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## THIS SUNDAY: TWO SPECTACULAR SOCIAL EVENTS

## THE GARDEN PARTY

3:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

In 1975, Montrose resident Tag Kowis and a small group of friends mulled ideas to make Houston's sagging, dragging "Dog Days" of summer less drab and dull. They decided to throw a party and, to make it even more interesting, to require those attending to step (or sag) onto the party grounds in drag.

"In those days, cross-dressing was illegal," recall the members of what is now known as the Garden Party in a historical passage included in this year's unique program, the "Garden Party Enquirer." Therefore, Tag opened his home to everyone getting ready for the event.

In the years that followed, the Party took on an indelible personality. It was a social affair that brought out the best and worst in makeshift elegance and glittery costumes; a uniquely Houstonian celebration of the revered institution of camp. And, it was a blowout party for which the silently mandated elaborate preparation brought new meaning to the phrase, "getting there is half the fun."

Some things have changed, according to Roni Hulin, a current officer and member of the sponsoring organization for the past 10 years. In the beginning, said Hulin, adding proudly that she's attended 15 Garden Parties, "it was strictly a drag affair" attended almost exclusively by gay men.

In the 80's, the AIDS epidemic changed everyone's priorities, said Hulin, and the Garden Party began raising funds for charity. The "drag-only" rule was relaxed to attract more participants, and more women also started coming to the event, up to 100 at recent Garden Parties.

Since 1984, the Garden Party has donated in excess of \$50,000 to needy organizations in the community, including The Montrose counseling center, the MacAdory House, AIDS Foundation Houston, Montrose Clinic, the Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund, the Pet Patrol, the Names Project and Stone Soup. This year's beneficiaries are the Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund and Stone Soup Fund.

Each year, the Party has a different outrageous theme that forms the basis for party planning, decorations and the always attention-getting costumes. The 1994 theme (see photo!) is "Trailer Park Trash."

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## THE DENIM PARTY

7:00 p.m. till . . .

For members of the community who are more comfortable in denim and leather than boas and beads (and, of course, those equally comfortable), this year's Denim Party at the Brazos River Bottom will provide a complement to the Garden Party at Rich's, as fitting as a gentlemanly tip of the ten-gallon hat to a passing trailer park glamour queen.

The Denim Party is an annual event held at the BRB in which the club's staff, devoted patrons and members of local leather/levi clubs join forces in throwing a party to thank the community for its support. Conceived as a way to give something back to the community while drumming up business on a sluggish summer night, the Denim Party was started in 1984 by about 11 BRB employees who decided to give up a designated night's wages and tips for charity.

Denim Party hosts, generally BRB staff and management, members of community groups and clubs and friends who are asked to participate by other hosts, contribute funds toward the purchase of supplies for hosting the party and participate in making sure the party runs smoothly. This year's event has 105 hosts. The hosts received T-shirts and 10 of the party's traditional bandana invitations to give to their most admired friends, to attend as the party's guests.

The Denim Party is always held on the last Sunday of July. The 1994 Denim Party will be the 11th annual event, and benefits the Colt 45 General Charities Fund. The dress code is denim/leather.



## FREE SHUTTLE BETWEEN THE PARTIES

## El Paso couple makes national news after daily paper runs wedding notice

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
Houston Voice Editor

Alejandro "Alex" Herrera and Robert "Rob" Knight were exchanged vows April 22, 1994 in a



Alex Herrera and Rob Knight's inclusion in the El Paso Times' list of wedding announcements made them instant celebrities

cozy poolside ceremony at their apartment complex, attended by about 50 family members and friends. But it was months later when the couple's wedding announcement turned them into overnight celebrities nation wide, and earned them a historical designation in the cautiously evolving gay and lesbian rights movement of non-metropolitan Texas.

On June 26, the El Paso Times, a Gannett Group daily newspaper in El Paso, finally printed the announcement that Herrera and Knight had been attempting to place for several months. In the same edition, the Times' editor, Dionicio "Don" Flores, ran a courageous editorial detailing the paper's decision and explaining the self-examination and learning process the editorial staff invested in making it. Headlined "Union of gay couple poses agonizing questions," the piece gave a candid, unapologetic and insightful look into the broader struggle faced by those mainstream press organizations who choose to

make necessary changes to serve an increasingly diverse community.

Flores, in the editorial, stated outright that the Times understood the decision would not be popular among some of the paper's readers and the some in the El Paso community. "But," he added, "we know it is right and fair."

Not surprisingly, the newspaper—which includes on its opinion pages a detailed listing of who to call to comment on its policies—has been inundated with negative comments generated by Radical Right groups and conservative radio and television talk shows—both local and national—since printing the announcement.

Also not surprisingly, Herrera and Knight have been deluged with media attention since the announcement ran.

However, Knight, president and founder of LAMBDA Services, an organization that serves El Paso's gay and lesbian community, and Herrera, a college student and volunteer coordinator with the same

group, say they did not plan on attention when they decided to try to place their announcement in the newspaper. "We did it," Herrera said, "because that's what's people usually do when they get married. It's the thing to do when you're a couple."

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## Gay and lesbian Hispanics want real voice, not token inclusion, says LLEGO director

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
Houston Voice Editor

Gay men and lesbians of color, tired of being "tokenized" in organizations dominated by gay white men, have learned to assert their own strength and presence and address their own issues, Letitia Gomez, executive director of the National Latino/Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO) told members of Houston's gay and lesbian Hispanic community last week.

In her address at a fundraiser/membership drive for LLEGO, held at Treebeard's restaurant, Gomez, a former San Antonio and Houston resident who now lives in Washington, D.C., gave a brief history of the organization she helped create in 1987, which had its roots in Texas and California.

Over the years, Gomez said, the gay and lesbian movement and its agenda has been dominated by white men. In the beginning, the separately awakening gay/lesbian Latino movement was focused on identifying issues within the community that were not being addressed, community building and self-esteem.

In its early years, LLEGO, which sprang primarily from a caucus at the International Lesbian and Gay People of Color Conference in Los Angeles and a series of organization attempts in Texas, was a loosely organized national network of groups. In May, 1992, the organization held its first national conference, here in Houston; a second conference was held in 1993 and a third is in the planning stages. LLEGO is also co-sponsoring the first National Leadership and Self-Empowerment Conference for Latina Lesbians in Tuscon in September.

The event, titled "La Raza Cosmica After Stonewall," was also intended to give Houstonians a glimpse into the five year old organization's future.

The next step, said Gomez, may be learning to work in coalition with other gay/lesbian and minority groups and movements toward an agenda that will benefit all gays and lesbians.

Along the way, the diverse cultures that make up the spectrum of the gay and lesbian Latin American culture must also learn "to collectively respect each other's differences"

and unite as a force. Cultural differences within the community are common, and issues and preferences vary according to heritage and region. (Even the word 'Hispanic,' commonly in Texas, is shunned in some areas of the county).

"We need to seriously think about these alliances (around common issues) such as AIDS, civil rights and the threat of the Radical Right," she said. But Gomez said members of minorities within the gay and lesbian community also "need to encourage organizations that take care of care of our own."

Gomez said gay Hispanics do not want to "isolate" themselves from the rest of the community. But many feel lost, unheard or unrepresented in the traditional gay organizations. The reason these organizations have trouble keeping minority members involved is that many white men, still the predominant membership, "have been basically unwilling to deal with issues of race, class and culture."

These issues are of deep concern to gay Hispanics, who often must deal with double or triple discrimination, she said.

The media has not helped the "invisible" gay minorities, said Gomez, noting that references to "the TWO national gay and lesbian organizations (National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Human Rights Campaign Fund)" are prevalent, although there are other national organizations—including LLEGO.

Gomez moved to Washington, D.C. in 1987 and began her work in that community by serving as vice president of ENLACE, a local Latino/a organization. She is also a founding board member of the D.C. Women's Council on AIDS. In 1992, she received a mayoral appointment to the Civilian Complaint Review Board and in 1993, running as an out Lesbiana Latina, she was elected to the board on the Latino Civil Rights Task Force. More recently, she was the only person specifically representing the Latino/a lesbian/gay community to testify before Congress during Stonewall weekend for the Employment Nondiscrimination Act.

She will be one of the keynote speakers at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change Conference, to be held in Dallas in November.

## Houston Spotlight



### LINDA MORALES

Depending on who you want to believe, Linda Morales is either a Hispanic activist, a feminist, an exceptional orator, a political leader or a trailblazer in the fight for human justice. Truth is, Linda is, vigorously and energetically, all of the above, and now, as a featured personality in the newly released book, "Uncommon Heroes," she's also a national role model. Morales' active spirit led her to an offensive against the Texas state law which prohibits sex between members

of the same sex. Morales was the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit sponsored by the Texas Human rights Foundation, which challenged the homosexual conduct law, Texas Penal Code Section 21.06. She is also a former Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade Grand Marshal and keynote speaker for the Texas Lesbian Conference, as well as founder of AMIGA de Houston and former president of Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos and Mexican American Democrats of Houston.

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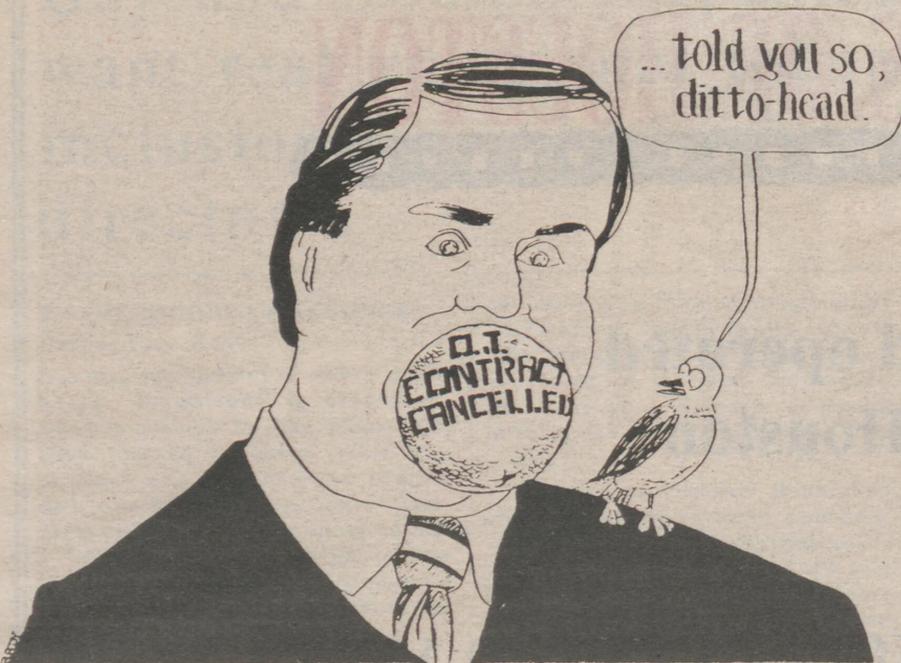
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## Illinois gay community alerted to serial killer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Tuesday, July 26 (AP)—Police say they have received hundreds of reports that a suspected serial killer who preys on gay men was sighted here as late as Saturday.

Telephone calls poured into police and Sangamon County sheriff's offices after weekend news reports that Gary R. Bowles, 32, charged with murder in the slayings of gay men in Savannah, Ga., Maryland and Florida, was seen in Springfield. Bowles is a suspect in other slayings.

Bowles is white, 5 feet 9 inches to 5

feet 11 inches tall, 145 to 165 pounds, with tattoos on both arms, a tattoo of a cross on his left wrist and a cancerous scab on his right wrist.

He has hazel eyes, brown hair, a receding chin, a pronounced Adam's apple and is a heavy smoker.

A man believed to be Bowles was spotted twice at the St. John's Breadline on Saturday, sheriff's Sgt. Barry Brown said.

A man matching Bowles' description was at Capitol Pawn about 10 days ago, owner David Gold said.

"I remember him because he got smart with me, he had a tattoo on his wrist ... and he had no chin. The photo makes him look like he has more chin than he does," Gold said, referring to the "wanted" poster authorities are circulating. "He had a weasel face. It stuck out like that. That's how I remember him."

A gay activist leader said Monday that the homosexual community is trying to get the word out to beware of strangers, but that some men who hide their sexual orientation are particularly susceptible.

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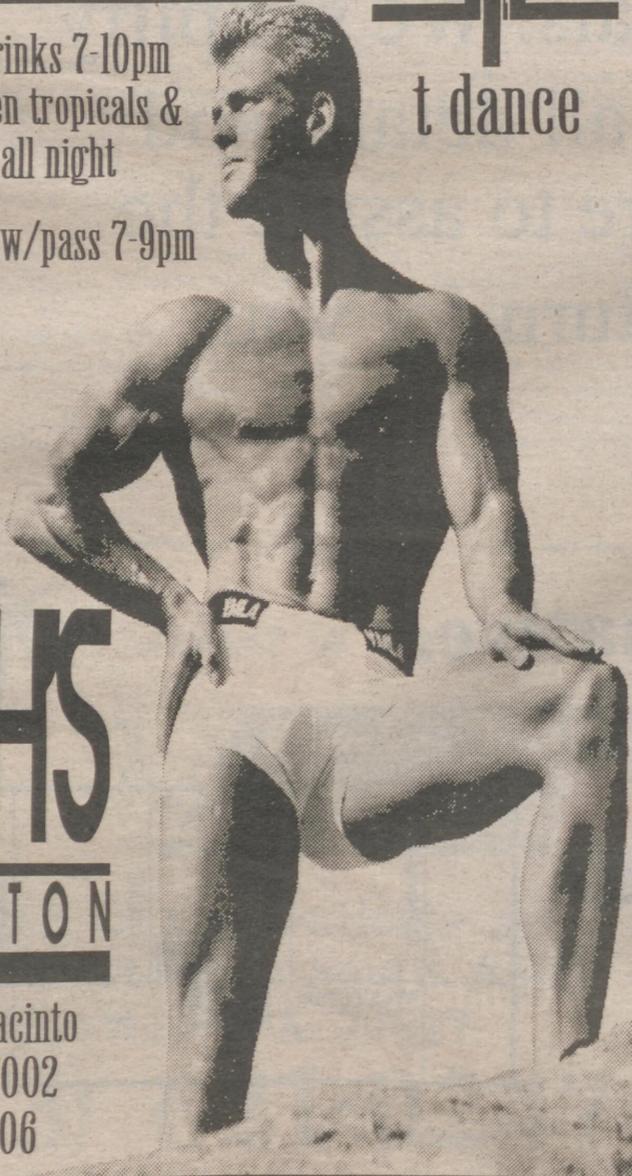
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Randy passed away on July 6, 1994 after a long and courageous battle with AIDS. He was a former member of the Lancers Motorcycle Club and current member of the Texas Conference of Clubs.

Randy is survived by his mother, father, step-mother, sister and two brothers, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also survived by his loving companion Tom Sawyer of Houston.

A memorial service was held in Tulsa on July 8, 1994. A Celebration of Randy's life will be held on Sunday, August 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ripcord.

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Till we meet again Love,  
Tom



DAVID C. WETZEL

David C. Wetzel, 37, passed from this painful existence to a more peaceful rest at 2:30 a.m., Sunday, June 12, 1994. He was an Air Force veteran, an avid D & D and chess player as well as dearly beloved by all who knew him. He is survived by family and friends from the Midwest and abroad.

Most prominently, he is survived by a dear friend of 13 years, Michael White, of Cairo, Egypt. Locally by a trusted confidant, John Denson; faithful friend Rick Rojas; and his las companion and caregiver, Bill Holloway (a.k.a. Teri Jo). We love you and will miss you, "Bud."

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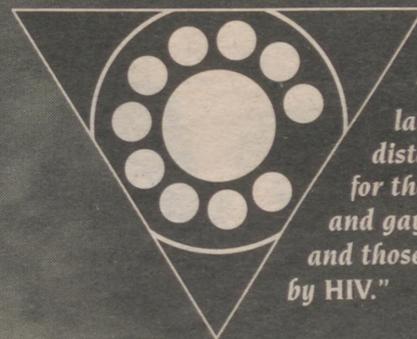
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# Sudden celebrities say gay life in El Paso often dominated by the closet

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The couple, who stopped in Houston last week on their way home from a television talk show filming in Florida, said they did expect, initially, to meet with resistance. "We both expected (the announcement request) to be denied, and we knew that we were going to press the issue," Herrera said. "It wasn't that we wanted to create a controversy...we knew that they had never had a gay couple (in the announcement section) before. Gay and lesbian people are usually not included in something unless they ask to be included."

Knight and Herrera also knew that not many gay or lesbian El Pasoans would jump at the chance to be the trail blazers. The relaxed border city where both grew up is dominated by a Latin-influenced culture of close knit families, mind-you-own-fort isolation and secret scandals. In this atmosphere, the closet is not only dominant, but tacitly accepted and even, in some cases, fiercely defended by those protective of their personal lifestyle. The running joke is that in El Paso, people are gay and lesbian on the weekends, noted Knight.

In fact, according to Knight and Herrera, the El Paso Times is not the only institution that has suffered a backlash. Since the advertisement, viewed as too "blatant" and "pushy" by many in El Paso's gay community, ran in the newspaper, the community center run by the couple has lost some of its major funding, they said.

"Our friends in the straight community have been more supportive than some in the gay community," noted Knight. "In a lot of ways, the gays were more shocked."

"In El Paso, the message, the pressure, is to go back into the closet and be quiet," added Herrera. "We have heard it from people in the gay and lesbian community that they wish we would not be so visible...that it only causes problems."

