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## Austin voters repeal 'domestic partner' benefits

AUSTIN, Monday, May 9 (AP)—The Austin City Council's controversial program to provide insurance benefits for the unmarried "domestic partners" of city employees ends today after an overwhelming vote to repeal the policy.

Voters also approved a proposition to limit the mayor and other City Council members to two terms, and they sent incumbent Mayor Bruce Todd into a runoff against former political reporter Daryl Slusher.

Final returns from Saturday's election showed 62 percent, or 45,638 votes, favoring repeal of the domestic partners program to 38 percent, or 28,129 votes, to preserve it.

"Most of Austin is fed up with irresponsible spending and morals," said the Rev. Charles Bullock, president of the pro-repeal Concerned Texans group.

"The city of Austin has no right to redefine marriage," he said. "The grass roots are bypassing their leaders and saying, 'We're going to vote and we're going to vote conservative.'"

The council approved the insurance program in September. Ninety-eight employees had signed up—69 registering an opposite-sex partner and 29 enrolling a same-sex partner. The benefits would have cost the city about \$130,000 this year.

Tim Weltin, executive director of the Travis County Democratic Party and a member of the anti-repeal Mainstream Austin Coalition, said results of other races showed the city isn't dominated by the right. In the mayoral race, he said, progressive candidates Todd and Slusher collected about 75 percent of the vote.

"We are not in the throes of a conservative death grip," he said. "Our polling found that it was not an anti-gay bias, it was a bias against people living together in unmarried situations."

The repeal proposal, Proposition 22, was placed on Saturday's ballot by citizen petition. It amends the city charter to limit insurance benefits to a city employee's immediate family, spouse and the spouse's family. "Spouse" is defined as the husband or wife of a city worker.

## 'Right' here in Texas: the battle hits home

### NEWS ANALYSIS

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
*Houston Voice Editor*

Last Saturday, voters coasted the influence of the Radical Right to its first resounding victory in Texas...in Austin, commonly regarded as the state's most liberal city.

At the same time, a line was drawn in the fragile sands of opinion and interpretation within the state's gay and lesbian communities.

There were those who greeted the results of the election that threw out Austin's progressive and efficiently designed domestic partner benefit extension policy with surprise, and those who did not. There were those who immediately trumpeted the warning of much broader, much graver ramifications of the vote and other signs of the strengthening of the right wing within the state (many were already doing so), and those who scrambled to downplay the threat.

As always, it sometimes seems, within our community, there was also the division of blame.

There were those who fiercely decried the "pranks" of an Austin direct action women's coalition, the Lesbian Avengers, who vandalized a homophobic pastor's church grounds in a protest action unrelated to the election, but timed in the final days of the intense campaign. The targeted pastor was able to use the incident against the opponents of the Proposition, to realign the sentiments of many in the "mainstream" who may have been leaning toward voting the other way, the point out.

However, there were also those in the community who expressed an equal revulsion to the tactics of the Mainstream Austin Coalition, a progressive alliance working against the measure, and other gay leaders who reacted by distancing themselves from the Avengers and the action, and Rep. Glen Maxey who issued an apology to the anti-gay pastor. At this rate, some maintain, we could eventually "mainstream" the gay and lesbian agenda out of existence.

Widely reported on Sunday was the fact that Proposition 22, placed on the ballot by citizen peti-



"If they see this pass in a city as liberal as Austin... they will take us town by town by town across the state."—Mel White, author of "Stranger at the Gate," speaking in Houston last week

tion, passed overwhelmingly. An interesting side fact was left out of many of these reports. According to political insiders in Austin, the election Saturday, May 7, had the second largest turnout of any in the city's history!

Yet, in its aftermath, Tim Weltin, executive director of the Travis County Democratic Party was quoted by the Associated Press as saying, "We are not in the throes of a conservative death grip."

"Our polling found that it was not an anti-gay bias, it was a bias against people living together in unmarried situations," Weltin said.

Oh?

The forces behind Proposition 22, while declining to gay-bash and concentrating on the so-called economic inappropriateness of insurance for domestic partners during the cam-

campaign, made no secret in their own rightspeak campaign to their confused, religious target audience of the dangers posed by recognizing gay rights. They won the election, in the words of Texas' leading gay rights lobbyist, "Simply put, (because) they lied."

"It's a setback, but I believe it's only a setback...we learned a lot in this election," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby. The Right Wing group Concerned Citizens of Austin, she said, "distributed literature about the cost of the plan (filled with) flat out lies. They gave the churches false information, and every church was involved (in the campaign)...they offered car washes and barbecues at the churches where there were polling places, to get their congregations out. It was unbelievable."

Last week, before the election and even as it was going on, also saw two very different speakers—one, a Dallas minister and former Right Wing advisor and speechwriter who has advocated "wearing our suits and ties" to march in Stonewall; the other, a militant-leaning AIDS activist—use forums in the Houston/Galveston to draw eerily similar comparisons between the tactics and propaganda of American Christian fundamentalists and those of Nazi Germany.

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## HGLPC president resigns, some board members follow suit

By SHANE PATRICK BOYLE  
*Houston Voice/Houston*

In the latest chapter of the infighting in the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, President Gary Van Ooteghem resigned his post last week.



Gary Van Ooteghem abruptly resigned before last meeting

Vice President Terri Richardson, who has stepped in as acting president, said she was "very surprised" by the letter of resignation she received on May 3. She said it was two page letter stating simply that he resigned and the post office box key was enclosed. Richardson said Tuesday, she plans to run for the vacant post and no other nominations had been presented at the time. If elected, this will be her second term as president in the past year. In September, she was elected to fill the remainder of Chris Bacon's term when he accepted a government job.

The resignation follows a three-month-long controversy, over allegations presented against board member Marion Coleman for possible violations of the Caucus' standing rules, which reached its pinnacle with heated debate at the March 3 meeting.

Van Ooteghem said, however, that his resignation was not related to the controversy over the standing rule. "I don't want to represent people this hateful," he said, explaining that he made up his mind before the outcome of the investigation.

This marked the second term and second resignation of Van Ooteghem who served as the Caucus' first president from 1975 to 1977.

"Back then, we met in bars" he said, "and we had the same problem of people yelling and screaming to get their points across, only everyone was drunk, so they had an excuse."

This time, the "yelling and screaming" centered around the standing rule prohibiting any HGLPC board member from endorsing a candidate who is running against a candidate endorsed by the Caucus. Marion Coleman was accused of violating this rule by placing signs, promoting Rosemary Garza in the Democratic primary race for County Criminal Court #15, in the yard and window of her business on West Alabama. Garza ran against Lee Wilson who had the HGLPC endorsement.

A committee, consisting of two former board chairs and all former HGLPC presidents currently living in Houston, met on March 23 to investigate the claim. Caucus members also brought forth claims that another standing rule may have been violated when Van Ooteghem accepted a paid ad for Garza's legal practice in the election issue of the newsletter and that he allegedly failed to follow correct procedure by hiring Coleman to print the newsletter without obtaining three competitive bids, but the committee's investigation focused on the signs.

Chris Bacon, one of the past presidents, said



Caucus VP Terri Richardson has stepped in as acting president

there was "some lack of clarity as to when the rules were," and the committee's purpose was to determine what the rules were and whether or not Coleman had adequate notice of the rules. Bacon was originally chair of the committee, but he stepped down to enter the debate.

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## Standing rule that sparked debate is now part of group's bylaws

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Coleman said the HGLPC was so "disorganized" that she could not determine what proper procedures were. She said she requested a copy of the bylaws before she announced her candidacy for a board position and did not have any problems with any of the bylaws. She said she was not informed of the standing rules and did not even know they existed.

The standing rule has since been added to the bylaws as a result of the committee's debate and no action was taken against Coleman.

"I would never have run if I knew it would cost me my First Amendment rights," Coleman said.

Terri Richardson said she thought the rule stating "No elected trustee or executive officer of the HGLPC can publicly advocate or support the candidacy of a candidate not endorsed by the caucus against an endorsed candidate," was "fairly simple," and did not see it as a violation of free speech. She said the rule was part of the group's "effort to get out the bloc vote," and not an attempt to discourage ideological differences.

Van Ooteghem, on the other hand, said, "Bloc voting is nothing compared to the First Amendment."

Bacon said "The First Amendment does not apply to organizations and corporations. It only applies to the government."

He explained this with an analogy comparing an HGLPC board member to a board member of Coca Cola. "If somebody worked for Coca Cola and drank Pepsi every time he was in public, Coca Cola would not stand for it, but if he kept Pepsi in his fridge nobody would care."

Van Ooteghem described the entire conflict as a "personal attack"

against Coleman, because she is a Republican.

Coleman said she has been frequently the subject of verbal attacks for having a George Bush sticker on her car. She said she is very liberal on social issues, but conservative on fiscal issues. She said she is working to change the Republican Party but sometimes supports Democratic candidates such as Garza.

"It is sad that they don't want diversity," she said.

She also said the focus on the "attack" shifted from her to Van Ooteghem, who is also a Republican, because of his support for her.

Ray Hill, a local activist and HGLPC member who was one of the former presidents on the committee, said the issue could be construed some as liberal versus conservative," but added "There were both on both sides."

Richardson said the group is in a "growing stage" as far as expanding to include gay and lesbian Republicans, but said the Caucus has always been non-partisan and has always tried to be inclusive.

Bacon said HGLPC has always made an effort in inviting Republican candidates to screen, but said the fact that very Republicans choose to screen could create the perception that HGLPC only accepts Democrats.

"When Republicans do screen, more often than not they do get the endorsement," he said.

"The battle concerns the democratic process and whether or not those in leadership will follow the mandates of the larger body," Hill said.

Another issue brought up in course of the debate in that HGLPC is not incorporate with state, because of failure to pay

franchise taxes three years ago. The matter was addressed in three letters written by attorney and former HGLPC member Madeline Sitzes.

The first letter was written at Van Ooteghem's request. He said he was concerned that individuals members of the board could be held liable in the event of a law suit, because HGLPC was not a legal entity, and said the concern was brought up because of the attempt to censure Coleman.

Bacon said the incorporation was only a technicality and that although there are advantages to being incorporated, the HGLPC does not have to be incorporated to exist as an organization.

Richardson said HGLPC accountants are looking in to regaining incorporation with state. She said it is "just a formality" that would only require paying the tax from the group lost its status and paying a filing fee.

During the three month conflict, one member of the Caucus wrote up orders of impeachment for Coleman and Van Ooteghem. Richardson said she saw the orders of impeachment, but they were never presented to the board or the members. Van Ooteghem said this had no influence on his decision to resign.

Hill said Van Ooteghem's resignation in 1977 was under similar circumstances. "The only lesson to be learned is that no lesson was learned," he said.

Van Ooteghem denied this and said he resigned the first time because of "burn-out." He said his first resignation was "rejected" because the members wanted him to stay.

Players on all sides agree that too much time and energy was devoted to the conflict.

Bacon called the matter a "tempest in a teapot," and said it "consumed Van

Ooteghem's presidency the way the Whitewater affair is consuming Clinton's," but added that Van Ooteghem was partially responsible for not mediating the issue himself.

Richardson said it was "definitely a distraction," but said the Caucus is moving beyond it. "The more we have to do, the less time we have to focus on differences," she said.

Hill said the "real cost was in March," because the debate snapped the HGLPC's "energy to effectively conduct a primary campaign." He also said it resulted in the Caucus making no recommendations on the May 7 school board election "even though there were several endorsable candidates." He said two of those candidates made it into the run-offs without any help from HGLPC.

Van Ooteghem called the timing "tasteless," and said the charges could have waited until the election. He said those bringing charges were acting on emotion and if they had waited they could have handled it "without yelling and screaming." He also said three members who joined during the March 3 meeting asked for refunds at the end of the meeting.

Coleman said the charges were brought by a few individual "with no lives outside the Caucus."

Hill said HGLPC "needs to get back to regular business as soon as possible."

Richardson expressed optimism about the Caucus' ability to leap the hurdle, and said the recent retreat was very positive.

Van Ooteghem said, however, that he knows of at least four board members who will be leaving soon and he said similar struggles await whoever is president. Bacon also described the presidency as a "thankless job."

## ACT UP, other organizations hold rally in League City to protest Galveston County GOP's HIV quarantine resolution



Members of ACT UP stand behind a barbed wire fence to make a point at rally.

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

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At least 70 people gathered last Saturday at a park in League City to protest the Galveston County Republican Party for passing a resolution at its district convention in March recommending quarantine of HIV-positives. Members of ACT UP Gulf Coast, which sponsored the rally, were joined by the AIDS Equity League and other Harris County groups, as well as Galveston area activists and service providers.

Those who traveled from Houston were also welcomed at the site by placard-carrying Galveston County Democrats, and one member of the Galveston GOP, who said

she had argued against the resolution, also came to show her support for the group. Despite rumors of a possible disruption by an anti-gay element, there were no counter-demonstrations; the rally passed smoothly and without incident.

The resolution, passed March 36 at the Galveston County GOP convention, calls for "a quarantine of HIV carriers until a cure is found so

that the general population can be protected for the spread of this disease." It also calls for the identification of HIV carriers and the tracing of their sexual partners.

"This resolution advocates the most extensive isolation of a special population since the shameful incarceration of Japanese Americans during the second World War," said Keith Stewart of ACT UP, noting that based on the Centers for Disease Control's most conservative estimates, more 1.5 million people are HIV-positive. To determine who is HIV-positive, said Stewart, would further require testing of 250 million people. "The Galveston County Resolution

shows what happens when empty minds are mixed with fresh salt air," he said.

Houston activist Brian Bradley compared the Republican delegates who passed the resolution with the Nazis of 1930's Germany, and the current political and social climate with the conditions that surrounded the rise of Hitler's Third Reich. But he couched his comments as a terse warning, not just to the largely gay audience, but to the warriors of hate on the other side: if history repeats itself, you too will learn a lesson.

"Justice is not given. It is only taken. Its only variable is which side of the equation you will be on," Bradley said. "...When you come to quarantine us, when you come to lock us away (or) euthanize us, some of you will go with us."

Joining the activists in decrying the resolution was Pat Jackson, who introduced herself as a precinct chair of the Galveston County Republican Party. Jackson said the problem was a Radical Right stranglehold on the county and state GOP that developed "While the normal people in our party were sleeping."

"This (resolution) sort of woke us up," she said, referring to Republicans in the area who do not identify with the Radical right. "The trouble in our party is that the normal people tend to keep going along, think-

ing everything is going to be fine. And they (the Radical Right) use that...they use democracy against itself."

While leaders of Log Cabin have said the resolution has little chance of passing at the state convention, Jackson said she believes the opposite is true. "It has a very good chance...the Radical Right has already stacked the convention with its delegates and alternates, it's too late to change that," she said.

The rally was held in the mid-day heat on the same scorching Saturday that voters in Austin overturned a city policy that extended benefits to the domestic partners of heterosexual and homosexual city workers.



GOP delegate Pat Jackson: "We were sleeping"



## Gay Americans can learn from what happened May 7 in Austin

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From KEVIN WHITE  
Houston, Texas

On May 7th, 1994, Austin, Texas city employees lost their right to domestic partnership benefits. We all felt the hurt of those election results, and I feel we can all learn from what happened and move forward even stronger in the future.

As gay Americans we all have a responsibility to participate in the political process if we are to ever see true equality of human rights. But, what does that mean? Many of us have our own fears that hold us back. Many of us react in extremes that insult the very people we hope to show that we are deserving of equal rights.

What happened in Austin was a lesson in politics. First childish pranks (while they are cute and may be well deserved) harm the cause rather than strengthen it. Second we have to spread the word and let people know the facts at every level of society. Gay America is now deep in the politics of gaining our rights and we must push forward to stop the RRR (Radical Religious Right) from deteriorating our God given rights.

On the first point I would like to point that many people have feelings of being sympathetic to us because of the abuse, persecution, hate, and bigotry heaped on by those who are extreme (i.e.; the RRR and their supporters). Many of those people have felt the same from the RRR although maybe not quite as focused. However when cow manure was dumped by Gay Americans on a church many of these people may have switched their view and voted against Austin's human rights. The RRR then had more fuel to add to the false view of gays and could then point to it and saw "see" what they continue to do... We cannot stoop to the level of the bigots we must rise above that. We are now in the big league and must play big league (mature not manure) politics.

On the second point that we must let people know where we stand. This

can be done in very simple ways. We do not have to put on a pink tattoo and run up and down the halls screaming "I'm queer. Accept me, I'm here." Far from it. If each of us would tell one person (preferably straight) that we are very close to that we are Gay Americans and what it means to have equal rights, like domestic partnership, then more people would have information to decide to vote in favor of Gay Americans. More people would also see that the RRR rhetoric is completely unjustified and a lie. More people would fight with us for our rights. More of us would see that we are accepted by straight people and begin to feel more a part of the mainstream. I hear so many times that Gay Americans want someone to fight for their rights at a national level. As with any political machine we must start a base level, our own backyard. As we come out to people one at a time we strengthen the knowledge that dispels the myths put out by the RRR and other bigoted organizations. As we begin to take more pride in our own community the national level will fall into place. In Austin there may have been people that actually knew someone gay. But these people did not vote in favor or domestic partnership rights simply because they were not aware that person they knew was gay and deserve the basic dignity of human rights like domestic partnership benefits. They didn't know that they voted against someone they love.

Austin and other places are being forced to vote on God given basic human rights. In the 50's and 60's if people were asked to vote on whether Black American's should have human equal rights the chances are that the vote may not have been on the side of human rights. We are facing the same here. It takes effort from Congress and we must make them aware (write, fax, call your congressmen). We must now project an image that those who are not part of the RRR will see that we are part of the mainstream. We must tell people what it means to be gay and let them know us as we are. We must stop the Radical Religious Right and all of its lies.

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## Gay student leaves Maryland high school because of harassment

BERLIN, Md., Friday, May 6 (AP)—A gay high school student says she is dropping out because school officials have not done anything to stop harassment by her fellow students.

"I'm really upset with the school. They have done nothing," said 17-year-old Jennifer Canard.

She now plans to get a Maryland high school diploma through the General Education Development, or GED, program and go on to college, where she hopes her fellow students will be more tolerant of her sexual orientation.

Her mother, Debbie Hindi, said she was disappointed by her daughter's decision to quit school, but could support it because she will be getting a diploma.

Despite the difficulties, Ms. Canard said, "I don't have any regrets."

"I just know that every day I go to school and I don't want to be there. I know everyone around me is uncomfortable with me and it's best for me to leave," she said.

Ms. Canard announced publicly that she is gay after being criticized for

writing a favorable review of a book with a homosexual theme for the school newspaper.

At the time, the student paper's faculty adviser, the principal of Stephen Decatur High School and the school board stood by the article, saying it was an opinion piece and Ms. Canard was entitled to her opinion.

Messages left for Principal Anthony McNabb at the school and the county office Thursday were not immediately returned.

Worcester County Superintendent of Schools Terrance Greenwood blamed media reports of Ms. Canard's homosexuality for her decision to quit school.

But Ms. Canard and her mother said the media was not at fault.

"The media in general did not cause this," Mrs. Hindi said. "The source of Jennifer's problems were students. Period. What magnified it were adults in the school who made Jennifer feel uncomfortable."

Even as she was getting a signature from a teacher to accept her withdrawal from school, students in the class were loudly taunting her, Mrs. Hindi said.

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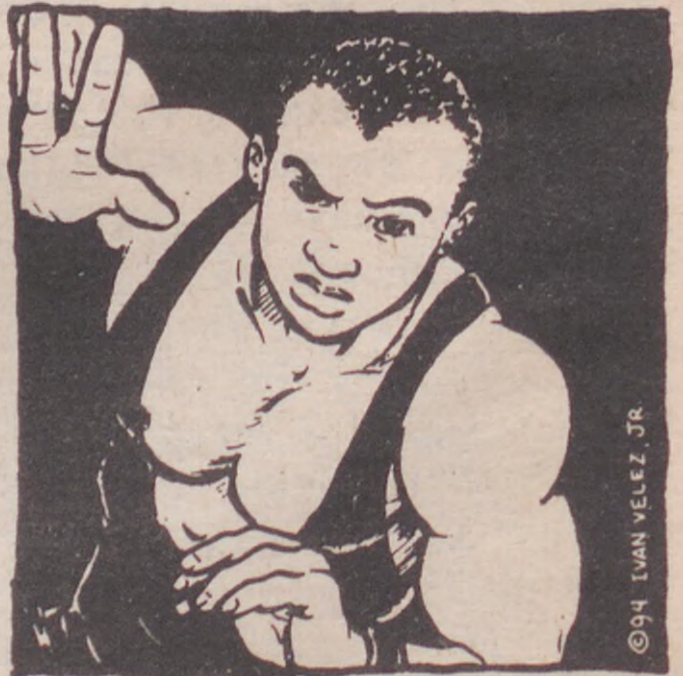
Neal Rayborn, 44, of Hope, Ark. lived from the early 70's to early 90's in Houston, passed away on Thursday April 21, 1994 in Little Rock, Ark. Neal was born in Magnolia, Ark. on June 23, 1949.  
Survivors include his mother, Elize Rayborn Allison of Texarkana, his brothers Bobby, Jimmy, Hershel of Texarkana, and Leo of Doddridge, Ark. His sisters; Betty Coker, Ethel Beatrice Ivey of Texarkana and Judy Johnson of Jefferson, Ark.  
Services were at 3:00 p.m. on April 23, 1994 at Texarkana Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wilkerson officiating. Burial at East Memorial Gardens.  
David and Bob of Dallas and Hank and Barry of Houston bid farewell and love from each extended family member.

