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NewsLine: New Orleans

New Orleans Alliance of Pride presents 12th annual gay pride parade

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Two bright-faced, beaming women from Oklahoma stood on the sidewalk in front of The Mint bar at high noon last Saturday, waiting for the New Orleans Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade to cross Esplanade Avenue. The taller woman, a handsome forty-something, with brushout gray hair, hugged a third woman from Florida and said to the crowd present—and the world beyond—"We're here and we're queer and, by God, we're proud!" She added, to cheers from everyone within earshot, "A few years ago, I don't think I'd have said that out loud."

Alliance of Pride, formerly Gay Pride, was co-chaired this year by Joan Ladnier and Donald Michael. Other board members were Paul Barrios, Jon Formica, Kathy Geary, B.A. Manuel, Judy Nelson and Ron Pollar, who coordinated the parade for this festival, New Orleans' 12th annual commemoration of the Stonewall Riots in New York City in 1969 that gave rise to America's lesbian and gay liberation movement.

The 1991 national theme, "Together in Pride," was adopted by the local group as

their theme. This year's festival was dedicated to the memory of Ricardo "Chili" Peccorini, a Gay Pride board member from 1984 to 1988.

Other committee members were Dino Bertirolli, Mia Kirn, Melissa Van Meter and Skip Webber.

The parade, the largest ever held for New Orleans' Gay Pride, passed up Decatur Street lavishing throws on the cheering spectators. Go cups, whistles, rubber toys and the ubiquitous beads rained from the floats as did the famous NO/AIDS necklaces with attached condom.

The route went up to Rue St. Louis, passing Jackson Square, stronghold of the invading army of tourists, all of whom seemed to enjoy the parade nearly as much as the proud woman from Oklahoma who said, "You folks in New Orleans sure know how to throw a party!"

—Mayor Barthelemy addresses Alliance Of Pride

New Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy addressed opening ceremonies of Alliance of Pride (formerly Gay Pride) Saturday, June 29, and accepted a special commendation from Alliance officials. The mayor



Mayor Sidney Barthelemy addressed celebrants in Lafayette Square after the parade (Photos by William Liermann)



A lesbian contingent in New Orleans' Alliance of Pride Parade passes by Lafitte's Saturday afternoon, June 29

led a contingent of city and parish leaders recognized by Alliance for their services to gay and lesbian citizens. Some of those present were City Councilmembers Dorothy Mae Taylor and Johnny Jackson Jr. and Judges Miriam Waltzer and Revius Ortique.

City Councilmember Jackie Clarkson, whose district incorporates both the French Quarter and Faubourg Marigny, where the parade and festival were held, sent regrets that she was unable to attend the ceremonies. Councilmember Clarkson's had cooperated with the Alliance board members prior to the event and her name was listed in the program as one of those thanked "...for their extraordinary support!" Some eyebrows were raised by Clarkson's absence but most people seemed willing to give her the benefit of accepting her good intentions gone awry for unintentional reasons.

Opening ceremonies followed the noon parade, which passed through the French Quarter and Faubourg-Marigny, disbanding at Washington Square about 2:00 p.m.

NewsLine: Gay America

Gay and lesbian conference run out of Guadalajara, goes to Acapulco

By LEON S. LAZAROFF
FOR THE NEW VOICE

MEXICO CITY, June 26 (AP)—After being run out of Guadalajara, the International Association of Lesbians and Gays will hold its 13th annual convention next week in the more permissive city of Pacific beach resort of Acapulco.

The convention, originally planned for the more conservative Guadalajara, 500 miles west of Mexico City, was canceled after months of anti-gay marches, death threats and government pressure forced hotel owners there to reject the group's reservations.

Acapulco, where the 7-day meeting will open Sunday, was secured with the help of Mexican government officials in response to both domestic and international protests against the cancellation,

said convention organizer Pedro Preciado.

"We are pleased the convention will be held, but we remain outraged by the homophobia of government officials in Guadalajara," Preciado said. "It is clear that the public is in great need of sex education."

Conservative groups in Guadalajara campaigned vigorously against the convention, painting slogans like "Death to Homosexuals," "Guadalajara Will Never Be Sodom," and "Homosexuals: Carriers of AIDS" on scores of walls.

Religious groups also held protests against holding the convention in the country's second largest city. Among those speaking out against the convention was newly named Roman Catholic

Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo.

Posadas said such a meeting would be a "slap in the face to the city's dignity."

Preciado, a resident of Guadalajara, said he had hoped to bring the convention to his hometown in order to break down stereotypes and fear of homosexuals.

"This entire affair has helped to demonstrate the ludicrous discrimination by government officials against gays and lesbians," Preciado said. "At the same time, I hope it has shown the need to protect the human rights of homosexuals, especially in places such as Guadalajara."

Preciado praised the government's National Human Rights Commission for speaking with local officials and ho-

tel owners in Acapulco on behalf of the association.

A spokesperson for Human Rights Commission said "quiet, extra-official" talks were held with Acapulco officials.

"The commission has shown they are serious about human rights for lesbians and gays and that is a welcome change for Mexico," Preciado said.

Protests against the cancellation were held in front of Mexican consulates in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and Washington D.C.

Because many members canceled their airline reservations when the Guadalajara site was eliminated, less than half of the 1,000 expected for the Guadalajara convention will be able to come to Acapulco, Preciado said.

President Bush's latest appointment to the United States Supreme Court, Clarence Thomas, is vintage Bush: No-quota Bush has named a black to fill a seat held by the court's first black. Bush can deny until doomsday (as he has on many other issues) the obvious but there is no other explanation except that Thomas is the most reactionary black judge in the land—certainly not his judicial credentials of sixteen months on the federal bench deciding basically minor disputes in the District of Columbia.

Of course, as president, Bush can and has named judges based on their proven conservatism. Reagan named even greater reactionaries—or, in the case of Bork, tried to do so. Now the court will be decisively conservative. This, too, is the privilege of the party in power. But let us not forget that the Supreme Court is basically a political branch of the federal government, if maybe a little less so than the other two—and then only because of life appointments.

Supreme Court justices are subject to the same human frailties and shortcomings as the rest of us. No clearer example of this exists than the Hartwick case which upheld Georgia's sodomy case—and doomed the challenge to Texas' sodomy law. Since that decision retired Justice Potter Stewart, the swing vote on Hartwick, confessed that he now views his vote a mistake but considered the case "trivial." Only a couple of weeks ago Justice Blackmun, the court's last liberal, told a group of law students that in the Hartwick case the majority started out with their decision to uphold the sodomy ban and then proceeded to justify that decision—in that case with highly questionable reasoning having little to do with legal precedent.

It is equally clear, and reaffirmed by retiring Justice Thurgood Marshall, that the present majority, supposedly the heirs of a political movement opposed to a high court making laws, has its own agenda to remake several basic laws of the land.

Again, to the victors go the spoils. The Republicans won the national elections and now are reaping their conservative harvest. But like strong-willed courts before them this, too, can be a two-edged sword. The Dred Scott decision of 1857, ruling that slaves were first and last property, directly led to Lincoln's election and to the Civil War.

The conservative court inherited from years of

Republican rule initially thwarted Roosevelt's New Deal until the election of 1936 provided Democrats with such overwhelming Congressional strength the New Deal laws were written in indestructible stone.

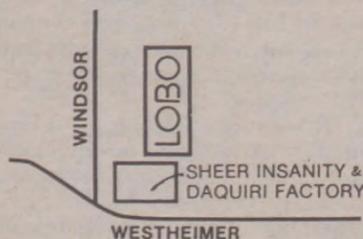
And today's court is the direct consequence of the progressive Warren Court, which, for the first time, established that individual and privacy rights were the direct outgrowth of the Constitution and its amendments. The Far Right, rallied for the first time by Barry Goldwater's candidacy in 1964, has always placed at the top of its agenda the capture and subjugation of the federal judiciary. This it has now accomplished with the Supreme Court and with over half of all federal judges appointed by Reagan and Bush.

While clearly Bush hopes to make "quotas," his civil rights issue next year, on the larger issues of abortion and individual rights—both likely to be restricted by the current court—the Republicans are already discovering that the Far Right is far from a majority on these issues. The Republicans, for the first time since the Goldwater revolution, may well have an internal fight on the issue of abortion. And the increasing restrictions placed by the court and the Justice Department on the freedom of expression, first, lack widespread support and, second, are sparking increasingly strong reactions. Frankly, the more reactionary the court's decisions the more united the growing opposition.

The one ingredient lacking in this reaction to the conservative court is a viable and strong Democratic candidate for president. While the issues are presenting themselves the Democrats remain on the defensive as they have since they allowed Reagan to define the Carter presidency. The Democratic strategy should center on a new majority still based on the Jackson Rainbow Coalition but broadening its appeal to the middle-class whites and blacks who, thanks to S&Ls and banks, are now as much a deprived minority as many others.

But if history provides any insight, the Democrats will fumble opportunities while the Republicans will continue the winning Nixon-Reagan-Bush strategy which allows all means necessary to assure the desired result—after all, the Republicans have been stealing elections since Rutherford B. Hayes—and successfully. There are no indications that 1992 will be any different.

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Because smoking is an immune suppressing behavior, stopping the smoking habit can be one of the most important things an HIV-positive person can do to improve health, according to Charles Domingues, MSW-CSW of the Critical Care America home infusion company, who will be conducting an eight week "stop smoking" course on AIDS Foundation Houston. The classes will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings, July 10 through Aug. 28, at the AFH offices, 3927 Essex Lane (off Wesleyan).

The class is based on the highly successful Methodist Hospital Institute for Preventive Medicine's Stop Smoking Program. It focuses on behavioral modification techniques, emphasizing the importance of certain homework assignments and regular attendance throughout the eight weeks. There is no charge for this course, which is open to all HIV-positive individuals and their significant others. Space is limited to the first 15 people. To register, call AFH at 626-6796.

—Galveston "Train and Skate"

The Lambda Rollerskating Club's first annual Galveston Train and Skate Trip is set for Sunday, Aug. 11. Participants will meet at Amtrak Station, 902 Washington at

10:15 a.m. Tickets are \$27.50 round trip and must be purchased in advance, skate club members said. LRC participants should ask for the Chamayo car.

Tickets for the trip go on sale around July 1, members said; tickets may be obtained Ticketron outlets or by phone at 629-3700. Rental skates will be available for about \$10 in Galveston and a map will be provided. Return train leaves Galveston at 5:00 p.m. The club is also inviting gays, lesbians and friends without skates to join in a walking and trolley tour of Galveston. For more information on the trip or the Lambda Rollerskating Club call 523-6381.

—"Women In Art Day"

The Women's Group and First Unitarian Universalist Church will present "Women in Art Day" at the church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., The Women's group will present an open forum of women artists; women working in the visual arts are invited to share experiences and perspectives on making, showing and selling art in Houston. The forum is for women only, and runs until 12:30, when lunch will be served for participants at reasonable prices, organizers said.

From noon to 4:00 p.m., the event continues with an open exhibit of women's art. For more information, call Anita Louise at

526-8413.

—Art Fest poster contest

The Westheimer Colony Association has announced its poster contest for the fall, 1991 Westheimer Art Festival. The theme is open for this competition, but the following information must be included in the design: The Westheimer Art Festival, Oct. 19 and 20, 1991, 3317 Montrose Blvd., Houston, Texas. Poster size must be 18 by 24 (vertical on the 24 inch side), and entrants should remember that design will be reduced to nine by twelve inches for t-shirt printing. A four color process is available, but the winner must supply the color separations, or the winner may use up to four flat colors (no blending). In this case, the winner will provide production.

The artist with the winning design will receive \$500 and the first place poster will become the official festival poster and t-shirt. Prizes of \$100 and \$50 will go to the first and second runners up, respectively.

The deadline for all entries is Aug. 9, 1991 before 4:00 p.m. Include name, address and phone number on the top right hand side of the back of your design. Entries may be mailed or hand delivered to 2700 Albany, Suite 203, Houston, Tx. 77006. Entries must be picked up at the office between Aug. 16 and Aug. 30. For more infor-

mation, call (713) 521-0133.

—HIV treatments

AIDS Foundation Houston is sponsoring a workshop summarizing the events and research presented at the recent "Seventh International Conference on AIDS" in Florence, Italy. A panel of medical specialists, led by Dr. Joseph Gathe Jr. will explore many of the issue and discuss their interpretations of the news.

The workshop will take place in the North Tower conference room (1 NA) of Park Plaza Hospital on Tuesday, July 9, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The hospital is located between Binz and Hermann Drive at Caroline. The program will devote time for questions and answers from the audience. A buffet and beverages will be provided courtesy of Park Plaza Hospital. This presentation is free and open to everyone.

The AFH Wellness Program and Park Plaza Hospital will be offering treatment workshops every other month to familiarize people with the various treatment approaches to HIV disease, said Bart Loeser, AFH education coordinator. The Wellness Program also sponsors a variety of presentations which focus on such health issues as nutrition, stress management, exercise, esteem building and safer sex. For more information, contact Loeser at AFH, (713) 623-06796.