"We're trying to show them that we did this, and nothing has happened. And nothing has."

Nothing, perhaps, except for a subtle change, even in spite of the funding backlash, that has convinced this pair that they did the right thing. Knight said that overall, their effort has been rewarded with expressions of support, some of it from people he feels may not have spoken up before.

"I think we brought (gay issues) out of the closet for a while," he reflected, "to both the straight and the gay and lesbian community."

Herrera and Knight are not the first gay or lesbian couple whose smiling faces have graced a Texas daily newspaper's social notices section. In 1992, also in the summer, the Austin American-Statesman received national attention after running wedding announcements for two lesbian couples. (One of those couples wound up on the Phil Donahue Show, debating the issue of gay and lesbian marriages with Austin right wing leaders. The American-Statesman, like the Times, stuck by their decision, in interviews and in print.

So far, despite scattered efforts by Texas gay rights groups to rally support for the El Paso Times and its policies, the vast bulk of feedback to the daily has been negative. The Radical Right immediately mounted an offensive, and the newspaper has received a flood

of letters and calls opposing the practice of running gay and lesbian wedding announcements

"There were two days when they ran almost two whole pages of nothing but letters to the editor," noted Knight.

Petitions urging the paper to change its position and threats to boycott the Times have also surfaced in recent weeks, they said.

"When we talked to them, they were inundated with mostly negative calls. The pressure has been great...there's a local religious show called 'Let's Get Real' that's sponsored by an organization that puts on tent revivals," said Herrera. "They are encouraging a boycott of the paper."

If the Times buckles to pressure, there will likely be implications far beyond El Paso. Other daily newspapers struggling with the same policy issue will no doubt be watching what happens there, he said.

But while the negative response poses concerns, Herrera and Knight point out that personally, they have received much support and encouragement.

"We get stopped daily...when we stop to get gas, at the grocery store, the post office. We're recognized everywhere we go," Herrera said. "We've had people sort of sneak up to us and say, 'oh, I think it's great.' I really think that by being so visible, we've actually helped to break some of the stereotypes."

Their commitment to helping those who feel they cannot be as open, particularly youth, is what brought Herrera,

23 and Knight, who is 28, together in the first place. They met at LAMBDA, which Knight says he started in 1991, when Herrera began volunteering for the fledgling organization.

Soon, they were partners in life as well as in running the gay and lesbian community center, which operates nine programs and is constantly adding more services in response to community requests. The organization, and services for El Paso's isolated gay young people, remain at the center of the couple's existence.

"I know what it's like to grow up where there are no resources, where there's nowhere to turn, feeling like I was the only gay person in my high school," said Herrera.

They do not regret their decision to be open about the nature of their relationship, and they do not consider gay marriage an effort to mimic a heterosexual institution.

"It's a personal choice, that people have to make on their own," said Knight. "Our position is that gay men and lesbians should not be treated any differently...we should have the same right."

Knight and Herrera also proudly display their version of a marriage license, also a silent symbol of a reputedly more liberal Texas city that also, this year, has felt the shadow of the right: a certificate of registration in Austin's domestic partner registry.

(Editor's note: Letters of support may be sent to Dionicio Flores, Publisher and Editor, the El Paso Times, P.O. Box 20, El Paso, TX 79999; fax 915-546-6415 and to LAMBDA Services of El Paso, P.O. Box 31321, El Paso, TX 79931-0321; tel. 915-562-GAYS).

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## 'Trailer Trash' treasures include 'Enquirer,' stuffed pink flamingo

### QUICK NOTES

The program cover screams with supermarket tabloid headlines as shocking as the hot pink (correction, supplied by members of the Garden Party, "fireball fuschia") stock it is printed on: "I was raised by lesbian lovers who never let me wear pants!" "They've all been zapped by lightning or huge shocks, and its changed their lives!" Welcome to the wacky world of Trailer Park Trash, the theme of this year's 19th annual Garden Party Ball, to be held Sunday, July 31, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. This year may be illuminated in the

historic annals of the event as the easiest or cheapest Garden Party outfit to put together (doesn't everyone have a tacky aunt, or an early drag experiment in the closet?). If nothing else, T.T. will almost assuredly require a bit less technical expertise than last year's "Space Cadets."

Tickets are available at Basic Brothers; the price includes four drinks at the ball and proceeds benefit the Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund and Stone Soup Fund. Donations of toiletry items for Stone Soup (razors, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, etc.) are also encouraged. The Garden Party Hosts and BITCH Auxiliary will

also be raffling off a 10-foot "fireball fuschia" stuffed flamingo during the event.

Immediately following the Garden Party, the 1994 Denim Party will be held at the Brazos river Bottom, 2400 Brazos. (See related front page stories for more information on the history and spirit of these events).

### Protect Support Group

PROTECT ("People Respecting Ourselves through Establishing Community and Trust"), a group offering peer support and encouragement to HIV-negative people

living in the age of AIDS, meets weekly on Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Bering Church, 1440 Harold.

Marty Yaklin, one of the group's facilitators, said HIV-negatives sometimes need support to keep from lapsing into unsafe sex and other risky behaviors. They also must deal with other factors, such as low self esteem, survival guilt and the "it won't happen to me" syndrome—factors Yaklin says play into why people are still having unsafe sex 14 years into the AIDS epidemic.

For more information, contact Marty Yaklin, 520-7870, or David White, 752-2604.

## Four NJ men arrested in alleged bias incident in NYC

NEW YORK, Sunday, July 24 (AP)—Four New Jersey men were arrested for assault and harassment in a bias incident in Greenwich Village early Sunday morning, police said.

Police spokesperson Detective Mary Anne Mullin said Terence Joy-

ette, 31, of Brooklyn and Andrew Miller, 31 of Manhattan, were walking along Christopher and Hudson Streets shortly after 6:00 a.m. when four men in a black GMC pickup truck began to make anti-gay remarks.

The men got out of the truck and alleg-

edly assaulted Joyette and Miller.

Joyette and Miller fought back, according to police, and three of the four men were treated for various injuries at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Charged with assault and aggravated harassment were John Gor-

man, 22, of New Brunswick, N.J., Kevin Shout, 22, of Edison, N.J., Michael Higgins, 21, of Edison and his brother, James, 27, also of Edison.

James Higgins was the only one who was not injured, Mullin said.

## Town II Meeting fundraiser; Houston Health Security Express

### QUICK NOTES

The planning committee for Town Meeting II will host a fundraiser on Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Museum Restaurant. Everyone is welcomed to attend the event and to learn more about the plans for, tentatively scheduled for June, 1995.

At the last planning meeting for Town Meeting II, participants were advised of the rules and prizes for the logo design. The winner will be announced at the coming fundraiser.

New sponsors are also expected present checks to the organization at the fundraiser, said organizer Alan Bourgeois. The group has sought sponsorship from many businesses, both large and small, to help offset the cost of the exciting planned event, which will include a business expo and art show as well as the Town Meeting and a concert with high-caliber performers from around the world.

At the meeting, a new board member was announced. David Cochran will head the concert committee.

"The board wishes to thank Ray Hill for donating \$100 to Town Meeting. This money will help the organization to incorporate and to gets it 501c3 status," noted Bourgeois.

The next general meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Aug. 15 at the Montrose Library. For more information on Town Meeting II and how you can be part of it, please call Alan Bourgeois at (713) 949-3119.

### Health Security Express

HIV Service Providers Inc. and other local organizations challenge community members to join Houston's Health Security Express in support of health care reform now. As part of a national project, a caravan of concerned Houstonians is

heading to Fort Worth this Tuesday, July 26, to support health reform in any form or plan that offers universal coverage and a guaranty that no American will ever lose their health insurance.

"Reform Riders" will carry handwritten letters from their friends and neighbors addressed to their representatives and Texas senators. These letters will be given to riders on the Central Route of the National Health Security Express leaving from Fort Worth on Wednesday, July 27 to be hand delivered in Washington D.C.

The N.H.S.E. involves a broad spectrum of riders traveling five different routes to Washington, D.C. to lobby for effective health care reform. All will converge on Washington, D.C. Aug. 2-4.

"There are two things we will be lobbying for in health care reform," explained Charles Domingues of Houston's HIV Service Providers organization, "universal coverage and portability."

Domingues, who will participate in the national ride, also organized the Houston "spur route" trip to Fort Worth.

Houston's Health Security Express to Fort Worth, Texas departs at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 1994 from Metropolitan Multi Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston and returns Wednesday, July 27. Lodging and travel cost is \$70 a person.

To get involved write letters and mail them to 3400 Montrose, #811, Houston, 77006; your letters as well as letters from others; or become a "Reform Rider" to Fort Worth and deliver Houston's letters at the rally there to the caravan leaving for Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, July 29.

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# National-International news briefs: notes from all over

The Associated Press

## New York City

Four New Jersey men were arrested for assault and harassment in an anti-gay incident in Greenwich Village early Sunday morning, July 24.

Police spokesperson Detective Mary Anne Mullin said Terence Joyette, 31, of Brooklyn and Andrew Miller, 31 of Manhattan, were walking along Christopher and Hudson Streets shortly after 6:00 a.m. when four men in a black GMC pickup truck began to make anti-gay remarks.

The men got out to the truck and allegedly assaulted Joyette and Miller.

Joyette and Miller fought back, according to police, and three of the four men were treated for various injuries at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Charged with assault and aggravated harassment were John Gorman, 22, of New Brunswick, N.J., Kevin Shout, 22, of Edison, N.J., Michael Higgins, 21, of Edison and his brother, James, 27, also of Edison.

James Higgins was the only one who was not injured, Mullin said.

## Boise, Idaho

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With alliance founder Kelly Walton and anti-alliance leaders both already having reported receiving death threats, Shuler said the commission wants to make sure local police departments and county sheriffs are aware of the potential for problems, that they are required to notified the federal government of reports and incidents of malicious harassment based on sexual orientation and that they take those reports seriously.

While commissioners were confident authorities in the state's larger communities are also concerned about the possibility of the campaign turning violent, they remained worried that the same concern will not be shown in smaller jurisdictions.

## Trenton, N.J.

New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman is calling for merchants along the shore to remove from their stores a T-shirt offensive to gays and lesbians.

The shirt, with a cartoon drawing of a rabbit, parodies the Trix cereal jingle, "Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids." It makes a derisive reference to the sexual orientation of gay men.

"We are proud of what our state has to offer as one of the premiere summer tourism destinations in the region," Whitman said. "The public display and sale of messages of intolerance can only damage our image, offend visitors and undermine all our

efforts to promote understanding and tolerance."

The "silly faggot" shirt drew the ire of one man who brought it to the attention of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in New York and the New Jersey Gay and Lesbian Rights Group.

They contacted the state's Division of Travel and Tourism and the item eventually was brought to Whitman's attention.

A manufacturer of the decal, Frank Flanagan, president of F&M Expressions Unlimited in Hollywood, Fla., said he believes the governor is grandstanding, but agreed Thursday to discontinue the design.

## Boca Raton, Florida

A Broward County prosecutor has been suspended after being accused of storming into a gay bar with a gang of men in drag, trashing the place and hurling insults at patrons.

Also Wednesday, Palm Beach County prosecutors said they are considering filing a hate crime charge against Mark McHugh, 32, a six-year veteran of the Broward State Attorney's Office. He denies he ever went to the Paradise Club.

The hate crime statute becomes applicable in cases where there's evidence of prejudice, including sexual orientation.

The incident began when a group of rugby players, including McHugh, decided to go bar-hopping early Sunday, hours after finishing a golf tournament in which they played in women's clothing as a spoof of the LPGA.

The Paradise Club's owner, Kenneth Rohlman, and police said 10 men from the group, wearing wigs, dresses and stockings, walked into the club and caused a disturbance.

"The men ripped pictures off the wall and tore up plants, shouting words like, 'Fags! Homos!' police Sgt. Bob Rutter said Wednesday. "They paraded around the bar ... then jumped up on the tables and bar, and began to strip off their women's clothes and attempt to get free beer."

McHugh and three other men were arrested on disorderly conduct charges about 15 blocks away after an officer noticed one of them holding the top half of a plastic torso.

The men were booked on the misdemeanor charge and released.

## Fairbanks, Alaska

A 22-year-old former University of Alaska Fairbanks student has been convicted of raping his male roommate earlier this year.

Timothy Brobst was found guilty Tuesday of two counts of first-degree sexual assault, while the jury found him innocent of two similar counts.

Sentencing has been scheduled for the week of Dec. 5. The maximum sentence for first-degree rape is 30 years.

Brobst's attorney, public defender Paul Canarsky, said he hasn't decided whether an appeal would be filed.

"I appreciate that this was a diffi-

cult decision for the jury," Canarsky said. "If we appeal, it will have to do with certain legal issues," which he refused to discuss.

Canarsky hinted the jury of four men and eight women might have had prejudices against homosexual behavior.

Prosecutor Gayle Garrigues declined to comment on the jury's decision.

## Hartford, Conn.

A judge's decision to bar the armed forces from recruiting at the University of Connecticut Law School will help the movement against the military's new "don't ask, don't tell" policy, an advocacy group says.

"It's just one more in a series of rulings across the country which shows Clinton's policy is unconstitutional and will be ultimately struck down," said David Smith, a spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C.

Hartford Superior Court Judge Frances Allen permanently barred the military from recruiting at the law school, ruling that the Pentagon's new policy discriminates against homosexuals.

Connecticut state law bars state agencies and institutions from helping any employer that discriminates against homosexuals.

"The court is ... asked to determine whether, under the new federal act and Department of Defense directives, the military continues to discriminate based on sexual orientation. The court finds it does," Allen wrote in a seven-page decision issued Monday.

The ruling is the "first real declaration" that the new federal policy is discriminatory, said Ruth Harlow, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union in New York, which argued the case for the Gay and Lesbian Law Students Association.

## Denver, Colo.

Following an arid stretch brought about by the demise of Raymond Burr and a backlash from the state's anti-gay rights amendment, television and feature movie cameras are rolling again in the Denver area.

Currently shooting here is "Intensive Care," an NBC-TV movie starring Veronica Hamel, Pam Dawber and Daniel Hugh-Kelly. The movie deals with a serious medical problem, Munchausen syndrome.

Producers praise the advantages of filming in the area, citing the cooperation of local officials, the climate and the professionalism of local production crews.

The producer is considering returning in September to film an ABC movie, "Fighting For My Daughter," starring Lindsey Wagner as a mother trying to rescue her daughter from prostitution.

Another Hollywood company has an eye on Stapleton International Airport after the new Denver International Airport opens.

Michael Klein, head of the Colorado Film Commission, said he is optimis-

tic about "the new vigor" in the state's film industry.

The passage of Amendment 2 and boycotts advocated by entertainers resulted in cancellation of a number of projects.

## Cleveland, Ohio

A federal judge dismissed a \$10 million lawsuit challenging NBC's coverage of the U.S.S. Iowa blast that killed 47 sailors in 1989.

U.S. District Judge Lesley Brooks Wells issued a summary judgment Monday in the lawsuit filed by the family of Clayton Hartwig, 25, of Cleveland. The gunner's mate was suspected, then cleared of causing the explosion that killed him.

The lawsuit claimed that reporter Fred Francis wrongly portrayed Hartwig as a suicidal homosexual and that the coverage caused Hartwig's family emotional distress.

Francis was unavailable for comment, NBC's news desk in Washington said Monday night. A message seeking network comment was left at NBC's New York news desk.

One of the battleship's gun turrets exploded during a 1989 training exercise. Navy investigators first blamed a suicidal Hartwig—whom they described as a troubled homosexual—then announced they had no proof he was to blame and apologized to his family. The Navy said its \$25 million investigation could not find the cause.

Hartwig's sister said she would appeal.

## San Francisco

Corporate sponsors and celebrities are lining up to help the San Francisco Giants raise money for AIDS services and research.

The Giants say their "Until There's A Cure Day" is the first effort by a professional sports team to raise funds to fight AIDS.

The event will take place July 31, when the Giants play the Colorado Rockies at Candlestick Park. The team will donate \$1 from each ticket sold to San Francisco Bay area non-profit AIDS organizations.

The Giants hope to raise more than \$100,000.

Peter Magowan, the team's president and managing general partner, admitted that the Giants had received some critical letters about the plans to back an AIDS-related cause. But, at the same time, tickets to the game were being sold just because of the charity, he said.

Since the project was announced last month, several sponsors and supporters have contributed to its promotion.

On Tuesday, Mountain View-based Silicon Graphics and the accounting firm Coopers and Lybrand lent their names to the effort.

Harry Pforzheimer, director of corporate communications for Silicon Graphics, said the computer company has bought 200 tickets for two children's groups.

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## Swamp Ophelia

Indigo Girls

I was first introduced to the INDIGO GIRLS by an ex who was crazy about this poetic duo. At first I wasn't impressed, but as I listened, I could relate and their acoustic sound caught me up like a fly in the proverbial spiders web. I was involved in the coffee house scene in Austin in the 70's with a girl friend from high school and we were also aspiring poets weaned on tunes by Joni Mitchell and James Taylor. Emily Sailer writes some pretty fine words and music and Amy Ray is no slouch in the writing department either. With the release of "Swamp Ophelia" their sound is becoming more desirable. The upbeat tunes possess an opulent quality with minutely detailed vocals, superlative harmonies, driving percussions, and melodious string arrangements. Two favorite cuts on the CD are "The Wood Song" a simple acoustic song with some fine country fiddle and the heart felt hit single cut "Fare Thee Well" a solo piece by Sailer, lamenting lost love. By far one of the best CDs of the year, I highly recommend "Swamp Ophelia" by the Indigo Girls. FYI—the girls will be in concert at Cynthia Woods Pavilion in the Woodlands on Saturday Sept. 3 for a special acoustic performance. Tickets may be obtained through Ticket Master outlets by calling 629-3700 or by going by Sound Warehouse, Blockbuster Music Plus or Foley's.



