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## Gay/lesbian Hispanic conference to meet in Houston

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## HGLPC board, LGRL director discuss primary election, runoff strategies

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus board members, meeting after the March 10 primary election, discussed strategies for the coming April 14 runoff, which involves several candidates endorsed by the group. The focus was on developing a strategy to ensure that the gay and lesbian community turns out to vote in the runoff, which includes an openly gay candidate and five others who received endorsements from the group in February.

HGLPC endorsed candidates fared well in the primary elections: of 27 endorsed candidates, 18 won and six are headed for a runoff, said caucus president Chris Bacon. The six candidates are Ben Reyes (U.S. House of Representatives, Dist. 29); Roman Martinez (State Senate, Dist. 15); Diana Davila (State Rep., Dist. 145); Alma Allen (State Board of Education, Position 4), Paul Day (Sheriff) and Ray Hill (Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1).

"Except for Ray, all of these candidates were the top vote getters in their race," said Bacon. "But even ray has a

good chance, especially since many of the defeated candidates in his race have endorsed him."

In the primary election, former Houston City Councilmember Dale Gorczynski was the front runner in a field of nine Democratic candidates, capturing 47 percent of the vote. Hill finished second with slightly over 13 percent.

The caucus board spent the last weekend registering voters before the Sunday night deadline. Newly elected board chair Kevin Davidson said he was pleased with the results. The caucus will also be using its mailing list of 10,000 to ensure that gays, lesbians and friends of the community vote in the runoff, Bacon said. Bar tours are also planned.

Bacon alerted the board to the possibility of at least one vacancy on the city council as a result of the elections, saying, "We need to develop strategies to inform the mayor and our friends on city council that if interim appointments are made, a member of the gay and lesbian

community should be considered." He added he did not think it was too early to begin thinking about this possibility.

In other business, Bacon accepted the resignation of Pat Gandy, who has been serving as chair of the GLPC board since the beginning of this year. Bacon thanked Gandy, who resigned for personal reasons, for her long service to the caucus. The board then elected board member Kevin Davidson as the new chair and Robbie Cavanaugh as co-chair.

### —Maxey win different

In Austin, the victory in this election of Glen Maxey, state representative in Dist. 51 and the first open gay person to be elected to the Texas Legislature, was significantly different than Maxey's earlier win, said Laurie Eiserloh of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas.

"In my analysis, this race was really different from the last one in that this time, Glen's gayness was not the major issue," Eiserloh said.

The race and the distinction drawn by

the district's voters between Maxey and his lone primary opponent, Maria Luisa "Lulu" Flores, focused on other issues, most notably the environment, she said.

"Voters in Dist. 51 were looking at the Barton Springs (pollution) issue and at some of the people who were giving Lulu lobby money," Eiserloh continued, noting that environmentalists in the district were at odds with some of the sources of Flores' campaign funding. They noticed, in contrast, Maxey's strong track record on environmental issues, she said.

Also working in Maxey's favor was the challenge he mounted as a member of the legislature to ethics violations. "He pulled some of the popular vote that he may not have had (in the first election) because of his (term's) record," Eiserloh said.

Maxey will face a Republican opponent in the general election, but Eiserloh said it is unlikely he will be unseated. "It would be really shocking for a Republican to win in that district," she said.

### ▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

## Appeal of sodomy law decision to Texas Supreme Court likely

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
TNV Editor

Shortly after the Texas Third District Court of Appeals issued an opinion striking down Section 21.06 of the state penal code last Wednesday, March 11, Attorney General Dan Morales said he will probably appeal the decision to the Texas Supreme Court.

Ruling in the case of "Morales et Al v. the state of Texas," a three judge panel of the appellate court upheld Austin District Judge Paul Davis's December, 1990 decision that the law violated the rights of the five plaintiffs as defined by the state constitution. In their opinion, the judges—Chief Justice Jimmy Carroll and Justices Mack Kidd and Tom G. Davis—declared that the Texas Constitution guarantees rights independently of the U.S. Constitution, and that the scope of state constitutional protections must be considered independently of the federal interpretation.

Taking no position on the law, Morales stated that he is bound by the responsibilities of his office to defend any state statute against challenge, all the way to the highest court. (The public announcement came too late for last week's New Voice deadline).

