's turnabout show this past weekend get a gander at the pictures in this week's Soap of Edwina and the Gurhls at 2517 Ralph Street.

Get you meat from animal and cook it yourself on Thursday nights beginning at 6:00 p.m. But don't burn your buns like I did last week!

Brittany Paige is

ready for you with her All Male Strip Contest tonight (Thursday) with a variety of special guests and some hot men to take it off for you at 10:30 p.m. at E/J's.

Johnny Maddox tells me his Pretty Boys are dancing at the Midtowne Spa Thursday nights at 9:00 p.m. You saw them at Mother's during the contest—now see 'em at Midtowne.

Join Naomi Sims, Rachael Gardner, Poll E. Tixx, Patsy Cline and a host of your favorite 800 Pacific employees this Thursday at heaven, benefiting the Q-Patrol and the 800 Pacific Employee Emergency Fund. They promise to break out the pumps, mix up the blush and "Jump down, turn around, do a little drag show" on this Good Friday Eve.

This Friday at the Venture-N at 7:00 p.m. a new art show is in the works. According to the owner, David, this show is a combination of seven artists and they are having an Artists' Reception X 7. And each of the artists in this multi-media showing is contributing a portion of the proceeds (20 percent or more) back to the different organizations in our community. Hurry down and take a look, I did this Tuesday and it's already selling fast.

Friday at 9:00 p.m. at Pacific Street, Basic Brothers will be presenting their latest designs for Spring and Summer '92. Lots of bare skin will be shown with the latest in T-backs, swim wear, jock straps, etc. Be there with your shades and sunscreen.

Don't miss the men of Lone Star Male



E/J's Turnabout Show with Ed, Ron (Ta Laya Mann), B.J. Williams, John (Juicy Lucy) and Roe (Magnolia Wet Bush)

revue, each Friday, Saturday and now Sunday at gentry. Hunks to be sure!

Rainbo D'Klown also has his All Male Revue at 11:00 p.m. Friday and this week he has the ultra hot Rage, Li'l Boy Blue and Mickey.

It's ART FEST WEEKEND this Saturday and Sunday and the folks at Mary's want you to come by and party with them before, during and after the festival. Mary's is definitely a convenient place to be when your feet get weary and you're ready to toss back a few cool ones or just sit down with a soda.

But the employees of 800 Pacific are ready to greet the out of town revelers, as well as the tried and true locals, to the Spring Westheimer Art Festival as well, for a true Houston "Rite of Spring." Heaven, J.R.'s and the Montrose Mining Company all stand ready to welcome the anticipated crowd for this, the first major event of the social season.

Pacific Street welcomes those festival partiers too, and wants to remind everyone to wear your leather chaps or jock straps in this Saturday night and pay no cover charge, and receive great low prices on beverages all night.

Saturday night at E/J's at 10:30 p.m. the Imperial Court will be having its regular monthly show at E/J's and this time around it's the Night of Camp II, an all comedy revue featuring members of the Imperial Court.

Sunday at Mary's during the Art Fest don't miss the Rooftop Show which is usually an amusing drag-athon to entertain and amaze the unsuspecting suburbanites. Join Pickles and the few, the brave, the girls from

3:00-7:00 p.m.

MANDANCE T-DANCE begins at 5:00 p.m. at Pacific Street, where you can step into the cool and turn up your heat for a great dance party with no cover until 7:00 p.m. "Real men still dance

at Pacific Street."

Sunday at Gentry is the Montrose Softball League Party at 6:00 p.m. Goby and meet the men who will be playing this season and if you're hungry, get there an hour ahead of time at 5:00 p.m. for Steak and Tater Night.

Don't miss the Royal Wave Party this Sunday from 6:00 p.m. down at the Venture-N. The resident crazies down on Main Street ask y'all to come down and "Buff it, Fluff it, Glove it or Just Love It...as long as you wave it."

At the BRB this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. be on the lookout for UFO's (Unidentified Flaming Objects), so get out your binoculars and telescopes and see if you can spot one. Previous sightings were made April 5 at the Briar Patch and some of the flames resembled Michael Quinn, Wayne Bailey, Sharon Stone, Bob Boettger, Richard Middleton, Jim Nonus, Ms. Vickie, Clyde Williams, Patsy Recline, the Montrose Singers, Oggie Fuggerman, Ms. Evelyn,

Tawanda, Ms. Kate, Dana Christian, Windy Chicago, Marianne Pendino, Ms. Di and Ms. Sandy. These UFO's were seen attempting to sing well known American songs like "Halls of Montezuma" and "Lullaby of Broadway," and the list goes on. Scientists cannot explain this phenomenon. However, they did agree that these UFO's are benevolent and are raising money for the Montrose Activity Center. The UFO's are apparently going to be seen around town until Pride Week and are soliciting donations of \$25 or more, and those who do donate will have the chance to win either a Mazda pickup truck or a Suzuki motorcycle. Earthlings should have no fear at the next predicted sighting of UFO's at the BRB this Sunday. If you have questions regarding this special UFO report call (713) 236-0064.

Mr. TGRA candidate '93 B.J. Williams will be presenting "The Gift of Easter" at E/J's this Sunday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This show will be a fundraiser for the Bering Care Center PWA Easter Basket Project.

E/J's First Annual Grudge Match will be this Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 p.m. and Jerry Morin and Lee Chardon will do a turnabout of their own. Jerry will be doing drag and Lee will be singing live.

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Vicki and Reenie enjoy the beautiful outdoor flower gardens at Mary's, naturally



Edwina struts at E/J's. Some bar owners will do anything for a buck, huh Ed?



Adam King of Richmond News is ready to rent you their latest videos

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Colorado University president addresses gay studies conference

BOULDER, Colo., Saturday, April 4 (AP)—University of Colorado President Judith Albino Friday night addressed the university's first conference on lesbian, gay and bisexual studies and called for tolerance when interacting with homosexuals.

"Using the power of reason granted to us, we examine the similarities and the differences among ideas," Albino told a crowd of about 250 at Old Main Chapel.

Her message clashed sharply with that of CU football coach Bill McCartney who last February denounced homosexuality in a campus ap-

pearance.

"This is serious business and it has social consequences," Albino said. "Aldous Huxley was surely correct in observing that 'The vast majority of human beings dislike and even actually dread all notions with which they are not familiar.'"

Combating that dread is "what we are about at this or any other university," Albino said. "We listen to all, we collect all, we rejoice in academic freedom from tyranny. In that process, we transcend our individual identities."

During a news conference in February, McCartney called homosexuality an

"abomination of almighty God," and he criticized gays for wanting the same rights as "people who do reproduce."

The conference was organized by CU-Lambda, a group composed of lesbian, gay and bisexual faculty and staff members at CU-Boulder. Illona Gallon, a spokesperson for the group, said the conference was not inspired by the anti-gay controversy created by McCartney.

At least one of the four nationally known researchers speaking at the conference, however, pointed to the controversy.

Allan Berube, author and co-founder

of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project, said that, although political and social progress has been made by gays, incidents like McCartney's outburst seem to be on the rise.

"Even within the political realm, as you well know in Colorado, attacks on gay rights as well as gay bashings, are increasing in numbers and with a power and meanness that is unprecedented," he said.

"One of our goals at CU-Lambda was to bring a gays studies conference to CU, and we're happy with the support we've gotten from the school," said Gallon.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

## Bowlers banquet at the BRB; Young Execs Night at Pacific Street

By TAD NELSON  
TNV Houston

Continued from a previous page

Sunday afternoon at the BRB the Monday Night Bowlers will be having their banquet and awards from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Congratulations to the league on another successful season.

After painting the wall at the Tower Theater, Concerned Citizens Against Stupidity donated \$105 to the Colt 45's, which was left over from T-shirt sales and profits after covering the cost of paint and supplies. Thanks to the Concerned Citizens!

Mmmmm, yes goys and birls, it's Miss Maudie's Monday Night Male Strip Mayhem, try it you'll like it...

Monday night is Clubbers Night at Pacific Street and the doors open at 9:00 p.m. with no cover for Houston bar and restaurant employees or Clubbers wearing their colors. This night is hot and leather abounds.

Young Executives Night begins each Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. with no cover to people with their own personalized business cards. With these cards at Pacific Street you get to pass cover charge and go directly to party!

There will be an Aries party with WE THREE as they turnabout on each other at Mother's with Shawna Roberts, Jennifer St. John and Tommie Ross, Wednesday, April 15.

There's a Wet Jockeys Contest at Gentry each Wednesday at 10:00 p.m. If you think you've got something to strut, pack it into your clean BVD's and head to Gentry and let the judges decide. Who knows, it may be the start of a new career or just plain fun.

The gentle women groomers have a name for their shop mascot now. As a result of their contest, winner Steve Cantrell won a free grooming and bath for his



Brian and Armand are ready to greet and serve you Fridays and Saturdays for After Hours at the Ripcord

Penelope, by turning in the winning name, "Ladybug." But if the rest of you still need grooming for your pets, cut out the ad for Montrose Pet Groomers in this issue and

receive 10 percent off your next grooming or supplies. By the way, my apologies to Jane and Shirley for the misprint on your ad, and the correct address for their wonderful business is 1314 Welch, not 1419. Sorry, ladies!

Check out the new videos at Richmond News and Video, where you might find friendly clerk Adam King behind the counter to help you select one of the numerous featured videos for sale or rent. According to

Adam they receive approximately 50 new videos each week. they do accept all major credit cards and personal checks and have an adult arcade available for your on-premises viewing pleasure. Be on the lookout for Fondren News and Video in the future.

April 16 at the BRB is the beginning of the Intermediate Country & Western



Shown at Juliet's place last weekend are Brian Kever, Chablis Le Blanc, David Alwell and Cat, the Viscount who were raising money for PWA Easter hams

Dance Lessons from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

April 17 (Good Friday) it's a Fish Fry at the BRB. Walter tells me that this is fresh fish from Miss Havard's divorce settlement. And this one is on the patio at 5:00 p.m.

April 17 (Good Friday), J.R.'s hosts the Lone Star Volleyball Association Friday Night Bracket party.

April 17 and 18 (Easter Weekend) Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris will be at J.R.'s and Heaven for an exclusive autograph/book signing party for the gorgeous "Duo."

April 18 (Saturday) Heaven will host the Lone Star Volleyball Association's Video Party featuring highlights from the Classic IV Tournament.

April 18 (Saturday) the Montrose Mining Company Bunnies on the Bayou begin their annual celebration with the Peter Cock-n-tail party, a chance for Houstonians to meet the hosts of the annual Rabbitfest.

April 19 (Easter Sunday), look for the Easter Basket and Easter Bonnet Contests at 8:00 p.m. with \$100 in cash prizes.

April 24 look for the opening of the new Crossroads Market and Bookstore at 610 Alabama next door to Acadian Bakery. They are planning on having the largest selection of gay and lesbian books as well

as cards, gifts, collectibles, periodicals and much, much more. The shop is looking great, but I'm sad to inform you that unlike the store in Dallas, there will be no store cats to pet while you shop. Oh, well, I guess that means you won't be taking home any unwanted fur extras either.

April 19 (Easter), check with Pickles but i think the Easter Bonnet High Heel Race is on schedule for participating bars this year with lots of fun and prizes.

Mother's will be hosting "Miss Houston At Large" in the near future. Miss Maddox says to qualify you have to be at least six feet tall or 200 pounds or both. this is a preliminary to Miss Texas and Miss USA At Large.

May 22-25 is the TCC Lone Star 9 Run at Buzzard's Peak. This year's run is expected to be the best ever. Loads of fun will be had by all. Park on Friday and party 'till Monday. Camping, motorcycle events, shows, games, people events, meals, fun, decadence. Check with the Texas Conference of Clubs for details.

