

Four Aldine High students arrested, confess to killing gay man July 30

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Houston Voice Editor

Police have arrested four Aldine area teenagers in connection with the recent slaying of a gay Houston man. According to a Harris County Sheriff's department report released Tuesday, the four young men—described as popular, seemingly well-adjusted athletes by their fellow students and officials at Aldine High School—have given separate confessions to investigators.

The arrests followed a tip phoned in to CrimeStoppers, which had joined with the victim's family to offer a \$6,000 reward.

Arrested and presently being held without bond are Christopher Lewis, 17, and Terrance Perro, 19, both of the 2500 block of Dolly Wright; Demarco McCullum, 19, of the 15300 block of LaJolla; and 10302 Decedrick Gainous, 18, of the 10300 block of Summerbrook. All are charged with capital murder.

The suspects, last year, were teammates on the Aldine High School football team; two were star players, including one who was about to enter college on a football scholarship. According to the Houston Post, the friends and family of the arrested youths expressed shock and confusion Tuesday, when Aldine Principal Ralph Norman announced the arrests over the school's public address system.

Burzinski was found shot to death July 30. At the time, detectives told the Houston Voice that the victim, last seen at a gay

bar in Montrose, had been slain "execution style," with a single bullet to the head.

Initially, detectives suspected that Burzinski, whose relatives said did not carry much cash, was killed because he was gay. In the wake of the confessions, however, detectives said they believe the motive to be robbery.

Still, the "hate crime" connection has not been ruled out, and the suspects are facing capital murder charges in the 339th District Court.

In their confessions given to police this week, the four suspects said they decided to rob someone to raise extra money to spend on school clothes. They later killed their victim, the youths said, because they did not want to be identified.

The suspects told police they went to the Montrose area to rob someone because they had heard that "homosexuals had money and were easy targets," according to Sgt. Danny R. Billingsley of the Sheriff's department, which had overseen the investigation since Burzinski's body was found Saturday, July 30 on a street in northwest Harris County, where the suspects also live. Burzinski was a Houston resident who lived in the Galleria/Village east area, and who apparently, from the confessions, was abducted from a site in the Montrose "bar district" before he was killed.

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Statisticians debate gay income estimates

As the Houston gay community is once again hit full force with the deadly hazard of its own reputed prosperity, market researchers nationwide are debating whether now generally accepted statistics regarding gay and lesbian earnings and consumer power are accurate.

Hitting on the same week as reports that four Aldine High School athletes kidnapped and killed a gay man because they believed homosexuals have and carry bundles of cash, several researchers are reporting divergent findings on the estimated average income and spending power of lesbian and gay households.

An independent study by the University of Maryland, released early this week, found that the gay and lesbian population is economically and socially diverse, and is disadvantaged in some cases by unfair job discrimination. The findings have been applauded by gay and lesbian organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign Fund, because of the ongoing effort to pass the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act. Proponents of discrimination against lesbians and gay men, according to the HRCF, have misused marketers' surveys of gay publications' readers to spread stereotypes of gay people as members of an affluent elite and to oppose leg-

islation that would prohibit anti-gay job discrimination. No federal law currently protects gay and lesbian people from being fired for being gay, or against discrimination or harassment on the job.

The Maryland study, which was quoted in the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday, refutes the incorrect stereotype, says HRCF.

But on Wednesday, the Point One Management Company, a gay and owned and operated company that markets a national gay and lesbian credit card program, issued its own news release refuting the Maryland study. Point One noted that figures from Simmons Market Research and the U.S. Census Bureau reflect an average gay male household income of \$55,430, as compared with the overall national average of \$32,144. Further, estimates of the annual buying power and consumer market share of the lesbian and gay community ranged from \$394 billion to \$514 billion.

But Jeffrey Vitale, president of Overlooked Opinions, a market research firm that has reported similar figures, said his data was recently misused in testimony before a U.S. Senate Labor and Resources Committee hearing on the ENDA. "This data is not (representative) of the gay community, it is for the readers of specific gay publications," he said.

It's Julia! Sweeney that is...and she took Pat to The Ranch

Feature Profile

By TAD NELSON
Houston Voice Publisher

Earlier this week I was fortunate enough to meet with Julia Sweeney, popular stand up comic/actress of Saturday Night Live (SNL) fame whose demented imagination brought to life the loveable androgynous character known as Pat. I'm not sure if it was Pat's or Julia's idea to stay at the Omni Hotel on Riverway, but one of them has great taste for luxury living. I suspect that it was Pat, because on the Monday afternoon I met with her, Julia seemed too innocent and unassuming in her bib-overall dress, black army boots, new blonde tresses, and no make-up. Seemingly Travel Lodge would have been fine with her. I'm sure that Pat pushes her around from coast to coast trying diligently to live in Julia's limelight.

Julia sans Pat is a cute 5'6" petite blonde who maintains her heterosexuality. Her ex husband is her co-writer, Stephen Hibbert. Our conversation is pleasant, sometimes off-the-wall and always filled with laughter. Interestingly, Julia shares the very nasal vocal quality of her androgynous counterpart, Pat. And I thought it was a put on. Poor girl needs some serious sinus medication!

Thankfully, I was the first interview of the afternoon, so Julia wasn't tired and hadn't been "Patted" to death yet. But I sensed immediately that this star could possibly become a little jealous if I didn't spend equal time questioning Julia as I spent asking about Pat, so I was careful to try and divide my time in this interview between them.



Who is it?...

I did some homework before our interview and ran across an article about Julia in this month's *Movieline* magazine. It includes a "glamour shot" photo of Julia and in a million years you would never figure that this starlet could or would disfigure her image in

the making of Pat. Not many actresses are willing to endure thirty pounds of fat suit, heavy zit makeup, afro-type wigs, horn-rim glasses, men's clothing and seriously ugly shoes for fame. They opt for more glamorous roles. I like that daring insanity in a woman, so immediately I'm at ease with Ms. Sweeney and ready to interrogate.

"The *Movieline* photograph, oh yeah, wasn't that great?" Sweeney asks, "but I hated that photographer. He was saying stuff during the shoot like, 'Loose the smile, Julia!' Can you believe that, while he was taking pictures!"

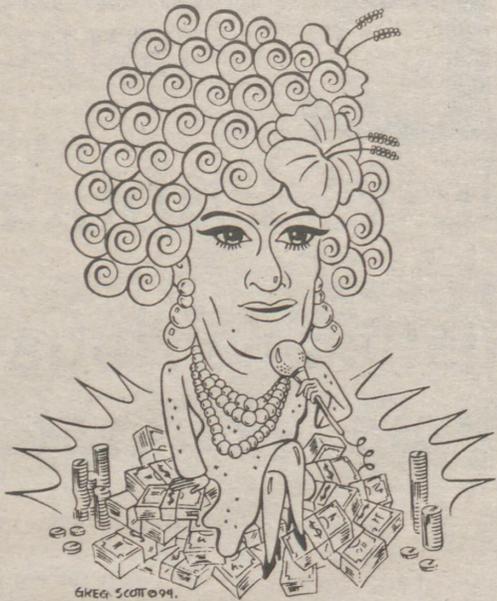
I also discovered that Julia began her career in Los Angeles as an accountant. So how did she make the drastic change to, well, Pat you ask?

"Well yes," she admitted, "that was part of my closeted past. But I've really felt like a

comedienne or an actress all along, but was just too embarrassed to say that I was. The accounting (job) lasted several years. And suddenly I just hated the routine of 9 to 5 although I love routines. I like really structured environments, but then I like to free myself of them from time to time. No one loves having that coffee mug or pencils in their place more than me, but after a few years, bam! I can't take this any more—not for one more minute. So anyway, I had read this review of a theater group in L.A. called *The Groundlings Theater*. They do sketches and improv and I just knew that was for me. So I signed up in the two year program and weaned out of accounting and into acting. It wasn't a very dramatic thing, like walking in to the office and throwing down my pencils and ledger and begin telling jokes. For two years I was an accountant by day and a comic by night."

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Houston Spotlight



LADY VICTORIA LUST

Getting through the holiday season with no money, no resources - or even, for some, with no support from friends and family, can be a drag. In Houston for the past several years, a familiar brightly colored envelope has meant a mood lift in the mailbox to hundreds of financially and emotionally strapped people living with AIDS. Heading up The Holiday Project, which sends out cards containing cash gifts, is one of the community's most energetic and indefatigable fund raisers for HIV/AIDS causes, Marvin H. Davis, better known...well, in drag. Lady Victoria Lust, who in 1991 had a day - December 8 - proclaimed in her honor by then-mayor Kathy Whitmire, is known for donning outrageous outfits, speaking her mind and raising tens of thousands of dollars annually

while appealing to an audience that generally doesn't make it to the pricier benefits. She estimates that she raises about \$25,000 each year, proving that a lot of people giving a little is as important as a few people giving a lot. Lady V says she started performing female impersonation in 1968. A member of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star since 1986, she was elected Empress VII in 1991. She was honorary grand marshal of the Pride Parade in 1991 and received a Houston Pride Award in 1992 for Service to the Community by a Female Impersonator. In his day job, Marvin works for the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services in HIV/AIDS prevention.

Agency Responds To Critics

From BARBARA ALEXANDER

Director of Development, Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry

(Editor's note: following is the Foundation of Interfaith Research and Ministry's response to two letters in last week's issue. The letters criticized the AIDS agency's management in the wake of media reports that over \$300,000 was invested by FIRM in a high-risk venture).

The Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry promotes sponsors, and conducts interfaith and inter-disciplinary programs of scholarship, research, education, and service. Beginning in September, 1988, with the assumption of the development of the AIDS Care Team project begun in 1985, this comprehensive and extensive mission has been pursued.

Currently, FIRM sponsors four service projects with HIV/AIDS: AIDS Care Teams, with over 1100 volunteers from more than 60 congregations in three counties who serve nearly 500 clients annually; case management, which serves over 135 clients annually; The Challenge-FIRM Co-op (pantry), which serves over 1000 people each year; and professional counseling, begun in May, 1994 which will provide counseling to 30-50 people annually. Of the AIDS Care Team clients, over 800 have received care through end-stage and death. In 1989, FIRM initiated in-home support of families with children with AIDS, and continues to do so through all of the HIV/AIDS service projects. We are pleased that the AIDS Care Team project has been replicated in over 20 cities in at least seven states.

Various FIRM personnel, along with employees of most agencies serving people with HIV/AIDS, have participated responsibly in several forums seeking to plan and coordinate local services. Although these are not perfect mechanisms for making important decisions, the awarding of funds is based on recommendations of independent, external reviewers who objectively evaluate competitive proposals. FIRM's finances are audited annually by independent, certified public accountants and the Texas Department of Health. On more than one occasion, FIRM has returned payments to funding agencies following the receipt of unrequested, uninvoiced, or duplicated payments.

In 1992, a second Care Team project was launched to assist families caring for members with Alzheimer's and other demential diseases, and, in 1994, the third Care Team project began in support of frail seniors, especially those who live alone. We are privileged to have as colleagues, volunteers and staff who care deeply about many people with special needs, and who, unostentatiously and without fanfare, express their sensitive and loving support to them. Through the efforts of FIRM's founders and staff, dozens of congregations and hundreds of their members throughout the community share in providing support for individuals and families with AIDS and other chronic debilitating diseases. In addition to direct service projects, FIRM's founders are actively engaged in multi-disciplinary educational, research, and writing projects which have national and international audiences. The quality of these activities is indicated by the prestigious journals

which publish their contributions, including New England Journal of Medicine, American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Pastoral Care, Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy, and the Journal of Philosophy and Medicine.

From FIRM's inception, all activities have been directed at bringing together people of many backgrounds to learn from each other and serve people with special needs. We have been honored that people from many communities within and beyond Harris County, including gay and lesbian people, have been part of the continuing realization of FIRM's multi-faceted mission. The magnitude of this response affirms the quality of all of FIRM's programs and reflects favorably upon the education, experience, training, and dedication of FIRM's professional and executive staff.

Indications of the respect in which FIRM's founders are held include publication of five books calling the religious community to be aware and to respond non-judgmentally and compassionately to the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS; Invitations to address national and international conferences; membership on expert panels at the National Academy of Sciences and the National Institutes of Health, and, most recently, consultation with a major denomination concerning the creation of demonstration projects applying the Care Team model in other urban and rural areas to many populations coping with chronic diseases and disabilities.

This record of achievement is shared by our friends in many communities. We have responded creatively and effectively to a wide range of needs of people with HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer-affected families, frail seniors, and others, while identifying and planning to respond to future challenges and contingencies and contribution of all of FIRM's activities will continue to benefit people locally and nationally.

Volunteer Commends Shelp

From PAUL HORNICK

Houston, Texas

As a long-time volunteer on a church-based Care Team with the Foundation of Interfaith Research and Ministry (FIRM), I feel compelled to respond to the Voice's recent coverage of the "sweetheart deal" between FIRM and Teresa Rodriguez.

I have been a Care Team volunteer for over six and a half years, and, in that capacity, have served at least twenty-two people with AIDS. (To be technical, my Care Team was started before the entity known as FIRM existed. But it was through the work of FIRM's current executive director, Earl Shelp, that I got involved with PWA's. Looking back, had it not been for the pro-active stance of Houstonians like Earl Shelp, I (a straight male) would probably continue to see the AIDS epidemic as someone else's problem.

I commend Shelp for his recruiting efforts in mainstream and even fundamentalist churches. We all know that, historically, many "religious" people have used their belief to rationalize their prejudice. FIRM, under Earl Shelp's leadership, has convinced many of them to use their faith to support their compassion.

(Note: to correct on a technicality, the Houston Voice did not run a news story on the reported investment in last week's issue #720. We did, however, publish two letters to the editor, mentioned above.—Ed.)

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Letters to the Editor

PWACH says Thanks

From LYNN PANILL

Executive Director, PWA Coalition
Houston

On behalf of the Clients, Board of Directors, and Staff of the People With AIDS Coalition, Houston, Inc., I would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in our largest fundraiser ever, "Don't Sweep AIDS Under the Rug."

A particular thank you goes out to Mr. Charles Leach, of the Rug

Emporium, who donated the new rugs to the Coalition so that we could have this event. Mr. Leach's donation was the largest single donation ever received by the Coalition. He is a true hero.

And we would be remiss in not recognizing Mr. Joseph Kittrell, who donated our auction item, a large rug formerly owned by Farrah Fawcett.

And to the many volunteers, including board members, who braved the Houston heat to hold this event, we couldn't have done it without you!

The Radical Right: Scripting the play book for murder

By **GLENN STEHLE**
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

C.G. Schoenfeld, writing recently in the *Journal of Psychiatry and Law*, noted that "we are all of us born criminals in the sense that we are extensively endowed with impulses which, if unchecked, lead to anti-social conduct.

Schoenfeld goes on to say that man's savage instincts are kept in check by the development of a superego, a system of moral attitudes, conscience and a sense of guilt.

"(T)he superego...obviously lacks the ability, by itself," he further asserts, "to ensure his living peacefully in society" "And clearly," he continues, "it is the support given to the superego's efforts to curb man's fierce aggressiveness by taboo, religion, habit custom, accepted morality—and most especially by the law—that makes civilized life possible in complex modern societies.

The religious right is mounting a well organized campaign to undermine and subvert the taboos, religions, habits, customs, accepted morality and laws that govern our society. In so doing, it is instigat-

ing the current epidemic of assault, mayhem and murder being perpetrated on the gay and lesbian population.

The undermining of our collective moral consciousness is being achieved through adroit manipulation of mainstream media, has dealt itself influence far in excess of the number of people it represents. It is using this influence to unabashedly persecute gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

Recently there have been hopeful signs that mainstream media, mainstream religious and civil authorities are finally beginning to react and challenge the lies and distortions of the religious right. The establishment of the Interfaith Alliance by mainline religious and the awarding of the death penalty to the killer of a gay man in Tyler, Texas are two examples of the way society is reacting to the threat of the religious right.

The epicenter of the religious right anti-gay offensive is the Focus on the Family ministries located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The anti-gay lexicon is formulated there and, through an elaborate scheme, exported throughout the country. One thus hears the same lies and distortions in San Diego that one hears in Pensacola.

The Tyler murder occurred in November, 1993 when a 23 year-old gay, Hispanic man was abducted from a downtown park in the small, east Texas community. He was carried 10 miles out of town where he was terrorized, tortured and murdered. One of the three predators of this crime, Donald Aldrich, gave a statement of confession on Dec. 3, 1993.

What is disturbing about this statement is that it reads like something straight out of the religious right script

book. It was as if Aldrich was aping Pat Robertson or James Dobson when he gave his confession. The confession demonstrates how thoroughly Aldrich had been scripted and programmed by religious right rhetoric, and how this had compromised his ability to curb his aggressiveness.

Following are some of the lies intimated by Donald Aldrich, Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, James Dobson, Jim Kennedy, Kevin Tebedo, Beverly LeHaye, Phyllis Schlafly, Donald Wildman, Paul Cameron, Ralph Reed, Lou Sheldon, Kevin Tebedo and other murders and religious right adherents, along with a discussion of their mendacity.

"I don't like homosexuals, the majority of people don't like homosexuals and therefore nothing prevents me from victimizing them with impunity." Aldrich was obviously a bully. He had become so convinced of societal opprobrium for homosexuals that he believed his victimization of homosexuals would be condoned, if not applauded.

In this way, the religious right served as a booster club for Donald Aldrich. It is the religious right that informed his belief that "most Americans don't approve of the homosexual lifestyle."

This misconception cost Nicholas West his life and is slated to cost Donald Aldrich his.

The truth is that the majority of Americans don't even believe in job discrimination against homosexuals. A 1992 Gallup Poll reveals that 74 percent of Americans believe homosexuals should have equal rights in terms of job opportunities.

The fallacious claim that the religious right speaks for "a majority of

Americans" is typical of their rhetoric. The religious right is always expending, or attempting to expend, someone else's cachet—whether it be God's, the American people or that of other people of faith.

A July 22, 1994 New York Times/CBS News poll found that only 9 percent of Americans think of themselves as being members of the religious right. Even more enlightening, 66 percent of Americans assert they "don't know" anything or know "too much" about the religious right.

Nine percent is of course a far cry from "a majority of the American people." The fact that Department of Justice polls show similar percentages of Americans believing in such notions as "police should not be required to have search warrants" or "police should be allowed to use violent force while interrogating criminal suspects" helps put the Cristofascist religious right movement in its proper perspective.

Not only does the religious right not speak for "most Americans," it doesn't even speak for most "people of faith." As Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, general secretary of the National Council of Churches and board members of the newly formed Interfaith Alliance stated, "Our concern is the radical right lays claim to the fact that they uniquely speak for people of faith in this country, in essence that 'God is on our side.' We feel we must come together as an interfaith group and say to this country there is an alternate religious voice."