Goodbye dear friend,  
Your extended family...

### ARTHUR CASTORENO

Arthur Castoreno passed away due to the complications of AIDS on April 25, 1994. He is survived by his soulmate Scott Robbins and babies Nina and Lobo.

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## S.F. based Project Inform to present HIV-AIDS Town meeting in Houston

HOUSTON, May 9, 1984—Martin Delaney of Project Inform will hold a town meeting on new HIV/AIDS treatments May 16, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Warwick Ballroom, 5701 Main Street. Admission is free.

Delaney, founding director of the national, San Francisco-based treatment information and advocacy organization, will be speaking on the latest in treatment for HIV and AIDS. He is one of the nation's recognized AIDS treatment activists, with appointments to national advisory groups such as the Institute of Medicine's AIDS Roundtable and the National Institute of Health's AIDS Research Advisory Committee. Delaney's writing has appeared in the Journal of AIDS, the Journal of Infectious Diseases, and he writes a regular column on HIV for The Advocate.

Project Inform has initiated a nation-wide effort to stem the tide of hopelessness that followed the International Conference on AIDS in Berlin, last June. Dubbed the Hope Tour, Project Inform will be conducting its successful Town Meeting Model in the 20 US cities that have been most highly impacted by the AIDS epidemic.

Developed in San Francisco in 1985 to inform the HIV affected community about the latest in treatments for HIV, the Town Meetings have continued to play a vital role in Project Inform's effort to provide information and hope to all people living with HIV, their care providers, families, friends, and loved ones. The Meeting usually lasts approximately two and 1/2 hours, and the format covers the latest in HIV and immune based therapies, recent information into HIV pathogenesis, nutrition and complimentary therapies, and national scientific and political effort towards effective treatment for HIV.

Project Inform has found through surveys of the meeting's attendees: people left the meeting feeling much more hopeful and empowered to do something about their health; people became more likely to

access the variety of local services available to them and most found the meeting's questions and answers period a safe and informative place to address their concerns about treatment.

This meeting is being co-sponsored by Houston Clinical Research Network and Bering Community Service Foundation. Houston Clinical Research Network, an affiliate of the Montrose Clinic, is a non-profit, AmFAR funded, community clinical trial site that seeks out and studies promising experimental treatments that may help people with AIDS to stay healthy and fight disease. Currently, HCRN has enrolled over 1000 patients in a total of 23 trials, and has contributed findings that have led to the approval of three new drugs for HIV by the FDA. In addition, HCRN keeps Houstonians abreast of local treatment option through regular publications including Link, Clinical Trials listing and three Community Forums a year. The Bering Community Service Foundation is a non-profit organization that, since 1987, has provided an array of services to assist individuals infected with HIV/AIDS in Houston, Texas and the surrounding counties. The current scope of work serves over 2500 persons with HIV/AIDS annually and encompasses four core programs: The Bering Care Center, an adult day care facility, Bering Dental Clinic, offering a full range of dental services, Bering Emergency Financial Assistance, and the Bering Support Network, which includes group and individual counseling for persons with HIV/AIDS and their care givers, family and friends.

Project Inform is a community based, non-profit organization which currently reaches more than 70,000 people nationwide through toll free Treatment Hotline, regular publications including the PI Perspective and The Briefing Paper, local and national Town Meetings, and serves as a national advocate for effective treatments for people living with HIV.

## TELL 'EM YOU SAW IT IN THE HOUSTON VOICE

### Heywood 'Woody' McGriff, leading dancer, choreographer, dies

AUSTIN, Monday, May 9 (AP)—Heywood "Woody" McGriff, a popular dance artist and University of Texas associate professor, has died. He was 36.

McGriff died Sunday of an AIDS-related illness.

He left New York and a career with the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company in 1988 to accept a full-time position teaching modern dance at the UT department of theater and dance.

During his six years at UT, McGriff

juggled his administrative, teaching and directing responsibilities with a prolific freelance career that garnered international attention.

He performed locally as a guest artist with the Sharir Dance Company, Ballet Austin and his own productions of McGriff Solo Dance. His last public performance was at the Austin Festival of Dance in March.

A native of Massillon, Ohio, McGriff earned a bachelor of fine arts in dance at Ohio State University in 1980.

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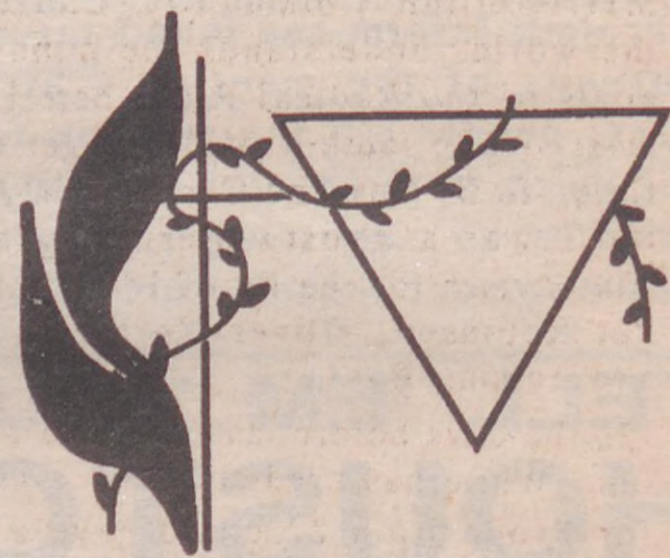
### EUGENE HARRINGTON

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officials who, in more ways than one, were never in his class. This long-time, tireless champion of the rights of gays/lesbians and people with HIV/AIDS left his mark on the mainstream media with an assessment, a few of years back, how the then-mayor and Harris County Judge divided priority issues between the city and county. "Kathy Whitmire took drugs," Harrington observed, "and gave Jon Lindsay AIDS."

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## International AIDS Memorial set for May 22; Houston event will be held at City Hall reflecting pool at 7:00 p.m.

HOUSTON, May 09, 1994—Our city will join over 240 in 45 nations in observance of the 11th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization on Sunday, May 22. The event, which began in San Francisco in 1983, honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS and demonstrates support for people living with HIV and AIDS. It is the world's largest annual community-based AIDS event. Caring people around the world, from Argentina to Zimbabwe, will gather in remembrance those who have died of AIDS, and in support with those living with HIV/AIDS. This year, for the first time, the event will be observed in all 50 states in the U.S.

In Houston, the memorial will be held Sunday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall Reflection Pond, hosted by the HIV Service Providers, Inc., a coalition of local organizations that provide services to people with HIV/AIDS. Participants will light candles, hear speakers including Charles Dominguez, president of HIV Service Providers Inc. and various individuals affected by AIDS, and hear perform-

ances by local choral groups. The scheduled observance closes with a candlelight procession around the reflecting pool.

The event, said coordinators, will also serve as an opportunity for the citizens of Houston to learn about the HIV/AIDS services offered locally, and about the volunteer opportunities the agencies have.

Rosie Garza, who recently lost a brother to AIDS and who will be among those participating in Houston, said of the event: "I can keep my brother's memory alive by helping others who are in the midst of their battle with AIDS in addition to supporting their loved ones going through the same ordeal I went through."

Event participants are encouraged to bring candles and cups to shield the candles from the wind; however, candles and cups will be available for those who cannot bring their own.

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization is coordinated under the auspices of Mobilization Against AIDS, a San Francisco-

based non-profit AIDS advocacy organization. MAA supplies event coordination kits to local groups, such as AIDS service organizations and churches, which then coordinate observances of the event in their cities. Local observances ranged in character from small gatherings in houses of worship to huge marches through city centers.

In some cases, organizers say, participation in the event has marked a community's first acknowledgement that AIDS is a local issue, as well as one that is national or global in scope. The event also offers leaders and elected officials an opportunity to demonstrate their support.

The Global AIDS Action Network, a new global AIDS advocacy organization, coordinates the non-U.S. observances of the event under contract to MAA.

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## How much of a threat is the Radical Right in Texas?

(Continued from Page 1)

Those who believe Texas, along with much of the nation and the world, is at least in the shadow of a "conservative death grip" have mounting evidence at which to point.

The Republican Party, state wide and at virtually every level, has recently been effectively taken over by its most extremist element. Moderates within that party have been forced aside by the highly organized Radical Right forces, who flooded the precinct conventions with their delegates, creating an invincible voting bloc to send to the state party convention in June.

That body will in turn author the party platform to which every GOP candidate, elected in every town that has always elected GOP candidates, will be asked to commit.

"In a capsule, the Religious right has established a core group (for the convention)...they were effective in getting their delegates to the precinct conventions, who now will go to the state," said Patrick Ball, president of Log Cabin Houston.

Dr. Mel White, now a minister with Dallas' Cathedral of Hope, the largest Metropolitan Community Church in the world, understands the minds and goals of the Radical Right better than most. White, author of "Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America," was a ghostwriter, biographer and adviser for the ilk of Jerry Falwell, Pat Robinson, Oliver North, and Jim and Tammy Bakker.

In the days before last weekend's election, White has predicted that a victory for Proposition 22 could have a domino effect. "If they see this pass in a city as liberal as Austin, it will give them an impetus, and they will take us town by town by town across the state of Texas," he said.

White, who came out a mere two years ago and remains naive enough to have stated, in a recent national television appearance, that most gays and lesbians would rather be heterosexual, nevertheless has become by virtue of his experience a recognized expert within the community on the strategies of the far Right Wing.

In a special appearance last week in Houston's Bering Methodist Church, White gave a chilling insight into not only the proliferation of extremist influence all across the country, but as well the pathetic response of gay men and lesbians, nationwide, in the face of a brash and astonishing campaign of undisguised hate aimed squarely at our community and our rights.

White said that as he has toured the country to promote his book, he has made

appearances on talk shows, where the hosts have matched him with a fundamentalist cleric in the area. When the fundamentalist mentions Leviticus 20, the Biblical passage that refers to homosexuality as an abomination and worthy of death, White said he responds by asking, "Do you believe it? Do you believe that I should be killed?"

"...And they say, 'Well, of course I believe it?' And I say, 'Then, who should do the killing? The church.' And they say, 'No, that's the CIVIL authorities' task. That's why we have to get these initiatives passed and get good men who fear God into office so they can do what the Bible says.'

"And so I say, 'Are you listening, Seattle? Are you listening, Miami? He just said that gay and lesbian people should be killed. What do you think?'

"And so I wait for the response. And the switchboard lights up...and all of the callers AGREE. All of the people who bother to call are agreeing that we should be put to death," said White.

Those who cannot see the hatred, even death, lurking behind the masks of civility of the Right Wing, and even those who don't respond because they do not wish to dignify their enemies' efforts, according to White, should take a look at history. "What struck me was when I went to the Holocaust Museum Washington, D.C. ...everywhere that I saw the word Jew, I substituted 'gay and lesbian' in my mind. Do this, and ask yourself how far along we are."

The same themes surfaced at a rally last Saturday in League City, organized by ACT UP Gulf Coast in response to the resolution passed by the Galveston County Republican Party supporting quarantine of HIV-positive persons.

However, Hardy-Garcia said while the rise of the state's Right Wing may be rightly regarded as a threat, the defeat in Austin will serve to galvanize the gay community, and other progressive communities, to respond more effectively to future threats.

"There was some good stuff that came out of this (campaign) too," she said. "We learned a lot. We learned, for example, that you can't trust polls...and that we have to be savvy about the ballot box, to focus on learning electoral politics."

"I think will be able to analyze this and next time, we will have guidelines. We trained people and we have some strong coalitions built."

"It's by no means over in Austin...we'll be back, and I think, much stronger," she said.

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**Q:** "If a person has accepted Christ as their Savior, but late in life willfully reject Christ, are they still saved? Will they reach heaven? Can you be "unborn?" I assume this applies to people who realize their homosexuality late in life--am I right?"

**A:** When a person accepts Christ as their Savior there are several things that happen. A person receives the gift of new life in Christ that empowers them to love themselves. The Bible tells us that "If any one be in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." (II Cor. 5:17) In Romans 5:1, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Sovereign Jesus Christ." "The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:5). We

also have hope which Peter talks about: "God...has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

All of this is promised to us in God's Word. We must read it and believe it to have it become a reality in our lives. When we go through difficult times in our lives, there are moments when we are challenged not to believe all that God has promised to us. This is the time when a person is tempted to turn away from Christ. This is a time when that person decides to learn for themselves what life is all about. It can be a scary time and a threatening time. But it can also be one of the most growth producing times. Even in a desert, God can still be waiting for us with an oasis. Even in the wilderness we can make several laps around Mount Sinai in rebellion, knowing that the land of Canaan is just a few miles away upon surrender.

One of the most critical times in the lives of gay and lesbian people is the "coming out" process. When a person has been a Christian most of their life and suddenly discovers their sexual orientation, it can be for some a conflict of interest. If a person has had prejudiced teaching by those who have "proof texted" the scriptures, they will find themselves having to make a choice. They feel they must choose between God and their sexual orientation. Let me first say that the word "saved" in the Greek means "to deliver" or "to set free" from something. For a gay or lesbian person, coming to Christ and to terms with their sexual orientation can be a real freeing experience. The only conforming that we are called to do is given to us by the Apostle Paul, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--God's good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:1,2).

For a person who has rejected Christ, it may be for a season. God's grace allows us to wander in the desert or wilderness to come to the conclusion that God already knows: "God will never leave or forsake us" (Hebrews 13:5) We just have to simply decide when we will come home. And just like the prodigal child, God will be there for us. It is not up to us to decide a person's status with God. We can only pray for a quick recovery from a wilderness experience. Just as the prophet Isaiah said, so it is with us: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they will not flow over you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, not even the flame will hurt you--for I am the Sovereign, your God. I have redeemed you (bought you back) and called you by name--You belong to Me!"

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## Miss Camp America grant recipients announced; Endowment Foundation thanks community

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From **PERRIE DOLPH**  
Vice President, Community Affairs, Miss Camp America Foundation

On behalf of the patrons of the Miss Camp America Foundation, Inc., I want to express a sincere "Thank You" to the organizations that submitted the information to help the Charity Committee select our 1994 AIDS related charities.

After lengthy consideration the charity committee selected from 23 applicants five Houston AIDS related organizations as recipients of this year's grants to be awarded on Sept. 17, 1994. They are: The Colt 45 Troubleshoot, Houston Names Project, PWA Coalition of Houston, The Assistance Fund, and The Pet Patrol.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to award all twenty three groups that applied this year. However, we would appreciate you applying again next year.

We extend our best wishes to all the organizations in our community for their outstanding service. We hope you will join us for our major fund raising event, the 26th Annual Miss Camp America Pageant on Sept. 17, 1994, sponsored by the Miss Camp America Foundation, Inc.

### Thanks For Support

From **ORAN T. O'REILLY**  
President/Chair, Community Endowment Foundation

Community Endowment Foundation, Care Images and Swehla House has truly had a busy March and April 1994. Many opportunities have come our way. A special showing of Jeffrey at Stages Repertory Theatre on March 8th, a humongous yard sale on March 25th and 28th and an Art sale April 22nd and 23rd have really kept us hopping.

We now want to stop and Thank the many people who supported these events. The funds raised have been a tremendous help in meeting or planning for unbudgeted expenses in continuing our mission to increase the supply of affordable housing for the HIV/PWA community. The rehab of 2516 Mandell Avenue will be starting soon and we expect to be receiving tenants in 1994.

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## Two Texas Wrongs, reason to rally at Stonewall; former GLPC board member explains resignation

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From LINDA MORALES

Houston, Texas

The recent rejection of the 'domestic partners' policy in Austin, Texas and the refusal of the Texas Supreme Court to hear the challenge to Texas Penal Code 21.06 are reasons enough to galvanize our efforts during this celebration of Stonewall 25.

Austin, Texas, district home of the first openly gay Texas legislator, implemented a program to provide insurance benefits for the unmarried "domestic partner" of city employees but voters recently overwhelming voted to repeal that policy. The Texas Supreme Court in its resistance to hear arguments concerning the challenge to the "homosexual conduct law" declared the case was not within the courts jurisdiction. Both situations have many in the lesbian and gay community wondering where do we go from here.

During the festival of Stonewall 25, many cities across the United States are gearing up to celebrate lesbian/gay pride week events, but what really is the purpose of this happening? Is it all partying and fun only? Well not to sound like a party-pooper let me say that for many years, I, too, have basked in the gaiety (pardon the pun) of this annual event. But now older and few gray hairs wiser, I ponder how we, as a community, can build on the significance of this event. And because, I am getting older, I want to encourage our youth to carry forth the intention of gay/lesbian pride in a manner that is meaningful and nurturing for all our communities.

Many before me have given to our community and have worked hard to bring us to where we are. But the reality is we still have a long way to go. The fight against AIDS continues, many of our sisters are battling breast cancer,

alcoholism and drug addiction are not immune in our community and racism and sexism continue to permeate. Yes, we have our hand full and the answer may lie in how we cope with these obstacles internally, first.

Our community is a community with many subcommunities of different subcultures. But the binding factor is that we all want to be treated with human respect and dignity. Does that sound foreign? Comprehend? Are we asking for too much? No, I don't think so. But because we are a subcommunity within a larger and probably heterosexual majority population (some might argue with me on this one) it seems we have to work harder and harder for simple requests...the opportunity to avow human respect and dignity to each other. And yes, we should extend that to everyone else, friend or foe. Ah! But I'm also reminded of the bigger picture, what restrains our community from attaining those human rights? The answer is...Politics. The adage, "the political is personal and the personal is political" makes for conversation in our community. And, I am of the opinion, that we need to get involved politically. Oh yes, I've heard many adamantly assert, "I hate politics." Well saying you hate politics, to me, is like saying, "I don't care what happens" and I really believe we do care, but there are some who are self-destructive and I guess nothing really matters. But if you care about the wrongs and rights of this world, like the right to love whom you want...you should be involved. That's reality. So during this special time of pride, take pride...exhibit pride: register to vote and vote, send a financial contribution to a favorite candidate or speak out at a city council "pop-off" meeting. Which ever way you can express your pride, on something that matters to you, do it. Just do it. Now that's politics. And remember...Don't leave home without it.

Happy gay/lesbian pride to you and to all a good time!

(Linda Morales was the lead plaintiff in the challenge to Texas Penal Code 21.06, "Morales et al vs, the State of Texas).

### Why I Resigned

From KENNETH P. WILK

Houston, Texas

For the last year I have been a member of the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus. In January of this year, I was elected to it's board of directors. Today I resigned from it's board and membership.

As a board member I limited my comments. Now I would like to speak plainly.

During my 14 years in Houston's gay community, I've seen a lot of good and a lot of bad. The best thing I've seen within this community has been our fight against AIDS. Our people showed me what our community is capable of doing when working together. I saw compassion, kindness and incredible acts of courage. This is the part of our community that makes me proudest to be gay.

Unlike that, I've seen hatred, intolerance and ignorance at recent HGLPC meetings. The tone of these meetings are not unlike a Nazi party rally in 1930's Germany. And I feel like a Jew would have felt if they were at one of those Nazi events. The truth is spoken and lies are shouted. These caucus meetings are filled with tempers flaring and lots of shouting. There is very little speaking at these meetings.

Many of the best people from within our community will have nothing to do with the caucus. Friends had warned me that it was a hating place run by nobodies with big egos. They were right.

I rejected this advice and did my best to work toward making the caucus a credible organization. This, my friends, just ain't going to happen!

Let's look at the facts: The Houston gay community is well over 100,000 strong...the caucus is less than 180 members strong. The HGLPC is not a legal entity. The HGLPC has not paid it's back taxes for years. The caucus fundraising is almost non-existent and there's very little money in the bank. This list could go on and on.

This group doesn't seem to want to deal with these minor problems. They would rather attack members of the caucus for exercising their 1st amendment right to free speech and expression. The vocal minority of the caucus has taken working control of the caucus. In the last week, we have had many board members resign. The president also resigned. There is a reason for these resignations.

This caucus no longer has any political credibility and would be lucky if they get their own mother to the polls. There is one thing we did right: our candidate screening process. But even that, they managed to screw up. For example, in major political races the candidate must screen in person to be considered for endorsement. So the governor of Texas, A U.S. Senator, or even the President of the United States must come in person to be considered. Who in the hell do these people think they are? We know who our friends and enemies are. If we don't, we know how to find out.

It is no wonder professional political consultants tell candidates to avoid the caucus like the plague. Its good advice! The caucus has become a paper tiger. This group needs to look in the mirror and do things that earn it respect. Not just demand respect without earning it first.

If you like politics, get involved in the campaign of the candidate of your choice. If you like party politics, join either party. But get involved.

If you are an idiot and enjoy abuse, there is always the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

## Statewide Washington poll bears bad news for advocates of gay rights

SEATTLE, Wednesday, May 4 (AP)—An initiative aimed at barring the state from granting civil rights to homosexuals has strong support among voters, a poll has found.

"This confirms what we've been saying all along," said Doug Burman, one of the principal architects of Initiative 608. "The great majority of citizens are against special rights for homosexuals."