Mary's is the official home of the U.S.G. War veterans, who will be sponsoring future events at their new home bar. Congratulations to the members of U.S.G.V.W.

Well, for those of you who have been busy trying to find Jed and Granny to go over on Easter Sunday for the Guidry's Boudin Hut Easter Feast at Gentry, hold onto your rockin' chairs and pot passers 'cause the menu has been updated, according to Rita Boulevard. Now, Guidry's Boudin Hut and Gris Gris Gumbo Emporium regret to announce that, due to an unseasonable yam blight, Pickled Possum Ponchartrain will be substituted for Baked Possum ala Felixville on all Easter possum dinners to go. To compensate for any inconvenience, double portions of hand dyed deviled gator eggs and spicy fig squares will be served. All coupons, however, are not valid for this one time offer.

Rita, you are sick guhrl. There is no hope! Not even with Obewan and THE FORCE. But the rest of you have a safe and happy weekend at the Arts Fest and so on. Bye for now!



Scott at Gentry—quit grinnin'! You're making me nervous!



Isn't that Rachael Gardner herself working at Bob Dineen's desk over at 800 Pacific?



Jan and Joe had a great time serving the partiers at Heaven Saturday night



Pacific Street is the new home of friendly Montrose bartender, Cliff

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**The New Voice recommends in New Orleans ...**

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Happy hour 4-9am 2601; 5-9am Golden Lantern  
 Jeopardy 4:30pm The Friendly Bar  
 Bear's beer bust 7-10pm Boots  
 Beer bust 10pm-1am Jewels  
 April 10: Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt display 6-9pm, N.O. Convention Center  
 Happy hour 8-10pm Joey's (Biloxi)  
 New Meat Night dancers 10pm Corner Pocket

**NEW ORLEANS, SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

Happy hour 4-9am 2601; 5-9am Golden Lantern  
 April 11: Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt display 9am-6pm, N.O. Convention Center  
 Happy hour 2-7pm Roundup, Ziggy's & Wild Side; 2-8pm We Are Family

Beer bust 4-7pm Phoenix  
 Happy hour 4-7pm Corner Pocket; 4-8pm Jewel's & Wolfendale's; 4-9pm The Mint, Bourbon Pub, MRB, TT's, 2601, Phoenix & Sterling Club; 5-9pm Rawhide, Lafitte's & Good Friends; 8-10pm Joey's (Biloxi)  
 15th anniversary drawing 11pm for CD player, Jewel's

**NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

Happy hour 4-9am 2601; 5-9am Golden Lantern  
 \$1 juice drinks 8am-noon Corner Pocket  
 Happy hour 2-6pm Jewel's; 2-7pm Wild Side & Ziggy's  
 Happy hour 2-7pm & buffet Roundup  
 Happy hour 2-8pm We Are Family  
 April 12 Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt display 9am-6pm, N.O. Convention Center  
 Trash disco 3-9pm, happy hour 5-9pm, Lafitte's  
 Happy hour 4-7pm Corner Pocket; 4-8pm Wolfendale's

Beer bust 4-8pm Boots  
 Happy hour 4-9pm Phoenix, TT's, The Mint, 2601, MRB & Sterling Club  
 Tea dance 5pm, beer bust 5-9pm, Parade  
 Happy hour 5-9pm Good Friends  
 Bear night, 1st drink free for facial hair 6-9pm, Rawhide  
 Beer bust 6-9pm Jewel's  
 Happy hour 8-10pm Joey's (Biloxi)

**NEW ORLEANS, MONDAY, APRIL 13**

Happy hour 4-9am 2601 & 5-9am, Golden Lantern  
 Happy hour with beans & rice 4pm-midnight, 2601  
 Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar

Bring your own meat BBQ, Phoenix  
 Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's  
 Happy hour to 1am, Big Daddy's  
 Happy hour 3-6am, Roundup  
**NEW ORLEANS, TUESDAY, APRIL 14**  
 Happy hour 4-9am 2601 & 5-9am, Golden Lantern  
 Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar  
 Pool tourney 8pm 2601, 9pm We Are Family  
 Beer bust 9pm-midnight, Phoenix  
 Happy hour 10pm-1am, Jewel's  
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 Happy hour 3-6am Roundup

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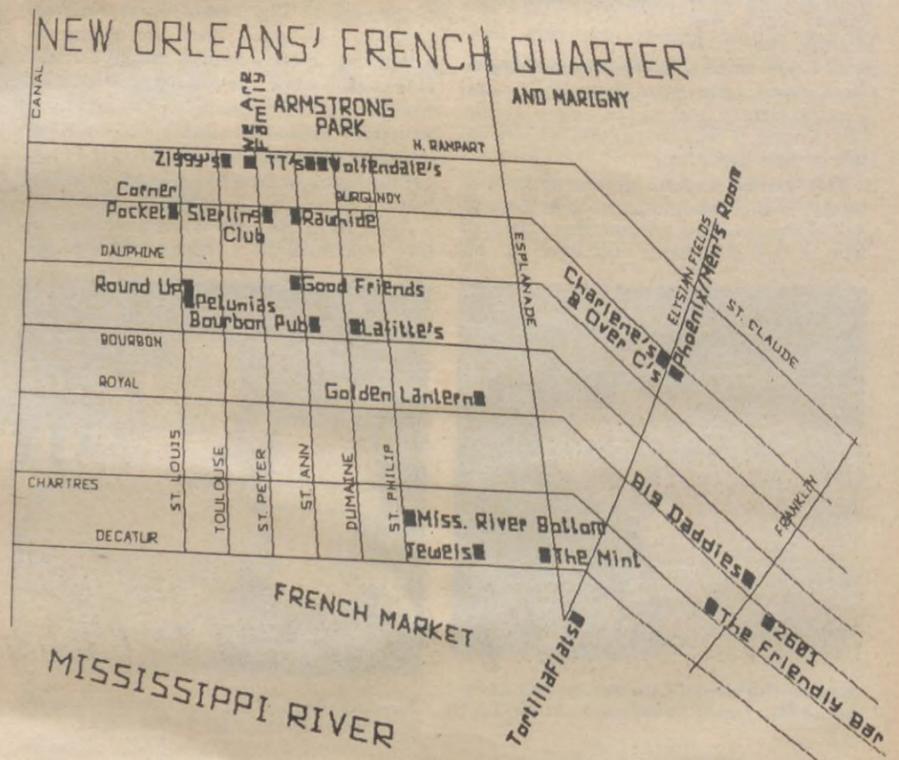


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## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

## OutYouth Austin advisors respond to Baptist minister's attack on ads

Rev. James Abington of the Bannockburn Baptist Church has launched an attack against advertisements for the University YMCA's OutYouth peer support program.

In an interview with KVUE-TV (Channel 24) reporter Rebecca Rodriguez, Rev. Abington called the ads in the Bowie High School newspaper "as inappropriate as running ads for a massage parlor" and vowed to have the ads removed.

But Lisa Rogers, program director, a youth counselor and the mother of a gay teenage suicide victim countered Abington's charges, and suggested the program is needed to protect vulnerable youth from the attitudes the minister expressed.

"We at OutYouth Austin provide a car-

ing, supportive, substance-free environment to youth who our schools often pretend do not exist, to youth whose families often would rather not know their secret."

"One of the first gay young people that I worked with ended in a tragedy," said Gail Morton, chair of the advisory council of OutYouth Austin and a psychotherapist. "I came to know this high school student shortly before her death. She was shy, confused and struggling with what she had been taught the Bible said. She couldn't relate any more to her boyfriend and was convinced she must be a homosexual. Because she couldn't be 'straight,' she drove her car off the road and killed herself.

"After a completed suicide of a student, we all feel a sense of existential an-

ger and responsibility for not meeting the needs of these young people."

The need for same-sex oriented youth programs was most poignantly made by Mary Griffith, a Northern California mother of four. She is now convinced that she contributed to the suicide of her gay son.

At Griffith's urging, her son Bobby resorted to prayer as a "reparative" therapy with religious counselors in a futile four year attempt to become, like his three siblings, heterosexual. At the age of 20, however, he became convinced that he was evil in the eyes of God, and he threw himself off an overpass and into the path of an 18-wheel semitrailer.

It would not have happened, Griffith wrote Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan, if there had

been programs at school "to offset what he was told by me at home and by others at our church."

By advertising in the high school newspaper, OutYouth hopes to reach young people who are struggling with these internal conflicts before it is too late. Rogers said some of the current OutYouth members were kicked out of their homes when parents learned of their sexual orientation; others, fearful of the same treatment, attend OutYouth peer support meetings without their parents' knowledge.

"We offer same-sex oriented youth a normal teenage experience," said Rogers. "The University YMCA does not believe suicide, substance abuse, homelessness, and violence are part of a healthy teenage experience."

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## AIDS activists quit national group in dispute over planned demonstration

By JOEL WILLIAMS  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

LITTLE ROCK, Friday, April 3 (AP)—The Arkansas chapter of the confrontational AIDS activist group ACT UP has quit the national organization in a dispute over a planned Little Rock demonstration aimed at Gov. Bill Clinton.

A conflict between the Arkansas group and the national organization arose last week when ACT UP's Presidential Primary Project announced it would demonstrate May 25 in Little Rock. The demonstration is to include a march from Clinton's presidential campaign headquarters to the Governor's Mansion.

Arkansas members felt the Seattle-based Presidential Primary Project did not consult them enough before announcing the demonstration.

A news release from the Little Rock or-

ganization said, "Members of a national wing of ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, have ignored our request to temper a demonstration in this state in order to remain culturally sensitive to the people of Arkansas. Their recent announcement about a planned demonstration left the local chapter of ACT UP with feelings of anger and betrayal."

The group changed its name to the Arkansas AIDS Brigade, said Trey Merritt, a spokesperson.

Merritt said the Arkansas group fears that ACT UP members from out of state will use tactics that alienate Arkansas residents, such as "throwing fake blood on people, bags of vegetable soup simulating vomit.

"They work well in New York or San Francisco where the media is fairly jaded and they need to do those type of

things to attract attention," Merritt said.

"My fear is that they will be perceived as being angry and confrontational rather than cooperative," Merritt said. "This is a very sensitive issue in Arkansas and we need to put our best foot forward and we need to think about how we are going to be perceived."

He said the Arkansas group fears it could alienate the public and officials with which it is working to increase AIDS awareness.

ACT UP is known for its confrontational tactics and publicity stunts. Member Frank Smithson loudly criticized Clinton as he campaigned recently in Bridgeport, Conn.

Smithson, with ACT UP's New York office, on Friday said the Little Rock demonstration would go on as planned. "We're having a presidential race in America and we are sending people in,"

Smithson said. "ACT UP has never been shy about sending in outside agitators. We always try to meet with the communities affected."

Of the Arkansas group, he said, "If they want to change their name, they're robbing themselves of a name that is internationally known."

Merritt also took issue with statements from some ACT UP members that Clinton was responsible for hundreds of AIDS deaths in Arkansas, although "It's true that Gov. Clinton could have done more to fight AIDS in Arkansas, and it's true that we want the Legislature to do more."

Smithson said ACT UP's presidential primary activities, such as the Little Rock march, are aimed at all presidential candidates.

"It's a stunt to draw publicity, to draw attention to the AIDS epidemic and to save lives," Smithson said.

## ▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

## Music and food with a New Orleans flavor: the French Quarter Festival

This weekend, April 10-12, the Crescent City celebrates the ninth annual French Quarter Festival.

Started as a means to bring local families back to the French Quarter, it has quickly become one of the highlights for gays across the South. Although it conflicts with the Westheimer Art Festival in Houston, there are still many Texans as well as local gay men and lesbian women celebrating all three days of the festival, as only you can in New Orleans.