"Putting it another way, we're against spiritual intimidation," said Dr. Herbert D. Valentine, executive director of the Baltimore Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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Examining the connection between right wing propaganda and hate crimes

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Colorado for Family Values asserted that people living a homosexual life style were responsible for 50 percent of all child molestation.

This theme was repeated by Donald Aldrich in his confession when he stated, "I can only imagine how a 4-year-old girl feels when she's carried out to a homosexual hangout and raped and left tied up for other guys to come out there and do what they want."

The statements are absolute nonsense!

The results of a recent study by Carole Jenny, Thomas Roesler and Kimberly Poyer were recently published in Pediatrics, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics. What they found was "a child's risk of being molested by his or her relative's heterosexual partner is over 100 times greater than by someone who might be identifiable as being homosexual, lesbian, or bisexual."

These findings are consistent with a 1988 study conducted by the United States Department of Justice. This study, though it did not seek to identify the social lifestyles of the offenders, nevertheless did find that 19 percent of child sexual abuse was committed by the natural father, 20 percent by a step father and 22 percent by another family member. Of the victims, 79 percent of the boys had not begun to exhibit secondary sex characteristics, evidence much at odds with the myth propagated by the religious right that child sex offenders are stimulated by sexual attraction.

On August 13, 1994 Pat Robertson addressed the Church of God's 65th General Assembly in San Antonio, Texas. Robertson passionately conveyed his belief that the end of the world is near and went on to enumerated seven "signs" from God in support of his belief. One of these was the "sign of Sodom."

Robertson said he had informants in the Los Angeles Police Department vice squad who alerted him to the occurrence of a huge outbreak of male rape in Los Angeles—this the "sign of Sodom" and the "coming of the end of the world."

I do not know if Pat Robertson is experiencing a full-blown delusory psychotic episode or if this is—as state's witness Dr. Jerry Lundrum appraised Donald Aldrich's claim that he had been raped as a child—"pure manipulation."

Donald Aldrich, in addition to stating he had been raped as a 9 year-old, asserted that guys were always "making passes at me" and that Nicholas West "came on to me."

Aldrich is not an attractive man. He is 29 years old, balding, overweight, and looks much older than his 29 years. He was unemployed and is described as having very poor grooming habits. It is very unlikely that an attractive, young, Hispanic man would "come on" to Donald Aldrich.

Testimony during the trial by several other victims indicated it was always Aldrich who approached them and was the aggressor.

The assertions of Pat Robertson and Don Aldrich are almost as outrageous as those of Nicolo Giangrosso, a Marine who robbed and brutally beat a gay man to death on New Years Day, 1990 in San Antonio. The 250 pound Marine, who had just completed basic training and was in top physical shape, claimed the 37 year-old, 5 foot 8" Hispanic school teacher had raped him, and that he had beaten him to death in a retaliatory fit of passion.

Even more remarkable is that Bexar County District Attorney Steve Hilbig and District Judge Terry McDonald accepted this story, reduced Giangrosso's charge from murder to voluntary manslaughter and released him on 10 years deferred adjudication—a form of probation that leaves no criminal record.

Indeed, Dr. Landrum explained that pleading "sexual assault" has become a "fad" with criminal offenders and remarked that the "dramatic increase in the last few years in criminal defendants pleading sexual assault" is well documented in the literature.

Whether Pat Robertson, Donald Aldrich and Nicolo Giangrosso are psychotic or sociopathic or what, one thing is apparent—they are willing to say things which have no basis in reality and they exhibit absolutely no remorse for the harm inflicted on others by their actions.

The recent park sting operation conducted by the San Antonio Police Department to round up "homosexuals" was ostensibly conducted because of "citizen complaints." Supposedly, men were engaging in public sex acts—sex acts out in the open where everyone could see them—thus making the parks unusable for "families and children."

Talk about a full-blown psychotic delusory episode—this one takes the cake! Most of the men who frequent the parks for the sole purpose of looking for sex are married. These highly closeted men won't even go to gay bars for fear of being seen. The thought that they would engage in flagrant sex acts in city parks—out in the open for the whole world to see—is an absurdity of unfathomable dimensions.

This is an example of how a group of deceitful, misguided, deluded religious fanatics—through orchestration of a "base of letter writers"—successfully satanized, dehumanized and, through their manipulation of civil authorities and the San Antonio Express News, inflicted unimaginable emotional and physical damage on a group of unfortunate souls.

Richard A. Posner, Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (and a Reagan appointee I might add), recently rendered a decision in which he noted it is "one thing" to expose a "person who hasn't paid his taxes or is stealing from his boss or is cheating—in the usual way—on his wife. These are commonplace forms of misconduct, and while their exposure can impose psychic as well as economic and other forms of tangible harm, it is not so shattering as the revelation of the double life of the homosexual."

Donald Aldrich also intimated that "fags" were willing to have sex out in the open where people could see them. An example of this is provided by this account of "fag bashing" as related to Aldrich: "Started talking with one. He makes a pass at you. No, not here. Let's go somewhere where we won't be seen. So, you go back up where everyone else is at."

"Abortion is murder. I don't believe in abortion, and therefore I am morally superior" Aldrich state in his confession, "I'm not a murderer. I'm not a killer. I do not believe in—I don't even...believe in abortions."

In light of the recent abortion clinic killings of Dr. John B. Britton and his unarmed security escort, James H. Barret, does this sound like something right out of the religious right play-book or what?

(Glenn Stehle is a freelance reporter and gay activist who lives in San Antonio).

TIME FLIES... ...happenings in August



By Bob Ainsworth

AUGUST 18, 1840 Yale's Class of 1810 makes history at its 30th reunion in New Haven, Connecticut, when Professor Samuel Finley Breese Morse takes the world's first class photograph.

AUGUST 19, 1982 After seven months of practice, trapeze artist Miquel Vazquez achieves the impossible when he performs the first quadruple somersault in circus history while rehearsing with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

AUGUST 20, 1833 Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the United States, is born in North Bend, Ohio.

AUGUST 21, 1944 Convening at Dumbarton Oaks, near Washington, D.C., to discuss issues of postwar security, delegates from the United States, England, Russia, and China begin to lay the groundwork for the formation of the United Nations.

AUGUST 22, 1806 French painter Jean-Honore Fragonard dies at the age of 74.

AUGUST 23, 1935 British Board of Film Censors chief Edward Shortt, shocked by "unfortunate and undesirable" films such as Dracula, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and The Raven, bans the showing of any more Hollywood horror movies in England.

AUGUST 24, 1690 Job Charnock, representing the British East India Company, founds the city of Calcutta, India, on the banks of the Hooghly River.

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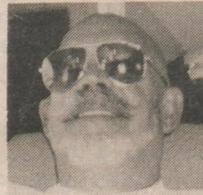
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GERALD M. "JAY" DOWMAN

Gerald M. "Jay" Dowman, 60 died August 15, 1994. Jay a.k.a. "Daddy Jay Bear" was born in Akron, Ohio July 25, 1934. He was preceded in death by his parents, William S. Dowman and Jenny M. Janes. He is survived by son Mark and wife Sharon, grandchildren; Kindra and Cassi of Clearlake; son Martin and wife Kelly, grandchildren; Cory, Katy and Arielle of Kansas City, MO; Tom and wife Dottie of Wautoma, WI; nephew and nieces; and companion Allen Thomason.

Jay attended Texas A&M University (Class '56) and served in the U.S. Army signal corp over seas in 1954/55. He worked for Big Three Industries, Inc. for 19 years and became Corporate Personnel Director during his employment.

A memorial service will be held at St. Anne Catholic Church Monday, August 22, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. Those desiring may make memorial gifts to Omega House, 602 Branard, Houston, 77006; Kolbe Project, P.O. Box 66669, Houston, 77266-6669; or Pet Patrol, P.O. Box 980255, Houston, 77098.



BURT PICONE

Born: November 8, 1963
Died: August 6, 1994

Burt Picone passed away August 6 at 10:45 p.m. of brain lesions. He was a good person, hard-working, caring, giving and honest. He was a member of TGRA who worked rodeos and many fundraisers, and a member of IGBO, Dallas and Glitz and Glitter.

Burt is survived by his life partner David Duguay, his mother and father; Elda & Waymon Clare, brothers; Eddie and Lewis Picone, and numerous friends.

"Someone wonderful has passed from my life and this plane of existence. The love, caring and respect we felt for each other all remain forever and with time the pain will ease. Truly, the best part of my life is gone. I will miss him terribly. I thank all of our friends and family for their support."

David

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 20 at Bering Methodist Church, 1440 Harold, at 10:00 a.m. Bring a lunch as there will be a picnic at Bell Park after the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to TGRA at P.O. Box 130585, Houston, Tx 77219-0585.

Some details in suspect's account of slaying similar to 1991 hate crime

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The suspects said they saw Burzinski leaving Heaven, a club on Pacific Street, and followed him as he walked to his car. As he unlocked his car door, one of the suspects struck Burzinski in the head and forced him into the back seat of the car, according to the police report.

The youths beat their victim as they drove him to the West Little York area, where they used Burzinski's ATM card to withdraw \$400 from his bank account. They then drove him to the 15800 block of Northview Park, where they shot and killed him.

McCullum, who allegedly did the shooting, expressed no remorse and told investigators he "felt like a judge" in killing Burzinski, according to Bil-

lingsley.

Although detectives now say they believe the motive to be robbery, not hatred of gays, the case bears some similarities to Houston's most infamous gay-bash murder case. Paul Broussard, who was beaten and stabbed to death in July, 1991 by ten young men from the Woodlands, was attacked as he was leaving the same club, Heaven, also while walking to his car.

Broussard's killers also lived far from the Montrose area, were teenagers and young adults and traveled to the inner city neighborhood by car to find their victim.

The major difference in the cases lies in the fact that Broussard's attackers targeted gay men solely because they were

gay; those accused in Burzinski's killing claimed their primary intent was to rob someone.

Charles Armstrong, owner of Heaven, issued a statement Tuesday commending Billingsley and Det. Mark Reynolds of the Sheriff's Department for their swift apprehension of the juvenile offenders, and expressing sympathies to Burzinski's family.

Armstrong, however, goes on to point out that this was "another example of juvenile crime targeted at the lesbian and gay community."

"Juvenile crime in Houston and Harris County is out of control. Local law enforcement must do a better job to ensure the safety of all citizens."

"We are all grieving for the Burzinski family and their loss," the statement reads. "It is a tragedy that someone with so much life in front of them had to lose that potential over a crime of hatred and greed."

The statement, issued on behalf of the Houston Organization of Bar Owners and Heaven, indicated that Armstrong and HOB are donating \$1,000 to the 100 Club in Burzinski's name. The club provides scholarships and support money to the families of officers who have lost their life in the line of duty.

It also calls on schools and clergy to "do a better job of teaching tolerance" and decries the "message of hatred" being spread by many in those settings—echoing themes brought up by Dianne

Hardy-Garcia, director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, and the Rev. Mel White, a former fundamentalist minister turned gay rights activist, during the recent hate crime murder trial in Kerrville.

As things stand, "teaching tolerance" may be soon be out of the hands and outside of the authority of teachers in Texas and everywhere else in the country. The U.S. Senate recently voted to cut off federal funding to any school district that offers programs "that have either the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

Detectives reportedly are still looking for a fifth suspect, a man who reportedly drove the group to the Montrose area.

Northeastern lawmakers call on FBI to probe series of murders

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Aug. 10 (AP)—Lawmakers from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut are demanding a federal investigation into four killings of gay men whose bodies were dismembered.

"Four of these murders have already been linked by law enforcement officials because each of the four victims was last seen in a gay bar in Manhattan and the body of each was found meticulously dismembered in plastic bags," the lawmakers said

Tuesday in a letter to FBI Director Louis Freeh.

"The investigation of these crimes has been hampered by competing jurisdiction questions," said the letter, signed by Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Jerrold Nadler, both Democrats from Manhattan, Rep. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., and Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn.

The remains of the four victims were discovered over a two-year period in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. All of the victims were

dismembered in a surgically precise way, authorities have said. Their bones were not severed and their limbs were cut around the joints.

The body of a fifth man, Benjamin Rosario of Bridgeport, Conn., was found in plastic garbage bags along Interstate 95 in that city last week. Police there have "not been able to establish any positive link" to the other cases, Capt. John Donovan said Tuesday.

Rosario's head was not found, and an autopsy Monday failed to reveal a conclusive cause of

death. Donovan said it appeared Rosario's body was crudely butchered with at least two implements. He was last seen Aug. 1 at taverns in Bridgeport.

The four earlier victims have been identified as:—Peter Anderson, a Philadelphia stockbroker, whose body was found in May 1991 in eight bags at a Pennsylvania Turnpike rest stop near Lancaster, Pa.—Thomas Mulcahy, a Boston computer executive, found in several trash bags on the Burlington-Ocean County border in southern New Jersey July

10, 1992.—Anthony Marrero of New York, found in trash bags in Manchester Township, N.J. on May 10, 1993.—Michael Sakara of New York, found in Rockland County, N.Y. on July 30, 1993.

"Unfortunately, no single department is able to devote the resources necessary to solve these crimes," the lawmakers wrote in their letter of Freeh. "Clearly, the recent murder in Connecticut underscores the need for the FBI to launch an interstate investigation."



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Love is a many gendered thing: comic Sweeney goes beyond 'Pat' answers

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In studying the press release and credits for Julia's new movie "It's Pat!" I discovered that not only did she develop the characters, but she was one of the writers of the screenplay. I asked her about the Touchstone connection and how that came about.

"We actually developed 'It's Pat!' at Fox Studios. Fox approached us; my two writing partners, Jim Emerson and (ex-husband) Stephen Hibbert and we actually weren't interested at first. I mean it's not like we thought, 'Oh we're above doing a movie,' but we actually had a lot of ideas for movies that had nothing to do with Pat and the movie they wanted was a Pat movie. But we weren't getting offers for anything else, so we decided to develop the character for them really reluctantly. The deal was made and the three of us began working hard and fell in love with the screenplay. We developed this character that was way more three dimensional than SNL sketches could make it. As a matter of fact, the story is a love story between Pat and Chris (another equally androgynous character developed as Pat's love interest)."

"Well, Fox didn't want Chris to be in the movie. If Chris was going to be in the movie they didn't want Pat and Chris to ever kiss. They thought two androgynous characters kissing on

screen would be to risque for the audience. They totally freaked out about it. I think what they really wanted was another "Naked Gun" or "Police Academy" movie with androgyny jokes and we could never write that. Even if they locked us in a room for three years we could never have developed that story for them. So in the end it was like, we fell in love with the script and they didn't. So they put it into turn-around and Michael Eisner (CEO of Disney) himself who is a fan of the character, read the script and loved it and put it into production within two days at Disney where it ended up being made. The script took us from December to April to finish then we started shooting it August 2nd of last year in L.A. and it took thirty-six days to shoot. It was really low budget!"

Knowing that with every movie these days there seems to be a soundtrack CD released I asked Julia if there is one in the making for "Pat" and she sadly replied, "No, they didn't think it would be profitable enough, but you know Pat has a theme song."

She picks up a book titled, It's Pat! My Life Exposed and begins singing lyric from the back... "A lot of people say, what's that? It's Pat. A lot of people ask, who's he? or she? Don't try to figure it out it'll make you crazy, in the sexual area, it's kind of hazy. A ma'am or a sir, accept him or her for what



Believe it or not...It's Pat!

ever it might be. It's time for androgyny. There comes Pat! Catchy little ditty, huh?, Julia asks."

I was a little curious through all this androgyny heaped on me during this interview if since Julia wrote the screenplay she developed any great love scenes for Pat. After all every actor or actress loves the love scenes don't they?

"Well that's kind of a funny thing," Julia said. "To me, Pat doesn't know what it means but plays along like she does. Later she finds a dictionary and looks up the definition and is surprised. In my mind, Pat doesn't know. Pat's a man or a woman, which ever it is. I think if you were to ask Pat, Pat would just tell you. But no one has ever had the nerve to ask. So Pat is just

as sexual as any man or woman would be!"

Do any of you ever wonder from what depths of imagination she pulled this character. In a way, I was curious, but on the other hand Pat reminds me of a combination of people, men and women from my senior class in high school. Then where did Pat come from?

Julia confesses, "When I was an accountant, there were about three different people, a woman and two men. So I guess Pat is sixty-six percent male and thirty-three percent female. I kind of took all their mannerisms and rolled them into one large character, Pat."

How about the party at The Ranch for Nancy Ford's birthday, did Julia have a good time?

"Yeah, I really had fun! I really like that bar and the feeling there was great. Everyone was so nice. I came out as Pat and we did a raffle, then I went back and changed into me and came back out again. It was really fun. The owner, Betsy, was a super person!"

Finally it was time to wrap up our time together so I asked for anything special she would like to tell her fans in Houston.

"Don't listen to a certain radio station. (She wouldn't say which one so I called the publicist in town and they told me her live radio interview was with Stevens and Pruitt at KLOL.) I had the most horrendous interview this morning

with the most awful D.J.'s known to man. (She looks at her manager who is busy shaking his head as if to say absolutely not, don't mention any names.) Well it will be published after the movie comes out, who cares? Okay let me just say that there, homophobic is the beginning of the positive list about them. They are racist, misogynous and just plain mean horrible people. They are into scantily clad women and should really do their talk show from Hooters. Okay, enough! No my real message to Houston is that I love Houston. I've always had this really good feeling in Houston. It always seems like this hip town. It's the right size. And I really like the people I've met here, until I went to the radio station this morning. But like last night at The Ranch everyone was so cool. You know there's this edge that exists in Hollywood that's just not here (in Houston). The people here are folksier and even in the gay community, it's just a lot friendlier and down to Earth. So I have a great feeling towards Houston. I love you guys and am totally supportive of gays. Didn't you have a great time in New York for the Gay Games? Didn't you feel really inspired that night (for the closing ceremonies)? It was really moving I thought. What a ways the gay community has come. I'm happy to be associated with it."

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Deaf gay-lesbian conference in Houston ushers in Deaf Awareness Month

By **BERT BARES**
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

Each year, September is designated as Deaf Awareness Month. This is when the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community joins together to celebrate our "oneness," as well as recognize and honor those persons (deaf and hearing) that have distinguished themselves as our advocates to a "hearing world" (that by-and large ignores us).

We also celebrate our rich and unique history by sharing the "deaf experience" with the public (voice interpreters are provided for those who do not know sign language).

If you detect political overtones you have just passed the T.A.A.S. Reading Comprehension Test!

Harris County has a deaf/hard of hearing population of approximately 189,000 persons. Include the Houston Metropolitan Statistical Area and our numbers increase to approximately 250,000. Many of you were probably not aware "we" comprise such a significant percentile of the local population.