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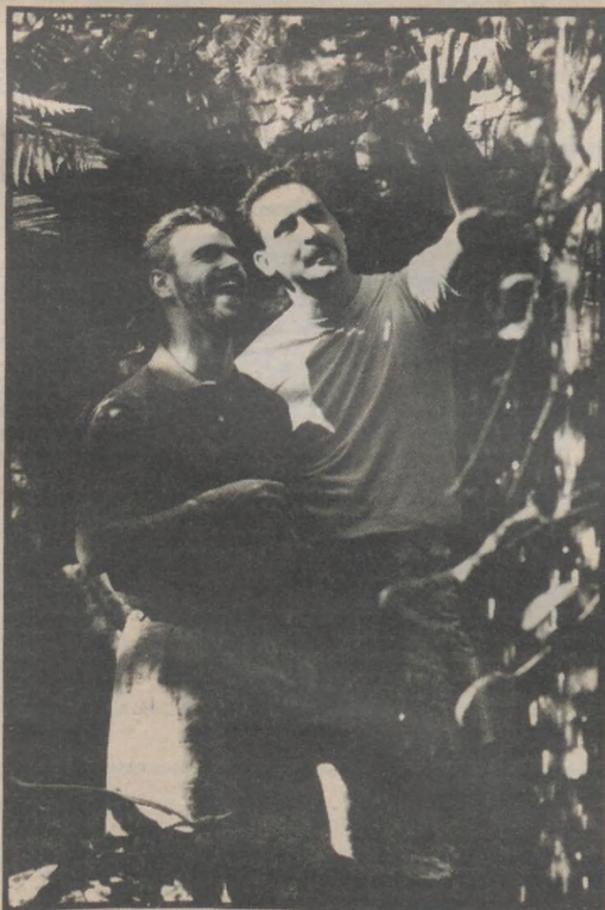
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San Antonio's Gay Pride event 'Mother of All Picnics'



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SAN ANTONIO SOAP By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT
TNV San Antonio

I want to share with the highlights of San Antonio's 1991 Pride Picnic, plus bring you up to date on what you can expect in San Antonio in July (other than a lot of hot weather).

The 1991 Mother of Picnics was an affair to remember. A lot of you stopped by TNV's booth to pick up a paper, escape the heat under our green and white striped awning, and share your ideas. Thanks for your support.

The range of picnic activities was endless. There were volleyball teams from The Bonham Exchange, The Paper Moon and several local fraternities and sororities, including the Vicious Fishes and the Alamo Couples. The olympic size pool was full of black thongs and pink bikinis. And many local inner circle shops offered their goodies to a sweaty but enthusiastic crowd. Did you see To-A-Tee's booth, with everything from T-shirts to crystals to some very daring lingerie? Or how about the booth sponsored by Arts for Life, which was serving up fruit-on-a-stick? The there was our friend, Scott Gambuti, from Anchors Aweigh Cruises and Tours, who was talking up cruises for you inner circle travelers. Let's face it. There was something to suit every taste.

A lot of San Antonio's local bars and clubs also were well represented at the picnic. The Circle drew large crowds with its dart games, the Wild Club was displaying an array of "wild accessories, and the New Ponderosa greeted picnic goers with deli-



The Third Annual Gay and Lesbian Art Show helped kick off San Antonio's Contemporary Arts Month

cious flautas. It was a real experience to see some of the staff from these places in bright sunlight.

Only one Pride Picnic event seemed a little out of character. The Door Christian Fellowship, organized by evangelist Paul Stephens, tried to lead us all out of temptation. Although Paul's group didn't have much success, they found out very quickly that our community's sympathy for free speech and non-violent protest allowed us all to peacefully co-exist in San Pedro Park. The First Amendment protects you and me both, Paul.

Hands up and hats off to Miranda Anderson, the friendly receptionist at SAAF. Do you have questions about the NAMES Project or similar activities of importance to our community? Miranda provides complete information and always greets you at SAAF's door with a big smile. We love you, Miranda.

On June 20, the Circle J hosted the wedding of the year as James and Michael finally made it official. Congratulations to the happy couple.

"For All the World," TGRA's special benefit for SAAF, was presented at the Bonham Exchange on June 28. This five hour extravaganza raised over \$14,000 for SAAF, which has to be some kind of a record. But perhaps just as importantly, the benefit gave our community a new feeling of unity. This was the largest show of this type ever

held in the Alamo City, and it demonstrated very effectively what San Antonio can do when we all pull together. A special note of thanks goes to Terry Neal, who took on the monumental task of organizing this benefit. (You get five stars for this one, Terry). And hands up for all the people of San Antonio. Without you, it would only have been a dream.

So much for the past. July is Contemporary Arts Month in San Antonio. (After all the picnics and patio parties, this should give us all a chance to soak up some culture in air conditioned comfort. The celebration actually started on June 30 with the third annual Pride art Show at Esperanza Peace and Justice Center at 1305 North Flores. But much more is just around the corner. For instance? Check out Dagenbela Galeria on Friday, July 5, when it presents "Tres Entre Nosotros." The exhibition features local artists Tony Ortega, Mary Louise Lopez and Celine Hinojosa. There will be a reception for the artists from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 5, but the exhibition will continue through July 31. Need more? Well, if you're into performance arts, Dagenbela Galeria should be on your agenda. That same evening (Friday, July 5) at 7:00 p.m., it's time for Mujeres Mexicanas. Look for details of other events celebrating Contemporary Arts Month in future editions of San Antonio Soap.

The Sweet Life, N. Main Avenue at Woodlawn, has homemade candy, exotic coffees, yogurt and party goods for your occasions. Go by and see Alexandra and



"Mother of Pearl" Albert was "crowned" during the Country Club employees' recent AIDS Awareness Month benefit

pick up your blend of 42 coffees. Gift baskets available, too!

On to the bars!

The Nite Owl has a happy hour that lasts forever—well, at least until 11:00 p.m. Look for \$2 long necks every night, with dancers on Friday at 7:00 p.m., on Saturday at 10:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays at 10:00 p.m. Sunday brings a \$3 barbecue and a friendly crowd. The Nite Owl flies at 330 San Pedro.

Last Tuesday, the crowd at The Paper Moon, 1430 North Main, selected Miss June. Her name is Laura G., and she is a knockout. (Denim sequined hot pants put Miss G. well above her competition). With this victory, the lucky winner qualifies for the Miss NOY contest, which will be held next February at the Paper Moon.

Events like this one remind me to salute that San Antonio legend, Pauletta Leigh. Pauletta has that special gift for encouraging and motivating new young performers...

There's a new kid on the block in San Antonio. You guessed it. The Stallion just gave birth, and the name of its little foal is the Short Horse Saloon. Located at 3805 Blanco Road, this place is destined to strike a happy medium between "show" and "cruise," and you should check out the Short Horse's long bar, huge stage and hardwood dance floor. (By the way, your reporter chowed down at both the Stallion and the Short Horse this past Sunday, and the food at the Short Horse is definitely on par with the Stallion's popular buffet).

Flip over to the Silver Dollar every Sunday and Wednesday for "Cowboys in Action." They'll hog tie your heart. The Silver Dollar shines at 1418 North Main...

Remember my report a couple of weeks ago on Club Basse West? That's the new bar that opened just recently. Well, this place is already developing a strong following. Remember, it's the only BYOB establishment on the North Side.

Just when you thought San Antonio's second oldest bar had drawn its last breath and the coffin lid was closing, BAM! The Crew reopened its famous doors at 309 West Market to crowds of teary-eyed patrons who had been devastated by the club's closing a few weeks back. This bar has really changed—for the better, I think—and I recommend a visit to the San Antonio legend.



Nick is one of the dancers whose performance you can catch at the Nite Owl



Our cameras caught Divine doing "I'm So Beautiful" at the TGRA benefit for SAAF at the Bonham Exchange

NewsLine: Gay America

Polio pioneer Jonas Salk to test AIDS vaccine on himself first

SAN DIEGO, June 27 (AP)—Polio vaccine pioneer Jonas Salk says he will be the first uninfected person injected with his experimental AIDS vaccine.

"I want to answer the implicit question: 'Would you take it yourself?'" Salk said Tuesday from Paris in a telephone interview with The San Diego Union.

Salk, who plans to inject himself before the end of the year, said he hopes to

show that the vaccine is safe for the next group of uninfected volunteers who will receive it: celibate nuns and priests.

He based his vaccine on a deactivated version of the AIDS virus, much like the polio vaccine he developed in the 1950s. He hopes to help people infected with the AIDS virus as well as immunize uninfected people against the disease.

Salk, 76, said he injected himself with

an influenza vaccine that he worked on in 1942 and also tried out his polio vaccine in 1952.

His approach uses the vaccine to boost the body's immune defenses after the AIDS virus has already become established. Traditionally, vaccines have been used solely to prevent an initial infection from occurring.

In a recent report in the New England Journal of Medicine, doctors from the

Walter Reed Army Institute of Research presented evidence that one such vaccine seemed to at least temporarily halt the loss of crucial white cells in people with AIDS infections.

Salk is directing a multinational effort to develop an AIDS vaccine at the Salk Institute in nearby La Jolla. He received federal approval last year to begin large-scale testing of an experimental AIDS vaccine.

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Time

6 p.m. Reception hosted by The AIDS Equity League

7 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Delaney

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Mr. Delaney was invited to make this presentation by the organizers of The Annual Houston Conference on AIDS in America.

Grateful acknowledgment to the event sponsors:
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NewsLine: Louisiana

Lafayette schools' AIDS instruction completes first year

LAFAYETTE, La., June 28 (AP)—The Lafayette Parish School Board's AIDS Education Program completed its first year with nearly maximum participation and positive student feedback, school officials said.

The program, adopted by the school board in Nov. 1990 and implemented this spring, had participation rates of 97 per-

cent at the middle school level and 99 percent at the high schools, said Supervisor Paul Long.

At the seventh grade level, 1859 science students in 13 schools participated in the six-hour course of instruction, with parental permission. At the five public high schools, 2366 biology and environmental students in grades 10 and

11 took part in the course.

Seventeen approved AIDS curriculum instructors were involved in presenting the instruction following the Louisiana Department of Education curriculum guide.

Participating students at all locations were given the opportunity to provide feedback through handwritten evalua-

tions upon completion of the course. Student suggestions included requests for AIDS handouts to discuss with family members and requests for additional videos showing the effects of the disease on an individual.

The course consisted of an introduction and history of the origin of the disease, immunology and the effects on the host of the virus.

NewsLine: Texas

BOAT: Impact on gay bars of proposed TABC shutdown is unclear

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

The proposed total shutdown of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission could have profound effects on the state's gay bars, but whether the ultimate outcome would be good or bad for the industry is unclear, according to Bettye Naylor, executive director of the Bar Owner's Association of Texas.

Naylor said BOAT members generally approve of the speculated transfer of the agency's tax collecting and auditing functions to the Comptroller's office, but that many were apprehensive about TABC's enforcement duties being moved to the Department of Public Safety. Also, she said, bar owners who struggled long and hard for a current "very

good working relationship" with TABC will now have to start over from scratch in dealing with the new regulating entities.

"We've really had to work to get our relationship (with TABC) built up," said the lobbyist. "Over the years, we've developed a close, very good working relationship in all of the cities and at the state level," she said.

Naylor said the prospect of enforcement by DPS is making some BOAT members nervous, however, she added, the group had basically the same apprehensions when it first started working with TABC.

"I think its mostly just a concept that (members) have about the DPS, but any time there's a change, there are going to

be apprehensions. It was the same when we first started (working) with TABC," she said.

The proposed role of the Comptroller's office would be accepted favorably she said, because the office's audit procedures were clear and efficient and because that office already collects most of the state's taxes.

The recommendation to abolish TABC and reassign its duties is part of a plan proposed by state auditors working for Comptroller John Sharp to generate revenue for the state without a tax increase. TABC is the only state agency that would be closed altogether under the proposal, which also makes sharp cuts and reorganizes a number of other agencies. The auditors said killing

TABC would the state save over \$16 million the first year, even after the costs of moving the regulation duties to other departments.

Under the proposal, the agency's tax collecting, licensing and auditing operations would move to the Comptroller's office, enforcement operations would go to DPS and bingo regulation would move to a new agency called the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Naylor noted that abolishing TABC as a budget-cutting measure has been discussed before, although this time, she said, "it does look a little more serious. But, she said, all of the possibilities regarding the agency's fate are still "strictly speculation."

Houston Live

Frank Langella stars in HGO's production of 'My Fair Lady'

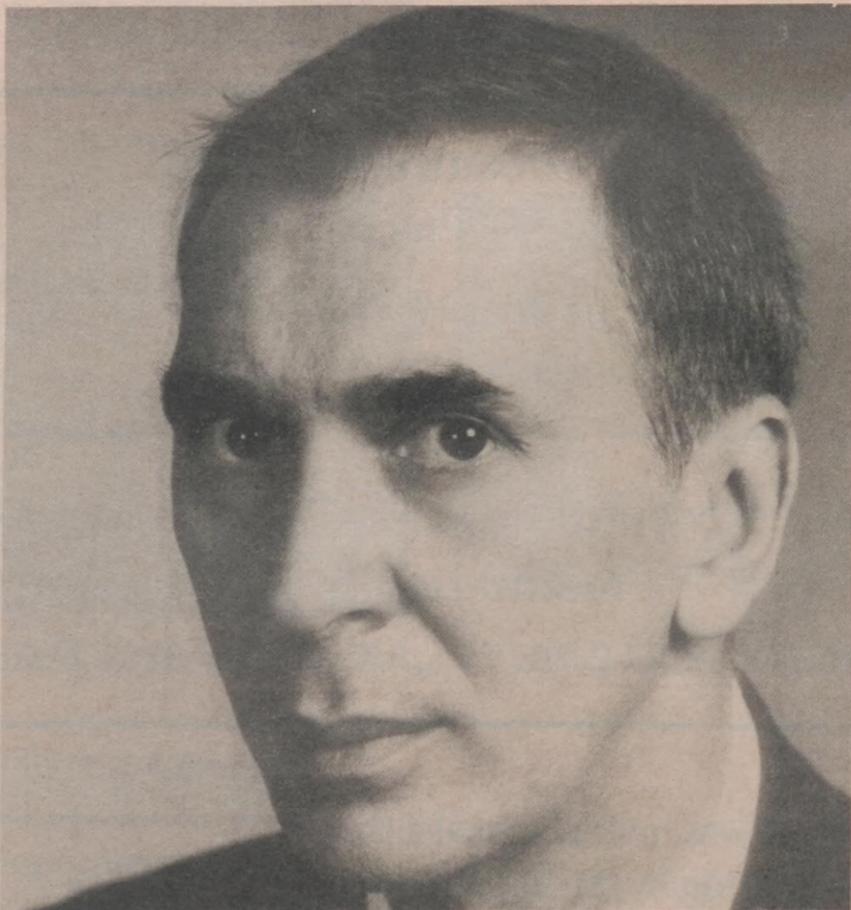
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Frank Langella, star of feature films, Broadway and television, headlines Houston Grand Opera's production of Lerner and Loewe's classic American musical "My Fair Lady." Langella takes on the lead role of Henry Higgins for the first time in his career, with Houston soprano Lee Merrill as Eliza in HGO's production, which opens at 7:30 p.m. on July 10 for 20 performances in the Wortham Center's Brown Theater. Further performances take place at 7:30 p.m. on July 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27; at 1:30 p.m. on July 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28.