There are more than 100 hours of musical entertainment, the world's largest

jazz brunch and spectacular fireworks over the Mississippi River plus high-lights in all of the gay bars. The celebration takes place throughout the Vieux Carre and Woldenberg Park (where the Aquarium of the Americas is located).

Hundreds of thousands of people are drawn into the old historical district for the free event. In keeping with Louisiana tradition, there's food, food, and more food. Jackson Square and Woldenberg Park are transformed into the site of the "world's largest jazz brunch" where nearly 60 of New Orleans' finest restaurants serve up special-

ties such as jambalaya, gumbo, crawfish pasta, alligator sausage, boudin, muffedettes, roasted duck stew with olives and port, eggplant dressing, cheesecake with praline sauce, shrimp remoulade, red beans and rice, bread pudding, and other Creole/Cajun favorites.

To whet the appetites of music lovers, the French Quarter Festival offers everything from classical and contemporary to gospel and Cajun and, Dixieland jazz, performed on open stages throughout the "Quarter."

This shouldn't be confused with the

New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival which runs the two weekends of April 24-26 and April 30-May 3, held at the Fair Grounds Race Track infield and having its 23rd annual celebration this year as one of the world's greatest events. Evening events are held in the Municipal Auditorium, several larger clubs, the Orpheum and Saenger Theaters and the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. There is a \$3 discount for those who order Fair Grounds tickets in advance. For information or to charge tickets call (504) 522-5555 or (800) 488-5252.

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## ●NEW ORLEANS, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Happy hour 4-9am 2601 & 5-9am Golden Lantern

Jeopardy 4:30pm The Friendly Bar

Happy hour 8-10pm Joey's (Biloxi)

Happy hour to 2am, MRB & Wolfendale's

2 for 1 night, Parade

Progressive music, Joey's (Biloxi)

Happy hour 10pm-1am Jewel's & 3-6am, Roundup

## ●NEW ORLEANS, THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Happy hour 4-9am 2601 & 5-9am, Golden Lantern

Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar

Happy hour 8-10pm Joey's (Biloxi); 10pm-1am Jewel's; 3-6am Roundup

## ●NEW ORLEANS, FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Good Friday

Happy hour 4-9am 2601 & 5-9am, Golden Lantern

Jeopardy 4:30pm, The Friendly Bar

Bear's beer bust 7-10pm, Boots

Happy hour 8-10pm, Joey's (Biloxi)

Beer bust 10pm-1am Jewels

New Meat Night dancers 10pm, Corner Pocket

Full moon birthday bash 11pm, Jewel's

## ●NEW ORLEANS LATER

Easter bonnet contest 5pm April 19, Good Friends

## ●NEW ORLEANS BAR LIST

Angles (M,W,D), 2301 Causeway, Metairie, 834-7979

Big Daddy's (M,W,NH) 2513 Royal, 948-6288

Boots (L, CW) 2601 Royal, 948-6968

Bourbon Pub/Parade (M,W,D,V,YC) 801 Bourbon, 529-2107

Cafe Lafitte in Exile (M,V,D), 901 Bourbon, 522-8397

Charlene's/Over C's (W,D), 940 Elysian Fields, 945-9328

Corner Pocket (M,NH), 940 St. Louis, 568-9829

The Country Club (M,W,EG), 634 Louisa, 945-0742

The Four Seasons (M,W,D), 3229 Causeway, Metairie, 832-0659

The Friendly Bar (M,W,NH), 2301 Chartres, 943-8929

Golden Lantern (M,NH), 1239 Royal, 529-2860

Good Friends (M,W,EG), 740 Dauphine, 566-7191

Jewel's (M,L), 1207 Decatur, 523-9237

Joey's (M,W,D,EG), 1708 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, 601-435-5639

The Men's Room (M,L,NH), 941 Elysian Fields, 945-9264

The Market (M,W,YC,V,D), 1135 Decatur, 522-5011

The Mint (M,W,EG,E), 504 Esplanade, 525-2000

MRB (Mississippi River Bottom) (M,NH), 515 St. Philip, 586-0644

The Parade Disco (M,W,D,V,YC), 801 Bourbon, 529-2107

The Phoenix (M,W,L,NH), 941 Elysian Fields, 945-9264

The Rawhide (M,L,NH), 740 Burgundy at

St. Ann, 525-8106

The Roundup (M), 819 St. Louis just off Bourbon, 561-8340

The Sterling Club (M,W,EG,NH,F), 700 Burgundy, 522-1962

TT'S (M,NH), 820 N. Rampart, 523-9521

Twenty-Six-O-One (M,NH), 2601 Royal, 948-6968

We Are Family (M,W,NH,T,L), 700 N. Rampart, 524-7654

The Wild Side (M,W,NH), 439 Dauphine, 529-5728

Wolfendale's (B,M,D), 834 N. Rampart, 524-5749

Ziggie's (M,T,NH), 718 N. Rampart, 566-7559

## BAR CODE LEGENDS

These are but a guide to the usual mix of customers and is no indication of who is or is not welcome. Everyone is welcome in most all bars. B black customers, EG elegant decor, F food, L Levi/leather, M men, NH neighborhood, S strippers, T transsexual/transvestite, V video, CW country western, W women, YC young crowd.

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**YOUNG COLLEGE GRADUATE**

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**The New Voice recommends in San Antonio ...**

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**●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

Male strippers with MC Sassy St. Jan 75¢ draft, Wild Club  
Men & munchies 7pm, Nite Owl  
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April 10: David deLorean's Miss Gay

Antonio/Metroplex USA, Paper Moon 10¢ well & draft 8-10, strip show midnight, after-hours, Noo Zoo 50¢ draft, Las Gueras 50¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar O'Boys Hamburgers open to 12am After-hours Paper Moon, Wild Club, Bonham Exchange

**●SAN ANTONIO, SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

Adults no cover to 10pm, \$1.25 drinks 11pm, after-hours, Bonham Exchange \$2 drinks, Memories Male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl Male strippers with MC Sassy St. Jan 75¢ draft, Wild Club

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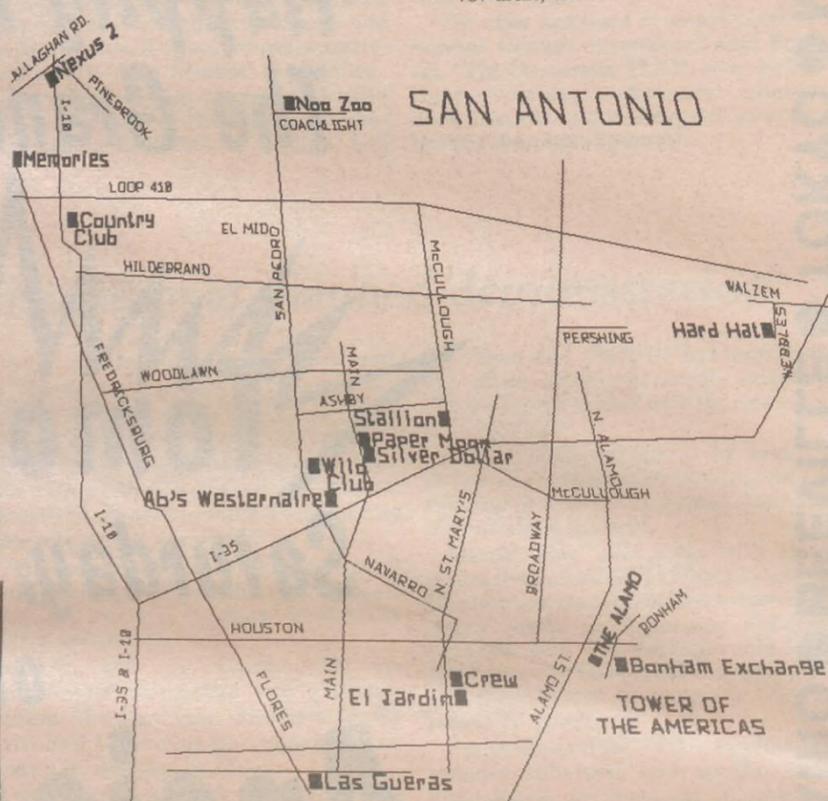
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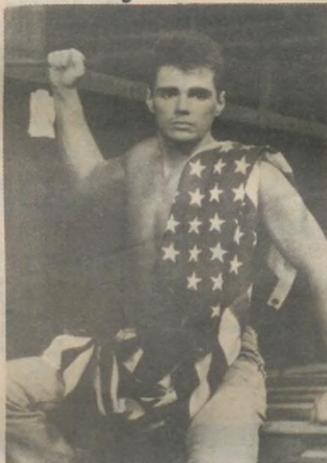
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▼▼▼ AUSTIN QUICK NOTES

MCCA Easter services in new building; call for writers; BETTY at Esther

On Easter Sunday, April 19, Metropolitan Community Church of Austin will begin meeting in its new facilities across from St. Edward's University. The new church is located at 425 Woodward Street in South Austin.

The Austin lesbian and gay community is invited to attend the Easter services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., said members. Child care and interpretation for the deaf will be available at the 11:00 service.

The new building almost doubles the seating capacity of MCCA's former location on Springdale Road. The new church is also wheelchair accessible and has meeting rooms, kitchen facilities and a two and one half acre for future growth. "Owning this property means

we can offer more services to the community," said Rev. Wendy Foxworth, the congregation's pastor. "We will not only have more space for our own use, but we can also make meeting rooms available to other groups. In time, we will become a real center of support for the lesbian and gay community," she said.

Foxworth and associate pastor Randy Nunnelee also noted that social action efforts will begin this year. The church plans to conduct a voter registration drive, expand spiritual support for people with AIDS, and be more visible at the Lesbian/Gay Fiesta.

As of Easter, the church may be reached at its new number, (512)416-1170.

—Call is "Out"

Fresh from the success of the recent 1992 "Gay and Lesbian Voices—A Celebration," the call is out for writers to read at next year's literary event, which will be held on three weekends in February, 1993 in Austin.

The fund raising event is open to all lesbian and gay writers, who wish to read from their works of fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry, etc. For more information, contact Dan Martell at (512) 327-3558, or write P.O. Box 160162, Austin, TX 78746.

—"Betty" at Esther's

Esther's Follies will bring the high-powered trio BETTY to Austin for two weeks of performances at Esther's Pool, 525 East Sixth Street. It is the first Austin appearance of the flamboyant feminist

group whose act has been described as "part Laurie Anderson, part James Brown."

The threesome's show has been seen all over the United States and Europe. Based in New York City, they recently returned from a tour in Australia, and have appeared on countless TV shows.

Describing their act as "heavy mental," BETTY (Alyson Palmer, Amy and Bitzi Ziff) combine feminist, "thinking women's" music with an inventive, fast paced stage act and campy comedy. The name is taken from all American symbols (like Crocker) and the all-caps emphasis is theirs.

Tickets are available at Esther's Follies. For reservations/information, call (512) 320-0553.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Convictions of right-ringers upheld in plot to bomb gay bar

By BOB EGELKO

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, April 1 (AP)—A federal appeals court on Wednesday upheld the convictions of three members of a neo-Nazi group in Idaho for plotting to bomb a gay bar in Seattle.

Federal prosecutors said the plot was monitored from the start by an undercover FBI informant who infiltrated the group known as Aryan Nations. The informant, Rico Valentino, traveled with two of the men from Hayden Lake, Idaho, to Seattle, and paid for their trip and the bomb components.

In upholding the convictions, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a defense argument that Valentino's role in the plot amounted to "outrageous government conduct."

The three men were arrested in May 1990, before the bomb could be assembled. Robert J. Winslow, Stephen E. Nelson and

Procter J. Baker were convicted of conspiring to build a pipe bomb and travel in interstate commerce to kill, maim or wound people.