This reinforces the premise that we are not only the Silent Community, but the Hidden Community as well. There seems to be several rules used by the hearing to identify a deaf/hard of hearing person: hearing aids; observing individuals communicating in sign language; encounter a hard of hearing person who responds to all of your questions with the word "HUH"? (not to be confused with a new acquaintance who has spent the past several hours at the end of the bar); or, a person who is "speech reading." The latter is one of my favorite forms of communication. You see, Speech reading is lip reading. This requires the speech reader to stare at the person's mouth. Of course, the person is being "read" becomes self-conscious. Actually, you would be surprised at how little a person has to say once they realize you are staring at their mouth. End Of Communication! Last, but not least we are identified when we use sign language interpreters to facilitate communication between ourselves and those who do not know our lan-



"The Trunk," a deaf play featuring Mark Branson, will be one of the highlights of the GLOW conference

guage (get the point).

Now let's celebrate! Recently, I had the honor of interviewing Scot Pott, one of the distinguished leaders of the deaf community locally and nationally. Scot is Director of Deaf Programs for the Montrose Clinic. Additionally, Scot serves in some capacity with local, state and national deaf organizations too numerous to list.

One association is with the (Deaf) Gay and Lesbians of the

West (G.L.O.W.). G.L.O.W. has chosen Houston as the host city for their 1994 conference to be held at the Wyndham Warwick Hotel beginning Aug. 31 through Sept. 5. Scot Pott is chairperson of this event and announces that this conference will be the "kick-off" celebration for Deaf Awareness Month.

The conference theme is "Come Visit The City Of Hot Opportunities!" (hmmmm, Hold that thought). The conference is open to G.L.O.W. members and the general public.

Therefore, we would like to extend a friendly "Y" all come!" Four workshops will be presented: Hearing and Deaf Lover Relationships; Hate Crimes; Grief Resolution and an HIV+ Support Group workshop. Workshop fees are \$10 (inclusive). Friday night (9-2-94) is designated as Women Visualization Meditation offered to everyone. If you would like to experience "fine dining" at the Warwick you may attend the banquet for \$35.

Should you choose to nurture your artistic soul you may attend a

performance of "The Trunk." This is a deaf play performed by Mark Allen Branson (formerly of the National Theatre of the Deaf). His performance will be Thursday, Sept. 1, 1994, at the Heinen Theatre (1400 Holman at Austin). Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the play begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door. This performance will be voice interpreted. As an additional inducement to attend (that is if you are feeling particularly Houston Proud) you might want to go and introduce yourself as one of Houston's "Hot Opportunities."

Further information such as registration may be obtained by calling Scot Pott (if you have TTY) at (713) 528-3678. If you not have a TTY then Scot can be reached through Relay Texas by dialing 1-800-735-2988. When the operator answers give them Scots' number and they will be happy to connect you.

Hope to see you there!!!
(Bert Bares is a Houston freelance writer and an educator and advocate for deaf and disabled persons).

Gays protest Lieberman's vote for Senate amendment

HARTFORD, Conn., Tuesday, Aug. 16 (AP)—U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman is coming under attack for supporting a measure to cut federal funds to schools that teach acceptance of homosexuality.

About 30 gay and straight activists held a protest march outside his office at One Commercial

Plaza on Monday.

"We elected a Democrat and got a Republican," the crowd shouted while marching in a tight circle. At the time, Lieberman, D-Conn., was in Washington, D.C.

Screaming above the rush-hour din, the group protested Lieberman's vote earlier this month

for an amendment on a \$12.5 billion federal school funding bill.

The provision would cut federal funds to school districts that teach acceptance of homosexuality. Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Bob Smith, R-N.H., denounced as obscene some instructional materials that teach about homosexuality in social studies and sex education programs.

Protesters said the amendment would deny appropriate guidance counseling to gay students.

"Don't play politics with our children," they yelled.

Lieberman's spokesperson, Jim Kennedy, said Lieberman believes the issue does not belong in schools.

"The senator believes schools

are not the place where sexual lifestyles should be advocated," Kennedy said.

The school funding bill must be approved by a Senate-House of Representatives conference committee before it can return to both chambers for final passage.



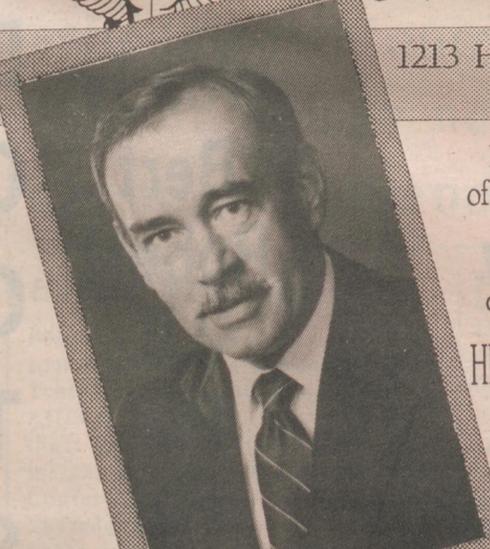
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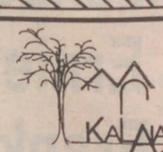
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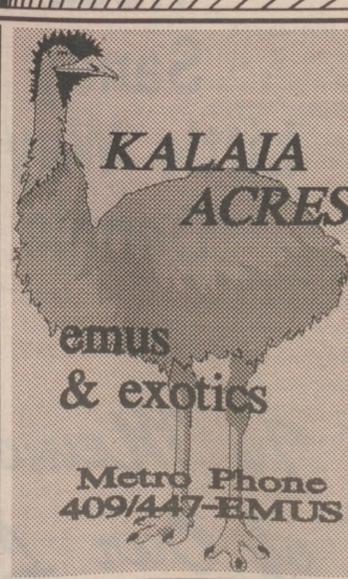
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Conference: The latest from the war on AIDS—no cure, no treatment, no vaccine

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Friday, Aug. 12 (AP)—The gist of 3500 reports this week from the war on AIDS is simple enough: There is no cure for AIDS, no effective treatment, no vaccine.

Nor will there be anytime soon. "Anyone with HIV won't find much solace at this meeting," said Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

The tone of the 10th International Conference on AIDS, which concluded Thursday, was restrained from the start. Organizers warned the 12,000 participants not to expect anything big. They were right.

After four days of nonstop discussion, the goal of controlling HIV, the AIDS virus, seems as distant as ever.

"Breakthrough findings don't time themselves to coincide with international meetings," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

But in the field of AIDS, breakthroughs are rare in the months between international meetings, too. The only one that surfaced since last year's big meeting in Berlin was the discovery that AIDS-infected women can avoid passing the virus to

their babies during birth if they take the drug AZT.

Even this is a limited victory. Because the medicine is so expensive, it will not help those living in poor countries, where the disease is most common. And it may be worthless to even those who can afford it if AZT-resistant strains of the virus grow dominant.

If any theme emerged from the conference, it was the need to go back to basics. Rather than a scatter-shot scramble for new drugs, many scientists seemed to agree that they need new ideas. And they will get them by exploring the innermost workings of the virus and the body's complex and ultimately futile response to it.

The new head of the U.S. Office of AIDS Research said this will be the focus of the federal government's annual \$1.3 billion AIDS budget.

"The engine that will drive the entire AIDS research enterprise forward is basic research," Dr. William E. Paul told the meeting.

But scientists have been gathering this kind of information since the epidemic began. Two of the most talked about subjects at the conference—long-term survivors and gene therapy—build on the encyclopedic store of basic knowledge already assembled about HIV virology and immunology.

While almost everyone who catches HIV eventually gets sick and dies, about 5 percent are still perfectly healthy 12 years to 15 years after their infection. Researchers believe that if they figure out how these people's immune systems tame HIV, maybe they could turn it into a treatment for those less fortunate.

"This is obviously a hot topic," said Dr. David Ho, head of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City.

His preliminary study, presented at the meeting, offers hints of unique immune system responses in people who carry HIV without harm.

Other researchers said their decade of basic research into HIV's origins, structure and life cycle is about to result in human experiments in gene therapy, the most exotic AIDS treatment yet. The idea is to insert HIV-killing genes into people's blood cells so they will be able to protect themselves from the virus.

No one knows whether this will produce a practical AIDS therapy. Time and again, the virus has proven to be more clever than the scientists. Its principal tactic is to evolve mutant genes that make it impervious to new drugs.

During treatment, HIV quickly becomes resistant to AZT and all the other drugs developed so far. No

clearly effective new ones were introduced at the meeting. Doctors still hope that mixing the drugs together will improve their potency.

"We will combine them in as many different ways as we can imagine," said Dr. Paul Volberding of the University of California at San Francisco.

However, researchers showed little of the bravura that reigned early in the epidemic, when many were convinced victory over AIDS was inevitable.

"It has outsmarted us so far, and most of us would predict it will continue to," said Dr. Mark Wainberg of McGill University in Montreal.

For now, many believe that keeping people from catching AIDS, largely through condom use, is the only practical way to control the epidemic, which continues to spread with alarming speed.

According to the World Health Organization, about 17 million people have been infected with HIV—three million in the last year alone. Africa is hardest hit, but the virus is starting to spread in Asia, the world's most populous continent.

Clearly AIDS will be a deadly foe for a long time. The International AIDS Society is planning more meetings like this one through the end of the century.

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New bowling leagues forming for fall-winter season

Sports Notes

Following are the weekly standings in the Houston bowling leagues:

Inner Loop Sunday Nite League shows Sisters of Dorothy in first place, with Lip Service in second place and Sticky Wickets in third. High Scratch Game of 258 and Series of 655 was bowled by Maude Adams for the men; game of 209 and series of 533 was bowled by Marla Aizenshtat for the women. For information about the fall league now forming, call Tom O'Dell at 522-9612.

Thursday Nite Mixers: first place—Penetrating Your Galaxy; second place—Pat & Company and third place, But You R Blanche You R. High Scratch Game of 259 was bowled by Mace Adams and series of 704 by Chris Bennett. For the women, Terry Shannon bowled

Scratch game of 247 and series of 598. For information about the fall league now forming, call Tom at 522-9612.

In the Montrose Monday Nite Men's League, the season roll-offs have begun with Ladies and the Tramp, Alley Trash, The Gutter Butter, Itchy Kitty, You Just Keep Going Girl, Team No. 6, Warped Speed Rollers and the End Users battling for first place, High Scratch Game of 256 and Series of 640 was bowled by Gerald Hagan. For league information, call 437-6218.

Monday Nite Women's League: Can't Bowl straight is in first place, followed by Maybe-Maybe Not in second and Lesberadas in third place. For fall league information, call 437-6218.

No Tap Doubles

A No Tap Candlelight Doubles Tour-

namment will be held this Saturday, Aug. 20 at 8:00 p.m. at Fairlanes Southway. Come join the Houston bowlers for their final tournament of the summer! Registration begins at 7:30 p.m.

New Leagues

New bowling leagues are now forming for the fall/winter session. Make your plans now and choose from the following leagues:

The Inner Loop League bowls Sundays (Practice at 6:45 and bowling at 7:00 p.m. at Palace lanes on Bellaire Blvd. The first meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 p.m. For information or an application, call Tom at 522-9612.

The Monday Night Women's League bowls Mondays at 6:15 p.m. at Fairlanes Southway (59 and Gessner). First meeting will be Monday, Sept. 12

at 6:00 p.m. For information or an application, call Marla at 862-3638.

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League is moving to Palace Lanes on Bellaire Blvd. and will begin bowling Monday, Sept. 19 at 9:00 p.m., with meeting at 6:00 p.m. for officer election and rules adoption. President Gardy Harvey says the move will enhance the league with a more convenient location and enable it to expand to occupy all 34 lanes. For more information, call Gardy at 641-5424.

The Thursday Nite Mixers will begin their new season on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 9:00 p.m. (meeting is at 8:00 p.m.). A new, more convenient location is being researched at this time and will be announced soon, representatives of the league said. For more information, call Tom at 522-9612.



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AIDS conference update scheduled; Montrose Counseling Center names new director for chemical dependency program

Health News Notes

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Admission is free to the general public, and a question and answer session is also included in the time frame, according to Dr. Joseph Gathe Jr., coordinator.

The International AIDS Conference Update will take place at the Wyndham Warwick Hotel, 5701 Main Street.

Chemical Dependency Program

Thomas M. Strain, LMSW, has been named the new Chemical Dependency Program Coordinator for Montrose Counseling Center in Houston. Strain has over four years experience providing both inpatient and outpatient therapy, primarily focusing on substance abuse and HIV issues.

MCC's Chemical Dependency Pro-

gram has been licensed by the State as an outpatient treatment facility since 1981. The program has always focused on providing services to the Gay and Lesbian community.

"Substance abuse is an extremely critical issue in our community. I am excited by the opportunity to direct a program whose services are targeted to Gays and Lesbians, especially a program with the tradition of Montrose Counseling Center," says Strain.

Ann Robinson, executive director of the Counseling Center, said: "Tom will be an excellent addition to our staff. Since he has been affiliated with M.C.C. throughout his professional counseling center, he will be able to make an immediate contribution to our program."

Services at the Counseling Center are provided on a sliding fee scale basis, which is dependent on both the client's and the Center's resources. The Chemical Dependency Program offers an Intensive Phase and a Supportive Phase of counseling. The Intensive Phase provides daily group sessions Monday through Friday, plus an individual session weekly. The Supportive Phase provides group sessions once per week, plus an individual session once per week.

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Brain death at the OK Corral: Gun and Knife Show places ignorance on public display

Biller's World

By STEVE BILLER
Empire Syndicate

If you, like so many intelligent and free-thinking people today, are fanatic about Nazi Germany, World War II, Hitler, fascism, dirty Jews or dead homosexuals, you'll wish you had been with me recently at the Gun & Knife Show here in Ft. Lauderdale.

I accompanied my father and a friend to the show at a place called the Armory, a transformed airplane hangar, where a caravansary of melon-bellied hicks with scraggly beards grunted astute phrases like, "This baby could sure fix the immigration problem in Miami."

Pardon my sweeping stereotypes, but my eyes were first drawn toward a tattered red Nazi flag, topped with a decrepit war helmet, also emblazoned with a heart-chilling swastika. That foreshadowed the two hours that followed.

For a \$4 admission fee, you're treated to a lesson in primitive U.S. culture: Deep South 101. Trust me, the folks in this class are anything but deep.

This event is exactly like a home show or a boat show, except the wares at the Armory can give you the ammo to level a house or blow a boat right out of the water. Just what every right-to-bear arms American needs to protect the home front, while the little lady bakes a hot apple pie—from scratch, of course.

I began prying a 9mm Glock. Not because I wanted one, but because I wanted to look cool among my fellow gun enthusiasts. The Glock model I was looking at is a popular sidearm among police officers and was a secondary for many Desert Storm soldiers. It costs about \$525 and included some bullets. The dealer was so spirited, he even offered to throw in a holster.

The savvy salesman was wearing a t-shirt that asked, "Is that the South I see rising?" I turned to the teen-aged sharp shooter beside me and said, "No, I believe what's rising is the stench from his body odor." And wouldn't you know it, the young lad laughed so hard he farted. He then smirked and walked away. Classy place, the Armory.

"What kind of shooting you planning on doing," asked the salesman, who looked like John Goodman but smelled like land fill.

"Oh, I don't know," I said in a blatantly phony drawl. "Homos, Jews, Abortion

doctors, the usual." (It's amazing I got out of there alive).

He belted out a laugh that sound like a big dumb dog seeing its own reflection in the mirror. He should have only known he was talking to a gay Jew who believes a woman's right to choose must be preserved.

I knew I wasn't offending the man. After all, next to his display of handguns was a rack of 60 different bumper stickers that assured me I was not guilty of false stereotyping. He led me to the stickers and nearly choked on his Red Man reading some out loud. He was so tickled that he offered me a few—if I purchased the Glock. Here are some which I could of chosen: "I am a secret member of the Ku Klux Klan." "Buy a gun, Piss off a liberal." "Clinton's military: A gay in every porthole, a fag in every foxhole." "I don't brake for gays, liberals, or anti-gunners." "Malcolm who?" (This one has a blue "X" decorated with white Confederate stars.) "Stop AIDS. Shoot Fags."

Now, understand: I don't have anything against people who purchase weapons for personal protection. However, in addition to the three-day waiting period and background check, I think the state should require sensitivity training. Within the first half hour at the gun show, I lost count of how many times I heard the words "nigger," "faggot" and "Jew."

It's this kind of bigotry that leads Neanderthals like Michael F. Griffin, a "pro-life" activist, to kill people like Dr. David Gunn, a Pensacola, Fla., women's clinic physician whose practice included abortion services.

What bothers me more than the "funny" bumper stickers is the simplicity of purchasing fully automatic weapons, such as an Uzi capable of firing 700 rounds in less time than it takes for me to order a pizza. Who needs this kind of weapon? And what thrifty consumer would drop nearly \$4,000 to buy one? What ever would it be used for? And shouldn't a person have to clear more than a simple three-day waiting period and background check? Why not a complete psychiatric examination?

Call me a liberal, but I think gun-control laws are even more wacky. When someone is permitted to carry a Smith & Wesson who also has a bumper sticker that reads, "Homos make good target practice," we really need to consider changing the law.

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Mendacity and the debate on universal health care

Yours Truly In A Swamp

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

Houston Voice/New Orleans

It is hard to believe that in 1994 America is still debating the wisdom of universal health care. A friend inside the Washington Beltway tells me, "It is not a health care debate, it is a who gets to profit how much debate."

The polls give us conflicting reports. More Americans indicate they want universal health care, they say, and fifty-three percent think the Republicans are an obstacle to this end. More Americans respond that they like the president's health care plan, when it is presented without his name attached. But they dislike it when told it is Clinton's plan. Obviously something squirrely is going on here.

The ostensible reasoning behind opposition is we—like some undeveloped nation—cannot afford our own health care, though we often provide health care to underdeveloped nations. Odd, isn't it?

We found zillions for post-World War II arms races, near-wars, and real wars. And we apparently will find additional millions to give Russia—the expressed object of our 50 years of unbridled budgets! Odd, isn't it?

We have probed the heavens and gathered Moon Rocks with an expensive space program that would have dazzled Jules Vern.

We found multi-millions of public dollars to bail out those who—after profiting from the savings and loan thefts—stood to lose it all. Is it not true? It was not the money changer's industry that covered its "free market" losses, it was/is the American taxpayer.

About one Savings and Loan collapse Republicans are repeatedly distressed. That is Madison/Whitewater, which lost Clinton's money. Why do they fret this one so much? Because it clouds the issue of government and of health care reform.

American taxpayers provide the world's very best health care to congressmen, senators and presidents, but not to themselves. Sometimes we treat the rich and powerful from distant corners of the planet. Conservatives think this proves we have no need to extend health care to all Americans. Truly an odd thought.

More oddly—or more deceptively—conservatives never mention how that treatment is, likely as not, in a hos-

pital built with American government subsidies, and administered by a staff trained with taxpayer assistance.

The great American playwright Tennessee Williams wrote in his masterpiece, "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" (a play about closeted-ness, self-deception and lies): "Don't you notice a powerful and obnoxious odor of mendacity in this room?" "Well, I smell mendacity all over this health care debate."