Based upon George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," "My Fair Lady" is the poignantly comedic tale of the arrogant linguist Henry Higgins and his attempts—on a dare—to make a proper "lady" of a poor Cockney flower girl, Eliza Doolittle. The score brims with famous tunes, including Eliza's ebullient "I Could Have Danced All Night," Alfred Doolittle's "I'm Getting Married in the Morning," Freddy's worshipful "On the Street Where You Live," and Henry Higgins' moment of revelation, "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face."

Frank Langella is widely renowned for his numerous film roles, particularly the title role in "Dracula" as well as starring in "Diary of a Mad Housewife," "The Men's Club," and "Those Lips, Those Eyes." He is equally at home on Broadway; he originated the role of Salieri in "Amadeus" in the Broadway production, was nominated for a Tony award for the title role in "Dracula," won the Drama League Award for the same role, and won the Tony, the Drama Desk and the Los Angeles Drama Critics Awards for his role in "Seascape."

Houston Soprano Lee Merrill won the role of Eliza Doolittle in auditions over 50 other would-be Elizas in New York, Houston and London. An alumna of the Houston Opera Studio—a joint program of HGO and the University of Houston for young singers with major career potential—Merrill has starred in recent HGO productions of "La Clemenza di Tito" (Servilia in HGO's Mozart Festival production), and "Hansel and Gretel" and will appear in



Frank Langella will star in the Houston Grand Opera production of "My Fair Lady," Lerner and Loewe's classic American musical, opening July 10

HGO's 1991-92 season production of Dvorak's "Rusalka." In addition, she has had great success on the non-operatic stage, with roles in the Alley Theater's recent productions of "Jekyll and Hyde," "As You Like It," and "Harvey."

Also appearing in HGO's production are British actors Geoffrey Bayldon as Colonel Pickering and Bernard Cribbins as Alfred P. Doolittle; American tenor David Eisler as Freddy Eynsford-Hill; British actress

Joyce Worsley in the role of Mrs. Higgins and American actress Marjorie Carroll in her return to HGO as Mrs. Pearce.

British director Keith Warner makes his HGO debut staging "My Fair Lady." HGO music director John Demain conducts the production, with set and costume designs by Russell Craig, lighting designs by Marie Barrett and choreography by Anthony Van Laast.

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ARTS; out of town at 1-800-828-ARTS, or in person at both Houston Ticket Center locations (ticket lobby, Wortham Center and courtyard level, and at all Ticketron locations.

—Alley extends "Boys Next Door"

The Alley Theatre is extending its production of "The Boys Next Door" by Tom Griffin, through Sunday evening, July 14. The production was originally slated to close on June 16, but it has been extended due to popular demand.

For more information on tickets or the production, contact the Alley Theatre Box Office at (713) 228-8421.

—Cole Porter at The Woodlands

The American Pops Orchestra, under the direction of Ned Battista will present "Red Hot and Romantic," a centennial celebration of the music of Cole Porter at The Woodlands Pavilion on Sunday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. Guest vocalists Jeane July, Sharon Montgomery, Billy Stritch, and Steven Davis will be featured on the program. The concert is sponsored by First Interstate Bank of Texas.

Cole Porter (1891-1964) was one of America's greatest composers of popular song and musical comedy. His ebullient music and witty, urbane lyrics evoke the times in which he lived, and have endured to become a significant part of our cultural heritage. Memorable Porter hits to be performed include "Night and Day," "Begin the Beguine," "Love for Sale," "I Love Paris," "In the Still of the Night," "So In Love," "Anything Goes" and "It's De-Lovely."

The 45-piece American Pops Orchestra was founded in 1971 as the Houston Pops Orchestra by artistic director Ned Battista. The orchestra has performed at Carnegie Hall; the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and on radio and television.

Picnics are welcome at this event, but no beverages may be brought through the gates. Tickets are available at all Ticketron locations or may be charged by phone at (713) 629-3700 or 1-800-276-1000.

Magazine that promoted celebrity 'outing' ceases publication

NEW YORK, June 28 (AP)—Outweek, the gay and lesbian magazine known for dragging unwilling public figures out of the closet, has closed because of financial troubles.

A notice, signed by president Kendall Morrison, was tacked to the office door at 159 W. 25th St. Thursday night informing the 27 staff members the magazine was closed.

It said to call "Vicki" for information about how to get back pay when the money becomes available and listed an office

phone number.

There was no answer at the main number and a man who answered Vicki's phone said he was just there clearing out his stuff and couldn't comment.

Infighting by its principals was one of the main reasons the 2-year-old controversial magazine folded.

Founded by Morrison and Gabriel Rotello, who became editor in chief, Outweek drew attention when it began exposing well-known people as being gay, a practice called outing. The names of celeb-

rities, politicians, socialites and media people were listed, without explanation, in a column called "Peekaboo."

In a shakeup at the magazine in December, Steven Polakoff, a Florida realtor who is listed as publisher, took over daily control from Morrison. Polakoff then fired Rotello at the staff's insistence.

When it closed, Morrison told the New York Times, the magazine's circulation was 30,000 to 40,000.

Joe Di Sabato, president of Rivendell Marketing Co., a firm that represents 175 gay publications—but not Outweek—to advertisers, said the magazine's demise was "a very particular situation" and not reflective of the rest of the gay press which he said is very healthy.

"It reflects only on Outweek's own internal business practices which were radical to say the least," De Sabato said.

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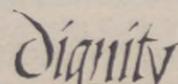
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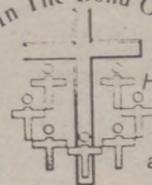
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Another week of 'winners,' 'losers,' new specials

HOUSTON SOAP by TAD NELSON
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Well, it's been another fun and busy week for Montrose Soapers.

On the down side, we hear Miss Dee (E/J's) had her stuff pinched (and we're not talking her rear) but she managed to thwart her robbers and get it back with a vengeance.

Speaking of down, Miss O'Shea (Illusions '90 fame), we hear you weren't letting cars in the parking lot this last weekend because you were too busy playing in the mud puddles, filling them to be precise. Is this the real story or the tabloid version?

E/J's has some new winners in house; Miss E/J's '91 is Lee Chardon and first runner up was Brittany Paige. Mr. E/J's '91 is that cute hunk (Woof! Woof!) B.J. Williams, and the first runner up was Bill Keller. I don't what the talent portion of the show entailed, but if his initials have any indication I want a repeat performance from Mr. E/J's.

The Pot Pie has a great new Saturday and Sunday brunch menu with all those things you love to eat but it's too much trouble to make at home (and for you, too hung over to find the kitchen or even the pots and pans). The brunch from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. includes free Mimosas and Bloody Mary's. Go see 'em. Our camera caught a picture of two of their finest, Chris and Rick, just waiting to serve you.

Randy (Ormes), the employees of J.R.'s want to know why your hands are always greasy?

Our Barry was busy on Pacific this weekend, where he caught this duo dancing at Santa Fe. De-groovy and de-gorgeous Christopher and Mark. Shake, shake, shake... also on the patio at Santa Fe, go by and see Michael, one of the Sunday finest (pictured with Ryan).

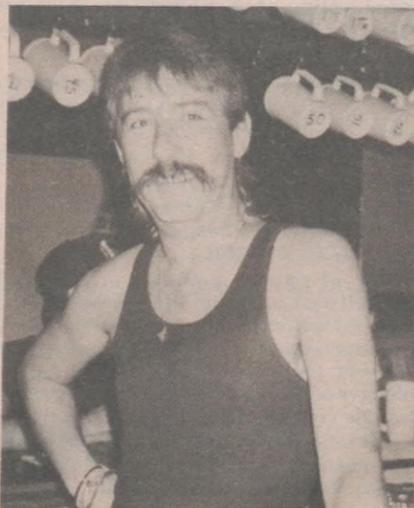
Hi Charley! (Montrose Mine). Have you put any drunk bartenders to bed lately? If you want another DJ lesson, you can play with me anytime at the Venture-N on Wednesday nights. Woof!

While at to Venture-N, check out the dance floor. It's beginning to fill up frequently. Rumor has it a new light show, added sound and video projection screen are due soon.

You might even find the notorious Ricky doing his ever-popular "nasty dances" there. He and Carolyn have those erotic dances down pat. Sorry, Pat!

There's "Something For Everyone" at the Ranch this July 7 at 8:30, featuring the Lone Star Swing Band, the O'No Sisters, Gail Gerrard, Lucie Lopez, Lady Chanell and the Montrose Singers. The show is presented by MCC New Freedom in Christ Church and a \$2 donation is requested.

My sweet sister Brian of that "other" publication gave me a subtle reminder (wouldn't you like to know) that the 23rd



Go by E/J's and see happy hour bartender Billy Nail, on Friday and Saturday 2:00-8:00 p.m. He's always worth a smile or two



Meagan (the dog) and owner Jeanette took top honors in the "Master/Pet Look Alike" contest and "Pet of the Year" at the Imperial Court's pet show

Miss Camp is now taking orders for reserved seats for their pageant, Sept. 14 in the Music Hall. Call (713) 783-1872 for info.

The ever popular Harley "Buzz" Mills, also known as LeeRoy LaBelle, is turning the big 40 Thursday, July 4. Dead buzzards are being accepted for BBQ night in honor of this auspicious occasion.

Congratulations (how did you both do it) to Ed and Jeff on your 20th anniversary, also July 4. In honor of the occasion, are you going to get Jeff in drag for us again Ed? Springtime for Hitler in ... oh, never mind.

Terry Smith (Mary's) is going daddy shopping in Orlando—home of Disney World. One of his prerequisites was big ears—Now, Miss Thang, Mickey is rumored to be having an affair with Jiminy Cricket, don't waste your time. However, Goofy has been seen checking in often at The Parliament House with that dyke mouse, Minnie. Maybe this time!

Gentry's Monday night Brief Encounters Strip Contest is now hosted by the outrageous, outlandish, out in left field, out of her mind Rita Boulevard. Come one, come all. The action begins at 9:00 p.m.



Santa Fe's dancers Christopher and Mark (Two Woofs!)



At the NLA car wash at Mary's, we saw Ramona and Roger scrubbing cars

Also, Gentry's Recreational Softball Team will represent MSL in Boston in August, as will the team from the Mining Company, who will compete in the Competitive Division championship. Congratulations to both teams, as well as Del and Charles.

Happy first anniversary to Richmond News and Video. Be sure to go by and visit for their anniversary party next weekend; door prizes will be awarded.

Vera at the BRB once again twisted my arm until I promised to dish a few people on her behalf.

Lulu (611), is it true you have gained so much weight you can't jump the fence anymore?

(Get Vera a bowl of milk on that one).

And I'm really curious about this WD-40 thing—Craig (BRB), where did you use it? I bet it doesn't squeak, huh?

Charlie, is it hard to replace cheap glass furniture?

Finally, JR (BRB), please hurry out of the hospital. Vera says she is overstocked with vodka.

So long for now, people. Have a fun and safe 4th of July. Remember to use the new patriot punk system to light your fireworks (on the ground, not in your fingers), or you might end up with little scuds—I mean stubs. Be on the lookout for our roaming camera man and all soap spies.



Santa Fe has some fun people on their patio on Sundays. Here we caught Michael and Ryan



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Activist Annise Parker formally announces candidacy for Council

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

Annise Parker formally announced her candidacy for Houston City Council, Dist. C at an 11:00 a.m. press conference outside council chambers on Tuesday, July 2.

Citing the environment, crime and city services as her key platform issues, Parker raised a few eyebrows by declaring that she intended to "clean up" her campaign to show her dedication to preserving the environment by using no billboards or yard signs to advertise her campaign and buying only recycled paper. "I challenge all candidates to do the same," she said.

Instead of the signs, she said, her campaign will use bumper stickers and "human billboards."

Parker, claiming that incumbent Councilmember Vince Ryan has not made any considerable effort to improve the city environment, charged Ryan has been more concerned with "opposing the mayor" than considering any of the issues affecting his district. Asked if she had met with the mayor to discuss support for her candidacy, she said she hoped to speak with the mayor but so far had not.

Regarding crime prevention, Parker said she would facilitate meetings between patrol officers and neighborhood associations to update residents on area



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crime, and would lead city inspectors on monthly tours of District C so vacant lots with high weeds, dangerous buildings and other violations could be cited immediately. She advocated "better utilizing" police by prioritizing service calls and "civilianizing" clerical duties.

Parker also called for the ousting of city health director John Arradondo, and said she supported merging the city and county health departments to save money and improve care. Regarding Arradondo, she stated, "AIDS activists have been calling for his resignation for years."