## "Well..."

Katey Sagal

Those of you who are fans of "Married...with Children" won't want to miss the debut CD of television star Katey Sagal (Peg Bundy). Katey once performed as a backup singer for the likes of Bette Midler, Bob Dylan and Etta James before becom-

ing an actress on Fox Television's hit sit-com. Katey has been described as a sounding like Rita Coolidge's soul sister; I tend to agree. She definitely has an incredibly powerful voice but sometimes sounds like she was in class when Henry Higgins was teaching Eliza Doolittle. The CD is not all smooth sailing due to a few of the absurd songs that were chosen (hopefully her producers will do a better job on material choice on her next release), and Sagal herself co-wrote 9 of the 12 of the cuts. She delivers her soulful might on tunes like "Some Things Are Better Left Unsaid" and "That's How Love Goes" with the expertise of a seasoned performer. For those of you expecting something fun and danceable—NOT! I didn't clock one song above 110 BPM but this novelty release could mark the beginning of new easy listening diva. Try it—you might like it.



## "Yes I Am"

Melissa Etheridge

Not since rock & roll's late great Janis Joplin has there been another woman worthy of mentioning in the same sentence until Melissa Etheridge. And although it doesn't hurt that Melissa is one of our OUT lesbian musicians it is certainly not the primary reason for listening to her music. Miss Etheridge has more emotion and passion in one of her little fingers than Celine Dion or the likes has in her entire being. That passion is evident in every cut on this CD making it difficult to pick favorite tunes. "Come To My Window" is her current hit single worthy of a top ten spot, and relates an invitation and longing for a secret love to "...come to my window, crawl inside and wait by the light of the moon..." Other stand outs are "Silent Legacy," "All American Girl" and "If I Wanted To." Positively a great CD, "Yes I Am" should reserve Etheridge's place in rock music until her next fabulous release. What else can you say about a lesbian rocker who captivated David Letterman and his audience. If you missed her when she was here at the Woodlands opening for The Eagles run out and get this CD. You won't regret it. FYI Catch her recent interview with Nancy Ford in Out Smart. You can also contact her fan club by writing the Melissa Etheridge Information Network at Dept. ME-01, P.O. Box 884563, San Francisco, CA 94188.

## MSL caps season HFD challenge games, Awards Banquet; donates of \$3,500 to charity

### SPORTS NEWS

By LEE DAVIS

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

Last Sunday, July 24, members of the Montrose Softball League played the Houston Fire Department in celebration of Stonewall 25. The game was postponed prior to the festivities because of rain. In a homerun festival, the Fire Department took the first game 16-2. In the second game, the MSL players held off a rallying Fire Department team to win 13-12. Congratulations to all those who played and thanks to the Houston Fire Department for being such good sports!

The week before, on July 17, MSL hosted its annual Awards Banquet at the Mesa Bar & Grill. Tensions were high as everyone waited to hear who had won the awards. For the Spirit Award, the Briar Patch, who showed a lot of festivity all season long, won. Rookie of the Year Competitive Division was Randy Ray. In the Recreational Division was Shane Kurz and in the Competitive Division, Steve Barnett. The Most Valuable Player was awarded to Randy Miller in the Competitive Division and to Vernon Nelson in the Recreational Division. Coach of the Year was awarded to Stephen Haddock of the Ripcord. For the Competitive Division, the Montrose Mining Company Texas took first place honors. In the Recreational Division,



Board members of the Montrose Softball League at Awards Banquet, July 17

the Travel in Style Travelers won. The last award, the "Jerry", named after three people who began to support the league with great passion, was given to three deserving players. Lenise Peterman, Ken Bailey, and Stephen Haddock won the Jerry Award for service above and beyond the call of duty.

A special presentation was made at the beginning of the Awards Banquet this year. Through MSL's fundraising efforts, we were able to make donations of \$3,500 to three worthy organizations. Soiree Aubergine, Colt 45's and AIDS Foundation of Houston all had representatives there to accept the money for their respective groups. A giant thank you to all who participated this year in our fundraisers.

MSL is now recruiting for Fall League play. Please call (713) 867-3913 if you are interested. Remember...no baseball experience necessary.

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# Agora shoots first proactive print ad; civic groups National Night Out party; MCA pageant tickets on sale



Miss Camp America members are currently in rehearsal for the 26th Annual MCA pageant, "One for the Road"

## QUICK NOTES

The Agora, a group working toward fair and accurate images of gay and lesbian people in the media, has completed shooting of the first print advertisement in a series the group hopes to place in local mainstream publications, according to the group's bimonthly newsletter.

The advertising campaign, modeled after similar, successful ventures in other cities, will show gay and lesbian people as they aren't usually portrayed in the mainstream press—as they are. The first ad portrays a diverse group of people, "a decorated veteran, a minister, a tax consultant, a book store owner, a young man in a Aggie cap, a mail carrier, a realtor, a furniture craftsman, a magazine publisher, a former/future political candidate, an AIDS activist and an aspiring college student," according to the newsletter. The ad asks, "Can

you find the gay or lesbian in this ad?" After reading the ad copy, they'll have to turn the ad upside down to read the answer: all are gay or lesbian.

The Agora was scheduled to discuss the new proactive ad at its regular monthly meeting. The group must decide which mainstream Houston publication would be most cost-effective and generate the more free publicity, as well as when would be the best time to place the ad. Among suggestions being considered is National Coming Out Day in October.

The group is applying for grants to help pay for the ad and future proactive advertising.

## National Night Out

Interested in meeting the police officers who patrol the streets of Montrose? This Tuesday night, Aug. 2, will provide that opportunity.

nity.

In conjunction with National Night Out, a national anti-crime project that encourages neighborhood residents to come out of their homes, meet and greet each other and learn more about stopping crime in their neighborhoods, area civic groups are hosting the "802 After Party" at the Neartown Police Community Center. The new storefront supervisor, Sgt. Robert Jackson, will be on hand to meet neighbors and answer questions, along with officers assigned to the Neartown area, according to the Neartown Association, which will co-sponsor the event with the Neartown Business Alliance and the Houston Police Department.

These groups are encouraging Montrose residents to attend festivities in their immediate neighborhoods first, then head to the Community Center at 802 Westheimer, where the "AfterParty" begins at 8:30 p.m. "Sweets and lite bites" will be served, for more information, call 529-3100.

## Miss Camp America

Tickets are now on sale for the 26th Annual Miss Camp America Pageant, sponsored by the Miss Camp America Foundation Inc. The cast has already begun rehearsals for this year's show, titled "One for the Road" (see photo), to be held Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Houston Music Hall.

The annual event, an uproarious spoof of the Miss America pageant, is a benefit for local AIDS charities. This year's beneficiaries are The Assistance fund, Colt 45's Trouble Fund, Houston Names Project, PWA Coalition Houston and the Pet Patrol.

Tickets are available at Fiesta, Foley's, Sears, Sound Warehouse,

Jones Hall and Wortham; to order by phone, call 227-ARTS or 1-800-828-ARTS.

## Service of Healing

a Service of Healing for persons with HIV/AIDS will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 in the chapel of Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Ave. The Rev. Glynn Harper, interim rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Pasadena, will be the celebrant.

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

The healing service is offered to the community on the first Friday of each month by members of Houston area Episcopal parishes, hosted by the Cathedral. For more information, call the Cathedral at 222-2593 or Bill Wicker, 992-2398. To arrange transportation, call Bob Rynearson, 432-0414.



Neartown Business Alliance, Neartown Association and HPD host the "National Night Out After-Party" at 802 Westheimer Tuesday



# Idaho Human Rights Commission to meet with law enforcement on initiative

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Both sides have said they want to keep the campaign peacefully, but there have been indications throughout the year that the initiative was circulated that it will be heated and emotionally charged. The proposition would prohibit state and local laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination.

Shuler said the commission hoped to take advantage of the tactics developed during the 1992 campaign in both Colorado, where an anti-gay initiative was approved and now is pending in the courts, and Oregon, where voters rejected one.

"We can almost predict some people are going to be targets," she said, "the people who are really active in the debates. ... We've been very upset about some of the signs—"The only good queer is a dead queer."

Underscoring her concern is the manual being distributed to alliance members called "Debating the 'Gay Rights' Issue," which contends homosexuals like to be beaten. It says, "One statement that is sure to get an outraged response from sodomites and a chuckle from normal onlookers is an innocent observation that 'gays' should enjoy getting beat up by 'homophobes.'"

She highlighted the need for caution by citing the firebombing deaths of a homosexual white man and black woman in Salem during the 1992 Oregon campaign. Admitted white racists were convicted in those deaths, but authorities indicated the incident was actually racially motivated and only coincidentally occurred during the initiative campaign.



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## Curtains' 'Fantasies, Fallacies and Fish' adequately amusing summer romp

### THEATER REVIEW

By JAVIER TAMEZ

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I like anthology productions. It provides me the pleasure (or misfortune) of sitting through three or more short works, generally from a variety of playwrights. It frequently allows me to compare actors as they shift from one role to another and sometimes to judge their ability to move from on-stage character to off-stage artistry (meaning as director or playwright). Finally, anthologies will, by and large, be thematically linked, so that a comparative assessment of the included works can be tied to the common strand.

In the case of "Fantasies, Fallacies, and Fish (the three keys to surviving a relationship)," that common strand is (in case you didn't guess from the parenthetical subtitle) relationships. The work is being presented at Curtains Theater on Friday evenings through August 5, and it offers an adequate dose of summer smiles.

"Symbiosis," written by Blake Newman and directed by Del Ellison, is a quirky, albeit boring, little tidbit about one exceedingly quirky woman, Sandy (Victoria Hinojosa) wakes up one morning next to her boyfriend Bill (Blake Newman). Nothing out of the ordinary, except neither Sandy nor Bill can remember how they got to her apartment. Still not the stuff of "Unsolved Mysteries," but Sandy becomes convinced that she and Bill must have been abducted by aliens while they slept. She points to rather innocuous items or situations and cites them as evidence: an empty pizza box when neither can remember ordering pizza and a general state of chaos in her apartment when neither can recall making a mess.

The unexpected arrival of a pizza delivery man fuels Sandy's conviction that all is not as it should be. She questions the pizza man to the point where he flees, then seizes his flight as a further indication that aliens were amongst them. Sandy even becomes convinced that she met the pizza delivery man before "in another life or maybe last night." This type of irrational thinking finally takes Sandy too far.

So certain is she that something amiss occurred during the night that Sandy attempts to call Bill's boss (who was



Dickson Musselwhite, Howard Young, Bronwyn Wallace and David Born in "Bottom Dweller," from "Fantasies, Fallacies and Fish" by Blake Newman, through Aug. 5 at Curtains Theater

with them the night before) to see if he can recall anything untoward. Bill, wary of how he will be perceived if his boss knows his girlfriend is a Shirley MacLaine groupie, prevents Sandy from making the call, but not before estrogen-laden cries of not being believed and requiring support in a moment of crisis.

In "Symbiosis," Newman illustrates what he perceives to be one of the basic tenets of a successful relationship—no matter how crazy your significant other may sound, ostensible support is more critical than rational deduction. I have no argument with his intention, but he could have provided more evidence (even in a short one-act play) as to whether Sandy's eccentricity was an isolated incident or a recurring phenomenon.

Del Ellison's directing is crisp and efficient. "Symbiosis" is an innocent diversion with a few good laughs and lots of forced chuckles, but it's really more silly than anything else.

"Book Keeping," written by Irl Mowery and directed by Samm Hill, is a standard version of the mid-life marriage crisis, played out in decidedly subdued terms. Edwin (Orvis Melvin) and Phyllis (Patti Bean) have been happily married for many years, and all seems right with the world.

Edwin relays to the audience the story of how his "book keeping" began at an

otherwise unremarkable social occasion. Quite by chance he notices a woman with "good hair," and thereafter takes note of virtually every woman he meets or who catches his eye. He includes only four entries—name, initial impression, attention-catching physical characteristic and possibility rating.

Through text often lacking insight, Mowery seeks to explore the tiny infractions, both real and imagined, that can spin out of control and lead to the failure of a marriage approaching its golden years. Again the idea is good, it's the telling that suffers. Hill's directing is right on the money, but Mowery's effort is far too short on substance.

In "Bottom Dweller," written and directed by Blake Newman, the central theme is not so much relationships as it is life's priorities. A hard-charging advertising exec, Doris (Bronwyn Wallace) and her nerdy, can't-live-without-a-daytimer husband, Leonard (David Born) have escaped the pressures of Madison Avenue to spend a few days relaxing and commiserating with nature.

All well and good, except Doris doesn't like the idea of being away from the hustle and bustle of the office. With enough screeching and bitching to put a harpy to flight, Doris rails at every suggestion put forward by Leonard for fun on their little excursion.

Doris takes particular offense at Buddy (Howard Young), a run-of-the-mill, good-ole boy, who plans to serve as a guide for Leonard and Doris during their stay in the country.

Doris, of course, will be party to none of it, until she hits on the idea of having this backwoods simpleton as the center piece of a new advertising campaign for candy, and she offers Buddy an opportunity for fame and fortune. She practically quakes when her creative juices flow again, but is back in bitch gear when Buddy's son, Blaze (Dickson Musselwhite) appears and tries to dissuade his father from accompanying Doris to New York. When Buddy seems adamant, Blaze resigns himself to going along and reveals his identity as a poet of national renown, and this gets Doris going all over again. "Bottom Dweller" has some hearty guffaws and a satisfying plot resolution. This bottom dweller belongs on the surface.

Though Newman's subject matter has been examined many times before, his directing is sound enough and the acting strong enough to compensate for an otherwise weak script.

Newman's greater talent does in fact lie off stage. As an actor his performances are sturdy (but then so is a good prop). As a director and a playwright though, he imbues his work with nuance and perspicacity that is notably missing from his work on stage.

Del Ellison and Samm Hill both have ample directing talent for the pieces with which each was working—not really a challenge for either, I'm sure, but at least their work was far more passable than mediocre.

Orvis Melvin's performance as the husband with wandering eyes stands out from the others. He has a warm, avuncular presence despite his character's near-lasciviousness in "Book Keeping." Bronwyn Wallace did well as Doris—the mother of all bitches—in "Bottom Dweller" and Dickson Musselwhite gives a credible turn as the earthy poet (though he was at times so softly spoken as to be inaudible).

"Fantasies, Fallacies and Fish" is a nice enough escape from the dog-days of summer. It might not provide the clues you need to surviving a relationship, but at least for 90 minutes, you'll forget your relationship has problems.

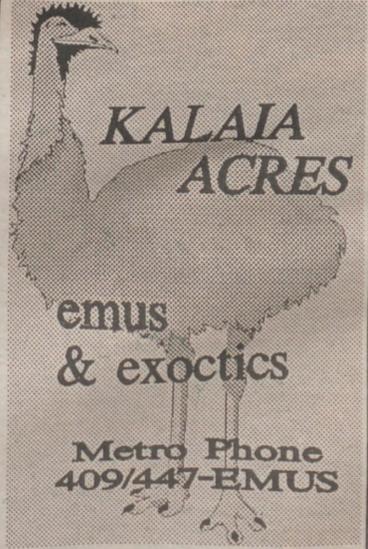
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# Montrose Clinic scheduled to move to new site within two months

The Montrose Clinic is preparing to make the long-awaited move to its new, 13,500 square foot building at 215 Westheimer within the next 60 days, clinic president Ralph Lasher announced last week. The move will culminate a five-year effort by board and staff members and supporters to secure and prepare adequate space to house the clinic's services, presently scattered over several locations, he said.

The newly rebuilt clinic bears little resemblance to the original building. Built as an apartment house with an open courtyard in the center,

the lower Westheimer structure was later converted into a motel, which had developed a seedy reputation by the time it was purchased by the Montrose Clinic in 1992.

The roofed-over courtyard has been transformed into an atrium waiting room for clinic patients. There will be a patient registration desk on one end and a pharmacy on the other. The first floor of the building will house the sexually transmitted disease clinic (four exam rooms, phlebotomy room, laboratory and treatment room);



The Montrose Clinic's new home at 215 Westheimer is almost ready for the move, scheduled to take place within 60 days

two aerosolized pentamidine treatment rooms,

four HIV counseling rooms and staff offices. The second floor will have a classroom that will be available to the community free of charge when it is not being used for clinic activities, Lasher said. Also on the second floor will be the Montrose Clinic executive offices and the Houston Clinical Research Network, which will have an infusion suite and an exam room. Case management offices will be housed in a separate building nearby.

The road to the facility's new home has been long and rocky, the director said.

Board members named a committee to start looking for a new location in 1989, because the clinic had outgrown its home at 1200 Richmond. All along the way, there were numerous pitfalls and expensive delays. The first several locations considered by the board fell through for various reasons, ranging from asbestos to unpaid back taxes. The City of Houston Department of Housing and Community Development, in 1992, a proposal for \$500,000 to renovate, but not purchase, a building. The clinic hired a private firm to help raise capital funding for the building.

# California man beaten, repeatedly hit by car in hate crime

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Sunday, July 24 (AP)—A West Hollywood man was beaten and run over three times by a car in what authorities described as "a gay bashing hate crime."

Three men and a juvenile were arrested Sunday in connection with the 3:00 a.m. attack, said Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Larry Mead.