As of Tuesday, Morales had not yet appealed the ruling.

Representatives of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, the legal group sponsoring the challenge to the Texas sodomy statute, initially said the state may not follow the case through because of the ex-

pense involved, but this week, THRF legal coordinator Patricia Presley said an appeal seems imminent.

But Presley noted that following the case through to the Supreme Court has advantages, notably the fact that "If (the decision) is upheld at the Supreme Court level, there will be absolutely no doubt that the ruling applies statewide...right now, some believe that the opinion applies only in the jurisdiction of the Third District Court of Appeals."

THRF had encouraged the original appeal of Judge Davis' decision, saying that the district court ruling could be interpreted as only applying in Travis County. But prior to the recent ruling, representatives repeatedly stated that the case might not have to go all the way to the supreme court.

Presley conceded that Morales' announcement reflected an accurate interpretation of his official obligations. "He is required by law, as the state's attorney, to vigorously defend the constitutionality of every (state) law," she said.

While the ultimate success of the "Morales" case at this point rests to some extent on the makeup and interpretation of the state's highest court, Presley said certain points in the appellate court's opinion will probably work in favor of THRF's position. Among these factors is the justices use of Texas Supreme Court case law in arguing their position against the law.

The justices wrote that the Texas Supreme Court's opinion in a 1987 case, "Tex-

as State Employees Union v. Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation," recognized that the Texas Bill of Rights guarantees the right of privacy. While the court in that case "did not explicitly state that the right of privacy extends to homosexual conduct," they wrote, "...we can think of nothing more fundamentally private and deserving of protection than sexual behavior between consenting adults in private.

"...If consenting adults have a privacy right to engage in sexual behavior, then it cannot be constitutional, absent a compelling state objective, to prohibit lesbians and gay men from engaging in the same conduct in which heterosexuals may legally engage. In short, the state cannot make the same conduct criminal when done by one, and innocent when done by the other."

"The fact that they relied on supreme court case law to give the plaintiffs standing will certainly help us in a supreme court appeal," Presley said. Also, the judges made it clear in the written opinion that there were other laws that regulated public lewdness and child abuse and that there decision on 21.06 had nothing to do with those laws and their enforcement, derailing the argument of public morality as a justification for the law, she noted.

The also clarified the uncomfortable position the state had imposed on the plaintiffs: since the criminal law is rarely enforced, there is no way to challenge it except through the civil courts. The judges used case law to argue that the law is used to deny property rights to the plaintiffs,



THRF's legal coordinator, Patricia Presley, said the legal advocacy group is preparing to take 21.06 challenge to the Texas Supreme Court

therefore justifying the civil challenge.

Presley said that presently, THRF is concentrating on preparing for the expected appeal. "We are looking into finding others who are willing to do Amicus briefs, and trying to get our attorney fees paid, of course," she said. THRF's legal fees and court costs are expected to exceed \$100,000 with the supreme court appeal.

The case dates back to April 12, 1989. The plaintiffs are Linda Morales of Houston, Tom Doyal and Pat Cramer of Austin, and Charlotte Taft and John Thomas of Dallas, who are represented by attorney Patrick Wiseman of Austin in cooperation with THRF.

We have often been asked how we decide what to write in this space each week. Well, it's easy when there is some controversy brewing or an election coming on. Frankly, these days the presidential primary campaign doesn't really stir our juices and now with "Rubbergate" adding to the already beleaguered Congress and the tainted Supreme Court via Clarence Thomas all the branches of the government are in disrepute.

And we've already weighed in with our words of wisdom on local candidates, except to say that hopefully everyone will get out and vote for Ray Hill in the runoff.

Actually, a couple of times, being at a complete loss for words (yes, it can happen) we left this page to "advertising." And a few times what we had written was vetoed by our better half—we must have gotten tame these days since Bill rarely makes any effort to see what we're lambasting.

We started this editorial practice years ago in Dallas, the outgrowth of controversy which seemed only to breed more controversy. After escaping the

insanity of the Far North for the embracing arms of humid Houston in August of 1988 we indulged ourselves that hot summer in the all too easy sport of Bushwacking. Being accustomed to rather heated response by the Trinity we felt overwhelmed when some gay Republicans—often our target—here in Houston were the most supportive.