Winslow was sentenced to nine years in prison and Nelson to eight. Baker, who stayed in Idaho while the other two went to Seattle, got a two-year sentence, which he has completed.

Nelson's lawyer, Gar Hackney, called the case "very thin" and said the prosecution "played to a lot of innate fears and prejudices."

Tape recordings picked up "a lot of very rough conversation, very bigoted, violent talk," but "I don't feel that these men intended to bomb anything," Hackney said. "They were set up by the FBI."

He said no decision has been made on an appeal.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ronald Howen said a spinoff group of Aryan Nations,

called The Order, had targeted homosexuals for robberies in the early 1980s before turning to banks and armored cars. But he said this was the first known case in which Aryan Nations members had planned to bomb a gay bar.

Howen said the three men who plotted to bomb the bar joined Aryan Nations after the breakup of The Order.

Discovery of the plot was "one of those fortunate things ... a person in a deep undercover capacity happened to be recruited to be part of this (action) group," the prosecutor said.

He said Valentino had worked inside Aryan Nations for 3 1/2 years, with Justice Department approval, and was paid \$90,000 by the government.

In the court's 3-0 ruling, Judge David Thompson wrote that "Valentino did not suggest or set up the plan from which the conspiracy evolved."

Thompson said Winslow and Nelson had expressed interest in bombing establishments frequented by homosexuals before Valentino targeted them for investigation.

The court also said there was adequate evidence to connect Baker to the conspiracy. According to Valentino's testimony, Baker helped Winslow detonate a pipe bomb as a test in April 1990, then told the others that a bomb placed at table level, and filled with gravel and nails, would kill the most people.

The breakup of The Order came after 10 members were convicted of racketeering and conspiracy in a Seattle federal court trial for, among other things, a \$3.8 million armored car robbery in Ukiah, Calif., and the slaying of a Jewish talk-show host in Denver.

Prosecutors said the robberies in the mid-1980s were intended to finance a racist revolution. The members were sentenced to prison terms of 40 to 100 years.

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●SAN ANTONIO, TUESDAY, APRIL 14

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Happy hour all night, Nexus  
Happy hour to 9pm, Memories  
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\$1 well & longnecks, pool tourney 10pm, Noo Zoo  
Male dancer 9pm, Nite Owl  
Lone Star Dancers 11pm, Hard Hat  
Amateur male strip, 50¢ draft, Wild Club  
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●SAN ANTONIO, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

50¢ draft, country night, Nexus  
Strip dancers 11pm, Wild Club  
Muscles in Action, Paper Moon

Hot oil wrestling with Victoria West MC, 75¢ draft, \$2 frozen margaritas, Wild Club  
50¢ draft, \$1.50 well and longnecks, Cowboys in Action, Silver Dollar  
Open pool tourney 8pm, Nite Owl  
50¢ well, talent night 10:45pm, Noo Zoo  
Lone Star Dancers 11pm, Hard Hat  
\$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories  
Hot chest contest, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange

●SAN ANTONIO, THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Steak night 7pm, Nexus  
Tandi's Talent Nite, 75¢ draft, Wild Club  
"Fiesta on Thursdays," adults no cover to 10pm, amateur male strip contest midnight, \$1.50 margaritas, Bonham Exchange  
Sassy St. James host strippers 9:30pm, Memories  
\$1 well & longnecks, show 11:45pm, Noo Zoo  
25¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar  
April 16: 6th annual "Queen of the Silver Dollar" benefitting SAAF, Silver Dollar  
50¢ draft, \$1.25 cans & longnecks, Las Gueras  
River City Pool League 8pm, Nite Owl  
Dart tourney 8pm, Lone Star Dancers 11pm, Hard Hat

●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Good Friday, Fiesta Kick Off Weekend  
Buffet from 6pm, Mandy Woods at Happy Hour, Nexus  
Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, 75¢ draft, Wild Club  
10¢ well & draft 8-10, strip show midnight, after-hours, Noo Zoo  
Men & munchies 8pm, Nite Owl  
50¢ draft, Las Gueras  
April 17: Miss Gay Fiesta, Bonham Exchange  
50¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar  
All drinks \$2, Memories  
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draft all night, after hours to 4am, Pap  
Moon  
After hours, Nexus, Wild Club, Bonhan  
Exchange, Paper Moon

**●SAN ANTONIO, SUNDAY,  
APRIL 12**

50¢ draft, pool turney 8pm, Nexus  
Buck burgers 4pm, open pool tourney  
8pm, Nite Owl  
Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, \$1.75  
Cuervo Ole, Memories  
Adults no cover, show 11pm, \$1.50 well,  
\$1.25 beer, Bonham Exchange  
Liquor rush 9-11pm, Sunday show, after  
hours, Wild Club  
Lone Star Dancers 11pm, Hard Hat  
Don Daniels Show, dancers, Visions  
10¢ well & draft 8-10, \$1 shots, 25¢ Old  
Milwaukee Light, Noo Zoo

25¢ draft, \$1.50 well & longnecks, t-Dance  
till 9pm, 50¢ draft 9-2, Cowboys in Action,  
Silver Dollar

25¢ draft, \$1 longnecks, Las Gueras  
Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon  
Bartender tag team hot oil wrestling,  
Hardhat

**●SAN ANTONIO, MONDAY,  
APRIL 13**

Lone Star Male Review, Hardhat  
No cover for adults, Wild Club  
50¢ draft, \$2 well, Paper Moon  
25¢ draft, \$1.50 well and longnecks, Silver  
Dollar  
Monday Madness, Shady Lady Show, no  
cover, 50¢ draft, \$2 well & longnecks,  
Paper Moon  
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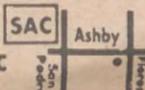
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▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Delegation to Texas Democratic Convention includes many gays-lesbians

The Harris County delegation to the Democratic State Party Convention may have more openly gay delegates than ever before, according to Chris Bacon, president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

Despite the fact that Montrose was moved to Senate District 17, a district that extends to the Southwest into Fort Bend and Brazoria counties, many gay and lesbian delegates were elected as delegates to the state convention in that district.

Bacon attributed the success to several factors including the presence of at

least two members from our community on each of the committees at the convention; steps to ensure that gay and lesbian delegates were not ignored; the fact that there are now many gay and lesbian precinct judges who actively work within the Democratic party, and the active role take by HGLPC in getting people to participate in their precinct conventions. Moreover, the gay and lesbian caucus was the only visible special interest group at the convention, Bacon said. "Every gay rights resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority," he said.

The HGLPC has scheduled a meeting

for Wednesday, April 15 at the Montrose Palace for all lesbian and gay state bound delegates. At that meeting, the caucus will examine ways in which it can help the lesbian and gay Democrats of Texas at the state convention.

Bacon said the primary goals are to ensure that the gay and lesbian bloc of delegates is visible and included at the state convention, and that the Texas delegation to the National Democratic Convention will include some gay and lesbian delegates.

The April 15 meeting will be GLPC's first "special meeting" under a new meeting system adopted by the caucus

last Wednesday, April 1. At the general meeting, caucus members voted to hold general meetings once a month (on the first Wednesday of each month); special meetings for caucus committees or to examine specific topics or projects may be scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month.

In other business at the April 1 meeting, the caucus elected Tracy Harting to fill the board position vacated by Pat Gandy, and discussed the April 14 runoff election. GLPC will be distributing endorsement cards for the runoff during the Westheimer Art Festival this weekend.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Approval of new Stone Soup location on City Council agenda

AIDS Foundation Houston has announced it will enter into an \$111,700 contract with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, pending approval by city council at its meeting Wednesday, to purchase property at 608 Westheimer (now QT's bar) for Stone Soup Food Pantry.

The move to the new location would end AFH's four year struggle to find a permanent home for the pantry. Although council approved a \$115,000 federal grant to the Foundation two years

ago—and although the city Department of Housing and Community Development and Councilmember Vince Ryan had been working with AFH on the relocation project since before that—the pantry is still in its cramped original location. Two setbacks, when asbestos was found in one proposed location and chlordane in another, delayed the long announced move and discouraged AFH from making a public announcement of the Westheimer plans sooner.

Tom Combs, AFH's director of government affairs, verified the relocation

plans early this week. Rumors had been circulating since news reports about two months ago that AFH was looking at a Westheimer location that the QT's building—long up for sale and under the ownership of FDIC—would be the new Stone Soup.

Combs said the program could be using the new location by summer.

In contrast to the present location on California Street, which has only a few hundred square feet of space, the building has 4800 square feet—enough room,

say AFH board members, to realize their "dream" of providing indoor waiting space for clients. Presently, Stone Soup clients must sometimes wait in long lines outside the tiny pantry, even in bad weather.

AFH founded Stone Soup in 1987. The food assistance program currently serves about 560 PWA clients per month and supplied nutrition supplementation service equivalent to 176,000 meals last year, according to board chair Janice Thomas. The Foundation currently has over 1300 clients.

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●AUSTIN, SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Patio cookout, Crossing  
Live music & food noon-10pm, Chances  
Food feast, Buckles  
Margie's famous fajita buffet 3pm, Air  
hockey tourney 9pm, happy hour all  
night, San Fran Cisco's  
Happy hour prices all day & night,  
Charlie's  
Pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, MONDAY, APRIL 13

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry  
C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran  
Ciscos's

Lone Star Male Review, 10:30pm &  
12:30am, Charlie's

●AUSTIN, TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry  
Steak night 6-8pm, amateur dance conte  
Charlie's  
Strip contest 11pm, The Crossing  
Dark tourney, Auntie Mame's  
Pool tourney 9pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 15

25¢ well all day & night, Charlie's  
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry

Steak night with Margie, pool tourney,  
San Fran Cisco's

C&W dance lessons 7:30pm, Nexus  
Lone Star Male Revue 9:30-11:30pm,  
Buckle's

●AUSTIN, THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Lone Star Male Revue 5-9pm, Charlie's  
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Harry's Men  
10:30pm & 12am, Oil Can Harry's  
Steak night 7-9pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Good Friday  
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The Crossing  
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry  
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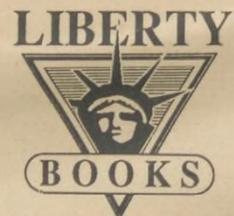
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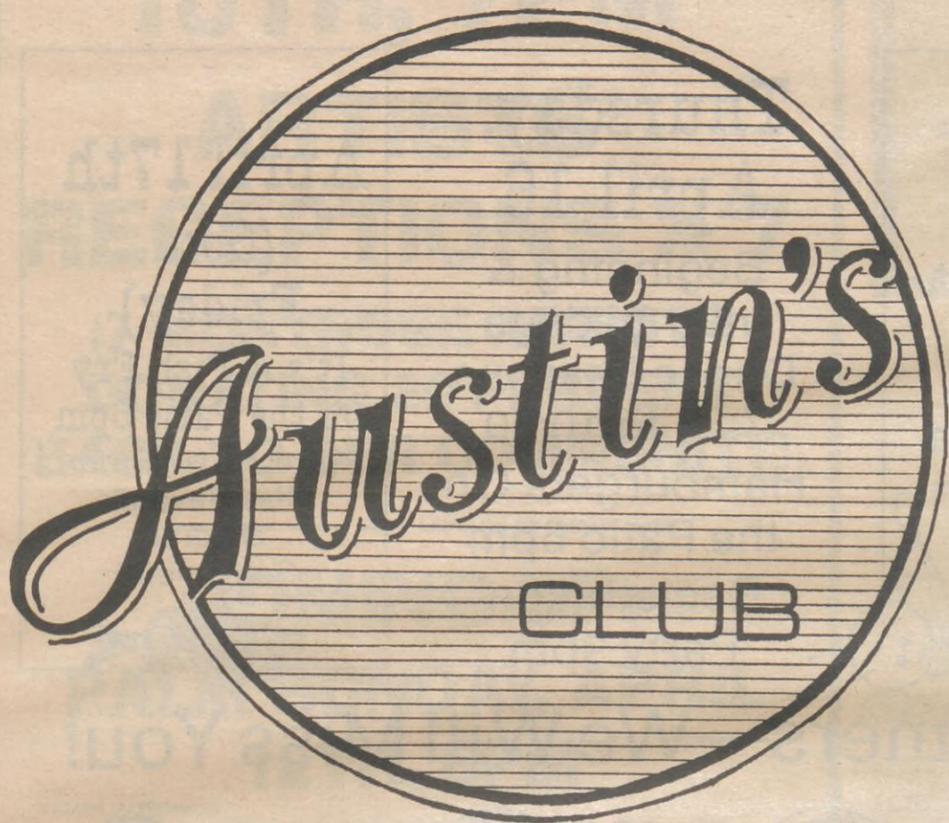


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## Correction

Due to a publishing error some persons who received Charlie's 1992 BEAN Awards were incorrectly identified in the last issue. The New Voice wishes to correctly recognize these people. Best Bartenders: Overall, Army Krause; San Fran Cisco's, Randy Chandler; Marilyn's, Robbie Gault; Chain Drive, Ricky Jones; Chances, Todd Shrock; Bout Time, Pam Webster. Favorite Barback: Glen Eaddy.