Jerry Chapa and Jesus Betancourt, both 19, of Montebello, Hector Camacho, 19, of Los Angeles, and a 15-year-old boy from East Los Angeles whose name wasn't released because of his age, all were in custody Sunday night, Mead said.

The three men were arrested for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon and civil rights viola-

tions and were held on \$150,000 bail each. The teenager was held without bail at Sylmar Juvenile Hall.

Mead said four males approached Jim Hill, 23, of West Hollywood, calling him "faggot" and threatening to kill him, Mead said.

Hill ignored the men and they drove away. But they soon returned, got out of the car and began beating and kicking Hill, Mead said.

As Hill tried to run away, Chapa allegedly got back in the car and accelerated at Hill, knocking him onto the hood of the car. Chapa then allegedly stopped the car abruptly, throwing Hill to the ground, ran over Hill's legs and struck him in the head with the car's bumper, Mead said.

Hill clung to the hood of the car as it drove along Santa Monica Boulevard for about half a block, he said.

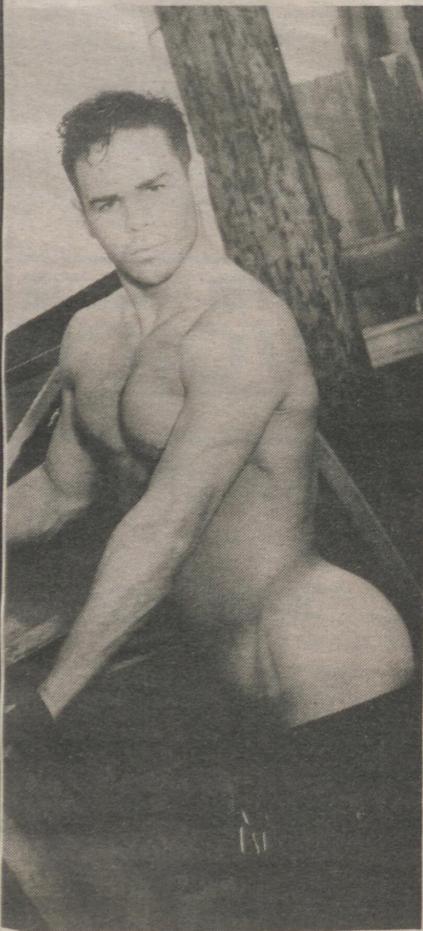
The driver stopped abruptly again, throwing Hill off the car. Hill ran into a nearby restaurant where someone called authorities.

The men fled the scene, but returned to the restaurant's parking lot at 5:00 a.m., where a witness spotted them and deputies arrested them, Mead said.

Hill was treated and released from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles for abrasions on both elbows, a bruised right cheek and an injured right foot and thigh, Mead said.

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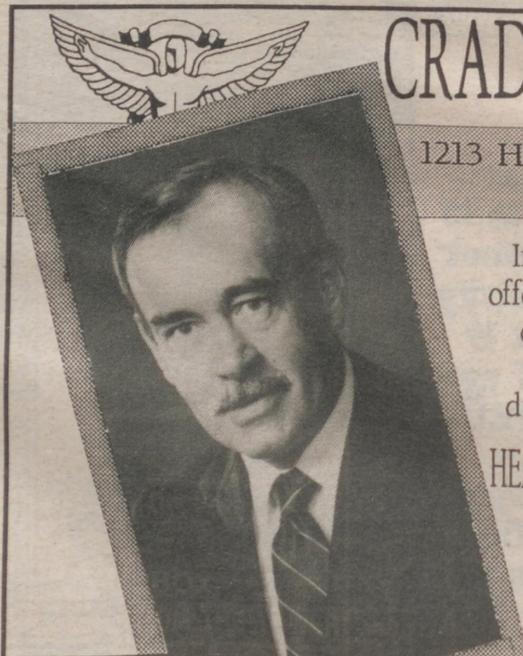
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## Understanding the rules and responsibilities of shared bank accounts

### LEGAL ALTERNATIVES

By IAN M. CAIN  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

Joint bank accounts are so commonly used these days that it is easy to overlook the legal consequences of sharing an account with a friend or lover. Most nonlegal people refer to any account with multiple people authorized to withdraw money as "joint accounts." In legal terms, however, a joint bank account is only one of several possible types of multiple-party accounts. Each type of multiple party accounts has different characteristics which should be considered when you go to the bank to open an account with someone else. We'll look at three types of multiple party accounts: a joint account, a convenience account, and a payable on death account.

Ownership of a joint account is shared by the parties and most people correctly understand that each party to a joint account has a virtually unlimited right to withdraw all the money. The right to withdraw money and ownership of the monies out of the account, however, are two separate legal issues. You may think that if you and your lover have a joint account, each of you won an undivided 1/2 interest in the balance, but that is not how legal ownership is determined.

Under Texas law, a joint account belongs to the parties in proportion to their net contributions to that

account. This means that to determine the amount of money belonging to each partner, you have to add up each party's deposits, then determine for whose benefit each withdrawal was made and subtract that amount from each party's deposits, and finally allocate any bank interest or charges between the owners. Not much fun even if you're an accountant. Fortunately, unless you are splitting up or a creditor is trying to take the assets of one of you, you probably don't have to lose much sleep over the ownership issue. What you may not realize, though, is that in the absence of a survivorship agreement, Texas law provides that when a joint account holder dies, the deceased depositor's share (her or his net contributions to the account as computed above) passes to the deceased's estate, not to the joint holder.

Let's say that I have a bank account that only I can sign on and has only my funds in it, and I want to add another person as a signer "just in case." I should probably consider opening a convenience account rather than a joint account. Unlike a joint account, a convenience account is owned entirely by the person for whose convenience the account is created: No need to pull out the old bank statements and canceled checks to determine who owns what. No need to worry about "his" creditors seizing my account. Like a joint account, each signatory to the account has the right to withdraw any and all of the funds unless and until the bank

receives a notice from the party for whose convenience that account was created not to make the payment in accordance with terms of the account. On the death of the person for whose benefit the account was created, the entire balance of the account is paid to her or his estate and the co-signer has no survivorship rights.

What if you have a bank account but not much else in the way of property? You want to make sure that on your death the account balance goes to your lover. You really don't want to bear the expense of an attorney to draft a will, but you don't want to open a joint account with your lover either (she might have the IRS or another creditor after her trying to collect money, or maybe she's self-employed or in a high risk profession in terms of getting sued, and you don't want to put your hard earned money at risk). Consider opening a payable on death account. During your lifetime, you own all the funds in the account. None of your lover's creditors can reach your money. If you want your lover to have access to the monies in your account, give her an ATM card. On your death, the entire balance of the account goes to the person you designated and not your next of kin.

It is probably fair to say that most gay and lesbian couples don't jointly own all their property. And it's probably wise not to. While bank accounts are probably the most commonly owned joint property, many lovers use different methods to

manage their monies. Sometimes a couple uses the "college expense sharing method" where each party writes a check for his or her share of every expense. While few lovers go food shopping together only to line up one behind each other to pay for their own purchases, many couples so maintain separate accounts and live by the informal creed "You paid for dinner yesterday, I'll treat tonight." Sometimes, in addition to the separate bank or brokerage accounts maintained by each partner, a multiple party account is set up to handle shared expenses. That way each lover can deposit monies to cover her or his one half share of all expenses (or perhaps another ratio if you incomes are not approximately equal) out of each paycheck. Probably less frequently joint accounts are established for special purposes: Remember vacation accounts? How about a house building account, or maybe a car purchase account? If you establish accounts like these, consider including the purpose of the account in the account name (Smith-Jones Capital Acquisition Account or the Clinton-Bush Vacation Account) to help insure that you don't start using it as a regular checking account.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Open Letter To HPD Vice

From **JEFFREY L. DORRELL**  
Houston, Texas

After plainclothes officers—without identifying themselves—threw me to the ground, handcuffed, arrested, and jailed me for attempting to enter a restroom, I discovered that something had been stolen from me. I have looked earnestly for it, but I cannot find it. It may be gone forever.

You arrested citizens who were legally in an establishment engaged in lawful behavior. You refused to tell us why, ignoring our questions, saying, "I don't know," or jerking a thumb at me and mocking, "There's an attorney. Ask him." After over an hour in that suffocating heat of an unventilated paddy wagon, you even taunted that we had to not been arrested at all—we were "only being detained." Another officer came closer to the truth. During booking, she mumbled, "You were just in the wrong place at the wrong time." I pressed, "What do you mean by that?" She said matter-of-factly, "You were drinking in a bar when we decided to raid it."

I was charged with "Public Intoxication" as were all other arrested patrons. It is a Class "C" Misdemeanor (punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200) if an individual "appears in a public place under the influence of alcohol or any other substance, to the degree that the individual may endanger himself or another." However, one thing is clear—these arrest had nothing to do with intoxication.

One of the arrested patrons had not had a drink in five months, another for seven years. Two had been in the bar for less than fifteen minutes. Another had not yet entered the bar when arrested. Lacking was any "reasonable suspicions" of a crime. Those jailed were guilty of only thing—openly questioning the legality of your actions.

My offense was asking how you could lawfully prevent my access to public restrooms. That made me the first patron arrested. I then worsened things by identifying myself as an attorney (the hated scourge of all police). Then I became the only patron handcuffed during his arrest (to get me "under control"). Something besides concern for the public safety was clearly animating your actions.

Particularly striking was the complete absence of efforts to obtain evidence in any offense was committed. No breathalyzer tests were administered. No videotapes were made. No breathalyzer test were performed. No blood or urine specimens were requested. There was no attempt to observe any signs of intoxication and no interrogation—not even the perfunctory question "Have you been drinking?" There was no observing signs that a patron presented "a danger to himself or another." However, there was active prevention of the production of exculpatory evidence. Evidence indicating baseless arrests might subject you to discipline later. Therefore, those who requested that blood or urine specimens be taken from them were refused.

Two explanations for such behavior are possible. One is that you were untrained. More plausible is that you knowingly made groundless arrests. Although you knew no one

could be prosecuted without evidence, you also knew that many would be too frightened—or could not afford—to fight the charges. (With a maximum fine of only \$200, why hire a lawyer and take time off from work?) Some would be unable to raise the \$250 appearance bond and would plead "guilty" just to get out of jail.

Should some do-gooder decide to fight for principle, you needn't risk being embarrassed for your lack of evidence. You could simply fail to appear at trial. The prosecutor would move to dismiss, and the relieved defendant would likely bolt from the courthouse, grateful to have escaped punishment. Even though he "beat the rap," he would still have paid a price for standing up to you. For questioning your actions, he would have been humiliated, jailed, and relieved of his money.

On the street, police officers' power "to teach lessons" is well understood. It's commonly expressed as, "You can beat the rap, but you can't beat the ride." The lesson here was, "Watch what you say, for we can use our power to punish you for it. We can't get away with it forever, but we can get away with it long enough to make you sorry. And there's nothing you can do about it."

I now realize that what I witnessed had a profound effect on me. Visiting the Houston Police Officers' Memorial, where the names of police officers who have died in the line of duty are engraved, I am easily inspired by the dedication and courage those who risk their lives every day to protect the lives and property of others. I envy and admire them, for they stand between freedom and anarchy. I fear the richness of this experience will never be mine again, because you have taken it from me. You stole the respect and admiration I used to have for men and women I didn't even know—just because they wore the uniform of a police officer. And I'm afraid, if I visit the Police Memorial now, the images that come to me there will be the ugly ones I have actually seen, instead of the uplifting ones I used to imagine—not smiling heroes wearing their badges to protect and serve, but smirking bullies using handcuffs to intimidate and to torment. Those who deserve never to be forgotten must not be profaned by those who deserve only lasting anonymity. Therefore, I dare not go.

So, I concede defeat, You taught me my lesson. I now know even lawyers "can't beat the ride." But consider this—you may have taught us much more than you thought. And we will remember for a very long time.

(Editor's note: Dorrell is a Houston attorney who was among those arrested in a recent raid on the Triangle Bar and Grill).

### Bullies

From **RAY HILL**  
Houston, Texas

We know a lot about bullies. All of our lives we have attracted the worst kind of bullies. In school, bullies made fun of us, extorted us and beat us up for their own amusement and that of others. In church, spiritual bullies judged and condemned us. Bullies have extorted us and blackmailed us as adults where we live and work. There seems to be on end to the harassment we endure from bullies.

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## Letters: Readers react to raids

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The bullies that attacked the customers and staff at the Triangle July 17, were Houston police officers. They came in ordering everyone against the bar or wall, went around demanding driver's license from everyone. While some officers intimidated the customers and employees, other officers went to the computers in their cars and checked the licenses for traffic warrants. They made several arrests on that basis. If that does not seem unreasonable to you, consider the possibility of the same warrant search on the young singles Sunday school class at Second Baptist Church. Such a raid has the same likelihood of finding people with outstanding warrants and the same probable cause to initiate the raid.

It seems to be the opinion of the HPD rank that dancers in topless clubs, gay men and lesbians and clerks in adult video stores are deserving of no rights and protections afforded other in our society.

We are supposed to be "kept in our place" which means herded fearfully together out of the field of vision of more respectable members of society. I have had too much already. I am not going to take it anymore. I do not drink alcohol, but I go to bars on occasion. If I am asked for identification I will refuse to show any. If arrested, I will sue successfully as I did once before for being arrested for refusing to produce a drivers license in the basement of Municipal Court Building. The only people who need identification to be in a bar are those drinking who appear to be near the 21 year old age requirement.

Bullies are cowards. If you stand up to them they have no power over you. You may go to jail. But you will also go to court. In court there is a level playing field. If you have done nothing wrong and are adequately represented you will win. If the arrest is shown to be baseless, you may sue. I have won four such suits. One went all the way to the United States Supreme Court. My lawyers and I have been educating the Houston police on constitutional law for almost twenty years and they have learned to be very careful about arresting Ray Hill.

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus has already passed several resolutions objecting to the raids and police policy. Our representatives on the Police Chief's Citizen Advisory Committee, Ms Annise Parker has expressed our concern about the unwarranted incursion into The Triangle and QT's a few days before. Transperson activist, attorney Phyllis Frye has joined the Caucus in expressing concern over the arrest of several cross dressers occurring before the Q.T.'s incident. When these incidents happened, many in the community having no identity with those arrested felt no reason to be concerned, but the incident at the Triangle was so unreasonable broader concern is now being expressed.

It has been many years since we as a community have experienced wholesale raids in our clubs. What follows are a few suggestions about how to protect yourself should difficult

times return: Do not be frightened into avoiding socializing in your community. There is nothing "wrong" with being gay, lesbian or transgendered. Your mental health depends on your ability to positively interact with others in our community. Do not fall for the seduction to divide our community. While you may feel the harassment of those less wealthy or presentable than you has no effect on you and your friends, remember that the bigots do not draw such fine distinctions. In Berlin when the Nazis came the washed and the unwashed stood in the same line to get their pink triangle tattoos on their way to the death camps. An injustice to any is a threat to the liberties of all.

Do not get drunk and certainly do not operate a motor vehicle after drinking. Monitor the drinking of your friends and keep them from driving while intoxicated. If you or one of your friends have a problem with drinking habits, join others at Lambda AA for a better understanding of how to control such problems before lives are destroyed or lost. Public intoxication means drunk to the degree that one is a danger to oneself or to others in public.

Know your rights if confronted by a police officer. You do not have to document your identity on the demand of a police officer. You do need to produce a drivers license if you are driving a motor vehicle, but none is needed to be a passenger or a pedestrian. Do not consent to a search of your vehicle or your person. They will probably do it anyway, but note your non-consent. Remember the officers in the "east end task force" brought the controlled substance they "found" after searches. Scores of cases were reversed as a result of those searches to which people consented knowing they were clean.

Do not be afraid of the police. Most of the officers on the force and nearly all those assigned to Montrose are there to protect you and deserve your respect and assistance in doing their jobs. Our recent problems have been initiated by officers with no experience patrolling our neighborhoods. If there seems to be a problem, ask the officer to call his or her sergeant. If you are stopped for a traffic violation, take your ticket. Save the debate for the courtroom.

If you are in a club when a raid occurs, observe everything that happens. When you get home write it out as you observed (just what happened, not what you thought about it) and get the written report to your community leadership. If we do nothing, nothing will change.

Get active in a community organization. Your neighborhood civic club, the Caucus, Gay and Lesbian Hispanic Unidos, Q Patrol, Act-up, Colt 45's, AIDS Equity League, the list of possibilities is too long to complete here. All problems are ultimately political problems. A strong community is a safe community. If you are not in a network that keeps you informed, join one. You must be registered to vote. The act of registering to vote is an assertion of your citizenship rights and your determination to exercise them.

## 'Best Little Hair House in Texas': the HairCares Charity Ball

### QUICK NOTES

HairCares-Houston has banded together with local salon owners, hair stylists, and business organizations to host the organization's Third Annual Charity Ball benefiting hairdressers and beauty industry professionals with AIDS. HairCares-Houston, a chapter of the national HairCares organization, offers financial support to beauty industry professionals both locally and nationally with AIDS or AIDS related illness.

The black tie optional affair on Sunday, Aug. 21 will be held at the Downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel. Critic and columnist Rex Reed will be Master of Ceremonies, and Jim "Mattress Mac" McIngvale will be the live auctioneer for the evening. Entertainment will be provided by the Wise-guys, who sing a tight harmony and a tart satire.