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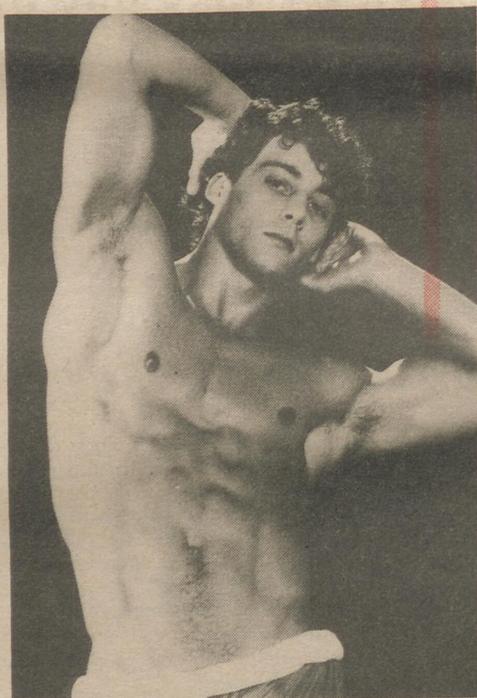
encouragement. There have been a couple of individuals, having been the target of our endeavors, who reacted rather strongly and we no longer refer to said individuals only because, we came to realize, they thrived on any attention, good, bad or ugly.

We did discover that editorializing and politicking didn't mix well during our brief stint as president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (at least we took Norman Guttman off the hook as the shortest termed head of that organization). We find that devoting our energies to LOBO frees us from the constraints and obligations carried with political office, however small.

And if you haven't guessed by now we were at a total loss for something to write about this week.

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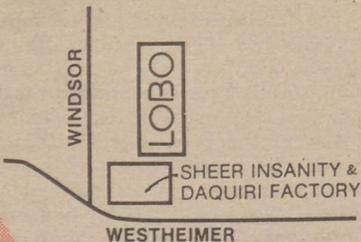
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**SAAF has new HIV therapy group; Media Project to screen 'Stop the Church'**

The San Antonio AIDS Foundation is presenting a new therapy group for HIV-positive individuals. The group will be led by Mary Weir, M.D., a psychiatrist in private practice, and meets every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, 818 East Grayson Street.

Dr. Weir is the former co-director of the in-patient psychiatric treatment program at Medical Center Hospital and has extensive experience in group therapy. "My best friend died of AIDS and this is my way of making a contribution so I can help others cope with this illness," she said. "I am hopeful that the meetings will evolve into a core group of people who will be able to find new meaning in their life through their

shared strengths."

The group is open to all and there is no charge for participation. For more information about this group or other counseling services, contact James Hashaw at (512) 225-4715.

—“Stop the Church”

The controversial AIDS protest documentary "Stop the Church" by Robert Hilferty will be shown at the Jump-Start Theater Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28 at 9:30 p.m. The screening is sponsored by the San Antonio Lesbian and Gay Media Project.

Last year, "Stop the Church" was banned by PBS due to its treatment of New York Cardinal John O'Connor and his teachings on AIDS and abortion.

The screening coincides with the San Antonio visit of Cardinal O'Connor.

The 30 minute video follows the now infamous 1989 ACT UP assault on New York City's St. Patrick's Cathedral during Sunday High Mass, from planning to police action. More than 4500 people showed up; during the mass, angry protesters forced O'Connor to abandon his sermon. Others lay down in the aisles, chained themselves to pews or shouted at the Cardinal to "stop killing us." Forty-three activists were arrested and dragged out of the cathedral; another 68 were arrested in the streets.

The screening follows the 8:00 p.m. performance of "Talk of the Town" by Paul Bonin-Rodriguez. Tickets are \$7/\$5 and are available at the door. Jump-

Start Theater is located at 1035 S. Alamo in the King William District. For more information, call (512) 227-JUMP.

—Veterans group

The San Antonio Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Military Veterans Association (SAGLBVA) are now meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church of San Antonio Social Center, 1140 W. Woodlawn. The meeting on March 23 will center on planning activities (organizational and social) for the next six months.