Best Cooks Award: Margie (San Fran Cisco's) and Helen Gonzales (Chances). Best Manager: Jeanne Nielson (Chances). Best Continuous Music Programming: Chain Drive (Don Engle, Danny Cardial, Michael Hernandez).

The following awards were made in friendly jest—Miss Loreal Preference Award (because she's worth it): Carl Jenning; Best Karma Award: David Ing, and Most Expanding Bartender, Bryce Holtry.

Congratulations once again to all the winners of the BEAN Awards!

## The New Voice recommends in Austin ...

(Some specials require "buy in" or cover charge. Since virtually all bars have weekday afternoon happy hours, that event is not listed here.)

### ●AUSTIN, FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Lunch & live music 11am-2:30pm, Chances

Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, The Crossing

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's

Happy hour buffet & Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, 25¢ well all day & night, Charlie's

### ●AUSTIN, SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Lunch & live music 11am-2:30pm, Chances

Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, Crossing

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's

Grand opening champagne party 9pm, Austin's

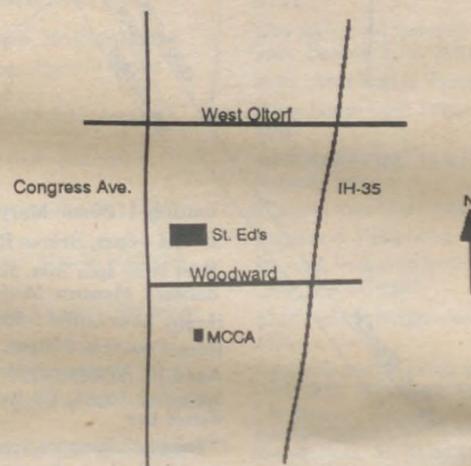
Happy hour buffet, live music with Bonnie Baker, 7:30-9pm, Nexus

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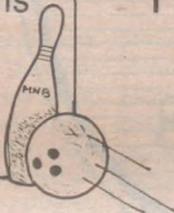
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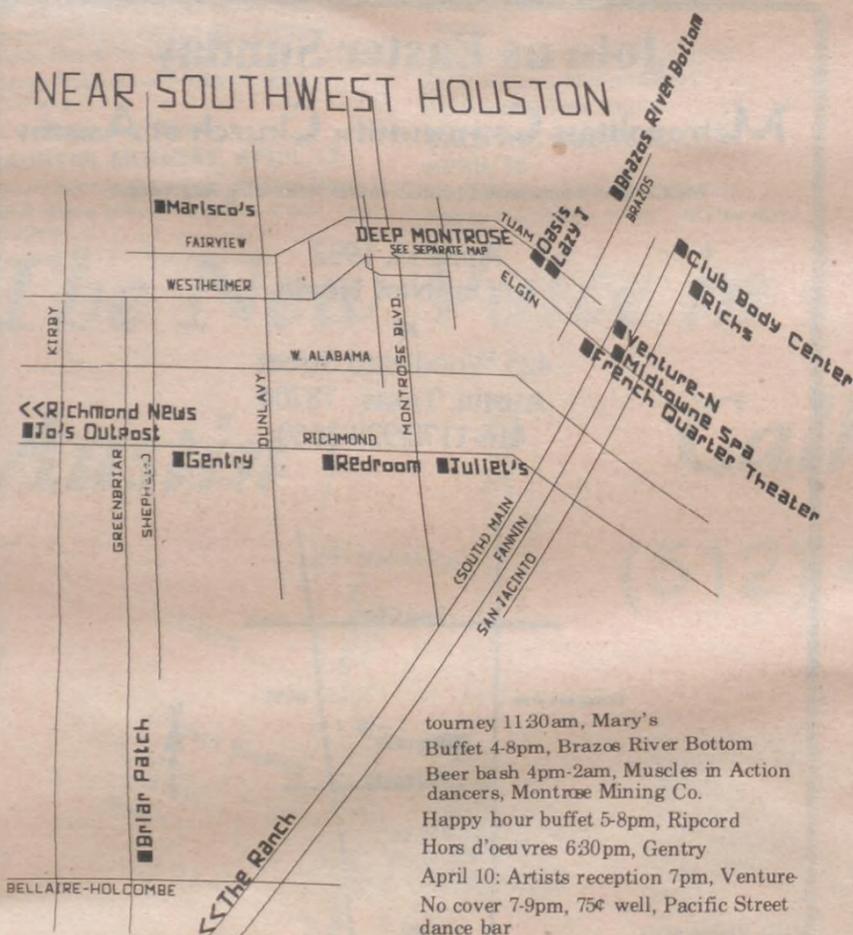
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Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom  
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action  
dancers, Montrose Mining Co.  
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord  
Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, Gentry  
April 10: Artists reception 7pm, Venture  
No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street  
dance bar  
"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N  
April 10: Risque Business fashion show  
9pm  
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's  
Male dancers 8pm, Montrose Mining Co.  
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E/J's  
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(Some specials require "buy in" or cov  
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event is not listed here.)

●HOUSTON, FRIDAY, APRIL 10  
\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool

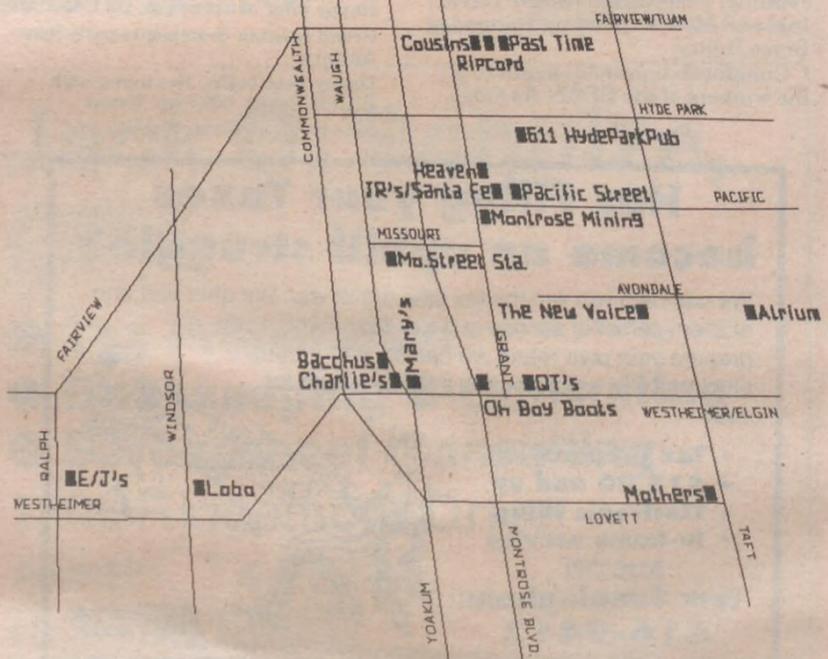
●HOUSTON, SAT  
APRIL 11

Westheimer Colony Art Festival  
Weekend  
Mug dub 9am-noon, E/J's  
Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's  
Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-  
10pm, E/J's  
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.  
Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N  
75¢ vodka 6-11pm, Mother's  
9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time  
Leather & Flesh 9pm, Pacific Street  
Lone Star Male Revue, Gentry  
April 11: Imperial Court's A Night of  
Camp II, 10:30pm E/J's  
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's  
After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body  
Center, Midtowne Spa

●HOUSTON, SUNDAY, APRIL

Westheimer Colony Art Festival  
Weekend  
\$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's  
\$8.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all day, E/J's  
Leather day and beer bust on patio 1-6;  
steak night 5pm, Mary's  
Beer bust noon-11pm, Montrose Mine  
April 12: Rooftop show 8pm, Mary's  
Dawgs & blue light specials from 5pm,  
Venture-N  
\$1 schnapps 4-8pm, pool tourney 6pm,  
Juliet's Place  
Steak-n-tater 5pm, "Ham for Hams"  
benefit show & raffle 8pm, Gentry  
Mandance, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street  
dance bar  
April 12: Bowling banquet 1-5pm,  
Unidentified Flaming Objects Show 7:30-

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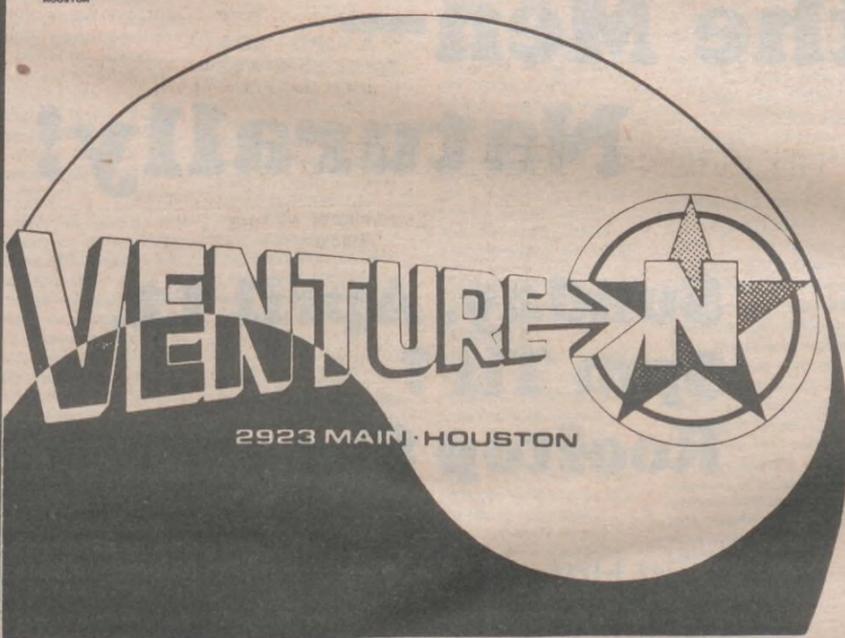
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9:30pm, Brazos River Bottom  
Steak night 5-9pm, blue light specials 6-11pm, Brazos River Bottom  
\$1 beer, 50¢ draft, daBronx  
April 12: The Royal Wave Party 6pm, Venture-N  
\$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all night, E/J's  
April 12: BJ Williams' Gift of Easter 7-9pm, RSICSS' 1st annual Grudge Match 9pm, E/J's  
Show tunes and Sha-Boom balloons, Venture-N  
Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's  
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's  
Show midnight, Club Guadalajara  
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa  
**HOUSTON, MONDAY, APRIL 13**  
75¢ mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's  
Slop shot pool touney 11:30am, Mary's  
Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N  
1/2-price rooms & lockers with food  
donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa  
"Clubbers Night" 9pm, Pacific Street dance bar  
Happy hour all day, all night, Brazos River Bottom  
"Club night" classic rock and roll, Montrose Mining Co.  
Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center  
Male strip contest with Maude 10:30pm, Gentry  
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa  
**HOUSTON, TUESDAY,**  
Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center  
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.  
1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa  
6 month membership special noon-midnight, Midtowne Spa  
Burgers noon-3pm, Mary's  
Pizza party 6:30pm, Gentry  
Strip contest with Dyan Michaels 10pm, Mother's  
Chili night & \$1.50 beer, Juliet's Place  
Dart & pool tourneys, daBronx