The legacy—the painful, destroying legacy—of the past 15 years of conservative rule in America is acceptance of the mendacious belief that government is not a tool for America to use solving America's problems. That is mendacity enough to fill a dozen plays, a hundred political pockets, a thousand insurance company's bank accounts, and a million undertaker's coffins.

Government is a tool for the use of people. What else could it be?

The question is what people? If government is a tool used by a few people who garner profits from government actions—and the insurance/health care industry is on this list—why is government not a tool for you and me?

What is fueling opposition to government as a means to universal health care? Greed, I think. In the words of John Lenin, "Too much is never enough." Consider the vast shift of wealth in the past fifteen years into the hands of a tiny percent of Americans, and foreign investors. A shift made possible by a conservative government's actions, and tax payer's money.

Is universal health care needed? You can bet your life and your prosperity on it. No one can move far enough, or fast enough, or build walls high enough to keep out the ill health that is growing in our country like kudzu. From AIDS to an ever expanding list of drug resistant infections, we are all at high risk for both the illness and the societal decline already under way.

It is mendacity of the highest order, championed by profiteers of the lowest order that is turning America from its own interest and moving us back to a pre-New Deal America of a few rich—subsidized by the labor of us all—and a lot of power drowning alone in a sea of "free enterprise."

Think about it. Vote. Change it. Or you and I may be dead. Without question, a healthy nation will be.

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"Last Night When We Were Young: The Ballad Album"

FRED HERSCH

What could AIDS and jazz possibly have in common? "When we look at illness as imagery, we don't see it at all," says Susan Sontag. So let's keep our heads: According to David Hajdu, a senior editor of Entertainment Weekly and a widely published writer on music and film, "AIDS is not jazz. AIDS is a disease; it is debilitating, it is deadly, and it has no cure. Jazz is, of course, purely music—yet it's a particular sort of music made by musicians who just so happen to be in a position to understand about the world of AIDS."

The jazz culture has lost its own share of lives cut short too soon. Why then has it taken so long for someone to mobilize an effort on the behalf of AIDS? Ironically, the answer is simple; no one asked. There was no leader in the jazz community interested until Fred Hersch conceived and produced "Last Night When We Were Young: The Ballad Album."

Mr. Hersch is a Grammy-nominated pianist with more than 80 albums to his credit as performer, composer, and/or producers. Hersch is not just abstractly empathetic to the plight of those with AIDS, he lives with the disease every day. "As someone who is both an artist and HIV-positive," explains Hersch, "I wanted to address the subject of AIDS and do something that's both expressive and constructive."

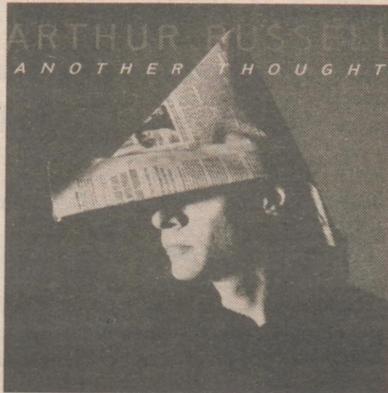
"Last Night When We Were Very Young" is an album of bittersweet themes: the preciousness of life and love in "This Is All I Ask," the hopeless speed of time "Last Night When We Were Young," the grieving of loss in "Memories of You," shatterability of hope in "Little Prayer."

"The mood of the album is quiet and reflective, and at times even romantic," notes Hersch. "We set out to capture that special time right on the cusp between reality and the world of the mind and heart."

Some really fine sax and piano work went into the first cut, "Midnight's Measure"/"In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning" with Jane Ira Bloom setting the mood for the remainder of the album. A favorite of mine was "Little Prayer" by Dave Catney, a Houston based artist (also HIV-positive), on piano and Sandra Dudley doing marvelous vocals. The arrangement is very touching. The rest of the album is equally as good and primarily instrumental. I think you will find this special album a great addition to your collection.

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"Another Thought"

ARTHUR RUSSELL

Arthur Russell was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa where he studied the cello and began to write his own tunes. In the early 1970's he moved to California and studied Indian music at the Ali Akbar Kaan School in San Francisco. There he began collaborations with poet Allen Ginsberg and would play cello music as Ginsberg read his poetry.

In the mid 1970's Russell moved to New York where he studied at the Manhattan School of Music and began to play in such places at The Kitchen and The Lower Manhattan Ocean Club. For a time he formed a group, The Flying Hearts with Ernie Brooks, Larry Saltzman and David Van Tiegham and together they produced some memorable pop/rock tunes.

At the same time Arthur began involvement with dance singles and was the producer of Sire Records first hit "Kiss Me Again," under the name Dinosaur.

Throughout the 1980's Arthur performed either accompanying himself on cello with numerous effects, or with small ensembles. This is the period of time which the Indian studies became apparent in his work.

Unfortunately Arthur died of AIDS on April 4, 1992, but throughout his life he strove to expand the bounds of his musical style and tastes. During his last days of his life he was attempting to record his newest songs for release on CD but it became apparent he would not finish the project. Upon his death, Point music's Mikel Rouse took over 800 reels of tape and compiled it into this presentation of "Another Thought."

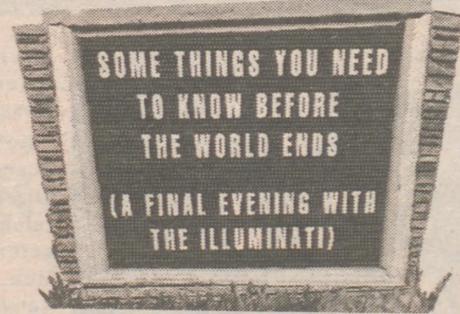
Russell's style is definitely not for everybody, but if you like innovative music, I think you will find this CD truly mind boggling. On the cut, "This Is How We Walk On The Moon" one would be reminded of the stylings of Laurie Anderson. Jennifer Warnes provided some additional vocals for "Keeping Up" making for the most harmonious cut on the CD. A very danceable cut, "My Tiger, My Timing" is again graced by the likes of Jennifer Warnes, Steven Hall and Joyce Bowden. But the primary focus of most cuts on this CD is simply Arthur Russell and his cello in unique arrangements; some with Indian percussion, some with rhythm machine dance beats and some with special vocal effects, but all worth a listen. FYI: Arthur left behind such a legacy of recorded music that there are to be future releases even after this.

To obtain a copy of the CD "Another Thought" by Arthur Russell contact Point Records at 1-800-648-4844. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this CD will be donated to Lifebeat: The Music Industry Fights AIDS. (See the ad in last week's issue of The Houston Voice on page 10). Point Records is the Classics and Jazz division of PolyGram Records.

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Entertainment Notes

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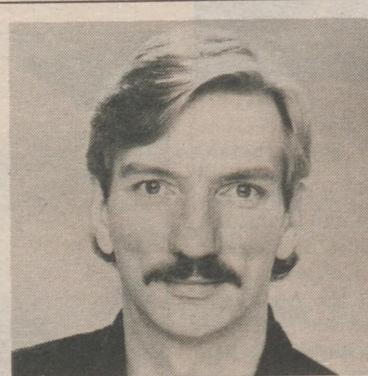
This play is for mature audiences. It deals with sexual material and contains adult language. For consideration of theater patrons, no late seating.

The play will be presented at Houston Skyline Theater, 1617 Fannin at Leland (in the Houston House Apartment Building—9th floor), Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., August 12—Sept. 3. Tickets are \$10.00.

Phone reservations may be made at Skyline Theater, (713) 759-0701. However, due to limited seating, prepaid ticket sales are recommended. For guaranteed seating, ticket orders and checks may be mailed to: Thompson-Rios, P.O. Box 572660, Houston, Texas 77257-2660.

The Trunk

Mark Allen Branson, Former National Theater of the Deaf Star, will be bringing his one man show, newly titled, "The Trunk" on Thursday, Sept. 1, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. to the Deaf Gays and Lesbians of the West (G.L.O.W.) Conference in Houston at the Heinen Theater (Houston Community College System—Central Campus, 1400 Holman & Austin). The show, which portrays various deaf character-through dramatic, semi-comedic sketches-illustrates the joys, hardships, and observations of life as a deaf person. Not only will it entertain the audience...but will fit into ;the main goal of the conference..."to increase awareness..." The show is performed in American Sign Language and will be voice for the



Mark Branson stars in "The Trunk," to be performed at Heinen Theater Sept. 1

hearing audiences. Following the performance, a reception will be held at the Wyndam Warwick Hotel. It will give audience members a chance to meet with Mr. Branson, and enjoy a beautiful view of Downtown Houston.

The GLOW Conference will run from Wednesday August 31st through Sept. 5th. There are many workshops and other social opportunities available to partici-

participate, including sightseeing trips and a trip to "Splash Day" at Galveston Stewart Beach.

Tickets for the show are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door, and can be obtained by contacting Scot Pott at (713) 528-3678 days/(713) 621-1103 evenings—call through relay Texas 1-800-735-2988 or Kareena Heath at (713) 869-4367. This performance is being sponsored by the Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf; Greater Houston Interpreter for the Deaf; and Illuminations Theater with the Deaf.

Last Splash

Texas playwright Gary Laird sets his third play on the clothing—optional beach at Lake Travis! It's "Last

Splash," last chance for a fun summer. Last day to enjoy nature, to get sun-burned and chigger-bit, and do some body watching. it's practically a gay holiday.

Goat Song, a Houston theater group, will premiere the new work Friday (Aug. 19) at Kuumba House.

Laird's two previous works, "The Doppler Effect" and "Christmas Present," have both been presented by Goat Song. Directing "Last Splash" is John Tate, who has directed Houston productions of "As Is," "Street Theatre" and "The Lisbon Traviata." In the cast are greg Brown, Stephen Burton, Roger Dieleman, Todd Greenfield, Scott Guidry and Samm Hill.

"Last Splash" will play Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., Aug. 19—Sept. 10, at Kuumba House, 3414 LaBranch and Holman. Tickets: \$10; Box office: 525-5960.

Casting Call

The Icon Factory, a Houston film and music video production company, is presently casting its first feature film project, to include, according to representatives, "the dramatic debut of Paul Lekakis."

The company is requesting head shots and resumes now and will be scheduling interview/auditions. Send to: David Cochran, Icon Factory, 3400 Montrose, Suite 504, Houston, Texas 77006.



Todd Greenfield, left, and Sam Hill in Goat Song's production of Gary Laird's "Last Splash"

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FEELS GOOD... NANANA... YEAH, WELL...

THAT CRAIG WE SAW YOU WITH THE OTHER NIGHT LOOKED FAIRLY ADORABLE.

OH, PUH-LEEZE... HE TURNED OUT TO BE A REAL DRIP. HE'S MORE CONCERNED WITH THE STATE OF HIS HAIR THAN ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE GOING ON IN THE WORLD. LEAST OF ALL ME.

WELL TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH HE DIDN'T REALLY SEEM LIKE YOUR TYPE... HE LOOKED KIND OF VACANT... AND HE WAS WEARING WAY TOO MUCH COLOGNE.

TELL ME ABOUT IT. I FELT LIKE I WAS TRAPPED IN THE MEN'S FRAGRANCE DEPARTMENT AT SAKS' ALL NIGHT LONG.

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OH MAN... (SIGH) HE WAS REALLY HOT STUFF... BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO EACH OTHER OUT OF BED. ANYWAY, HE AND HIS EX GOT BACK TOGETHER. I HEAR THEY'RE MOVING TO SEATTLE...

HEY, HAVE YOU TALKED TO YOUR EX LATELY? I MEAN, CIVILLY?

NAH, WE AGREED TO NOT SEE EACH OTHER FOR A MONTH. Y'KNOW, I'M THINKING THAT MAYBE I DON'T WANNA SEE ANYONE FOR A WHILE. I NEED TO LEARN HOW TO BE COMFORTABLE BEING ALONE... QUIT AVOIDING MYSELF.

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HGLPC building up for long range plan, monitoring Congressional bills; endorsement meeting is Sept. 7

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus board of trustees voted at its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Aug. 10, to expend the funds necessary to purchase a new computer to support its recently launched "Campaign for Civil Rights." The Campaign, which the HGLPC outlined this summer, is a long range plan to identify, target and educate 100,000 lesbian and gay voters in Houston. The caucus hopes to have its first test mailing to approximately one third of those voters shortly after the first of the year.

The project will move into high gear with the purchase of the new equipment, said caucus president Terri Richardson.

"We are moving into the 21st Century, and not a minute too soon," Richardson said. "The right wing is beating us with technology. We have got to be serious about counterattacks and offensive strikes at the weak, religionist positions, and the best way to do that is to develop our own system with our own technology."

In other news from HGLPC: Four bills in front of Congress, considered to be of critical importance to the gay and lesbian community, are currently being monitored.

AIDS Cure Act

The AIDS Cure Act (HR 4370) was endorsed by the Caucus at its Aug. 3 general meeting. The organization is calling on Houston area Congressional representatives to sign on as co-sponsors of the bill, which calls for the establishment of a centralized research center dedicated to finding a cure for AIDS.

ENDA

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 (ENDA) was introduced in June to remedy a gap in federal non-discrimination protection. federal law currently protects employees from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, age and disability. Small businesses, religious organizations and the military are exempt.

ENDA has received tremendous support from civil rights, religious and labor leaders, and enjoys bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate. Detailed information

on ENDA is available from the HGLPC.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Senators Bob Smith (R-NH) and Jesse Helms (R-NC) introduced an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that would ban federal funds to be used in schools that "carry out a program or activity that has either the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive alternative lifestyle." A similar provision passed in the House of Representatives earlier this year.

The measure, which would block counseling, referral of students to outside organizations and the distribution of instructional materials (including HIV/AIDS educational materials) would have a devastating effect on the lives of gay and lesbian youth if it is signed into law.

The HGLPC is working to lobby the House/Senate conference committee members to strike the Helms/Smith language from the bill. Local Rep. Gene Green, as a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, could be placed on the conference committee.

Health Security Act

The health care reform packages being debated in Congress are important to the gay and lesbian community, as they are to all Americans. Both the Gephardt bill in the House and the Mitchell bill in the Senate bar discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"In a recent survey, nine out of ten physicians reported observing anti-gay bias in patient care," said HGLPC president Richardson. "For this reason, it is critical that sexual orientation remain in the anti-discrimination language of whatever reform bill passes."

To find out more about the Campaign for Civil Rights or any other Caucus project, or to find out how to get involved with these projects, call HGLPC at 521-1000 or attend a general membership meeting, held the first Wednesday of every month. The next regular meeting, which will be the candidate endorsement meeting for the Nov. 8 election, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 7 at the Stouffer Presidente Hotel in Greenway Plaza. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Westin Hotels to host 'Up On the Roof' benefit

Quick Notes

The Westin Hotels of Houston will be hosting "Up On The Roof," Thursday, Aug. 25, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is the second pre-walk benefiting AIDS Foundation Houston's From All Walks of Life, the upcoming sixth annual Walk-Run-and-Roll-A-Thon.

"Up On The Roof" will offer one complimentary cocktail and a lavish hors d'oeuvres display to all who attend. Music will be provided by the Westin's house band, Fahrenheit. The party

will take place on the roof of the Westin Oaks Hotel, 5011 Westheimer.

"We are delighted to be able to help" stated Ray Sylvester, managing director of the two Westin Hotels and host of the event. "We have always participated in the Walk itself, but this is the first pre-walk event we have hosted. It will be a fun evening for an important cause."

The cover charge for this event is \$5 per person. All proceeds will benefit AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. For more information or to confirm attendance, call (713) 626-WALK.

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A: People differ passionately about what the Bible actually teaches. It is important to know how to study to know the truth. What determines who is right in their interpretation depends on how one reads the Bible. Some people say that we should take the Bible as it reads and not "interpret" it. But "interpretation" simply means getting the meaning out of a text. For a reading to have meaning, it must pass through someone's mind.

It is important to pay attention to the different ways of reading a text in the Bible. The words might suggest one thing to us in

the Twentieth Century but have meant something very different to the people who wrote them long ago.

Take an example from the Bible. In three of the Gospels—Matthew 19:24, Mark 10:25 and Luke 18:25—Jesus says, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." It sounds as if nobody who had lots of money could ever get into heaven, for certainly no camel could ever get through a needle's eye. At least that's what this saying suggests to us.

But in Jerusalem there was a very low and narrow gate through the city wall. When a caravan entered through that gate, the camels had to be unloaded, led through the gate crouching down, and then reloaded inside the city wall. The gate was called "the eye of the needle."

So what was Jesus saying? Understand something about his everyday world, and his meaning is obvious. Jesus was simply saying that it would be hard for the rich to get to heaven. They might first have to unload their material concerns. Jesus was again preaching his Sermon-on-the-Mount message about simplicity of life and single-heartedness.

The Gospels recount that the disciples objected to Jesus' teaching about the eye of the needle. "Then who could be saved?" they protested. And Jesus responded that nothing is impossible with God.

So you could take Jesus' teaching to apply to a real physical impossibility, to a real camel passing through the eye of a real needle. You could insist that God could work a miracle, if God wanted to. You could insist that this text is actually about trusting God to do what seems impossible. And your interpretation would, indeed, fit the text.

But now we have two very different interpretations. And we have two very different pictures—not only of the text in question but also different pictures of God, of Jesus and of religious faith. One interpretation appeals to miracles. It portrays a God who intervenes to suspend the laws of the universe, and it sees Jesus as teaching faith in such a God. This interpretation presents a picture of people entering heaven because God stepped in to work a miracle in their lives. The other interpretation appeals to Divine Providence. It portrays a God who works through the ordinary functioning of the universe, and it sees Jesus calling us to live responsibly in this world. This other interpretation presents a picture of people entering heaven because they unloaded the false concerns that burden their lives. Both pictures do allow that God is guiding our lives and our world. Is one approach better than the other? Stay tuned next week as we look at two different approaches to interpreting the Bible: 1. The Literal Reading, and 2. The Historical-Critical Reading.

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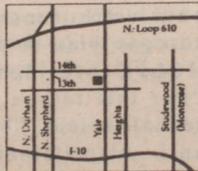
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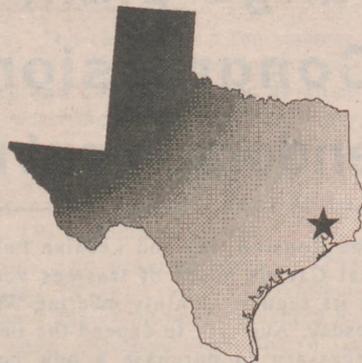
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Gay Men's Chorus of Houston seeks new members; AFH classes announced; MCCR schedules seminar on 'God, Gays and the Bible'

Quick Notes

If you can carry a tune and you're looking for one of the most enthusiastic and empowering social groups in town, the Gay Men's Chorus wants you!

