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Newsline Houston

Murder sparks calls for action from activists, officials

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

The beating and stabbing death of a 27-year old banker on a Montrose street Thursday, July 4, described by investigating Houston police officers as "a crime motivated by hate," has sparked outraged responses from both gay and lesbian and activists and city and state elected officials. However, some in the community are calling the reaction—which has received unprecedented media attention—too little, too late, and misdirected.

At a city hall press conference Tuesday, officials including Mayor Kathy Whitmire, State Rep. Debra Danburg, and three council members joined the conference's organizers, the Houston

Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, in calling for a united community response. The reaction included a renewed call for state hate crimes legislation, as well as demands for HPD to follow up a federal law by collecting statistical information on such crimes.

Meanwhile, a coalition of Houston gay bar owners has offered a reward of \$2,000 for the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the early morning attack on Paul Broussard and his two companions. The Houston Organization of Bar Owners, which is offering the money in conjunction with the Marion Pantzer Memorial Reward Fund, is contacting other gay and lesbian businesses and concerned individuals in hopes of increasing the reward amount, representatives said.

On the night of Broussard's death, reports of suspicious vehicles cruising the Montrose area were circulating at local bars prior to the attack.

The three men had just left a Pacific Street nightclub and were walking to their cars—parked near the intersection of Drew and Montrose, when a car pulled up with several young men inside, according to one of the victims, who was not severely injured. The victim—who spoke on condition he not be identified—said one of the youths then asked where the nightclub "Heaven" was located.

"We pointed to where it was, and told him, 'but it's closed now,'" he said. "After



Assorted public officials joined the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus at a press conference Tuesday, expressing outrage at the brutal killing of a gay man on July 4



Bashing victim Paul Broussard

that, one (of the youths in the car) looked at the other, like it was some kind of a signal, that told them what they needed to know," he said.

Another car then pulled up and, leaving the cars in the middle of the street, eight to ten people got out of both cars and attacked them with boards, some with nails on them. The assailants were mostly white, clean cut youths and the cars appeared to be a white or silver Toyota four door sedan and a blue or dark grey Honda CRX, according to the victims' accounts.

"I ran, and assumed Paul and our other friend were also running," Broussard's companion said. "I didn't even know I was hurt until my friends told me later that I had holes in my shirt (from nails) and then looked at my back, and it was scratched up. And I didn't realize at first how hurt Paul was. We thought he got away, too." After the attack, the "kids" got into the cars and fled, he said. The companion then ran to a restaurant at Fairview and Montrose and called 911.

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NewsLine: Gay America

Source: Probe won't alter U.S.-French agreement on AIDS discovery

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, July 4 (AP)—A National Institutes of Health investigation has uncovered nothing to disturb an agreement giving French and U.S. scientists equal credit for discovering the AIDS virus, an administration official says.

"I've read the documents and there's no smoking gun," the official said. He spoke earlier this week with the agreement that he would not be named.

He said no proof of misconduct had been discovered in the lab of Robert C. Gallo, the NIH researcher credited with co-discovery of the AIDS virus.

After several years of conflicting claims over who made the discovery, the United States and France agreed to give equal credit to Gallo and to Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute. The NIH probe won't alter that agreement, the source said.

"My expectation is that some of the credit and responsibility may change a little

bit, but it's not my expectation that the big picture is apt to change," the official said. "The report will clear up some of the confusion, but there clearly was some sloppiness on both sides."

Gallo, chief of a virology laboratory at the National Cancer Institute, claimed in 1984 to have isolated the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS. Initially, the American scientist called the virus HTLV-3B.

Montagnier isolated an AIDS virus he called LAV-Bru, with the last three letters being the initials of the patient from whom the original specimen was collected.

Gallo's lab used the HTLV-3B to develop and patent a blood test for AIDS.

Later, the HTLV-3B and LAV were compared and were found to be virtually the same virus. Montagnier claimed that the Gallo virus was actually extracted from samples that the French had sent to the American lab in 1983.

The Pasteur Institute sued the U.S. government in 1985, claiming the French had

the rights to the patent because of the LAV discovery.

The suit was settled out of court with an agreement that the two governments would each get 37.5 percent of the profits from the blood test patent and the remaining 25 percent would go to two foundations.

A blood test developed from the isolated virus earns the two governments millions of dollars annually. Gallo and a former colleague, Mikulas Popovic, are said to earn about \$100,000 annually from their work.

Last year, the controversy was revived and the NIH's Office of Scientific Integrity launched an investigation. Gallo and Montagnier have continued to exchange accusations.

In recent months, Gallo's lab has analyzed unused samples of LAV-Bru that were frozen after they were received from Pasteur. The study showed the samples were not the same as the HTLV-3B or the LAV. This showed that the LAV-Bru was not the true source of the isolated HIV virus.

Prompted by Gallo's findings,

Montagnier also analyzed long-frozen lab samples and announced that the source of the isolated virus was actually LAV-Lai.

French studies concluded that the highly virulent LAV-Lai had somehow contaminated at least one sample of LAV-Bru that had been sent to the Gallo lab. Gallo, however, said it could not be proven just how or where the contamination occurred since the U.S. lab also sent specimens to Pasteur.

The source said the NIH investigation will not uncover exactly how the virus specimens came to be mixed, but probably will conclude "the credit is sufficiently unclear that the settlement (with the French) is fair."

Gallo will not come out of the investigation unscathed, however, the source said.

"He ran a very sloppy operation," the source said.

Nor is the investigation apt to silence the controversy, the official said.

Drafts of the investigation report are now being circulated among principles and is expected to be ready for release later this summer, the source said.

Judge knocks down challenge, Boy Scouts can bar gay scoutmaster

LOS ANGELES, July 2 (AP)—A judge knocked down a challenge by civil rights attorneys, maintaining her ruling that the Boy Scouts of America can bar a man from being a scoutmaster if he is gay.

Superior Court Judge Sally Disco on Tuesday reaffirmed her May 21 ruling that the Boy Scouts have a constitutional right

to exclude a gay scoutmaster because the organization preaches that homosexuality is immoral.

The American Civil Liberties Union, on behalf of Timothy Curran, filed a formal objection to that ruling. Disco's reply did not surprise Curran, 29, of Hollywood.

"I'm not surprised that she didn't change

her mind," Curran said. "I mean, if you ask a judge a month later, 'Do you think you were wrong?' you're not likely to get a 'Yes.'"

If no further objections are filed, Tuesday's ruling becomes final in 15 days.

Curran joined the Scouts in the San Francisco Bay area at the relatively late age of 14. By age 17, he had earned the Ea-

gle Scout recognition, which goes to only about 3 percent of the organization's membership.

But when the 13,000-member Mount Diablo Council learned that he took a male date to his prom, the leaders told him to leave scouting.

Curran moved to Los Angeles where the then-UCLA student filed the suit in 1981.

Unless you are hiding under a rock or living amongst the growing number of suburban gay men and women, you are probably aware that gay bashing is increasing dramatically across the country. That Paul Broussard, bashed to death by a couple of carloads of young men, is just another statistic to some does not lessen the impact of his death on our community.

Most of us in the gay and lesbian community are not immune to the almost daily harassment directed against us. You need not frequent the bars to know this; both we and our customers have experienced verbal abuse from underage patrons of an adjoining straight bar.

Besides the real tragedy of Broussard's death on his friends and family, the response of society is more telling. Had Broussard been any one of several "officially recognized" minorities, the manner of his murder, bludgeoned to death, would have brought front page headlines and an official outcry. Again, the life of a gay person is marginal (AIDS is daily proof of that), treated much the way police and elected officials once—and still occasionally—treated any one of countless murders of a black person.

Had it not been for a handful of gay and lesbian community leaders, Broussard's death would have been completely ignored—only picked up by the two dailies a couple of days later as it was. One cannot help but suspect that Vince Ryan's belated call for a state anti-bias bill was a reaction to Annise Parker's announced entry in the District C race.

And the press, after their late start, offered almost an identical follow up in the form of a human interest story on Broussard's mother (fortunately she took a positive attitude towards her son's lifestyle). The one strong, positive view was taken by Juan Palomo in his Post column on Tuesday—and even he was critical of his paper's response to this crime. (A call to the Post in support of Palomo would be most welcome.) Where was the outcry from Broussard's employer, NCNB (that fine Texas bank headquartered in Jesse Helms country), from our chief of police, or from our mayor and the city council? Where were the indignant editorials over this senseless crime? Where indeed.

Gay bashing has been in vogue for as long as teenagers and young men have been aware of a gay subculture. And between parents spouting gay jokes and queer epithets and churchmen invoking Leviticus such gay bashers assume at the very least a tacit approval for their nasty deeds.

Gary David Comstock, in his recently published

dissertation "Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men," found that most gay bashers turn out to be otherwise law-abiding offspring of the middle to upper class. These young men, usually out of boredom, resort to gay bashing as an outlet for frustration and with an implied sense of parental and societal approval.

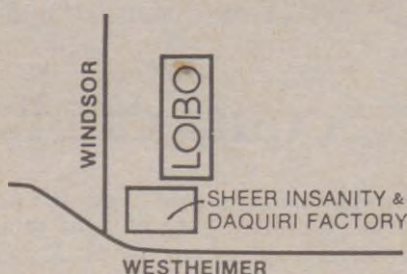
Obviously the only way to attack gay bashing is for society—church and state—to take a strong stand against it—a reasonable approach since most forms of gay bashing are covered by current criminal law. But, unfortunately, as in the case of Paul Broussard, there is no outcry by straight society—church or state—and the implied approval goes unchallenged.

Gay bashing is greater today for a perhaps much broader reason—one so sweeping in its historical perspective as to appear uncontrollable. The United States, in the Reagan-Bush years particularly, has accelerated its decline as a world power, going from a largest creditor to the largest debtor nation. Internally the rich get richer, the poor poorer, and the rich profit from the S&L's skidding to bankruptcy and then profit again in the bargains offered by the bailout. Any time a great nation has sensed its own decline it historically grasps at straws of hope. In our case we (here meaning the Reagan-Bush government) have elevated national honor on the minuscule victories over Grenada, Panama and Iraq, much as Mussolini did with Ethiopia, Hitler with the Sudatenland and Thatcher with the Falkland Islands. There is apparently a strong correlation between declining national fortunes and rising national patriotism, the latter used to disguise the former.

There is also a relationship between fervent patriotism and the bashing of suspected traitors and/or minorities lowest on the social and economic totem pole. All declining powers have used such internal scapegoats to rationalize their external failures.

This is not to imply that we should accept gay bashing as a natural consequence of America's decline in the world. But it does mean that the only answer to such bashing, ultimately, must come from within our own community. Only we can hold the press, the politicians and the parents to account. We must force their response. We must challenge their inaction. We must take to the streets of Montrose if need be. We cannot afford to let this issue die as society let Paul Broussard die. His death is on the hands of all those in society who would keep quiet and with their silence encourage the bashers to new deeds and more dead. As Palomo noted in his column, truly Silence Equals Death. The bashing must end here—the silence must end now.

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Queer Nation to hold anti-violence march in Montrose

The lesbian/gay rights "direct action" group Queer Nation will hold a march on Saturday, July 13, to protest the bias-motivated murder of Paul Broussard in Montrose on July 4. The march will begin at 9:00 p.m. at the corner of Montrose and W. Drew, next to the car wash, and will proceed throughout the lesbian and gay community.

The march is intended as a demonstration to "Take Back the Streets" in Montrose, the symbolic heart of Houston's lesbian and gay community, members of the group said. Broussard's murder is "only the most recent and best publicized incident of the kind of anti-gay violence frequently committed in the Montrose area," they said.

Queer Nation Houston members said most such attacks are not reported because victims "fear publicity or discrimination at the hand of police officers." To help end this under-reporting, the group is making several demands. The first is that, using guidelines based on those of the New York and San Francisco Police Departments, HPD begin classifying crimes motivated by bias against the victims race, ethnicity, religion, sex or sexual orientation as hate crimes. The second is that all HPD officers be given sensitivity training in working with lesbian and gay people and other minority groups, in order to decrease fear of discrimination by police. The third is a pledge from the District Attorney's office to aggressively prosecute all bias-crime perpetrators. Other demands are a public commitment from HPD and the press to protect the confidentiality of bias crime victims as they do for rape victims, and for HPD to actively recruit and immediately hire gay and lesbian police officers.

Queer Nation members describe their group as a "diverse group of men and wom-

en united to end homophobia in all its forms." The group uses non-traditional, non-violent tactics to increase gay and lesbian visibility. The Houston chapter formed in January, 1991. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Montrose Palace, 1501 Nevada.

—Holy Trinity

"Empowerment for Gay/Lesbian Persons," described as a holistic program that integrates Catholic beliefs with gay/lesbian experience, will be offered beginning Monday, July 15, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1218 Welch. The six-part program "empowers gay/lesbian persons through a process of achieving greater wholeness (and) holiness by integrating the spirit, mind and body," said Fr. Michael Oberdin, instructor for the series. Sessions are from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the church.

Participants may register early by contacting the parish office, or at the door. The registration fee is \$25, however no one will be turned away, Oberdin said. For more information, call (713) 523-8412.

—Pride Week '91 meeting

Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991 will hold its final meeting of this year's cycle on Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray. In addition to final reports, nominations for next year's board members will be accepted. Elections are scheduled for Aug. 20.

According to co-chair Carol Clark, candidates will self-nominate. Clark stated that the rules call for attending both the July and August meetings to be eligible to vote for members of the 1992 executive team.

All are encouraged to join in planning for next year's celebration, she said.

—Roast Mary Lou Gallantino

A "surprise" roast for Mary Lou Gallantino will be held at 7:30 p.m. July 20 at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray. The event is being organized by Gallantino's assistant, Kelly Sacky, with the help of AIDS Foundation Houston and the People With AIDS Coalition and will also be a food drive for the Stone Soup Food Pantry. There is no charge for admission.

Local restaurants are donating food for the event, which is also a going away party for Gallantino, said Sacky. Gallantino, a physical therapist known in Houston for her work with people with AIDS, is leaving Houston to accept a teaching position with Stockton State College in New Jersey.

Persons attending the event are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for Stone Soup and a picture of herself/himself to be included in a scrapbook which will be presented to Gallantino.

For more information, contact Don Paul at 529-3819 or Kelly Sacky at 242-0886.

—Switchboard training

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston will hold its summer phone staff volunteer training July 12-13 and July 20-21. The training process consists of 34 hours of class work, instructional games and role plays.

GLSH welcomes all interested gay men and lesbians over the age of 18 to sign up for the training. Women and people of color are particularly encouraged to apply; afternoon and weekend shifts are most in need of coverage.

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston is a non-profit organization which provides information for and about the gay and lesbian communities, and referrals to

amenable businesses, organizations and professionals. GLSH is also a resource for information about HIV. But most significantly, according to the staff, "the switchboard listens...to those with concerns they may not be able to discuss with anyone else.

To apply, call the Switchboard at (713) 529-3211 between 6:00 p.m. and midnight.

—Lambda Rollerskating Club

The three month old Lambda Rollerskating Club (LRC), organizes to support the monthly Gay and Lesbian Skate Nites. has now added a bicycling subgroup and an ice skating committee. People interested in helping to plan the first bike rides can call Annette at 496-0288 or John at 523-6381; those interested in ice skating can call Hubert Collins at 648-6694 (beeper).

The biking group will specialize in Montrose/inner city "easy rider" type outings. Bikers who want to ride faster or train for distance rides are encouraged to join the Chain Gang, a ten month old lesbian and gay bicycle club. (For details, call 981-7257).