"It is inexcusable that Houston has an infant mortality rate that rivals Third World countries, suffers measles outbreaks and spends virtually no money on AIDS with the nation's fourth largest AIDS caseload," she added.

A Rice University graduate, Parker has a long history of activism with gay and lesbian community organizations and projects, the Democratic Party and women's groups. She is co-owner of Inklings, a gay/lesbian/feminist book store.

Parker estimated she will have to raise at least \$75,000 to conduct a successful campaign against Ryan. She is the first challenger to a council incumbent in the November city elections to formally announce her candidacy.

NO-AIDS Task Force to open its own New Orleans clinic

NEW ORLEANS, June 18 (AP)—To cut the nine-month wait for early AIDS treatment at Charity Hospital, the NO AIDS Task Force will open its own outpatient clinic in August at its headquarters.

The clinic is being launched with a \$167,368 federal grant. It will offer basic AIDS-related services to at least 150 people within six months, said Jeff Campbell, the clinic's executive director.

Besides prescribing such drugs such as AZT, clinic personnel will coordinate care, provide mental-health and health-education programs, and administer blood tests to monitor the level of infection-fighting cells,—an index of the strength of the bod-

y's immune system. When patients' conditions worsen, clinic personnel will also will refer them to other doctors or to hospitals.

Dr. Michael Kaiser, the director of the New Orleans Pediatric AIDS Project, will be medical director.

For the staff at Charity's outpatient clinic, the new treatment center cannot't come soon enough, said Harlee Kutzen, the Charity clinic's manager.

Besides about 1600 patients already on the rolls, Charity clinic personnel each week add each week about 20 people infected with HIV, the AIDS virus that causes AIDS. About 300 more are on a waiting list.

"With our long waiting list, we can see

only the sickest," said Dr. Bill Brandon, the Charity clinic's associate director. "So many people without symptoms can't be seen at our clinic, and that's not good."

The new clinic will specialize in treating people who are infected with the virus, but have not shown any symptoms of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, Campbell said.

Researchers have said the period between HIV infection and diagnosis of AIDS may be as long as 15 years.

As more drugs are approved to thwart opportunistic infections—the diseases that sweep in after the virus destroys the immune system and signal that a person has

AIDS—doctors stress the importance of early intervention in HIV-infected patients while the immune system is still relatively strong and the body can benefit most from treatment.

But the long waiting list at Charity's outpatient clinic has worked against early intervention, Kutzen said, because the people who need such help are the ones who must wait the longest.

Since the latest state figures show more than 1600 AIDS cases have been reported in metropolitan New Orleans, AIDS experts estimate that about 10 times as many—some 16,000 people—may be carrying the virus in the area.

Black market drugstores get unapproved medicine to AIDS patients

LOS ANGELES, June 17 (AP)—When 40-year-old AIDS sufferer Wayne Brown wanted an illegal drug to prevent fatigue, fevers and weight loss, he bought it at an underground pharmacy in the heart of the city.

When Nicholas Montalvo, a 10-year-old AIDS victim, was on the verge of death last year, he obtained the drug—clarithromycin—at the same downtown drugstore.

The "Los Angeles Buyers Club," as the store is called, is just one of a rash of illicit

pharmacies that have cropped across the nation in response to AIDS patients' demand for medicines that have not been approved by the government, the Daily News of Los Angeles reported Sunday.

At least six "buyers clubs" operate from San Diego to New York City, often smuggling and selling the medications openly and without official interference.

Doctors even refer clients to the clubs to get clarithromycin, a potentially life-prolonging drug that has been approved for use in England and Mexico, but not in the

United States.

"If it weren't for them, there would be hundreds of dead AIDS patients," said Dr. Robert S. Jenkins, whose Beverly Hills practice attracts many people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Brown said his physician told him of the Los Angeles club, where he bought 40 pills for \$100.

"I am trying to buy something to stay alive for a little bit longer," he said.

Rick Hall, the club's operator, said his business specializes in contraband phar-

maceuticals from Mexico, Europe and Asia.

"Smuggling—that is all it is. Pure and simple," he said. But, he added, "It is good to know we are here to help (AIDS sufferers) obtain the medications they need to be well—to be more well. If we're not going to do it, who is?"

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has stopped some shipments and sent warning letters to some buyers clubs. But it hasn't mounted an offensive for closing the clubs, FDA spokesperson Brad Stone said.

Court OKs retaliating against bar customer for rights suit

By BOB EGELKO

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21 (AP)—California law allows businesses to refuse to serve customers in retaliation for filing civil rights suits, a state appeals court ruled Friday.

In a 2-1 decision, the 1st District Court of Appeal upheld dismissal of a suit by a prominent gay-rights lawyer who said he was denied service and later excluded from a San Francisco gay bar because he had previously filed a discrimination suit against the bar.

The state's Unruh Civil Rights Act, which forbids discrimination by businesses on account of race, sex and various other characteristics, does not prohibit a business from retaliating against someone for filing such a suit, said the opinion by Presiding Justice Carl Anderson.

A suit claiming discrimination by retaliation "is neither based on status as a member of a class nor on personal characteristics but is, instead, based on the conduct of an individual," said Anderson, joined by Justice James Perley.

He cited a recent state Supreme Court ruling that barred a suit for discrimination based on economic status. That ruling said the Unruh Act covered only arbitrary discrimination based on personal characteristics. A bill is pending in the Legislature to overturn the ruling.

Dissenting Justice Marc Poche said Anderson's decision threatened to make the civil rights law's protections illusory.

Under the ruling, Poche said, Martin Luther King could sue on a Monday for being denied service at a California lunch counter because of his race, and return to the same restaurant on Wednes-

day and be legally denied service because of his previous suit. "I can believe neither that this is nor that it should be the law of the state," Poche said.

Attorney Richard Gayer, who filed the suit over his exclusion from the bar, said he would appeal to the state Supreme Court. He noted that the ruling conflicted with a decision by another appeals court last year that allowed a civil rights suit for retaliation by a business.

"The holding that retaliation is not covered nullifies the law," Gayer said. "It means that if you sue them once you'll never get in."

Activists launch campaign in nation's capital against harassment

By ANITA WOMACK

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—Gay and lesbian activists Tuesday announced a public education campaign aimed at stopping the ever-growing cases of harassment against homosexuals.

"Violent behavior and harassment will not go away when they are ignored," said Susan Donahue, of the Gay and Lesbian Education Fund. "Gays and lesbians do not like to hear the words faggot and dyke. We're tired of pretending that the inhuman

feelings behind the vicious use of these words will simply disappear if we don't pay attention to them."

The posters reads, which appear on Metro buses and rail stations read: "The Next Time You Think 'Faggot' and 'Dyke,' Remember We Belong To Someone's Family. Perhaps Yours."

The brightly-colored messages will be visible on 1400 interior bus cards, 50 exterior tail light bus cards, 50 exterior side cards and 10 back-lighted rail dioramas throughout the District of Columbia and the Mary-

land and Virginia suburbs. The public awareness campaign will run through the month of June, which is Gay Pride Month.

Another group member, Mindy A. Daniels, said there were 400 reported incidents of harassment and violence in 1990 involving gay people. That is nearly double the number of incidents reported in 1989.

"The Education Fund believes that the general public is neither viciously bigoted against nor violently inclined towards gays and lesbians," Donahue said. "But there are people who indiscriminately use

these words in an attempt to perpetrate violence or harassment."

The campaign is paid for by contributions of over 200 businesses and individuals.

This is the second transit advertising campaign on the gay rights issue. In 1978, the Education Fund and the then Gay Activists' Alliance ran its first Metrobus campaign with the slogan "Someone In Your Life Is Gay" and featured a photo album-styled pictures of local lesbians and gay men.

About 100 march at Norfolk Naval Base to honor Gulf War participants

NORFOLK, June 16 (AP)—About 100 men and women marched at Norfolk Naval Base to honor homosexuals who served in the Persian Gulf War and those who have been kicked out of the military.

"This isn't an anti-military rally," said Karen Stupski, co-founder of the Hampton Roads Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America.

Six flag bearers, marching in military formation, led the group Saturday with

the American flag, the standards from four armed services and a rainbow flag used by the gay community.

"Everyone of us knows someone who would like to be here today but cannot, for fear of losing their jobs," said Ms. Stupski, who was discharged from the Navy last fall after admitting she was a lesbian.

One young sailor squinted uncomfortably at cameras up ahead as he marched.

"I'm sure if someone recognized my face, like from that camera, there'd be a lot of trouble," said the 25-year-old electronics technician, who refused to give his name.

"But it's worth it," he said. "The rule is stupid. I was overseas for eight months. We went over there to defend the rights of the Kuwaitis, and we don't even have our own rights here."

Gary Hendricks, a tattooed Marine

from Camp LeJeune, walked hand-in-hand with his companion, Donnie Godwin. They wore matching T-shirts with the hand-painted message: "Donnie & Gary, I love you, Desert Storm, Jan 16-Feb. 27."

"The military services are losing some of their finest people every year to the outmoded belief that homosexuals and lesbians are not fit for military service," said Kitt Kling, a lesbian who served three years in the U.S. Army.

Sixteen arrested after storming immigration building in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17 (AP)—Sixteen people were arrested Monday after AIDS activists stormed into the Immigration and Naturalization Service's division headquarters.

About 30 members of the San Francisco and Golden Gate chapters of the

AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power staged the demonstration to coincide with the opening of the Seventh International Conference on AIDS in Florence, Italy.

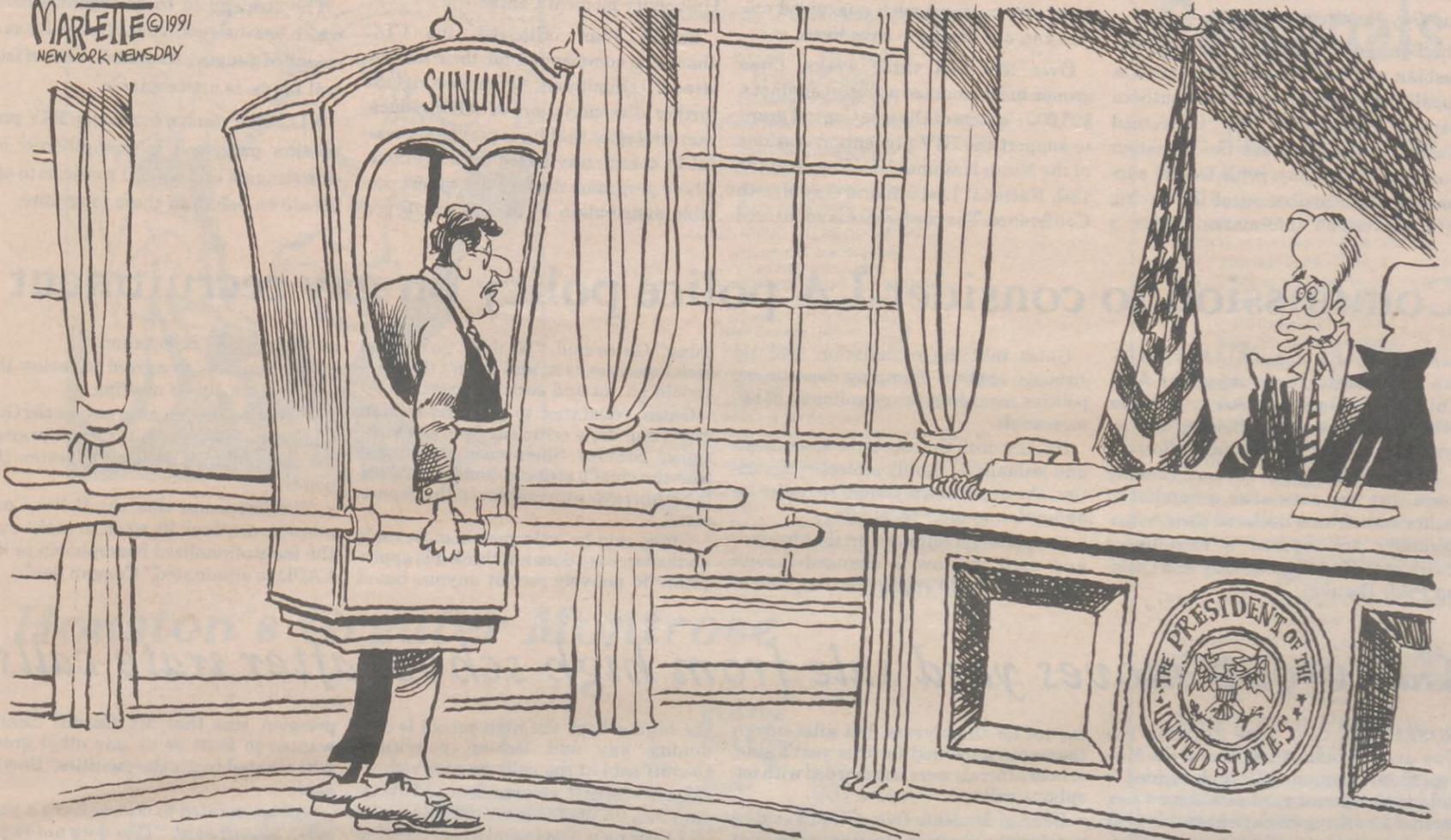
The protesters entered the INS regional commissioner's office and were asked

to leave, said Aki Nakao, spokesperson for the General Services Administration. When they refused, 16 were arrested for disorderly conduct, he said.

They were taken to the Hall of Justice, where they were cited and released, Nakao said.