Both former and active military service members are invited to attend meetings and join the group. For more information on SAGLBVA, call (512) 545-2643.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

**Activists hail sodomy law ruling; Dallas Police say they're not ready**

By TERRI LANGFORD

FOR THE NEW VOICE

DALLAS, Thursday, March 12 (AP)—Dallas police say they're not yet ready to alter a hiring policy based on the Texas sodomy law held unconstitutional by a state appeals court.

But a lesbian applicant says the ruling gives her renewed hope.

Some gay groups are worried that the conservative nine-member Texas Supreme Court will keep the law intact. Meanwhile, anti-gay organizations are counting on the panel's composition to do just that.

Following the 3rd Court of Appeals' ruling Wednesday to overturn the 1879 law,

Dallas Police Department spokesperson Ed Spencer said there would be no immediate changes in a policy banning homosexuals from hiring consideration.

"We have not yet been briefed on it (the ruling) by the city attorney," Spencer said. "We won't do anything differently until the city attorney's office analyzes the decision and briefs the department. That'll be a few days."

Dallas is the only city in the state with the policy preventing anyone who admits to being homosexual from consideration as a police officer. That policy is based on the sodomy law, which outlaws homosexual activity.

Last month, a lower court ruling forced the city to take Ms. England's application. However, the city has refused to act on the application until the state decides whether the sodomy law is legal.

Spencer said the lesbian police applicant, Mica England, has taken civil service examinations in her application.

"She is going through the process," he said. "It is a long process and she is in it. "A lot of the process remains."

The 27-year-old Ms. England, who is suing the Dallas Police Department for the right to apply as an officer, was optimistic after the ruling.

"I know they're conservative, but the discrimination is obvious," she said.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said he would appeal the sodomy ruling to the state Supreme Court.

"That takes the wind out of my sails," said John Thomas, executive director of the Dallas Gay Alliance and one of the case's plaintiffs.

"I'm less optimistic," said Thomas. "There are judges that got on the Texas Supreme Court who are a part of the Reagan landslide which I think have a disregard for an individual's rights to privacy. They have taken freedoms and liberties away at every opportunity."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

**Jeers, obscenities hurled at St. Patrick's Day gay marchers in Boston**

By CHRIS TORCHIA

FOR THE NEW VOICE

BOSTON, Monday, March 16 (AP)—Beer cans and obscenities were hurled at two dozen Irish-American homosexuals who marched under their own banner in this city's St. Patrick's Day parade. In New York, a federal judge blocked efforts for gays to participate in a similar parade there.

"You can't keep an Irishman down," Brian Thomas Callahan of Boston's Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Pride Committee said Sunday as he held one end of the group's shamrock-adorned banner. "Tell him no and he's not going to listen."

Eight people were arrested, at least three on charges of taunting the gay marchers, police said. No injuries were reported.

In New York, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Catholic fraternal group that sponsored the parade argued they are a private group with the right to exclude homosexuals, and also had said they had a long waiting list of groups seeking admission to the parade.

U.S. District Judge Pierre Leval wrote that even if the Hibernians had discriminated illegally against the Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization and lied about placing them on the waiting list, "the court would have no justification for jumping ILGO over two years of prior applicants who are still waiting for admission."

Unlike the Boston parade, the New York parade gets no direct government support, but it does get services such as traffic control and police protection.

New York Mayor David Dinkins had said he would boycott the parade if the gays were excluded. And activist Brendan Fay said Sunday "we will be present" on the parade route along Fifth Avenue if the group was barred from marching.

In Boston, mounted police acted as a buffer between marchers and the crowd of about 600,000 that turned out for the parade sponsored by the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council.

Motorcycle police cruised alongside and a police van filled with officers followed behind the parade route through the Irish enclave of South Boston.

Some spectators tossed tiny firecrackers at the marchers—not powerful enough to harm anyone. Other spectators, some holding children, screamed obscenities and waved signs with such slogans as,

"AIDS cures gays" and "Quarantine the queers."

The homosexuals, wearing pink triangles and green carnations and armed with a court order, responded to jeers with shouts of "Happy St. Patrick's Day."

It was the first time in the Boston parade's 91-year history that an openly gay group marched under its own banner.

Superior Court Judge Hiller Zobel of Suffolk County ruled Wednesday that members of the organization had a constitutional right to join a public parade.