The LRC has moved the Galveston train and skate trip to Sunday, Sept. 22, when the Chain Gang and Lambda Bikers will join the group. Non-skaters and non-bikers are also invited to join us on the Texas Limited to Galveston. The cost is \$27.50 round trip and bikes travel free on the train. Maps will be provided for skaters, bikers and one for those who prefer a trolley and walking tour.

The next Gay Nineties Skate Nite is July 23 at the Carousel Skating Rink, 9190 Old Katy Road, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; \$5 includes skates/ Call 523-6381 to get on the free LRC mailing list or for information on the Galveston trip.

NewsLine: Gay America

AIDS epidemic to hit plateau in U.S. in next 5 years, researcher

By PAUL RECER

AP Science Writer
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, July 4 (AP)—The steep rise in new AIDS cases in the United States will level off during the next five years due to a decline in infection rates and better treatment at early stages of the disease, a study says.

Ronald Brookmeyer, a professor of biostatistics at Johns Hopkins University, reports Friday in the journal Science that there has been a decline in the rate of infection by the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, that causes AIDS.

Additionally, he said, new therapies, such as the use of the antiviral drug AZT early in the infection and the use of inhaled pentamidine to prevent an AIDS-caused pneumonia, will delay the time when HIV infection develops into full-blown AIDS.

The researcher estimated that the

number of people diagnosed with AIDS in America will level off between 60,000 and 67,000 a year during the period 1990 to 1995.

As of last May 31, the Centers for Disease Control said there have been 179,136 Americans diagnosed with AIDS since 1981. Brookmeyer estimates the number infected with the HIV virus but not diagnosed with AIDS to be about 1 million.

The scientist applied a new technique of back calculation that takes into account the changes in the incubation period of the HIV virus and the effect that new therapies have on delaying the disease's development into AIDS.

A person infected with the HIV virus may continue for years without going on to develop full-blown AIDS. The disease becomes AIDS when a patient contracts an opportunistic infection or develops other symptoms, such as a depressed lev-

el of lymphocytes, the white blood cell in the immune system that is the primary target of the HIV virus.

New therapies that delay the time from HIV infection to full-blown AIDS, said Brookmeyer, are taken into account in his calculations.

"These analyses suggest that AIDS incidence may plateau during the next five years," he said in the study. "However, the number of individuals with advanced stage HIV disease, but without a diagnosis of AIDS will grow by 40 percent during the next five years."

By the beginning of 1991, there were an estimated 265,000 Americans with advanced HIV infection, as measured by depressed levels of lymphocytes, he said.

"Since all of these individuals could potentially benefit from therapies," said Brookmeyer, "the future demands on the U.S. health care system will remain enormous."

Newsline Houston

Danburg urges HPD to waive ban against hiring gays

State Rep. Debra Danburg (D-Houston), speaking at a press conference Tuesday, urged the Houston Police Department to waive its hiring prohibition against gays to achieve a better relationship with the lesbian and gay community.

"The beating of Paul Broussard and others with spiked two-by-fours was not an isolated incident," said Danburg, whose congressional district includes Montrose. "This vicious assault was part of an escalating pattern of racial, gay-bashing and anti-Semitic violence in the nation, in Houston, and specifically in the Montrose area. Hate groups have come to expect lenient or lax law enforcement, which makes the residents of Montrose sitting ducks for crime.

"Today I renew my call to (Chief Eliz-



State Rep. Debra Danburg renewed her call to HPD to allow hiring of gay and lesbian police officers

abeth Watson) and the city administration to waive the prohibition against hiring gay police officers. Neighborhood policing requires police staff representatives of the neighborhood protect, and Montrose is a diverse neighborhood," she said.

Hiring gay and lesbian officers, she said, is the only way to bring "neighborhood oriented policing" to the gay community.

"Representative police protection is required in Montrose to prevent hate crimes against targeted gay clubs...but also to prevent random crimes against the entire neighborhood," Danburg said, noting that any Montrose resident could have given Broussard's attackers directions to the club Heaven.

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Letters to the Editor

Anti-Defamation League urges action on hate crimes in wake of slaying

From BARBARA B. HARBERG, regional director, Anti-Defamation League

We are appalled at the brutal slaying of Paul Broussard and hope that the perpetrators of this heinous crime will be quickly apprehended and prosecuted to the fullest extent possible. This tragedy heightens the seriousness of hate crimes and their effect not only on a particular victim but the entire community.

During the recently concluded 1991 Texas legislative session, the Anti-Defamation League was involved in the attempt to pass a hate crimes law for our state. The death of Paul Broussard, along with the June 7 murder of a 32-year-old African-American in the Dallas area by three "Skinheads," clearly demonstrates the need for this important legislation.

We in the ADL call upon individuals and

organizations of good will in our community to join to join with us to pass this vital legislation in the future.

We also urge that law enforcement agencies fully implement the provisions of the recently passed Federal Hate crimes Statistics Act.

—Co-worker mourns

From KATHY MONTGOMERY

Paul and I worked together, and we developed a close relationship. We went on breaks together, had lunch most every day. We were inseparable. Paul was very smart, open minded, opinionated, understanding and sensitive. I loved Paul very much.

We had talked about the rise in crime. Paul went on with life and did not want to live in fear. He felt no one should have to

live in fear of what could happen. I respected that in him, I feel living in this city takes a lot of courage. I also agree we should not have to live in fear.

What happened to Paul and his friends is an outrage. I am aware that violence against gays...has been going on for years. I remember when I was in high school and heard of the verbal and physical abuse against gays (which they called rolling queers. I was appalled that things like that were going on. I know this type of crime was happening then and continues These things which could not possibly be human have made a sport of what is known as gay—bashing. It is pre-meditated; they may not know who their victim will be, but they know they are going to Montrose and they know what they will be doing. It doesn't

matter if we are white, black, Hispanic, purple, green, gay, or what religion we are, or if we even have one. We are all human beings with rights and feelings. I feel we are all put on this earth for a reason and I don't think it is for some scum to take it away.

What seems to be a fantasy for me is to see the city come together and not tolerate this hideous behavior. I would like to see justice served not only for Paul, but also for the two men who were with him, and the community.

I will miss Paul more than anyone could know. It is a great loss for many of us. I know he had many friends, that in itself is a precious gift he had.

I love you Paul! I would hope you are up there having a blast. Maybe you are at the beach, Heaven has to have a beach...

'For All the World' raised over \$13,000 for SAAF House

From TERRY NEAL (candidate for Mr. TGRA 1992), San Antonio

On Friday, June 28, "For All the World," a benefit for SAAF House was held at the Bonham Exchange in San Antonio. I am proud to announce that over \$13,000 was raised for the San Antonio AIDS Foundation during the silent auction and show.

As sponsor of this benefit I would like to thank the many different groups of people who helped make this benefit a success. The show was dedicated to Bob and Sharen Rupp in memory of their son Robert (aka Courtney Rose).

The performers who contributed their time and efforts: Paige Adams, Alamo City Men's Chorale Quartet, Alamo City Wranglers, Brie Alexander, Melissa DeMoore, Devine, Beth Evans, Kevin Evans, Nikki Foster, Tamara Fox, Corinna Hall, T.K. Krausnik, Pauletta Leigh, Jeanne Marie, Marissa Marlowe, Malysa Michaels, Miriam, Stephanie Montay, Amber Nicks, Obsession, Jamie Peters, Kristee Pevey, The Pointless Sisters, Prince, Ericka Raye, Jackie Skinner, Kevin Skowronski, Jennifer St. John, Cinnamon Sweet, Ricki Swenson, Bob Tadelman, Doug Toman and Chanel White.

The businesses and individuals that also helped by donating items for the silent

auction held prior to the show: Papa Bear, Dan Bennett, Victoria Bennett, Michael Bigger, Bonham Exchange, Bob Brougham, Brad Braune, Lee Carter, David Casas, Mary Calvert, Jim Cobb, Coors Beer, Don Donaldson, Gene Elder, Gabriela Elizobdo, Richard Garcia-Mora, Mark Garza, Tienda Guadalupe, Paul Hannusch, Wayne Hart, Javier Designs, Linda Duncan, The Lion and Eagle Antiques, Cheryl Luedecke, Michael Martinez, Cesar Martinez, Lisa Mellinger, Miller Beer, Franco Mondini, Bob Osburne, Sofia G. Perez, Ito Romo, SAAF House, Davis Sprinkle, Doug "Stella" and Sybil, Tom, Byron Trott, Quality Beverages, Kathy Vargus and Don Yarton Antiques.

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Of course, another special group of people to thank are the owners and staff of the Bonham Exchange, who allowed us to hold the auction and show in their bar.

A very special thanks to Pauletta Leigh for her help as Mistress of Ceremonies and to Beth Evans for her help as entertainment coordinator. I would also like to thank two special people, Bob and Sharen Rupp, who served as auction coordinators.

I would also like to thank my sponsors as a candidate for Mr. TGRA 1992—Rose and Raye Productions and The Country Club.

Most of all, we would like to thank the many people who attended the benefit show and with their contributions made the evening a huge success.

—Support Marion Coleman

From ANTHONY FERRARA, Houston

I read with interest that Marion Coleman is considering entering the District C council race. In your article (Issue 557), you state that Ms. Coleman is "known to have close ties with Mayor Whitmire and other powerful friends in city government." At last a leader that is not openly hostile to Whitmire! I have no love for the mayor, but she is the mayor

and probably will retain that position. Perhaps Ms. Coleman can work with the mayor to help the gay and lesbian community—especially with the AIDS crisis. We have nothing to lose, but much to gain.

The animosity between various gay and lesbian leaders and the mayor is open knowledge. The GLPC is riddled with anti-Whitmire individuals. The majority of the most recent presidents of GLPC have been vehemently anti—Whitmire. They could not or would not learn how to deal with the mayor. This resulted in nothing for our community for our community and worse, nothing for our FWAs. During past GLPC president Annise Parker's administration the relations between Whitmire and our leadership did not improve. We don't need this situation transferred to city council. We need someone that can work with city council and the mayor. This is obviously Ms. Coleman.

Harry Livesay's letter to the editor (Issue 557) stated that we must elect Ms. Parker. I disagree. We must elect someone that has the best chance of achieving our goals—especially for the FWAs. For the sake of our dying we must try to stop the warfare between our leaders and our mayor. The victims are not the leaders or Whitmire but our FWAs. After all, you can catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

'Gay bashing' murder sparks calls for action from activists, officials

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Broussard, who was severely beaten and stabbed twice in the stomach, died later at St. Joseph's Hospital. Another companion was hit in the eye with a board and was treated and released. The third companion says he is now afraid to go anywhere, and still fears the attackers could "come back for me."

"You always think that something like this isn't going to happen to you. I mean, but (anti-gay attacks) happen all the time. I definitely won't do things the same way anymore. I won't go anywhere alone."

HPD Homicide detective Sgt. Ken Vachris, who is investigating the case, has been working closely with a loose-knit group of activists who have been collecting information on hate crimes. The group includes longtime Houston activist Ray Hill, along with Annise Parker, former chair of the Police Advisory Board and city council candidate; Robert Bridges, vice president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, and Chris Bacon of the Bar Association for Human Rights.

Police said that since being assigned to

the case, Vachris has canvassed the neighborhood, interviewed the surviving complainants, other possible witnesses and Broussard's mother in addition to meeting with Hill. However, as of Tuesday there were no new leads in the case.

On Tuesday, Toni Knight, president of the HGLPC, called on the mayor and police chief to "stop dragging their feet on this issue" and implement "coordinated, meaningful response that lets the community know that hate crimes are important, unacceptable and will be vigorously investigated and prosecuted." Whitmire and other officials urged concerned persons to push for the state to enact hate crimes legislation.

William Paul Thomas, an assistant to state Sen. Rodney Ellis, said Ellis and Danburg are prepared to introduce the legislation and have asked Gov. Ann Richards to put hate crimes legislation on the call for the July special session of the legislature. Thomas urged calls to the governor's office, asking for the matter to be put on call.

In a letter distributed at the conference, Councilmember Vince Ryan urged Gov. Richards to place the subject on the call for

the special session, and Mayor Whitmire said following the conference that she and other council members planned similar actions.

However, debunking rumors that the city was considering enacting its own hate crimes ordinance, Whitmire said an ordinance had not been discussed by the council. She expressed doubts that such an action at the city level would have much impact, since the city does not have the power to enact criminal laws, other than Class-C misdemeanor municipal infractions.

In spite of the media attention surrounding the Broussard murder, a survivor of a similar hate motivated attack last year said that he doesn't expect things to change much, unless an effort is made to educate high school students, parents, teachers and church leaders and unless people in the community who are crime victims report those crimes to police.

Fred Pierce, who along with his partner Steven Little, was beaten on his front porch in May, 1990 by a group of teenagers bearing striking similarities to the attackers described by Broussard's companion, said not much had changed since then. He

also lamented that "it took someone to die before we had this type of a reaction."

Like the recent case, Pierce and Little's assailants were clean cut, middle class teens cruising Montrose streets in a car, armed with sticks. Of three youths who were later arrested, two were charged with simple assault and fined \$200; the other was not charged. Little has since died of AIDS.

Pierce said that in Montrose, people who are attacked or threatened do not report it to police, either because they don't think it's "a big deal" or they have apprehensions about the police. As a result, he said, police may not have a clear idea of how pervasive the problem is.

Others attending the conference noted that there has been no organized mechanism within the gay and lesbian community to report assaults, threats and harassment, and those who do speak out about their experiences become discouraged when they are told nothing can be done.

(Editor's note: anyone with information about the crime is urged to call Sgt. Ken Vachris of HPD Homicide Division at (713) 247-5418, or Ray Hill at (713) 523-6969.)

Bering Care Center an alternate family for clients and staff

FEATURE by SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Houston

Explaining exactly what the Bering Care Center does is one of the difficult things for Lindy Huffman, center director.

"Our service is really hard to define, more so than other (AIDS) services," she said, leaning back in her chair and staring straight ahead, as if hoping to pluck to answer out of the air in front of her. Then, decisively, she continued: "for a lot of people, it's a family."

The sentiment is echoed by at least one long term client, Calley Bassitt, who says he found acceptance at the center when, during a time when he was most vulnerable and in need, his own family rejected him.

"The people here, both the staff and the other clients, do more for each other and give each other more support than many people (with AIDS) get from their own families," noted Bassitt.

If the definition of what B.C.C. provides is elusive, it is partly because the center, now three years old, has changed a great deal since it opened in April, 1988. Conceived as an adult day care center where care givers of PWA's could bring their loved ones while they worked, the center has evolved into "something that is a lot larger," said Huffman. It functions now as both a day care and drop in center for about 200 clients (who tend to use its services on a revolving basis, an average of about 40 people each day); and as an agency that provides counseling, referrals and help with filling out forms and contacting other agencies for case management. But clients, staff and volunteers alike agree that the most important service the center provides is personalized support, and an alternate family environment.

The center also offers special programs including physical assessments and personalized nutrition programs, educational presentations, crisis intervention, budget planning and financial assistance, routine health screenings, a hair care program and "healthy socialization" program.

A recently added special program, the "Celebration of Life," gives a "birthday" party for five people selected at random, each month. The idea, said Huffman, is to emphasize the importance and "gifts" of each day. It is also a way of focusing on the importance of a different group of people each month.

"It's our philosophy that everyone who comes here is important. Everyone deserves care, and everyone has options and deserves to be shown those options," said Huffman.

Also important, she said, is that the parties providing such services don't forget to treat the people they deal with as people. While the B.C.C. has no case management system (the center has applied for funding to hire a case manager), for many of the clients, the route into the system begins with the center staff.



Lindy Huffman, director of Bering Care Center, says the center has changed in many ways since opening three years ago

"We do five to six hundred referrals each month to different agencies," Huffman said. "We act as a facilitator and advocate, tell people where they can go, and how to expedite things." Center staff also help clients obtain and fill out forms.