"We finished last season with about 60 active members and we'd like to get that number up past 90 for this fall's holiday concerts," says incoming president Ed Gumnick. "Musically, we're on a growth curve that promises to put us among the strongest gay and lesbian choruses in the nation."

GMCH has ambitious plans for this season. For the first time, a Spring concert will be added to its regular annual Holiday and Pride concert events. The Chorus has also expanded the season to include performances of its Holiday and Pride concerts in Galveston's glorious 1894 Grand Opera House. In addition, the Chorus will put the finishing touches on its first compact disc, scheduled for release in Sept. 1995.

Last season GMCH more than double its active membership, completed the first of two recording sessions for its compact disc project, and continued to draw tears, cheers, and standing ovation from enthusiastic audiences in the Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. For the second year in a row, the Chorus took top honors in the Houston Gay Pride Parade float competition and performed at the post-parade rally.

Rehearsals for the 1994-95 season begin Thursday, Sept. 8th at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 2515 Waugh. Weekly rehearsals are held Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Singing membership is open to men who can carry a tune. Non-singing membership is open to anyone who supports the Chorus' goals of pride, outreach, and understanding between gays, lesbians and the community at large. For more information, call (713) 521-SING (7464).

AFH Program Series

AIDS Foundation Houston's (AFH) Wellness Program is sponsoring a series of programs this week targeting people living with HIV. On Tuesday, Aug. 23, they will present their monthly sexual awareness class, "Erotic, Safer Choices."

On the following night (Wednesday, Aug. 24), psychotherapist Bob Glazier will lead a workshop exploring the connection between "Self Esteem, Empowerment and Good Health." These AFH wellness classes are held at the AFH office, 3202 Wesleyan Annex, and are offered free of charge. Classes begin at 7:00 p.m.

The "Stop Smoking Class," an eight week course beginning Aug. 31 and Self Hypnosis Classes require pre-registration. For any questions, or to receive the free monthly Wellness Calendar, contact Bart Loeser at AFH, (713) 623-6796.

MCCR Seminar

Everyone has heard what the Bible is suppose to say about homosexuality; that it is a sin, that it is an abomination and that you are not loved. And then there is what the Fundamentalists and Far-right say "...". But what does the Bible really say about homosexuality, Sodomy and Gomorrah, Ruth and Naomi, David and Jonathan and what Jesus said on the subject?

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) will explore the answers to these questions when it presents "In God's Name—God, Gays and the Bible" on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Rev. Ralph Lasher will conduct the seminar. There is no charge to attend.

Rev. Lasher was an Episcopal priest who was asked to resign from the church 35 years ago after he announced he was gay. Today, he is the executive director of Houston's Montrose Clinic and serves as a member of the pastoral staff at MCCR.

MCCR presents this seminar twice a year as part of its Resurrection Education Series. Attendees may bring sack lunches or call MCCR at (713) 861-9149 to reserve a Box Lunch for \$5. An RSVP is required for the box lunch. It is suggested that you call ahead for the seminar, since this is the most popular class that is offered in the Resurrection Education Series. MCCR is located at 1919 Decatur at Washington and White and between Houston and Studebaker/Montrose Blvd. For more information call (713) 861-9149.

Community Meetings and Events

CROSSROADS, a support group for gays and lesbians who are currently or formerly in full time church work, meets once a month, usually in a member's home. The meetings are held on Saturdays, however, the schedule may change from month to month. The group is not exclusively for pastor and ministers; it is an inclusive of music, youth and educational directors; musicians, chaplains, counselors; administrators and evangelists. One need not be licensed, ordained or degreed to attend, according to co-facilitator Johnny Peden, M.Div. For more information or to find out when and where the next meeting will be held, call 802-1056.

—The CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL of Houston and Harris County invites all persons who work in the arts to "Arts After Hours," a monthly networking social. The event will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at MESA, A Taste of Santa Fe restaurant in the River Oaks Center, 1971 West Gray. Come get acquainted with others working in the arts and feel free to bring promotional materials; there will be free hors d'oeuvres and a "happy hour" cash bar. For more details, call 527-9330.

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'Sincerity Forever' is enticing, funny and thought-provoking

Theater Review

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

In explaining his interpretation of "Sincerity Forever," a new play by Mac Wellman being presented by Stageworks at the Heights Theater, director Wayne Wilden states that the playwright is perhaps admonishing his audience to be wary of "those who follow the strength of their convictions" for they "may be potentially the most dangerous." While I certainly agree with this assessment and found the production to be thoroughly enjoyable, I also found the structure of Wellman's work to be lacking in imagination, his general tone to be a tad too moralizing and his "message" to be laden with mixed signals.

The play is essentially a series of brief conversations, each occurring between two individuals. Most of the characters are young members of the Invisible Nation, ersatz Ku Klux Klan, who wax philosophically on the meaning of life, yet contemplate with inanities such as "What if I'm not really me?" All of these conversations take place in the front seat of an old model Ford just outside Hillsbottom, U.S.A.

First Judy (Amanda Winn) and Molly (Audra Blohm), then Tom (Boyd Lawrence) and Hank (Josh Morrison), and then Judy and George (Jason Lee) idle away some time discussing their ignorance of most pertinent things in the world but happily so

because of their "absolute sincerity." Only the discourse between Judy and George manages to touch on garden-variety topics, in this case—young love.

This blissfully ignorant existence would have continued were it not for the arrival of two Mystic Furballs (Patrick West and Patrick Reynolds). These Luciferian lackeys arrive in Hillsbottom with the stated purpose of confusing the lives of the denizens. And with caustic commentary and gratuitous gutter language they proceed to do just that.

Thus we see Judy and Molly in a repeat of their first conversation, except this time many of their respective lines are exchanged for those said earlier by the other or for those said by one of the two Furballs. Also we see Tom and Lloyd (Alex Stutler) repeating verbatim the courtship conversation held earlier by Judy and George.

The confusion leads, predictably enough, to confrontation, and I'll things seem headed for calamity until Jesus H. Christ (Kelley Dianne Smith) takes an active role in the situation.

For the most part, Wellman's play succeeds. The playwright not only skewers small town



Patrick West as a Mystic Furball in "Sincerity Forever"

racism wrapped in justice and the American flag, he also decries the blind faith which leads so many to follow meekly, and he does all this in a refreshingly original and undeniably funny context. Sadly, in devising his work he offers no insight or explanation into his characters. Nothing is ever said about what nefarious escapades these white-hooded young people may be plotting. Perhaps it could be argued that no elaboration is necessary given their garb, but some further lucidity on the reason for these parked car conversations would have been helpful.

Wellman also seems to forget the impact his Furballs have on the town. We know they infest the populace, allowing confusion to reign, and in the process convey to the locals some of the baser notions of the town held by the Furballs. Yet Christ pro-

claims her presence is due to the arrival of the Furballs in the town. This being the case, the Lord would have been better off with a laissez-faire policy, because the Furballs impart a decided improvement on the attitude of the townspeople.

Wellman further diminishes the impact of his work with the regurgitated conversations and the content thereof. Actually in the case of Judy and Molly it works well.

The repetition illustrates the growing influence of the Furballs. However, when it comes to Tom and Lloyd, Wellman appears to be doing nothing more than making fun of romance. Beyond that all the human characters are surprisingly and unfittingly articulate.

Finally, Wellman pontificates excessively (and takes ill-advised aim) when Christ rails on the insignificance of Earth and in particular America's moral place on the planet. The critical jabs would have been better received had they spoken specifically to the egregious self-righteousness of fundamentalists (of whatever religion). By taking issue with America as a whole (or even as a concept), Wellman sounds like nothing more than the heap of malcontents spouting radical rhetoric we've all heard before.

Fortunately, the production

reached a higher level than the material. Wilden's directing is exemplary. The staging conventions are minimal with even the pyrotechnics utilized in subdued fashion. The piece works for itself and Wilden allows it to do so.

The acting is on good solid footing. Amanda Winn and Audra Blohm are ideal as budding backwater matrons. Each employs a slight twang in her delivery and each smoothly transforms into a foul-mouthed bitch when those Furballs go to work. Patrick West and Patrick Reynolds both convey a rancid, disgusting presence as the Furballs. The best performance comes from Josh Morrison whose rendering of Hank is an invigorating combination of a good-ole boy hick and a roaring Bible thumper.

Boyd Lawrence, Jason Lee, Alex Stutler and Kelley Dianne Smith all gave adequate if uninspired turns in their respective roles, though Lawrence and Smith seemed ridiculously stiff a large part of the time.

"Sincerity Forever" is a play that invites examination and interpretation—and those are the best type of play. Though I have reservations with several aspects of the work, make no mistake—this play is an enticing, funny and thought-provoking piece that is well worth catching.

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Rice U. Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association awards scholarships

Quick Notes

The Rice University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association has announced that Angela G. Boswell and Stephen da Silva are recipients of \$500 scholarships for the 1994-95 academic year.

The Rice Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association created the scholarship fund to recognize and reward Rice University students for service to and participation in the gay and lesbian community, both on campus and in the community at large. Students can qualify for a scholarship through a wide range of activities including participation and/or leadership in groups or organizations; research and other scholarly activities; and personal involvement in issues of concern to the gay and lesbian community.

Boswell is a graduate student in history at Rice. She is active in a number of organizations, including the Austin Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (ALGPC), Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), and Gays and Lesbians of Rice (GALOR). She is also helping to organize a gay and lesbian alumni group for her alma mater, Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.

Da Silva is a graduate student in the English Department. His primary research interest is in late 19th and early 20th century British literature and gay/lesbian theory.

This fall, da Silva is teaching a course at Rice on gay and lesbian studies. It is the first time such a course has been offered at Rice University.

For more information on the gay and lesbian scholarship program at Rice, contact Neal Tannahill at (713) 526-6718.

Concert at Community Gospel Church

If there is one thing Pentecostal churches are famous for, it is their music. Community Gospel Church here in Houston has hosted a number of Gospel concerts, including its annual "Make a Joyful Noise." This Sunday evening, Aug. 21, at 7:00 p.m., the church will continue its tradition with Ronnie Farrington and the These Are They Gospel Ensemble, who will be ministering in song at Community Gospel, located at 501 East 18th Street in the Heights. The community is invited and there is no admission charge, but a love offering will be received for the ensemble. For additional information, please call 880-9235.

New bowling leagues forming for fall-winter season

Sports Notes

Following are the weekly standings in the Houston bowling leagues:

Inner Loop Sunday Nite League shows Sisters of Dorothy in first place, with Lip Service in second place and Sticky Wickets in third. High Scratch Game of 258 and Series of 655 was bowled by Maude Adams for the men; game of 209 and series of 533 was bowled by Marla Aizenshtat for the women. For information about the fall league now forming, call Tom O'Dell at 522-9612.

Thursday Nite Mixers: first place—Penetrating Your Galaxy; second place—Pat & Company and third place, But You R Blanche You R. High Scratch Game of 259 was bowled by Mace Adams and series of 704 by Chris Bennett. For the women, Terry Shannon bowled Scratch game of 247 and series of 598. For information about the fall league now forming, call Tom at 522-9612.

In the Montrose Monday Nite Men's League, the season roll-offs have begun with Ladies and the Tramp, Alley Trash, The Gutter Butter, Itchy Kitty, You Just Keep Going Girl, Team No. 6, Warped Speed Rollers and the End Users battling for first place, High Scratch Game of 256 and Series of 640 was bowled by Gerald Hagan. For league information, call 437-6218.

Monday Nite Women's League: Can't Bowl straight is in first place, followed by Maybe-Maybe Not in second and Lesberadas in third place. For fall league information, call 437-6218.

No Tap Doubles

A No Tap Candlelight Doubles Tour-

nament will be held this Saturday, Aug. 20 at 8:00 p.m. at Fairlanes Southway. Come join the Houston bowlers for their final tournament of the summer! Registration begins at 7:30 p.m.

New Leagues

New bowling leagues are now forming for the fall/winter session. Make your plans now and choose from the following leagues:

The Inner Loop League bowls Sundays (Practice at 6:45 and bowling at 7:00 p.m. at Palace lanes on Bellaire Blvd. The first meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 p.m. For information or an application, call Tom at 522-9612.

The Monday Night Women's League bowls Mondays at 6:15 p.m. at Fairlanes Southway (59 and Gessner). First meeting will be Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m. For information or an application, call Marla at 862-3638.

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League is moving to Palace Lanes on Bellaire Blvd. and will begin bowling Monday, Sept. 19 at 9:00 p.m., with meeting at 6:00 p.m. for officer-election and rules adoption. President Gardy Harvey says the move will enhance the league with a more convenient location and enable it to expand to occupy all 34 lanes. For more information, call Gardy at 641-5424.

The Thursday Nite Mixers will begin their new season on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 9:00 p.m. (meeting is at 8:00 p.m.). A new, more convenient location is being researched at this time and will be announced soon, representatives of the league said. For more information, call Tom at 522-9612.

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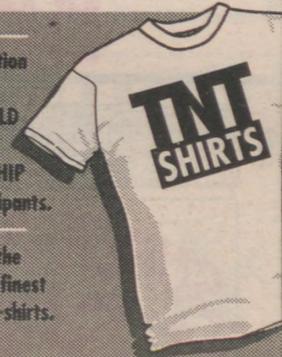
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National-International news briefs: Notes from all over

The Associated Press

Green Bay, Wis.

Three lesbian couples, including two Suamico women whose adoption case reached the Wisconsin Supreme Court, have been denied permission to fill out marriage license forms.

The couples were refused service at the county clerk's office Thursday after waiting an hour, said Georgina Grinkey, who sought the license with Annette Grinkey.

Chief Deputy Clerk Jan Matzke said county clerk guidelines from the state Department of Health and Social Services prohibit licenses for same-sex marriages.

The Grinkeys said they want the right to marry because it was a key issue in the State Supreme Court's decision in June to deny Annette's adoption of Angel, Georgina's 8-year-old daughter. The couple had not applied for a marriage license before.

"The Supreme Court gave us no other way to go," Georgina Grinkey said.

She said nothing in Wisconsin statutes prohibits same-sex marriages.

"For us, as a couple, this is an extension of our adoption effort," Grinkey said. "It's very personal to us. We love our little family and we'll go

to all lengths to make it secure and legal."

Portland, Maine

The leader of a statewide referendum campaign against gay rights was joined by her family in signing the last petition at City Hall on Friday.

More than 67,000 signatures were collected, providing more than enough petitions to put the issue to a vote, said Carolyn Cosby, chairperson of Concerned Maine Families.

"We've been waiting a long time for this," Mrs. Cosby said as she, her husband and daughter signed the last petition.

The referendum would rescind a gay rights ordinance in Portland and any other local laws guaranteeing homosexual rights.

Portland's law forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations. It allows victims of discrimination to sue.

"We do not recognize, nor do the courts, that gays should receive protected minority status," Cosby said Friday.

Concerned Maine Families must to collect 52,308 signatures to put the referendum on the ballot. All of the signatures will be delivered to the

secretary of state later this month, she said.

Hobart, Australia

Gay activists refused Friday to lift a nationwide boycott on food and drink products made in Tasmania state in protest over a law which prohibits homosexual activity.

The boycott was imposed in July. It came after the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva in April found that the Tasmanian law, which has been on the statute books for generations, breached human rights.

The Tasmanian state government has refused to repeal the legislation even though it has not been enforced for many years. Other Australian states repealed similar laws long ago.

Gay activists consider the law a symbol of repression and have asked consumers to stop buying Tasmanian food and drink products as a means of pressuring the Tasmanian government into changing its mind.

They are also lobbying Australia's federal government to override the controversial law.

The federal Justice Minister told gay activists that the national Cabinet would consider such action later this month.

Lewiston, Idaho

A Nez Perce County group against the Idaho Citizens Alliance's anti-gay rights initiative has launched its organizing campaign.

Elizabeth Brandt of Moscow, president of Latah-Nez Perce Voices for Human Rights, said a separate Nez Perce County organization will be formed if enough people become involved.

Tina Alexanderson of Lewiston said it will meet regularly through the November election.

"This is an effort on the part of the radical right to take away our independence and impose discrimination against us," she told about 30 people.

The initiative would prohibit state and local governments from granting minority status to homosexuals and bar public school teachers from portraying homosexuality as acceptable behavior.

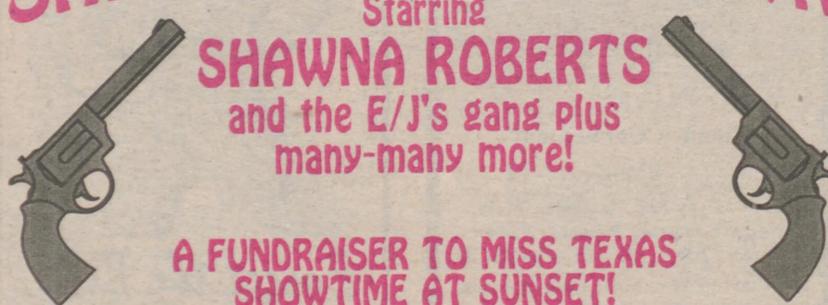
It also would forbid state money from being spent to express approval of homosexuality and limit access to library materials addressing homosexuality to adults.

According to the Nez Perce County auditor's office, 736 registered voters signed the petitions.

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Gay rights television commercial filmed in Dallas

(Dallas)—A Texas-based non-profit organization that aims to improve the image and acceptance of gay, lesbian and bisexual people in mainstream, "Heartland" America, has latched onto what could be the fastest way to reach the broadest mainstream audience with a pro-gay message: a 30-second television commercial.

The Alliance for Progress, a Dallas-based nonprofit organization, in conjunction with WPI Productions, shot its first television commercial, titled "Sunday Morning" in various Dallas locations, including the home of Human Rights Campaign Fund board member Lory Masters.

"Sunday Morning," similar in design to Roger Ailes' 1984 Presidential commercial entitled "Morning in America," depicts the daily lives of lesbian and gay people through a chronological series of vignettes. The images are intended to show

that "the lesbian and gay community share the same values of family, religion, patriotism, and economic success as the heterosexual community," according to the AFP.

"It's important that the lesbian and gay community educate parents, grandparents, friends, coworkers, and neighbors to the fact that the majority of lesbians and gays live normal everyday lives, except with a same-gender partner. The most cost-effective way to inform them is through 30-second television commercials aired into their homes," stated co-founder Christopher Parman. "It's a simple message to counteract the Radical Rights' propaganda to heterosexuals that



The Dallas-based Alliance for Progress has launched a campaign of 30-second television commercials focusing on "similarities" of gays and non-gays

lesbians and gays are sexual deviants out to spread AIDS and molest children.

AFP plans to air the ad before September in a Midwestern state which is home to a Radical Right fanatic known for his attacks upon the lesbian and gay community. Soon thereafter, AFP will air Sunday Morning and other educational com-

mercials throughout the Heartland, including your community.