Young executive night, Pacific Street  
Video classics 9pm, Gentry  
C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River Bottom  
Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.  
Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's  
**HOUSTON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**  
Happy hour 7am-2am, Ripcord  
1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa  
\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool touney 11:30am, Mary's  
6 month membership special noon-midnight, Midtowne Spa  
"The Bear Club for Men," Montrose Mining Co.  
Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, Gentry  
White Hot Wednesday, Pacific Street  
1/2 price night, daBronx  
Steak night 6pm, Open Mike Night 8pm, E/J's  
Slop shot pool touney 7pm, Learn to Clog 7pm, Brazos River Bottom  
Bare chest night, Venture-N  
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa  
**HOUSTON, THURSDAY, APRIL 16**  
\$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's  
Burgers & BBQ noon-3pm, Mary's  
Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center  
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.  
6 month membership special noon-midnight, Midtowne Spa  
50¢ burgers 6-9pm, beginners dance lessons 7:30pm, advanced dance lessons 9pm, \$1.50 longnecks all night, Brazos River Bottom  
\$1 vodka, dart tournament, Juliet's Place  
Brittany Paige Show and all male strip contest 10:30pm, E/J's  
Dart touney 8pm, Past Time  
Country Night 8pm, Gentry Show, daBronx  
Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa  
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's  
Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's

**HOUSTON HOUSTON HOUSTON HOUSTON HOUSTON**

Show midnight, Club Guadalajara  
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

**HOUSTON, FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

Good Friday  
Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's  
Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom  
April 17: Fish fry on patio 5pm, BRB  
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.  
Hors d'oeuvres 5:30-7:30, male dancers 8pm-2am, J.R.'s  
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord  
Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, Gentry  
No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street dance bar  
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N  
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's  
Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's  
Lone Star Male Revue, Gentry  
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.  
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THE NEW VOICE  
**Your Good Fortune**  
Friday, April 10  
thru Thursday,  
April 16, 1992

**ARIES:** You've got that urge to move. Well, resist the temptation for now. You

have commitments here that extend deep. Satisfy the moving urge instead by taking an extended trip.

**TAURUS:** Dizzy? You were at that recent outing. Well, you had a good time anyway, even if you can't clearly remember. And, it's all destined to happen again in the next few days.

**GEMINI:** Let others think you're on top of it all, even if you're not sure you are. Continue to exhibit that air of confidence and you'll continue to be thought of as the one they can turn to.

**CANCER:** Every day is a new adventure but a day coming up in the middle of next week will be a totally refreshing experience. You can prepare now by making sure you are well-groomed. Cut your hair, trim your toe nails. Maybe on Monday the day will arrive. Be ready.

**LEO:** Whatever the cause of a recent uncertainty, it's gone now. Don't worry about it again. The circumstances that caused it will not reappear altogether. However, think back and see if anything was learned.

**VRIGO:** Talk things over with someone with the "sign" of the dollar. Ask advice on that money matter that you have, so far, kept strictly confidential. Before the weekend is over, you should have at least the first step to the solution solved.

**LIBRA:** Question some with authority. Some who like giving orders have no more sense, or the authority, to give such. Others have achieved such positions of power through trial and error and earning the trust of others. You must use your good sense to distinguish.

**SCORPIO:** Your love life, or the constant pursuit of such, makes the challenge of life a much more enjoyable experience. Like a trip where getting there is most of the fun, so is the chase for love. That chase of yours will have added intensity in the next few days.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You are on your way to the stars? Well, that's how you'll feel. A stranger from a strange land will entice you into a strange adventure. Tread carefully, but do go ahead. Plus, you'll get an offer for some more later.

**CAPRICORN:** You are good at several things (and bad at several too) but you shall learn this next week a new talent:

reading the minds of others. Pick your subject, observe, talk a little, then tell of their thoughts. Yes, long about Tuesday, I see.

**AQUARIUS:** The remainder of April could be a golden opportunity. Take your pick: Fiesta in San Antonio or the jazz and French Quarter festivals in New Orleans. One of them will yield to you a new, rewarding relationship. Emotionally and financially.

**PISCES:** You have been a little aloof lately. That's changing this week. You will go into your "mingle" cycle. You will enjoy the constant companionship of many others. This will last about two weeks, then you'll be ready to play again the game of personal solitaire. That's just the way it is with you.

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**Houston NOTICES**  
1750 COMMERCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an organizational meeting of The Houston chapter of Southern Country, a national country western dance group at The Brazos River Bottom (BRB) Wednesday, April 15, at 7pm. For info call 880-0670 or 868-7502.

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Attractive 29 yr old college grad, 5'9, 145, seeking monogamy/friendship with someone who's slender, sincere & down to earth. I am quiet & like to keep a balance between modern & traditional values. My interests are museums, sports, movies & camping. Ad 25349

For the best in laid-back, hassle-free French service, contact this 6'1", 173, br/br, gdlng, 39 y.o. GWM. Ad 25133

Gay female couple seeks other gay couples, male or female, for friendship. Those who live in Stafford, Sugarland, Missouri City, Rosenberg & Richmond & southwest Houston please respond. We like eating out, going to movies shipping, sports, crafts, etc. We like going out dancing, but also like having friends over for dinner, or to play cards, or to cook out. We like being ourselves & are looking for friends who can do the same. Couples with children please respond, we have a boy & girl. All responses will receive a reply. ad #25424

GM couple, early 30s, for hot & wild safe sex 3 ways. Looking for GM 18 to early 30s, masculine looks & manners, weight in proportion to height. Ad 25109

GM seeking straight or lesbian woman to marry for convenience, arrangements possible. Please respond to ad #25420.

GWM, early 60's look early 50's, 160, 5'10, thinning light br hair, hazel eyes, professional, discreet loves outdoors, travel, music, & movies. HIV-, non-smoker, non druggie, light drinker. Love cuddling, some cooking. Tired of bar scenes. Looking for GWM or GHM approx 40, HIV- of small frame. Must have stable work & honesty. Let's get together, talk & see what comes of it. Ad 25354

Handsome married WM is forming network for those interested in B&D or S&M. Open to all (males, females & couples) who would like to interconnect, explore or indulge in the lifestyle; whether dominant of submissive with those who share the same interests. please respond to ad #25419.

Happy, stable Lesbian couple in Lake Livingston area wishing to meet same for friendship only. Call after 6:00 pm @ (409) 365-2646.

Hispanic male, 22, 5'10 190, looking for male for friendship or possible relationship. Must be fun-going person! ad #25414.

I'm a 40 yr. old GWF who loves animals, eating out, going to movies & many other things. I've been trying to learn to C&W dance

with limited success. I don't smoke, do drugs & drink very little. I'd like to meet women 30-45 who can go out & have a good time, but also enjoy just staying home. My main objective is making new friends, but I'm not against a little romance with the right woman. Ad 25406.

Under 35? Healthy? Want friendship/ relationship or more with intelligent, sensitive, middle age professional? Call 866-6244

Where are the Jewish, educated (M.A. or Ph.D) 38-50 G.F. who are 5' to 5'5, who are comfortable with their sexuality, who would like to know a romantic French/ Jewish poet, musician, singer, writer, professional stable woman with an M.A. & a sense of haute humor & desire for travel & adventure? Am looking for malka sheli & will listen to your tsoras & dreams. You can be Ashkenazi. I will feed you the rimon of desire having been blessed with brains, heart & a creative imagination. If this appeals to thee respondz s'ilvous plait. ad 25405.

**A FRIEND IN THE COUNTRY**  
5'5, bl/ gr, 35 muscular built, slightly overweight construction worker. I'm a caring, sincere, playful WM in Alvin area. Wish to meet sincere GWM or GHM 18-30, slender built who enjoys quiet times & occasional insanity. Friendship lasting relationship. please respond. ad#25003.

**A HEART IN MOTION**  
Attractive GWM, 21, 5'8, br/br, slim swimmers build, clean cut, HIV-, Ital/Spanish Amer., seeking GWM or GHM, 21-40 for a truly monogamous relationship that can last forever. I have a lot of love to give & want someone I can love & trust forever. Someone special who believes in a two-way commitment. Serious replies only. Ad 25372

**A QUALITY GIFT FOR ME**  
GBM 6'1, 190, br/haz, 40ish, discrete, hairy, masculine, professional, well educated & traveled in search of a sincere, sensitive, attractive professional GM, 30-50, non-smoker, drug-free, enjoying cultural arts, dining out & romantic evenings at home, surprises. Not into bar scene, lets get together & talk. Ad 25316

**AGE - ONLY A STATE OF MIND.**  
Professional, GWM, 40ish, 5'9, 155, very healthy HIV+, attractive, non-smoker, drug-free, well traveled, stable, romantic, prefer GBM/ GHM, but open, for friendship/ affection, enjoys working out, quiet dinners, movies, computers, dancing, want to share committed companionship. Ad #25429

**ARE ALL THE women IN HOUSTON BUTCH?**  
I am an attractive GBF professional, very interested in meeting other ladies of color. If you're tired of the bar scene, but still alive, please respond, only real women please. ad #25012

**ARE YOU READY?**  
Good looking, GM, Germanic/ Asian (best of both worlds) 23, 5'7, 158#, broad shoulders, great legs, in good shape, enjoy working out, movies, dining, & life. You - good looking, WM, 21-30, similar size, muscular, clean cut, versatile, non-

smoker/ druggie. Wanted for friendship, affection, fun. Ad 25367

**ARIES PLUS LIBRA**  
GHM, 39, 5'8, 160, HIV-, Aries, good-looking romantic. Like movies, museum, bowl & spectator sports. Tired of bar scene. Looking for a GWM or GHM, Libra, 32-42 who is stable, sincere, honest & willing to build a one on one relationship. Ad 25357

**ASIAN MALE**  
21, HIV neg., college student, looking for males for friendships & possible relationship. Must be fun-loving, HIV neg. Ad 25969

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**ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL, MASCULINE GWM**  
Weight in proportion to height, seeks same, 25-45. Enjoy movies, animals, volunteering, long walks & talks, roller skating, bicycling & aerobics. Do not smoke or do drugs of any kind. Ad #25011.

**BIG COUNTRY TEDDY BEAR**  
Newly relocated to Houston & looking for friendships, possible relationship. You: GM, late 20/ mid 40, masculine, independent, adventurous. Me: 31, college educated, 6'6, 220, Br/ Gr, moustache/ beard, HIV-, masculine but love to cuddle. Real men only need to respond. ad #25004.

**BOYS TYPE SEEKS LOVER**  
GWM, 28, 5'9, 155, Very attractive, HIV+, short sandy blonde hair, hazel eyes, med-build, bottom, likes dance music, movies, non-smoker/ drinker. I don't tolerate drugs, looking for attractive, masculine, GWM, 20-30 for very honest, sincere, monogamous relationship. ad 25407

**CONSTRUCTION GOOD OL' BOY TYPE**  
Needed by GWM, 36, 5'11, 165, br/ gr. I prefer GWM/ GHM, humpy, hairy (a plus) beer belly type. A real macho man who's not afraid to show his tender side. If you're over 38 & looking for more than a casual relationship, let's talk. Looks not important. Ad 25348

**COUNTRY GUY WANTED TO RELOCATE**  
Masculine, hairy, GWM wanted, 35-45 only, to relocate to Chicago for a permanent relationship. I'm 38, 5'6, 142, masculine, hairy & stable. I enjoy C&W music, movies, good home life. Partial to blue eyes, hairy, accents. Into affection, J/ O, massage, safe sex. Ad 25408.