She explained that getting into case management—especially for someone who has been ill—can sometimes be a frightening, energy draining experience. PWA's are forced to be disciplined and organized enough to complete overwhelming government paperwork at a time when they are least able to do so, she said.

Bassitt, who has been coming to the center for two years, said he would have been devastated if he hadn't found Bering when AIDS changed his life.

"When I told my mother I had AIDS, she told me, 'You deserve it. You deserve to die,'" he recalled. "When they first come here, people are broken hearted. Everything in your life is gone—your future has been taken away from you. And no one understands what you're going through."

At the Care Center, Bassitt said he found friends and fellowship, peer support and guidance, and assistance in dealing with perhaps his biggest personal blow, the illness and death of his lover, Jeffrey. He said staff and clients of the center also helped him plan a memorial service and encourage Jeffrey's family to come to town to attend it.

"It's the guidance that's really important," he said. "Sometimes, there are things we need help with that we may not even realize."

Also important, Bassitt said, is the friendship of other clients—people who understand what the individual is going through. "These are people who have been through the same thing, or are going through it," he said. "We listen to each other's problems."

And since many do not have phones, the clients also visit each other's homes, checking up on people who haven't come by in a while, Bassitt said.

"People don't realize the impact of isola-



Client Calley Bassitt describes the Bering Care center as an alternate family, providing assistance and support for people in need who are sometimes rejected by their own families

tion," said Huffman. "Most people don't know what it's like to get up in the morning and not have anywhere to go, or not have the energy even to eat."

"Most people also don't know what it's like to live on a day to day basis, to sometimes not know where your money is going to come from, how you're going to live," she said.

Bassitt said there is a special difference in the personal atmosphere at the center. "They always know us by name—that means a great deal."

The center's staff includes a full-time director, a full-time program coordinator, a full-time kitchen coordinator and a part-time driver. In addition to supervised care, the staff and about 30 volunteers see that clients take prescribed medications at the appropriate times and provide a continental breakfast, as well as a nutrition-planned noon meal for up to 50 PWA's each day.

The meals are prepared by volunteers, often with the help of clients, said Huffman. The center uses both regular and temporary volunteers.

One of the kitchen volunteers this week, Mary Lou Alexander, said she lives in the California Bay area but volunteers at the center whenever she is in Houston.

"One of the things it's saddening to see,"

she said, "is that most of the people are different than the ones who were here last year."

"Maybe they're just not here today," she added hopefully.

But the overturn, and the loss of new close friends, is a reality that the center's clients and staff are well aware of. The B.C.C.'s NAMES Project Quilt panel included 65 leaves, each leaf bearing a name, as of December, 1990. And the center is gearing up now to start on a new panel with the leaves that have fallen this year, Huffman said.

Alexander, whose gay son lives in Houston and is a volunteer for AIDS Foundation Houston's Twelve Oaks Hospital Team, said she became interested in the center when her son, who attends Bering Church, explained what the building was. Alexander, who had previously lost a nephew and close friend to AIDS, thought working at the center would provide an opportunity to do volunteer work while in town. She said she feels she has gained more than given.

"I think if everyone could come and spend one hour with these young people, see what wonderful people they are and see the love that is here...there is no doubt in my mind there would be a much better understanding of AIDS in society," she said.

LSU researchers find connection between alcohol use, PCP

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Louisiana State University lung specialists Dr. Steve Nelson and Judd Shellito, who have been studying the effects in mice of alcohol, have concluded that drinking increases the danger of contracting Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia in HIV-positive humans.

Although they have studied only mice, they say the warning should apply to people because the course of PCP is similar in humans and mice.

Alcohol inhibits tumor necrosis factor, a naturally occurring infection and cancer fighter that ordinarily wards off the pneumonia. It is not known how alcohol does this.

In two groups of mice with no protection against the disease, those given no alcohol fought the pneumonia for months, the researchers said. Those given alcohol daily died within four weeks.

Nelson said, "The alcohol made a non-lethal disease into a lethal disease. If you are already immune-compromised, why should you partake of anything that could endanger the immune system?"

"That could be very important clinically because alcohol is going to produce problems earlier in the disease," said Dr. Milton Seiler, a New Orleans physician who treats people with AIDS.

—Testing for sex offenders

The Louisiana Senate sent Gov. Buddy Roemer a bill similar to the one already passed by the House requiring persons convicted of sex offenses to be tested for sexually transmitted infections.

The Senate accepted changes the House made in the bill, sponsored by Sen Oswald Decuir, D-New Iberia. Decuir said the bill is needed to allow victims to know if they must start treatment for sexually transmit-

ted diseases.

Last week, the House passed another bill, also sponsored by Decuir that requires AIDS tests for anyone indicted or charged with sex crimes. Roemer may sign one or both bills, or allow them to become law without his signature. If he wants to reject them, he must sign a veto; the governor's office had no comment as to what he will do.

—Charity Hospital's name

Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer signed legislation Monday at one of the state's three Charity Hospitals, Earl K. Long Hospital in Baton Rouge, to change the name of the Charity system. Along with the institution's in Baton Rouge and Pineville, New Orleans Charity Hospital will be renamed.

The 255 year old Charity Hospital houses the state's only AIDS outpatient clinic and the C-100 AIDS Ward. The hospital will be known after Jan. 1, 1992 as the Medical Center of Louisiana. The present structure, on Tulane Avenue, was built in 1939 under the administration of Populist Gov. Huey P. Long.

Budget cuts in recent years have nearly crippled the Charity system, and at one point, New Orleans Charity briefly lost its accreditation.

In time, a new governing authority chaired by former New Orleans Mayoral candidate Donald Mintz is expected to devise a statewide strategy for rescuing the hospitals, say officials. In the plans are new hospital facilities.

The authority also will negotiate with the Daughters of Charity to see if the authority and the religious order can agree on a system by which the nuns will run Charity Hospital.

—NO/AIDS seminar

The NO/AIDS Task Force is offering a free

HIV/AIDS Awareness Seminar Saturday, July 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the LSU Medical Education Building, 1901 Perdido Street.

The seminar is open to the public and will be followed by three additional days of training—Sunday, July 14, and Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3 and 4—for individuals who wish to become NO/AIDS Task Force volunteers. Prospective volunteers must attend all four days and pay Task Force dues of \$10.

The July 13 session covers basic medical, legal, social and ethical issues related to AIDS and HIV. The information is valuable for educators, health workers and anyone who has professional concerns about the disease. Others who might be interested are people with HIV positive test results and their friends and family.

The longer, four day meeting provides more specialized information and training for volunteers working in the wide variety of programs and services offered by the Task Force. Volunteers are particularly needed to staff the AIDS Telephone Hotline, Buddy Program, HIV testing and counseling, hospital visitation and administrative support.

The training program is offered three times a year. For more information, call the NO/AIDS Task Force at (504)945-4000.

—Art show

Elwood Richardson, art director of the window gallery space at the NO/AIDS Task Force offices, located at 1407 Decatur (at the corner of Frenchmen) has mounted an exhibition of work by two artists, Adrian Morgan and Deanna Webb. The exhibit will hang through July. For information, phone Richardson at Task Force office.

—"Vampire Lesbians of Sodom"

The Krewe of Petronius will present the local New Orleans premiere of Charles Busch's hilarious Off-Broadway hit, "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom," for two performances only on Aug. 3, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the Cocker Room of the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets may be obtained from any Petronius member or at Petunia's Restaurant in the French Quarter.

The farcical play is an outrageous send-up of the vampire legend and boasts a cast of eight local actors under the direction of George Patterson. The role of the Succubus who turns into a 1920 movie vamp named Magda Legerdemain will be played by Randy Patterson (no relation to the director). The role of her arch enemy and rival film star, Madeleine Astarte, will be played by Ron Brister, last seen at Theatre Marigny as Phoebe in "unforgettable." Others in the cast are Tracey Collins, Larry Anderson, Jon Conway, Tony Dees, Scott Early and Mickey Gil.

—Tennessee Williams Fest

The annual Tennessee Williams/New Orleans literary festival is sponsoring a contest to write a one act play. The competition is open to all playwrights. Entry must be an unpublished, original one act play on an American subject and not previously produced professionally. Prize is \$1,000.

Candidates should mail one copy of the typed script with \$10 handling fee for each play submitted. Address is: Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival, 2727 Prytania Street, New Orleans, La. 70130. Checks should be made payable to Tennessee Williams/N.O. Literary Festival and entrants who wish their script returned should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. All submissions must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 1992. For additional information, phone (504)897-9762.

NewsLine: Houston

Leslie Perez silently files papers for council candidacy

Leslie Perez, the controversial president of ACT UP/Houston, filed documentation this week with the city clerk to begin fund raising for a city council campaign, a source with the clerk's office said Tuesday.

Perez, constantly at odds with other gay and AIDS activists over her positions on various issues and projects, did

not announce her intentions to other lesbian/gay organizations and has not formally declared as a candidate.

She joins two other well-known figures in the local gay community who have expressed an interest in running in the November municipal election. Annise Parker has formally filed as a candidate in Council Dist. C while Marion Coleman

has said she is considering running in that district. Perez, however, reportedly stated she is interested in the at-large council seat currently held by Beverley Clark.

Perez' unsuccessful 1990 bid for chair of the Harris County Democratic Party received sensational media coverage when she unexpectedly got into a runoff

with Ken Bentsen, current chair. Much of the publicity focused on the fact that she is a transsexual and former death-row inmate. More recently, she made headlines for opposing a Memorial Day project planned by other AIDS activists. Perez and Don Sanders of American Gay/Lesbian Atheists forced AIDS Foundation Houston's "Crossroads '91" memorial to be rescheduled.

Yours Truly in a Swamp

Jokes, other improvements: Reflections on the Reagan-Bush legacy

YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP
by LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Ronald Reagan dies and goes up to heaven: at the Golden Gate, St. Peter stops him and says, "You have to prove who you are to come in here." eagan says, "What do you mean, everybody knows me? I was the famous movie star...and I was President of the Actors Guild...and the United States."

"Not good enough," Peter says, "you got to prove it. Everybody has to prove it. When the Ayatollah Khomeini died, he proved who he was. When William Casey died, he proved who he was." Reagan says, "Who are they?" "That proves it," Peter says, "Come on in."

The National Park Service is installing a plaque on the Oval Office. It's a nice big

brass job, with raised letters reading, "Ronald Reagan slept here."

George Bush's nomination of Clarence Thomas to the United States Supreme Court shouldn't worry racists. He has brown skin but he also has brown shirts.M

Who Bush might send up next, if Thomas's nomination is rejected, worries the liberals. David Duke says Jesse Helms' black buddy, James Meredith, is supporting him (Duke) for governor of Louisiana. Sounds like Supreme Court material to me!

When he was president, Ronald Reagan placed a wreath at the grave yard of World War II German SS Soldiers. I'm not kidding.

During the ten years of the Reagan/Bush improvements, the prison population in the United States swelled to where the

U.S.A. has more people in prison than any other country on earth. Let me repeat that, any country on earth! I'm not kidding.

The Reagan-packed Supreme Court has already ruled homosexual citizens have no guaranteed right to privacy under the U.S. Constitution. I am not kidding.

This year marks ten years of the Reagan/Bush revolution and ten years of the AIDS epidemic and, brothers and sisters, that ain't no joke.

In honor of ten years of such jokes and "improvements," I would like to propose a contest. This is it: send me your ONE SENTENCE opinion of what we (by "we" I mean we citizens of the U.S.A.) won in the Persian Gulf War. The winner, to be selected by me, will be awarded a free poster of "Bourbon Street, No. 13," the image from

my "Bourbon Street Series" advertised in this publication. A \$15 value (soon to go up in price).

Mail your entry to: Contest, Yours Truly In A Swamp/Leonard Earl Johnson, P.O. Box 72002, New Orleans, LA 70171. All entries become the property of me and the winners name and entry will be printed in this column in the fall. I am not kidding.

The prize will be shipped by U.S. Post, free of charge. The President of the United States and members of his administration are not eligible. (I already know their answer).

This is a real contest; enter as often as you like but each entry must be in a separate envelope, postmarked no later than Sept. 30, 1991.

NewsLine: Texas

Wilson to try again to push disclosure law through Legislature

AUSTIN, July 5 (AP)—A state lawmaker is trying again to pass a law to require physicians, dentists and patients to disclose whether they have tested positive for the AIDS virus before certain medical procedures are performed.

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, filed his bill Friday in preparation for the July 15 special legislative session.

He won House approval of the proposal during the regular legislative session, but the measure died in the Senate.

The bill has been opposed by the gay lobby, who say it would limit health care to people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

They also say federal provisions already

contain safeguards against infection between doctors and patients.

Under the bill, a person who has tested positive to exposure to the AIDS virus could not force a physician or dentist to perform a medical procedure that could expose the health care provider to the infection.

A person who doesn't tell their physician or dentist that they have tested positive for

the AIDS virus would face a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.

Also, doctors and dentists with the AIDS virus who perform certain medical procedures without telling the patient could have their licenses challenged.

The State Board of Health would decide what procedures constitute possible exposure to AIDS.

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Summer films at Museum of Fine Arts of interest to gays, feminists

By LISETTA LAVY

TNV Houston

During the months of July and August, the Museum of Fine Arts Houston is screening a number of provocative films, some of which will be of particular interest to the feminist and gay communities.

The museum's series "Latin American Counterpoints" explores a variety of Latin American themes by some of Latin America's most talented directors. This series includes Mexican director Jaime Humberto Hermosillo's "El Cumpleaños del Perro (The Dog's Birthday)," considered the first gay film in Mexican cinema history. Like Hermosillo's other films, this film explores issues of gender and changing values in provincial Mexico. The film follows the parallel lives of two couples as it considers the ambiguities found in gender roles, misogyny and female repression. The film will be shown Friday, July 12 at 8:00 p.m. (in Spanish with English subtitles). Other films of interest by Hermosillo will be shown throughout July; Calendars can be obtained at the museum.

Also featured in the "Latin American Counterpoints" series is the film "Ana Mendiata: Fuego di Terra," directed by Kate Horsfield, Nereyda Garcia Ferraz and Brenda Miller. This video is a portrait of the life and work of the Cuban born American artist Ana Mendiata, whose work symbolically expresses the interdependence between nature and culture. Mendiata's earth sculptures were included in the "Revered Earth" exhibit at the Contemporary Arts Museum last summer. This video can be seen on Aug. 16 at 8:00 p.m. (in Spanish with English subtitles).

On Saturday, July 27 (8:00 p.m.) and Sunday, July 28 (7:00 p.m.), MFA will show the award winning new film by American feminist Yvonne Rainer titled "Privilege." This film takes on the issue of how women respond to aging. The film includes a humorous "film within a film," which ends in a vision of utopia. It begins with Rainer's declaration that this will be her "last address to women... You want to know why I'm retiring? Because men did me in." "Privilege" received the Filmmaker's Award at the 1991 Sundance Film Festival.



Houstonians will get a chance to see "Tongues Untied," the controversial film about black gay life that KUHT-TV chose not to air, at the Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Admission to this screening is free

Houstonians will get what may be their only chance to see "Tongues Untied," the controversial film by Marlon Riggs, on Aug. 1 when the museum is offering a free screening of this unprecedented exploration of the lives of gay black men. The film is a part of the acclaimed national PBS series P.O.V.; however, Channel 8 in Houston declined to air the film, citing its unusually strong language content. "Tongues Untied" uses poetry, personal testimony, rap and drama as vehicles to examine black gay life and ultimately to challenge homophobia and racism and the divisions these often create within the black gay community.