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NO-AIDS Task Force to open its own New Orleans clinic

NEW ORLEANS, June 18 (AP)—To cut the nine-month wait for early AIDS treatment at Charity Hospital, the NO AIDS Task Force will open its own outpatient clinic in August at its headquarters.

The clinic is being launched with a \$167,368 federal grant. It will offer basic AIDS-related services to at least 150 people within six months, said Jeff Campbell, the clinic's executive director.

Besides prescribing such drugs as AZT, clinic personnel will coordinate care, provide mental-health and health-education programs, and administer blood tests to monitor the level of infection-fighting cells—an index of the strength of the bod-

y's immune system. When patients' conditions worsen, clinic personnel will also refer them to other doctors or to hospitals.

Dr. Michael Kaiser, the director of the New Orleans Pediatric AIDS Project, will be medical director.

For the staff at Charity's outpatient clinic, the new treatment center cannot come soon enough, said Harlee Kutzen, the Charity clinic's manager.

Besides about 1600 patients already on the rolls, Charity clinic personnel each week add each week about 20 people infected with HIV, the AIDS virus that causes AIDS. About 300 more are on a waiting list.

"With our long waiting list, we can see

only the sickest," said Dr. Bill Brandon, the Charity clinic's associate director. "So many people without symptoms can't be seen at our clinic, and that's not good."

The new clinic will specialize in treating people who are infected with the virus, but have not shown any symptoms of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, Campbell said.

Researchers have said the period between HIV infection and diagnosis of AIDS may be as long as 15 years.

As more drugs are approved to thwart opportunistic infections—the diseases that sweep in after the virus destroys the immune system and signal that a person has

AIDS—doctors stress the importance of early intervention in HIV-infected patients while the immune system is still relatively strong and the body can benefit most from treatment.

But the long waiting list at Charity's outpatient clinic has worked against early intervention, Kutzen said, because the people who need such help are the ones who must wait the longest.

Since the latest state figures show more than 1600 AIDS cases have been reported in metropolitan New Orleans, AIDS experts estimate that about 10 times as many—some 16,000 people—may be carrying the virus in the area.

Black market drugstores get unapproved medicine to AIDS patients

LOS ANGELES, June 17 (AP)—When 40-year-old AIDS sufferer Wayne Brown wanted an illegal drug to prevent fatigue, fevers and weight loss, he bought it at an underground pharmacy in the heart of the city.

When Nicholas Montalvo, a 10-year-old AIDS victim, was on the verge of death last year, he obtained the drug—clarithromycin—at the same downtown drugstore.

The "Los Angeles Buyers Club," as the store is called, is just one of a rash of illicit

pharmacies that have cropped across the nation in response to AIDS patients' demand for medicines that have not been approved by the government, the Daily News of Los Angeles reported Sunday.

At least six "buyers clubs" operate from San Diego to New York City, often smuggling and selling the medications openly and without official interference.

Doctors even refer clients to the clubs to get clarithromycin, a potentially life-prolonging drug that has been approved for use in England and Mexico, but not in the

United States.

"If it weren't for them, there would be hundreds of dead AIDS patients," said Dr. Robert S. Jenkins, whose Beverly Hills practice attracts many people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Brown said his physician told him of the Los Angeles club, where he bought 40 pills for \$100.

"I am trying to buy something to stay alive for a little bit longer," he said.

Rick Hall, the club's operator, said his business specializes in contraband phar-

maceuticals from Mexico, Europe and Asia.

"Smuggling—that is all it is. Pure and simple," he said. But, he added, "It is good to know we are here to help (AIDS sufferers) obtain the medications they need to be well—to be more well. If we're not going to do it, who is?"

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has stopped some shipments and sent warning letters to some buyers clubs. But it hasn't mounted an offensive for closing the clubs, FDA spokesperson Brad Stone said.

Court OKs retaliating against bar customer for rights suit

By BOB EGELKO

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21 (AP)—California law allows businesses to refuse to serve customers in retaliation for filing civil rights suits, a state appeals court ruled Friday.

In a 2-1 decision, the 1st District Court of Appeal upheld dismissal of a suit by a prominent gay-rights lawyer who said he was denied service and later excluded from a San Francisco gay bar because he had previously filed a discrimination suit against the bar.

The state's Unruh Civil Rights Act, which forbids discrimination by businesses on account of race, sex and various other characteristics, does not prohibit a business from retaliating against someone for filing such a suit, said the opinion by Presiding Justice Carl Anderson.

A suit claiming discrimination by retaliation "is neither based on status as a member of a class nor on personal characteristics but is, instead, based on the conduct of an individual," said Anderson, joined by Justice James Perley.

He cited a recent state Supreme Court ruling that barred a suit for discrimination based on economic status. That ruling said the Unruh Act covered only arbitrary discrimination based on personal characteristics. A bill is pending in the Legislature to overturn the ruling.

Dissenting Justice Marc Poche said Anderson's decision threatened to make the civil rights law's protections illusory.

Under the ruling, Poche said, Martin Luther King could sue on a Monday for being denied service at a California lunch counter because of his race, and return to the same restaurant on Wednes-

day and be legally denied service because of his previous suit. "I can believe neither that this is nor that it should be the law of the state," Poche said.

Attorney Richard Gayer, who filed the suit over his exclusion from the bar, said he would appeal to the state Supreme Court. He noted that the ruling conflicted with a decision by another appeals court last year that allowed a civil rights suit for retaliation by a business.

"The holding that retaliation is not covered nullifies the law," Gayer said. "It means that if you sue them once you'll never get in."

Activists launch campaign in nation's capital against harassment

By ANITA WOMACK

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—Gay and lesbian activists Tuesday announced a public education campaign aimed at stopping the ever-growing cases of harassment against homosexuals.

"Violent behavior and harassment will not go away when they are ignored," said Susan Donahue, of the Gay and Lesbian Education Fund. "Gays and lesbians do not like to hear the words faggot and dyke. We're tired of pretending that the inhuman

feelings behind the vicious use of these words will simply disappear if we don't pay attention to them."

The posters reads, which appear on Metro buses and rail stations read: "The Next Time You Think 'Faggot' and 'Dyke,' Remember We Belong To Someone's Family. Perhaps Yours."

The brightly-colored messages will be visible on 1400 interior bus cards, 50 exterior tail light bus cards, 50 exterior side cards and 10 back-lighted rail dioramas throughout the District of Columbia and the Mary-

land and Virginia suburbs. The public awareness campaign will run through the month of June, which is Gay Pride Month.

Another group member, Mindy A. Daniels, said there were 400 reported incidents of harassment and violence in 1990 involving gay people. That is nearly double the number of incidents reported in 1989.

"The Education Fund believes that the general public is neither viciously bigoted against nor violently inclined towards gays and lesbians," Donahue said. "But there are people who indiscriminately use

these words in an attempt to perpetrate violence or harassment."

The campaign is paid for by contributions of over 200 businesses and individuals.

This is the second transit advertising campaign on the gay rights issue. In 1978, the Education Fund and the then Gay Activists' Alliance ran its first Metrobus campaign with the slogan "Someone In Your Life Is Gay" and featured a photo album-styled pictures of local lesbians and gay men.

About 100 march at Norfolk Naval Base to honor Gulf War participants

NORFOLK, June 16 (AP)—About 100 men and women marched at Norfolk Naval Base to honor homosexuals who served in the Persian Gulf War and those who have been kicked out of the military.

"This isn't an anti-military rally," said Karen Stupski, co-founder of the Hampton Roads Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America.

Six flag bearers, marching in military formation, led the group Saturday with

the American flag, the standards from four armed services and a rainbow flag used by the gay community.

"Everyone of us knows someone who would like to be here today but cannot, for fear of losing their jobs," said Ms. Stupski, who was discharged from the Navy last fall after admitting she was a lesbian.

One young sailor squinted uncomfortably at cameras up ahead as he marched.

"I'm sure if someone recognized my face, like from that camera, there'd be a lot of trouble," said the 25-year-old electronics technician, who refused to give his name.

"But it's worth it," he said. "The rule is stupid. I was overseas for eight months. We went over there to defend the rights of the Kuwaitis, and we don't even have our own rights here."

Gary Hendricks, a tattooed Marine

from Camp LeJeune, walked hand-in-hand with his companion, Donnie Godwin. They wore matching T-shirts with the hand-painted message: "Donnie & Gary, I love you, Desert Storm, Jan 16-Feb. 27."

"The military services are losing some of their finest people every year to the outmoded belief that homosexuals and lesbians are not fit for military service," said Kitt Kling, a lesbian who served three years in the U.S. Army.

Sixteen arrested after storming immigration building in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17 (AP)—Sixteen people were arrested Monday after AIDS activists stormed into the Immigration and Naturalization Service's division headquarters.

About 30 members of the San Francisco and Golden Gate chapters of the

AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power staged the demonstration to coincide with the opening of the Seventh International Conference on AIDS in Florence, Italy.

The protesters entered the INS regional commissioner's office and were asked

to leave, said Aki Nakao, spokesperson for the General Services Administration. When they refused, 16 were arrested for disorderly conduct, he said.