**CUTE ROMANTIC SOFT BUTCH**  
GWF, 40-plus, blonde, brown eyes, cute professional, mature & stable & believe in honesty, trust & communication. Have great sense of humor & am incurable romantic. Don't smoke, drugs or drink & enjoy outdoors as well as indoor activities. Looking for new adventures to share with new friends or partner. Ad 25225

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**DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS MAN SEEKING BOY FRIDAY**  
Well even Sundays & Mondays ok. I have a very public face - you must be extremely attractive & masculine (boy next door) 18-29. I live in Austin but have fabulous Houston home for our assignation. Ad. 25306

**DO YOU WANT**  
A tall daddy, a big guy, a good buddy who's 40 yrs old. I want a younger man, trim, gentle, a real daddy's boy. Some of these would be nice, long hair, no facial hair, smooth body or slim build. Ad 25928

**DOMINANT GWM**  
40, 145, 5'9 seeks GWMs into S/ M - B/ D. Limits respected. Ad 25336.

**DON'T NEED ANOTHER FATHER**  
Very handsome masculine GWM, 19, 6', br/gr. Hobbies include reading, working out, collecting music. Looking for a very handsome, faithful & caring guy, 21-29, for possible relationship. Must be drug & smoke free. If this fits you please respond to Ad 25116

**EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL**  
GWM, late thirties, 5'10, 150, br/br, nice looking, nice guy, healthy, honest, financially secure, goal-oriented, but values people more than possessions. I love kittens, Puccini arias, basketball, ethnic food, window shopping, puns, piano playing, & kissing! Seeks non-smoking GWM, twenties or thirties, for friendship & romance. ad 25169

**ENDOWED TIGHT END SEEKING HISPANIC MALE COUPLE**  
GWM, 30, 5'9, 155, br/gr, moustache. Very masculine cute hunk with thick well endowed equipment. Called a stud & tight end on more than one occasion. I am seeking a Hispanic male couple or individual for fun, hot, steamy, romantic times. Out of towners welcome to respond. ad #25421

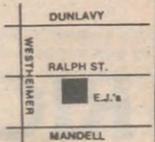
**EVER WISHED YOU HAD A BROTHER?**  
I do! Someone to hang out with on weekends, toss a football, catch a movie, canoe the San Marcos or just sit out under the stars with a six pack. I am GWM, 30s, 220, 6'2. New age in thought, old-fashioned most everything else. Ad 25698

**FINALLY SETTLING DOWN**  
GWM, 37, 5'9, healthy HIV pos., slim, attractive, masculine, educated, traveled, sober professional, still a touch wild, sexually versatile, adventurous, leather oriented. Love outdoors, cultural pursuits, new experiences. Seeking GWM, 30's with similar qualities, also capable of passion, intimacy & affection, mature, stable & looking for a meaningful relationship. Ad 25960

**GENTLEMAN PREFERS BLONDES**  
Friendly nice looking GWM, 32, 5'9, 170, br/br, moustache, hairy chest, non-smoker, HIV-, professional. Seeking relationship oriented GWM, 26-36, med-build who enjoys movies, dining out & good conversation. Friendship or romance could result. Ad 25326.



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THURSDAY

**Brittany Paige & the All New Male Strip Contest 10:30pm**

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FRIDAY

**Rainbo D'klown's All Male Revue 11pm**

With Rage, Little Boy Blue, Mickey & the winner of the Thursday night show

SATURDAY



**A Night of Camp II, 10:30pm**

An All Comedy Revue Featuring Members of the Imperial Court

SUNDAY

**R.S.I.C.S.S. Presents EJ's 1st Annual Grudge Match 9pm**

Can A Live Singer Doing Female Impersonation Beat Out A Female Impersonator Singing Live? Be There to Watch Jerry Morin & Lee Chardon with MC Lady Victoria Lust

Also 7-9pm

Mr. TGRA Candidate BJ Williams Presents "The Gift of Easter," A Fund-Raiser For Bering Care Center PWA Easter Basket Project

TUESDAY

**Talent Night 10:30 pm Cash Prize & Show Booking MC Giovanni**

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WEDNESDAY

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**LOOKING FOR GWM**  
GWM mid-late 20's - mid-late 30's who is mature, athletic & kind. I am GWM 25, athletic build, br/ br, 160#, HIV+ & financially secure. Interests include bicycling, movies, gymnastics, roller skating & cooking dinner at

home. I volunteer with numerous HIV related groups. Let's talk. Ad 25914

**LOOKING FOR MY IMAGO**  
GWM, 34, 180, br/ bl, masculine, HIV-, College grad. Looking for honest, sincere, beefy/ not fat GWM, 28-38. Must have a life. No married, out-of-town or straight guys who don't know who they are. Want to date & settle down, not just settle. ad #25001.

**LOOKING FOR OLD FASHION ROMANCE**  
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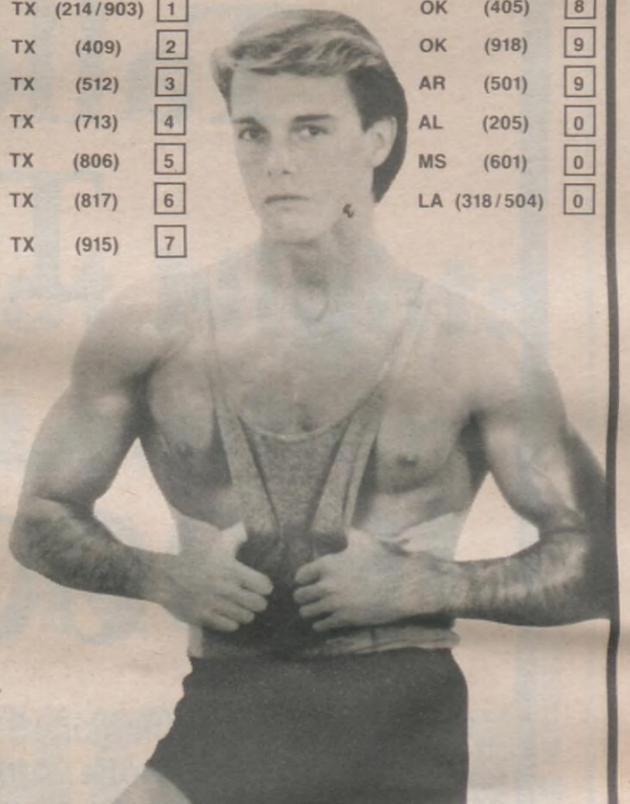


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# Navy punishes 13 sailors for gay activity at base in Japan

SAN DIEGO, Wednesday, April 1 (AP)—A support group for homosexuals in the military says the Navy has launched a "witch hunt" to find gay activity at a U.S. base in Japan, already resulting in two court martials and 11 discharges.

The investigation reportedly is continuing and may result in charges against up to 40 more Navy enlisted men and officers, including two commanders and three lieutenants.

Investigators began with allegations of homosexual activity, but now are looking into reports of fraternization between male officers and enlisted women and female officers and enlisted men, an unnamed Navy source said in a story published Wednesday by the Los Angeles Times.

The sailors who have been charged are

based at the Yokosuka Navy Base in Japan and assigned either to the aircraft carrier Independence or the command ship Blue Ridge, also the flagship of the U.S. 7th Fleet, Navy officials said.

A support group for gay veterans and gays still in the military, the San Diego Veterans Association, has received requests for assistance from sailors caught up in the investigation, said Jim Woodward, the organization's vice president.

Woodward said sailors targeted by the investigation told his group that the inquiry started about three weeks ago, when two crewmen on the Blue Ridge were caught during a sex act.

"The witch hunt began after that," said Woodward, a former Navy officer.

"The Navy has taken an incident of sexual misconduct by two individuals, which

was adequately handled by using the (military justice code), and turned it into a major flap which is damaging some 40 individuals' lives," he said.

Gay men and women are banned from the military under a Defense Department policy. Woodward called the investigation an example "of how destructive this policy is."

"If this had been two heterosexuals caught in the act, the Navy would have handled it and not asked for names of other heterosexuals involved in possible sex acts," he said.

A Navy spokesperson in Hawaii, Lt. Cmdr. Bob Anderson, said he couldn't confirm the number of sailors being investigated or whether women also were targets of an ongoing probe.

He acknowledged that at least one officer

is under investigation for alleged homosexual activities, but said he didn't know the officer's rank.

Anderson also confirmed that two sailors were court-martialed after they pleaded guilty to "committing sodomy and indecent acts." They were ordered to serve four months and five months, respectively, of hard labor but will serve only 45 days each under a plea agreement, he said.

Both also were reduced in rank, fined \$523 per month of confinement and received bad conduct discharges, said Anderson.

The other 11 sailors charged in the investigation "admitted to being homosexuals or were identified as homosexuals" and will receive administrative discharges, he said. Such discharges are considered non-punitive.

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# Church, labor groups back gay rights legislation as 'mainstream'

By MIKE GLOVER  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

DES MOINES, Iowa, Monday, April 6 (AP)—Gay rights activists, displaying support from church, labor and civic leaders Monday, said new civil rights protections are "in the mainstream" of political thought.

Leaders gathered for a Statehouse news conference in support of a civil rights bill extending protections to gays and lesbians, which is awaiting debate in the House. It's expected to win approval there this week. It then goes to Gov. Terry Branstad, who is virtually certain to veto it.

"We find it regrettable, in fact, that we

have to have a press conference to try to generate support for a bill that in a humane society should be passed as a matter of course," Mark Smith of the Iowa Federation of Labor said.

"I can say without hesitation that the passage of this bill is viewed by my congregation and the entire Jewish community as being of great importance," said Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'Nai Jeshurun in Des Moines.

Gay rights supporters sought to demonstrate broad support for the bill extending civil rights protections to gay and lesbian Iowans.

The plan won Senate approval for the

first time last month. It has been approved in the more liberal House in previous years.

The bill is opposed by the religious right, who argue against it on religious grounds. To counter that opposition, supporters trotted out former Republican legislator Betty Jean Clark, a Christian teacher, and mainline religious leaders.

"This bill does not interfere with your freedom of religious beliefs or practice," Ms. Clark said. "It deals only with fairness in the area of civil rights, which should be evenly applied to all citizens."

Mary Louise Smith of Des Moines, a former head of the Republican National Committee, also supported the bill. "It is representative of my commitment to the guaran-

tee of civil and human rights," he said.

The news conference also reflects a shift in tactics by gay rights activists. In previous years, they have sought to pressure lawmakers by demonstrations and other public actions, many of which backfired with moderate lawmakers.

This year, they have worked behind the scenes building coalitions with other liberal groups. The shift has paid off.

"The endorsements we picked up this morning show that equality and justice for all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, is a mainstream issue in the state of Iowa," said Michael Current of Iowa Dignity and Equality Advocates, a gay rights lobbying group.

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# Authorities close video booths at adult bookstore in Pennsylvania town

LANCASTER, Pa., Tuesday, March 31 (AP)—A judge ordered 30 video viewing booths closed at an adult bookstore after prosecutors charged that illicit sex there could spread AIDS and other diseases.

The next step is to shut down the entire store, said Attorney General Ernie Preate Jr. and District Attorney Joseph C. Madenspacher. They brought a civil action

against the Trenton, N.J., owners of the property to close it.