This critically acclaimed film is the result of a collaborative project between Emmy Award winning filmmaker Marlon Riggs (a native of Fort Worth) and numerous black gay organizations and artists. The Houston screening, co-sponsored by Southwest Alternative Media Project, DiverseWorks Artspace and the Community Artists' Collective, has been arranged in association with PBS and P.O.V. (usually seen on Saturday night at 11:30). The film will be shown on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Other films which may be of interest include "Bury Me an Angel" directed by Barbara Peeters, the only biker film ever writ-

ten and directed by a woman (Aug. 18, 7:00 p.m.) and the British film "The Leather Boys" directed by Sidney J. Furie (Aug. 25, 7:00 p.m.). Both of these films are part of the series titled "Chrome, Scum and Celluloid" which features biker movies made between 1966 and 1973.

All films are shown in Brown Auditorium at the Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet (entrance is on the Main Street side of the building). Admission is \$4 (\$3 for Museum members, students and senior citizens) for all films except "Tongues Untied."

"Vision And Will"

The Actor's Institute (TAI) and local minister Rev. George Jachimczyk will bring one of the institute's newest programs, "Vision and Will," to Texas for the first time. Created by Allen Schoer, executive director and co-founder of The Actor's Institute, "Vision and Will" is an internationally known program. It has been presented in cities from New York to London for people ranging from actors to corporate employees.

"Vision and Will" focuses on the question "If there were no rules, what would you create?" Through discussions, meditative exercises and games, participants look at where their will is directed and what it is they want to create.

"Vision and Will" will be led by Twila Thompson, associate director of TAI. Thompson previously created and leads the Sources workshop, a three day program on creativity for people with a personal or family history of addiction, abuse or dysfunction. Thompson also works with people with AIDS and is one of the leaders of the AIDS Mastery for Northern Lights Alternatives. Thompson describes "Vision and Will" as "especially appropriate for anyone who is interested in re-looking at their relationship with themselves and their beliefs about who they are, including, but not limited to, those of us who may be dealing with AIDS or other life-threatening diseases."

The Actors Institute is a New York based international studio. The Mastery workshop was created by one of TAI's founders, Dan Fauci.



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NewsLine: Gay America

PWA man sues when fire department won't let him work

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—A Maryland man filed suit against the District of Columbia Fire Department on Friday, saying it hired him but then refused to let him work after he disclosed that he carries the AIDS virus.

The man, identified as John Doe in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court, con-

tends he is suffering from no symptoms and is capable of performing all the duties of the firefighter.

The lawsuit asks that the department be ordered to let him work, give him back pay and promotions and pay unspecified damages.

The man says the Fire Department of-

ferred him a job as a firefighter in January 1989, but the following month after he voluntarily disclosed that he is HIV-positive, he was ordered not to report to work.

The lawsuit says the D.C. Department of Human Rights found that the Fire Department had discriminated against the

man on grounds of disability, but the city administrator reversed the finding.

The lawsuit accuses the Fire Department and the district government of breach of contract and violation of the plaintiff's rights under the 1973 Rehabilitation Act.

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Jeanne White offers \$500 reward to locate cemetery vandals

By HANK LOWENKRON
FOR THE NEW VOICE

INDIANAPOLIS, July 7 (AP)—Jeanne White, whose teen-age son died from AIDS, offered a \$500 reward Saturday for information leading to the arrest of vandals who knocked over his tombstone.

"I'm angry. I want these people caught," said Mrs. White. "I've just come back from the cemetery, took a nap to try and calm down but I'm still ... I want the people responsible."

Ryan White died April 8, 1990, losing a battle that had brought him recognition around the world. A hemophiliac, Ryan

contracted the AIDS virus in 1984 from tainted blood products.

Mrs. White said she was called by police Saturday morning and told that the gravestone had been toppled over.

"I had been out there Friday night and everything was fine. That is a very heavy stone," she said of the 6-foot-8-inch memorial on her son's grave. "It had to take 3 or 4 people to do this. Now we're going to have to have the stone checked to assess damage. I just don't understand why people do something like this. Can't they leave him alone?"

It was the third time the grave had been

vandalized, she said.

"I can't believe there are people who would do something like this. It's a quiet cemetery and I don't know why they can't leave him to rest," Mrs. White said.

White became a national figure both through his effort to educate people about AIDS and his legal battle when Western Schools Corp. in Russiaville prohibited him from attending school, saying the health risk was too great for other students. He won the legal battle and it became the basis of a television movie about his life.

Americans from President Bush to Mi-

chael Jackson were among those who grieved his death. White's last public appearance was in Los Angeles with former President Reagan and his wife, Nancy.

Among those who attended his funeral were first lady Barbara Bush, entertainers Elton John and Jackson and talk show host Phil Donahue.

"I'm trying to go on and complete Ryan's battle to teach those who don't understand. There are a lot of fine, considerate people in this world," Mrs. White said. "There are also some very dumb ones, and I want them punished for what they've done. I'm just sick about it. My daughter, Andrea, and I have had enough of this."

Newspaper gets barrage of comments for running article on gay man

SIOUX FALLS, S.D., July 7 (AP)—A recent article about a gay Sioux Falls man that appeared in the Sioux Falls Argus Leader brought a wave of angry letters and phone calls, newspaper editors said.

In a column in Sunday's edition, Executive Editor Rich Somerville defended the paper's decision to run the article and said the paper would not ignore a story simply because it might offend readers.

The June 29 article was about a gay man who works as a female impersonator and won the Miss Gay South Dakota pageant, an event sponsored as part of the Gay Pride Week.

The article appeared on Page One and was accompanied by a large picture of the man, who uses the stage name Todd Allen, posing in a red dress, wig and high heels.

Somerville said the story and picture prompted more than 100 phone calls and

letters from angry readers.

One reader even said she hoped the city editor would die of AIDS for running the story, Somerville said.

"Homosexuality is an abomination and a sin against God," one reader said. "It has no place in your paper."

But Somerville said Argus editors disagree. "Taking a stand on whether being gay is a 'sin' or 'normal' may be a matter for the editorial page, but certainly not

the news pages," he wrote. "Homosexuality is a fact of life, and a major issue in our society."

"To withhold a story because many are offended by gays would be akin to banishing stories about abortion because many see that as sinful."

Somerville said editors didn't receive a single letter commending the article, even though Todd Allen said he has received positive comments from the gay community.

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SAN ANTONIO SOAP by ESCHOL
RICHARD WRIGHT
TNV San Antonio

Looking for a little fun in the Alamo City? Let's talk spas. Let's talk restaurants. Let's talk fashion. And, last but not least, let's talk bars.

There comes a time in the life of every young man when he looks at himself in the mirror and he begins to see a little evidence of those three (or was it four?) longnecks that he sipped last evening. The answer, of course, is a regular workout program. And I know a way to make it more fun. Just go see Ernest at the Executive Spa, and let him fix you up with a membership. You'll find a well-equipped weight room, stationary bicycles, and even a rowing machine to help turn your stomach into a washboard. After you've worked on those pecs and gluts for awhile, slip into the spas relaxing hot tub and meet some new friends. (By the way, this place also features a cozy video den and some very private rooms). The Executive Spa is located at 703 Avenue B at Brooklyn Street, not far from the heart of San Antonio. Memberships start as low as \$2, and locker fees are from \$6 to \$10 per visit, depending on the time you check in. I'll see you in the sauna.

On the Saturday before San Antonio's Pride Picnic, I took my Houston buddies—Jay and Bert—to dinner at Rosario's. These guys are self-styled gurus of Mexi-



The 106 Off Broadway had a birthday bash for Bill Cox and Alan Cosby in memory of Doug "Stella" Stewart. Pictured, from left, are Anthony, Conchita, Alexis, Ericka Ray, Tina T, Melissa D'Moore and Pauletta Leigh

can cuisine, and I couldn't wait to get their impressions of Rosario's food. Bottom line? Bert gave five stars to the fajitas, and Jay raved about the flautas. But the highlight of the evening was Rosario's vocalist, Will Allen, who drew on a repertoire ranging from Willie Nelson to Cat Stevens. Will is just one more reason to visit Rosario's, which you'll find at 1014 South Alamo. While you're there, have your first cocktail in the cantina and meet Rosario's talented new bartender. But be on the lookout for our old friend, John Barbosa, who just joined the friendly staff. Don't drop those tostadas, John!

Making a fashion statement in the middle of a San Antonio summer doesn't have to be hot work. Drop in at To-A-Tee and check out the cool, clever T-shirts. Inner circle owned and operated, this place offers designs you won't find anywhere else in the city. Plus, Ken and Ron keep things open until 1:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, so even you late night shoppers can browse to your heart's content. (You can't do that at Saks). To-A-Tee is located at 806 East Mistletoe at St. Mary's. While you're there, check out their unique collection of jewelry.

Ready for some bar talk?

Those of us who prefer a late evening happy hour can't resist the Nite Owl. The club's cool atmosphere is part of the attraction. Another part is Nick (pictured last week). Drop by at 10:30 some Saturday night and see if you don't agree. By



If you weren't at the Paper Moon last Sunday, you missed Tiffany Clark at the Moon's super Sunday show

the way, hats off and thumbs up to the Nite Owl for showing its community spirit by sponsoring a recent benefit for SAAF. The Nite Owl is at 330 San Pedro.

Pick up a bottle and let the friendly staff at Club Basse West fix you up with a setup. Maybe those feathers in your mouth will inspire you to try CBW's huge dance floor, where the rhythms are regulated by some of S.A.'s most talented DJ's. This is one of our city's newest clubs, and it should be on your "hopping list" for the weekend. Club Basse West is located at 3113 West Avenue (near Basse Road), in San Antonio's rocking north side.

If you're bored on a Wednesday night, head down to the Wild Club to see some of the hottest dancers in Texas at 11:00 p.m. (This crew gives new meaning to the word "firm"). The Wild Club is at 820 San Pedro.

It seems like only yesterday, but the Bonham Exchange opened its now famous doors almost ten years ago. Tonight, the streets of San Antonio are awash with this single question: how will this Madonna of San Antonio clubs celebrate her tenth birthday? I did some snooping, but the staff is as tight-lipped as a clam. You'll have to give this reporter another week or two to get to the "Bonham" of all this.

If the Bonham Exchange is Madonna, then The Crew must be Bette Davis. But this time, the great lady has been reborn. Several of TNV's readers thanked us for last week's report that The Crew is alive and well at its original location at 309 West

Market. I stopped by last week to check out the old gal's new wardrobe, and I was very impressed. For starters, the dance floor is no longer elevated, which makes the club's interior seem much larger. For another, the well-worn carpet had given way to hard surfaces. And finally, a fresh coat of paint has really brightened up the walls. Despite the club's new appearance, you'll still find some familiar faces. Sam, who opens the bar on weekdays, is still there, as well as The Crew's popular weekend bartender, Malibu. (Of course, you might want to call in advance to see if Bambi is working). The Crew has also revived its traditional happy hour, which has become a San Antonio institution. Look for the icy \$1.75 longnecks and well drinks. TNV says to The Crew, "Welcome back old gal, we missed you."

From the rumor mill: I hear tell that Club Stephanie's may be changing its format. Here again, the details are a little sketchy, but I'll stay on the scent. In the meantime, enjoy Club Stephanie's Liquor Rush from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Saturdays. (By the way, just as the Liquor Rush is winding down, the dancers start winding up). Club Stephanie's is at 119 El Mio.

This is the time of year in San Antonio when it's fun to sit on the patio about 8:00 in the evening, sip something cool and let the work day slip below the horizon. Do it at Memories, whose comfortable patio and talented bartenders will help you put things back in perspective. Memories is at 6402 Callaghan.



Russel (Bonham) shows off his meat and buns

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Deborah Boiley is doing "From Piaf to Brel and Beyond" at Oventions

HOUSTON SOAP by TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

Do you know where ex-bar managers go? Why, Betty Ford Clinic, of course. Yes, Liz, Liza and myself had a great time last fall. And you thought I was in Dallas, well, surprise! I hear there may be new patients checking in soon. But speaking of Liza (yes, the one with the "Z"), did you know that it's a rumored fact (not quite a fact, but a pretty good source, I mean if Maxine can print it?) that Billy Stritch, of Montgomery, Mayes (Plant) and Stritch, is Liza's current romance. She spent the weekend with him in Sugarland at mom's house (they had come in for Sally M's wedding). Billy B. arranging for Liza, no, not flowers or furniture, music and playing for her too. They will be at Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion later this month.

Oops! Got off track there, back to Betty Ford—Walter Carter says this time it's Tommy Sue's (BRB) turn. Girl, he has a room with a view but NO PHONE!

Speaking of rooms (cells) with no phone, David Carpenter (BRB), what number is that on your shirt? County, city or Metro?

And of course Vera is stirring again, dear friends. Here we go:

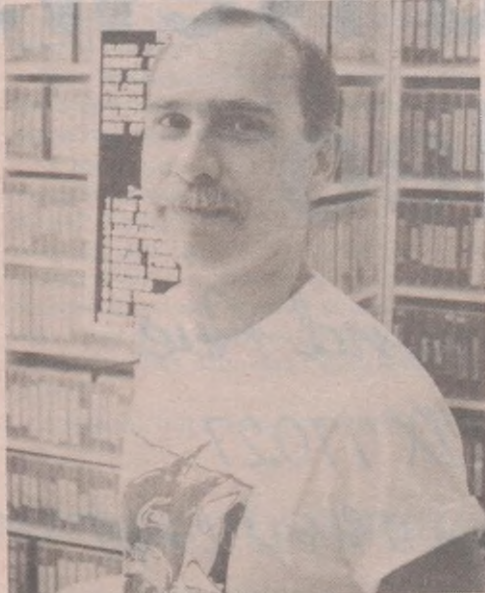
Jack Hartung, isn't it a bit much to try toasting bagels on your couch, and is that all you toasted with that fire?

And I heard about Lulu's (611) kitty litter wars, but Woody, what did Jimmy buy to clean the litter with. Do you use it?

Miss A (Pet Shop), are you still trying to teach Beau (Past Time) new dance steps or is that just the way he's walking now?

Enough! Thank you, Vera! Happy birthday July 19 to Allan (Mary's).

Thanks to A Moveable Feast for their contribution to Pet Patrol and Kolbe House benefits at Mary's on



Go by LOBO and check out Steve Barker (or at least a video)

the 4th. We hear \$314 was raised during the show and there was quite a crowd.

Of course, my favorite pets in attendance were The Wolf Pack. They make a party wherever they go (Woof! Wolf!)

On a quick down note—I heard someone had the nerve to attempt to steal Fanny's headstone. Come on people, that's sick. Let him rest. If it's ever done I hope they press charges and you can bet that Fanny, with Sam's help, will haunt your dreams for the remainder of your life.

Okay, Gentry had a benefit last Sunday for Colt 45 Trouble Fund and raised \$360. Good showing, guys!

Debbie Boiley, who sang at Star Nite '91, continues on Monday nights at Oventions in The Village with her one woman cabaret show titled "From Piaf to Brel and Beyond."

Don't miss Richmond News and Video's anniversary this weekend. Seen here is Bo, a popular male dancer, renting videos from his favorite rental location. Check out their ad in this issue for specials.

Pauline's back!—at Charlie's Coffee Shop. Barry caught Pauline and Russell during the afternoon shift and wants to know if you can tell which one is the "real" lady.

Do you read the LOBO editorial comments? You should—pretty good stuff, as is their store merchandise. Shirts, vids, books, etc. Go by and see Steve Barker (see photo) and maybe he can help you.

Okay, Ed. So it was only 18 years—I guess Jeff was just having more fun than you. I see Barry caught y'all in the bushes. They say they were just checking their roots but I know that Jeff was trying to dig up that anniversary dress.