The poll found that 47 percent of voters supported I-608, while 36 percent opposed it and 18 percent were undecided.

However, a second proposed initiative didn't fare so well. Initiative 610 is more sweeping and would prohibit the state from awarding children to gays and lesbians in child-custody proceedings. The poll found 38 percent of the voters supported I-610, while 43 percent opposed it and 19 percent were undecided.

The poll, conducted by

Elway Research of Seattle, was published Wednesday in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. It has a margin of error of 4.8 percent.

Charles Brydon, president of Washington Citizens for Fairness, an organization that opposes both initiatives, said his own polling confirms Elway's results.

"People are operating on information they've been programmed with since childhood on homosexuality," Brydon said. "We have a lot of education to do."

Lon Mabon, head of the Oregon Citizens Alliance and a principal organizer of I-610, said the poll bodes well for supporters of the anti-gay-rights initiatives.

"A lot of people are afraid (to tell how they will vote) because of the high level of intimidation generated by the homosexual community and the editorial pages of some newspapers," Mabon said.

"Those numbers are better than we ever had in Oregon, and realistically, we're probably winning."

Elway Research questioned 450 registered voters on April 18 and 19. The poll comes several months before most voters have started to give serious consideration to the November election and before either side has begun full-scale campaigning.

The proponents of each initiative need 180,000 voter signatures by July 8 to place the measures on the ballot.

"I wouldn't bet the farm on answers to questions in April," said Stuart Elway of Elway Research. "Other initiatives have had big leads early and then faded at the end."

I-608 was leading by 11 percentage points with a margin of error of 4.8 percent while I-610 was trailing by 5 points, according to the poll.

The polling trends were more pronounced among those

considered the most likely to vote this year—voters who have participated in three of the past four elections. In that group, I-608 had a 14-point lead, while I-610 was losing by 7 points.

Elway noted that poll responses can be dramatically altered based on how an initiative is described.

Respondents were told that both initiatives "would prohibit the government from establishing programs or otherwise taking action that could be deemed to promote homosexuality" and that they "would bar discussion of homosexuality in public schools and would not allow gays or lesbians to receive any rights or benefits solely on homosexuality."

I-610 "would add a provision to prevent adoption by gays or lesbians and would deny child custody to gay or lesbian parents in divorce cases."

In the meantime, the state Supreme Court has scheduled a hearing next Thursday on a motion by the state to dismiss a suit that seeks to keep the two initiatives off the November ballot.

The suit was filed by religious and civil-rights groups, including the Washington Association of Churches, the Women's Law Center, the American Civil Liberties Union and Rep. Cal Anderson, D-Seattle, the only openly gay member of the state Legislature.

The suit asks that the secretary of state be barred from placing the initiatives on the ballot and that both measures be declared "beyond the scope of the initiative process."

The state's motion for dismissal argues that although there may be a "clash of fundamental rights, it is best to first allow voters their choice, and then to assess the final product."

## College in the 90's: 2 PC 4 U?

### SCREEN SIDES

By VADA CARROLL

Houston Voice/Houston

Bashing PC appears to have developed its own level of PC tolerance, and this new trend (which some find ominous) has come full circle in a new movie currently running in Houston. Still, college-age cast members of "PCU"—an "Animal House" style sendup of hypersensitivity in the realm of academia—insist that the film is not intended to poke fun gays and lesbians or any other minority.

Sarah Trigger and Jon Favreau, zipping through Houston recently on a promotional tour for the "misunderstood" flick, asked slightly older reporters if they had visited a college campus recently. The pair—who say they feel they are PC—argue that the sensitivity overkill parodied in "PCU" is all too real as it relates to their own experience.

In "PCU," a renegade dorm sets out to defy the rigid and oh-so-correct behavior of its fellow students. The comedy draws its humor from the observation that the free thinking that was once encouraged on college campuses is being stifled by an excessive dedication to "correct" behavior.

The campus in the film, in fact, was based on an actual school, Wesleyan University in Connecticut, the alma mater of producer Paul Schiff and script writers Zak Penn and Adam Leff.

Both Trigger and Favreau say they've recently left behind campus

life not enormously, unlike that of the fictional Port Chester University.

"I come from a pretty liberal, PC family," says Trigger, elaborating, voluntarily, that "Quentin Crisp was one of my babysitters." Interesting enough, but what about the movie?

"I think we were actually pretty PC in our PC-bashing," claims Favreau. "The real villain—there were two villains, if you count the university president—but the real villain is a common enemy (of the fraternity and the rest of the school). He's the extreme, right wing character played by David Spade.

"We weren't making fun of the causes, and I think that comes through...we were making fun of extremism, on all sides. The message is that a little tolerance is needed all the way around. It's a battle between humor and the humorless."

Another point, they note, is the isolation and confusion often felt by those feel who do not belong, at least not all the way, to any group. The character played by Trigger is allowed the feel the range of this confusion, something the actress says she knows is very real.

In spite of these assurances, it's a safe bet—I suspect, even an expectation of the producers—that someone will be offended by the material. Which group is offended, say the actors, "will depend on which decides to be the most sensitive."



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## NGLTF, International Gay-Lesbian Human Rights Commission to co-host symposium at Stonewall; AIDS Cure legislation re-introduced

### INFORMATION AND ACTION FORUM

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Fight the Right Project will join forces with the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission to address a global problem during the Stonewall 25 observance in June. The organizations will co-host a symposium titled "The International Rise of the Right Wing."

The event will feature a panel of international speakers who will address the rise of Right Wing extremism in Europe, Central and South America and Islamic Countries, as well as the exportation of U.S. Right Wing extremism to other countries.

The event will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 1994 at Washington Irving High School, 40 Irving Place (one block east of Union Square) in New York City. For more information, call Sue Hyde, Fight the Right Organizer, (617) 492-6393; e-mail to sjhnglrf@aol.com. (Source: NGLTF Activist Alert).

### AIDS Cure Act

Rep. Jerrold (Jerry) Nadler (D-NY), this week re-introduced legislation to establish a research initiative to

find a cure for AIDS. The AIDS Cure Act (H.R. 3310) seeks to establish a coordinated research effort to study and find a cure for the disease. First introduced in 1993 by Nadler, the bill has undergone a few minor changes, but the core is the same. The Act is a legislative codification of the AIDS Cure Project (also known as the McClintock Project to Cure AIDS), a proposal developed by the AIDS Cure Working group of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP).

While significant strides have been made in AIDS research over the past 13 years, there is a growing consensus among researchers and AIDS activists that the path to a cure is impeded by a research structure skewed toward profit and a highly competitive research environment that discourages cooperation among researchers.

A brief overview of the plan:

The AIDS Cure Project brings together a team of researchers to a centralized research facility with the express purpose of aggressively pursuing a cure for AIDS. The researchers, representing diverse scientific backgrounds, would be held to the same stringent ethical standards as government officials and would be required to avoid conflicting relation-

ships with private companies having a financial interest in the AIDS research effort. While the project encourages cooperation with pharmaceutical manufacturers, researchers would be given the power of "eminent domain," allowing them to seize promising treatments from private companies to ensure that potential curatives do not fall victim to board room decisions. (The National Institutes of Health is currently powerless to compel private companies to pursue promising research).

The AIDS Cure Act has been endorsed by over one hundred individuals and organizations, including Representatives Ronald Dellums (D-CA), George Miller (D-NY), and Major R. Owens (D-NY). Houston's ACT UP Gulf Coast has indicated they will seek the endorsement of a Texas representative in the coming weeks.

The national organization Lesbian and Gay Americans has launched its own campaign to educate the community about the Act. According to the GLA project's coordinator, the campaign will focus on building effective grassroots support for the bill, including lobbying, letter writing and phoning members of Congress.

More information about the AIDS Cure Project, including a copy of H.R. 3310, is available from ACT UP Gulf Coast, P.O. Box 66072, Houston, 77266-6072; tel. 523-9199. (Source: ACT UP G.C. press release).

To get involved with GLA's grass roots project for the AIDS Cure Project, call 1-800-889-5111. (Source: GLA Forum newsletter).

### Youth Suicide Bill

Suicide is one of the leading causes of death among gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, and several studies show that gay youth are more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual youth. Rep. Marty Meehan (D-MA) has introduced legislation to create a national commission on gay and lesbian youth suicide prevention programs, make recommendations to curb suicide among gay youth, and expand research. The panel is modeled on a state wide commission created in Massachusetts in 1992 to counsel the State Board of Education on discouraging harassment and discrimination against gay and lesbian students.

Encourage your representative in the House to co-sponsor Meehan's bill, H.R. Write to: The Honorable (Name), U.S. House of Representa-

tives, Washington, D.C. 20515. (Source: NGITF Activist Alert).

### Gay Exposure

The May 2 episode of NBC's television series "Northern Exposure" featured the wedding ceremony of the town's gay couple. Unfortunately, the producers opted to censor the obligatory post-nuptial kiss. Instead, the couple hugged after taking their vows. The story line reinforced the dubious (and stereotypical) connection between gay men and capitalist avarice. Moreover, the episode began with a warning that the show contained "adult" content (such warnings have never appeared when the series dealt with heterosexuality, of course).

Despite these criticisms the gay wedding episode was an obvious effort to affirm, rather than defame, our lives. In fact, Northern Exposure, which is set in a town named after a lesbian, has done more than most to affirm queer realities (and fictions).

Comments should be sent to Jeff Sagansky, President, CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., L.A. CA 90036, tel. 213-852-2345. (Source: Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/GLAAD Media Watch).

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Thoughts on crime and punishment in Singapore, and on the rise of the Right and social decline in America

*YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP*

By **LEONARD EARL JOHNSON**  
*Houston Voice/New Orleans*

Michael Fay is an 18 year old high-school student from Dayton, Ohio. As I write this, he sits (lies?) in the economically booming city-state of Singapore, bleeding from his behind.

He was flogged. He received four strokes across his bare butt, administered by a trained torturist welding a thin brine-soaked rattan cane. The cane fell as he lay naked, strapped to a post. His skin split and he bled. Scarring results from this.

The United States, the United Nations, and Amnesty International oppose flogging. They call it torture. It is. Civilized states world wide outlaw flogging.

Flogging came to Singapore as colonial justice during British rule (exploitation?). The Brits loved whipping their underlings. Remember those old pirate movies? Remember "Mutiny on the Bounty," and how Marlon Brando, pissed about the flogging of his men, set the sadistic old captain adrift in a little boat, and founded the present South Pacific island community of Pitcairn (incidentally, a true story).

Singapore's present rulers are very against graffiti. The crime of graffiti is what got Fay flogged. Graffiti was once used as a political-sloganeering device in Singapore.

Post-colonial Singapore forbids graffiti, and any criticism of itself.

Fay spray painted cars, without political intent. Matters, not said the orderly-minded City-state dictators he graffiti-ed: "Lay on the lashes, boatswain! Can't have an American scalawags messing up our police state!"

The head of this orderly police state even used the opportunity of Fay's flaying to point out the benefits torture could bring to economically depleted America.

America's right-wing cheered.

In America, with schools closing, and families living homeless amid crime and disease, is it surprising "conservatives" no longer understand the difference between fascism and freedom?

Above all else, America loves cars! Loves them more than young men's behinds.

Some wanted the flogging televised. Like prize fights. Sort of "pay per flay." Singapore, understanding the dangers of making their local torture an international spectacle, declined. Hey, money isn't everything, even in Singapore. Or maybe it is, perhaps they feared backlash?

With God's Ok, and approached with proper dignity, torture can be acceptable. Even fun. Remember the Inquisition?

With your God on your shoulder, whispering in your ear that torture is OK—hell, more than OK: good and worthwhile! A learning experience for us all! Of course it's OK.

So flail on to a better tomorrow. God knows best. After all, who's more connected in the Universe than God? Not weak-livered humanism!

And what is superior to "A Better Tomorrow?" Any horror is acceptable with God on your side, and "A Better Tomorrow" waiting as your just reward. And if not, what the heck, no skin off our butts. Or is it?

Maybe titillating pleasures of torture, and promises of an orderly tomorrow are really genuflections to the gods of darkness.

Maybe we are slouching back into slime. Maybe there is grave danger for all of us. Think about it.

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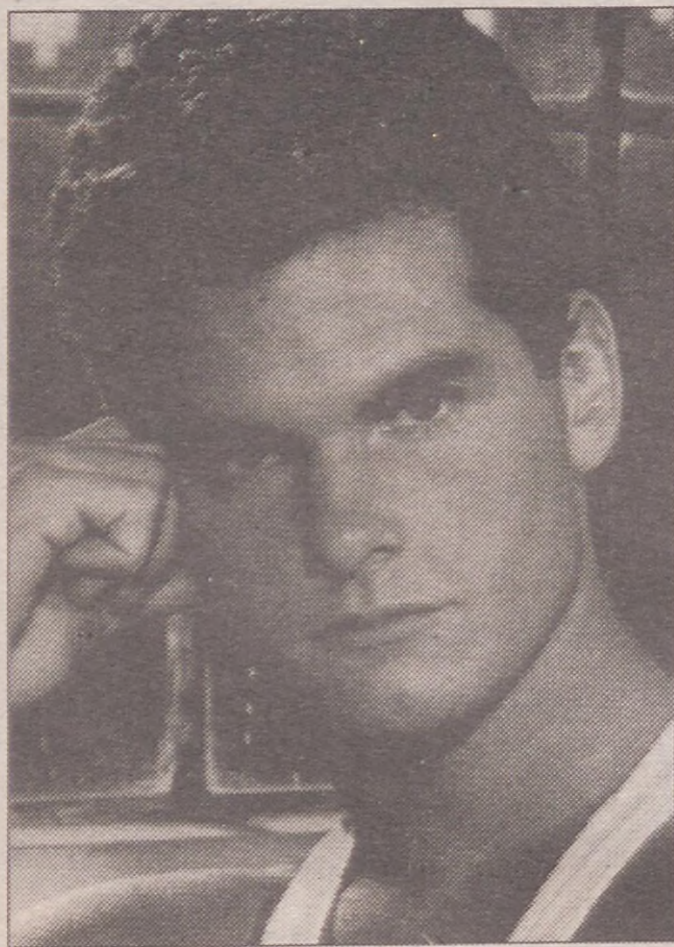
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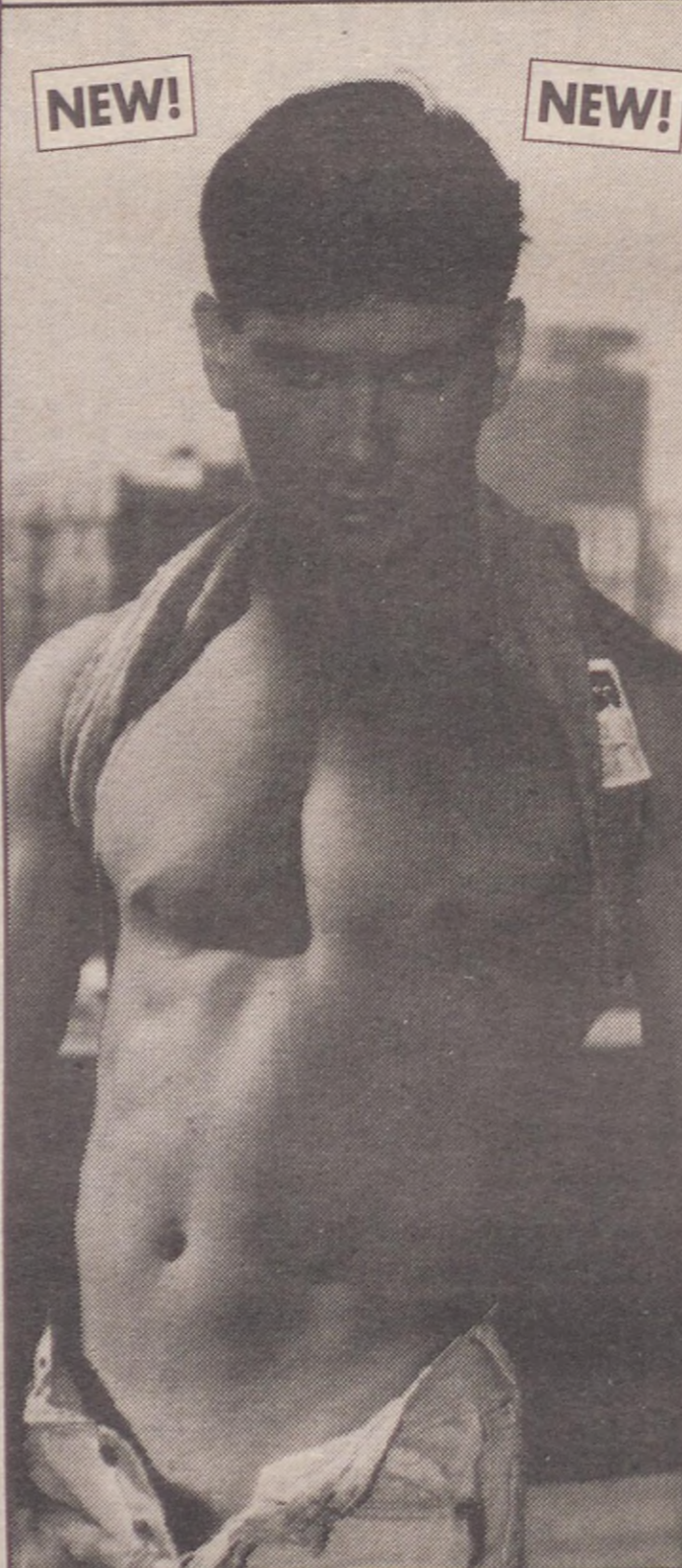
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**Univ. of Texas Medical  
Branch study: saliva  
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HOUSTON, Thursday, May 5 (AP)—Inhibitors that can block transmission of the AIDS virus are contained in human saliva, researchers at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston confirmed in a study published today.

The report in The New England Journal of Medicine may help explain why so few reported cases of the deadly disease have been linked to trips to the dentist's office.

In July 1990, the issue of AIDS in the dentist's office took on new urgency when the then Centers for Disease Control reported that a Florida dentist with HIV infected six of his patients.

A subsequent study of HIV-infected dentists found that none of 20,000 dental patients tested

positive for the disease.

The report gives more credence to studies showing it's unlikely that a healthy person can contract AIDS through dental work, even if heavy bleeding occurs.

Although UTMB researchers are corroborating existing research that suggested there's little risk of contracting the virus via saliva, one author of the report said their study builds a stronger statistical case for the assertions.

"If you put the two studies together, it looks like a very strong result," said Dr. Adrian Coppenhaver, a UTMB microbiologist who led the study.

Researchers now plan to turn their attention to the components of saliva that apparently block infection, Coppenhaver said.

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# Wayne County, Georgia passes anti-gay resolution

JESUP, Ga., Wednesday, May 4 (AP)—Wayne County Commission Chairperson Richard Madray said an anti-gay resolution is designed to "protect the health, safety and welfare" of county residents.

It's purpose is to make sure that no government money is used to support programs advocating a gay lifestyle, he said.

"I am not a supporter of homosexuals, lesbians and all that," Madray said Wednesday. "I believe in the old-time way. They can do their own thing, but I believe in the Bible and the Bible speaks against it."

The county of about 21,000 is in the southeast corner of Georgia, about 20 miles from the coast.

The commission, at the urging of the county ministerial association, voted four to one in favor of the resolution Monday.

Commissioner James Thomas voted against the resolution.

"I don't believe in singling out one group," said Thomas, assistant principal of Wayne County High School. "I also think this resolution is not necessary for Wayne County."

The county has never funded any programs that endorse a gay lifestyle, he said.

"There are so many problems we didn't address," he said. "We didn't address drug abuse. We didn't address teen pregnancy."

Thomas said the ministerial association proposed the resolution after hearing about a similar measure passed by the Cobb County Commission in metro Atlanta. Cobb County has since passed a resolution saying everyone is welcome there after a movement emerged to get Olympic volleyball out of the county in 1996.

Thomas said most residents he has talked to have agreed with his position.