On Tuesday, Lancaster County Common Pleas Court Judge Paul K. Allison issued an order padlocking the video viewing booths at Maxim's Novelty Shop in the center of the city.

A petition from Preate and Madenspacher charged that two agents for

the attorney general were solicited for oral and anal sex by male customers at the store on various occasions between Nov. 8 and March 17.

The petition also alleged that the agents found groin-level holes cut into the walls of the video viewing booths, permitting people in the booths to view and participate in sexual acts with patrons in adjoining

booths.

Individuals masturbated in view of the agents and in one case, a patron reached through a hole in the wall and grabbed an agent's groin area, the petition alleged.

"These alleged acts constitute indecent exposure and indecent assault and are prohibited by the Pennsylvania Crimes Code," Preate said.

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**S&M, GIVE OR TAKE**  
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**SEEK TV OR SMOOTH-BODY GUY**  
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**SEEKING A VERY FEMINE ...**  
very slim man with lovely legs who looks & feels wonderful in women's clothing. Smooth body, HIV-, prefer non-smoker or someone who will abstain around me. I am a BI-WM, smooth hard body, 162, 5'10, 42-31-37 + 7. Ad 25322.

**SEEKING FRIEND**  
I am 21, 5'7, 160, Bk/Br. Looking for discreet goodlooking masculine gay man, 18-29, to meet & be friends with & maybe lead to more if we like each other. ad #25006.

**SEEKS FRIENDS IN EAST TEXAS**  
GWM, 32, br/ blu, 5'9, 160, seeks friends under 35, especially those who live in East Texas. Possible relationship with special guy who can accept & return lots of love. Let's go fishing or just cuddle up & watch a good movie. Tell me about you. Ad #25005.

**SENSITIVITY AND HONESTY A MUST.**  
Attractive, GBF, 31, 5'4, 135 (working for 125), HIV-. Looking for soulmate. Enjoy going to gym, sports, reading, movies & quiet romantic evenings at home. Occasional nights out are acceptable. May be won over by a attractive GWF/ GHF, 25-35, Confident, down to earth, career oriented with similar interests. Monogamous relationship desired. ad #25412.

**SEXY, PROVOCATIVE, CAREER MINDED FEMALE SEEKS SAME.**  
Black married female, 26, 5'7, 135, very proportioned, seeks married or single female for companionship, outings & intimate moments. Must be feminine, mature & sexy. No preference of race, no studs, no games. ad #25426

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ing/drug-free, healthy GWM, 25-45, discrete, responsible, sincere & sensitive, for a very special, long term, monogamous relationship. ad 25373.

**STRONG SILENT BUTCH COUNTRY TYPE**  
Very romantic GWM, 28, 6'2, 185, br/ blu, groomed beard, HIV-, smoker, drinker, varied interests from Shakespeare & Poe to Brooks & Hank Jr. Looking for that special someone 21-30, green eyes a plus, but not a requirement. ad #25418.

**TILL THE RIGHT MAN COMES ALONG**  
GWM, 29, 5'9, 154, fun-loving & old-fashioned seeks same for friendship & possible relationship. I enjoy C&W dancing & having fun. Let's spend some time together. ad 25390

**TIRED OF BEING USED**  
GWM, 25, HIV- who's tired of giving all he's got & getting taken for it. I'm romantic, outgoing interesting & enjoy life. Not into the bars, but do enjoy dining out, dancing, parties & quiet times. Looking for GWM's 25-40 who are financially & mentally secure & have similar interest & are willing to be friends first before anything else. ad 25399

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**WANT TO PLAY?**  
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**WANTED! YOUNG MAN SINGLE AND FREE**  
GWM, 40 Blond/Blu, HIV-, Goodlooking, nonsmoker, drug free, enjoys C&W, computers & meeting people. Seeks GWM/GHM, 35 or younger with similar interests & qualities. Weight in proportion to height for friendship, romance & possible relationship. Ad 25376

**WANTED**  
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**WANTED: HOT TOP**  
Attractive GWM, HIV-, 5'11, 160, br/br, moustache, sexy body, hairy chest, sensuous, enjoys lots long hot foreplay. Exceptional oral & knows how to satisfy a good man on top. Looking for sexy well built attractive tip who knows what to do when he's on top. ad 25330

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of first encounters. Seeking a secure, discreet, non-role-playing GWF. Just looking for some insanity, that temporary kind. Ad 25936.

**YOUNG UN-NAMED BB STUDS WANTED**  
Seeking & needing additional hot, versatile, aggressive, well equipped tight studs (18-26) for serious fun. I'm 30, GWM, 6'2, 185, goodlooking, muscular & very well equipped. Will answer all, couples & groups welcome! ad #25422.

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## North Carolina Baptist church votes to license gay minister

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Monday, April 6 (AP)—A homosexual man licensed to preach by a North Carolina church said Monday he struggled for years before he realized he could be both gay and Southern Baptist.

"I grew up as a Baptist, was raised in a Baptist congregation from birth," John Blevins, 24, said Monday. "I finally came away realizing that I was a Baptist, that I cherished the free-church spirit of the Baptists."

Blevins was licensed to preach Sunday by Olin T. Binkley Memorial Church in Chapel Hill, N.C. The action may have set a precedent among Southern Baptist congregations and is expected to bring on criticism and possibly ouster of the church by state and national Baptist leaders.

A committee of the Southern Baptist Convention voted to condemn "the gross perversion and unquestioned sin" of homosexuality after Binkley's board of deacons voted last month to endorse Blevins' candidacy. The same committee in June is expected to consider whether to oust congregations that condone homosexuality.

"Binkley acted in what seems to be historic Baptist tradition ... and as a congregation led by the spirit of God to do what it did," Blevins said.

An overwhelming majority of Southern Baptists, probably more in excess of 90 percent, would oppose the licensing or ordination of a homosexual or lesbian to the ministry, according to Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission in Nashville, Tenn.

Land said that while the denomination

has renounced the argument that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle, such resolutions aren't binding on the local church.

"No one that I know of in Southern Baptist life has even suggested that the church did not have the right or the authority to do what it did," he said. "What they have been saying is that the Southern Baptist Convention ought to refuse to accept the money and the messengers from the Binkley Church," thus rejecting the church's membership in the convention.

Blevins, a Duke University divinity student, sought to be licensed by the church because he is a member there. He has not been offered a staff position.

Licensing is a step short of ordination. It means the church congregation recognizes his gifts for the ministry and plans to sup-

port him, and it indicates he has sufficient preparation to preach, church officials said Monday.

Blevins has not been offered a position by the church.

With its vote, the congregation is thought to be the first Southern Baptist congregation in the nation to publicly state it will disregard a person's sexual orientation during the ordination process.

Church officials said at a news conference Monday that of 544 members eligible to vote, 145 voted yes and 107 voted no. The vote followed four hours of debate.

The chairperson of the board of deacons, Jim Wells, said some members undoubtedly will choose to leave the church.

"We will mourn their loss," he said. "While we do not all agree, we all care for each other."

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## Student says he wasn't shooting at gays

AUBURN, Ala., Friday, April 3 (AP)—A freshman suspended from Auburn University for one quarter claims he became a publicity "scapegoat" for gay students who accused him of shooting at them.

Jason Jacobs, who is studying to become a doctor, pleaded guilty Feb. 13 in Auburn Municipal Court to discharging a firearm and was fined \$50.

In an interview before leaving this weekend to find work in his hometown of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Jacobs said he was shooting at a street light, not people.

The school suspended him for one quarter for the shooting. Jacobs said he will return to Auburn in the fall.

The shooting in January by Jacobs, 18, drew attention because five members of a gay student group contended he was

firing the pellet gun at them.

He told The Montgomery Advertiser in a story published Friday that he has never "had anything against gay people."

He added: "They have a right to do what they want to do. I've never said anything bad about them. I never had any bad feelings about any of them until now."

Jacobs insisted he was used as "a scapegoat" to draw additional attention to the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association's battle to keep its campus charter. The charter now is at the center of a court fight.

Jacobs said he "got a ton of hate mail" and his grades dropped.

In court he was found innocent of reckless endangerment, a more serious

charge, when the prosecutor failed to prove Jacobs was aiming at the students.

In addition to suspension, the freshman was required by school officials to write a three-page essay on gun safety and fined \$170 to replace a cracked plastic light attachment at the top of the pole.

Jacobs maintains that he never saw anyone standing outside the dormitory when he took aim with a friend's pellet rifle at a light pole.

"I'm still positive there was no one out there. There was a guy standing with me making sure no one was around because we didn't want to get in trouble," he said.

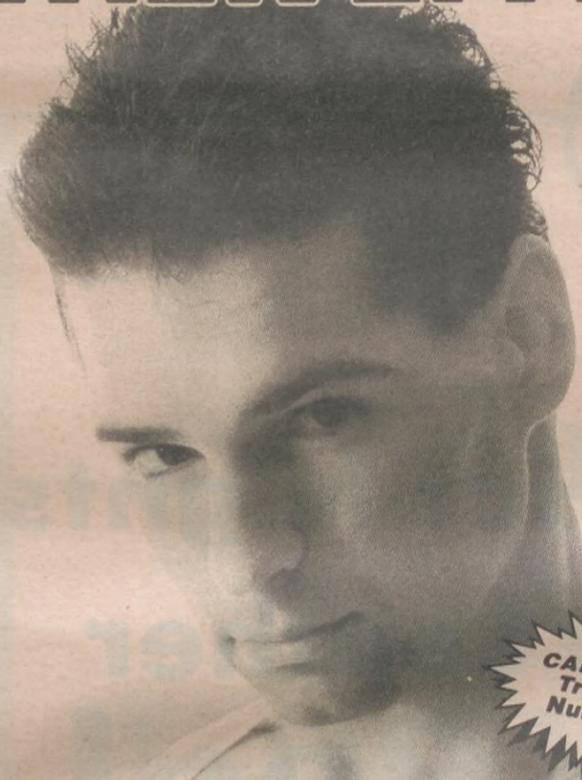
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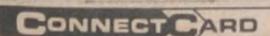
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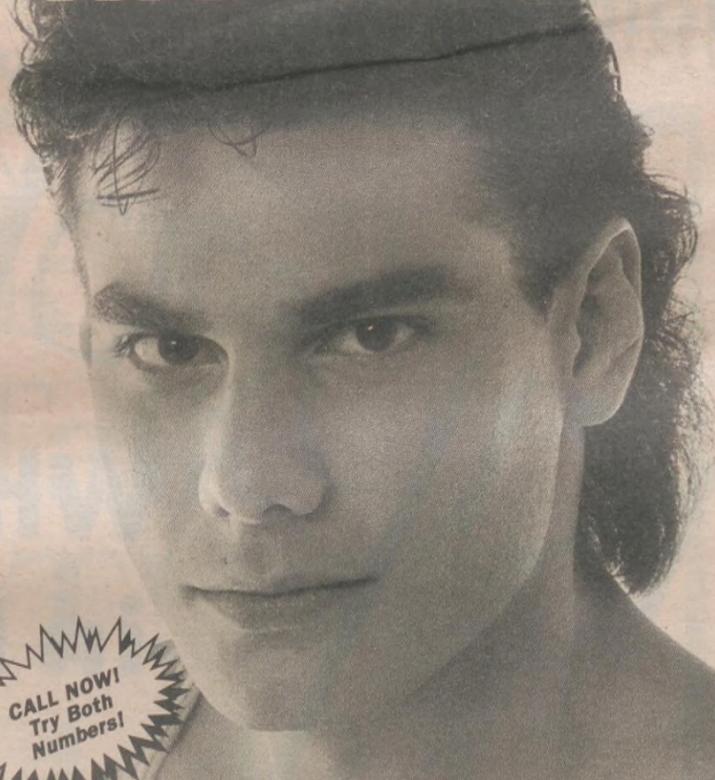
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