Bo, a popular male dancer shakes his stuff at Richmond News and Video while checking out his favorite movies



Here's Hoyle, Art and Gregory at J.R.'s



Ed and Jeff in "the bushes"

Art (J.R.'s), we heard Hoyte and Gregory tried to break the news to you that you're not a RW (real wom-

an). RG, maybe; RS, probably; RB, definitely. Love you, hate your hair! Just kidding.

And if you missed "A Night With the Stars 3" at BRB you missed quite a show, as you can see by the photo. The lovely "Andrews Sisters" were a crowd pleaser as was the cast number "Skid Row."

Finally, Lancer's Motorcycle Club and the Venture-N will be holding a "Hot Jockstrap Auction" this Sunday, July 14, 7:30, to benefit Bering Care Center and Texas Conference of Clubs Lone Star IX. The event will be held on The Far Side and a \$5 registration fee will be charged to all contestants. Cash prizes will be awarded to the owners of the jockstraps.

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Janis Joplin lives in Houston as Rex



Pauline and Russell at Charlie's (she's back!)

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Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
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SATURDAY, JULY 13

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Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
Weekend cookout 3pm, Club Houston
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Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N
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Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Gentry Jocks dancers 9:30pm, Gentry

Imperial Court of the Single Star show, E/J's

Show 10:30pm, Cousins
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SUNDAY, JULY 14

Brunch 10am-2pm, Pot Pie Pizzeria
BBQ 1-3pm, Club Houston
Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night 4-6pm, Mary's
Pool tourney 2pm, Cousins
\$1.25 well 4-7pm, E/J's
Moon Children birthday acknowledgment with crab claws, attitude, "burgs & dawgs" 5pm, Venture-N

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dancers 8pm, Gentry
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Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
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MONDAY, JULY 15

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11am, Mary's
Locker special noon-midnight, Club Body Center
"Brief Encounters" strip contest 9pm, Gentry

Monday Night Madness 10-11pm, \$1 well, draft, schnapps, male dance contest 10:30pm, E/J's

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Hamburgers by Pickles noon-3pm, Mary's

Room & locker specials 7pm-3am, Club Body Center

Texas Riders guest bartend with movie "Easy Rider", Venture-N

Pool tourney 9pm, Berry Hill
C&W dance lessons, 10pm BRB
Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11am, Mary's
Steak night 6pm, E/J's

Movie night 8pm, wieners & popcorn, Mary's

Star Wars movie, Venture-N
Male strip contest 10pm, QT's

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Hamburgers by Pickles noon-3pm, Mary's

Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center

Buck burgers 6pm, "Illusions '91" 10:30pm, E/J's

Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
Hot Side Specials 8pm-2am, Venture-N

Video classics 9pm, Gentry

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Slop shot pool tourney 11am, Mary's

Hors d'oeuvres 6pm, Gentry Jocks 9:30pm, Gentry

"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Show 10pm, QT's

Show 10:30pm, Cousins

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Liquor rush 7-11pm, male strippers 11pm, Club Stephanie's

SUNDAY, JULY 14

25¢ Lite draft during July, Wild Club

50¢ draft all the time, Denise's
Buck Burgers, Pump House

\$1 Beer noon-2am, Club Basse West
Pool tourney 5pm, free food 7pm, show 11pm, Just Us

Free pool tourney, Ab's
Westernaire

Sunglass Sundays Liquor Rush 6-9pm, Living Color 7pm, male dancers 10pm, Wild Club

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MONDAY, JULY 15

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50¢ draft all the time, Denise's Steak Night, Pump House

50¢ shots, Just Us

Social Hour all day, all night, doubles pool tourney 8pm, Ab's Westernaire

Mad Mondays \$1.75 well, Wild Club

Free pool, 75¢ draft, Club Stephanie's

Free pool, 25¢ draft to 11pm, Stallion

TUESDAY, JULY 16

25¢ Lite draft during July, Wild Club

50¢ draft all the time, pool tourney, Pump House

10¢ draft, \$1 longnecks, Las Gueras

Social Hour all day, all night, Ab's Westernaire

Beet bust, buffet, Stallion

\$2 Tuesdays, Wild Club

Steak night 6-9pm, Memories

Steak night 7pm, pool tourney 8:30pm, Just Us

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

25¢ Lite draft during July, Wild Club

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House

10¢ draft, \$1 longnecks, Las Gueras

Free pool tourney, Ab's Westernaire

Beer bust, buffet, Stallion

Free buffet 7pm, Just Us

California Male Reuwe 11pm, Wild Club

THURSDAY, JULY 18

25¢ Lite draft during July, Wild Club

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House

25¢ draft, Las Gueras

River City Pool League, Just Us

Free pool, Stallion

River City Pool League, Ab's Westernaire

Free pool all night, Wild Club

FRIDAY, JULY 19

25¢ Lite draft during July, Wild Club

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House

Male strip show, Just Us

Buffet, Stallion

Dance 9pm, no cover till 1am, after hours, Wild Club

Female strippers 11pm, New Ponderosa

Male strippers 11pm, Club Stephanie's

Friday night specials, free breakfast tacos 12:30-1:30am, Memories

Dancing, dash for cash midnight, Las Gueras

SATURDAY, JULY 20

25¢ Lite draft during July, Wild Club

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House

Shelly Jean Show, Just Us

Buffet, Stallion

Dance 9pm, no cover till 1am, after hours, Wild Club

Liquor rush 7-11pm, male strippers 11pm, Club Stephanie's

We list here events being staged by our advertisers. To advertise in The New Voice, call (512) 226-1833.

Your Stars

July 13-19, 1991
HOROSCOPE FOR THE NEW VOICE

Aries

The purposefulness and decisiveness that have been guiding you lately serve well now. Your mind is stimulated to the point that you have to make a decision that you've been avoiding. Here it comes again, out of the back of your mind; this time you'll know what to do.

Taurus

Recognition can be yours, but you'll have to work for it. So what's new? Your health should be better than usual, and your ability to stick with it no matter what is high. Idle time and foolish pleasures are out of the picture. This is serious business.

Gemini

Two very important things are happening now that will continue through next week. New avenues of creativity open up, giving you kinds of expression you had never explored. At the same time, serious relations will be seriously tested. What lasts may be forever.

Cancer

This coming week, you really get going. The activity that began earlier has become constant now—a positive activity that sees a broad, colorful and

expanding horizon. There's much to be done, and you will do it!

Leo

Discretion is essential in all your dealings next week. Exercise restraint in both words and action. People of importance will respond to your subtle actions.

Virgo

Sexual catharsis time! You can take it to the limit in whatever fashion you please. In fact, testing limits and delving deeper into specific areas is what this is all about. With the right person, you'll learn a lot about yourself. Very, very hot time.

Libra

A friend with a different set of values, ideas and ideals could really influence you deeply. You've been having a problem with acting on what you know. Another viewpoint could be just what you need to get the wheels rolling again.

Scorpio

Why can't you see yourself as the rest of the world sees you? Because you're searching for the real you, and your obsession with the search itself makes you miss yourself. Respond to others more directly. They may see something you don't. Stop looking and find.

Sagittarius

You're the one to make new promises, and then abide by them. Any feelings of indecisiveness are over. Plans laid, decisions made, you're right on target. With an intelligence that can verge on true wisdom, you can make the moves that make the coming week a week of triumph.

Capricorn

The recent times have been intense, to say the least. Now you can allow yourself the luxury of letting others take the lead and do some of the directing. Your stars are still shining and require no conscious help from you. Be receptive and observant.

Aquarius

The great American poet, Charles Olson, has a line—"I have had to learn the simplest things last—which has made for difficulties." Learning some of the simplest things now will certainly ease some of the difficulty you're experiencing.

Pisces

There's a childlike quality about you now that is most appealing. Directing this into the adult world of accomplishment and business can bring some astounding success. Your role may change, and you'll be oh, so glad!



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Party with GAYE

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Houston MERCHANDISE

2189.4 RECYCLING SERVICES
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Free! 2 - 5 month old kittens. 1 black, 1 tabby. Beautiful. 522-1046.

Houston RENTALS 1405 APARTMENTS

1 bedroom apt. in renovated Victorian house. Hardwood floors. \$475.00 month + utilities. 4109 Mt. Vernon. 528-1478.

Houston RENTALS 1460 ROOMMATES WANTED

Furnished bdrm. in house to share w/ younger GWM couple. \$250.00 includes utilities. Smoker O.K., must like pets. Dep., references requested. Close to bus & 45 frwy., 5 min to Montrose. Call before noon or after 5pm. Serious calls only. 228-8212.

Houston NOTICES 1740 NON-PROFIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED: People willing to volunteer several hours one night a week to a care team support group. **THE PURPOSE:** Assist a PWA in maintaining an independent lifestyle at home. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** Light housekeeping, errands, meal preparation. Call Ross at 868-9723.

GAY AND BI-SEXUAL MEN

Join Prime-Timers, a social organization for

mature gay and bi-sexual men and their admirers. Write: P.O. Box 30381, Dept P, Houston, Texas 77249 or call 713-981-8440 and leave message.

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Cleaning and laundering. Call Bruce between 6 - 9 pm. (713) 784-6663

Houston SERVICES 2140 LAWN CARE, LANDSCAPING

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Houston SERVICES 2145 MASSAGE (LICENSED)

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Houston SERVICES 2160 MOVERS

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Houston THE PERSONALS 2220 (INDIVIDUAL) PERSONALS

All ads in this category should be strictly individual to individual. No commercial offerings. Nothing for sale. No promotions. Nothing to give away

Almost 40 GWF seeks GF for friendship and/or romance. I am a real homebody and enjoy gardening and love animals. I like eating out occasionally, going to movies, baseball games and spending time with my friends. I drink very little and don't smoke.

do drugs or casual sex. I would like to meet someone with similar interests but I'm open to sharing new experiences with someone special. Photo would be nice but not essential. Reply with phone # to Box 25177.

B/ D, W/ S, Shave - give & take. Days only. Write Box 25192.

BiWM looking for men living in the Woodlands/ Conroe area. must be healthy, happy, humorous, handsome, well endowed, hot and like to receive the best FR in Texas. Ad 25165

Creative Pisces, attractive GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., forty-something, in good shape, mentally and physically. My interests run the gamut.

Fantasy/ security, independence/ support, laughter/ tears. Desires attractive GWM, 28-45, mature, but capable of boyish charm, to explore and cherish the wonders of living and loving. Reply with phone #, photo a must! to Ad 25093

For the best in laid-

back, hassle-free French service, write to this 6'1", 173#, br/ br, gdlkng, 39 y.o. GWM. Ad 25133

GHF, 37, 5'1 1/2, 115 lbs., attractive, olive complexion, androgynous, intense brn. eyes, witty, educated, creative, spiritual, compassionate, incredibly romantic about love

and life, seeking feminine GHF or GWF, 28-43, non-smoker, social drinker, intelligent, affectionate, romantic, honest, financially secure, monogamous. Please write and include photo of yourself, if possible. Box 25183.

GHM, 6', br eyes, br hairs, 34" waist, medium build, fun-lovin.

enjoys movies, dinners together, the beach at night, cuddling, kissing, anything romantic. Seeking someone honest, stable and sincere. Ages 21-35. Wanting to be friends and maybe possibly a relationship. Will give 100% to Mister Right. Looking for a partner to share life with. Are you? Ad 25087

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Aug. 6, 6:30pm: Self-Defense Classes

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Houston 523-5957

MONDAY TUESDAY TALENT NIGHT

10:30pm
Cash Prizes \$50 first, \$25 second
MC Rikki O'Shea

Male Dance Contest
10:30pm
\$75 in cash prizes
MC Rainbo de Klown PLUS
Monday Night Madness
10-11pm
\$1 well, draft & Schnapps

WEDNESDAY
Coming Soon:
The Miss Least Likely Pageant
July 27th
A Christmas in July benefit

THURSDAY AND SUNDAY
10:30pm
with Riki O'Shea
ILLUSION 90'S

FRIDAY MALE REVIEW!
11:00pm
MC. RAINBO DE KLOWN

SATURDAY
Showtime with Imperial Court of the Single Star
Presented by Jerry Morin

527-9071
2517 Ralph at Westheimer

WE WELCOME THE TGRA MEMBERSHIP
Sunday, July 14

● Happy Hours 7am-9pm ● \$1.25 Vodka 7am-6pm
● \$1.25 Well 4-7pm Sat. & Sun. ● Mug Club 4-10pm

HOUSTON

Grn/Brn/Olv Hispanic. Euro/Medit looks, 33, 5'10", 160, healthy, fit, masculine, sensitive, fun-loving, traditional values. Seeks consort with Caucasian, 40-, proportioned frame, chest hair a plus (not required), similar disposition, smoke/chem. free, knows/able to execute relationship's essentials, likes outdoor activities, sports, music, arts, life's simple pleasures. Ad 25128

GWF, 33, attractive, blonde/ blue, working on doctorate- but like cartoons and other mindless entertainment. Seeking quality companion to spend some time with. I've tried but have low/ no tolerance for PMS, smoking, C&W music. Photo Appreciated. Ad 25189.

GWF, 35, seeks GF 28-40 for fun, friendship and romance. I'm a professional who enjoys dancing, movies, romantic evenings at home, walks on the beach and uninhibited, spontaneous sex. I'm a smoker, so, if that bothers you, please go to the next ad. No drugies or alcoholics. Send current photo and tell me about yourself. Write to AD 25168.

GWM 35 5'5 160lbs brn/bl attractive bear HIV+ into cars and stars. Looking for choice mate. Ready for some changes. Rural person a plus. Write ad 25162

GWM 43, HIV+, 5'10, 185lbs, best described as average -- smoker and moderate drinker. Live in Navasota but Houston is not that far. Seems everyone I knew last year is either gone or does not want to have to deal with today's problems. Honestly, do not know exactly what I'm looking for, but friendship would be a great place to start. Write Box 25174.

GWM 44, 6'4, 195, masculine professional, egalitarian, liberal, seeks masculine, open minded, educated (formally or informally) responsible yet adventurous, unpretentious GM (35-50) for friendship or more. Some interests: jogging, working out, the arts, movies, some sports. All heights ok.

GWM 45, 5'10, 240, disease-drug free professional, interests: arts, movies, travel. Seeks GWM or GHM disease-drug free 30-42 self supporting. Respond w/ photo, telephone no. and address. AD 25153

GWM 50 non-smoker hz/ brn HIV- 6', 240lbs, sexually versatile - mostly top. Seeks monogamous relationship w/ GWM 30 - 50 who is non-smoker, HIV- who likes to kiss, cuddle, likes classical music, bridge, and good sex. Chest hair and or mustache a plus. If interested, picture a plus but not necessary. Reply Box 25173.

GWM mid 30's seeks GWM 18-21 with smooth body. 529-0996.

GWM, 32, 135, brown thinning hair; seeks GWM or GBM body-builder to show me the ropes. I am seriously interested in working to obtain some definite goals, but I don't know what to do or where to start. Respond to Box 25171.

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

GWM, 35, 5'7, athletic, excellent physical shape, HIV-, loves travel, outdoors, theater & workouts, seeks GWM to 38 years with similar

interests for monogamous relationship. Photo and or phone # gets mine. Reply to AD 25188.

GWM, 41, attractive, educated, stable, professional with traditional lifestyle, drug free and HIV negative. Varied interests including the arts, movies and outdoors seeking someone attractive and down to earth for dating and possible relationship. Reply to Ad 25079

GWM, 5'7" seeks GWM, 5'7" plus, for companionship and hopefully more. Need not be an Adonis. A nice guy who is versatile with a good sense of humor, and has a small to medium endowment, "cut," is hard to find. Ad 25104

I seek a sincere, handsome, honest man to 35 yrs who desires a stable relationship with professional and may be interested in living in my home. I am a GWM, 34, 5'10, 165 lbs., work-out, runs, HIV neg., handsome, blonde, sexy arms and legs, likes gardening and bicycling in country. Your photo gets mine. Respond with letter to AD 25170.