The ball will include a seated dinner and open bar. A silent auction will be

held throughout the evening with bidding on such items as jewelry, trail rides, artwork, Alley Theater tickets, and a trip to Mexico. Keys to a surprise chest will also be available for a donation. Additionally, a live auction will be held with bidding on several items.

Also on the agenda is a "Hair Extravaganza" with the latest hair styling trends by Urban Retreat, Visible Changes, Tova Hair Studio plus many more.

The charity ball begins at 7:00 p.m. A limited quantity of general admission tickets are \$75 each and reserved tables of 10 are available for \$1,000, 1500, 25,00, and 5,000. Individuals who purchase \$2,500 and \$5,000 tables will be invited to an underwriter party to be held the night before the event. All donations are tax-deductible and tickets are available by contacting HairCares at 4102 Way Out West Drive, Suite J, Houston, Texas 77092. Or call Karen Makin at (713) 980-3638.

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### FACTOID

Video Heads Will Roll?

A bill passed by the Iranian Parliament permits prosecution of anyone involved in the production or sale of pornographic videos. Conviction on a third offense, however, make the culprits "corrupters on earth," the legal term for anyone encouraging decadent and illicit behavior. This crime is punishable by death under Iran's Islamic law.

## No services will be held at Boise State University church

BOISE, Idaho, Monday, July 18 (AP)—Two weeks after agreeing to allow a mostly gay congregation to meet at a historic church at Boise State University, officials have banned all church services there.

Christ Chapel, the tiny historic church on Broadway Avenue, was never intended to become the home of any denomination, says Robert Koontz, a member of the board of directors that governs the chapel.

"This (decision) has nothing to do with the fact this is a gay and lesbian church," he says.

Two churches are affected by the board's decision. Metropolitan Community Church, a largely gay congregation, planned to start services in the church on Aug. 7. The Christian Revival Center, a United Pentecostal Church, began meeting there Nov. 21. It has until Wednesday to clear out.

Tyrone Sweeting, pastor at Metropolitan Community Church, says he questions the timing of the decision since the Christian Revival Center had been meeting there for eight months.

"It makes me a bit suspicious as to the basis for their decision," Sweeting says. "Sounds suspiciously like homophobia to me."

"It's obviously a major inconvenience. We had pinned a lot of our hopes on that location."

Koontz and university officials say they received only two complaints after Metropolitan

Church announced it would hold services at Christ Chapel. Both say complaints had no weight in the decision to stop regular services.

Koontz says he was unaware any churches were holding services at Christ Chapel until he read a July 12 article in The Idaho Statesman about Metropolitan Church.

"It happened to be the one that brought to my attention that churches were using it," he says.

Sweeting said Boise State University officials "dealt very openly with us" when his church was trying to get into the chapel. He said the chapel's governing board probably "went hysterical" after reading the July 12 article.

Boise State University has offered classroom space to both churches to conduct services. Six churches currently hold services in campus classrooms.

Minutes from a 1981 Christ Chapel board of directors meeting show that the church was not supposed to be used for regular services. "The church building should basically be used only for weddings or memorial services," the minutes read.

"It's a matter of us not referring to the policy that's been in place," says Larry Burke, Boise State University director of university relations. Boise State schedules events for the chapel and keeps up the grounds.

Both churches would be allowed to use the chapel for weddings and funerals, Koontz says.

## Bowling league standings; church group bowling tourney; LRC skating

### SPORTS NOTES

Inner Loop Sunday Nite League reports Sisters of Dorothy in first place, followed by Lip Service in second and Sunday Brunch in third place. High Scratch Game of 233 and series of 662 was bowled by Chris Bennett for the men. For the women, High Scratch Game of 227 was bowled by Linda Dees and series of 552 by Maureen Mattox. For information on this league, call 522-9612.

In the Thursday Nite Mixers League, Penetrating Your Galaxy is in first place; Pat & Company in second and But UR Blanche UR in third place. High Scratch Game of 246 and Series of 551 were bowled by Tom O'Dell for the men. For the women, Terry Shannon bowled Scratch Game of 205 and Series of 551. For league information, call 432-7239.

The Montrose Monday Nite Men's League first place spot is held by Ladies and the tramp. In second place, it's The Gutter Butter, followed by Itchy Kitty in third. High Scratch Game of 235 and Series of 616 bowled by Tom O'Dell. Randy Gooch bowled a 734 handicap series. For further information, call 641-5424.

In the Monday Nite Women's League, it's I Can't Bowl Straight in first, H.Q. (Highly Questionable) in second and Maybe-Maybe not in third place. For league information, call 437-6218.

### Excel Bowling Tournament

Excel of the Armadillo, a group based at Houston's Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, will host a No-Tap Mixed Doubles bowling tournament Aug. 6 and 7.

The tournament will be held at the Little York Lanes, 419 West Little York, starting at noon both days. Registration ends 30 minutes prior to squad time. Squad times are noon and 3:00 p.m., and the finals will be at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Excel of the Armadillo is the local and only Texas chapter of Excel International, whose overall purpose is stated as "Christian renewal of participants." The "Exercise in Christian Community living" is based on the Cursillo Movement, and was introduced into the United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in 1976. Excel of the Armadillo's next retreat weekend will be Oct. 14-16 in Dickinson, Texas.

For more information about the bowling tournament, contact Pam or Larry at 692-4481. For information about the Excel program, call MCCR at 861-9149.

### LRC Skate Night

Lambda Rollerskating Club's next "Skate Nite" is Wednesday, Aug. 3. This skate night is a benefit for the Q-Patrol, a Montrose based citizen's patrol group.

Skate Nite is held at the Dairy Ashford Skating Rink, 1820 Dairy Ashford between Westheimer and Briar Forest, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. The \$5 admission includes skates. Inline skates are welcome.

LRC is also holding a pot luck picnic this Sunday, July 31 in memorial Park, starting at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome, and a variety of activities are planned. Look for the skate club banner.

For more information on either of these activities or the Lambda Rollerskating Club, call Keith, 933-5818.

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# Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour, Jason Stuart return to Houston's Laff Stop

## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Is laughing at ourselves appropriate? In August, it will definitely be allowed, and appreciated, at least when the laughter is directed at prime time, home grown gay stand-up comics by Houston gay and lesbian audiences. The River Oaks Laff Stop will host two separate gay comedy hits, "The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour" featuring Scott Kennedy and Kevin May with on Aug. 15 and Jason Stuart's "I'm Out...Jealous!" which opens Aug. 30.

The Laff Stop, located at 1952A West Gray in the River Oaks Shopping Center, and LoneStar Entertainment have announced a return engagement of the national tour of "The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour" with two shows for the one-night-only engagement on Monday, Aug. 15. Showtimes are at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m.

Scott Kennedy and Kevin May are two of the hottest nationally touring comedians today. Their two-man comedy show entitled "The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour" is an exclusive event for the gay community. The national tour began at the Laff Stop in February. Since then the show has been produced in over 20 major cities with great success. The Gay Comedy Jam "Freedom Tour" is the only all gay nationally touring stand-up comedy show. The show is a celebration of gay pride and commemorates the 25th anniversary of Stonewall.

The Advocate, a national gay and lesbian news magazine became an official corporate sponsor for the "Jam" on July 1. The Advocate's support is an important and positive step in providing national exposure for the tour which will continue through 1995. This will be the last tour date for the Houston area for 1994. Nancy Ford will serve as guest emcee and opening for the current engagement.

Kennedy and May are domestic partners and live in Houston. They perform at comedy clubs world-wide as well as major Las Vegas showrooms, and have worked with other superstars including Garth Brooks, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Neil Sedaka, David Sanborn, Judy Tenuta, and Richard Jeni. Their two-man show has gained national attention and exposure in both the gay community and mainstream press as it tours nationally.

Ticket prices are \$10 for advance purchase and \$12 the day of the show.

Actor/comic Jason Stuart performs his stand-up comedy show, "I'm Out...Jealous!" Aug. 30 through Sept. 4.

Stuart, who recently has appeared on the network television series "Murder She Wrote" (CBS) and "The John Laroquette Show" (NBC), has performed on the national comedy club circuit since 1983. Last year, he came out on national television on the talk show "Geraldo," and since that appearance he has performed as an openly gay comic to sold out shows across the country, including "OUTrageous Comedy" with Sandra Bernhard, on Broadway for the Gay Games.

Stuart will portray a southern preacher in the Cineplay International feature film, "Loveland," which was written, produced and co-stars Debra Duggan and begins shooting in the Fall. Stuart also just completed a cameo role in "A Sailor's Tattoo," with Alexandra Paul and Grace Jones, and has recorded a new dance record, also titled "I'm Out...Jealous!," set for national release this fall.

For ticket information/reservations, call the Laff Stop at (713) 524-2333.

## FACTOID

### Condom Sense?

Number of condoms purchased by the U.S. government and shipped overseas for AIDS prevention and population control: 574 million; total cost: \$27 million. Number of condoms distributed by Pentagon to U.S. troops: 4.7 millions. Number of condoms purchased by U.S. government for AIDS prevention and population control in the U.S.: 0. Number of condoms purchased by U.S. consumers annually: 550 million; total cost: \$300 million.

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## Two views of devilish doings: Inside-Out Productions' 'Oh Hell'

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/  
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The Lord isn't the only one who works in mysterious ways. In "Oh, Hell" two works being presented together by Inside/Out Productions at Kuumba House through August 13, we see two demonstrations of the devil's disingenuous designs on souls. In "Bobby Gould in Hell" by David Mamet souls are collected



The devil with mood swings: "Oh Hell" at Kuumba House

through existential equations worthy of Sartre. In "The Devil and Billy Markham," which is much lighter fare, it comes down to a roll of the dice.

In Part One of "Oh, Hell!" Bobby Gould (Bob Maddox) comes to his senses, not certain of where he is. The sweetly sinister sounds of Barry Manilow melodies, the kind that make you feel as if some parasitic worm were eating you alive from the inside out, are piped into the room. A persnickety looking clerk, the interrogator's assistant (Barry Hall), busies himself with paper work, offering only the most perfunctory answers to Bobby's increasingly frantic questions.

Bobby receives no help until the interrogator (Phillip Safley), a devilish character of predictable demeanor, arrives on the scene. He gleefully jibes Bobby, mocking the protestations that he was not a bad person.

And thus begins what at first seems to be an interesting examination of what constitutes behavior deplorable enough to warrant eternal damnation. Early on the question is posed: Do criminal thoughts count against you? What about accosting or a passing comment that verbalizes what would be a harmful act? The play even ponders, though briefly, the legitimacy of human nature as a defense.

But rather than provide substantive perspective on the matter, Mamet digresses and makes Bobby's continued presence in hell dependent on the motivation he displays in making decisions.

Mamet further clouds the picture by introducing a fourth character.

Glenna (Jacqueline Jasper) is a former girlfriend of Bobby's. She is bitter and vindictive and quickly determines that she will do her utmost to keep Bobby in hell.

As he does so frequently, Mamet draws his female character as a bitch personified. Glenna becomes such an unwelcome shrew that the interrogator actually negotiates for her departure from hell.

As cryptic as the text is, it is much easier to

comprehend than the directing. Travis Ammons showed no directing flair whatsoever. With the exception of Bobby, the characters are portrayed as flagrant stereotypes. The assistant as nerdy office clerk, the Interrogator as a storybook devil, and Glenna as a woman on perpetual PMS. The characterizations could not possibly be more cardboard cut-out.

With such garden-variety personalities to draw on stage, there is no true measure of the acting effort displayed. Only Maddox came close to imbuing his character with any saving individuality. I will, perhaps too graciously, ascribe the shortcomings of the other performances to the ridiculous personas the actors were portraying.

"Bobby Gould in Hell" is an unfinished thought. Mamet poses questions but offers no answer—not a condemnation of society's moral turpitude (definitely not Mamet), not a beckon call for standardized definitions, nor even a plea for libertarian allowances. He simply walks away. This production can pretty much do the same.

Part Two of "Oh, Hell!" I will mention only briefly enough to say that it is not a play. It is a poetry recitation, given by Ammons, of "The Devil and Billy Markham" by Shel Silverstein. It is a clever ode, to be sure, but Ammons' recital and Maddox's directing are on a high school level, and both should be faulted for crafting this country-fried interpretation.

"Oh, Hell!" is pretty much how I reacted.

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# Study: Drug for fever blisters helps HIV patients who take AZT

BALTIMORE, Friday, July 15 (AP)—Teaming the drug AZT with a medication used to treat herpes and fever blisters could help men with AIDS live longer, according to a new study published today.

"It's not a cure but it's a significant advance," said Dr. Neil M.H. Graham, an author of the study and an associate professor of epidemiology at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

"It's the first evidence we've had that the combination of antiviral drugs can work together to defeat HIV," he said.

Both AZT and acyclovir are manufactured by Burroughs Wellcome Co. in North Carolina, the U.S. subsidiary of a large British drug company, Wellcome PLC.

Test subjects already taking AZT who also took the drug acyclovir after developing AIDS had survival rates 44 percent greater than those who did not take acyclovir, according to the study published in today's issue of *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

For men who started acyclovir one year after developing AIDS, 93.9 percent survived for two years, compared with 86.2 percent who never used acyclovir.

For sicker patients, the results were more dramatic. Men who started acyclovir only after their immune systems were severely impaired had two-year survival rates of 69.8 percent, compared with 31.4 percent among those who never used the drug.

Acyclovir did not delay the onset of AIDS in men who were HIV-positive.

The study was conducted by

researchers at Johns Hopkins Medical Northwestern University, the University of Pittsburgh and the Albany (N.Y.) Medical Center. It duplicates findings of European and Australian researchers made about five or six years ago.

The study included 786 HIV-positive men who began taking AZT before being diagnosed with AIDS. Of those, 488 subsequently took the anti-herpes drug acyclovir either to treat herpes infections or to treat AIDS or HIV, and 242 used acyclovir only to treat AIDS or HIV infection.

"Not only does the study suggest that acyclovir prolongs survival in AIDS patients, but the dose needed appears to be no more than that required to suppress a herpes simplex infection," said Dr. Daniel Stein, director of the clinical pharmacology studies

unit at Albany Medical Center and senior author of the paper.

Researchers believe that the herpes virus increases the reproduction of the HIV virus.

"We think acyclovir suppresses the herpes and doesn't stimulate the HIV to replicate faster," Graham said.

"This observation provides important information on the potential benefit of using acyclovir and zidovudine (AZT) in combination in treating AIDS patients," said Dr. Lewis Schragger, medical officer in the Division of AIDS at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which funded the study.

"It will be important to study this further in controlled clinical trials," he said.

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## HOUSTON SOAP, PART I

By CAROLYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston

Hello Montrose!

### Last Week

The Disco Ball at Rich's was a boogie, oogie, oogie of a real good time! "Platforms Off!!" to Katherine and the hosts of the Disco Ball, who raised over \$3,700 for the Omega House!! Hundreds of people came out to boogie down for a good cause and fun was had by all! Costumes and bell-bottoms were fabulous...everyone danced all night!

"Christmas in July Carnival" raised over \$2,000!! This past Sunday, the Brazos River Bottom reminded me of the carnivals I attended at a kid!! (with a different flair that is!) CONGRATS to all involved. The Best Entertainer Award went to Andrew Flores and there was a tie for 2nd Susan Mazar and Rita Charles!! The only casualty was one of the "Good Fairy's" tits; fortunately, it was not fatal!

Club Hedonism preserves pleasure everywhere! The Club Kids were out in full force last Thursday for 100% dreams! There was lots of hot and spicy music and wild characters! Divine's Voodoo Room was a hit, featuring readings, sacrifices and wildness!!

Here is something NEW!! I would like to thank the following people: Mignon Rae, Tony Villa, Lupe and the Basics, Tomorrow, Paul Chester, Mike Sunjka, Tom Vullo, Cy Brinston, Bill Murrell and Joe Locasic!! I do not know any of these people or bands personally, but, listen to this; This past weekend, the above mentioned raised over \$1,200 for Colt 45's, Stone Soup and Omega House!! Ok, here is the scoop: these people/bands did benefit shows at "The Pig Live," "Dizzy's" and "Cezanne." These performers



Gary and Gary, then Queen and King Olympus 24 kick off their raffle at Gentry last Sunday

donated their time and talents!! I'll keep you informed of any further gigs they will be doing! (I found all this out after the fact!) Thanks for your new interest in our community!!

Another THANKS... to the anonymous person that gave more than \$100 to the Colt 45's Troublefund box! This person wanted to thank Hal and Jim (the chef's of the Venture-N) for donating their time and culinary talents! We need more people like you that appreciate all the volunteers that give of themselves for others!

The Krewe of Olympus "Night of Mardi Gras Trash" raised \$368!! It is nice to know that we can always count on the Krewe to liven up a party, and raise money for charity at the same time!!

Club 403 has a stupendous grand opening weekend! The place was stuffed full of thirsty people! I look forward to more spectacular parties at your place!

### Friday, July 29

Remember you can Disco Down every Friday night at Rich's! It is Trash Disco night!!

Start your weekend out right at Gentry and enjoy the famous (or should I say infamous) Boy Toy Dancers. They strut and tease starting at 6:00 p.m.

Morticia starts the BBQ at Club 403 for Steak night! It is only \$5 and that includes all the trimmings... as well as a piece of meat of your choice!

### Saturday, July 30

Saturday's, Rich's is the place to be with NO cover until 10:00 pm and reduced drink prices 'till 11:00 pm, with the most gorgeous hot men around!

The lovely (and older) Brittany Paige steals the stage at E/J's tonight for the Saturday Super Show. Tonight's guests are Stephanie Fox, Sivi Ross and special guest Vanessa Raye. Miss (older) Paige takes the stage at 11:00 p.m.