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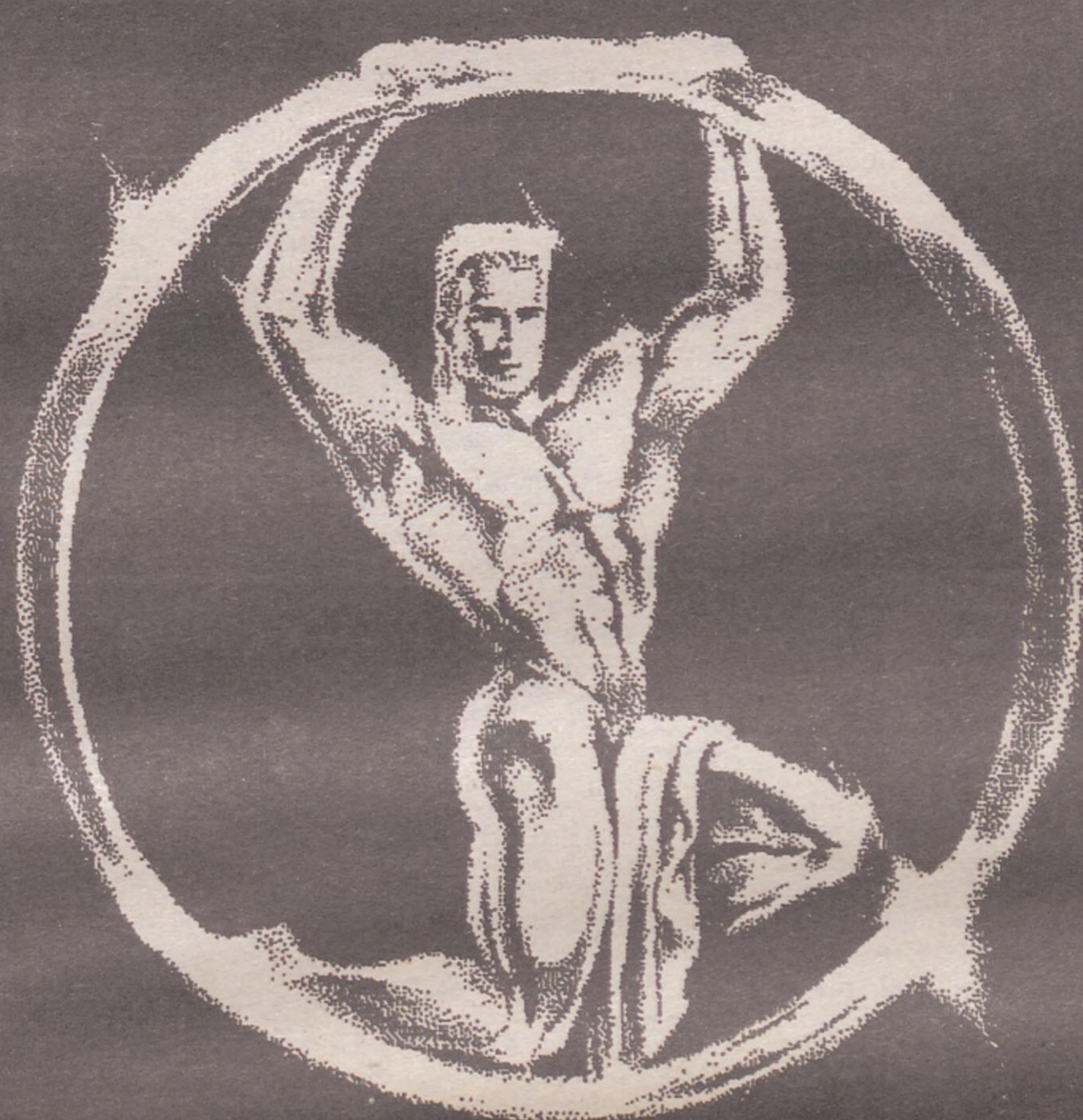
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## "LETS ENJOY LIVING!"

GBM, 41, 5'11", 190lbs., brown eyes, black hair, beard and moustache, receding hairline, HIV+, healthy. Open, honest, and easy going. I enjoy good conversation, evenings at home, movies, museums, dining out, computers, and travel. Professionally retired, I use my time for volunteer work and my own enjoyment. Seeking good natured, masculine men, H/W proportional, with similar interest for friendship, dating and other stimulating activities. Ad 25974

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## YOU MUST BE SINCERE FOR ...

consideration by this attractive, 43 y.o., hirsute, GWM, 6'2", 185lbs, br/hzl. I'm educated, professionally employed, good sense of humor. Enjoy home life, good friends, music, dinner in/out and occasional travel. You are 30-45 y.o., handsome, masculine, GWM, HWP, NS, DDF, employed, affectionate, relationship oriented, sense of humor, kind heart and sincere! Ad 25769

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## GWF

who is a mature, outgoing, humorous, positive minded, completely unattached, 30+ who loves to enjoy life. Maybe we can build a friendship into a possible relationship. (I'm also old-fashioned) If you are an intelligent GWF or GHF with similar or compatible interests, why not take a chance? We'll never know if there is a future for us unless you respond! Ad 25748

## "LET'S HAVE A DATE?"

Man to man, let's connect!! Well adjusted, high-spirited, good-looking, masculine, "well built", GM, 36, 6', 170lbs., gr/br, DDF, non-smoker/medium drinker looking for same to date/sleep with/be in a relationship with. I'm through with bars and attitude; Let's treat ourselves to a little intimacy, honesty, and adventure. I have multi-various interests...we have a lot to talk about... Please respond for more details. Ad 25759

## GWM

GWM, DDF, very good looking (42, 5'11", 165lbs.) non-smoker, in good shape, clean shaven, dark hair seeks same 25-45 for dating. Ad 25791

## ROBIN SEEKS BATMAN FOR INTIMATE ADVENTURES

You're assertive and considerate preferring a GWM that is kind and honest. Robin is handsome, slim and smooth, DDF, 41, br/br, 5'10", 165lbs, enjoys outdoors, nature and fine art. You're attractive, non-smoking with a lean, firm, muscled build. If you're the caped crusader wanting a dynamic sidekick, please respond. Ad 25745

## HELP! ALL MY FRIENDS ARE MARRIED!!

Attractive, single, professional GWF seeks other single professional GWF's to go out with. Looking to meet friends to camp, travel, go to plays, movies, play tennis etc. I'm recently single and not ready to move into the fast lane of dating or a relationship yet. Prefer to meet women on the fem or soft, soft butch side. Ad 25755

## QUALITY OLDER SEEKS QUALITY YOUNGER!

If you are young, slim, healthy, not addicted to alcohol/drugs, and would enjoy gay fun times with a mature WM who is decent, sincere, sensitive, and will treat you right, I would like to meet you. Ad 25947.

## WANTED FEMININE WOMEN!

Two medical GWF students want hip-hop, jazzy/class friends. If you enjoy clubbing, music, traveling, shopping or just like hanging out with good conversation give us a response. Older women welcome! Ad 25777

## DAYTIME FUN

GWM, 35 seeks aggressive WM for fun times. Mornings or afternoons. My place or have car will travel. Ad 25790

## SCORPIO LOVERS ARE WONDERFUL MAGIC MAKERS

GWM, 6', 190, br/br, handsome, distinguished, professional, well-educated, and traveled, socially and financially secure, in search of a drug/smoke free masculine GWM 30+. Healthy, happy, honest, sincere, romantic, fun-loving guy. One who enjoys dining by candlelight, quite evenings at home, "black-tie affairs," old movies, opera, theater. Most important loving and being loved and wanting a long term monogamous relationship. Ad 25275

## WELL ENDOWED, HEALTHY, MASCULINE CUTE GWM

outgoing, DDF/NS wants to meet other(s) the same for friendship and safe fun. If you are well-endowed, masculine, attractive, under 45 years of age, weight in proportion height, outgoing, not into S & M, DDF/NS, and want to meet the same respond to Ad 25749.

## ACCOMPLISHED PROFESSIONAL SEEKS YOUNGER MAN

40ish GWM, grad school educated, healthy, HIV+ seeks attractive younger man in Houston for serious relationship. I'm 6'2", 190, br/bl, masculine. Women tell me I'm handsome. If you are the boy-next-door looking for an honest, loving and accomplished man please respond to Ad 25976

## WANTED: BEAUTIFUL HISPANIC FEMALE!

GWF seeking beautiful, feminine Hispanic lady 23-30 interested in a monogamous relationship who enjoys Tejano music and going out for a good time. Also must be family oriented. Ad 25789

## SUBMISSIVE MEN!

are sought by Houston man (44, 5'9", 180, hairy, aggressive, demanding). Seeking 21-48, masculine, any race. I travel on business so out-of-town replies are welcome. Ad 25134

## GWF 30ish

Looking for one that is kind, gentle and mature who likes to spend time together doing things on weekends and occasional evenings. Not looking for the serious, just friendship possible lite romance. I'm an average person in mind, size and looks. If you live out of Houston please feel to answer also. Ad 25753

## DAD FOR DISCIPLINE

30's WM, 5'7", looking for stern old fashioned dad. Mid 50's a plus to administer punishment/discipline. Ad 25793

## LOOKING FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES

We are in our late 30's looking for singles and/or couples for safe fun. We are both DDF. Serious replies only. Ad#25709

## IN THE ARMS OF LOVE, FRIENDS ...

Professional, GBM, 40ish, height/weight proportionate, HIV+ with a positive attitude and good health. No mind games, just honesty. Enjoy walks, music, movies and quiet times at home. You: GSM, GHM or GWM, honest first, sensitive, warm and emotionally strong. Let's see what happens! Ad 25758

## YOU'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS TOO?

Have a partner -but want to play around safely with others (singles or couples). I'm a GWM, great-looking, athletic, 6ft. tall, 190lbs., muscular, healthy. Not interested in relationships -just fun. Will consider guys 21-40, any ethnicity. What are you waiting for -this is what you've thought about too! Ad 25531.

## WANTED: HOUSEBOY/SLAVE

GWM couple seeks GW/B/HM slave/houseboy for live-in household duties and TOP bedroom position. Prefer endowed, multi-orgasmic, TOP boy to safely serve to masters. Applicants must submit shirtless/swimsuit photo and resume detailing abilities and expectations/willingness of his servitude. If you can meet our needs your needs will be met. 25911

## AFFECTIONATE GM SEEKS SAME!

24 yr. old GBM, 6all, slender, cute, boyish looking. Interests: theater, politics, jazz, mythology, opera, eating out, history, books, conversations, writing, art, cd shopping, bookstore browsing, handholding, hugging and cuddling. Seeking gentle, affectionate GM (age 23 or older) for friendship, possibly more. Any race. NO REPUBLICANS. Ad 25786

## HEY, I KNOW YOU!

You're a GWM 30's to 40's, smart, stable, secure, masculine and healthy. You have integrity, wit, optimism and charm. This GWM, 36, 6'2", 175, br/bl is all the above plus compassionate, comfortable to be around, upbeat, adventurous and an extrovert. If you're who I think you are, respond today! Ad 25716

## SMALL TOWN GUY/HAIRY, FRENCH, SAFE

Attractive Latin guy 32, 5'9", 165lbs, muscular, travels to San Antonio/Houston. Like to meet healthy GHM/GWM for friendship and safe times. Prefer in shape hairy blonde with similar attributes. Above average endowment/circumference -DDF. Ad 25760

## WANTED: LESBIAN FRIENDS

GBF 41, independent, stable, sincere, seeking friendship with other GF's who find it difficult to meet anyone in the bars. If you are reading this ad you might be having the same problem. So why not call me! We could both gain a new friend. Ad 25974

## ATTENTION -NUDIST

GWM, 45, 5'6", 142#, br/hazel with salt and pepper beard, DDF, smoker and a nudist. This nudist would like to get together for social non-sexual encounters. Just the enjoyment of viewing each other's bodies. Ad 25772

## I WANT MORE!

Single GWM seeks singles and couples for safe fun. I am blonde/green, 5'7", 135lbs, good looking and well-endowed. If interested, please respond now. Ad 25754

## SLAVE TRAINER NEEDED!

Proud Prince (BiWM), 38, 155, blond/blue, athletic, not into leather bars) used to having his way in life. Wants to learn more about self through slave training from attractive, clean cut, healthy, 35-45, experienced in and understanding need for consensual slave training & bondage. No leather bar types. Ad 25795

## SEEKING AFFECTIONATE GENEROUS GENTLEMAN SUGAR DADDY

Tall, healthy, sensual, affectionate, fun, friendly, athletic, stable, ambitious, sincere, out-going, handsome, blond, varied interests. You: fit, height/weight proportionate, affluent, very generous gentleman. Able to give: affection, fun, friskiness, contributions, gifts, travel, etc. Casual to serious relationship. Privacy, discretion, friendship, companionship assured. Let's fulfill each other's needs, wants, desires. Ad 25978

## GWM IS SEEKING ANOTHER GM!

In my 30's (look young), attractive, under 5'4' but well proportioned, BOTTOM, DDF, 125lbs., br/hazel, moustache, muscular with boyish looks. Super sincere and serious, honest, caring, affectionate and a non-smoker. Seeking an attractive, well endowed, aggressive TOP (35-50) with a very high libido, non-smoker, dark hair/graying okay, moustache or beard, w/h proportionate, masculine, DDF. Someone who has the time to spend with a quality person. A monogamous relationship is very possible. If interested please contact mail box 25741.

## LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT MAN

25-45, masculine, neat in appearance and at home, DDF, NS, (light drinker) who wants to share apartment in a peaceful, quiet, very luxurious atmosphere, with a mature person. Must be financially responsible and able to afford \$400 monthly for his part of rent and utilities. Ad 25700

GWM physician, 41, looks 35, feels 21, 5'10", 170lbs, attractive and in search of a special young man 18-30. Interested in a long term, monogamous relationship. Must be sincere, stable guy who knows what he wants. Enjoy movies, plays, travel, quiet evenings, eating out, etc. Prefer a non-smoker. I you're the right person, I've got a lot to offer. Ad 25796

## NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

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

## MAN TO MAN!

GWM, 38, independent, fun-loving person, romantic, passionate, aggressive, HIV+. Who is active and enjoys working out and living life day to day. Seeks GWM in shape (30 to 40) who would enjoy an evening of good safe fun...possibly longer. Ad 25780

## GALVESTON: LOOKING FOR SEXUAL BUDDIES

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

## OUTGOING, ATTRACTIVE, MASCULINE, PROFESSIONAL

seeks same GWM/BiWM for special friend and safe fun. I and respondent will have a great sense of humor, weight in proportion to height (or thin), DDF/NS, under 45 years of age, clean shaven (moustache okay), not into bars or S & M, and have time to spend with a new special friend. Ad 25011.

## CONROE - HUNTSVILLE

New to area. I'm a GWM looking to establish gay friendships in this area with stable, masculine men for socializing. I live in the Sam Houston National Forest. I love the outdoors, am a non-smoker, very light drinker and no drugs. I'm br/br, 5'11", 160lb . Let's connect. Ad 25792

## New York Yankees OK Gay Games closing ceremony at stadium

NEW YORK, Friday, May 6 (AP)—The New York Yankees agreed today to make Yankee Stadium available for the closing ceremony of the fourth Gay Games on June 25.

The team issued a statement saying concerns about potential damage to the playing field have been resolved and that it was honoring Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's formal request on behalf of the games.

Gay Games organizer Jay Hill said during negotiations that participants in the closing ceremony would not go on the playing field's grass, but would circle the warning track and then take seats in the grandstand.

The games, June 18 to 25, are expected to draw 11,000 participants to events at various sites in the city. The opening ceremony will be at Columbia University's Wien Stadium.

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Houston **SHOWER ME:** 21 yr old Latin guy, 5'11", 160, clean cut. I am cute and like cats, music. Seeking a daddy who would like to dance and go to the movies. #27585

Houston **PEDAL PUSHER:** 5'8", 150, blonde and blue. Seeking a guy who likes to ride bikes and workouts. Hry chest A+. #27458

Houston **I'M READY TO GIVE IT A GO:** 18 yr old WM, bi-curious seeks Mr. Right. Any race is OK. #27726

Houston **VERY CULTURED:** Seeking friends to share some action. French, Greek and groups. Call if interested. #27582

Houston **NORTH SIDE:** I am seeking any and all yng guys. Any race is OK. I aim to please. #27644

Houston **BLACK AT YA:** 6'2", brn hair, grn eyes and a stache. I love sports and having a GOOD time. Seeking a good looking, in-shape black male. Call me at home. #27860

Houston **THE RIGHT KEY:** College sophomore, violinist seeks a music lover. I love dancing and the quiet stuff. I hope to meet a special friend. #27917

Houston **I'VE BEEN BAD:** Seeking older WMs who are great administrators. #27819

Houston **CHOCOHOLIC:** Chocolate sought by 32 yr old Hispanic. Please 24-34 yrs old. #28304

Austin **WELL BUILT:** I am a gym rat, masculine and smooth. 5'9", grn/brn. I am sane and healthy and seeking a guy who can handle me. I have varied interests from music to the outdoors. #26627

Austin **YOUNG FUN:** 18 yr old, 5'10", brn/brn. Seeking an athletic guy into bikes, dancing and the clubs. #26836

Austin **BIG BROTHER:** 35 yr old WM top seeks smooth, slim guys. #26901

Austin **WHEN IN ROME:** I am 5'11", 170, brn/brn, rough top. #26919

Austin **NORTHEAST:** Blonde Swede, 6'1", muscular seeks guys for daytime fun. Black/Hispanic/Anglo preferred. #27006

Austin **STRIP POKER:** Cute GWM seeks others for Truth or Dare. #27054

Austin **COME ON OVER, BOYS!:** Seeking young Anglos, 18-30. Must like the outdoors, BBQs and music. I live on a ranch and would love to have you over. #27243

Austin **TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC:** 26 yr old is fresh to town. 6'2", 185, brn/blu. I am seeking new friends for fun times. I love dancing and going out. #27259

Austin **THE BEST OF TIMES:** 25 yr old seeks guys for a really good time. I am in shape, 6'1", 175, and lean. No strings meetings with this top. #26861

Austin **LOVE, BRUCE:** 32, Blonde; Looking for fun guys, going to clubs; looking for guys with similar interests #28110

Austin **DIVE RIGHT IN:** Blonde hair, blue eyes; like swimming 5'9". Looking for friendships. #28126

Austin **GHM:** 28, 5'8". Great bodied BTM with a dynamite tan seeks an older top who appreciates good legs. #28080

Corpus Christi **SOUTH SIDE:** 32 yr old guy seeks a yng man for a meaningful relationship. #28272

San Antonio **TALLER THE BETTER:** 25 yr old blk male, 6'3", 200. Seeking a WM, 20-30, tall A+. #26885

San Antonio **IT'S YOUR SERVICE:** Asian male, 31, 5'10", 160. Into movies, tennis and friendship. Seeking a blk male, 25-35, who is stable. #26997

San Antonio **FLEX-ABLE:** GHM, 30, 5'6", muscular. I am into jogging and am sexy and romantic. I am monogamous and seek an attractive guy, 20-40. #27193

San Antonio **YEE HAW:** Bi-WM, seeks a guy, 25-40. Hispanic cowboy A+. Hoping for a special relationship. #27627

San Antonio **I NEED A TOWEL:** Hot Latin stud with lots of muscle seeks guy under 25 who are good looking and ready for brief and swty encounters. #27735

San Antonio **WITH THE LIGHTS OUT:** 18 yr old, 5'8", blk hair seeks masc guys near his age. #27791

San Antonio **DO YOU WANNA DANCE?:** 27 yr old, overweight Hispanic seeks a guy, 18-30, to get wild at the clubs with. Please be a WM or Hispanic. Come see me at talent night. (I'll be the one with the dozen carnations at the Wild Club.) #27785

San Antonio **TOP GUNS WANTED:** 20 yr old, 6'3", seeks a GM for friendship and maybe more. Tops only pls. #28195

TX **SMALL TOWN BLUES:** These people have peas for brains! 6', green eyes, 46" chest. I am very attractive and masculine. I love horse back riding. #27534

817 Area Code **ZESTY:** 23 yr old, 5'8", 132, seeking a guy for a relationship. I am a lot of fun and love movies, skiing and dining out. #27223

817 Area Code **GRID-IRON GOD:** 26 yr old, 6'4", blonde smooth football player's build. I am into quiet times and a little water-sports. #27910

Austin **FLEX-ABLE?:** 47 yr old WM attractive, 5'8", 165, blonde and blue with a short beard. Seeking similar. Big muscles are A+. #25706

Austin **ROCK MY WORLD:** GWM, 29, new to area, 5'9", 180. Casual dresser/drinker/smoker seeks an outgoing loving cuddler for LTR. #26436

San Antonio **BLACK LIKE ME:** 39 yr old masc blk male seeks other black guys who are masc/slim/well-built, under 41. #20081

San Antonio **FIRE PELT:** 47 yr old attractive WM, 5'8", 165. Red headed btm seeks a creative top. I have a lot of love to give to the right guy. #25574

San Antonio **IT'S UP TO YOU:** Healthy 47 yr old WM, red hair, blue eyes. Seeking a dominant guy to take control. I like camping, hiking and the outdoors. #25706

San Antonio **SICK OF THE SCENE:** Masc blk male, 6'3", 180, discreet and seeking other masculine black males 35 or under. Please no bars. #20084

San Antonio **FOOT MAN:** 25 yr old Hispanic seeks young guys into feet. #25189

San Antonio **CALLING ALL OVER:** 20 yr old seeks guys over 25 for discreet fun times. #26233

San Antonio **MERRY MINSTREL:** 35 yr old bronzed organist wants to play your tune. Into swimming, shaving and all sports. #26486

San Antonio **GRAB YOUR BIG PHONE:** And call me. Great looking, 28 yr old, muscular construction worker seeks guys from all around to share the heat. #26551

Houston **MAY I TAKE YOU TO DINNER?:** Then a bubblebath, champagne, THEN...Call for romance and hot times. I am 39, bearded and stached. #20146

Houston **24 HRS A DAY:** 31 yr old, blonde and blue. Seeking Hispanic and Latino males. Call me at home ANYTIME. #25342

Houston **RACE IS OPEN:** 6'2", brn/grn, stache. Into sports, movies and a good time. Seeking a good looking dominator of any race. Call me at home. #25505

Austin **L.A. BOY TOY:** 25 yr old dancer with a swmmr's bld, 5'9", 130, clean shaven and boyish. Seeking an LTR with a 25-30 yr old. Into sports and the bar scene. #23646