Professional GWM, 32, 135, brown thinning hair, seeks same for friendship or possible relationship. I'm understanding, compassionate and as honest as the come, but I'm also very shy and don't get the opportunity to meet many people on a social level. If you are looking for the qualities and can return them just the same, respond to Box 25172.

Professional GWM, 40, 6', 150 lb., brn, grn, good looking, HIV-, stable, educated, non-smoker, no drugs, affectionate, plays safe. Likes massage, leather, denim, uniforms, cowboys, tall boots, boot

play. Also likes movies, travel, working out, being active. Seeks good looking slim or muscular man, 30-55, any race, with similar adjectives and interests. Reply to Ad 25081

SPRING BRANCH AREA - Gay couple would like to meet other gay men for friendship only. Write Box 920970 #H-12, Houston, Texas 77292.

WM, 47, 5'7, 150, educated, safe, discreet, creative, intense, seeks similar for daytime meetings and more. Write Box 25176.

1960 AREA FRIENDSHIP
60 year old professional GWM looking for discreet GWM in 1960 area for quality friendship. Am not into games or bars or casual sex. Prefer someone 38-55 for a good, old-fashioned kind of friendship. Write to AD 25155

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS
A Reminder that your ad must be "positive." That is, you should only describe the traits that a potential partner might have that you desire. There is no need to describe the type of people you do NOT want to meet. We try to catch this when you place an ad, but sometimes miss. In that case, we'll edit your ad at the time it is typeset. Thank you

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS
Thank you for the large number of personal ads. Many of you have taken us up on our \$19/year special. However, you must call us every 4 weeks to keep your ad running. (There is no charge.) We must do this to keep the personals accurate and timely. Thank you

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After you've read your ad to us, and we prepare it to go into print, we will give you an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-letter PIN. Call the 800 number and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. (Somewhere in your verbal ad, mention what city you live in.)
Cost: \$19 for up to a year. We will send you a bill.
You can change your ad as often as desired during the year. But you must call us every 4 weeks to keep the ad running.

To Place a Personal Ad by Mail:
Write out you ad, using up to 6 words in a bold headline and up to 50 words in regular type. Then, mail it with your check for \$19 to New Voice Personals, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006.
We will mail back to you the an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-letter PIN. Call the 800 number and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad.
You can change your ad as often as desired during the year. But you must call us or mail us a note every 4 weeks to keep the ad running.

To Respond to a Personal Ad by Phone:
Call 1-900-454-4242. Listen to the verbal instructions and enter access code 25. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill.
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Mail your response to New Voice Personals, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006. Put the 5-digit ad number on the outside of the envelope. Your response will be forwarded unopened to the advertiser.

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We will forward to you daily, unopened, at no charge, all responses received by mail. To see if you have any telephone messages waiting to be retrieved, call the 800 toll-free number we gave you when you placed your ad. If you have responses waiting, call 1-900-454-4242 to retrieve them (\$1.49/minute).

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All personal ads, and all responses to personal ads, should be in good taste. An advertiser may not describe sexual activity or anatomy. All advertising should be "positive." Describe only those people or traits that you desire to meet. It is not necessary to list people or traits that you do not desire. Thank you and happy hunting.

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ADULTS OVER 18 ONLY. \$2 PER MINUTE

Hot Sweaty Bodies Need Attention

REAL MEN WANT YOU!
RIGHT NOW. FOR HOT ONE
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SWEAT IT OUT TOGETHER
ALL MALE FANTASIES
ALL THE TIME.

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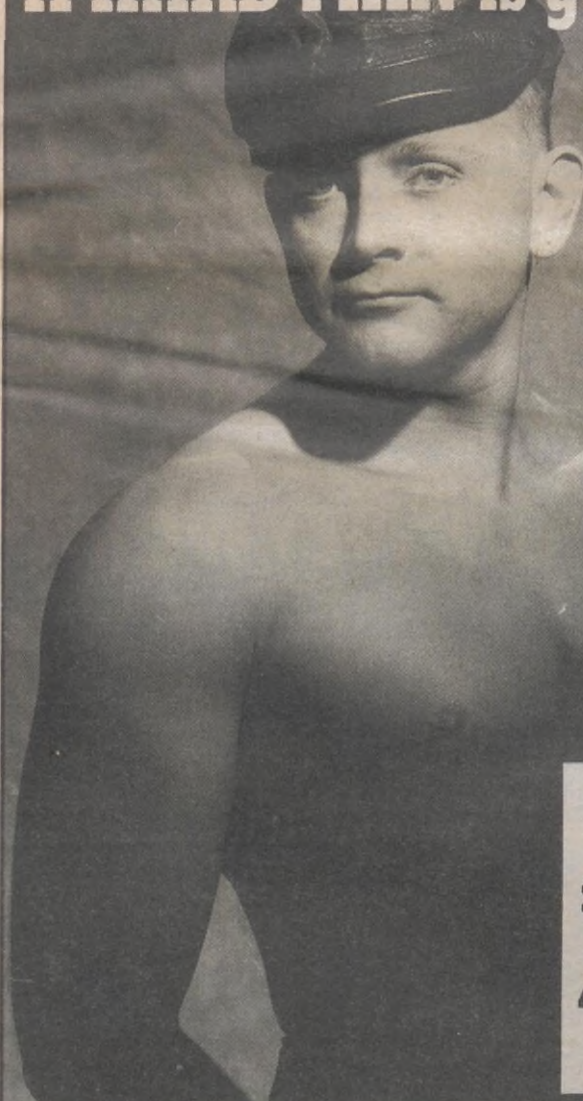


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Call to meet
REAL HARD MEN
who want
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Adults Over 18 Only.
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HOT Male
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GAY ACTION HOTLINE

CALL TO MEET THE
BADDEST GUYS AROUND
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\$2 per minute. Adults over 21 please.

Houston Personals

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ATTRACTIVE, FUN-LOVING, ARISTOCRATIC LOOKS, CAUCASIAN, 39.

Looking for that special someone. Prove me wrong. There isn't a body with too much hair! Reply with photo and phone to ad 25096

AUNT LINDA

Looking for naughty boys and girls to spank. I have lots of toys in my playroom. I'm pretty and smart and have lots of exotic clothing for TVs. I'm seeking those who are mature and financially stable. I also visit Austin, San Antonio and New Orleans. AD 25144

CAN YOU RISE TO MY CHALLENGE?

If you're a single GWM (30-50) who genuinely desires a serious relationship, here's the challenge: Be open, honest and exceedingly descriptive when telling me about yourself, and why you'd be a good man for this 23 yr old HIV-pos. GWM. I'm healthy, hung, versatile, prefer well-equipped "daddy" with moustache. Ad 25121

DAYTIME FUN

Slim handsome MWM, 36, seeks female or couple or TS for daytime fun weekdays. No hangups about size, age or race. Erotic personality a plus. Drug and disease free, very discreet. Ad 25049

DON'T STOP SHORT OF COMPLETE QUEST

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

same qualities who can return them. Write Box 25182.

ESCAPE TO INDEPENDENCE AND A BED OF ROSES

Vibrant GWM looking for a special man who is honest, masculine, fit, attractive, warm hearted, 30-40, who enjoys country living, old houses, country antiques and leather. I hope to meet a committed sensitive man for a loving, monogamous relationship. V/ rite a descriptive letter, include a photo and mail to AD 25158

GALVESTON MEN

GWM, 36, 6', 160 lbs., UTMB professional wishing to meet UTMB or Galveston area professionals, 20's - 40's, who appreciate romance, the arts, dining out, travel, children, and so on. Am interested in an eventual relationship. Prefer non-smoker who is light social drinker. Let's meet for a date.

GOD, I'M SUCH A TEDDY BEAR

Relationship oriented GWM 22, 6'3 seeks mustached 25-40 gentleman who can appreciate a companion who respects himself and others. I am playful, articulate, fuzzy and impulsive. You must be, too. Everyone likes films, concerts, music and long walks on the beach, but what about afterwards? Reply to Box 25166

GWF IN ALIEF

28, 5'3", br hair, br eyes, med. build. I am seriously looking for friends to go out with and someone who can teach me to C&W dance. I prefer people who are down to earth, funny, sincere and honest. Friendship first, romance later. I like to travel so if you're from somewhere outside of Houston, let's hear from you too! I like movies, dancing and sharing special time. Please respond ad 25142.

GWF SEEKING LIFE MATE

GWF, early 30's, Christian, stable. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker, honest, self aware, growth oriented and capable of physical and emotional intimacy. I'm seeking similar GF for long term, monogamous relationship. All responses answered. Phone & photo appreci-

ated if possible. Reply to Ad 25092

GWM, 23. SPORTINGLY HANDSOME, PROFESSIONAL, ATHLETIC.

A warrior of the heart searching for the legendary place called love. Prophets for tell its treasures to be priceless and eternal. Legend states the journey can only be made by two. Like me, only warriors who are young, strong physically/ mentally, fearless for cause, embracing compassion and truth in their hearts need apply. AD25191

HEY LITTLE BOY

Yes, you. Write and tell Daddy why Daddy should pay attention to you. And send Daddy a photo so Daddy will know what you look like. Ad 25134

HEY YOU!

Yes you. If you are a masculine GM, 20-30s, with average looks and want more than 1 night stands; but wait. You also need a stable job, life and enjoy adventure and fun. Then there is a GWM, 27, 5'10", 160, with all the above same qualities, maybe more, waiting for your quick response. If you don't answer, then how will we ever meet? Please respond with recent photo (optional) but preferred. Ad 25008

HI GUYS!

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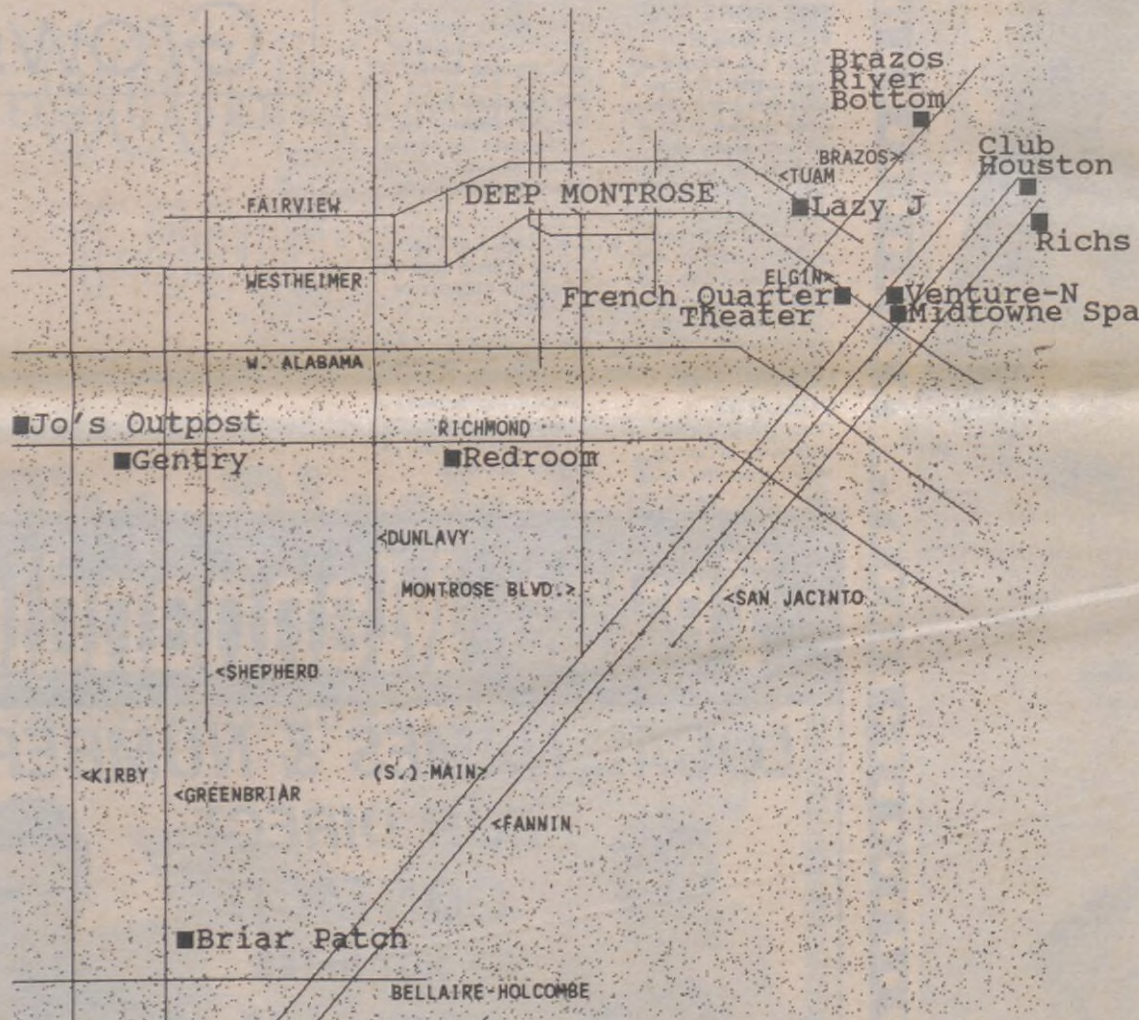
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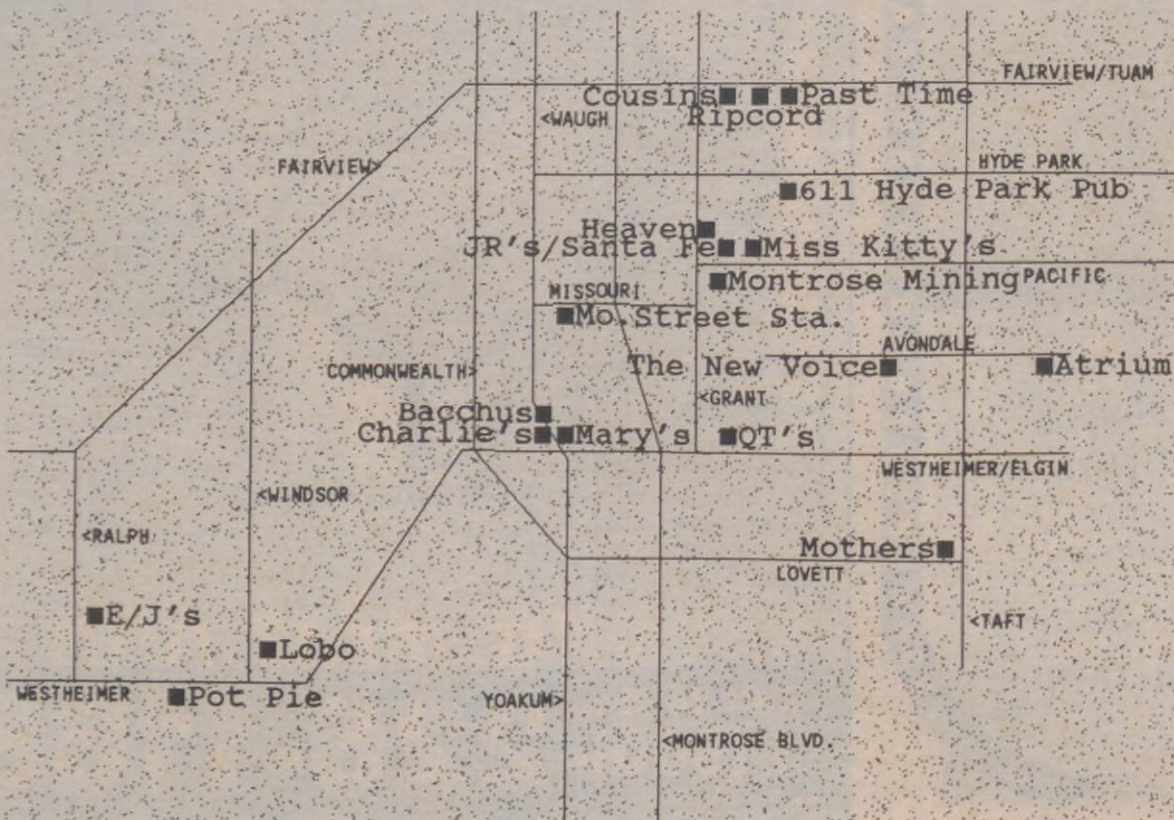
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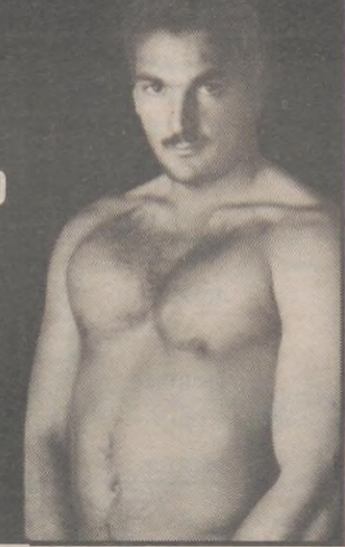
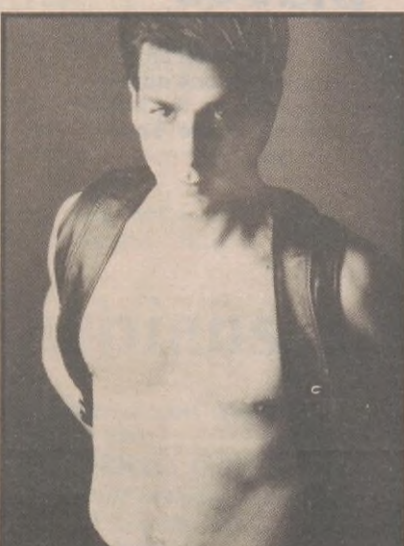
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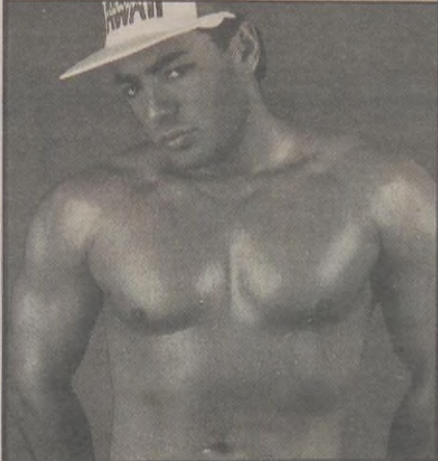