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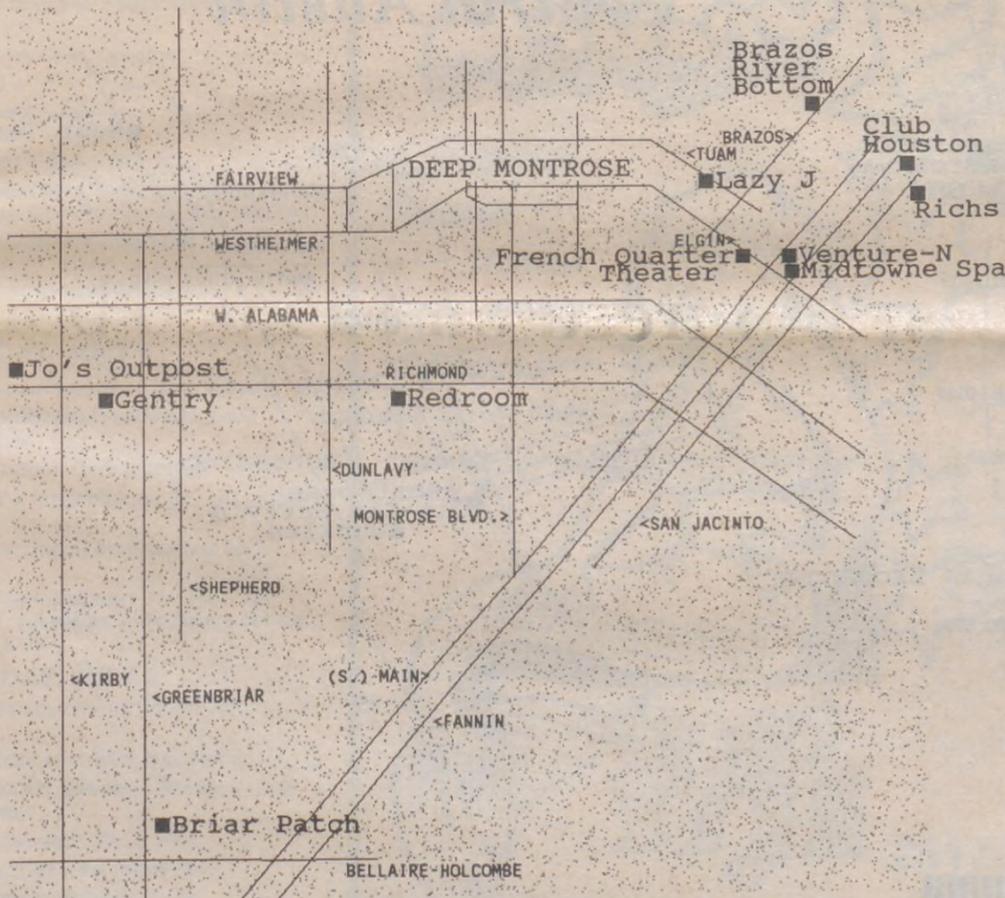
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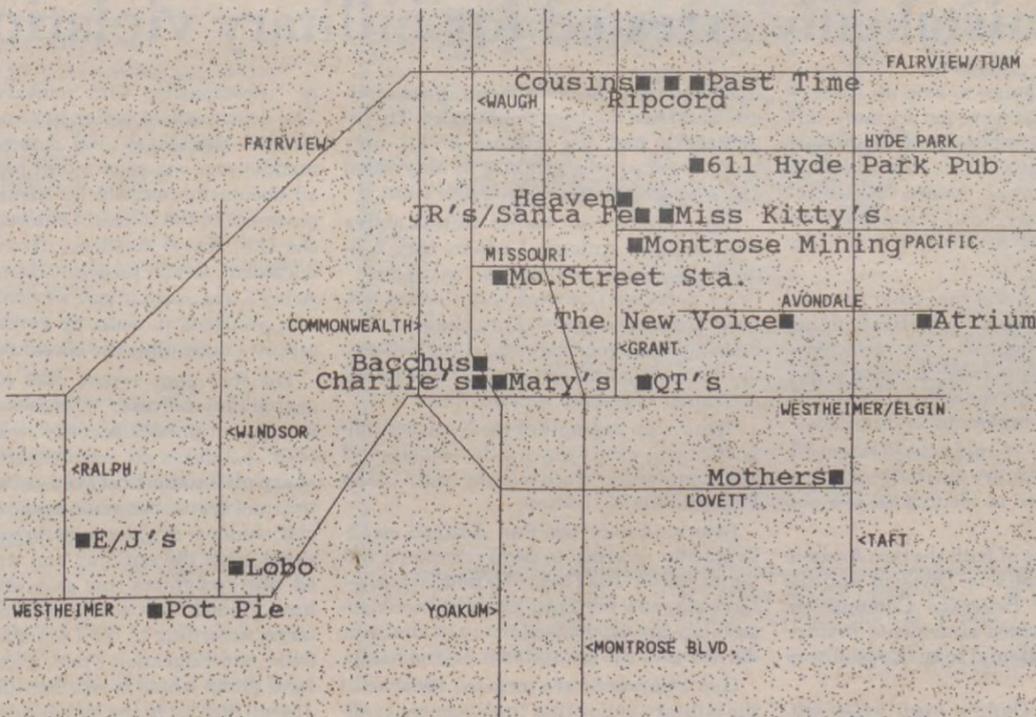
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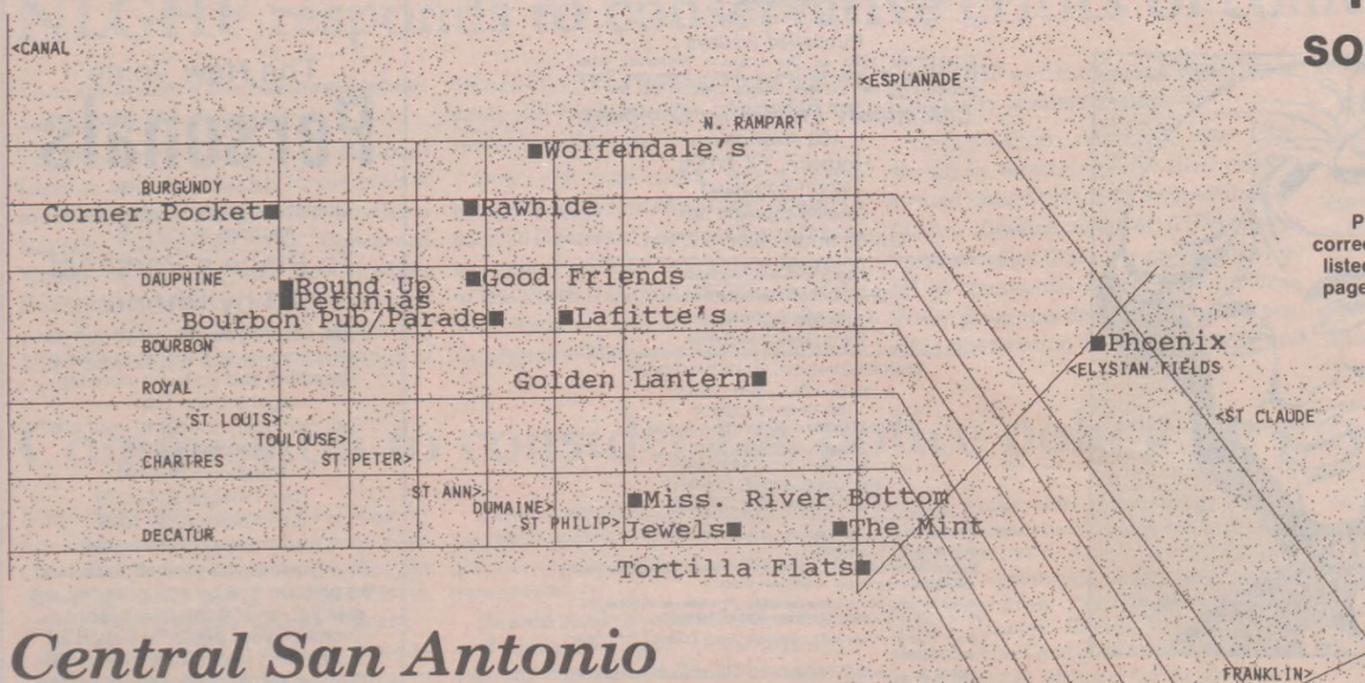
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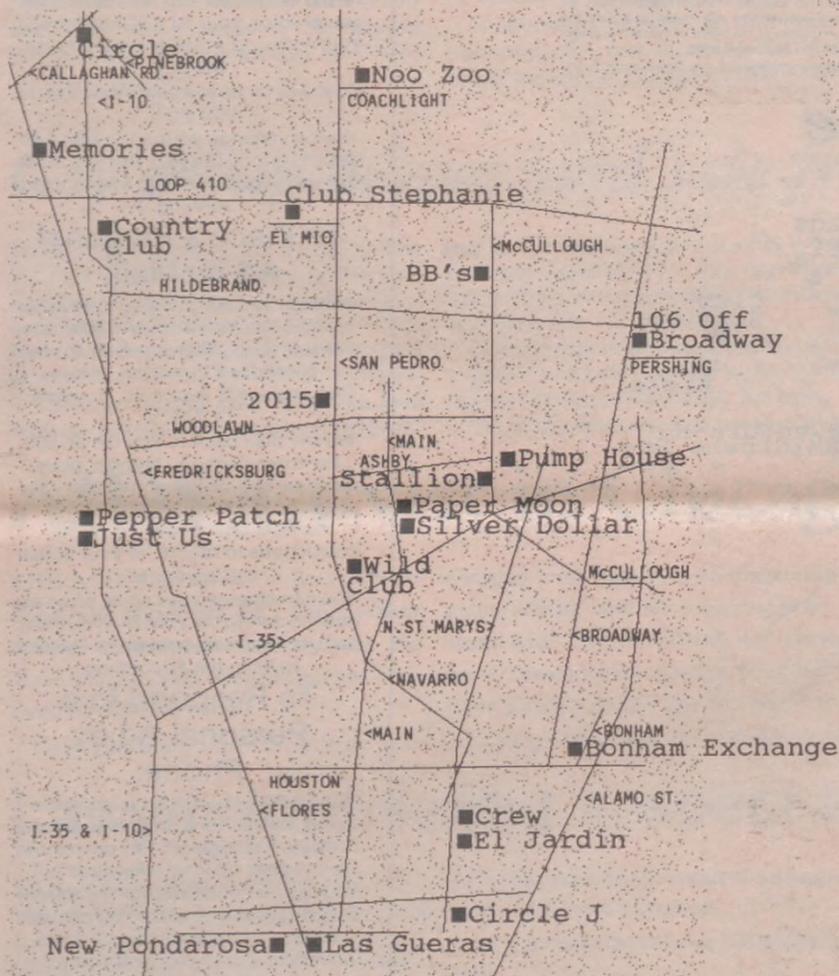
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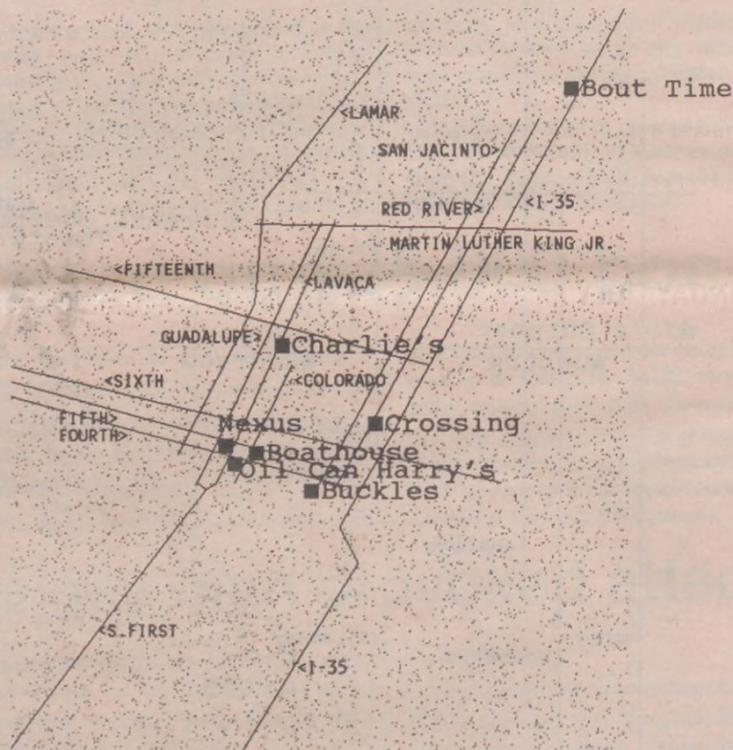
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Activist claims PWA mistakenly arrested for military violations

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

A gay bar patron who is a client of the San Antonio AIDS Foundation was "hauled downtown" by San Antonio police assisting in the enforcement of military policies in a February raid on an establishment the military had placed "Off Limits," SAAF's director Papa Bear said Monday.

The incident, in which Bear claims the PWA was singled out because of a military appearance, was not an isolated or unusual occurrence that month, according to the former bar owner and other activists who have recently lobbied the Department of Defense to reprimand Texas military officials for what they call "violations of their own procedures" in connection with the San Antonio raids.

After realizing the man was not armed forces personnel, the arresting officers "kicked him out at the gate," Bear said.

Bear (whose name is legally changed from Robert Edwards) said he worked closely with the San Antonio Tavern Guild

in its recent campaign to stop an April 30 hearing that would have put six more bars off limits to military personnel. Businesses are placed off limits by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board, based at Lackland Air Force Base, if the board believes they could be detrimental to military personnel.

"My interest is I feel that what they are doing is totally illegal," said Bear, noting that the SAAF client who was arrested—and many military persons arrested at gay establishments with the assistance of civilian police—have broken no civilian laws.

During the Feb. 15 raids, SAPD vice officers helped the military block off entrances to the bars, as well as identify service personnel.

Representatives of both the San Antonio Police Department-Vice Division and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, however, later issued statements indicating they do not attempt to enforce military policies.

Following the Guild's April letter-writ-

ing campaign, the board hearing was canceled and has not been rescheduled. The organization had also retained an attorney and co-sponsored a seminar in May titled "How to Avoid a Military Witch Hunt."

Kay Ford, a club owner who is active with the San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Alliance, also called the raids a "witch hunt" in an interview last week with the San Antonio Light newspaper. Ford charged that SAPD officers routinely assist the military in identifying and arresting armed forces personnel at lesbian and gay bars.

"This is an example of the Nazi mentality that still exists toward the lesbian and gay community," Ford told the Light in the Friday, June 28, edition.

Bear said only two San Antonio establishments catering to gays remain on off-limits status. The raids—for now, at least—have stopped, but Ford and other activists say they are determined not to let the issue die out until the harassment begins again.

Gay businesses are targeted because of the military policy that finds homosexuali-

ty "incompatible with military service." The controversial policy has survived numerous challenges and internal recommendations, the most recent being a June 19 document released by the Justice Department in the course of a lawsuit against the U.S. Naval Academy. (Ironically, the document, which proposes changes in the Army's treatment of gay service personnel, was produced in court by government attorney's defending the Naval Academy).

The four page report cites military research that indicates "homosexual personnel are no greater security risk than are their heterosexual counterparts," makes sharp distinctions between sexual orientation and sexual behavior, acknowledges social changes that have occurred in the 50 years since the anti-gay ban was instituted, and recognizes that gays and lesbians have gained more acceptance in society at large, according to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a national gay legal group which is representing plaintiff Joseph Steffan in the Naval Academy suit.

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Slop shot pool tourney 11am, Mary's
\$1 red drinks 11am-2am, Red Room
Complimentary snacks 5pm, BRB
Hors d'oeuvres 6pm, male dancers
9:30pm, Gentry

All Male Revue 10:30pm, E/J's
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Show 10:30pm, Cousins
After-hours Mary's

●SATURDAY, JULY 6

Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's
Brunch 10am-2pm, Pot Pie Pizzeria
Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
Weekend cookout 3pm, Club Houston
Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's

Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N
9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Gentry Jocks dancers 9:30pm, Gentry
Show 10:30pm, Cousins
After-hours, Mary's

●SUNDAY, JULY 7

Brunch 10am-2pm, Pot Pie Pizzeria
\$1 red drinks noon-2am, Red Room
Happy hour noon-6pm, BRB
BBQ 1-3pm, Club Houston
Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night 4-6pm, Mary's
Pool tourney 2pm, Cousins
\$1.25 well 4-7pm, E/J's
NLA:H guest bartenders, "Burgs & dawgs" 5pm, Venture-N
Steak night 5-9pm, BRB
Steak-n-tater 5pm, Gentry Jocks dancers
8pm, "Drag Back for Becky" 9pm, Gentry
\$1 burgers 6pm, "Illusions '91" 10:30pm, E/J's
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
Show 10:30pm, Cousins

●MONDAY, JULY 8

Slop shot pool tourney 11am, Mary's
Locker special noon-midnight, Club Body Center
Cookout 1-3pm, Club Houston
\$1.50 well & longnecks all day, all night, BRB
"Brief Encounters" strip contest 9pm, Gentry
Monday Night Madness 10-11pm, 75¢ well, draft, schnapps, male dance contest 10:30pm, E/J's

●TUESDAY, JULY 9

Hamburgers by Herman noon-3pm, Mary's
\$1 red drinks 4pm-2am, Red Room
Room & locker specials 7pm-3am, Club Body Center
Pool tourney 9pm, Berry Hill
C&W dance lessons, 10pm BRB
Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's

●WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Slop shot pool tourney 11am, Mary's
\$1 red drinks 4pm-2am, Red Room
Steak night 6pm, E/J's
Movie night 8pm, weiners & popcorn, Mary's
Star Wars movies, Venture-N
Male strip contest 10pm, QT's

●THURSDAY, JULY 11

Hamburgers by Herman noon-3pm, Mary's
Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center
\$1 red drinks 4pm-2am, Red Room
Buck burgers 6pm, "Illusions '91" 10:30pm, E/J's
Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
Hot Side Special, Tad and Mike, 8pm-2am, Venture-N
Video classics 9pm, Gentry
Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

●FRIDAY, JULY 12

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●SUNDAY, JULY 7

50¢ draft all the time, Denise's Buck Burgers, Pump House
\$1 Beer nnon-2am, Club Basse West
Pool tourney 5pm, free food 7pm, show 11pm, Just Us
Free pool tourney, Ab's Westernaire
Sunglass Sundays Liquor Rush 6-9pm, Living Color 7pm, male dancers 10pm, Wild Club