"These commercials have been designed with three goals in mind," said Parman. "First, educate the heterosexual community that like it, the lesbian and gay community is mostly mainstream, so that the negative stereotypes spread by the Radical Right will be negated. Second, show that the harsh reality of discrimination,

hatred, and violence against lesbians necessitates legal protection. Finally, to cut the alarming rate of teen suicides we must provide positive role models proclaiming that it is OK to be gay."

"We must stop the discrimination and violence against gays," state co-founder Jon

Mourot. "AFP's commercials will play an important role in countering the atmosphere of fear and hate engendered by the Radical Right. We intend to take on these malevolent groups nationwide. The public will finally see truthful portrayals of our community. Our community will finally see public affirmations of its value and role in society."

Parman said AFP needs financial support from the community to effectively implement its advertising campaign. To inquire about obtaining videotapes of the commercial, hosting community fundraisers or to make a financial donation contact Jon Etienne Mourot at Alliance For Progress, The Centrum, Suite 700, 3102 Oak Lawn Ave., Dallas, TX 75219-4272. For more information call 1-800-520-4237 or in Dallas, (214) 520-2205. AFP may also be reached by electronic mail at AFProgress@aol.com.

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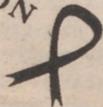
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'Gay Comedy Jam' at the Laff Stop was a hoot; FIST hanging colors at Pacific Street Sunday



Recording artist "Miranda" with Heaven's manager, Norman Bisch

Houston Soap, Part 1

By CAROLYN LARSON
Houston Voice/Houston

Last Week:

I laughed a lot these past few days! Sunday at the Ranch, Nancy Ford had her First Annual Mid-Life Crisis... and I helped! This was a "star-studded" evening of song, dance and laughter! One of the hi-lites of the evening was when Julia "It's Pat" Sweeny of the Saturday Night Live fame strolled out on the stage! You know, Pat looks the same in "real life" as Pat looks like on TV. Pat helped pull raffle tickets and Nancy serenaded Pat for all of us to watch! If Nancy had not had her crisis yet, she should have had one by the end of the show! This event was a fundraiser for the AIDS Foundation Houston! The monies collected are earmarked for purchasing and distribution of safer-sex supplies for lesbians. According to Bart Loeser, \$3253 was raised!! Congrats to all involved, and a Happy Birthday to Nancy! Maybe next year you will let me spank you!!

You never know what you will find at Heaven. This past Friday night, Hot Underground House recording artist Miranda was in town for a concert and popped into Heaven and performed her smash hit "Your Love is So Divine." Miranda surprised the crowd with her incredible a capella talents!

The Venture-N was packed with Bears last Saturday night. The Pet Patrol and The Court's Coronation fund were the recipients of over \$1000. Thanks to all who participated in this ever so fuzzy event!

Congrats to the Sundance Cattle Company on their Anniversary Weekend! The run was full of fun and surprises!

Last Weekend's car wash and Church Lady Revue (Miss Damita Jo) raised over \$750! These guys and girls are always raising funds for various charities! Keep up the good work!

This past Monday, I went to the Laff Stop to see Kevin Maye, Scott Kennedy, Nancy Ford and Tom Hester! My face hurts from laughing so hard! d'Artagnan went with me; he had never been before. Kevin and Scott did the "Gay Dating Game" and I drug d'Artagnan up to the stage! I love to do stuff like that! Thanks to the Laff Stop for hosting the Gay Freedom Comedy Jam!

Friday, August 19

Paivi hosts a Strip contest at E/J's tonight at 11:00 p.m.

This weekend Rich's celebrates their 11th Anniversary! The weekend starts off with a Trash Disco party! In honor of this auspicious occasion, Rich's is having 11¢ drinks all night long! Talk about a cheap high!!

"It's a Fact, Jack; the 'Black' is



Montrose Mining Co. management staff (L-R) Charlie, Aaron and David

Back!" Brian Black and his band are back at the Brazos River Bottom tonight at 10:30 p.m. Dust off your boots, 'cause it's time to scoot!

The "Black Weekend" starts off at Pacific Street tonight! The doors open at 7:00 p.m. At 10:00 pm a leather fashion show will be featuring the fashions of Leather by Boots. The models will be some of the hot cage dancers and a few of the lovely girls of FIST!

Saturday, August 20

If you want to attend the Birthday party of the "year," be sure to go to the BriarPatch tonight! They are pulling out all the stops for a "surprise" party for Wayne. He is refusing to say how old he is, but rumor is it is a BIG one!

Club 403 has the delightful talents of Tommie Ross, Naomi Warwick, and Shasah Boom on stage tonight at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 21

I'm glad this day is finally here! Tonight the girls of FIST (Females in Search of Trouble) are officially "Hanging" our Colors at Pacific Street! There will be cocktail parties, food, and of course a demo or two! Please join us in this "earth shattering" event! (Yeah, an ALL female club calling PS our home!! Who ever thought PS was not female friendly is sorely mistaken!)

Shawna's Showdown is tonight at E/J's. She will be sharing the stage with the E/J's gang and many more. This is a fundraiser for Miss Texas. The show starts at sundown!

The Club Houston is having a Moonlight Swim Party tonight! The festivities start at 10:30 pm with a special secret DJ, catered Hawaiian buffet, beverages, door prizes, random drawings and a Grand Prize Giveaway! Damion is even offering Hawaiian Coconut Butter Massages. I wish I could go to this party! I wonder if lei's will be available?

Rich's Anniversary weekend continues with one final blow out! Beer Bust on the Patio! From 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm you can enjoy cold draft beer, frozen drinks and the humpy homo dancers! Guess what? There is NO cover! The Tropic Sound band takes the



That is sure a pretty dress!

stage at 8:30 p.m. The T-Dance starts at 7:00 pm when the doors to Rich's (inside) swing open.

Gentry's presents: "In Living Color V," a benefit for the Pet Patrol! Mr Gerald Ennis, candidate for Mr. TGRA takes the stage at 9:00 p.m.

On Sunday nights, DAVID hosts his "Kinky Bingo" at 8:00 p.m. Some of the games include "Big Box," "Four Corners," "Horizontal Bingo," and the ever so popular "Small Box." It is a blast! Bingo is Free at the BriarPatch!

Mr. Virgil Burke, Candidate for Mr. TGRA 95 presents the one and only "Church of the Neon Cactus Amazing Grace" at the Brazos River Bottom. He takes the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Lots of stuff happening at Mary's (naturally) today! First, The Wolf Pack is hosting brunch starting at 10:00 a.m. The menu is Lasagne and such! Starting at 5:00 pm the guys and girls from Deaf GLOW (Deaf Gay and Lesbians of West) are guest bartending! SO, go early and stay all day!

The 611 Hyde Park Pub has free brunch every Sunday at Noon. Dennis and the guys keep the grittles coming until 2:00 p.m.

Hal and Jim cook up a mountain of food every Sunday at the Venture-N. This week the time changes to 5:00 p.m. Get there early and stay all night!

Monday, August 22

Bill over at the Montrose Mining Company puts on a great Pool Tournament on Monday nights. Single well drinks and Domestic Longnecks are only \$1.75 all day and all night.

Want to dish? Need to talk about your lover? Tell Vanna things you would only tell your hairdresser! Hairburn prices at Gentry's from 2:00 pm until 5:00 p.m.

The Brazos River Bottom has Happy Hour prices all day and all night every Monday!

It is Martini Mania Monday at the Triangle Restaurant and Club! Skyy Vodka Martinis are only \$3 and they come in 12 flavors!

Tuesday, August 23

Houston's Hot week night party just got bigger. Super Tuesday's at J.R.'s now offer \$1.75 well drinks and \$1.75

longnecks—all night long. Plus Kofi emcees the 11:00 pm jockey shorts contest. Don't miss your chance to win a trip for 2 to Aruba. You can register to win every Tuesday night in August for the grand prize drawing to be held August 30, courtesy of our friends at Travel Heights.

Do you have a "talent?" Do you have a new act you want to try? Head over to E/J's for their Amateur Talent night. The lovely Brittany Paige hosts this weekly event tonight at 10:30 p.m.

The Firedancers are Guest Bartending on the Patio of Mary's tonight! I wonder if they will have enough cold cuervo for me?

This Tuesday and every Tuesday the Triangle Restaurant and Club has a "Strip to your Skivvies" contest! Grab a pair of Jockey's or boxers and maybe you can win the first prize (\$150.)

Wednesday, August 24

You can be one of the first to see what is sure to be this summer's most popular gay film: "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." Heaven is sponsoring a sneak preview tonight at 7:30 pm at the River Oaks 3. Passes are available at the Crossroads market that are good for you and a friend to see the movie and attend the official after party at Heaven.

Miss Gay Texas Dyan Michaels host the weekly Strip Contest at Gentry's tonight! Grab your g-string and enter! You just might win!

It is White Hot Hump night at Pacific Street! No cover with a "Be My Guest" pass. Check out the sounds of Adrian and the lights by the Lazer Wizard. These two can sure put on a show!

Thursday, August 25

Every Thursday, the Brazos River Bottom has Hamburger Night! The beef sizzles on the grill from 6:00 pm until 9:00 p.m.

It is Ladies' Night at club 403! That means Happy Hour prices for all "natural" females!

This Thursday and every Thursday, the Triangle Restaurant and Club has a "Strip to your Skivvies" contest. The contest starts at 10:30 with a top cash prize of \$150, then 2nd place is \$75, 3rd place is \$50, and 4th is \$25. Each week a "surprise" guest MC will host the show.

Carolyn's Calendar

If you would like to get in my "little black book," call 529-8490 or fax 529-9531.

August 26 * "Fabulous Fifties" at Club 403.

August 27 * Employee Turn-About Show at E/J's.

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Ok, for you, I'll let you in Rich's for free!!

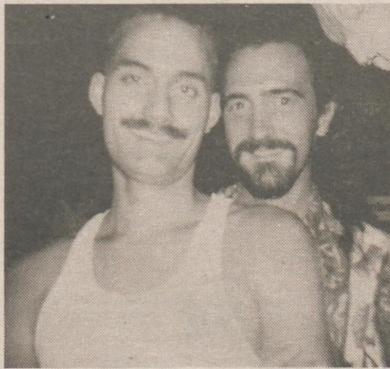


Lloyd and John, Colt 45 "Bosom Buddies" at the Venture-N



Julia "It's Pat" Sweeny and Nancy Ford

More coming events, other important stuff, and this week's DIRT



LaMarr and D'Artagnan

Houston Soap, Part 2

August 27 * Texas Rider's Daddy's Boy Auction at the Venture-N.

August 27 * RSICSS Car Wash and Bake Sale at Gentry's.

August 28 * Devin's Annual Birthday Show at Mary's. Benefit Show for Lady Victoria Lust's Holiday Fund.

August 28 * Virgil Burke's Benefit show at Gentry's.

August 29 * "Travel in Style" kick-off weekend at the 611.

August 29 * Lambda Roller Skate Night call 933-5818 for info.

Sept. 4 * RSICSS Benefit for the Colt 45's all day at Gentry's.

Sept. 4 * Lesbians in Business (LiB) Pool Party and Dance. Tickets at Ink-lings.

Sept. 10 * Fabric of Fashion opens at the Museum of Fine Arts.

Sept. 17 * Miss Camp America Pageant at the Music Hall, call 227-ARTS.

Sept. 21 * Cuervolyn's Birthday.

Other Important Stuff

The Pet Patrol Food Barrel is at the Ripcord! Next time you stop in for that late night cruise, bring in a can of dog or cat food. Hell, bring in a huge bag full and drop it into the barrel. Our friends of Pet Patrol will greatly appreciate it!!

AIDS Talk Houston is on Cable Access channel 17. This month's air times are : 8/21 @ noon & 11:00 p.m., 8/22 @ 8:00 a.m., 8/23 @ 2:00 pm, 8/24 @ 11:30 pm, 8/25 @ 10:30 a.m., 8/26 @ 8:00 pm, 8/27 @ 8:30 pm, 8/28 @ 7:00 pm, and 8/28 @ 9:30 p.m. This month they are featuring guests from the River Oaks Health Alliance.

Speaking of "other media stuff;" The GAY 90's is going live! Starting in October they're planning to air live! The show is looking for a host and hostess! Please call Monticello Entertainment at 949-3119 if you would like to participate!

I've just been reading the PWA Coalition's Newsletter. Here are a few highlights: Compaq Computers has donated two 486 computers and monitors! The PWAC has Saturday Night Live; a time for social gatherings for heterosexual people that are HIV+; They have a warehouse and it is always in need of supplies! Doing a little fall cleaning? Have extra kitchen stuff, furniture, sheets, household items, blankets or other neat stuff? Feel free to donate these items to the PWAC Warehouse. They will distribute these items to others that are in need! PWAC also provides their clients with free or reduced cost passes to movies and entertainment events. You can reach the PWA Coalition of Houston at 522-2674.

Pride Committee of Houston holds its Executive and General meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the



Smile for the camera please

month. For more info call the Pride Line @ 529-6979.

Lesbian and Gay Voices brings the Lesbian and Gay Community as close as your radio every Friday, 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm on KPFT World Radio 90.1 FM. This show includes local, state, national and international news, music, community events, interviews, book reviews and commentaries. If you have any comments or suggestions, or if you want to volunteer, call 289-2700.

If you haven't been in Basic Brothers lately, now is the time to do just that. Not only does the shop on Westheimer have some great savings on Summer merchandise, but August is also the perfect time to get the latest on what's new for Fall. Basic Brothers is offering a Lay-Away plan that can help you get an early start on building your Fall wardrobe for 1994!

Did you know that AIDS Foundation Houston offers "Safer Sex" house parties! This service is FREE. The deal is they will come to your abode and do a "workshop" to educate you and your friends about hot, safer sex! Call Bart Loeser at 623-6796 to set up an demo.

TNT T-shirts wants you to forget the bull and ride the Cowboy!

Press release of the week: New Club forming! An organization for full-framed men (chubbies) and their admirers (chasers) is forming in Houston to serve central and southeast Texas. Come join us in a safe and accepting social environment. All are welcome. For information please write: B.M.C., 5090 Richmond # 305, 77056.

A warm and fuzzy welcome to the new General Manager of the Triangle, Billy Brody!

The Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of the Single Star has announced their charity for Coronation XI. The lucky winner, and one of my favorite organizations: The PET PATROL!

Plaza 9200 has four bars in ONE! Ms. B's has a super Happy Hour every day until 8:00 p.m. XTC is open on Friday and Saturdays with the sounds of TIGER. The



Mark and Ken (the Druid)

Patio has Steak night every Sunday and Volleyball every Tuesday and Thursday night. The Ranch is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and of course Friday and Saturday nights!

Chances Bar opens every day at 6:00 pm! I've not yet been there, but I think I'll check it out tonight to get the real dirt from this new bar in Houston!

Birthday Corner

Talk about wrinkles: Wayne Gary of the BriarPatch has a few (yeah, a few thousand!) Another Happy BD to Mr. Wonderful, Mr. Everything, and one of my favorite people, Don Gill. They even have Birthday's at Mary's; Happy Old Age to George! Jeff (JT's s.o.) is getting younger this year! A belated Happy Birthday to LaMarr. Sorry I fell asleep before your party and could not get my tired buns off the sofa! Mr. Lipps (Don R.) is another year older! And, finally, Happy BD to Jeremy (Triangle). Oops. There are more: Robert (BRB) Lordy, lordy, looks who's Forty! Someone told me it was Vera's birthday too, and she is the big 6-0!

Dirt, Lies and other junk!

The usual disclaimer is in force! This part is the scribbles of Cuervolyn, jotted down in my "infamous" little black book, and I am usually in a dark, loud bar with a bottle of Cuervo in my IV. It is no wonder that I have to make some of this stuff up: I can't read my own handwriting sometimes! SO, look out, here comes the dirt:

Lee (Leather Forever): Be a good boy and let Art out of the cage!

Last Friday night at the Montrose Mine, newly promoted Assistant Manager Aaron Deibert and long time Manager Charlie Driscoll and Assistant David Snyder were ALL seen drooling over new German dancer Dan. Miss Snyder was overheard saying "I'm into foreign affairs!"

Eric wants everyone to know that if you want his phone number, you can scrape it off the bathroom wall at Charlie's!

Tracy (Fist/Ranch): Next time, don't "paddle" David's butt so hard! That last time you burst a zit on his cheek!

Giovanni wants everyone to know he is SINGLE again!!

Dog Lipps: How did you get the cock rings on the green beans? One size doesn't fit all!

Buddy T: What is it I hear about you, a truck driver, poppers, and an alley in Ft. Worth? Sounds like a trip back to the 70's to me. Do tell!

Meg (Mary's): Don't try and drive thru the tunnel—it's really bad for your tires, not to mention the tile floor!

Annabel, Quit going out, Animal misses you!

Benjamin: Call Don at the Pot Pie! You have his number, so USE it!

Bill Burke (Montrose Clinic) is looking for a bad boy to take to his room!

Don (Potpie): It this true? Did you accidentally misplace your pledge book?

Kevin Maye's Late night shopping list: Bananas, a case of KY and Saran Wrap!

JT (PS): I have several reports on you, but I am trying to lay off of you for awhile. It is hard, 'cause a bunch of people give me dirt on you! Maybe I'll save them up and do an entire column on just you!

Dean (NLA:H): I can't believe you published that list in the NLA:H's newsletter! Boots never read that "list;" we had hid it from him all this time! I'm glad you will take the heat for this and not we here at the Voice!

Lazer Wizard (PS): Nicki (S.F.) is looking for you! She tells me that she will meet you in any hotel lobby, with a magazine in hand of course! She is wanting and waiting!!

Pottygate #5: I love the hand-dryer game called "switch." I learned this at the Ranch last Sunday! It is a way to conserve energy and fondle another's hands at the same time!

Congrats to the newest Sundance Cattle Company member Susan Maser!

Question time! OK, last week, I screwed up! It was John and Dan's 10 year anniversary together, not the anniversary of belonging to the Colts! So I'm not perfect! I got several correct responses to the Trucker Question! Unfortunately, he does not want his real name in print, even though he is an advertiser in the Houston Voice!

Question of the week: What size dress does Damita Jo wear? I have prizes for the first 10 correct responses!

Did anyone see the cover of the latest Advocate? I can't believe that it is RuPaul out of drag!

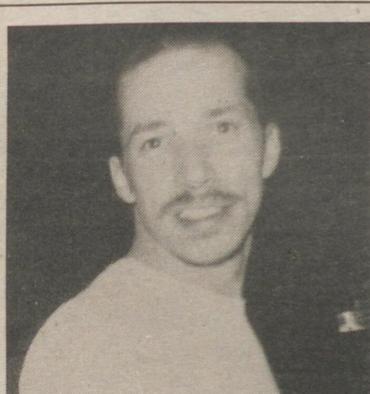
Well, I'm off to Maria's Cantina for a bit of the Cuervo! Have a great week!