Austin **BONDAGE BTM:** Seeking top men to use me as their boy toy. Call and restrain me/own me. #24893

Austin **COUPLE:** We are new to town, relaxed and easy going. Hoping to meet new friends. We are going to the Caribbean soon; join us? #25119

San Antonio **LET ME TRY MY NEW CAMERA:** 30 yr old Hispanic seeks a WM who is responsible and romantic. Let's have dinner and get to know each other. #23677

San Antonio **BONDAGE BTM:** I need to be restrained. I've got the time. #23855

Austin **CLUB SCENE:** 5'8", 160 bbuilder really into the clubs. Vers and discreet. #24906

San Antonio **THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO:** WM, professional, 5'9", auburn hair. Seeking guys 25-40 for friends and more. Call me at home. I love the outdoors and am very discreet. Don't waste your time alone. #24005

San Antonio **HOWDY PARDNER:** What's up? Into wranglers and big belt buckles. I am into the outdoors, riding, and being ridden. Just my boots and hat in the bedroom. #24439

San Antonio **BEST TEEVEE:** Seeking a man who is interested in the best TV around. Race is unimportant. I love travel and staying active. #24808

San Antonio **LET'S DO IT:** I am into having fun. AND MEN!!! Bring 'em on. #24854

San Antonio **YOUNG AND CUDDLY:** Teddy bear: 21 yr old brn/brn. Into going out and dancing. #25082

San Antonio **DEEP IN THE HEART:** 21 yr old Hispanic seeks a slender guy under 25. #25082

San Antonio **MAKE 'EM COME TRUE:** Hispanic, 5'6", 160, hry and a nice body. BTMs encouraged. Into fantasies and realities. #25198

San Antonio **YOUNG LATINO:** 19 yr old Hispanic seeks new friends for clubbing and movies at home. #25159

San Antonio **GET A KICK:** 18 yr old GWM seeks a boyish GWM. Soccer players with blonde hair A+. Hoping for an LTR. #25221

Houston **I CAN FINALLY VOTE:** 18 yr old, dark hair med build seeks a guy 18-25. Call me at home. #23668

Houston **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS:** Couple seeks a third for great encounters. We are a wt./Hisp couple. Call if you are either. #24276

Houston **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION:** 26 yr old seeks someone to be with. I want to express myself. #24417

Houston **TIRED OF THE SAME OLD?:** WM, 25, 5'8", 160. Into the very different side of life. Seeking a headstrong Latin guy. #24671

Houston **YEE HAW:** I am ready to do some bronco busting. 6'2", hry and ready to ride. Call me at home. #18480

Houston **WANT TO BE PAMPERED:** Romantic dinner, bubble bath and soft kisses for a GWM. I am 39, 5'10", beard and stache and waiting. #20146

San Antonio **CUDDLY AND CUTE:** Hispanic, 25, blk/brn, 5'11", 180. Seeking a guy 25-30. Please be romantic; this btm loves to cuddle up to an old movie. Into the arts and music. #23331

San Antonio **POP UP:** 32 yr old seeks 25-40 yr old. Into camping, dining out, 5'10", brn/blu. Seeking an honest and sincere guy. #23450

Houston **LOVE-30:** 6'2", 190, blonde and blue guy is new to town and into tennis and being active in the community. I am open-minded and seeking a guy willing to explore. #22917

Houston **SADDLE UP:** Yng white stallion is ready to ride. Into hvy talk and willing to try anything. #23507

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Austin **FRIENDS FIRST:** 29 year old blonde/grn. I love sports and the outdoors seeking 20-30 YO masc guys. Let's get to know each other and go from there. #18612

Austin **CUTE YNG BOY:** I am seeking guys 25-35 daddy types. I need some discipline #19070

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**Gays target Coca-Cola in effort to rescind Georgia resolution**

ATLANTA, Thursday, May 5 (AP)—A gay rights group has targeted the Coca-Cola Co., a major Olympic sponsor, in the campaign to persuade Cobb County commissioners to rescind a resolution condemning homosexual life.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—GLAAD—announced a campaign Thursday to pressure Coca-Cola “for its refusal to denounce or disavow” a decision by Atlanta Olympics officials to hold preliminary volleyball events in Cobb in 1996.

The group said it is calling for consumers to demand that Coca-Cola end its silence. It also plans to warn establishments frequented by homosexuals their clientele may be unwilling to purchase Coke products should the sponsor refuse.

Coca-Cola spokesperson Randy Donaldson said the company “has no responsibility for the venue selection process or no influence in that process.”

Lyn May, a spokesperson for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, said, “We regret that GLAAD feels it’s necessary to go an Olympic sponsor to try to resolve an issue that we hope can be resolved in Cobb County by those people who are most directly affected.”

GLAAD said it would initially concentrate its campaign in New York City, where a million homosexuals are expected for “Unity ‘94” festivities next month.

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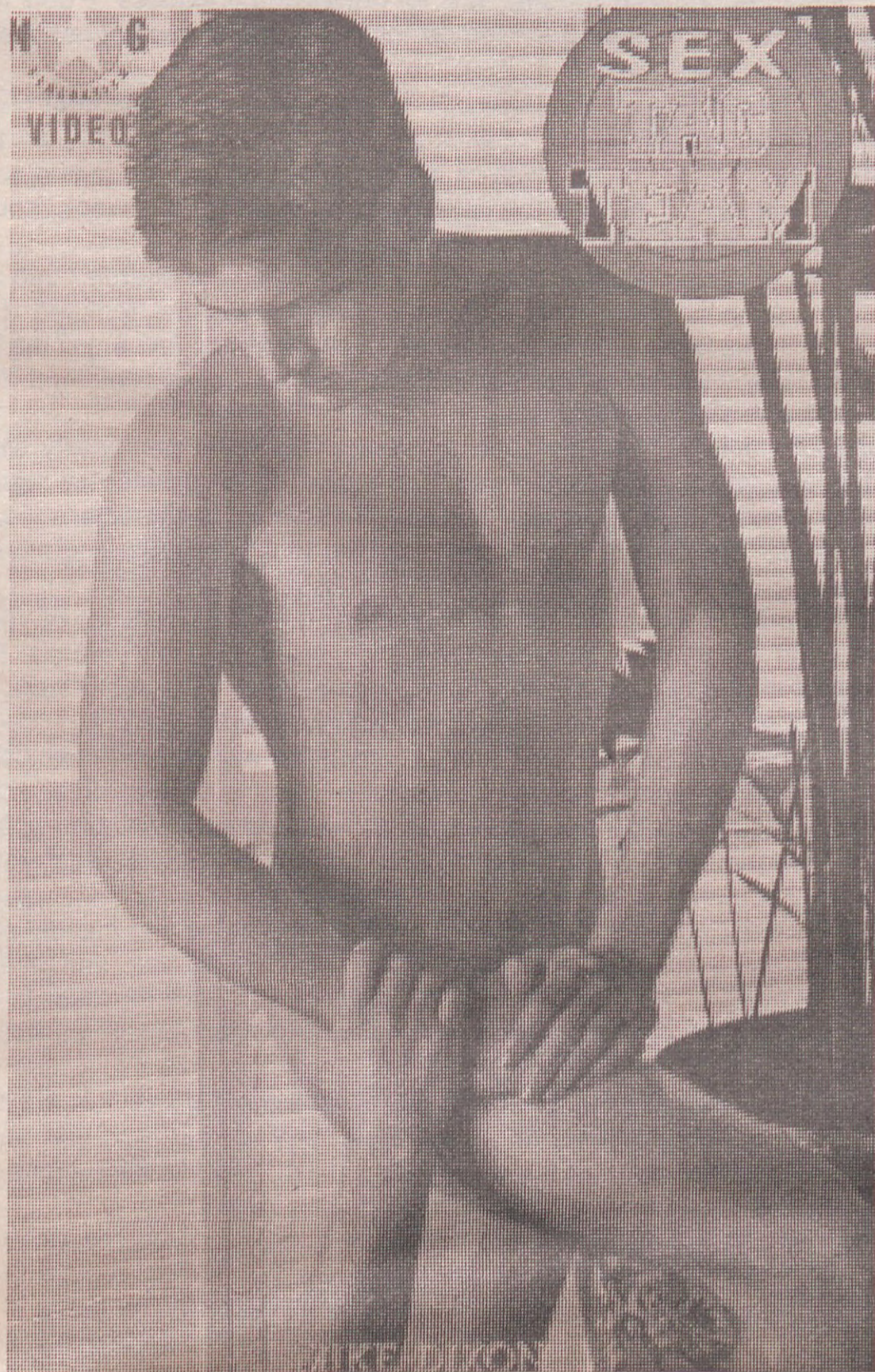
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Here's the recipe I told you last week I would give you to go with the Chicken Encanto. It really adds a nice touch to the chicken.

## MUSTARD MORNAY

- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- 1/2 tablespoon salt
- white pepper to taste
- 1 cup grated Jarlsberg cheese (I used swiss cheese)
- 4 teaspoons Dijon mustard

In a medium saucepan, sauté onions in butter. Add flour and sauté 1 minute. Pour in chicken stock and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. May be prepared to this point one day ahead and refrigerated, covered.

In a small bowl, beat eggs with half-and-half. Add a little of the hot mixture to the eggs, stirring well. Add eggs back to the hot mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until thick. Do not boil. Add seasonings, cheese and mustard, stirring until cheese is melted. Serve hot. May be kept warm in a crock pot on low setting up to 2 hours before serving. Thin, if necessary, with additional half-and-half.

Next week I will give you the vegetable dish I made to go with the chicken and the cottage cheese bread. OOPS! We also had saffron rice. The saffron rice was given to us from two really great guys we know in Houston. They were on vacation last year, and were kind enough to think of us. You know who you are!!

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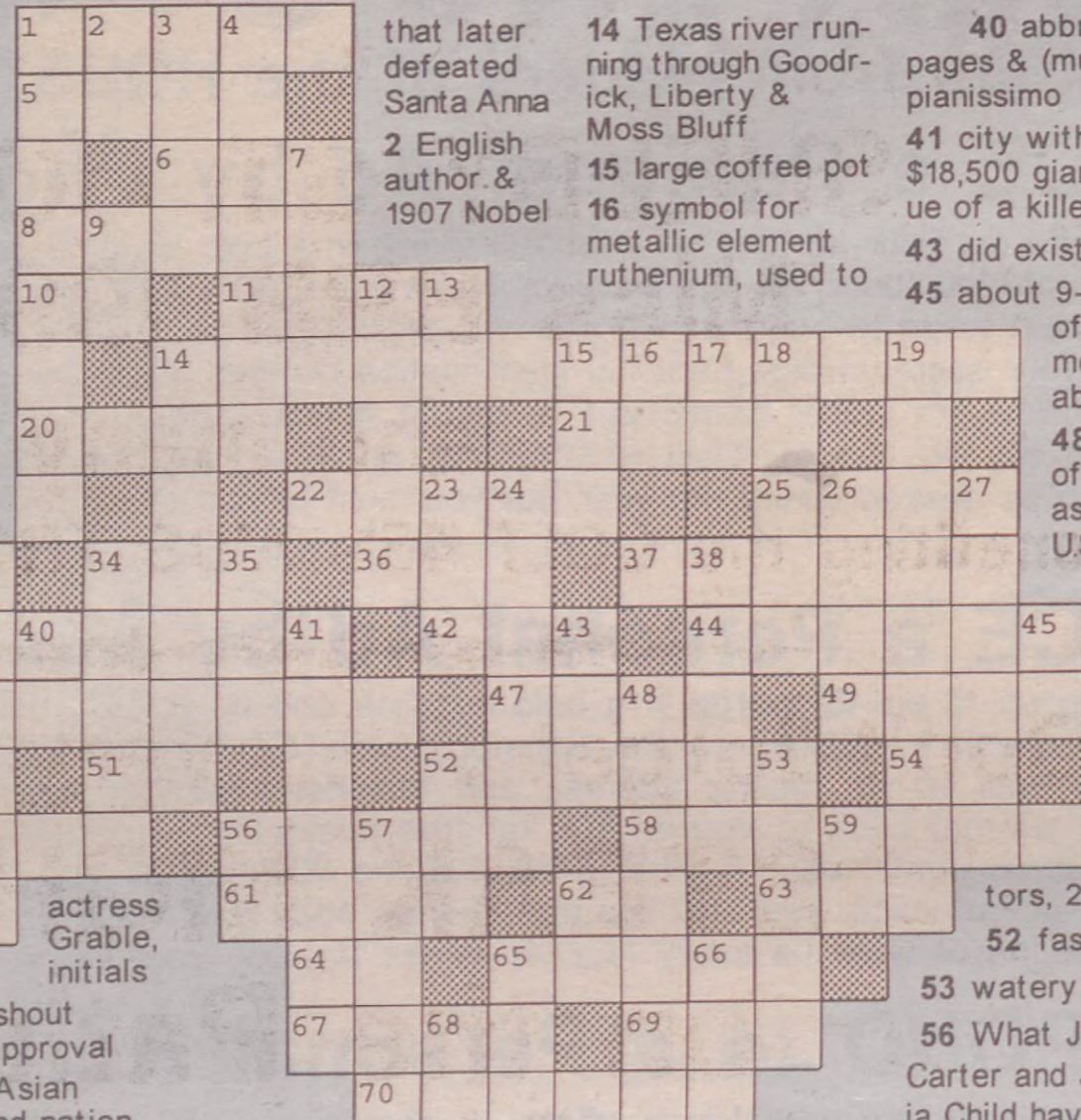
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By Henry McClurg

### ACROSS

- 1 unmerited divine assistance
- 5 Sooner State, abbrev.
- 6 annex
- 8 of a zone
- 10 interjection used to express sympathy
- 11 Rolling Stone Michael Philip Jagger



- 14 state song, 3 words
- 20 British nobleman
- 21 smallest animal of a litter
- 22 Texas state tree
- 25 circle of light appearing to surround a shining body
- 28 sewer
- 34 collection of misc. info on a subject
- 36 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- 37 quality that affects sense of taste
- 39 fulfill
- 42 direction Port Arthur to Texas City, abbrev.
- 44 made for only 1 direction, 2 words
- 46 What Deanna Troi is on Star Trek: TNG
- 47 makes by tatting
- 49 money in South Africa
- 50 steal
- 51 relating to me
- 52 Richard from Dallas, Demo candidate for U.S. Senator
- 54 late musician Goodman or late

- 55 shout of approval
- 56 Asian island nation
- 58 revelations
- 60 direction Amarillo to Galveston, abbrev.
- 61 clothe
- 62 25th U.S. president McKinley, initials
- 63 nickname for Nixon's onetime boss
- 64 Greece, abbrev.
- 65 country of 1st Europeans to see the beaches of upper Texas coast
- 67 vegetable with edible green pods
- 69 pig pen
- 70 cavalry swords
- 71 what entertainers Judith Ivy, Janis Ian & James Ingram all have in common
- 72 small social insects
- 74 large deer

- DOWN
- 1 where Sam Houston traveled to take command of the ragtag Texan army
- 2 English author & 1907 Nobel
- 14 Texas river running through Goodrick, Liberty & Moss Bluff
- 15 large coffee pot
- 16 symbol for metallic element ruthenium, used to
- 18 American Revolutionary soldier Allen
- 19 permissible
- 23 call of the crow
- 24 Texas city with America's largest urban bat colony
- 26 assert
- 27 color of lights on the UT-Austin Main Tower when Longhorns have won a game
- 29 Pelican State, abbrev.
- 30 6th month having 31 days
- 31 acidulous or sour
- 32 hues
- 33 tiny one-celled animals
- 34 Hidalgo Coun-

- 35 cinder
- 38 one that has failed
- 40 abbrev. for pages & (music) pianissimo
- 41 city with new \$18,500 giant statue of a killer bee
- 43 did exist
- 45 about 9-tenths of a meter, abbrev.
- 48 one of Texas 1st 2 U.S. senators, 2 words
- 52 fashion
- 53 watery skies
- 56 What Jimmy Carter and Julia Child have in common
- 57 lands for public use
- 59 Superman's disguise, initials
- 62 Quaker colonizer Penn, initials ("He that does good for good's sake seeks neither paradise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end.")
- 65 Texas river running through Bon Wier, Deweyville & Orange
- 66 relating to it
- 68 Indian prince
- 73 symbol for element thallium, used in rodent & ant poisons
- Solution elsewhere this issue
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## HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14 - MAY 20, 1994



# GALAXY GAZER

A HOUSTON VOICE EXCLUSIVE

Houston Voice readers born this week share with Alexander the Great, born 356 B.C., the quest for power and greatness, if only in their dreams. If one should accomplish such greatness and not use the influence for good, then so much is lost.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 - May 20) Your normally calm and controlled exterior personality will be challenged this week and aggressive action will be sought. Do not get involved in something you can not reasonably win or gain by. Counting to ten takes on good meaning this week. Your normal stability of character will return later this month.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21) Try to channel your energies into one or two projects rather than the larger numbers you are tempted to work with. This is the time to narrow down your activities and enjoy the pleasure of completing one task at a time, before moving onto another project. You tend to drain your bountiful energies with all of the diversions.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22) You continue to protect your inner personality which is surprisingly sensitive and lovable. You would rather go home alone on Saturday night than to risk having another person get to know your true self. Being aloof is characteristic of your self, usually as a defense mechanism. I know that you like to just lie back and have your tummy rubbed in a non controlling manner.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 22) Being direct and in charge are two characteristics of yourself, highly desirable when in a leadership position. Otherwise, may scare off potential friends who are easily intimidated. When you are out cruising this weekend, try a softer stance, and see how the special person across the bar responds to your wonderful smile.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sep. 22) Many of my friends under this sign are mechanically talented and artistic, using their hands to create wonderful projects in all mediums. This is a wonderful time to be active in your garden, large or small, and add color with design to your home. You set high standards for yourself and at times are more critical of what you than you should be. It is not necessary to be a number '10' all of the time.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) I wish that I could have the easy going and friendly personality that you have. This week will offer some insights into the future for you, and give some goals for you to plan toward. These can be realistic goals, if you plan for them in a well thought out manner rather than the casual approach to life that you sometimes have. Let me know of one or two of you plans, Good Luck.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) Your often high sexual drive will be very active for the next two weeks. Lust rather than love will rule your interests and not a one on one situation. You will also have good endurance, enabling you to accomplish long set aside goals, especially in projects about your home that need more than one day to complete.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec 21) The drive to be busy out of doors comes into play this week as you look for all possible reasons not to stay inside. You will seek out restaurants with an outside patio; in part to be seen and your bicycle is perfect for going to see a friend and be out of doors, also. Your tan will be the best in you Office, adding to your good looks and outgoing charm.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Your practical side to your determined personality is more apparent this week, as you wisely cut back on your spending and save for the future. This is not a good time to purchase a big ticket item as you have trouble in making a list of things that are important to you about this new purchase. Be careful about trying to control or to direct friends, as they are weary of your attempts to manage their lives.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Understand that your need for space and distance from close friends is part of your sign, and that you will often be able to think more clearly and logically when you are by yourself. This is why, you and a Capricorn will not feel comfortable with each other, and if you are dating at this time, you will likely feel considerable tension. You enjoy being a 'free spirit'.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Enjoying your fantasy world is great for you this week. This will give you rest and relaxation, and a chance to meet your very personal needs that you have difficulty in communicating to others, including your lover. Composing a poem or a short story is a valid way to express these feelings, using another named person in these compositions to be yourself.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) The planet Mars is a major force in your life at this time, causing extra energies and force to show forth. Try to direct this sign to being of help to others, and looking for projects to benefit friends rather than to simply benefit yourself. Being warm hearted gives to you a real plus in dealing with others as long as your personality does not overwhelm friends.

## New Jersey's first nonprofit center for homosexuals opens

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., Monday, May 9 (AP)—New Jersey's first nonprofit center for homosexuals has opened for business.

The Pride Center of New Jersey was created April 15 as a base for New Jersey's growing gay and lesbian community, its organizers said.

"It will be a central meeting place to relax and hang out," said Gina Pastino, the center's co-chair.

So far, Pastino said, the three-week-old center has a staffed information phone line, which provides referrals for those seeking support, legal advice or a "bar in town." It also has a meeting room and tables set up with books, magazines and other literature.

Eventually, the center, located in the Planned Parenthood building on Livingston Avenue, intends on having a library, dance

hall, and discussion groups for gay and lesbian organizations, including the local chapter of Senior Action in a Gay Environment.

"For a lot of people, (having a community center) gives them a sense of pride, because it's a sign of acceptance in the community," said another co-chair, who identified himself as Ray to The Home News of East Brunswick.

Ray and the other organizers—most of them volunteers in another organization called the Community Center Development Committee—raised money for the center by sponsoring special events, such as street fairs.

They plan on opening up other centers: one in Asbury Park, the other in southern New Jersey.

Editor's Note: The phone number for the Pride Center of New Jersey is (908) 846-CCDC.

## From 'Cowboy' to 'Cowgirls' by way of 'Idaho'

### Getting Personal With Gus Van Sant

By STEVE WARREN

Gus Van Sant is not your typical filmmaker and doesn't make typical films. For better or worse, his work, starting with "Mala Noche" and "Drugstore Cowboy," bears his personal stamp.