No cover after 11pm, Bonham Exchange
Male strippers 11pm, Club Stephanie's
Female strippers 11:30pm, Las Gueras

●MONDAY, JULY 8

50¢ draft all the time, Denise's Steak Night, Pump House
50¢ shots, Just Us
Social Hour all day, all night, doubles pool tourney 8pm, Ab's Westernaire
Mad Mondays \$1.75 well, 50¢ draft, Wild Club
Free pool, 75¢ draft, Club Stephanie's
Free pool, 25¢ draft to 11pm, Stallion

●TUESDAY, JULY 9

50¢ draft all the time, pool tourney, Pump House
10¢ draft, \$1 longnecks, Las Gueras
Social Hour all day, all night, Ab's Westernaire
Beet bust, buffet, Stallion
\$2 Tuesdays, Wild Club
Steak night 6-9pm, Memories
Steak night 7pm, pool tourney 8:30pm, Just Us

●WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House
10¢ draft, \$1 longnecks, Las Gueras
Free pool tourney, Ab's Westernaire
Beer bust, buffet, Stallion
Free buffet 7pm, Just Us
Male dancers 11pm, Wild Club

●THURSDAY, JULY 11

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House
25¢ draft, Las Gueras
River City Pool League, Just Us
Free pool, Stallion
River City Pool League, Ab's Westernaire
Free pool all night, Wild Club

●FRIDAY, JULY 12

50¢ draft all the time, Pump House
Male strip show, Just Us
Buffet, Stallion
Dance 9pm, no cover till 1am, after hours, Wild Club
Female strippers 11pm, New Ponderosa
Male strippers 11pm, Club Stephanie's
Friday night specials, free breakfast tacos 12:30-1:30am, Memories
Dancing, dash for cash midnight, Las Gueras

●SATURDAY, JULY 13

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You've been bogged down with miniscule problems. Try looking at the big picture. You'll see that everything is really alright. Plus, a completed project means you have more free time. Don't waste it.

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Things do work out. After a rough-and-tumble start this past week, the light finally shines on you. Through some crazy kind of cockeyed impulsive act, you somehow get the right gears in motion. Something elusive and maybe illusory about a major relationship still nags.

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He or she who hesitates is lost, and lost is a feeling that fits now. Where you are and where you want to be could be the big problem. A spiritual experience could instantly make those words obsolete, so keep your eyes open. Hope and faith are central.

Capricorn

Keep on dancing! Others are quieting down, now, but not you! Your energy seems inexhaustible. If there's fun to be had, you'll have it, with no blues. All this dancing and singing!

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Times have been a little tough financially. Don't panic. A little austerity goes a long way in clearing things up. Delay major purchases for the time being.

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If you've been holding back on some anger, now's the best time to let it go, no matter how hot and heavy you get. The words will get through to their intended place (victim?) and hit home. You know the power of your sting. It won't kill you or the object of its venom, so use it!

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Almost 40 GWF seeks GF for friendship and/or romance. I am a real homebody and enjoy gardening and love animals. I like eating out occasionally, going to movies, baseball games and spending time with

my friends. I drink very little and don't smoke. Do drugs or casual sex. I would like to meet someone with similar interests but I'm open to sharing new experiences with someone special. Photo would be nice but not essential. Reply with phone # to Box 25177.

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

Creative Pisces, attractive GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., forty-something, in good shape, mentally and physically. My interests run the gamut. Fantasy/ security, independence/ support, laughter/ tears. Desires attractive GWM, 28-45, mature, but capable of boyish charm, to ex-

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Gay Black Female, at-

tractive, very very passionate, kindhearted and conservative, who enjoys theaters, dancing, museums and long walks in the park. Would like a good friend first, and then a lover (non-smoker please), interested in a person with similar interests AD 25160

GWF, 36, 5'1 1/2, 115 lbs., attractive, olive complexion, androgynous, intense brn. eyes, witty, educated, creative, spiritual, compassionate, incredibly romantic about love and life, seeking feminine GWF or GWF, 28-43, non-smoker, social drinker, intelligent, af-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GWM, 25, 5'10", brown/ hazel, 170 lbs., HIV negative, non-smoker. Attractive and shy student in professional area enjoys C&W and Rock music, serious weight lifting, dining, dancing, home cooking, outdoors, evenings out as well as home, Levis & cowboys. Looking for masculine GWM 25-35 with similar interests, especially in fitness area. Current photo a plus but not necessary. Reply to Ad 25098

GWM, 28, 6'1, 185lbs, brown-brown, good looking, professional, nonsmoker, enjoys horseback riding, coun-

try music/ dancing, outdoors, movies, weekends in the country. Seeks shorter GWM, 18-30 years old with similar interests, who can fill out their jeans. Respond with letter. Your photo gets mine. AD 25157

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

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

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

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

If you are young, healthy, mentally and physically, free of drugs and alcohol, and desire a friendship/ relationship with a healthy, mature, honest, sensitive, 40-i sh professional

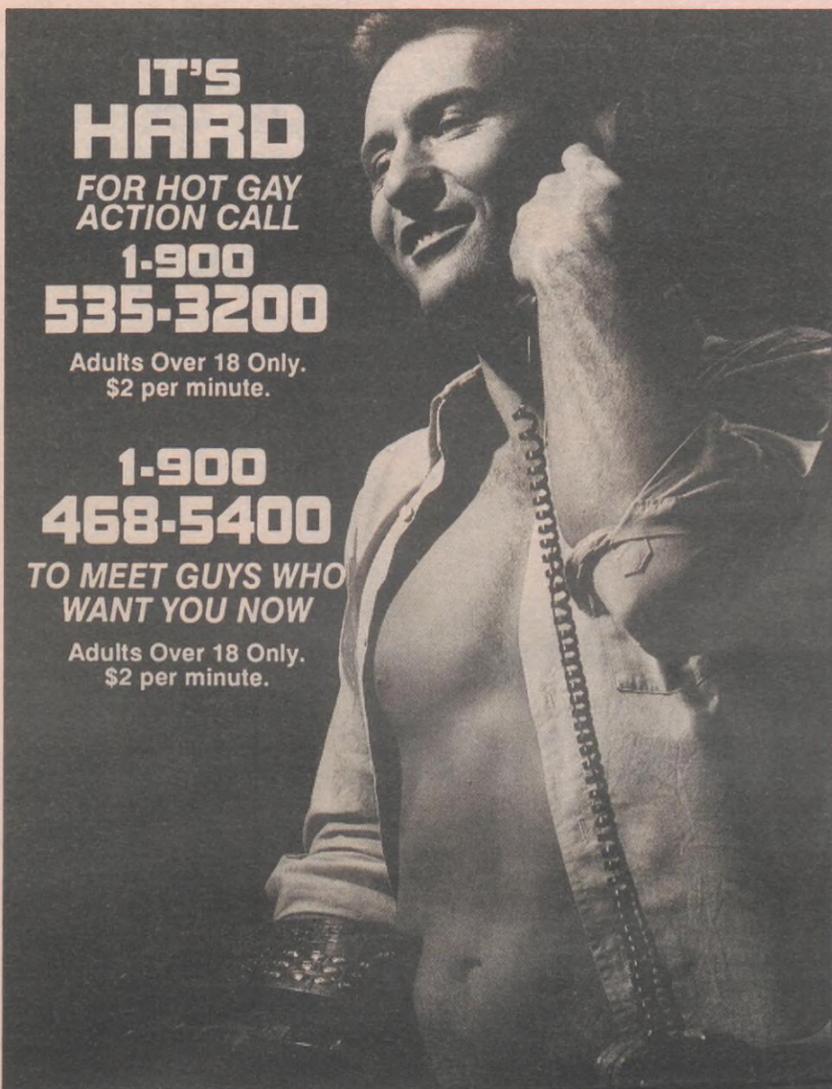
who enjoys touching, quiet times, movies the beach at night, and other fun times, a quality guy seeking a quality friend. Call David 563-2145.

If you are young, healthy, mentally and physically, free of drugs and alcohol, and desire a friendship/ relationship with a healthy, mature, honest, sensitive, 40-ish professional who enjoys touching, quiet times, movies, the beach at night and other fun times, a quality guy seeking a quality friend. Call David, 563-2415.

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

Professional GWM, 40, 6', 150 lb., brn, grn, good looking, HIV-, stable, educated, non-smoker, no drugs, affectionate, plays safe. Likes massage, leather, denim, uniforms, cowboys, tall boots, boot play. Also likes movies, travel, working out, being active. Seeks good looking slim or muscular man, 30-55, any race, with similar adjectives and interests. Reply to Ad 25081

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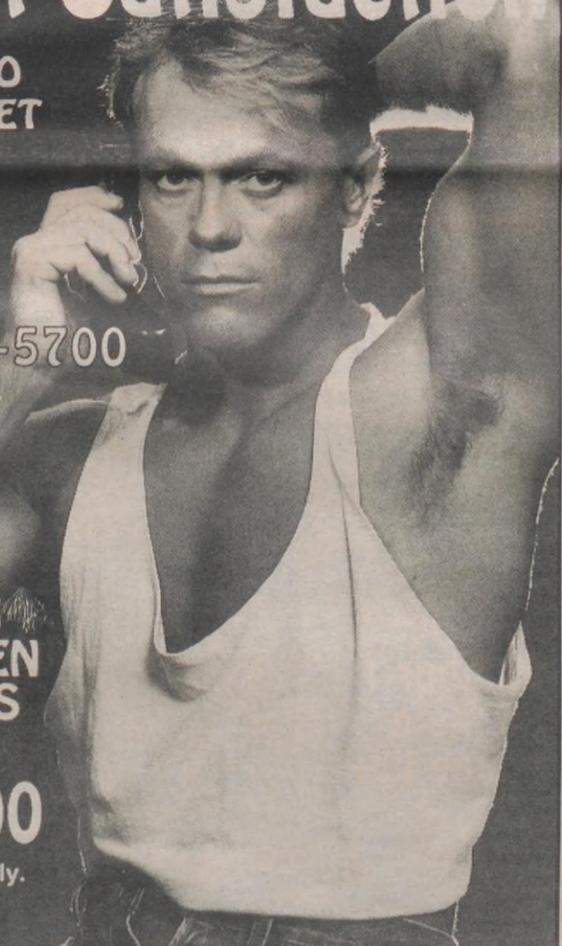
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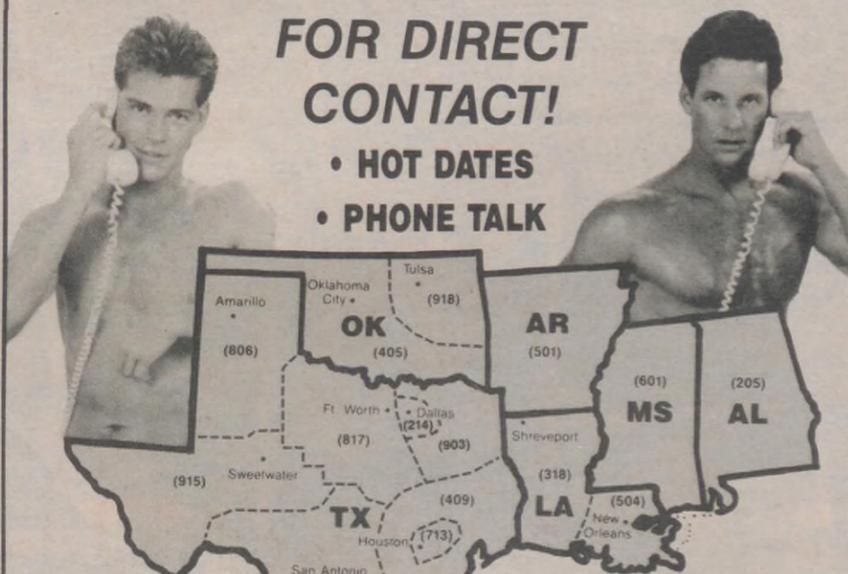
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Relationship oriented GWM 22, 6'3 seeks mustached 25-40 gentleman who can appreciate a companion who respects himself and others. I am playful, articulate, fuzzy and impulsive. You must be,

too. Everyone likes films, concerts, music and long walks on the beach, but what about afterwards? Reply to Box 25166

GWF IN ALIEF

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

GWF SEEKING LIFE MATE

GWF, early 30's, Christian, stable. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker, honest, self aware, growth oriented and capable of physical and emotional intimacy. I'm seeking similar GF for long term, monogamous relationship. All responses answered. Phone & photo appreciated if possible. Reply to Ad 25092

HEY LITTLE BOY

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

HEY YOU!

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

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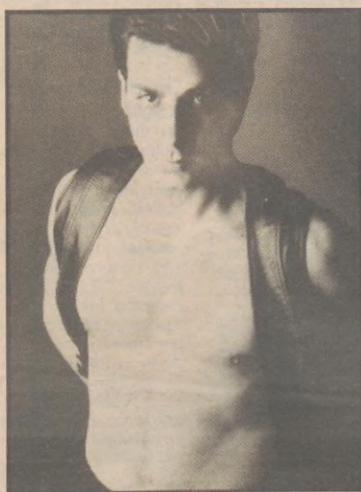
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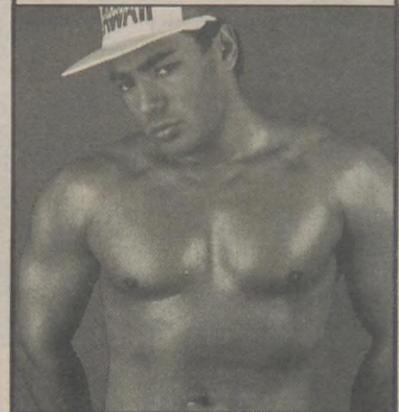
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Yours Truly in a Swamp

Here's Stephen E. Finn

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Stephen E. Finn is a transplanted Texan, riding high in the counseling saddle. He is co-author, along with John H. Driggs, a former co-worker at the University of Minnesota, of "Intimacy Between Men." Finn, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, now resides in Austin, where he is on the faculty of the Clinical Psychology Training Program at the University of Texas. He also maintains a private practice dealing with, among other things, the difficulty men have dealing with intimacy with other men.