Pacific Street is the place to be if you are hot and ready for leather! The doors open at 9:00 pm for the "Erotic Leather and Flesh Fantasy..." of your choice!

### Sunday, July 31

"I just have one thing to say—You better dip!" Today, 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Pet Patrol is ready to de-flea your dog. They set up in the parking lot of Basic Brothers. This service is free to all Pet Patrol clients. The service is only a \$5 donation or its equivalent in pet food. Bring a towel or 2 and a leash. Sorry, no cats are invited.

Did I screw up my calendar? According to Pacific Street, it is New Year's Eve (in July?) tonight! The evening's party will be just like any New Year's Eve \* Party hats, noise mak-

ers, complimentary champagne at Midnight, cash balloon drop, Top-Ten video and music count down.. well, you know the drill!

The long awaited, much anticipated, shopping frenzy from hell and get that blue eye shadow out of the drawer day is here!! Trailer Park Trash... THE GARDEN PARTY is today at Rich's!! Get out those Bermudas and park the double wide!! If you have never been, well, Mary, let me tell you!! GO!! The Manager of Rich's Howie suggests you to stick around for a post Trash-T-Dance with great prices and music you love to dance to!

Shine up your boots, pull out your western shirt or polish your leathers... the Denim party is today! This is a party I never miss! The Brazos River Bottom will be packed to the rafters. Don't forget there is a free shuttle bus between the Denim Party and the Garden Party! Check out the front and back pages of this issue to get all the details on this event!!

Hal and Jim are cooking (as usual) at the Venture-N. The scrumptious buffet starts at 3:00 p.m. The bar donates all the food and fixings, Hal and Jim donate their time and skills. All they ask is that you DONATE to the Colt 45's Troublefund Box! Such a deal!

Heaven guarantees a packed house tonight with the special appearance by Adult Video Star Matt Gunther! Matt will engulf the stage at 11:00 pm for a revealing look at one of the hottest new porn stars, plus an up close and personal autograph session! A photo "shoot" will follow!

T-Dance at Rich's tonight. They offer NO cover with a pass from your favorite bartender between 7:00 pm and 9:00 p.m. During the dance, the well drinks are only 25 ¢ and frozen tropicals are \$1.50, as well as long necks! Sounds like a great way to have "T" (at night?)

Tonight at Gentry's, Black Velvet and a host of friends present "I'll Always Love You" at 9:00 pm sharp. You might want to get there early and enjoy the infamous Boy Toy dancers.

### Monday, Aug. 1

The long-awaited FINALS for the Male Dance Contest is tonight at E/J's. The hottest of the sizzling contestants will take the stage tonight, with Paivi Lee Love as your MC. The contest starts at 11:00 p.m.

Stop by Gentry's between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm for "Coiffeur Shop Talk" and hairburn prices with Tambi Vanna White Honeysuckle Phelps Summer Sugarbaker Lee Love! (and you thought we were not going to tell you the answer to last week's question!)

It is Clubber's night at Pacific Street. No Cover for bar and restaurant employees OR if you have on your Club "Colors." What a great way to party with your favorite bartender on the same side of the bar!

### Tuesday, Aug. 2

Chances has a beer bust tonight! \$3 gets you a glass full of suds and only 50¢ gets you more head!! (That is a refill you know!)

One of my goals this week was to type



Wilma, what happened to your hair?

pages 22 and 23 without mentioning the "C" word... But, I got to Tuesday, and Cuervo @ Mary's @ \$2 came to mind.. oh well, I'll set another goal next week!

I love things I can count on: one of them is the special at The Club every Tuesday... It is always half-price night.. what more can I say!

Houston's biggest week night party is every Tuesday at J.R.'s. August will prove to be even more festive with a travel prize given away at Midnight every Tuesday during the year's hottest month. You can cool off tonight at J.R.'s, and don't miss their grand prize trip giveaway on Tuesday, August 30th, where you could win a trip for 2 to Aruba.. A \$2,200 value!

### Wednesday, Aug. 3

It is Buddy Night at The Club Houston! You buy a room and your "buddy" gets a locker FREE!

Hungry for dinner and a show? Head over to E/J's. Lucy grilles the meat at 6:00 pm and Ray hosts Karaoke night!! Talk about a cheap date!!

A taste of Italy, on a budget! Check out this deal! Midtowne Spa has half price night, and this includes a spaghetti dinner!

### Thursday, Aug. 4

Paula of Gardar presents "Candyland" at Rich's tonight! Look out for the Club Kid's trail!!

Are you ready!! The Triangle Bar and Grill is ready for you! Check out the specials this place has to offer!

Men with Muscles night at Pacific Street. No cover with your gym card or membership card from Club Houston and Midtowne Spa.

### Coming Events

If you would like something listed here, please call 529-8490 or Fax 529-9531 ASAP!!

August 1 \* Venture-N Anniversary Party!

August 9 \* Fundraiser for "Town Meeting II" at the Museum Restaurant, 5:00 pm to 9:00 p.m.

August 12 \* Sundance Cattle Company Anniversary Weekend.



Good Fairy and David

# More events to watch for, a few of my favorite things and the latest dirt



Rita, this is quite a pretty ensemble

## HOUSTON SOAP PART 2

(Continued from preceding page)

August 13 \* BEAR Auction at the Venture-N. 9:00 p.m. Benefit for Pet Patrol and RSICSS.

August 15 \* Gay Comedy "Freedom Tour" returns to the Laff Stop.

August 16 \* Madonna's Birthday

August 20 \* Tommie Ross, Former Miss Gay USA at Club 403.

August 21 \* FIST Color Hanging at Pacific Street.

August 21 \* "Haircares-Houston" 3rd Annual (Black-Tie optional) dinner and auction.

August 21 \* The Wolfpack hunts "brunch" down at Mary's.

## Other Important Stuff

This is one of my favorite things; (like raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens). Announcement: VCI Entertainment, "The Newest Concept for Gay and Lesbian Entertainment" has entered this movie! They ask you to experience live interactive video! I can't tell you more, because I have not been there yet, but this will change!! See their ad in this week's issue for further details and phone numbers!!

I have some REALLY bad (and truly tasteless) OJ jokes. Call me if you would like me to fax them to you.

It is rumored that Mary's (naturally) is having another Black-Out party soon! Keep watching for details!

The Club Houston is having at blow out Pool Party all this weekend! Just in time to work on your tan; or find someone to "rub" your sun block in!! If you don't know anyone there, just request Damion to "put the lotion on your back"—I know he will be more than happy to accommodate you (and our every whim!!)

Girls in white dresses and blue satin sashes, snow flakes that land on my nose and eyelashes... (More of my favorite things... NEW Gay/Lesbian businesses!!) Another NEW Bar has opened!! CHANCES is located

at 1100 Westheimer, (next to Charlie's) They are advertising "A Clean New Bar for the Men and Women of OUR Community!!"

Contrary to what you may have heard through the (vicious) rumor mill of Montrose, The RED ROOM is still open!! Now is the "safe" time to drop in! You never know what will happen there!!

Smartplay, Inc. has some equipment for sale... Crosses, Shackles, and Slings, oh my!! Call 526-6940 for prices and info!!

The Montrose Mining Company is quite festive on Friday and Saturday nights, with after hours until 4:00 a.m. If you're not quite done shopping or could stand being surrounded by Hardcore male dancers until the wee hours of the morning, then the Montrose Mining Company is more than happy to accommodate you!

The Red Room has meeting space available for any club, group, or gaggle! Call Mark at 529-3367 to reserve this private space!

"Freedom Beads" are available for only \$3 thru "Ken's Place." Call 537-8585 for info. They are donating the profits to various AIDS-related charities!

The Triangle Bar and Grill is a great place to unwind after a long day at the office! They have a Happy Hour buf-

Rabbit (Gentry): What's this about you and the circus ringmaster? I hear it gives new meaning to the slogan "The Greatest Show On Earth!!!"

John (BRB): I hate it that sometimes you get so hungry you can eat Vera's ass. That is NOT my idea of a diet!

John (TLL): How did the "porcelain" get cracked in your bathroom?

Devin (Mary's): I hear you have been feeling "Frisky" lately! What is his name?

Animal (BRB): I'm really glad you got your tiara back, and I'm sorry it was in such bad condition. You need to take care of that well-earned tiara girl!!

d'Artagnan: Happy Vacation!!! And thanks for being my proofreader, everyone knows I can't spell!!

Vanna (Gentry): How did your bodyguard hurt his wrist? Was he defending your "honor?"

Virgil B.: You are dating WHO? I can't believe this one!!

Orlando (NLA:H): Yes, You are HARD all over!!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is Rainbo d' Klown's real name? I have prizes!! Call me with the correct answer!!

Brian (TNT): I'm SO happy you took my advice and took your last vacation



Bill @ Gentry

doesn't wear any!!

How many are sleeping in "Miss Kitty's" beds these days?

Wendall (Potpie): So you are single, again!

Rodd (Triangle): You need to date men that don't press charges!

JT (PS): How did you earn the new title "Sugar Shorts"? Is there a twinkie (hostess type, that is) involved?

Frankie (Red Room): Welcome to the neighborhood! I'll be down to see you soon. Keep a bottle of Cuervo on ice.. AT ALL TIMES!!

Tim (NLA:H): Next time you try to sit down, remember to make sure you have a bar stool underneath you first! The floor of the Venture-N is really hard!

Doug A. (PS): Been swimming in Cuervo lately?

The Rowdy Girls: I have not seen you out in a few weeks!! Are you hiding OR just hung over?

Meg (Mary's): I understand you are finally satisfied with the way the tunnel is progressing, but now you want to take it in a new direction? Shall we wait for you to find your Boy/Girl Scout compass? Heads up Interior Designers! This "turn" could go from pissy to trailer park trash!

Advice to Paula (Gaydar): Honey, next time you go into a bar you are not known at, try identifying yourself politely, not with attitude! I always carry my press camera, an ID and a copy of Amy Vanderbilt's "Book of Etiquette."

Steve V.: I have a special message for you: take care of that heart you hold. Carry it gently, for it breaks easily and doesn't mend well. Return it safely to its owner when your travels are through, and it will care for you forever more.

OK, Pottygate #3: Advice to the uninformed; Do NOT pull the ice out of the urinals to cool off your cocktail (yes, Tammy A. This means you!)

Well, kids, I'm off to see if anyone follows me out of the office!! TTFN Cuervolyn



Now you are fair game...

fet every day!!

Into leather, or just maybe curious? Stop in the Ripcord and check out the hot men just hanging around waiting to meet you! Be sure to visit Leather by Boots and do a little shopping!

## Dirt, Lies, Gossip And Such

The usual disclaimer is in force, lies, gossip, trash, bathroom wall reading material, or just anything I feel like making up!! That is what makes it ALL worth while!!

Dame Edith (MCA): "Fashionably Late" is not 2 hours, especially when it is lunch with your lover and daughter-in-law!

Regina Dane (RSICSS): I hear you are the NEW "Miss Bovine," Empress of the Stockyards!! You MOOOOOOO Girl!!

Bill (Gentry): How long does it take to personally look at 391 full moons? My, that must take a long time!

Vera (BRB): My sources tell me that you are SO old you don't celebrate birthdays anymore, just centennials! What is this on, the 2nd or the 3rd?



Hi handsome! Can I buy you a drink?

out of town!! How was your 20th class reunion anyway?

David/Sara (MCA): I've heard about you hanging out at the Ripcord, in leather chaps and a Polo!! I also hear you have been pumping iron to achieve a "certain look!" Who are you trying to fool?

Jeremy (Triangle): I love the way you serve Cuervo shots! (He goes as far to lick your hand to pour the salt on!!)

A chant that was done at Stonewall 25: We're Here, We're Gay, We have your children 8 hours a day!! (The Gay Teachers Association!!)

Gary (Riders): So you work at the Venture-N these days... Save a Cuervo for me. I'll be in soon to see you! Be sure to keep track of any gossip you hear or see. I always love another fountain of information!!

Timmy Todd: The next time you are hired to clean Devin's house, make sure your "trick" takes his OWN underwear home with him!! It confuses Devin to find underwear under his bed... especially since he

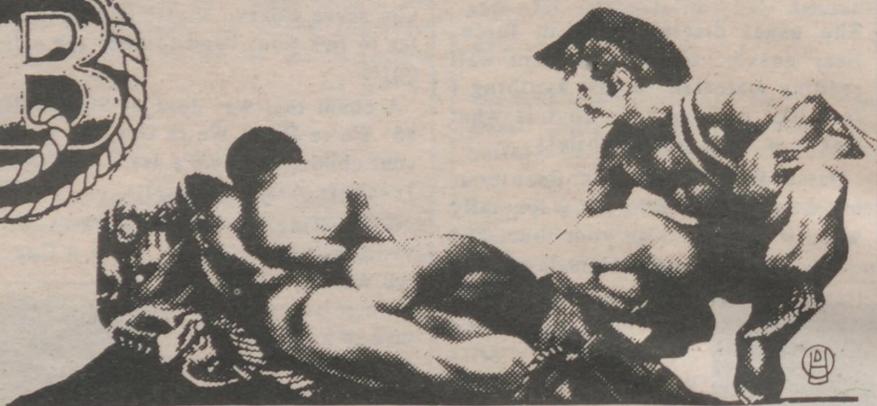
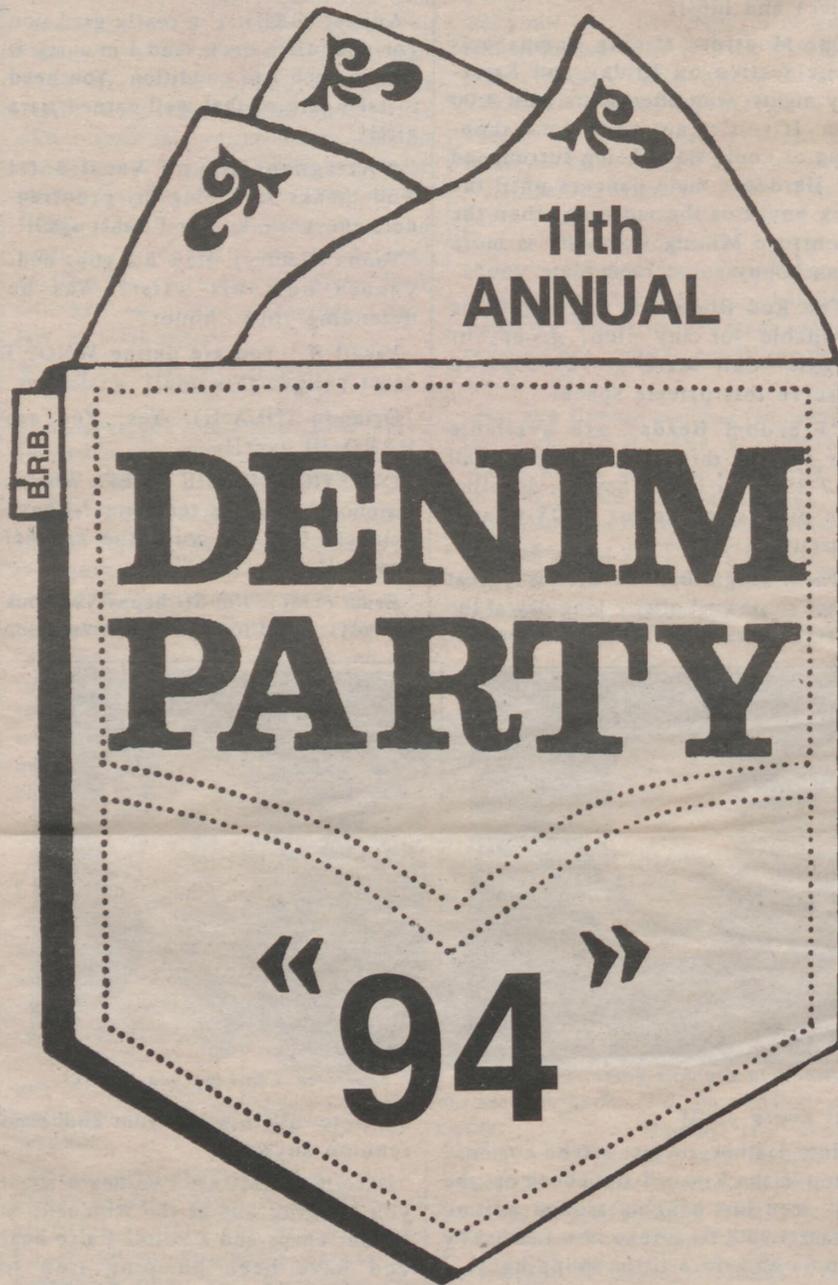