TTFN

Cuervolyn



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Lee Denning, still spinning at the Venture-N



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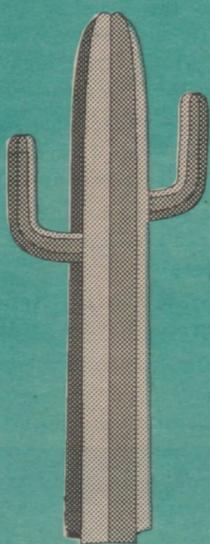
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Houston **MUTUAL SUPPORT OR MORE:** HIV + asymptomatic blk male seeks other HIV + males for friendship or good times #34395

Houston **SQUATS AND PRESSES:** Hey guys! 2 guys in Houston interested in new friends and get togethers - body builders a + #34442

Houston **PETTING ZOO:** 34 y/o gay hisp male, 5'8, 160-looking to meet white or hisp males 20-35 for good time I'm lt drinker non-smoker like pets, animals looking for a good time. #34489

Houston **PROFESSIONALLY SPEAKING:** Gary - blk male prof looking for serious, clean cut, no smoke-no drugs - I'm 152, 32w, nice build. #34529

Houston **THE ONLY DANCE THERE IS:** Carl 6', 200,25 brn/hzl, lking for someone 2 dance w/me 4 the rest of my life I'm nto bikes, theatre, reading, I'm, lkg 4 <35, slnder, redhead a +, grt sense of humor&wants to spend their life w/someone. #34539

Houston **NO, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?:** Charlie - 24 6' 170 brn/grn into having fun, if you know what I mean. #34540

Houston **COME SATURDAY MORNING:** Looking for someone to spend week-ends with-a cute small smart musc active BTM guy. I'm 5'10 brn brn cyclist rollerblader, into outdoors, dancing. #34545

Houston **SLEAZY RIDER:** Introductions new to area GWM 38 trim 5'5 145 looking for intro to pvt clubs safe sleaze. and other twisted things. #34725

Houston **ONE GOOD SPORT:** Mike-29, 5'9, 175-1 work out 3-4x a week, running in the park lking for someone who enjoys sports as much as i do , baseball, riding waverunners on the beach, movies enjoy outdoors. seeking similar for alot of fun!! #34875

Houston **LIVE PERFORMANCE:** Dave mid 30's-interested in mid 20's to 30's Hisp White or Asian - like movies, rock concerts, going to the beach and having a good time. #34936

Houston **LOOKING FOR MEN:** Bi Single Hisp Male-32 5'8 prof'l, secure, into sports, outdoors-not into bar scene-looking for muscular, cute hispanic/white/bi/straight/gay 18-32. #34957

Houston **HOW ABOUT IT GUYS-** Mack 35 6' 1 lbm/green-hope to meet some interesting guys on this. looking for 20-30 for poss rel #34997

SINGLE? YOUR AD SHOULD BE HERE.

Houston **CHUCK GWM** 36 looking for 30+ I'm brn/blu 5'8 150 workout health conscious drug free looking for friendship or poss more #39036

Houston **Patrick** 5'10 brn 160 Looking for cute small hisp or white guy smart not jealous or crazy. likes to bicycle Patrick 5'10 brn 160 rollerblading outdoors activities. #34545

Houston **SOCIALLY UNACCEPTABLE** behavior keeps me out of heaven and JR's seeking inv to pvt clubs into red hanky pumps GW man boy 38 5'5 145 nice

body still maintain boyish innocence after all these years. That was great! #34725

Houston **HEALTHY CHOICE:** GWM looking for 30+ brn/blu 5'8 150 workout health conscious looking for friend or more #39036

Houston **SKINNY DIPPING?** Two gay guys - were above avg looks bb's were in mid late 30's looking for other single bbs to come over and swim in our pool goodshape and nice looking only. #41045

Houston **BIG JIM, GWM** 40 5'10 295 looking for in shape studs of all races who appreciate special pleasures of a chubby guy #42675

Houston **SINGLE BLACK MALE,** 18 152 6'2 looking for WM 18-35 non-smoker seek same vgdllking,looking for rel - #42829

Houston **I'VE WRITTEN A LETTER:** looking for daddy blnd/blu 5'11, 173, 31w,int in camping, hiking, reading music - whatever, nice guy, #42988

Houston **BABBALOO!** 26 Cuban/white dk brown hair/hazel eyes. 5'11 seeking a hisp male 20-30 2 do things with talk to movies dinner all these things, #43022

Houston **HE MADE LOWENGRIN:** Opera singer/Teacher: GWM 34 5'10 150 gdllking spiritual sincere dog lover well educated. healthy massage looking for slender intell trustworthy man- non smoker #43024

Houston **BI FOR NOW:** Todd bi/wm brn/bm 5'11 165 looking for other bi/wm in area #43043

Houston **DAVE GWM** 6' brn/blu 38 looking for GBM 18-35 slim masc good build good shape safe fun videos seeking quiet romantic person #43021

N. Houston **LATIN TEACHER:** Brian 23y/o GWM college student looking for dominant, mature, gay hisp man 25-35 if thats you, call me. #34493

Austin **GWM,** 21, frisky BTM looking for a GWM, 18-27 yrs. old for exciting times and a possibility for a long term relationship. #33958

Austin **BOY TOY:** IF you like going out and having fun, then we were made for each other. I am a dancer with a swimmer's build. Call for my home phone.. #33047

Austin **SING WITH THE TV:** TV, I sing, dance and love to travel. I am seeking a man who can really appreciate me. All calls answered. #33208

Austin **LET'S BE CREATIVE:** 22 yr old Hispanic guy/college student. I like all things creative. #33254

Austin **DIRTY DEEDS DONE LATE:** 21 yr old black male, 6'3", 195. I am masc and good looking. I like all things done late at night. #33337

Austin **HAVE A CLUE:** GWM, 18, looking for a guy 18-25 yrs. old interested in tennis and going out and who is a goal oriented person. #33593

Austin **22 YR. OLD** Hispanic, Brn/Brn, 5'9", student, into many things looking for people to meet. #33765

Austin **ADAM,** interested in meet Hispanic men 18-30 yrs. old. I am 6'1 in my 20's, TP. #34107

Austin **TOYS R US:** 38 yr. old, boy toy, 5'9", 145 lbs, clean shaven, looking for a very long term relationship with a guy 25-30 yrs. old. #34100

Austin **MAKE MY DREAMS COME TRUE:** Hispanic male 24 6' 200 looking for hisp or w/m 18-25 to fulfill a fantasy. #34301

San Antonio **THE CHANGE HAS DONE ME GOOD:** Looking for a white or Hispanic male 25-45 yrs. old. I am a TS and am looking for your company. #33235

San Antonio **PVC AND ME:** 6'1", Bln/Blu, 29, looking for guys who have a variety of interests including walking on the beach. #33317

5'11", 34 yrs. old. If you are white, Hispanic or Middle Eastern give me a call. #33861

Houston **ACAPULCO GOLD:** 21 yr. old Hispanic male, 5'10", 160 lbs, smooth looking for a monogamous relationship with a guy 23-35 yrs. old. Race is open. #33862

Houston **FOREIGN FLAVORS:** Dave, looking for guys in the area. You are well toned and well endowed. Hispanics or Asians a plus. #34034

Houston **MUTUAL SUPPORT OR MORE:** HIV + asymptomatic blk male seeks other HIV + males for friendship or good times #34395

TX I KNEAD YOU: James 5'7 blk male lt skin 120 very professional. like to have fun. looking for masculine men 27-40 who like to be massaged. #34337

Austin **HOMBRE:** Attractive 34 yr. old Hispanic male, 6', looking for somebody 25-35 yrs. old for fun. #24110

Austin **JOE'S JONESIN':** 26 yrs. old, 5'9", Bln/Blu, looking for some folks to get together with who are around my age. #24309

Austin **BLACK HOLE:** Black male, 5'7", slim, looking for a nicely built man of any race who is passionate and a TP. No drugs. #31645

Austin **AHHH, YOUTH:** 18 yr. old GWM seeks a long term relationship with a guy of similar age. #32121

Austin **TEACH ME:** Brn/Blu, 39, 5'8", looking for guys 18-20 yrs. old to talk to and to learn from. #27987

Austin **NICE TO MEET YOU:** Recently moved here from LA, 26, 5'9", Brn/Blu, tan, swimmer's build, cute, looking for acquaintances. #30225

Austin **COME INTO MY LIFE:** Fashion designer/singer, into art, and drinking hot tea, looking for someone to be in my life. I am 6'3", BTM. You are any race and mature. #32662

Austin **RUMPUS:** 5'10", GBM, educated looking for a GWM, 18-35 yrs. old for fun nights on the town, dancing and clubbing. #32947

Houston **FULLY LOADED:** 26 yr. old male, Blk/Blu, looking for Hispanic or Asian men of similar age for good times in the Lone Star state. #29288

Houston **TIME FOR TY:** Ty, GWM, 21, student looking for somebody who is good looking and is interested in a relationship. #32154

Houston **THE MOON ALSO RISES:** Cute guy seeks hunk. Attractive GWM, 5'9" seeks other dom GWM, 35 and under. #32373

Houston **YEARNING GERMAN:** 34 yr. old German, GWM, looking for masc professional oil guys for fun and friendship. #32448

Houston **HINNY HUNTER:** 35 yr. old, BTM, looking for a few good TP men. Let's talk about getting together. #32644

Houston **ONE-ON-ONE-ON-ONE:** Kevin, 30's, nice looking, into receiving, looking for a three way with two TP's. #32695

Houston **HOMBRES:** 21 yr. old Hispanic male, 6'1", looking for someone 18-27 yrs. old for possible relationship. #32845

Richmond **HARD TOPS ONLY:** I am 36 yrs. old, 6', solid, smooth, looking for a group of well endowed TP's for regular action. #24773

Austin **CAN BUY ME LOVE:** 6', stach, nice tan body seeks a Hispanic or black male for good times. Wealthy a plus. #31216

Austin **SUMMER FUN:** 26 yr. old GWM, into playing out in the sun, seeks somebody, tall and mature and about 20-35 yrs. old. I am interested in starting a relationship with the right guy. #31570

Austin **THE NEW GUY:** Attractive, young professional seeks a 18-24 yr. old male for friendship and more. I am new to the area. #31683

Meet **HOUSTON** Men Now!

Austin **KICK BACK:** 24 yr. old GHM, 5'8", laid back, looking for others to share in common interests. #31884

Austin **GOOD CHASSIS:** 18 yr. old GWM seeks a long term relationship with a BTM, 18-23 yrs. old. Nice body a plus. #32121

Austin **HARDER THAN ALGEBRA:** GM, 32, 6'1", seeks a Hispanic or white male, 27-39 yrs. old for fun times. #32210

Austin **CURIOUS GEORGE:** College student, 18, Hispanic and at the curious stage. I like dancing and going out. #32264

Austin **WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU HAVE IN MIND:** 29 yr. old white professional, gay curious, 6'2", looking for clean safe exotic fun with a 35 yr. old male or TV who will show me the ropes. #12376

Austin **NO MIND BENDERS:** GWM, 33, 5'8" seeks a gay Hispanic male for a friendship and maybe more. You are honest and not into head games. #14914

Austin **TWO ON TOP:** GBM, 5'11", in good shape, TP, looking for a TP GWM or GHM for great times. #21994

San Antonio **USDA CHOICE:** 18 yr. old, 5'8", Blk/ Brn, GWM seeks others about the same age for fun, fun, fun. #27791

San Antonio **LOOKING FOR LOVE:** 23 yr. old GM, interested in meeting a white or Hispanic male 23-33 yrs. old who is interested in a friendship and possibly a relationship #31351

San Antonio **THE START OF SOMETHING GOOD :** 5'7" GM, into just about everything, looking for a guy 25-35 yrs. old and maybe ready to start a relationship. #30855

San Antonio **LOOKING FOR A CERTAIN PERSON:** You are 5'6", long hair, and beautiful. If this is you, here I am. #31697

San Antonio **YOUR SERVE:** 32 yr. old Hispanic male into tennis and swimming looking for others interested in similar activities. #31756

San Antonio **ENTER AT NO RISK:** 5'7" GM, Blk/Brn, interested in music and dancing seeks guys 25-35 yrs. old for fun times. #30855

San Antonio **RED HOT CHILLI PEPPER:** Looking for Hispanic males 18-25 yrs. old for good times. #32008

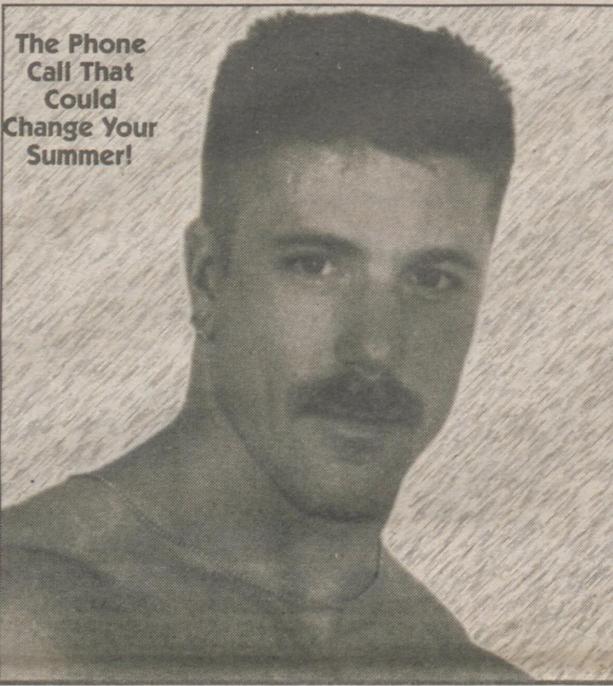
San Antonio **NO SHIRT, NO DRESS, NO SHOES, SERVICE:** Richard, seeks CD's who want to be taken care of. I will be honest and true to you. #32246

San Antonio **JUST PASSING THROUGH:** Steve, I will be visiting the area in a couple of weeks and am trying to line up some fun things to do with fun people. #32266

San Antonio **SERVICE STATION:** Looking for well endowed TP's for servicing. You are masc and in good shape. #32273

Houston **HOLA PEPE:** 5'8", med, Bln. hair, 28, into dancing and movies seeks a young Hispanic male who would be like a little brother to me. #31223

Houston **OUTGOING FOR GOING OUT:** Just moved here. I am 24 yrs. old,



The Phone Call That Could Change Your Summer!

San Antonio **SKETCHY:** 36 yr. old man, looking for someone around my age. I like camping, hiking, swimming, and sketching. Hispanic men a plus. #33629

San Antonio **BON APETITE:** 32 yr. old handsome guy, looking for other guys into French cuisine and good conversation. #27450

San Antonio **VIVA!!:** Art, seeks young Hispanic male, 25-30 yrs. old, 5'4" to 5'6", slender build, smooth. I am 5'4" and 33 yrs. old. #33736

San Antonio **HEAD OUT:** 21 yr. old white male, educated, attractive, looking for a guy, Hispanic or white, 20-40 yrs. old for friendship. #34016

San Antonio **JET SETTER:** 45 yr. old, 5'8", Brn/Blu seeking a friendship and a possible relationship. I am financially secure and love to travel. #33963

San Marcos **GOOD VOODOO THAT I DO:** 27 yr old Hispanic male seeks a black top guy. They say I am great at what I do. #33056

Galveston **NEW RELEASE:** White male, just divorced looking for a white male, drug free, for a friendship and maybe more later. #34149

Galveston **OUT OF THE HOLE AND ONTO THE POLE:** GWM, recently divorced, looking for someone for friendship and maybe more. #33246

Houston **DIVERSIFY:** 5'7", professional, 27, looking for a white male around 6'. I am very thin and diverse. #33039

Houston **RUMP RUMP:** 19 yr. old, good looking, 6'1", looking for someone who is the same height and slender. #33111

Houston **ROUND 'EM UP:** Lee, TP black cowboy, 6'1", looking for attractive white fillys for fun on the old ranch tonight. #33564

Houston **WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT:** 35 yr. old black professional male, looking for a companion who enjoys pleasurable things in life whatever they may be. #33631

Houston **LAWRENCE OF ARABIA:** Looking for males under 40 yrs. old. I am

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Police investigate computer threats in Cobb County

MARIETTA, Ga., Wednesday, Aug. 10 (AP)—Echoes of the argument over Cobb County's anti-gay resolution continue to reverberate.

Police this week are investi-

gating threats, issued via computer bulletin board, that snipers might attack a rally against the resolution scheduled for this month.

"Are there any nice hills nearby

with a clear shot at the demonstrators?" a Marietta man wrote on the Internet communications bulletin board. "These cute little pink triangles make such good targets."

Marietta police Capt. Tim Fant said the threats, coupled with a months-long buildup and national exposure for the Aug. 28 rally, have led to worries about security.

About 175 officers will be on duty during the demonstration on the city square. It could draw as many as 5000 participants, making it the largest protest to date against the resolution, organizers said.

Houston Gay Personals

DOMINANT GWM

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

SINCERITY/HONESTY ARE MY BEST QUALITIES

GWM, DDF, 30's, attractive, masculine line bottom who would like to meet an attractive GWM, masculine, aggressive, endowed top for dating/relationship and possibly more. Height/weight prop. not as important as personality is. Beard or mustache, dark hair a plus. I have a wide variety of interests and I'm open to new activities or ideas. Ad 25644

QUEER WHITE BOY

GWM, 39, 5'11", 160lbs., wants to meet straight acting GWM/HM liberal Democrat for companionship and maybe more. I'm blue collar, very straight acting, laid back, lean muscular, fearless. I enjoy the outdoors, animals, drinking beer, rock and roll, quality smokes, partying with friends, occasional bar hopping and quiet evening at home. Ad 25651

GWF LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT

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

I WANT MORE!