No animals were injured in the making of "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues," but several chickens were hypnotized in a scene, weird even for Van Sant, where Bonanza Jellybean (Rain Phoenix) fulfills her pledge to teach Sissy Hankshaw (Uma Thurman), the mega-thumbed feminine hygiene products model she's worshipped from afar, the fine art of poultry mesmerization.

At the end of a long day of promotional interviews, Van Sant is less tired than some people would be after nine hours of answering often stupid questions, because unlike hard core Hollywood types, he doesn't calculate each response to appeal to a specific demographic. "I don't know how to do that," he says honestly in that "aw, shucks" way of his. May he never learn.

Around the time his "My Own Private Idaho" opened, rumors were flying about actresses who were going to be involved in "Cowgirls." Van Sant has to separate fact from fiction. "Uma was set from the beginning," he clarifies. "Lily Tomlin was going to play Delores Del Ruby, but she had a scheduling conflict and did 'Short Cuts' instead." Lorraine Bracco took her part.

As for Jodie Foster, "I'm not sure whether she was approached, but it would have been our idea (as opposed to her press agent's). Madonna," he verifies, "was considered for Jelly (Bonanza Jellybean)."

Signing k.d. lang to compose (with Ben Mink) and perform the film's score was easy, Van Sant recalls. "k.d. thought it was interesting...because people didn't expect her to, and she likes to do the unexpected. She was just getting out of her cowgirl phase, giving up country music, and had done enough press to that effect that people wouldn't be expecting this."

Totally without ego, Van Sant relates the problem he had lining up John Hurt to play Sissy's employer, the flaming faggot called "the Countess." "He didn't know (Tom Robbins') book or my films, so he wasn't interested until he read the screenplay. His wife had seen my films and she talked him into reading it."

Roseanne Arnold leaves audiences wanting more, for a change, after a brief appearance. "Her part was originally longer," Van Sant reveals, "but a lot of scenes in the front of the picture were cut...in an effort to get to the ranch sooner."

"The ranch," as readers of the original novel know well, is the Rubber Rose, a women's health and beauty spa where Sissy goes to pose with whooping cranes for an ad and finds love and revolution with Jelly. Sissy also finds sex and friendship with a Japanese-American guru known as "the Chink" (Noriyuki "Pat" Morita), who lives on Siwash Ridge overlooking the ranch.

When Van Sant recut the film after showings last September at film festivals in Venice and Toronto, Morita lost the most screen time. "The last scene originally in the film," Van Sant



Gus Van Sant (photo by Steve Warren)

says, "had to do with the Chink's parting words. We took that out to end with the focus on the women and their relationship." Van Sant doesn't worry about "PC," but it was a very PC decision.

Most of the film's cowgirls are the real thing. Van Sant "found (them) in Bend (Oregon), where we shot the ranch scenes."

Asked how many were lesbian, he says, "I don't think very many, if any. We never really brought up that subject. We played it as—some were and some weren't, like it was in the book."

Although he admits he "went through a cowboy phase" when he "was four or five," Van Sant says his new film "was more a result of reading the book in the '70s." New generations have found new pleasures in the novel, but when Van Sant reread it to adapt it for the screen, "it was exactly the same for me," he says.

Originally at TriStar Pictures, "Cowgirls" was eventually made by Fine Line Features. It was scheduled to open last fall, but Van Sant didn't feel it was finished when he let it be shown in the film festivals. The reaction convinced Fine Line he was right, and, despite fears the film would be stigmatized, they pushed back the release date to allow Van Sant to re-edit it.

Don't look for a "director's cut" years from now, he says. "The new cut is even more my cut than the original."

During post-production the filmmaker worked on a screenplay for "The Mayor of Castro Street," from Randy Shilts' biography of Harvey Milk. "Creative differences" ended his involvement. Van Sant explains, "The screenplay wasn't finished. I wanted to keep working on it and they wanted to get going." He realized Warner Bros. wouldn't indulge him to the extent he was used to: "If it wasn't right I don't think I would have been given too much leeway in improvising, the way I do when I'm shooting."

Despite that experience, Van Sant is finally making his first film for a major studio—Columbia. Shooting began in Toronto in mid-April on "To Die For," a black comedy "about a school-teacher who has an affair with her student and is also upset about becoming a television personality," which she does when the news breaks that the student has killed her husband.

Sound familiar? Van Sant admits it has "similarities to certain tabloid stories." He says there hasn't been much studio interference so far, but "maybe in the editing stage it'll be different." The cast includes Nicole Kidman, Matt Dillon and Joaquin Phoenix, two years younger than Rain, who was two years younger than River, to whom "Cowgirls" is dedicated.

Since River's death last October, which he calls "an amazing blow," Van Sant has agonized over how he might have saved the young actor. "I think you would have had to be around him all the time," he concludes. "I was in contact with him—we talked every week—but not around him a lot." Comparing Phoenix's death to the suicide of Kurt Cobain, who worked with Van Sant on a benefit to fight the anti-gay Oregon Citizens Alliance, the filmmaker says River "was just partying too hard. He really loved so many things, I don't think he intended to go."

I didn't mean to get that personal, but Gus Van Sant is a personal kind of guy.



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**Vivo y Positivo crowd picks J.R.'s Margaritas as best in Houston; all day festival raises thousands for four charities**



J.R.'s won People's Choice for the Best Margarita in Town at Vivo y Positivo's mixoff

Cossio, Consul general de Mexico and Arnaldo and Janice Richards, owners of Pico's.

Also part of the day's festivities was a generous raffle. The grand prize of two round-trip, positive coach tickets to anywhere in the Continental USA on Continental Airlines was won by C. Derapelian; the second prize, a "San Antonio Getaway" travel package of San Antonio from Travel in Style Inc. went to Rebecca James.

**COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS**

By **SHERI COHEN DARBONNE**  
*Houston Voice Editor*

People of all ages, sizes and backgrounds braved the broiling sun on Saturday, May 7, to participate in a unique event that combined a festival celebrating Cinco de Mayo and a benefit for several Houston AIDS organizations. Vivo y Positivo '94, on the grounds of Pico's Mex-Mex Restaurant off Kirby at the Southwest Freeway, got started at 11:00 a.m. and rambled on, to the tune of Houston's most recognized Latin performers and the talented stepping of a bevy of colorful dance troupes, until 11:00 Saturday night.

The all-day festival featured children's activities and a shopping court, as well as information booths for many community businesses and organizations, and the highlight of the day was the selection of "The Best Margarita in Houston" in the event's anchor contest, "The Original Margarita Mixoff." A panel of celebrity judges were invited to pick their choice for best margarita in town, while the festival crowd, in a separate judging of "samples" served up by popular Houston restaurants.

The celebrity judges didn't have far to go to find their Best Margarita. Winning in the restaurant/panel judged category was Vivo host site, Pico's Mex-Mex.

This year's "People's Choice"—by a landslide, according to Vivo y Positivo Steering Committee member Stacie Cokinos—was none other than the margarita wizardry of J.R.'s Bar and Grill! Coming in second in the crowd vote was the Museum Restaurant and Bar. So there you have it folks—the very best margaritas in town are mixed, natch, in Montrose.

Among the exhibitors in the Vivo y Positivo retail arcade were local artists, including Kermit Eisenhut, who designed the graphics for the festival and whose paintings are currently being shown at Pico's. Saturday evening's lineup of performers included Norma Zenteno, Ethnic Rain and the International Folk Dancers. The event's Honorary Chairs were Ambassador and Mrs. Francisco de



Margarita mix-in' team from Pico's, choice of the judging panel

E.J. Hensley was the winner of the third prize in the drawing, a leather coat from Thunderbird, a Houston shop that was also a vendor in the arcade.

Vivo y Positivo '94 was a benefit for four local HIV/AIDS service agencies: The Assistance Fund, AVES, Bering Community Service Foundation and Body Positive/Houston. Proceeds from the event were still being tallied at press time, but representatives said they expected the total raised to be in excess of \$20,000.

**Quick Notes: Meetings And Events**

**THE FOUR SEASONS** "Class of 1984 Reunion" party is being held Saturday, May 14 to celebrate the club's 10-year anniversary. The Four Seasons is a social and fund raising organization that has donated generously to many charities throughout its ten years, since it was formed in 1984. Club members vote on the charity that will benefit from the activities in February of each year. Last year, the group raised \$10,000 for Bering Care Center; this year's beneficiary will be Stone soup. (The anniversary party is an invitation only event).

The HIV COMMUNITY CAUCUS will hold a needs assessment forum and meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. at 811 Westheimer, Suite 201. The caucus has been asked to provide the Community Needs Assessment Group with some ideas and designs for the survey that will be used next year. The HIV Community Caucus serves as an advisory body to the Ryan White Planning Council, the HIV Care consortia, and other funding groups; diverse participation by the HIV community is encouraged. For more information, contact Lane Lewis, 871-0092 or Jeff Hallauer, 520-2081.

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## There's always something to do in Galveston in the summer



Misty Valdez, the Island Diva, stars at benefit

### GALVESTON SOAP

By JOSH DAVIS

Houston Voice/Galveston

With summer being only a turn around the corner, Galveston is preparing for yet another festive summer of fun in the sun. If you haven't been to Galves-



Madam performs at Kon Tiki Friday for AIDS Coalition benefit

ton in a while, you don't know what you missin'.

Being a Galveston resident for the past six years has taught me that there is definitely more to Galveston than meets the eye. The Strand District is undergoing a major face lift. (a girl has to keep her looks ya know). Most of the original buildings have been repainted and repaired since last summer and even a few of the new ones too. With the influx of new business and all of the old as well, Galveston now offers something for everyone, young and old, ranging from the Strand Street Theatre and The Grand Opera House to the Star of Texas and Moody Gardens. For the cultured, there is The Outdoor Musicals, hosting this year, the "Phantom of the Opera," starting in mid-May. There is also the Galveston Ballet performing at The Grand on May 14th. The ballet is presenting "Cinderella."

For all of you beach goers, Galveston has a new city ordinance on drinking alcohol on the beach, it's a no no! From Stewart Beach all the way to 61st is now alcohol free. But of course, you can still bring all your most festive beverages to Dune Beach! (Thought you knew). Galveston also has plans in the works to extend the beaches further out and thus eliminate some of that awful dirty water. Rumors report that dirt starts moving in early August. When finished, all of the dikes (not Dykes) will be completely on sand and all of the "no swimming zones" will be eliminated. I myself cannot wait until they finish, more beach means more men in bikinis!

For the adventurous and outgoing, Galveston now offers the "Star of Texas" cruise and gambling ship. I took my first trip last week and had a fabu-

lous time. The ship's amenities include: on board gambling, meals, entertainment, cabins for over-nighters, a cinema, a discotheque, and even a post office. If that's not amenities, I don't know what is. And just so you know so you know it's not rigged, my sisterfriend went with the wicked witch (his mother) on his birthday, and won \$957 after only spending 75 cents. If that bitch can win, anyone can, so grab your purse and come on down. Moody Gardens has also added the only 3-D IMAX in the nation, as well as, it's new tropical rain forest. Both are a sight for the eyes, however if you have a sluggish ticker, the IMAX is not for you. The visual stimulus is so great, you actually feel like your there. (Now if they would just produce Derek does Dallas, I could really get into it!).

The rain forest is very exotic. I didn't think I would enjoy walking around looking at a bunch of plants, but after one visit I was hooked). As I understand it, the rain forest has plant samples from all over the world. (Even Paris!—Texas, that is) So just remember when you plan that little getaway you've been saving for, Galveston is only an hour away!

Well, enough about that, lets talk about dirt! This past weekend the Kon Tiki Club had a special appearance by Miss Jimmy James. Is Miss Jimmy James gaining weight?...or are my eyes deceiving me! Anyway, the show was a huge success.

Over at Evolution's things started off a little slow with everyone watching Miss James, but afterwards everyone skipped over and partied down. Down the street, Robert's Lafitte's hosted another of their original drag shows.



Buffy, the hostess with the mostess

Now this is not your contemporary drag, oh no honey, this is the old style, dress is a mess drag. Nonetheless it was quite enjoyable. I never leave without a laugh. Take a peek and see!

Well, Ta Ta for now! Remember, living extravagantly doesn't necessarily mean having a lot of money. It has more to do with how we "do Life."



A couple of the locals hangin' out

# Lesbian and Gay Bands of America play on at Gay Games IV

## NATIONAL NOTES

(NEW YORK CITY)—An important part of the Cultural Festival which is included in this June's international gay and lesbian sports extravaganza will be the part played by Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA). LGBA is comprised of 22 bands from all over the United States and parts of Canada whose members meet in different host cities twice annually to discuss organizational business and to perform concerts. This international gay cultural organization will be present in full

force during the Gay Games IV in New York.

According to Houston attorney Connie Moore, a contact for the national coalition of bands, 1993 was a particularly active and exciting year for LGBA. For the first time ever, an openly gay and lesbian group was invited to perform as part of the Presidential Inauguration ceremonies, and the president called out "Thank you, you're great!" as he passed the band in review, Moore said. Just a few months later, members of LGBA combined to participate in the National March on Washington, both as part of the March, and in a spectacu-

lar concert in Washington's Warner Theater.

1994 promised to be at least equally exciting. LGBA's bands are scheduled to appear with the Lesbian and Gay Big Apple Corps of New York at the Opening Ceremonies. Later in the week the massed band will star in a gala concert event at the Paramount Theatre at Madison Square Garden. LGBA concerts in the last two Gay Games in Vancouver (III) and San Francisco (II) have been the centerpiece of the cultural events. It is expected that this year's concert will be more spectacular than ever. Scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 23rd, the

show, called here and now!, will feature about 200 LGBA band members. LGBA has extended an invitation for musicians from all over the world to join them in playing during the week, making a truly multi-national event.

The concert program includes music by such composers as Gershwin, Offenbach and Bernstein. The combined band will be joined by pianist James Adler, an international chorus hosted by the Stonewall Chorale, and the ever-colorful cheer leading of the Bay Area Raw Raws. After the close of the Games, the combined bands will join hundreds of thou-

sands who will assemble to march in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, providing music for this festive event.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 and \$20, and are available through the Madison Square Garden box office (212-464-MSG1), through all TicketMaster locations (212-307-7171, 201-507-8900, 516-888-9000, or 914-454-3388), and at Unity Center during the Games. For more information about tickets, call (212) 598-4527. For more information about Lesbian and Gay Bands of America, call (713) 741-3107.

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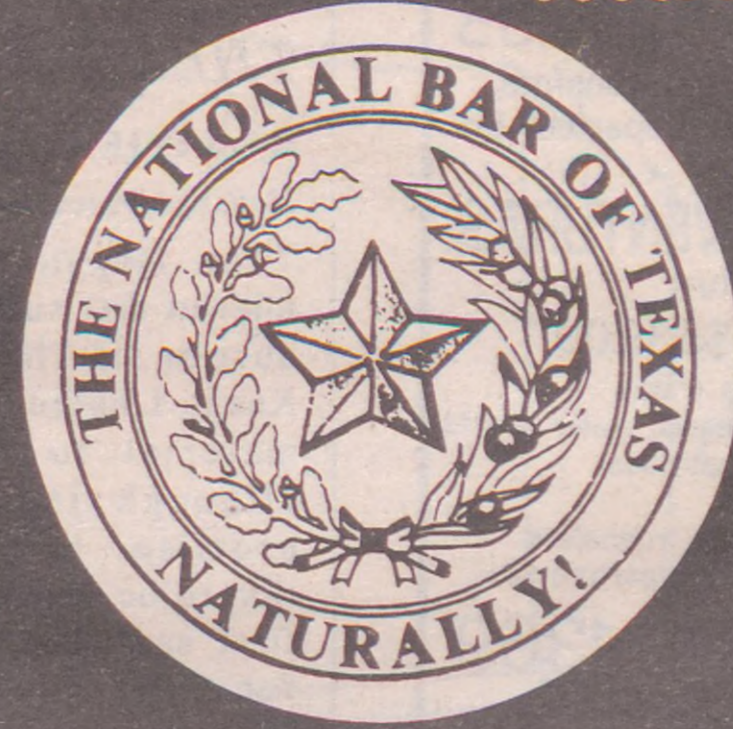
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## Gay activist takes out nomination papers for Hawaii governor's race

HONOLULU, Tuesday, May 10 (AP)—Gay activist Bill Woods took out nomination papers Monday to run for governor as a member of the Best Party, meaning he will challenge Mayor Frank Fasi in the party's primary.

Woods, head of the Gay Marriage Project, said his campaign will focus on stopping abuse and corruption in government.

To that end, he supports constitutional changes to separate what he calls conflicts of interest in the role of

the appointed attorney general; prevent appointees of the governor from being required or obligated from having to campaign or support any political or election activities; ban nepotism in government appointments; and maintain a strict separation of church and state in government.

His platform will force other candidates for all offices to deal with the issue of abuse in government. Woods said he will file his nomination papers in July, when Fasi is expected to file his.

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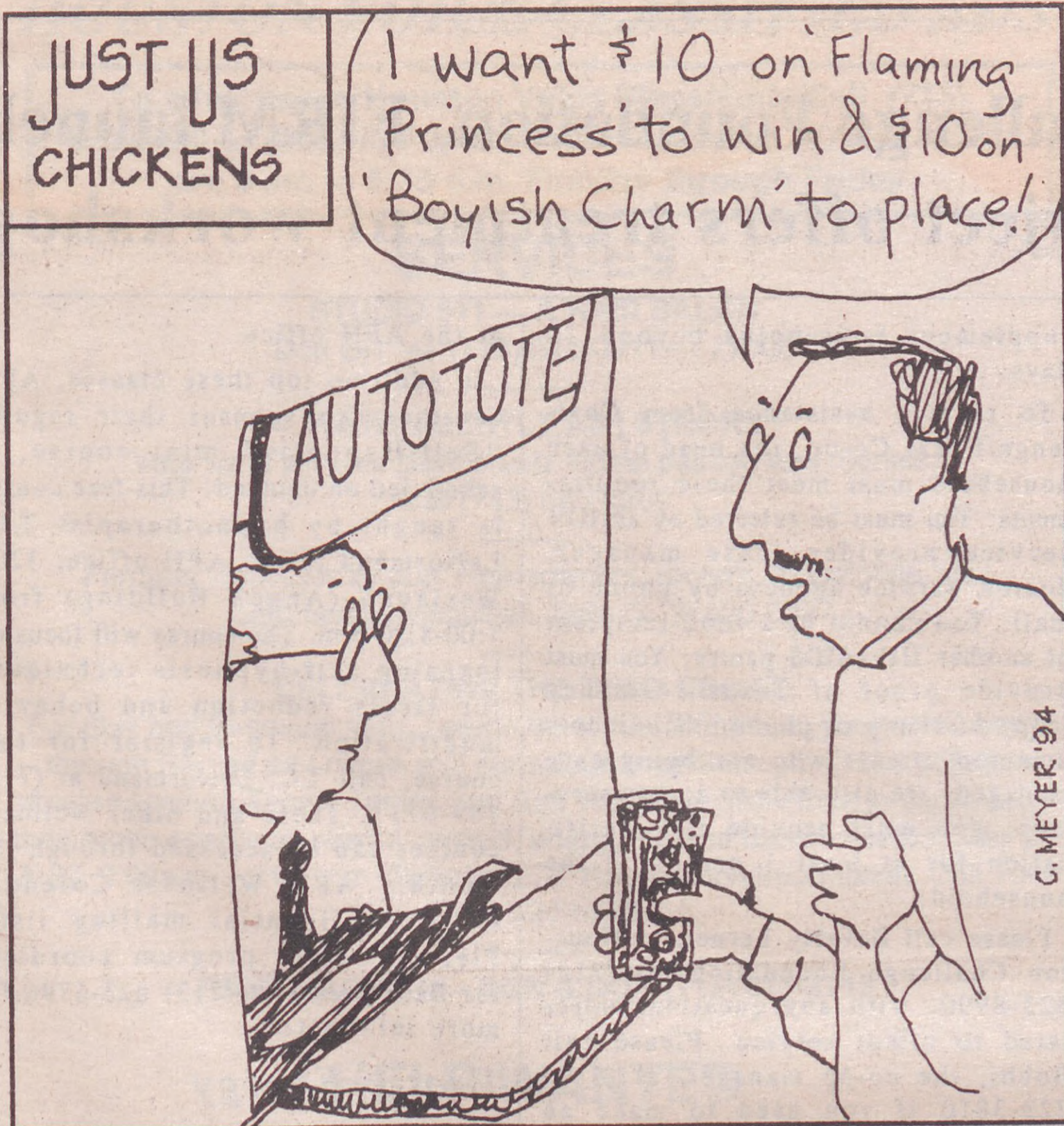
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## Idaho's initiative is way to set morality, Robert Bork says

BOISE, Idaho, Tuesday, May 3 (AP)—Idaho's anti-gay rights initiative is a valid way of legislating public morality, says Robert Bork.

Bork was nominated for the U.S. Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan, but failed to win U.S. Senate confirmation. He said Monday he has not read the Idaho initiative.

If sponsors can gather enough signatures, it will be on the November general election ballot in Idaho.

Bork said communities should have the right "not to have a different morality thrust on people."

"It's not a movement to punish homosexuals in any. It's a defensive reaction," he said. "It's a movement not to give special rights to a group of people based on the grounds of their sexual orientation."