Andrew Flores and Don Gill at BRB



Some of the women of FIST

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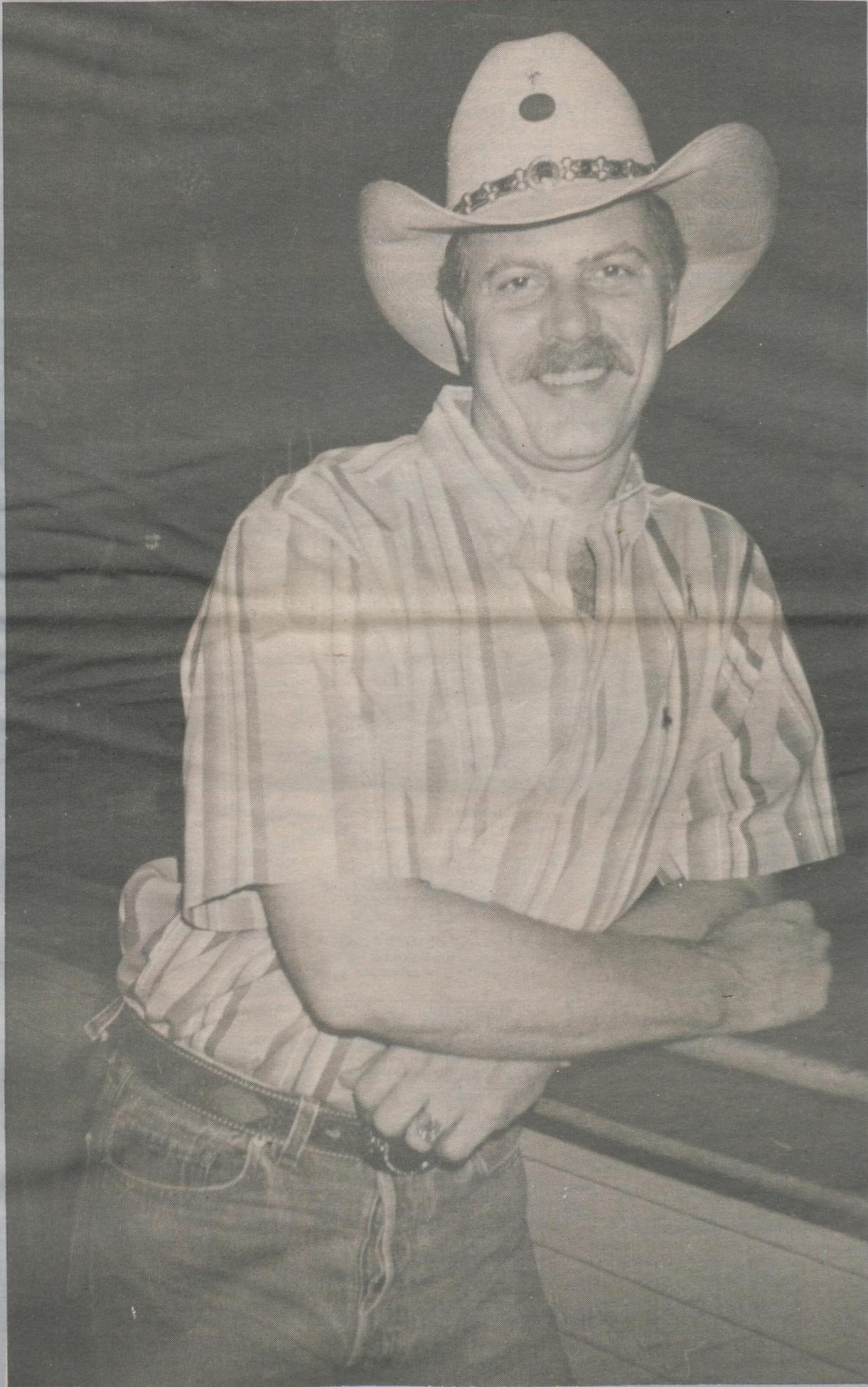
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# VOICE

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# Robert

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# HOUSTON PERSONALS

BY MANFINDER

## HOUSTON'S GAY PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

To Place A FREE Printed Ad With VoiceMail, Call:

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To Respond or Browse These Personals And Thousands More. Call the 900# Shown And Follow The Simple Voice Instructions.

Austin **GWM**, 21, frisky BTM looking for a GWM, 18-27 yrs. old for exciting times and a possibility for a long term relationship.

☎33958

Austin **BOY TOY**: If you like going out and having fun, then we were made for each other. I am a dancer with a swimmer's build. Call for my home phone.

☎33047

Austin **SING WITH THE TV**: TV, I sing, dance and love to travel. I am seeking a man who can really appreciate me. All calls answered.

☎33208

Austin **LET'S BE CREATIVE**: 22 yr old Hispanic guy/college student. I like all things creative.

☎33254

Austin **DIRTY DEEDS DONE LATE**: 21 yr old black male, 6'3", 195. I am masc and good looking. I like all things done late at night.

☎33337

Austin **HAVE A CLUE**: GWM, 18, looking for a guy 18-25 yrs. old interested in tennis and going out and who is a goal oriented person.

☎33593

Austin **22 YR. OLD** Hispanic, Brn/Brn, 5'9", student, into many things looking for people to meet.

☎33765

Austin **ADAM**, interested in meet Hispanic men 18-30 yrs. old. I am 6'1 in my 20's, TP.

☎34107

Austin **TOYS R US**: 38 yr. old, boy toy, 5'9", 145 lbs, clean shaven, looking for a very long term relationship with a guy 25-30 yrs. old.

☎34100

Austin **MAKE MY DREAMS COME TRUE**: Hispanic male 24 6' 200 looking for hisp or w/m 18-25 to fulfill a fantasy.

☎34301

San Antonio **THE CHANGE HAS DONE ME GOOD**: Looking for a white or Hispanic male 25-45 yrs. old. I am a TS and am looking for your company.

☎33235

San Antonio **PVC AND ME**: 6'1", Bln/Blu, 29, looking for guys who have a variety of interests including walking on the beach.

☎33317

San Antonio **SKETCHY**: 36 yr. old man, looking for someone around my age. I like camping, hiking, swimming, and sketching. Hispanic men a plus.

☎33629

San Antonio **BON APETITE**: 32 yr. old handsome guy, looking for other guys into French cuisine and good conversation.

☎27450

San Antonio **VIVA!!**: Art, seeks young Hispanic male, 25-30 yrs. old, 5'4" to 5'6", slender build, smooth. I am 5'4" and 33 yrs. old.

☎33736

**SINGLE? YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE.**

San Antonio **HEAD OUT**: 21 yr. old white male, educated, attractive, looking for a guy, Hispanic or white, 20-40 yrs. old for friendship.

☎34016

San Antonio **JET SETTER**: 45 yr. old, 5'8", Brn/Blu seeking a friendship and a possible relationship. I am financially secure and love to travel.

☎33963

San Marcos **GOOD VODOO THAT I DO**: 27 yr old Hispanic male seeks a black top guy. They say I am great at what I do.

☎33056

Galveston **NEW RELEASE**: White male, just divorced looking for a white male, drug free, for a friendship and maybe more later.

☎34149

Galveston **OUT OF THE HOLE AND ONTO THE POLE**: GWM, recently divorced, looking for someone for friendship and maybe more.

☎33246

Houston **DIVERSIFY**: 5'7", professional, 27, looking for a white male around 6'. I am very thin and diverse.

☎33039

Houston **RUMP RUMP**: 19 yr. old, good looking, 6'1", looking for someone who is the same height and slender.

☎33111

Houston **ROUND 'EM UP**: Lee, TP black cowboy, 6'1", looking for attractive white fillys for fun on the old ranch tonight.

☎33564

Houston **WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT**: 35 yr. old black professional male, looking for a companion who enjoys pleasurable things in life whatever they may be.

☎33631

Houston **LAWRENCE OF ARABIA**: Looking for males under 40 yrs. old. I am 5'11", 34 yrs. old. If you are white, Hispanic or Middle Eastern give me a call.

☎33861

Houston **ACAPULCO GOLD**: 21 yr. old Hispanic male, 5'10", 160 lbs, smooth looking for a monogamous relationship with a guy 23-35 yrs. old. Race is open.

☎33862

Houston **FOREIGN FLAVORS**: Dave, looking for guys in the area. You are well toned and well endowed. Hispanics or Asians a plus.

☎34034

Houston **MUTUAL SUPPORT OR MORE**: HIV + asymptomatic blk male seeks other HIV + males for friendship or good times

☎34395

**TX I KNEAD YOU**: James 5'7 blk male lt skin 120 very professional. I like to have fun. looking for masculine men 27-40 who like to be massaged.

☎34337

Austin **HOMBRE**: Attractive 34 yr. old Hispanic male, 6', looking for somebody 25-35 yrs. old for fun.

☎24110

Austin **JOE'S JONESIN'**: 26 yrs. old, 5'9", Bln/Blu, looking for some folks to get together with who are around my age.

☎24309

Austin **BLACK HOLE**: Black male, 5'7", slim, looking for a nicely built man of any race who is passionate and a TP. No drugs.

☎31645

Austin **AHHH, YOUTH**: 18 yr. old GWM seeks a long term relationship with a guy of similar age.

☎32121

Austin **TEACH ME**: Brn/Blu, 39, 5'8", looking for guys 18-20 yrs. old to talk to and to learn from.

☎27987

Austin **NICE TO MEET YOU**: Recently moved here from LA, 26, 5'9", Brn/Blu, tan, swimmer's build, cute, looking for acquaintances.

☎30225

Austin **COME INTO MY LIFE**: Fashion designer/singer, into art, and drinking hot tea, looking for someone to be in my life. I am 6'3", BTM. You are any race and mature.

☎32662

Austin **RUMPUS**: 5'10", GBM, educated looking for a GWM, 18-35 yrs. old for fun nights on the town, dancing and clubbing.

☎32947

Houston **FULLY LOADED**: 26 yr. old male, Blk/Blu, looking for Hispanic or

☎12376

Asian men of similar age for good times in the Lone Star state.

☎29288

Houston **TIME FOR TY**: Ty, GWM, 21, student looking for somebody who is good looking and is interested in a relationship.

☎32154

Houston **THE MOON ALSO RISES**: Cute guy seeks hunk. Attractive GWM, 5'9" seeks other dom GWM, 35 and under.

☎32373

Houston **YEARNING GERMAN**: 34 yr. old German, GWM, looking for masc professional oil guys for fun and friendship.

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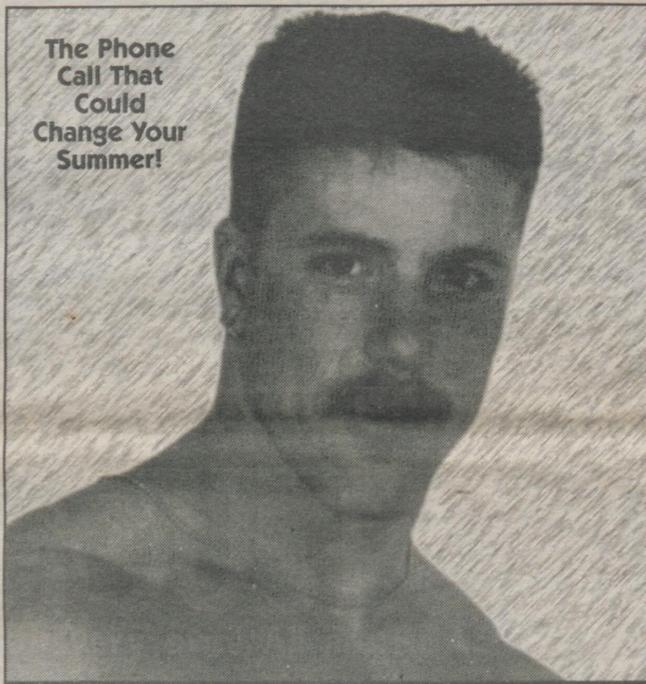
Houston **HINNY HUNTER**: 35 yr. old, BTM, looking for a few good TP men. Let's talk about getting together.

☎32644

Houston **ONE-ON-ONE-ON-ONE**: Kevin, 30's, nice looking, into receiving, looking for a three way with two TP's.

☎32695

The Phone Call That Could Change Your Summer!



Houston **HOMBRES**: 21 yr. old Hispanic male, 6'1", looking for someone 18-27 yrs. old for possible relationship.

☎32845

Richmond **HARD TOPS ONLY**: I am 36 yrs. old, 6', solid, smooth, looking for a group of well endowed TP's for regular action.

☎24773

Austin **CAN BUY ME LOVE**: 6', stach, nice tan body seeks a Hispanic or black male for good times. Wealthy a plus.

☎31216

Austin **SUMMER FUN**: 26 yr. old GWM, into playing out in the sun, seeks somebody, tall and mature and about 20-35 yrs. old. I am interested in starting a relationship with the right guy.

☎31570

Austin **THE NEW GUY**: Attractive, young professional seeks a 18-24 yr. old male for friendship and more. I am new to the area.

☎31683

Meet HOUSTON Men Now!

Austin **KICK BACK**: 24 yr. old GHM, 5'8", laid back, looking for others to share in common interests.

☎31884

Austin **GOOD CHASSIS**: 18 yr. old GWM seeks a long term relationship with a BTM, 18-23 yrs. old. Nice body a plus.

☎32121

Austin **HARDER THAN ALGEBRA**: GM, 32, 6'1", seeks a Hispanic or white male, 27-39 yrs. old for fun times.

☎32210

Austin **CURIOUS GEORGE**: College student, 18, Hispanic and at the curious stage. I like dancing and going out.

☎32264

Austin **WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU HAVE IN MIND**: 29 yr. old white professional, gay curious, 6'2", looking for clean safe exotic fun with a 35 yr. old male or TV who will show me the ropes.

☎12376

Austin **NO MIND BENDERS**: GWM, 33, 5'8" seeks a gay Hispanic male for a friendship and maybe more. You are honest and not into head games.

☎14914

Austin **TWO ON TOP**: GBM, 5'11", in good shape, TP, looking for a TP GWM or GHM for great times.

☎21994

San Antonio **USDA CHOICE**: 18 yr. old, 5'8", Blk/ Brn, GWM seeks others about the same age for fun, fun, fun.

☎27791

San Antonio **LOOKING FOR LOVE**: 23 yr. old GM, interested in meeting a white or Hispanic male 23-33 yrs. old who is interested in a friendship and possibly a relationship

☎31351

San Antonio **MY SPECIAL GUY**: 5'7", Blk/Brn, interested in movies, dancing, art, seeks that special fellow for a special relationship. You are 25-35 yrs. old.

☎30855

San Antonio **THE START OF SOMETHING GOOD**: 5'7" GM, into just about everything, looking for a guy 25-35 yrs. old and maybe ready to start a relationship.

☎30855

San Antonio **LOOKING FOR A CERTAIN PERSON**: You are 5'6", long hair, and beautiful. If this is you, here I am.

☎31697

San Antonio **YOUR SERVE**: 32 yr. old Hispanic male into tennis and swimming looking for others interested in similar activities.

☎31756

San Antonio **ENTER AT NO RISK**: 5'7" GM, Blk/Brn, interested in music and dancing seeks guys 25-35 yrs. old for fun times.

☎30855

San Antonio **RED HOT CHILLI PEPPER**: Looking for Hispanic males 18-25 yrs. old for good times.

☎32008

San Antonio **NO SHIRT, NO DRESS, NO SHOES, SERVICE**: Richard, seeks CD's who want to be taken care of. I will be honest and true to you.

☎32246

San Antonio **JUST PASSING THROUGH**: Steve, I will be visiting the area in a couple of weeks and am trying to line up some fun things to do with fun people.

☎32266

San Antonio **SERVICE STATION**: Looking for well endowed TP's for servicing. You are masc and in good shape.

☎32273

Houston **HOLA PEPE**: 5'8", med, Bln, hair, 28, into dancing and movies seeks a young Hispanic male who would be like a little brother to me.

☎31223

Houston **OUTGOING FOR GOING OUT**: Just moved here. I am 24 yrs. old, 5'5" and am looking for some new friends who are outgoing.

☎31275

Houston **DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE**: GW couple, slender, 6'1" and 6'1", looking for someone to swap videos and pictures with.

☎31512

Houston **BACK DRAFT**: 5'7", black male, professional, looking for a professional in his 30's to 40's who is down to earth. Fireman and policeman a plus.

☎30545

Houston **NOT-SO-TINY TIM**: 22 yr. old GWM, 5'8", looking for chubby white guys. Hairy a plus. Age unimportant.

☎31664

Houston **MOUNT UP**: WM, 6'2", Bln/Blu, interested in a 20-25 yr. old White of Hispanic male. You must know something about horses because I own a horse ranch.

☎31706

Houston **ONCE YOU GO BLACK...**: Black male, 6'2", handsome love to do go out and dance. I am very interesting.

☎31803

Houston **IN THROUGH THE OUT DOOR**: GWM, 30, 5'9", looking for other GWM, smooth, under 25, under 5'9" for a long term relationship.

☎31828

Houston **MUCHACHO**: Clean cut Hispanic male, 5'4" looking for a white male over 6". If you are looking for a relationship, I'm your man.

☎31820

Houston **RAY IS READY**: 28, GWM, seeking white, Asian, or Hispanic males 21-29 yrs. old. I like sports and travel and enjoying life.

☎32085

Houston **SHOPPING FOR A TV**: Looking for TV or TS. I just got out of a marriage and want to fulfill a long time dream.

☎32333

Houston **SOUTH OF THE BOARDER**: Clean cut Hispanic male looking for a white male over 6' with Bln/Blu.

☎8210

Houston **TOP IN MY CLASS**: 5'10" TP, well built looking for attractive men. If this is you call.

☎29716

Houston **TAILS, YOU WIN**: Good looking GBM, new to the area looking for a GWM, good looking who is around 25 yrs. old.

☎29926

Houston **OUT OF THE PAN, INTO THE FIRE**: 41 yr. old just coming out of a relationship looking to jump back into another. Looking for younger guys in their 20's.

☎29980

Houston **HAIR I AM!**: 39 yr. old GWM, 5'10", beard and stach and hairy, very romantic seeks a GWM 25-35 yrs. old. Hairy body a plus.