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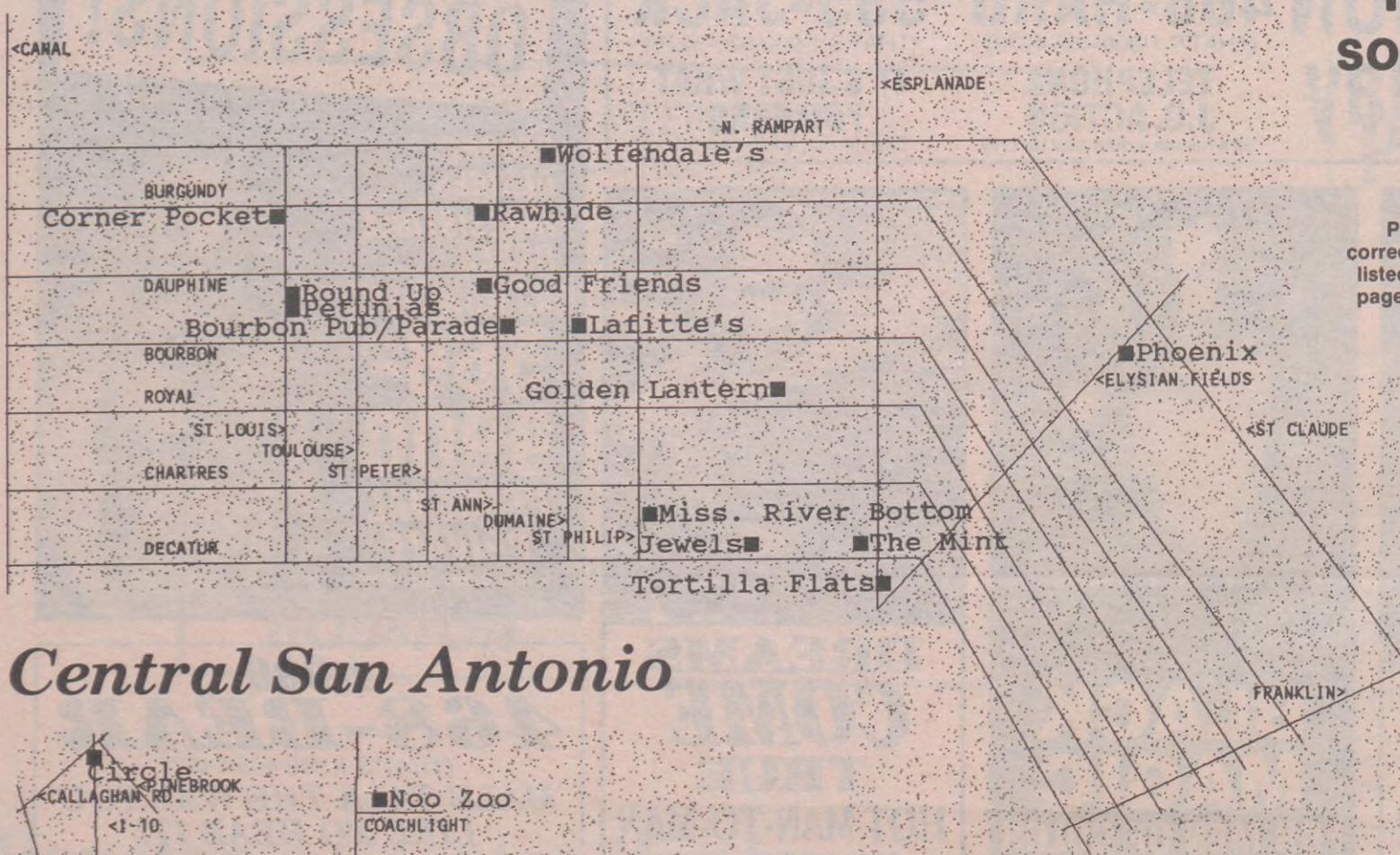
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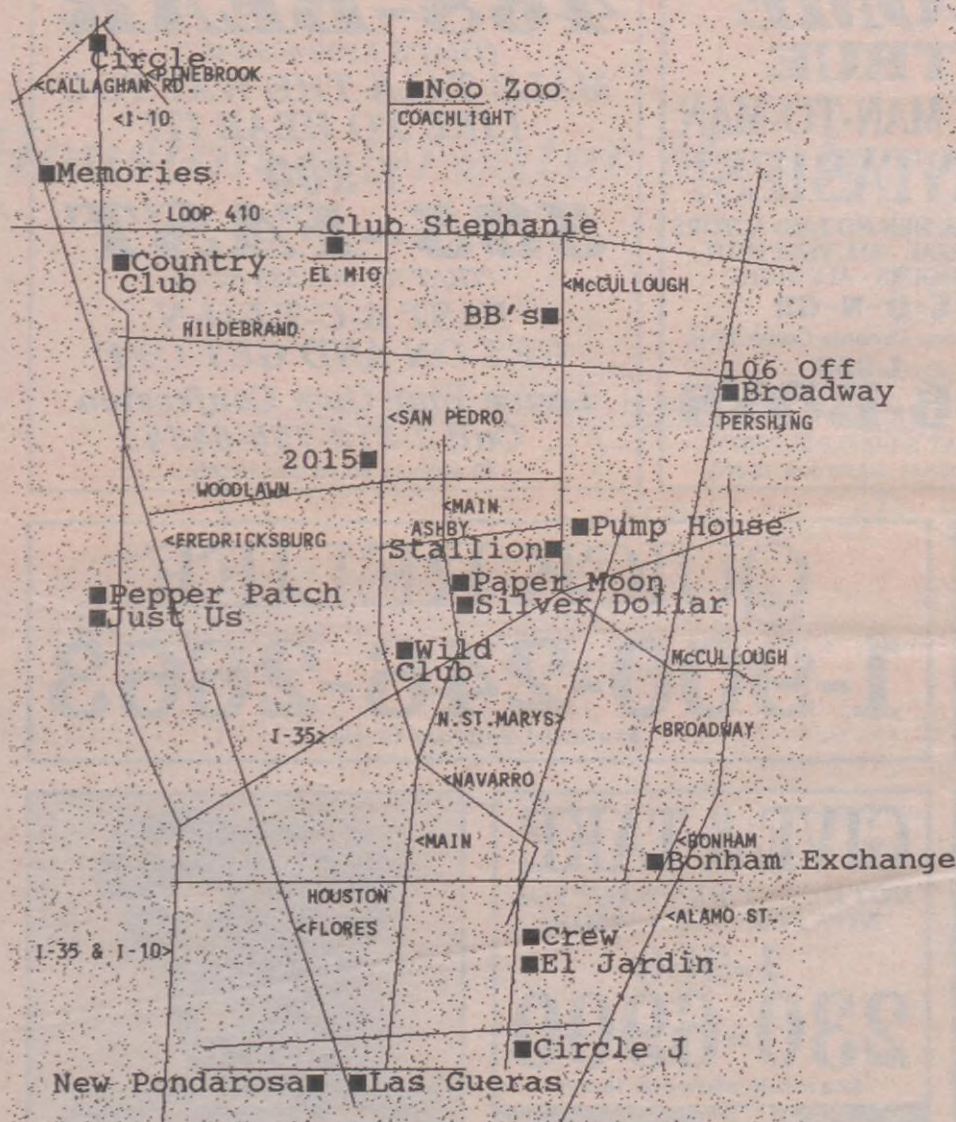
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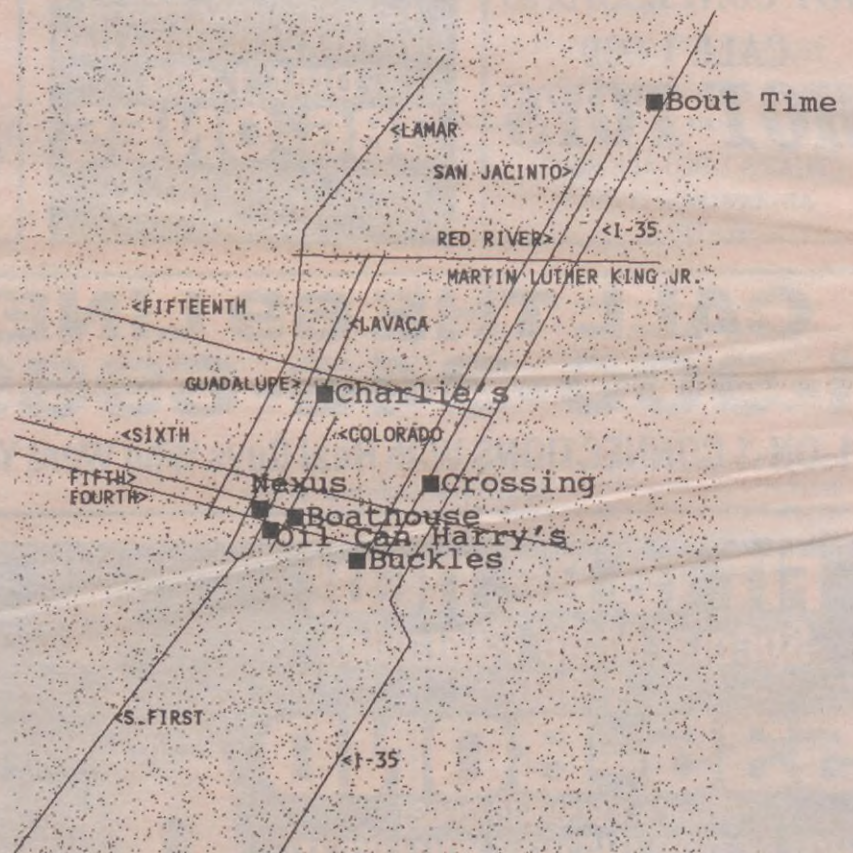
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'Magnum, P.I.' actor Tom Selleck sues supermarket newspaper

By LOUINN LOTA
FOR THE NEW VOICE

LOS ANGELES, July 3 (AP)—Actor Tom Selleck filed a \$20 million libel and invasion of privacy lawsuit Wednesday against the Globe supermarket tabloid after his name appeared in an article titled "Gay Stars Stop Traffic."

The item, published in the July 2 issue, lists a number of celebrities whose pictures appeared in placards posted around New York City. Under some of the stars' photos was the statement, "Absolutely Queer."

The Superior Court lawsuit said the story brought "hatred, contempt, ridi-

cule and obloquy" to Selleck.

The complaint said the Globe story was intended to "injure plaintiff with respect to his family relations, reputation, character, profession, trade or business." It seeks \$20 million in general damages and unspecified punitive damages.

Selleck played a detective on CBS-TV's "Magnum, P.I." for six years. He appeared in the movie hit "Three Men And A Baby" and its sequel.

In a statement issued by his publicist, Esme Chandler, Selleck said the Globe "re-published false statements made by an anonymous group which falsely cre-

ates the impression that he is 'gay.'"

Globe editor Wendy Henry, reached by telephone at Globe International Inc. in Boca Raton, Fla., said the article was "a news report of a perfectly factual story. That's really all we can say."

Selleck said the story was ridiculous. "Those people and organizations who insult me and hurt my family with these malicious lies will only serve to trivialize, defame, and ultimately bankrupt that which is noble in the gay movement," he said.

"I am as proud of my sexual preference as those who happen to be gay are of theirs," Selleck said in his statement.

"There is not a man who has lived on the face of the Earth in my lifetime who can truthfully deny what is so obviously my choice; that is, that I am singularly heterosexual."

Selleck noted that he is married with a daughter, and that he raised a son in a first marriage.

"I do not think it is accidental that they chose to malign someone who has often spoken about his family and the positive influence its traditional values have had in his life," he said.

Selleck's publicist said the actor would have no further comment and was on location in Chicago filming "Folks."

Lesbians, sperm donor clash over issue of child custody

By STEVE GEISSINGER
FOR THE NEW VOICE

SACRAMENTO, Calif., July 5 (AP)—A sperm donor seeking joint custody of a child born to a lesbian couple claims he has rights because artificial insemination was informal—he ejaculated in cups and handed them over in private homes.

California law only bars paternity claims from donors who participate in formal procedures, in which semen is given to a sperm bank or a doctor for artificial insemination, said attorneys involved in the paternity and custody suit filed by the donor.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that a similar Oregon law on artificial insemination and paternity could not bar a California sperm donor from suing for custody. The suit was settled out of court.

"We kiddingly hear about some of these cases, but I don't think it's uncommon for a doctor to suggest this—using fresh sperm for artificial insemination" in an informal setting, said Mary Stroube, a lawyer representing the mother's companion, Mary Northup.

Mary and Andra Northup, computer

consultants in nearby Davis, want to retain sole custody of the 1-year-old boy, born to Andra, 39, after two years of artificial inseminations at the homes of the women or donors.

A Yolo County judge is set to hear the case beginning July 23.

"We tried to provide a more humane approach and maybe that was real stupid," Andra Northup, who has taken Mary's last name, told the Davis Enterprise.

Mary Northup told The Associated Press, "We stand by statements to the newspaper and we are declining other interviews because we're afraid the publicity would be used against us."