"There's a trend in the courts to see homosexuals as a class who must be treated as a minority and be given particular rights," Bork said.

Bork planned a Tuesday night speech on the Albertson's College campus in Caldwell. Tickets were on sale at \$20 and \$50.

In past legal writings and in his book, "The Tempting of America," Bork has said he questions whether homosexuality should be illegal. But, he has argued, homosexuality is a chosen behavior, unlike race or gender, and should not be a protected class.

Gay rights supporters, and some scientists, argue that homosexu-

ality is genetic. Because sexual orientation is not protected under civil rights provisions in many states and communities, gay rights supporters say homosexuals may be discriminated against.

After he failed to win Senate confirmation seven years ago, Bork warned of the growing "politicization" of the Supreme Court and the nomination process. Later in 1987, Justice Anthony Kennedy was confirmed and seated.

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## Briar Patch Follies Day May 15; Challenge Foundation, FIRM launch joint pantry project; Wellness Project offers treatment workshop

### QUICK NOTES

Gov. Ann Richards has designated Sunday, May 15 as "Briar Patch Follies Day" in Texas. In a proclamation just received by the Follies, the governor has recognized the Follies for the work they have done to help people with AIDS, coordinators of the fund raising event said.

The Follies began in 1989, when several regular customers of the Briar Patch, a Houston gay bar, decided to "sit around the piano, sing a few songs, and give whatever they received to charity," the story goes. Since that time, over \$150,000 has been raised for local charities including Stone Soup, The Assistance Fund, Colt 45's, MacAdory House and Omega House. This year, Stone Soup will receive all contributions.

In addition, the Follies has been further honored by Mayor Bob Lanier; the City of Houston has also named Sunday "Briar Patch Follies Day."

This year's Briar Patch Follies includes a silent auction, a raffle for airline tickets and a musical revue, and takes place Sunday at the Briar Patch, 2294 W. Holcombe at Greenbriar.

### Challenge/Firm Co-op

The Houston Challenge Foundation and The Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry (FIRM) have joined together in an effort to alleviate the need for nutritional and basic hygiene/cleaning products for those suffering with HIV/AIDS and their

families/care giver. Challenge/FIRM Co-op was founded in May of 1992, to serve those whose lives have been impacted by this irreversible disease.

Challenge/FIRM Co-op is open for appointments 3 days a week. Additionally, deliveries are available to those clients in Harris County who are too ill to access the pantry site or who have no transportation, or for clients living in Austin, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Liberty, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Wharton, and Brazoria Counties.

Currently the Co-op supports over 300 households (over 800 persons), with food and hygiene products. Every household has at least 1 member who is infected with HIV, and 42 percent of our clients are children, and 78 percent are minorities.

Challenge/FIRM Co-op is located on the near northside of Harris County, 1 mile from Thomas Street Clinic, and is open for client appointments on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Appointments are crucial to safety and confidentiality of the clients, and are also necessary to ensure that the Co-op staff is available to provide compassionate service.

A variety of non-perishable products are available through this food assistance program. Hygiene products are supplied on a monthly basis, and distribution is based on household size. Clients may access the pantry every 10 days, if needed. However, most distributions are enough to

supplement households beyond 10 days.

To receive assistance from Challenge/FIRM Co-op, the head of each household must meet these requirements: You must be referred by an HIV service provider (case manager, doctor, service agency) by phone or mail; You cannot be a food recipient of another HIV/AIDS pantry; You must provide proof of Texas residency (copy of utility or phone bill). Undocumented clients who are being case managed, are also able to access services; You must provide HIV verification for at least 1 person in the household.

Please call Beverly Lerner, at Houston Challenge Foundation, at (713) 523-8900, with any questions unrelated to client service. Please call Bobbi, the co-op manager, at (713) 223-3810 if you need to make an appointment, complete intake, or have any questions answered.

### AFH Program Offers Workshop, Classes

The AFH Wellness Program has responded to the need for regular workshops addressing HIV/AIDS treatments, research and individual questions. The workshop will take place at the AIDS Foundation's Stone Soup building, 608 Westheimer on Monday, May 16 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The Wellness program will also present their regular workshops: "Exploring Safer Sex" and "Sensuality" offered on the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month (May 17 and 24)

at the AFH office.

In addition to these classes, AFH continues to sponsor their regular "Self-Hypnosis" mini course, scheduled on demand. This free course is taught by hypnotherapist T.C. LeNormand at the AFH office, 3202 Wesleyan (Annex Building) from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The course will focus on learning self-hypnosis techniques for stress reduction and behavior modification. To register for this course, call T.C. LeNormand at (713) 789-0713. These and other wellness courses can be accessed through the monthly AFH Wellness Calendar (with confidential mailing list). Please contact program coordinator Bart Loeser at (713) 623-6796 for more information.

### Erotic Energy

Wednesday, May 18, 1994 the Men's Network will host "Erotic Energy and the Male Body." Many men long for a deeper connection with their bodies. Tom Crow, Houston Coordinator of Body Electric, will show participants that there is a pathway back to erotic pleasure. Hear about Taoist Erotic Massage, including the possibility of a full-body orgasm without ejaculation. The Men's Network is open to Gay and Bisexual Men and there is no cost for admission, although donations are accepted. Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information call (713) 529-0037.

## Montrose Softball League continues quest for trip to World Series

### SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

With the relentless, liquid-sucking sun that Houston is so special for radiating on Tim Hearn Field, the men and women of the Montrose Softball League continued their pursuit of a trip to the Gay Softball World Series.

In the Competitive Division, the Mining Company Texans overwhelmed Pacific Street 18-1. In the second game, the Houston Voice took their revenge on the Hellraisers for providing the hot weather by beating them 18-4. In a game where Bill Sansom, Mario Marchena and Vince Thompson blasted automatic singles over the fence, the Briar Patch hung tough to defeat the Venture-N 5-3.

In the Recreational Division, Travel In Style remained undefeated as they edged J.R.'s 10-9 in a very exciting, extra innings game. Shane Kurz and Bob Davidson both hit triples to do their part in the Travelers' win. Jim Graham's hit scored Bob Davidson as the winning run. You go travelers!

In the second game, the Ripcord had a three-run scoring triple by Larry Baird to down BRB/Bowling 5-2. Michael Cardin of the Ripcord hit an automatic double over the fence in that game.

As the day got longer, the games seemingly lasted forever! BRB/Body Positive defeated the Gentry GAPS 19-7 in a hitting spree. The GAPS looked so flawless with their new purple pompoms and their cheerleaders, Rusty and Steve. In the finale, a hotly contested battle took place between E.J.'s and rich's Prime. Excellent hitting on the part of Mark Ward helped lift Rich's Prime over E.J.'s 13-12.

Action continues Saturday, May 14 at Tim Hearn Field with the following schedule:

(2:00 p.m.) BRB/Bowling vs. BRB/Body Positive; (3:00 p.m.) J.R.'s vs. Rich's Prime; (4:00 p.m.) Ripcord vs. Gentry GAPS; (5:00 p.m.) E.J.'s vs. Travel In



The Houston Voice's Montrose Softball League team On Friday, May 6, the Montrose Softball League held its annual Casino Night at Kim Son Restaurant. With Jerry Chafin as chair and Stephen Haddock, board contact, this was one of the league's most successful fundraisers ever. The gambling fever was hot

Style; (6:00 p.m.) Houston Voice vs. Venture-N; (7:00 p.m.) Mining Co. vs. Briar Patch; (8:00 p.m.) Hellraisers vs. Pacific Street; 9:00 p.m. Briar Patch vs. hellraisers.

And on Sunday, may 15 at Tim Hearn Field: (10:00 a.m.) Travel in Style vs. Rich's Prime; (11:00 a.m.) BRB/Body Positive vs. E.J.'s; (12:00 p.m.) Ripcord vs. BRB/Bowling; 1:00 p.m. Gentry vs. J.R.'s; (2:00 p.m.) Pacific Street vs. Venture-N; (3:00 p.m.) Houston Voice vs. Mining Co. (4:00 p.m.) Briar Patch vs. Pacific Street; (5:00 p.m.) Mining Co. vs. Hellraisers.

Season standings are as follows:  
Division A—(1) Mining company Tex-

ans, 4-1; (2) Houston Voice, 4-2; Venture-N Rookies, 4-2; Briar Patch, 3-2.

Division B—Hellraisers, 1-4; Pacific Street, 0-5.

Division C—Travel in Style, 5-0; Rich's Prime, 4-1; E/J's, 3-2; BRB/Body Positive, 2-3; BRB/Bowling, 2-3; Ripcord, 2-3; Gentry GAPS, 1-4; J.R.'s, 1-4.

### Lambda Rollerskating Club

The Lambda Rollerskating Club will hold its next skate night at the Dairy Ashford Roller Rink (off Dairy ashford at I-10) from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Monday, May 16. Admission of \$5 includes skates and raffle ticket.

On Sunday, May 15, the group is planning an outdoor skate in Memorial Park (weather permitting) at 1:00 p.m. Look for the LRC banner!

For more information on these events or the Lambda Rollerskating Club, call Keith, 933-5818 or Ray, 862-4875.

### Bowling Standings

Following are the standings for the bowling leagues:

Inner Loop Sunday Night League—In first place this week was Kami Kaze Bowlers. Second place was bowled by Just Plug Us In and third place, Sisters of Dorothy. High Scratch game of 258 and series of 651 was bowled by Gardy Harvey. For information, call 522-9612.

Thursday Night Mixers—First place, But UR Blanche UR; Second place, Pat & Company; third place, Big Dawgz. High Scratch Game of 276 and series of 630 was bowled by Rodney Seiler for the men. Andrea Black bowled 205 and series of 529 for the women. For league information, call 432-7239.

Montrose Monday Night Men's League: first place, The Gutter Butter; second place, Ladies and The Tramp; third place, The End Users. High Scratch Game of 226 was bowled by Tom O'Dell and series of 650 by Rodney Seiler. For more information, call 641-5424.

Monday Night Women's League—first place, Electric slide; second place, Ace—Can't Bowl Straight, and third place, 3 Al's and a Pussycat. For further information, call 437-6218.

### No Tap Doubles

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

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## International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission to present awards at Stonewall event

**WORLD NEWS NOTES**

The International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) will honor a lesbian from Belgrade, a gay Columbian, and a South African gay rights group in its first ever Felipa da Souza Awards to be presented during the Stonewall 25 celebration in New York in June. Hundreds of international activists will be present when the awards are presented on Thursday, June 23rd, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Industria, 775 Washington Street at 12th Street.

The annual award honors two individuals and one organization who have—at great risk, personal cost or otherwise—fought for the human rights and freedom of sexual minorities anywhere in the world. IGLHRC held open nominations and received almost 100 excellent nominations for activists and organizations from more than 30 countries. IGLHRC's Board of Directors and International Advisory Board—a 30-person body of activists from all over the world—chose the winners this week.

The award is named in honor of Felipa da Souza, a Brazilian woman convicted and tortured by the Portuguese Inquisition in 1591 for having sexual relationships with other woman. The award winners included: Abigale, a black lesbian, gay and bisexual rights organization in Cape Town, South Africa. They organized the first gay

pride march and film festival in Cape Town in 1993 and provide HIV education for Africans in the townships. They worked in a coalition that gained legal protection for lesbians and gay men in the new South African constitution. Lepa Mladjenovic, a lesbian feminist activists from Belgrade who co-founded the first Serbian lesbian and gay rights organization. Akradia Mladjenovic has been working as an openly lesbian activist in the women's movement and the peace movement throughout the war, specifically working with women and children victims of war. Juan Pablo Ordonez, a civil rights attorney from Bogota, Columbia, who has been the target of governmental persecution for being gay and investigating the murders of "disposable persons" including sexual minorities. At great risk he continues to work in Columbia and is founding a new human rights organization there. Proyecto Dignidad, dedicated to exposing violations against the rights of "disposables."

"These are the unsung heroes of the human rights movement," said Julie Dorf, Executive Director of IGLHRC. "They have put themselves on the line at great personal risk and achieved results."

The IGLHRC was established in 1990 to focus attention to and fight against human rights abuses based on sexual orientation or HIV status anywhere in the world.

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# A Real Mother for Montrose...Lady V!; Women Seeking Women party at Baby Bronx; Heaven was packed for Staxx



Mother of Montrose contestants...

## HOUSTON SOAP

By CAROLYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston

Hello Montrose !!!

Updates on Tad and the Trucker always come first. ... Tad has had several shots of cortisone to relieve/repair his dislocated (Birthday party) shoulder and the bruises on his tushie have just about healed. In a day or two he will be back to his "normal" self. Look out Trucker!!! I think he will be "ready" real soon for a rendezvous at yaw'll's favorite truck stop. Trucker... be SURE to LOAD up on FUEL and make sure your "SPARK PLUGS" are firing in the right sequence. I'll have my camera ready for the fireworks. ....

Because of other "engagements," Tad has allocated this space to "moi" for a while. ... So, I keep digging out the dirt and hanging your dirty laundry to "dry" for all to see. ...

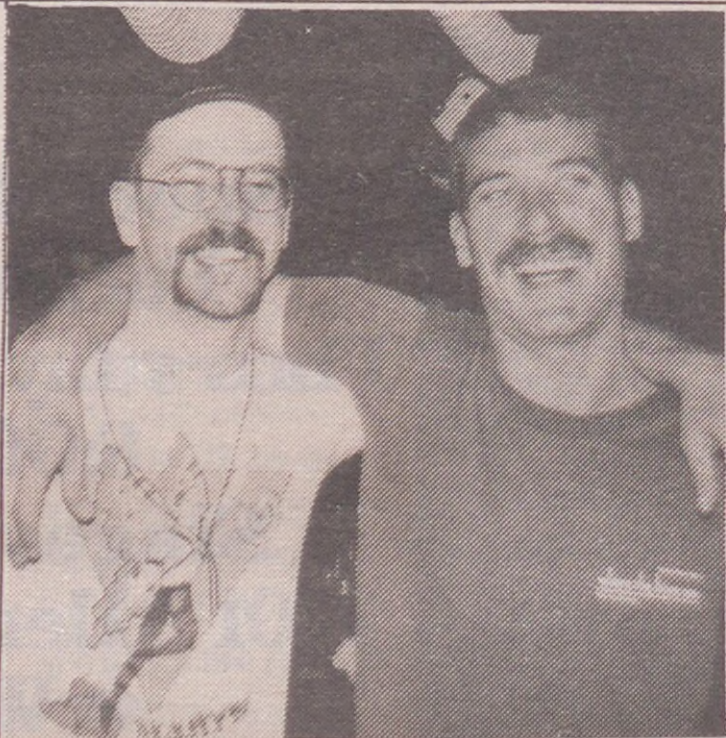
LAST WEEK. ... The "New" (and hopefully improved) Mother of MONTROSE is the one...the only the every so lustful LADY VICTORIA LUST!!!!!! I hear from the judges it was a tie and the final outcome was from audience response... Ms. Lust is one on the most dedicated people I have ever met, and this title is well deserved!!! CONGRATS Hun. ... I look forward to your hosting "Drag Queen Mud Wrestling" this fall!!!!

"HELPING HANDS" benefit at GENTRY'S raised almost \$300 for the BERING CARE CENTER!!!! Keep up the good work!!!!

The BABY BRONX held a "Women seeking Women" party.. (courtesy of "a different publication") Almost 80 women met there to finally meet the women they have been corresponding with!! Look for more details about these kinda events.

Heaven was packed for STAXX in concert this past Saturday night. Lead singer Carol Leeming returned to the stage for an encore of "JOY" and then stayed until after 3:00 a.m. signing autographs for the eager crowd. Among those spotted in the show were Paul "Boom Boom" Lekakis, and Juliet Roberts, whose new single "I Want You More Than You Know" is fast climbing the Billboard dance charts... and Dave Jurmman-head of Columbus Records. It was a "Who's Who" of the recording business!!!

JIMMY JAMES seduced the crowd at club TAR TARE this past Sunday!! (See photo)



Robb and David host the Blackout Party at Mary's

LAUREN BRACH did a new version of "You can eat crackers in my bed ANYTIME" at Club TAR TARE!!! (another photo to see!!)

EJ'S Cinco de Mayo party was a mucho el grande of delights. ... don't miss next year!!!

The MONTROSE SOFTBALL LEAGUE had a gamblin' good time at their fundraiser. Buns and screams were rampant!!! The Kim Son Ballroom was a delightful place to hold such an event.

ABOUT TOWN: Well this is the week's schedule of events that I know of...(If you have something you would like listed, please call me 2 weeks in advance)

MONDAY. ... MONDAY. ... MONDAY. ...

It is Spaghetti night at the VENTURE-N. Each Monday a different club hosts a little taste of Italy. The cost is \$2 for ALL you can stuff...

To work up an appetite, The CLUB has half price lockers every Monday night. It is only \$5.

EJ'S has a Male Strip Contest every Monday night. PAVI MC's the show that starts at 11:00 p.m.

AMIE'S sponsors a dart tournament each Monday night. Darts start to fly at 6:00 p.m. The bar contributes to the winners pot...(I think I better get my darts out and head there myself.. I'm pretty good at "hitting the bull"(sh\*t) in the eye!!!)

Get your calendar out... LAMBDA Roller skating nights are the first, third and fifth Monday nights... The next one is May 16th at Dairy Ashford Roller Rink.. 1820 S. Dairy Ashford.. Info call Keith 933-5818.

GENTRY has the infamous BOY TOY dancers every Monday night.. To see the G-Strings.. get there between 5:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.

The BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM has Happy Hour all day on Mondays. It is the place to go for the latest and greatest for country music in all of Houston!! (I go there to see the cowgirl and cowboy butts tucked into those tight jeans!!!)

Over at PACIFIC STREET. It is CLUBBER'S Night. For the "uninformed" that means if you belong to a club (i.e. National Leather Association : Houston, Texas Riders, Sundance Cattle Co., F.I.S.T., Lancers M.C., Brotherhood of Pain, Wolf-

pack, Texas Leather and Lace, T.R.U.S.T., Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of the Single Star, Dykes on Bikes, Colt 45's, Misfits, Renegades, Firedancers, Prime Timers, Executive and Professional Association of Houston, Garden Party, Wigs on Fire, and the list is way, way to long to print.. I know I did not

list a bunch of them. ...)

PACIFIC STREET invites all of us that are involved in our community to party together. There is NO cover for Clubber's.. or if you work in a local restaurant, nite club, dance bar or place where people meet.

F.I.S.T Meeting... Call 528-2127 for location

TUESDAY. ... TUESDAY. ... TUESDAY... Well, everyone knows where I am at on Tuesday, MARY's (Naturally). It is 2 4 Tuesday.. That is \$2. cuevro shots all day and all night. ...

Over at the BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM they have Happy Hour till 9:00 p.m.each Tuesday.

For a change of pace, wonder over to the BRIARPATCH on Tuesday, they offer Happy Hour prices until 8:00 p.m. and Marcie "Tickles" the ivory keys for your pleasure. I have been told she takes requests and will make it an evening to remember.

The BOY TOY dancers are strip teasin' you at GENTRY'S every Tuesday night. The "boys" start tantalizing you at 5:00 p.m.

AMIE'S spreads the buffet starting at 4:00 p.m. Ernie can really cook up a mouth watering time.

This Tuesday is week #6 for Amateur Talent Night at E/J's. Brittany Paige rounds "up" the talent at 10:30 p.m.

The RIPCORN has two of MY favorite bartenders on duty each Tuesday. Lee and David are ready to "serve" . . . . .

The RED ROOM has a MALE STRIP NIGHT every Tuesday. Maybe if you are lucky, David (the bartender) will get down to his G-string!!!

WEDNESDAY. ... WEDNESDAY. ... WEDNESDAY.

Hump day is here!!! There is lots of fun humpin' around town!!

Head over to the CLUB each Wednesday for BUDDY night. Check in with a friend and get a locker for half price!! Sounds like a deal to me!!!!

If you are hungry, visit Lucy on the patio at E/J's. Steak night starts at 6:00 p.m. Only \$5. gets you a steak, baker, salad and the trimmins...

You might want to hang around to finish your evening with Ray Wilkening and his magical Karaoke machine. The songs start at 9:00 p.m.

It is White Hot Hump night at PACIFIC STREET. The Lazer Wizard will hypnotize you with his laser light show and Victor Toledo will spin the music you want to hear. They keep the place humpin' and bumpin all night long!!!

MARY'S also celebrates hump day... It is Happy Hour ALL DAY And ALL NIGHT in celebration of the HUMP!!

Scot over to the BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM for hump night. The longnecks are only \$1.75 and Happy Hour lasts till 9:00 p.m.

Wild Wednesday continues at the RED ROOM. The talents of Brittany Paige will send you into a Wild Wednesday Frenzy. . . . . Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

The VENTURE-N has Bare Chest and Harness Night. Show off your stuff for Happy Hour prices till 11:00 p.m. (and yes, that even includes those of us with mammary glands on our chest!!!!)

Miss DYAN MICHAELS strips the boys at GENTRY'S. Miss Gay Texas is quite a host... she starts revealin' the "goods" at 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY. ... THURSDAY. ... THURSDAY. ...

Only one more day till the weekend.. so get ready...

The CLUB has Half price night. Lockers are only \$5. and a room is \$7.50. If you ask Damion real nice he might be able to do better. . . . . ya never know...