☎20146

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GWM, 38, DDF, NS, br/hazel, 132lbs and dropping, masculine bottom seeks DDF, NS, endowed aggressive top (35-50) for fun times maybe more. Mustache or beard a must. Call between 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 or leave message. 868-1932. John

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. If you're the right person, I've got a lot to offer. Ad 25796

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## IT'S HARD TO MEET SOMEONE

these days especially when I feel so alive. I'm a GWM, DDF, 38, 130lbs., 5'11", attractive, masculine bottom who wants to meet an attractive GWM, masculine, aggressive, endowed top for dating/relationship and possibly more. Height/weight prop. not important, personality is. Beard or mustache, dark hair a plus. I have varied interests and open to new activities or ideas. Ad 25644

## READY FOR THE REAL THING?

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## GWF LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT

I know one must many frogs before getting a princess, but this is ridiculous. My princess will be fem., kind, caring and fun with med. build. I am butch, emotionally and financially stable with good educational and cultural background. Family values a must. Ad 25647

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## ROUGH DADDY

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## BODY CONSCIOUS

Bi-Wm, non-smoker, DDF, 5'11", 165lbs, 49, and well toned. I love a slim athletic body and perhaps you are as sensual as I but not as shy. My home is near Humble. Please call mail box number 25799.

Lesbian couple, mid 30's looking for a single person or couple for friendship, no sex, going to movies and evenings on the town. Ad 25641

## GWM NEEDS FANTASIES FULFILLED

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## MARRIED MAN SEEKS OLDER MAN

BiWm, 38, blonde, blue, tall, professional, healthy, workout regularly, married (to a woman), seeks older man 40-58, for discreet times, you must be healthy, nice looking, height and weight proportionate, stable, financially/mentally secure, confident and able to handle a relationship with a married man. Ad 25633

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GWM, 41, 6'1", 250lbs., 18" arms, 50" chest, brown eyes, blond hair, moustache, receding hairline. Masc., no BS, furry, Pagan, top, DD&DF-smoker seeks husky GWM, 32-45, 5'8" to 5'11", face & body hair plus, self-sufficient, aware and intelligent. Serious fun & power cuddling guaranteed. Ad 25974

## SEEKING YOUNG MAN

If you are an affectionate young GAM, GWM or GHM, boyish looking, slender and smooth this appreciative older GWM business executive wants to meet you - object safe and discreet play. I want to please you. Ad 25635.

## IT'S HARD...

to find someone compatible when you've been spending too much time working, and not enough playing! But now, I'm ready! This GWM, 36, 6'2", 175, stable (emotionally and financially), professionally employed, in excellent health and spirits is looking for a distraction. I'm interested in meeting a GWM who is 30-45, intelligent, charming and single. C'mon, drop me a line. Let's get together and see if it really is hard. Ad 25716

## 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

## 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

## New Jersey governor urges stores to remove offensive shirts

TRENTON, N.J., Friday, July 22 (AP)—Gov. Christie Whitman is calling for merchants along the shore to remove from their stores a T-shirt offensive to gays and lesbians.

The shirt, with a cartoon drawing of a rabbit, parodies the Trix cereal jingle, "Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids." It makes a derisive reference to the sexual orientation of gay men.

"We are proud of what our state has to offer as one of the premiere summer tourism destinations in the region," Whitman said. "The public display and sale of messages of intolerance can only damage our image, offend visitors and undermine all

our efforts to promote understanding and tolerance."

The silly rabbit shirt drew the ire of one man who brought it to the attention of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in New York and the New Jersey Gay and Lesbian Rights Group.

They contacted the state's Division of Travel and Tourism and the item eventually was brought to Whitman's attention.

The Lesbian Avengers of New Jersey are organizing a rally for 11:00 a.m. Sunday at Second Avenue Beach in Belmar to "give voice to the outrage created."

A manufacturer of the decal, Frank Flanagan, president of F&M Expressions Unlimited in Hollywood, Fla., said he believes the governor is grandstanding, but agreed Thursday to discontinue the design.

"I think there's a lot more things in New Jersey that need to be fixed than what's on someone's T-shirt," Flanagan said. "I wouldn't wear something like that, but if someone chooses to spend some of their hard earned, very-heavily-taxed New Jersey dollars on it, they should be allowed."

Flanagan said he would refund merchants the price of the iron-on transfer and would pay the cost of returning it.

Whitman has written the chief executive officer of the General Mills Corp., which makes Trix cereal, urging him to find out whether the decal violates the company's logo rights.

Barry Wegener, spokesperson for General Mills, said the company is aware of the problem and has already sent letters to shops in Florida and New Jersey.

"We take exception to use of our trademark by any unauthorized person," he said. He said letters to distributors and manufacturers usually puts a halt to such sales.

## Minority journalists congregate for historic meeting in Atlanta

By MICHAEL A. GIARRUSSO  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

ATLANTA, Sunday, July 24 (AP)—Black, Asian, Hispanic and American Indian journalists, once barely visible in an industry dominated by white men, are joining forces this week at a conference called Unity '94.

Almost 6000 members of the four distinct professional groups will meet together for the first time since they were founded in the 1970s and '80s. Also attending in observer capacity will be members of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, which was formed in 1990, after planning for Unity was under way.

"The portrayals of these communities have been very similar," said Paul DeMain, president of the Native American Journalists Association and of Unity's board of directors.

"Someone else, mainly white males of European descent, has been portraying us for us. We don't want to control that portrayal, but we do want to contribute."

The conference starts Tuesday with a town hall meeting moderated by talk show host Geraldo Rivera. Groups in Atlanta, Denver, Minneapolis, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., will be linked by satellite to discuss coverage of women, racial minorities and homosexuals. The conference ends Saturday.

Each of the groups, which also include the Asian-American Journalists Association, the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, will hold its annual convention at the Atlanta meeting.

Scheduled seminars cover such topics as eliminating myths and stereotypes and perfecting the on-air look.

Organizers say two of Unity's goals are to increase the number of minorities in journalism and to change the way the news media portray minorities.

"With Asians, we're all portrayed as rocket scientists or gangsters, and

there's no one in between," said Lily Eng, a reporter at The Seattle Times. Eng is both a member of the Asian organization and a director of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association.

"With gays and lesbians," she continued, "the media have covered it the same way. We're either all pedophiles or drag queens."

The organizations wouldn't be needed if the industry were more diverse, said Diane Alverio, president of the Hispanic journalists. "Our groups just keep getting bigger and stronger, but our goal is to work ourselves out of business."

Conference organizers hope to set up a network that will help promote minorities into all levels of journalism.

"Some of the hiring is in place, but it's all at the entry level. No one is rising to the top," Ms. Alverio said.

The conference's biggest attraction may be its job fair, which gives journalists a chance to speak to representatives of 200 news organizations and other potential employers and, in turn, presents media recruiters with an opportunity to diversify their newsrooms.

Riche Daniel, a junior at Atlanta's Spelman College, has a summer internship at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and says she will use the conference to help decide what career she wants.

"It's a great way to interact with journalists in different fields and from different backgrounds," she said. "You can get a lot of ideas, even if you're not sure right now which way you want to go."

Another goal of the conference is to let minority communities know the news media are accessible to them, said Dorothy Gilliam, a Washington Post columnist and president of the black journalists.

"We want to make some walls fall in Atlanta next week," she said, "between members of the four organizations, between minority journalists and media executives, and finally between journalists and the public."



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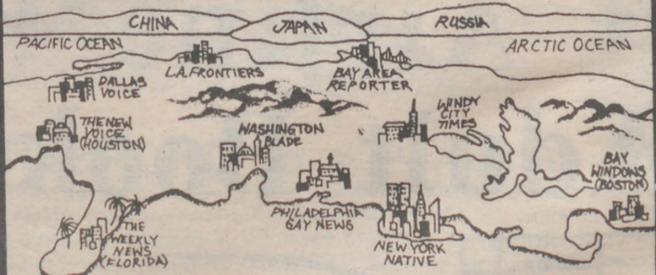
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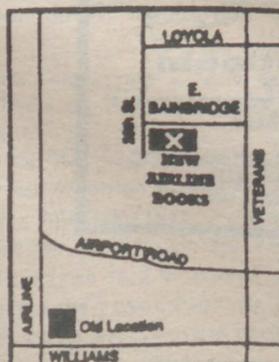
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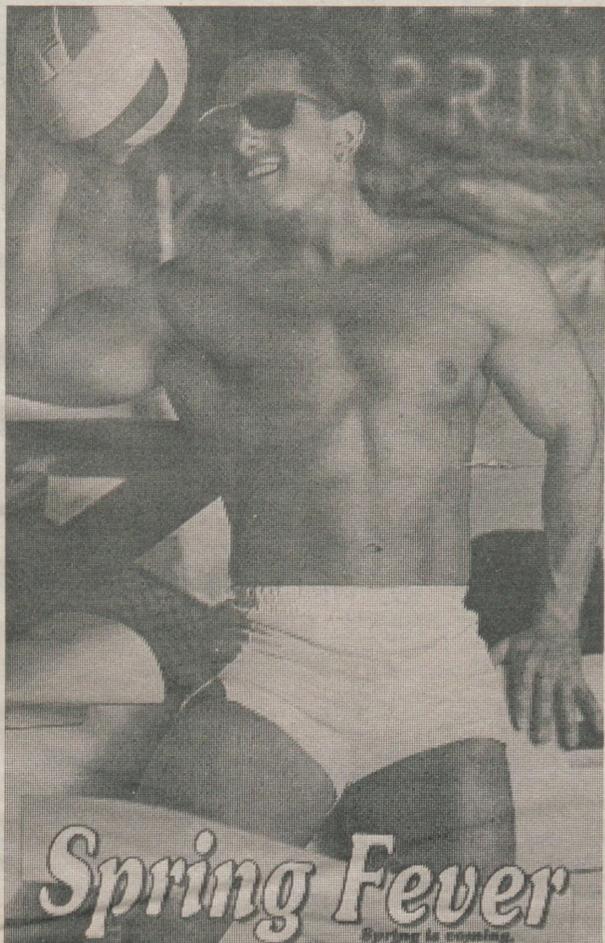
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**HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30 - AUGUST 4, 1994**

*Houston Voice* readers born this week share with famed designer, Yves St. Laurent, born in Oran, Algeria, 1936, the desire for high style and world travel.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 22) You continue to be the center of attention this week. Make the maximum use of this position and plan your outfits, smile and body posture to attract Ms./Mr. wonderful. It is a better time to fall in lust rather than in love as others will be attracted to you physically. You will have to keep their interest by showing that you are more than a pretty face.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Your sensitive side to your personality is active this week. You will tend to read more into comments of others than you should. Do not assume that the other person knows many of the special sides of your personality. Avoid the gossip sessions at work and generally stay by yourself this coming week.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) If you are caring for another person during the next three weeks, be careful as not to become overly involved emotionally in the care. If events do not turn out well, you may incorrectly blame yourself. Associate with friends who are up beat and positive with their outlooks in life. This three week period of time maybe a down time for you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) You have an excellent chance of meeting a potentially special person in your life during the next two weeks. She/He maybe turned off by your usually cautious manner. This will be seen as a lack of interest on your part in the new person, which is not the real case. Let the other person know by thoughtful little things that you are actually interested in them.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) The highly social interest and drive on your part continues this week. This is an excellent time to host a party for your friends. Especially those who have been kind to you in the past inviting you to their parties. Mix and match your guests list to have a varied group of people in attendance. The parties do not have to elaborate to be successful. The interesting mix of guests along with your social skills will work the magic.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) A week of high energy is yours for the next seven days. Being able to look back upon this time with real accomplishments will give to you a wonderful sense of happiness. If you fret away the week with 'wheel spinning' activities as you sometimes do, the frustrations afterwards will be depressing. Get out your list of things that really need to be done and hop to it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) You continue to be highly independent in your social plans, and the worse thing that another person could do to you during the next two weeks is to restrict or to try and control you. The current moon phase makes you a free spirit. Be sure to let others know that this rejection of them is not as definite as it seems.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) The down period of emotions continues this week. Avoid any major decision, particularly if a potential hardship on someone is involved. Seek out friends who are up beat types of personalities, and non users. Wearing brighter colors will also help. Avoid alcoholic beverages and other 'downer' type of chemicals. You may get so involved with yourself that you will forget to feed the goldfish or water your nice group of plants.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) I shall probably see you around the City this weekend on your bicycle or skates as you enjoy the freedom and sense of space of the outside world. If you are going to the Garden Party on Sunday, you will be the hit of the Ball in your wonderful outfit. Your sense of style comes to the forefront in preparing your outfit for the G.P. Mary's will miss you that afternoon.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 - May 20) As one of the hosts for the Denim Party on Sunday, you will be very much sought after in your jeans. Working out at the gym has given to you a wonderful body to show off this weekend. Yellow, as in the hankies, has always been a good color for you. Personal time together with your significant other improves considerably.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21) Your attention to detail helps to bring order to the important events going on in your life. Unexpected help will go a long ways to lighten your cares. Avoid highly refined sugars in your meals as they tend to decrease your energy level. Your work activities increase this coming week, but you enjoy the chance for achieving.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22) Make your living quarters a bit more attractive and colorful, by adding some fresh flowers in several places of your home. A date that you may bring home will be impressed by how wonderful your quarters look. This is a good time to try shopping at the garage sales, but be very selective in your purchases, as you feel best about a purchase when you know that it was a good bargain.

**RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD**



I know that you think you are real men, and you will probably snub your nose at this recipe, but I have been nicknamed "BWANA", and if "BWANA" can eat quiche, then I know ya'll can. Besides, it's simple, and everyone likes simple things now days.

**SPINACH QUICHE APPETIZERS**

Makes 60 small appetizers or however big a "piece" ya'll want:

- 10 eggs
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 - 10 oz. package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 2 - 4 oz cans green chilies, drained, seeded and chopped. (I buy the cans that are already chopped.)
- 2 cups small curd cottage cheese (If you are watching fat, use non-fat)
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (8 oz.)
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese (8 oz.)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a large bowl, beat the eggs. Stir in the flour and baking powder. Stir in the spinach, melted butter or margarine, green chilies, cottage cheese, cheddar cheese and Monterey Jack cheese.

Pour the mixture into a 3 quart rectangular baking dish. Bake in the 400 degree oven for 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees, and bake 25 to 30 minutes more or until the quiche is puffed and the center is set. Remove from the oven and let the quiche stand for 15 to 20 minutes before cutting into squares.

To drain the spinach, I just squeeze it real good in my hands. You can also use the back of a spoon and press against the side of a colander. I have tried both, and the hand method is better. You get a better "squeeze."

To this recipe you could also add diced ham or bacon or sausage. If you use bacon or sausage, be sure to drain it thoroughly. There is plenty of grease from the melted butter. You could also dice some red bell pepper or add pimentos.

All you men out there, give it a try. I will guarantee it won't make you run out and buy some red come — me pumps. If it does, you were just waiting for some kind of a good excuse!!!

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- ACROSS**
- 1 musical syllable, 4th tone
  - 2 positioned
  - 4 color
  - 5 ocean
  - 6 Spanish for river
  - 7 snakelike fish
  - 8 face

- 10 until 1935, Persia
- 12 symbol for chemical element radium
- 13 pearly stuff in a mollusk shell
- 17 cable TV country music network
- 18 Roman numeral for 601
- 20 George W., the GOP candidate for governor
- 21 fail to keep up
- 22 an author's account of his personal experiences
- 23 dwell irksomely
- 24 thickly forested area in East Texas, 2 words
- 29 fit out with rigging
- 30 interjection used to express sympathy
- 32 truly
- 33 request rejection
- 35 Ann, Demo candidate for governor
- 37 sheet of glass
- 39 state with peach blossom as official flower, abbrev.

- 41 in chess, abbrev. for the piece that moves 2 one way, 1 another way
- 42 sheep hair
- 44 201st birthday was March 2, 1994; defeated Santa Anna at Battle of San Jacinto
- 49 most popular computer operating system
- 50 takes as a loan
- 51 damage
- 53 state with lady's-slipper as official flower, abbrev.
- 54 search by feeling
- 58 U.S. state which exports most (twice as much as all others combined) to Mexico
- 59 an abbrev. for California
- 60 audio-visual, abbrev.
- 61 state with peo-

- President Taft, initials
- 34 advertisements
- 36 quantities of medicine
- 38 receive as a return for service
- 40 interjection for attention
- 43 ignited

- ny as official flower, abbrev. Haitian
- 62 deposited
- 13 13th letter of Greek alphabet
- 14 cinder
- 12 river that forms border with Mexico, 2 words
- 13 13th letter of Greek alphabet
- 14 cinder
- 45 title of respect for a man
- 46 to a horse, stop!
- 47 19th century Irish wit Wilde, initials ("A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it.")
- 15 a presiding officer
- 16 ABC correspondent Sam Donaldson's Texas hometown, 2 words
- 17 get into one's possession
- 19 Roman numeral for 901
- 20 Built as a set for the movie The Alamo
- 21 type of computer display
- 25 cheat
- 26 drink made from cured leaves
- 27 2-wheeled covered carriage
- 28 symbol for chemical element titanium
- 31 27th U.S.
- 65 president come to rest
- 66 muddle
- 67 causing pain
- 68 French masculine pronoun
- 69 most popular computer operating system
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- 48 18th U.S. President & Civil War general, initials ("I have never advocated war except as a means of peace.")
- 49 the South
- 52 prefix for again or anew
- 55 conglomerate that sold itself to G.E.
- 56 rows
- 57 pinching tool
- 60 dress
- 63 bar seat
- 64 First State, abbrev. Solution elsewhere this issue

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