"My work is more far-reaching than just the difficulty men have relating to each other sexually. In fact, a good case can be made for sexual dysfunction being only another symptom of the same dysfunctions that cause us to be unable to relate to other men in any intimate way, sexual or not." And women? "Yes, of course, but we are dealing in INTIMACY with intimacy between men.

"When I was a co-therapist working with John Driggs in Minneapolis, we did short term support groups for gay men. This was in 1982. We would meet in groups of five to eight for about 12 weeks. These were well adjusted gay men, men without psychiatric problems. Our goal was to examine relationships so as to improve their ability to be intimate." Did you have good results? "Yes, very much so. We produced lasting changes in group members' ability to be intimate."

"In 1984, at a University of Minnesota conference called 'Developing a Positive Lesbian or Gay Identity,' we did a workshop on intimacy in gay male relationships. We planned on having about 25 participants but at each of two scheduled sessions over 75 showed up. This convinced us that gay men are hungry intimacy and the skills to attain it.

"At another workshop, conducted by David McWhirter and Andrew Mattison (authors of 'The Male Couple,' Reward Books), someone stood and said, 'You have told us a lot about couples who have been together longer than five years, but can you tell us how to make it past the first month?' 'Intimacy Between Men' is the answer to that

question."

How have you found life in Austin? "I like it very much. Austin is truly one of America's great cities. However, I grieved the loss of friends in Minnesota, one of whom became my co-author. Driggs, though straight, was someone with whom I felt a real intimacy. And, I think, he for me. In part, that led us to work on the book, as it gave us again an opportunity to work with each other and learn from each other." In other words, to be intimate? "Exactly."

"Getting back to what I said originally, intimacy can involve sex but it can also not include sex. Furthermore it is possible to have sex without having intimacy. That may be the one most misunderstood aspect of intimacy." That a sexual relationship can exist without intimacy? "Yes, that is why one can be in bed with someone repeatedly and have the intimacy seem to evaporate. It never existed."

Tell me about the effects AIDS has had on intimacy between gay men. I would expect that by lessening the safety of jumping into bed, eyes closed, gay men have had to think more about their relationships.

Wouldn't that lead to more intimacy? "Of course it would. And has. However, it may also have created more relationships that are falsely intimate." How do you mean? "If one is simply satisfying another's needs without having (one's own) needs fulfilled, that is not being intimate. That is being a martyr. I have talked with people suffering with AIDS who greatly resent such a relationship. It robs them of what may be their last chance for giving as well as receiving."

Allow me to quote a slightly different but somewhat related passage from page 194 of "Intimacy": "One patch (of the NAMES Project Quilt) said, 'We miss you. We didn't understand you. We love you. You held a mirror to everything in us that we couldn't handle.' Perhaps that is the nut of intimacy and why it is often difficult to achieve. Perhaps that is why so many of us avoid it. "And why should we not."

("Intimacy Between Men/How to Find and Keep Gay Love Relationships" by John H. Driggs, M.S.W. and Stephen E. Finn, Ph.D. Publisher: Dutton. Hardcover, \$18.95.)

Thousands rally to celebrate lesbians and gays throughout the U.S.

By KAREN SCHWARTZ
FOR THE NEW VOICE

ACROSS THE U.S., July 1 (AP)—Paganry, pride and protest were on display as diversity stepped out for national gay and lesbian celebrations.

Ken Camp, a 35-year-old in San Francisco, proclaimed: "It's OK to be proud these days and to have some fun."

That's just what 500,000 people in San Francisco, 270,000 in New York City and 40,000 in Seattle did on Sunday.

New York's parade included actress Marlo Thomas and her husband, TV talk-show host Phil Donahue along with American Indians, Asian-Americans, Hispanics and other ethnic groups; lesbian farmers; a gospel choir and mothers of people with AIDS.

New York broke with the national theme, "Together in Pride," in favor of the more aggressive slogan, "Out, Loud and Proud."

"We chose to reject the national theme because we believe New York is in a different political environment than the rest of the nation," said Thomas Benner, a march spokesperson.

Most marchers wore shorts and T-shirts, but sequined gowns shimmered on transvestites and one man wore a white tutu, black fishnet stockings and carried a whip.

Three bare-breasted women, one in a wheelchair, moved nonchalantly down Fifth Avenue.

San Francisco's parade, in its 21st year, was equally freewheeling.

Leather and lace abounded. There were drag queens in corsets, women in stick-on decals and people of both sexes who seemed to be wearing only body paint.

In Seattle, Perry Watkins, whose discharge from the Army in 1984 for being

homosexual was reversed last year by the U.S. Supreme Court, rode on a flower-bedecked float that featured a large American flag wrapped in a yellow ribbon.

A dozen Boeing Co. homosexual employees wore square cardboard cutouts that looked like a jetliner when the group walked in unison.

San Francisco's parade began with the full-throated roar of hundreds of motorbikes as the "Dykes on Bikes" took their traditional place at the front of the line.

From there, the parade moved slowly as members of ACT UP and others took up positions in front of the car carrying Mayor Art Agnos. They staged sporadic protests, lying down on the ground to commemorate those who have died of AIDS.

Organizers said they were trying to stop the parade every seven minutes, cit-

ing a statistic that someone dies of AIDS every seven minutes.

In New York, hundreds of ACT UP marchers shook their fingers at St. Patrick's Cathedral and chanted as they passed, "Shame! Shame!" to protest the Catholic Church's stands on homosexuality and AIDS prevention.

There was one arrest for disorderly conduct.

Also appearing in San Francisco was Police Chief Willis Casey, who was escorted by about two dozen homosexual police officers.

On the lighter side, a standout among the better dressed was Glynda, the Sandwich of the Southeast. Festooned in pink chiffon, Glynda gave his name as Lyme de Vries and said he flew in from Florida for the event.

"You can be a good witch or a bad witch. I'm a sandwich," he said.

NewsLine: New Orleans

New Orleans panel debates existence of a 'gay-lesbian culture'

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

A capacity crowd filled the tiny Faubourg Marigny Theatre on Frenchmen Street Thursday, June 27, to hear a panel of experts on the visual arts, theater, music and literature, consider this proposition: "A Matter of Perspective: Is There a Gay and/or Lesbian Culture?"

Panelists were William Fagley, assistant director for art, New Orleans Museum of Art; Sheran Schreiber, founder and owner of Theater Marigny; Mary Lou Seymore, co-founder and chair of Women in Harmony, A Women's Music Concert Production Company, and Mark S. Zumpe, corporate partner of Maple Street's Uptown Bookstore and Old Metairie Bookstore and vice-president of New Orleans/Gulf south Booksellers Association. Panel moderator

was Alan Robinson, owner of Faubourg Marigny Bookstore and president of New Orleans/Gulf South Booksellers Association.

The crowd, legally barred from blocking the steps leading out of the theater, spilled onto Frenchmen street and strained over street noise to hear. Inside, the theater's air conditioning was turned off on the request of the seated audience so as to facilitate their own hearing. A gentleman in the third row complained, after the first two panelists spoke, "I have waited too long for this panel and I have not heard a word yet."

After introductions by Alan Robinson, William Fagley opened the discussion, relating his vexation over the very topic of a gay aesthetic, "it seems to me aesthetic is aesthetic, be it gay/lesbian, black or what-have-you." Nonetheless, Fagley and the

others seemed to agree that something, albeit evasive to definition, does exist called art/culture of a lesbian/gay genre.

Sheran Schreiber pointed to the long standing acceptance of lesbian/gay interpretations in theater world wide. "Straights have accepted gay values on the stage," she said, "even more than gays have, if box office be the measure of judgment."

Mary Lou Seymore produced documented evidence, in the form of multi-page directories to the lesbian music industry and existing literature of lesbian music and performers as proof that one definition of culture—"The ability to maintain and pass on a body of knowledge about itself"—does exist.

The erudite observations of Mark Zumpe came close to defining the matter when he

read a short statement on contemporary writing, saying in part, "The genre of gay/lesbian fiction has validated itself by moving from gay characters to characters who happen to be gay, creating a new definition of the American family."

The quality of the panel and the intense interest of the audience plus its large size were ample proof of not only a gay/lesbian culture but an intellectualism and awareness therein, sometimes overlooked by the gay and mainstream press.

The final and ultimate definition of "Gay and/or Lesbian Culture" may not have been enclosed in a neat package, but the parameters were stretched further than "femme-boys" and "butch girls" in the panel, which participants called a Celebration '91-Gay Pride event "for which all the community could be very proud."

New Orleans' 1991 Pride Festival was largest one ever

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

From Saturday, June 29, to Sunday, June 30, between 7000 and 8000 men and women, the largest crowd ever to attend a New Orleans Pride Festival, came to Washington Square to hear entertainment that ranged from words from politicians to words from funny folks like crowd pleasers Becky Allen, Ricky Graham and Harry Mayronne Jr.

Also on the rich entertainment menu for the first day was the New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, Robyn E., Scarlett

O'Hara Butler and Aux Shea, Pam Hall and Rouxmyrs.

Sunday, the entertainment began at 11:30 a.m. and included such highlights as Tom Sanders, Gisele Oubre, Martial LaFleur III, New Orleans Women's Music Collective, Elaine Townsend, Viva Las Vamps Revue and the Charmaine Neville Band.

—Charmaine Neville

The Charmaine Neville Band, featuring Amasa Miller and Reggie Houston, moved up Frenchmen Street from their

usual venue at Snug Harbor to Washington Square at the corner of Royal Street to play at Sunday night's Gay Pride Festival.

The immensely talented Charmaine Neville, member of one of New Orleans' most famous musical families spiced her show with a saucy new song called "BBQ." The crowd, numbering between one and two thousand for the concert, spared no emotion showing appreciation of her and her band's talents. She, in turn, lavished praise on Gay Pride and the crowd for inviting her to participate

as the festival's closing act.

Neville, clearly the heir apparent to the mantle fallen from the shoulders of the retired Blue Lou Barker, belted out a 15-minute version of her popular, "The Right Key But the Wrong Keyhole" that rocked the park from Frenchmen Street to Elysian Fields. She enthralled the audience for an hour and a half, even though the highly successful Pride Festival had committed the almost unforgivable sin (in New Orleans) of running out of beer. The crowd called her back for an encore.

Newsline Houston

Tongues still tied in Houston: KUHT kills controversial gay film

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Houston's Public Broadcasting System station KUHT (Channel 8) has decided not to show an experimental documentary by a black, gay independent filmmaker as part of its "Point of View (P.O.V.)" program series. Marlon Riggs' "Tongues Untied: An Unprecedented Exploration of Black Gay Life," was cut from the schedule because programming officials deemed its use of graphic language unacceptable for television, according to the station's executive director of programming, Jeff Clark.

The pre-emption was made despite the fact that the "P.O.V." series airs in Houston outside of prime time, at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday. The time slot and the unconventional nature of films in the series led some callers to the station to charge that the station took exception to the subject matter of the film, which also contains homoerotic scenes.

However, Clark denied that homophobia played any part in the ac-

tion, saying that KUHT has a history of broadcasting ground-breaking material covering lesbian/gay and AIDS issues, including documentaries made by the station's own staff.

"P.O.V. has also brought us these programs in the past and we have shown them," he added.

Clark said the station made the decision in part because Riggs refused to allow the program to be edited, and because of standards "mandated by the FCC and our viewers."

"We've had long and very difficult discussions on the issue," Clark said, noting that producers of programs containing language seen as unacceptable "usually will work with PBS to produce an edited version."

In the case of "Tongues Untied," however, this would have been difficult to do, because of the extent to which the language was used and way the film was structured. He noted that the film was intended for theatrical showings and was

not made for television.

Clark said PBS attorneys stated a position considering the language in the film to be "indecent but not obscene"—a distinction he called "a fine line" in reference to the Federal Communications Commission.

"What that (position) means is that, well, you could get away with it, but (the station) might face fines," he said.

In a letter to the station after he was notified of the decision, Riggs said his film had garnered "substantial international acclaim" and was selected as the best entry from the United States in this year's International Public Television Festival in Dublin. He called the action a "knee-jerk avoidance of controversial programming" and said it was ironic that the film was considered an innovative model of American television at the Dublin Festival, while being canceled by stations back home.

"My work was motivated by a singular imperative: to challenge this nation's

brutalizing silence around matters of sexual and racial difference," he wrote. "I create 'Tongues Untied' to help shatter our society's most deeply entrenched myths of what it means to be black, to be gay, to be a man and, not least, to be human."

"Your station has, in effect, chosen to operate as a gatekeeper—a censor—silencing not only my voice but the voices and visions of diverse nationwide communities," he continued.

Later, Riggs defended his contract specifying that the film not be edited for showing, because of the importance of the uncut, uncensored dialogue and imagery to the message of the film.

Because of the contract stipulation, at least 17 station's in PBS' top 50 markets chose not to air "Tongues Untied" after screening the film, according to Clark. Additionally, eight state networks did not accept the film for broadcast, he said.

He noted, however, that Houston was the largest market city in which a PBS station was not running the show.