CLUB HEDONISM opens their doors at 9:00 p.m. The spotlight tonight is on "NUMBER 9..." it is a record release party. (NUMBER 9 is a local group) HEDONISM offers 75 cent well drinks to help the party along. Go by and help support a local group that is on their way to being a nationwide sensation!!

The BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM has Happy Hour till 11:00 p.m.

JR'S BAR AND GRILL invites you to help them celebrate!!! It has been 12 years since they opened the doors. To celebrate, J.R.'s is having traditional anniversary drink

specials, with a toast of well drinks and longnecks between 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Throughout the party, complimentary t-shirts will be given away... gorgeous male dancers will be passing out Kisses and Peppermints... and they have a slue of party favors to push the festivities to the limit. The staff and management of J.R.'s would like to thank HOUSTON for making them the most popular gay bar in our town during the GAY 90's.

AMIE'S has a male strip contest every Thursday. Hostess... with the mostess Catia Lee Luv starts the show at 9:00 p.m.

This Thursday at E/J's... Their own SOFTBALL TEAM is slinging drinks... instead of bats... on the patio. Come see the jocks pitch a drink or two. The game starts at 9:00 p.m.

The MONTROSE MINE has ALL BUDWEISER products on sale... Yes only \$1.25 will get you your favorite Bud... in any way, shape, or form... The also have the HARD CORE dancers that make you real thirsty ...

FRIDAY. ... FRIDAY. ... FRIDAY. ...

and yes it is FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH...

Does anyone know the name of the phobia .. the one of the fear of the number 13????? I do, but I can't spell it. Triskedeckaphobia...?

E/J's has a STRIP contest hosted by PAVI... starts at 11:00 p.m.

Friday nights at "AMIE and Co." are ready at 9:00 p.m. to entertain you.

GENTRY'S BOY TOY dancers are "UP" and ready for the weekend.

LAURA LEE LUV and Co. are ready to get you tantalized for the weekend. Check out AMIE'S show at 9:00 p.m.

COUSIN'S showcases "SHOWBIZ 94 ... with MAUDE". Maude dishes her dirty laundry at 10:30. If you have never "caught her act..." You gotta see just to believe it!!!!

It is your last chance (of the week) to catch the lunch specials at CHARLIE'S. Be sure to go and be good and hungry. . . . .

J.R.'s BAR & GRILL and SANTA FE sure have a great crowd for the Friday Happy Hour. It is the place to be to recoup after a long, HARD week of work...



Jimmy James seduced the crowd at Club Tar Tare Sunday



Danny at the RedRoom...come on down and have a cocktail or 2

# Coming Up: Hair Fantasy at Club Hedonism; TGRA State Dance Contest at BRB; Epah's Leather and Lace at Pacific Street



Colt 45's officers, from left: Mark Muckleroy, secretary; Joseph Carlsen, president; Dan Lindquist, treasurer and Jim Polito, vice president

## HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

By CAROLYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston

SATURDAY... SATURDAY... SATURDAY...

YEAH... Finally I can sleep in...

EJ'S has the SUPER SHOW... CHABLIS LE BLANC is hosting a benefit for AVES... Food 5:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. and the show starts after dinner... It is \$3 per plate. Grab a bar stool and stay all night. Their regular Saturday SUPER SHOW starts at 11:00 p.m.

The BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM has happy Hour Till 9:00 p.m. You can also party on the patio with the Texas Renegades. They can sure serve you up a heap of a good time!!

The CLUB had weekend POOL PARTIES... Saturday and Sunday... 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Free Burgers and Beverages... Get a tan and watch the sights...

This Saturday is the 26th Anniversary for the TEXAS RIDERS!!! It is a one day run... Congrats Gays and girls for "sticking" together this long.

Saturday nights at the VENTURE-N are picking up... You need to go back and see the place packed again. Check out the back bathroom's special lighting effect!!! AMIE and Co. are on stage to entertain you. Be there around 9:00 p.m.

Rob and David invite you to MARY'S (Naturally) BLACK-OUT PARTY. The lights go off between 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. ... Sounds like fun to me!!!

PAST TIME has a KEG party every Saturday. It is a \$5. buy in and refill suds are only 25 cents. Sounds like a barrel of fun between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

PACIFIC STREET asks you to strip down to the flesh. It is FLESH and FANTASY night. A clothes check is available at the door. The sweet smell of sweat starts at 9:00 p.m. and goes until you are dripping...

SUNDAY... SUNDAY... SUNDAY...

It is gonna be a busy Sunday... I have bunches of info for you...

The only place to be this Sunday is the BRIARPATCH...as their annual extravaganza hits the stage. The "Follies on Prime Time TV" is a live musical review that always plays to a packed house. All the sequins in town have been purchased, costumes designed, lights set as the "Follies" group sing and dance for STONE SOUP!!! My spies tell me that this years show has been tailored for laughter and fun. Ed Sullivan, Liza, Lucy & Desi, and don't forget Archie and Edith. Also appearing is Tammy Fay (my mascara is running) Baker. See her as she brings in her own chair,

news, sports and weather... all set to music... Get there early to get a good seat... as always, the shows at the BRIARPATCH always start on time!!!!

Attention HMBL and GHPBL members... GENTRY'S Sunday 8-ball tournament guarantees \$60. in cash prizes. This is a tournament played using league rules!!!!

Also this Sunday at GENTRY'S, The Court presents "Family Feud..." a take off on that popular TV game show. There will be a 50/50 raffle and buffet with proceeds benefiting AVES!!!!

Sunday afternoon at MARY'S, the SUNDANCE CATTLE CO. is having a car wash, noon to 3:00 p.m.

HAL and JIM cook up quite a spread at the VENTURE-N every Sunday. Dinner is at 3:00 p.m. ALL and I repeat ALL proceeds go directly in the COIT 45's TROUBLE FUND BOX... Hal and Jim donate their time and talents and the VENTURE-N DONATES THE FOOD. Each week is a different menu... so you never know which delicious meal they will prepare... Go often, go hungry, and don't forget to put a few dollars in the COIT box... YEAH PARTY!!!!!!

Every Sunday the party at JR'S begins after Brunch and continues all night long. 99 cent Vodka juice drinks until 11:00 p.m. and fabulous frozen drinks to beat the summer heat!!!

RICH'S Prime Softball team is hosting the MONTROSE SOFTBALL LEAGUE party night. Not only can you party and support the team, but there will be a special show with SWEET SAVAGE as a special guest, plus LAUREN BRACH, KATHERINE and the infamous Club TARTARE'S own YOLANDA. You can enter to win a mountain bike, and other great prizes in the RICH'S raffle. RICH'S offer all this and cheap drink prices...

HEAVEN'S Sunday night continues to be the only place to spend you last night of the weekend. Well drinks are only 25 cents until 11:00 p.m. This Sunday, HEAVEN presents JOHNNY REY and GRANT LARSON, Adult video stars of Romeo and Julien. If you haven't seen this flick yet, run out and rent it... it is gay porn's first musical, and Annie it AIN'T...

PACIFIC STREET is the place to be Sunday night... Mr. Gay Houston contest... an event not to miss...

Merry Mount invites you to Use Universal Laws and Ancient Wisdoms to Learn to Unconditionally Love the Angry Part of You. This is a thought provoking seminar of self discovery that can change your life. Call 977-4944 for reservations and information.

The 611 HYDE PARK PUB has brunch every Sunday... Noon till 2:00 p.m.

UP AND COMING EVENTS...

May 19 \* Club HEDONISM has a hair fantasy show... "Naked Colors" and "Nothing But Hair."

May 21 \* The BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM hosts TGRA STATE

DANCE CONTEST. 2:00 p.m.

May 21 \* The Brotherhood of Pain is educating... Exploring the SM Lifestyle... at the Ripcord... for info 521-2792.

May 21 \* Executive and Professional Association of Houston (EPAH) is having their annual LEATHER AND LACE party. This year it is at PACIFIC STREET. Tickets are available at Leather by Boots, Basic Brothers and at the door. It is the party of all parties... I never miss them...

May 21 \* JODY WATLEY is LIVE at RICH'S. The doors open at 9:00 p.m. 21 and over... get there early to get the best place in the house...

May 21 \* "Little Rose" will be at AMIE'S. Rock, Zydeco, and Blues to entertain you.

May 22 \* The WHOREHOUSE GIRLS present a variety show. A benefit for People with AIDS Coalition Houston, Inc. Betsy invites you to the RANCH (5200 Buffalo Speedway) at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at Inklings, PWA Coalition offices and at the door. \$5. each and \$100. for a table of four. Spend the money... it WILL be worth it!!!

May 22 \* GAY PRIDE WEEK FUNDRAISER... on the patio at PACIFIC STREET. PS is donating food and beer... all proceeds



Marcia Johnson and Virgil Burke, candidates for Mr. and Mrs. TGRA, sponsored "Helping Hands" at Gentry Sunday

to benefit directly the PRIDE WEEK.. on a personal note... this is a rare opportunity to corner me... I will be your bartender da jour... so if I have really teed you off, or if you have gossip for me.. this is a place to be.. or if you miss my act...(like the show I used to do at the VENTURE-N) come check it out... and I am even donating ALL (yes) ALL my tips to PRIDE WEEK... COME ON.. they need the money!!!!

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

May 28 \* HEAVEN brings you a Texas first with the exclusive appearance of LADY BUNNY. The LADY BUNNY is a graduate of the New York City Drag Troupe "Now Explosion," which also included RuPaul. Best known as the founder of Wigstock, Bunny will take the stage at midnight to dish dirt...(kinda sounds like what I do for a living) on all your favorite celebs and sing the songs that have made her a legend.

May 29 \* The official kick off party for the summer. The WHITE PARTY at HEAVEN. The host committee will recognize Gene Harrington for his tireless works for our community with a champagne reception at 3:00 p.m. at the JR'S and the SANTA FE side.

Sometime in June \* The 13 Hour

Band will be rockin at MARY'S.

June 4 \* The Names Project Houston asks you to join them at the First Unitarian Universal Church (5210 Fannin). Friends and Families will come together and send off the panels they have made in remembrance of their loved ones who have died of AIDS. Panel registration for the dedication ceremony will take place at the NAMES project Workshop, 4210 Woodhead, on May 21 and 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and May 23 thru 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. In addition, volunteers will be available from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the day of the ceremony to receive panels at the church.

June 9 \* The MONTROSE ICE PICKS skate at the Galleria.. Call 630-0707 for info.

June 10 \* The 3rd Annual Mistress Auction, sponsored by Texas Leather and Lace will be held at the VENTURE-N. mark your calendars...

June 11 \* National Leather Association: Houston will celebrate Houston's HOT NIGHT 6... A night in black leather... Keep tuned for details...

Christmas in July is coming... Chris is looking for help with the carnival.. call 526-4392 to sign up!!!

SEPTEMBER 16, 17 & 18 \* COWTOWN LEATHERMEN'S 11th Anniversary run at Buzzards Peak. For info call (817) 536-8051.

Coming to the Laff Stop... Captain Rowdy... Details as they become available.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS...(some belated) to: Michael W. of NLA:H, Joel of Q-Patrol, Linda Ciprano (Laff Stop), Bob Ryan, and to anyone else I missed!!

IT IS TIME TO DO THE LAUNDRY...

Beau (BRB) Where were those playtex gloves when you needed them??? I hear JoAnn had a bunch of dirty dishes..!!

Clay (MINE) SO you really did get married (again)... Just when did YOU get SO butch??

Nancy (RIDERS) I heard you missed the bus...

Michael (NLA:H) So you DON'T want to be mentioned in SOAP..TOO BAD!!! Love ya Honey!!!

Reenie and Vicki (SUNDANCE).. Whatsamatta... don't you two like jello shots...

Steve (NLA:H) Did not like his jello shots either.. too bad he can't remember just which set of pants he slipped his down...

Jan L (FIST) Rumor has it you are single again... You need to Tie up your subjects just a bit tighter honey... call me I'll show you how..!!

David (RED ROOM) is advertising for a new husband, daddy or whatever... sounds like he needs "some" to me!!!

Buzz (NLA:H) How come you got "little slit eyes" while you were in Austin???

Jerry (RSICSS) Stick to brown nosing... maybe next time you won't leave your teeth in John's hind end...It is OK to leave marks.. but really...

Dan J. (Continental) is asking if ANYONE knows what he did last Sunday night at PS. He wants to

know why his clothes were wet when he woke up the next day. It seams Steve (PS) made him a Mind Eraser and it WORKED!!!

Robert (BRB) heard the instructions for the phones were lost... figured it out yet?

Al (RIDERS).. Been to any "hooker" bars lately??? You need to be a bit more careful while strolling the Strand!!!

WIG RUSH WIG RUSH WIG RUSH WIG RUSH WIG RUSH!!!!

Richard (Basic Brothers).. I hear you are able to tell a pussy cat from a puppy dog... even with disguises...

Les (BRB) a little sad with Bill out of town. The rumor mill tells me your bunny did no hoppin' last weekend!!

Sonny Dale... Next time a "sister in need" calls... go help her...

Gary (RIDERS) What's this I hear about you taking golden showers with a pussy... (and I thought I knew you!!!)

Ruby (Baby Bronx) tells me her motto... If you can't afford to come and drink with us... stay home...

Rod L... Hear you been makin' up dumplings...and they are real heavy. Poor Bobby (PS) could barely move after dinner at your house!!

Who is boppin' Theresa Mauney?...I know, does anyone else?????

Bill (BRB) Who is the biggest brat at the BRB?

Johnny (MARY'S) Tad is sorry he cut your Calvins off so long ago. He now knows what it is like... His are currently at the Venture-N... Kinda an expensive joke don't ya think...!!!

Shirley (LBB) How's your BIG HAIR???

Arcade News is remodeling.. to include a real theater... someone check it out for me and give me the scoop... There are some places I just shouldn't go... (gender wise that is)

I would like to thank Don Gill (Mr. Everything) for my fabulous new do!! It is kinda fun being a short and sassy redhead!!!! Love ya honey!!

Don (the schnauzer) and I went window shopping at Appearances (on Westheimer) this week. Lynn has really stocked the store with fine quality clothes... and I got to watch this really hunky guy try on swim wear... It was a lunch hour I won't forget for a while...

It is most definitely♥Cuervo time for this Cuervolyn... Have a great week and keep the dirt coming...



Lauren Brach declares "You Can Eat Crackers in My Bed" at Club Tar Tare

# LET'S PLAY SHOW & TELL!



Sunday, May 15  
**MR. GAY HOUSTON USA CONTEST!**



Houston's Best will be competing for the title of Mr. Gay Houston USA! Over \$1,000 in Cash & Prizes. Talent, Swimsuit / Physique, & Interview Competitions!

Special Guest Emcee:

**Gay Comedian : Kevin Maye!**

Featured at the:  
**Laffstop-River Oaks , The Improv-Las Vegas, &**

**Gay Freedom Jam Tour!**

Registration for Mr. Gay Houston USA will be held Sat. May 14th, at 9 p.m.



**Mondays: Clubbers Night!** No Cover for local Club Members in Club Colors or Bar Personell!

Party in Houston's Only Laser-Lit Dance Floor by the Laser Wizard!

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# LET'S PLAY DRESS UP!



EPAH presents:  
**LEATHER & LACE 7**

Saturday, May 21st  
7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Benefiting Milam House & Stone Soup. Please Bring a Household or non-perishable food item. Everyone attending is encouraged to wear the Most Outrageous Leather and Sexiest Lace! Witness the Crowning of Ms. Lace and Mr. Leather! Tickets available at the door, at House of Coleman, Inc., Lobo, Basic Brothers, and Leather By Boots. Great fun, a good cause, and this is one of THE PARTIES of the year!

11:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

**LIFT THE BAN!**

Our "Stiff" Salute to Armed Forces Day! Join us for this Special Uniform/Leather Party. NO COVER for Men in Uniform!

**THE LOWEST REGULAR DRINK PRICES IN TOWN!**

90 Cent Well, \$1.75 Beer, \$2.50 Call, & \$1 Schnaaps!

**ALL NIGHT - EVERY NIGHT!**

**Tuesdays: Executive Night!** No Cover with your Personal Business Card! Don't wait till the Weekend!

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# MR. TEXAS DRUMMER!



Friday, July 1 st:

**Mr. Texas Drummer Registration Party!**

Warm-up your weekend with No Cover from 7 - 9! Come meet the contestants from all over competing in the event!

Saturday, July 2 nd.

**CUIR Magazine Presents: CUIR (Queer) Next Door Party!**

Private Photo Shoot with CUIR Magazine's

**David Rhodes!**

No Cover for Men in Leather Chaps or Jock Straps! Clothes Check available!

Sunday, July 3 rd.

**Mr. Texas Drummer '94/'95!**

A preliminary contest to: Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer. Special Appearances by:

**Gay Comedian :**

**Scott Kennedy**

Calvin Buckley,

**Mr. Texas Drummer '93/'94**

Dean Walrad,

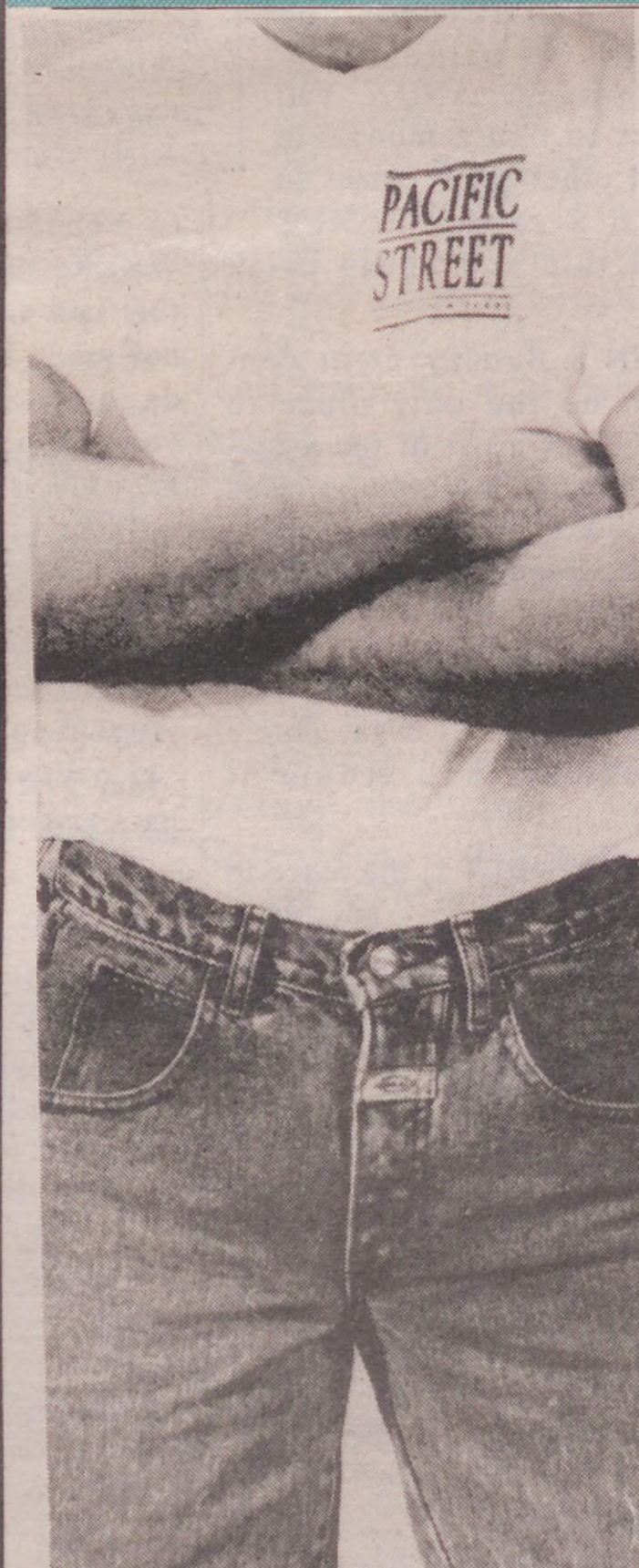
**Mr. Texas Drummer '92/'93**

For Application and Information, write or call Ken or Jay at Pacific Street.

**Wednesdays: Hot Hump Night!** The Latest in Video & Dance Hits! No Cover with a Be-My-Guest Pass from your favorite bartender!

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# SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE!



Sunday, May 22

**Spring Blow-Out Party!**

An Official Benefit for the **Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Committee!** The Party Starts on the Patio from 4 to 9 p.m. and spreads throught the building! Everyone is Welcomed to attend!

\* \$1 donation requested.

\* \$3.00 Benefit Beer Bust with 25 cent refills!

\* Hot Meat on the Grill!

\* Best Buns Contest!

\* Wet Underwear Contest!

**Prizes! Games! Great Fun!**

At 9 pm. the Party will Climax with the **Drawing for the Trip for 2 to StoneWall in New York!** The Party continues inside with **Mandance: Monster T-Dance!**

Steamy and Hot! Join your friends on the Packed Laser-Lit Dance Floor! The Best Music & Videos by DJ/VJ Adrian!

**Thursdays: Men with Muscles!** No Cover with your current Gym Card! Come Party with the Muscle Machines & Show It OFF!

Experience **Caged Heat/ Men Behind Bars!** Our "gifted" Male Dancers "fill" the Cages of Decadance Every Night for you!

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