Attorneys for the women said the plaintiff, or another donor not involved in the suit, would privately produce sperm in a cup and hand it to 34-year-old Mary, who would go into a separate room and inseminate Andra with a syringe-type device.

Stroube and attorney Randall Blake, representing Andra, said the women chose the method over using anonymous samples from a sperm bank because a doctor advised them that fresh sperm in-

creased the odds of pregnancy. They also wanted the child to know his origin.

Blake said that since the women wanted a child, "they could have had intercourse or artificial insemination. With artificial insemination, they could not be assured of getting a donor they wanted. This was the only practical way to get donations from the gentlemen they wished to get them from."

The attorneys for the women said legal requirements for artificial insemination were satisfied. The donor, a 41-year-old friend and former co-worker, participated in a sperm evaluation, Andra was being treated for infertility, and the insemination was performed according to a doctor's advice, they said.

Stroube said the case will center on whether the women "met the intent of the law even though they did not meet the letter, although the letter of the law is not very clear."

In court documents, the donor, Steven Wittmann, a state government employee in Sacramento, said he made it clear from the start that he wanted to be involved in parenting. "I told them that...the caveat must be my involve-

ment with the child," he said.

But attorneys for the women said he did not express interest in having a family. They said the women used two donors in repeated artificial inseminations over two years so paternity could not be automatically assumed. The boy's birth certificate names the other donor as father, something the plaintiff wants changed.

The donor and his attorney declined requests for interviews.

The plaintiff acknowledged in court documents that he is homosexual.

"We did not want this to be perceived as an issue of a straight person versus two gay women," Blake said. "If sexuality has any relevance to this case, it's basically at the same level on both sides."

A judge has ruled that blood tests show the plaintiff is probably the father, and therefore ordered him to pay child support and allowed visits to the child until the trial. The Northups contend the visits disturb the boy.

In a counter legal action, Mary Northup is seeking joint custody of the child with Andra. "We consider ourselves a married couple with an infertility problem," Mary said.

Conservatives urge hotel to cancel gays, lesbians meeting

CHARLOTTE, July 2 (AP) — An annual meeting of gays and lesbians parents scheduled for Charlotte this fall has led local conservatives to urge the host hotel to cancel the booking.

An official of the Omni Charlotte Hotel said Monday that the October conference of the International Federation of Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays will go on as scheduled at the uptown location. General manager Tom Barker said the booking can't be canceled.

"Our purpose is to serve the general public, not to endorse or approve of any group," he said.

Concerned Charlotteans, the conservative religious group, had sent postcards to the hotel asking officials to cancel the booking. The Rev. Joseph Chambers, who heads the group, considers the meeting a step toward turning Charlotte into "a homosexual mecca."

Chambers said his group is determined to force the meeting out.

"There are some things in the works," he said Monday. "We would like to see it changed in a very quiet way. ... But you can certainly use some stronger tactics if your weaker tactics fail."

Nila Bailey, president of the federation's Charlotte chapter, said about 500 people are expected at the October conference.

Members of the group also lobby for homosexual rights. They have protested at a Charlotte-area restaurant that fired a gay worker. Some marched in last month's Gay

Pride parade in Durham.

Chambers described the federation as "blatant and viciously pro-homosexual all the way. ... Their real purpose belies their name." He pointed to a parade of half-dressed lesbian bikers through San Francisco and said that could be in Charlotte's future.

"There will be no parade," Mrs. Bailey said. "There will be no naked people. Just parents trying to help each other, and help our children."

Dentists' AIDS advertisement angers rights activists

OAKLAND, Calif., July 4 (AP)—Gay-rights activists protested outside the offices of two dentists, saying they fueled hysteria by placing a newspaper ad announcing they tested negative for the AIDS virus.

Protesters on Wednesday chanted, "Fill teeth not pockets," and carried signs reading, "Stop Novocaining Common Sense," outside the offices of dental partners Stephen Voyne and Patricia

Walker.

The ad read: "Although the possibility of transmitting AIDS in a dental office is very remote, wouldn't it be reassuring to know that your dentist has tested negative? If you would like the peace of mind, Dr. Voyne and Dr. Walker have tested negative to the AIDS virus."

San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith wrote to the dentists, saying the

ad could mislead the public.

"There is no means available by which a patient can be assured that his or her health provider is free of infection," Smith said in a letter to the dentists.

Voyne, who wrote the ad that ran in the June 27 editions of the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Francisco Examiner and in the June 28 issue of the week-

ly Montclairion, said he had "no intention of running it again." But he said he does not plan to run an apology, as protesters demanded.

"The promotion was geared to those that were neglecting their dental care because of a fear of contracting AIDS, so they would feel comfortable coming into the office," he said.

Voyne said he has lost more patients than he has gained as a result of the ad.

Oregon Citizens Alliance criticizes Portland police chief

PORTLAND, Ore., July 4 (AP)—Portland Police Chief Tom Potter inappropriately is promoting homosexuality and should stop, leaders of the conservative Oregon Citizens Alliance say.

"He is not demonstrating a positive role model for our children," Bill Casey, the group's Multnomah County director, said. Casey said he personally would like the chief to resign. The criticisms were made in a press release distributed Wednesday.

Potter, in a prepared statement, renewed his pledge to combat racism, sexism and homophobia.

"I specifically mentioned those three are-

as because of the hate and violence perpetrated against some of our citizens based solely on the color of their skin, gender or sexual orientation," Potter said. "As a group, the gay and lesbian community has been the target of discrimination and hatred and does not enjoy all the rights most of us take for granted."

The Oregon Citizens Alliance has scheduled a news conference Monday on the steps of the building that houses Potter's office to express their concerns.

Casey said he and other county directors were offended by Potter's participation in the Lesbian and Gay Pride March and Ral-

ly on June 22 and by a news story on Potter and his daughter, Katie, a Portland police officer, that appeared in The Sunday Oregonian on June 30.

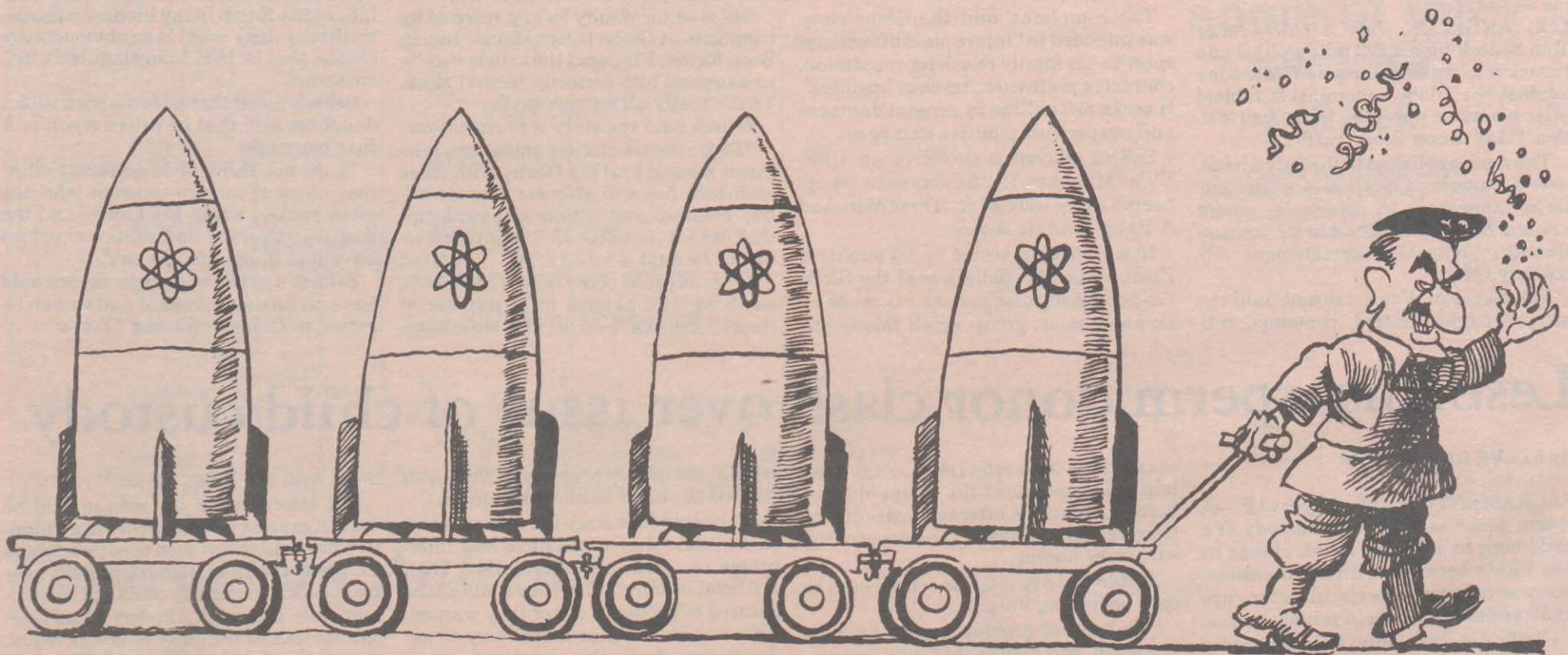
The article focused on the relationship between father and daughter and how Potter and the rest of his family accepted Katie Potter's homosexuality.

Potter noted that he has participated for several years in an annual anti-racism march through northeast Portland and, for the same reasons, will continue to champion gay rights.

"As chief of police I feel it is my responsibility to work to ensure that every citizen

has the right to live their life free from the fear of crime and free from any governmental interference in their right to think, express themselves and live as they choose," he said. "The law extends all those same rights to the good citizens of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, including their right to disagree with the chief of police."

Casey's group is sponsoring a statewide initiative that would declare homosexuality a perversion. The measure, which needs 89,028 signatures to qualify for the 1992 ballot, lumps homosexuality with sex with corpses and animals, among other acts, and requires that no state money be spent to "condone" such activities.



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Hearing on safe sex pamphlets causes uproar in upstate New York

BUFFALO, N.Y., July 3 (AP)—Members of the activist group ACT UP exchanged angry words with spectators during a Common Council debate on literature the activists have handed out near high schools.

"You stink," Dan Evchich shouted as ACT UP member Anthony Perri testified at the hearing Tuesday. "It is you that

brings this curse upon this nation. You and your perverted lifestyle."

The hearing was called to discuss pamphlets describing safer sexual practices that ACT UP members distributed last month outside Buffalo high schools.

Council members and others have characterized the pamphlets ACT UP distributed as pornographic, and called the hearing

to try to pass an ordinance banning their distribution.

ACT UP, which stands for AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, says Buffalo's sex education program is inadequate to teach teenagers how to avoid risky practices that can spread AIDS.

Evchich said he blames homosexuals for bringing AIDS to the United States, and

Council Member Rose Marie LoTempio said ACT UP "is known as a homosexual organization."

Perri said ACT UP is not comprised solely of homosexuals.

"I'm fed up with the hate that has come out in this room. Hate kills. The moral thing is saving lives," Perri said. "The point of ACT UP is stopping AIDS."

Judge refuses to allow testimony about letters from slain priest

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., July 5 (AP)—An attorney for an Atmore man said a judge refused to hear testimony that would show his client did not kill a Roman Catholic priest.

In a ruling last month, Judge Steve Wilson sealed the unsigned letters allegedly written by the victim, Father Francis Craven, describing homosexual acts.

At a bond reduction hearing Wednesday for David Leitner, who is charged with murdering Craven in 1989, defense attorney Ralph Smith repeatedly tried to introduce evidence about the letters and the arrest of another man for Craven's slaying.

That person, Walker County resident Jerry Wayne Taylor, was released in 1989 after it was determined that a witness had lied under oath to a grand jury. The charge

was later dismissed.

Taylor is being held without bond at a jail in Hendersonville, N.C., where he is accused of sodomizing and strangling a mechanic in 1987 in what Smith described as a "homosexual murder."

The defense attorney argued Wednesday that testimony about Taylor and the letters would show someone other than Leitner killed the priest, whose charred remains were found in Tuscaloosa County on Jan. 7, 1989.

"Let me prove somebody else committed the murder," Smith appealed to Wilson during the hearing seeking to reduce Leitner's \$100,000 bond.

"That won't be an issue here," Wilson replied. "I can't make a determination of guilt or innocence." He said he was only try-

ing to determine if the indictment against Leitner was valid.

Wilson ruled June 21 that if the letters "were disclosed it would likely prejudice the state's right to a fair trial in the pending prosecution of the criminal case."

Following the hearing, Smith said he knew Craven and "did not know him to be the kind of person he described himself in his own hand ... with his sexual aberrations."

"The Roman Catholic Church, through the doctrine of priestly celibacy, has encouraged this type problem for the last 2,000 years," the attorney said.

Smith charged that Tuscaloosa County District Attorney Charley Freeman is attempting to secure Taylor's release from jail in North Carolina.

"It is not correct to say I have been trying to get any murderer off in North Carolina," Freeman said after the hearing. "I did inform the district attorney in North Carolina of what happened here, if there were any links between the witness here and her testimony."

Wilson is expected to rule next week on whether Leitner's bond should be reduced. Prosecutors are objecting to the motion.

A prosecution witness at the hearing, Lt. Greg Cole of the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, said Leitner threatened to leave the country when agents searched his home in Atmore for evidence.

Cole said Leitner told him he was "tired of being harassed" and that he and his wife would "just leave the country and go to Europe and they wouldn't be able to harass him any more."

Virginia gay men who went public say they were threatened

HAMPTON, Va., July 7 (AP)—Two gay men who attended a school prom together say they have received death threats and have been shot at.

Matthew Bissette, 18, was kicked out of his house after publicity about his May 18 prom date with Mark Demma, 23.

Bissette and Demma say the publicity brought death threats. "People are expressing so much hatred and so much fear, and they don't even bother to know what it's like to be gay," Demma said.

Bissette said several teachers, even some he didn't know, told him they were proud of him.

Bissette and Demma, who met through a gay youth organization, are now living together in Virginia Beach. Both have part-time jobs and hope to go to college.

On June 5, the day a Daily Press story ran about the prom date, Bissette said Mike McCormick, Kecoughtan's dean of boys, told him he had heard there had been threats on Bissette's life.

Bissette said when he returned home, his father referred to the newspaper article and told him to move out. Bissette moved in with Demma that afternoon. "It's not the fact that he's gay," said Bissette's older brother, Royce. "It's the fact that he went public with it."

That night Bissette and Demma attended senior class night at Kecoughtan, a combination assembly-talent show put on by seniors. Bissette performed in a musical skit.

The school had extra security guards on hand because of the threats earlier in the

day, he said. By a vote of the senior class, Bissette was chosen the most unique male graduate.

Although many students accepted their relationship, hostility persisted at school the next day, Demma and Bissette said. Demma said that when he arrived after school to pick up Bissette he was confronted by a young man who said "Why are you a faggot?" and punched him in the mouth.

The next day, shortly after they drove out of the school parking lot followed by another car, Demma said his passenger side window was shattered after they heard a pop. Bissette said he was struck in the neck by some of the glass. "We're pretty sure we were shot at by something," Bissette said.

The two said they did not see their assailants or get a license plate number. Neither did they tell police about the any of the inci-

dents. Demma said they didn't believe it would do any good and they also felt sorry for the assailants.

The two wanted to get out of Hampton and put it behind them, he said. Bissette said the move from Hampton to Virginia Beach has helped him escape the emotion-charged climate.

Positive comments have also helped him deal with criticism. "They really help a lot," he said. "I'm under a lot of pressure. To the negative ones I say: How dare they say that? They don't know me."

"I'd like to see a world where there is no need for gay activists or black activists or women activists," Demma said. "I'd like to see a world where we don't label ourselves as black or white, just people ... I'd like to see a world where the words 'all people are created equal' really means something."