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

35 y/o, 5'5", 130lbs male endowed, bubble butt, 28 inch waist looking for long-term relationship. I am DDF, a great cuddler, lover, nurturer. I want to kiss, cuddle, caress, hold and sweep you off your feet. You'll be glad you called. Let me love you. I stable and secure. Ad 25652

NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

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

GWM, 42, 5'8", 140lbs, moustache, DDF, NS, br/br, physically fit seeking someone of the same age, must be physically fit. Ad 25638

SALINGER'S WAITING FOR CAMUS

GWM, DDF, health conscious, non-smoking, non-drinking, 5'8", 130lbs., lean, fit, brown/gray hair, balding, 40 year old professional, attractive, moustache, averagely sized, moderately hairy prefer slim and short, dark hair, DDF, NS, European, Jewish, Latin, Eastern/Asian, Black whose HONEST, independent, stable, sincere, with a sense of humor and style. Ad 25643

Attractive college graduate, 5'9", 145lbs, quiet, thoughtful, seeking monogamous relationship/friendship with some slender/ reasonably h/w proportionate. Interests include, museums, sports, theater, outdoors and dining out. Ad 4002

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

ROUGH DADDY

seeks submissive boys ages 21-42, any race, weight proportionate to height. If you know how to do as you're told, contact me. Ad 25134

REAL MEN ONLY

GWM, 30 with above average looks. Likes outdoors, animals, movies, working out. Would like to meet a real man. One that is confident, good looking, honest, loving. Above all else really knows how to satisfy another man in bed as well as out of bed. If interested please respond with statistics. Don't hesitate -you won't be disappointed. Ad 25640

DISCREET

GM, 30's, 5'10", 195 lbs, hairy and healthy, DDF, seeks another healthy DDF male for fun and good times. I enjoy movies, dining out, giving massages, and quiet evenings with a quality person. Ad 25630

GALVESTON: LOOKING FOR SEXUAL BUD-DIES

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

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

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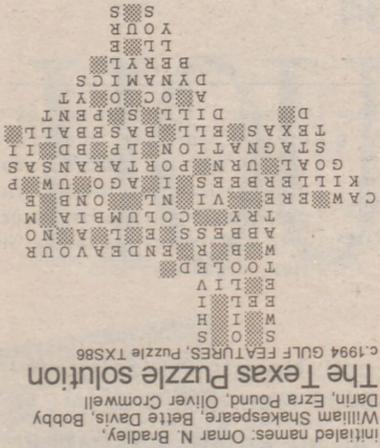
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Nebraska lesbian woman wins custody fight

LINCOLN, Neb., Thursday, Aug. 11 (AP)—A woman who was afraid that being a lesbian might work against her in a legal fight over custody of her son has won a court fight with the boy's father.

Lancaster County District Judge Jeffrey Chevront granted custody of the 6-year-old boy to Brenda Manning on Wednesday after hearing two days of testimony.

Larry Killin, the boy's father and Manning's ex-boyfriend, was awarded visitation rights and was ordered to pay \$168 a month in child support. He also will be responsible for \$100 a month in day-care expenses and health insurance.

Killin had told Chevront that he could provide a more stable environment for the boy because he was in a "classic relationship."

He is living in Lincoln with a girlfriend who has two children of her own and is expecting Killin's baby, according to court testimony.

Killin had testified that he believed Manning to be a homosexual and that she had a problem in the past with alcoholism.

Manning, who is in a lesbian relationship, is married to but separated from her husband. She is a nurse in a retirement home.

According to the court order, Chevront said both Manning and Killin are "fit and proper parents of the minor child and both are willing and able to care for (the) child."

However, he wrote that it was in the best interest of the boy to remain with Manning, who has provided for his primary care throughout his life.

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Gay Republican organization considering Cincinnati for convention

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Aug. 13 (AP)—The city that banned gay-rights laws and prosecuted a gallery for showing homoerotic photographs could end up hosting the 1995 convention of a national gay GOP organization.

"We're never afraid of controversy. But we think that staging our convention in a city like Cincinnati wouldn't be something we're afraid of," spokesperson Kevin Ivers said Friday from the Washington headquarters of the 9,000-member Log Cabin Republicans.

"We think that showing that gay people are just like everyone else is a very important thing to do," Ivers said. "We're not going there to be confrontational, we're going there to educate—whatever city we go to."

Robert Dean, president of the Cincinnati chapter of the Log Cabin GOP, said his 60-member chapter submitted a bid for the 1995 annual convention. The 1994 convention was last weekend in Los Angeles.

Cincinnati's competition for the three-day convention, which convenes every August, is Las Vegas, New Orleans, Dallas, Minneapolis and Salt Lake City.

"People need to realize gay and lesbian people are not weirdos ... and unfortunately what the press tends to show is the fringe elements of society in general," Dean said.

In 1990, the city unsuccessfully prosecuted an art gallery and its director on charges of pandering obscenity for displaying Robert Mapplethorpe photographs that depicted homosexual and graphic sex acts.

In November, voters approved a city charter amendment that forbid the city to enact or enforce laws based on sexual orientation. That eliminated anti-discrimination protection for homosexuals under Cincinnati's 1992 human rights ordinance.

This week, a federal judge found the ban unconstitutional.

Cincinnati's controversies over gay-rights issues doesn't mean anything in terms of the Log Cabin Republicans convention, tourism official Dan Lincoln said Friday.

"I think it's a different city now, in many ways," said Lincoln, vice president of tourism for the Greater Cincinnati Convention & Visitors Bureau. "I think it's dangerous to draw the correlation that because of one or two incidents a few years ago, that an entire city would not be welcoming to gays or any other diverse group."

Lincoln said his organization will work to attract the convention to Cincinnati.

The Log Cabin Republicans were founded in 1990, deriving the name from Abraham Lincoln's childhood home.

Colorado for Family Values condemns rainbow as a homosexual icon

MANITOU SPRINGS, Colo., Thursday, Aug. 11 (AP)—A spokesperson for the conservative Colorado for Family Values, founded in 1991 to fight gay rights, is questioning the use of the word "rainbow" in the name of a city planning project.

A rainbow-striped flag has been the symbol of the gay-rights movement since the 1970s. Manitou Springs officials recently named the city's improvement program the "Rainbow Vision Plan," a name CFV Executive Director Kevin Tebedo said is an allusion to the gay-rights movement.

"Using the word 'rainbow' to describe your plan is not wise if you do not have an intentional pro-homosexual slant," Tebedo wrote in an Aug. 9 letter to the author of the plan's purpose statement.

The Vision Plan, currently in the development stage, will be Manitou's five-year comprehensive guide for such routine things as sidewalks, water systems and zoning.

CFV, based in Colorado Springs, authored Amendment Two, an anti-gay rights measure that has been found unconstitutional at the state level. If it is eventually put into law, the amendment would prohibit laws protecting gay men and lesbians from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Tebedo's group reportedly wants the names of individuals and organizations pushing rainbows in Manitou Springs.

Meanwhile, city officials are astounded their city planning effort has been caught up in a debate about sexuality.

"None of us were even thinking of some great nefarious plot from the far left-wing to advance special rights for anybody," said Manitou Springs Mayor Bud Ford, adding that neither the plan's name nor purpose would not be changed.

Manitou Planning Director Larry Manning, who named the plan and wrote the purpose statement, said it was inspired by Manitou's colorful ambience—a blend of merchants, artists, quaint buildings and modern nightclubs.

The city is known for its mineral springs and health industry.

"We have no reason to defend ourselves," he said. "For us to react would be for us to give (Tebedo's complaint) legitimacy."

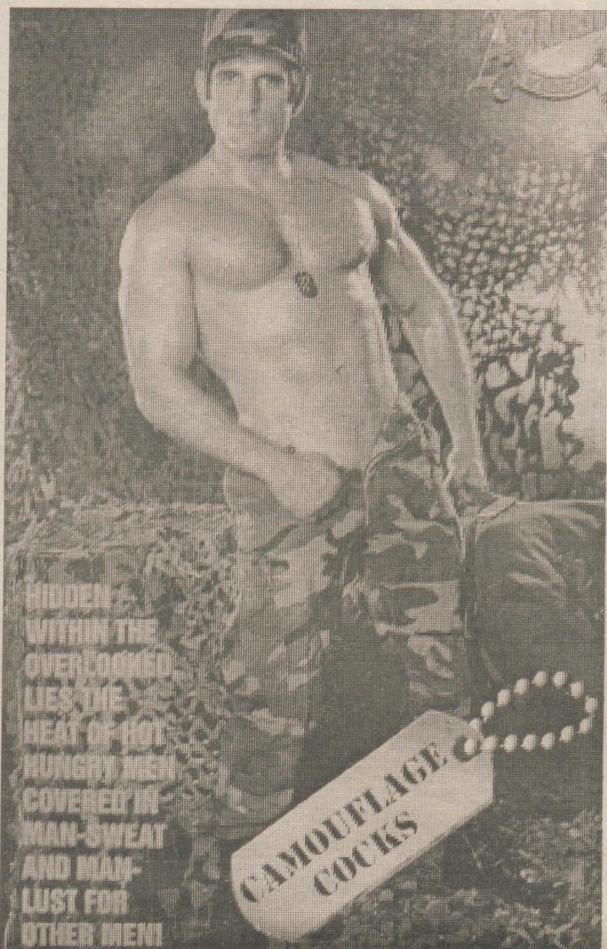
Tebedo, who said local residents have complained about the plan's name, said further inspection of its purpose statement contained other "code words" for the gay movement, including "diversity."

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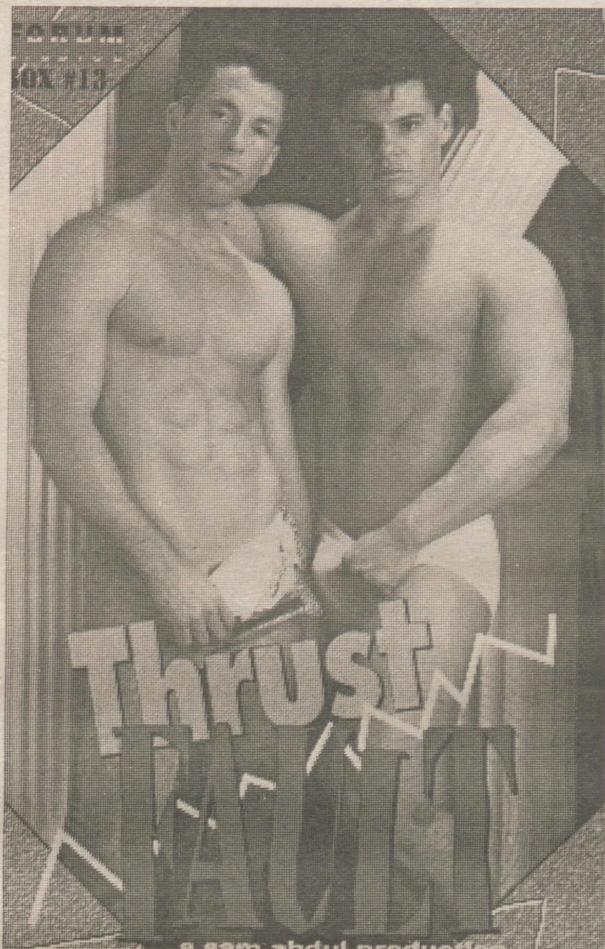


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LEO (Jul. 23 - Aug. 22) The end of your current Astrology month offers a chance for high social activity, if you will get off of your tail bone and make yourself visible. Others are open to your interest in meeting new friends. This is not the week to become in love, as sincerity and openness are not yours until October.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Be open to new ideas this week and be ready to expand your interests. Seek friends who have skills that you do not have. You will become a more attractive person as you become more versatile. This will allow you to meet more needs of others, a major key of having a successful relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Be careful about confiding in others, as I suspect that you have at least one friend who may use against you, information that he/she has about you. Spending time and monies on yourself makes sense for the next two weeks. Do not be overly generous with gifts to others this summer and fall.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) Giving criticisms about others may back fire and cause you embarrassment. For the next two weeks, if you are unable to say something nice about a person, keep silence. Turn your energies toward your job, so that your boss could not imagine having you to help at the Office.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) This is a good week to invite someone special in your life for a lunch or dinner date. The event does not have to be expensive, but rather spend you energies on the details of the event, e.g. a flower or two, a special invitational note, a small gift to the other person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Make sure that you are producing quality work at the Office, as your boss is looking over your shoulder. Try not to mix business with pleasure, and do not date someone from work. Some friends are unable to keep quite about personal events. It is no one's business at the Office that you enjoy transgender dressing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) The more confident, secure and in charge personality that you are trying to foster is actually what you need. You have had good ideas all along, it was that your presentations were too mild mannered. Try to have at least seven or eight hours of rest this week as your energy levels are high and are requiring extra months of rest.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) If you are in a relationship, please pay special attention to the needs of your partner. You may not be able to meet all of the needs and if this is the case, it is very important that you tell the other person this. This does not mean that you do not love or care for the other person but only that you are human and your resources are limited.

ARIES (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) Look for the positive and upbeat friends of yours to be brighter your coming week. This is not the time to let your often pessimistic mood take charge. If a dysthymic or a depressive mood continues past one week, consider getting professional help this time around. The use of Prozac or Zoloft maybe indicated.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20) Use your stubbornness and extra amounts of determination to stay with a problem or a project and see it through. An extra amount of attention to detail will also be in your favor at work and at home. Problems are gradually being solved but not as rapidly as you would like. Increased amounts of happiness are around the corner for you. Won't the Lottery yet?

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) As order begins to return to your life, happiness and a much lower level of stress is yours. Be sure to thank friends who have been particularly helpful to you. Enjoy each day as an end to itself. Do not allow the weeks to 'zip' on by as fast as they have been. Continue to wear the brighter colors, especially in the accessories of yours.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Even though there may be some problems yet to be solved, enjoy the coming three weeks with much lower stress levels. This is a time to enjoy life, and do the personal things that you really want to do. If you are in a relationship, I hope that the other person will allow you an extra amount of freedom.

Gay group booted from California Christian festival for booth sign

BURBANK, Calif., Saturday, Aug. 13 (AP)—A Christian gay and lesbian group was evicted from a booth at a religious music festival after an organizer disapproved of its sign.

Members of the group said they applied for the booth under the name "Evangelicals Concerned," without describing their organization because the festival wouldn't have allowed them to participate otherwise.

George Jerome, an organizer of Summer Praise '94, said Friday he kicked the group out after arguing with group leaders over its sign "Christian Gays and Lesbians for Justice." He said he tore the sign down.

Jerome said he took the actions because the men in the booth "combatively denied that anybody, including me, had authority to deal with them."

David Perona, who was at the booth with two other men, said the group had paid the \$450 booth fee and should have been allowed to stay. He said the members finally left to avoid badgering from festival attendees.

The festival's opening day Thursday drew an estimated 6,500 people. It features more than 50 contemporary Christian music groups, children's rides and inspirational talks from evangelical speakers. It was to run through Sunday.

Paul Hammack, production manager for the festival, said the group's sign would have misled many young people attending the festival.

"We're trying to put God back into this country, but some people would rather come out of the closet rather than clean it," he said.

Dan Stohler of Evangelicals Concerned said when he filled out the group's application for a booth he described his group "as a ministry of reconciliation that helps individuals to reconcile their sexual orientation and their spirituality, and that we work primarily with gay and lesbian people."

"If we came out and said that we were gays and lesbians, there is no way we would have gotten in there," he said. "But I don't think we were being deceptive because their literature talks about Christian unity."

THE TEXAS PUZZLE

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By Henry McClurg

ACROSS

4 snakelike fish

5 Roman numeral for 54

7 shaped with a tool

8 space shuttle that was scheduled to launch this week

14 head of a

convent

17 nay

18 put to a test

19 site where the first Congress of the Republic of Texas met

23 call of the crow

26 before

28 Roman numeral for 6

30 major baseball league with the Astros, initials

31 WWII American General Bradley, initials ("If you will help run our government in the American way, then there will never be danger of our government running America in the wrong way.")

32 popular name for Africanized honeybees now invading Texas

36 earlier than now

38 underwriter, abbrev.

41 purpose

42 large coffee pot

43 at the tip of Mustang Island, once

capital Whitehorse
64 study of the forces of motion

11 hollow
12 prefix for 'not'
13 European city Continental Airlines awaits gov't ok for non-stop service
15 symbol for

2 words
46 time of lowered economic activity
49 a long-playing record (originally a trademark)
50 late actress Davis, late singer-Darin, initials
51 Roman numeral for 2
52 which state has the oldest state flag in the nation?
53 extension of a building
54 sport that been's absent from TV for the past week
57 aromatic herb associated with pickles
59 confined
60 17th century English military, political & religious leader Cromwell, initials ("Put your trust in God, but keep your powder dry.")
63 official abbrev. for Canada's north-western territory,

67 2nd tropical storm of the Atlantic season drenched Fla. & Ga. this week
68 abbrev. for lines
69 relating to oneself

1 In 1882 the whole town moved 2 miles to be on the Texas & Pacific Railroad
2 What is the American Petroleum Institute? 2 words
3 Texas governor who served longer than any other
6 Land of Lincoln state, abbrev.
9 short for feminine name Nellie
10 tall shade tree

20 pungent edible bulb
21 rude person
22 plentiful
24 Last Frontier state, abbrev.
25 manufactured hair for the head
26 exhilarated
27 unwind
28 emitted, released
29 exists
33 unable to find the way
34 one's posterior cheeks
35 period of time
36 book of maps
37 breaches, openings

44 monasteries
45 trouble
47 state with Atlanta as capital, abbrev.
48 writing by Greek epic poet Homer
55 20th century American poet Pound, initials ("Great literature is simply language charged with meaning to the utmost possible degree.")
56 lieutenant, abbrev.
58 lonesome
61 terrorist The Jackal captured by France
62 who won the Mud Bowl Monday in Mexico City?
65 symbol for element ytterbium, used as an X-ray source & in some lasers
66 relating to me

16 state with Columbia as capital, abbrev.
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39 16th-17th century English playwright Shakespeare, initials ("Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge.")
40 lbs. per sq. inch
43 in 1966 this Texas tax was abolished

TELL 'EM YOU SAW IT IN THE HOUSTON VOICE

RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD



Hi ya'll. I hope none of you get upset having two poultry recipes running together, but I have tried them both within a week, and I feel both of them are very good, and they are pretty easy. So, here goes another, this one is chicken.

CHICKEN PROVENCALE (pro-vahn-S AHL)

- 4 plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 of a 6 oz. can of pitted ripe olives, sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil or cooking oil (Use olive oil, for me)
- 2 teaspoons dried basil, crushed
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 beaten egg white
- 1 teaspoon water
- 1/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs (Again, I use Italian)
- 2 tablespoons snipped parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon-pepper seasoning
- 2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 2 teaspoons margarine, melted
- 1 medium carrot
- 1 medium zucchini
- 3 oz. fettuccine
- Grated Parmesan cheese

Sauce: Combine tomatoes, olives, olive oil, basil and garlic. Let stand at room temperature for one hour.

In a small bowl, combine egg white and water. In a shallow bowl combine bread crumbs, parsley, and lemon-pepper seasoning. Dip chicken in the egg mixture, then roll in the crumbs. Place chicken in a shallow baking pan. Drizzle with the 2 teaspoons melted margarine. Bake in a 350 degree oven 30 to 40 minutes or till no longer pink.

Meanwhile in a skillet, cook tomato mixture, uncovered, over medium heat for 5 to 7 minutes. Keep warm.

Using a vegetable peeler, cut carrot and zucchini lengthwise into long, thin slices. Cook fettuccine according to package directions, adding carrot and zucchini for the last minute of cooking. Drain pasta and vegetables, toss with remaining margarine.

To serve, divide fettuccine mixture between two dinner plates. Top each with a chicken breast and tomato sauce. Sprinkle with cheese. Makes two servings, but as you can see, it is very easy to double.

I don't use a vegetable peeler to do the veggies. I clean them and julienne the carrot and zucchini. I tried the peeler, but the veggies would have been too thin for my liking. By doing them julienne style, they stay a little more crunchy. Enjoy!!!

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!

KUNTRY KIDD