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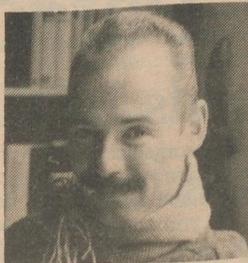
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—Jeff Bray

—B. BRIAN PARRISH

B. Brian Parrish, M.D., born August 26 in Houston, Texas; died March 16, 1992 in Austin, Texas. His death was preceded by his friend and life partner Thomas Whelan.

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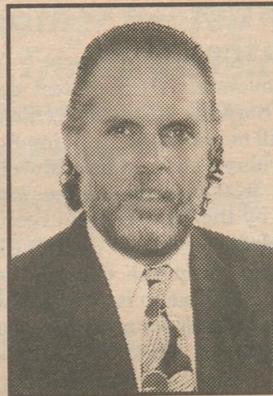
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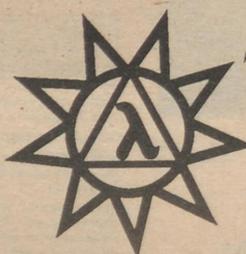
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# Suburban Houston pastor to lead protest over high school assembly

PEARLAND, Texas, Monday, March 16 (AP)—A Baptist minister plans to protest to school board members because a speaker at a recent AIDS education assembly at Pearland High School was too explicit and did not put enough emphasis on abstinence.

"I want my daughter to be AIDS literate, but what my daughter became was sex literate," said the Rev. Rick Scarborough, the pastor of Pearland's First Baptist Church. "I'm not ready to resign myself that kids are going to fornicate. Kids can make proper choices if given the facts."

The minister handed out partial transcripts of the assembly and asked members of his congregation at a special service Sunday to protest at the next

school board meeting.

"What we're going to do is transport this church to the next school board meeting and take our stand," he said.

School Principal Don Jones agreed that some remarks made by the speaker, Amy Dolph, 22, were a little off-color and admitted that the lecture was dotted with humor. He said it covered abstinence, monogamy, the different types of sex and associated risks, and proper condom use.

At the end, when Ms. Dolph told the audience that she had tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS, "You could have heard a pin drop," Jones said.

"Some parts of her presentation were not comfortable for some people, but the

bottom line is she effectively stressed the three points, abstinence, monogamy and condoms," Jones said.

The minister complained that she mentioned abstinence only in passing and then went into an explicit discussion of sex and condom use.

"She hit all the right points, but 30 minutes of a 45-minute program was on condoms," he said. "It's obvious the main thrust was about condoms."

The minister said he is compiling a list of AIDS speakers who center on abstinence for another assembly at the school. Jones has agreed to look at the list and discuss whether to hold a second assembly.

"I'm willing to take counsel from par-

ents and the community, but the issue (AIDS) has to be addressed," he said.

Most of the students interviewed by the Houston Chronicle said Ms. Dolph was a little crude but very effective.

"She reached some of the people who would not have heard if she'd done it some other way, but she could have left it a little less detailed," said Laura Balkum, 15, a freshman. "I did learn from it, definitely. I never realized there were so many ways to get AIDS and so many people doing these outrageous sexual acts."

"She was maybe too vulgar, but she did come down and tell us how it is ... It made everyone sort of think," junior Stacy Davis said.

## ▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

# Houston to host national Hispanic gay and lesbian conference this May

The National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO), based in Washington, D.C., is planning to hold its conference, "El Primer Encuentro Nacional," in Houston May 21-25. The national gathering of Hispanic lesbians and gay men will be held at the Stouffer Presidente Hotel, located at Greenway Plaza.

The conference will address the impact of the HIV/AIDS crisis on "nuestra comunidad, nuestra cultura and nuestra vida" (translated "our community, our culture and our lives"), said Braulio Veloz, co-chair of the local committee. An overall conference theme, "Our Survival in the Face of HIV/AIDS," has also been adopted for the meeting, said Veloz.

"El Encuentro" will begin with two pre-conference AIDS/HIV institutes: "Clinical Trials and Treatment Options for Latinos/as with HIV" on May 21 and "AIDS/HIV Policy and Education for Latinos and Latinas," sponsored by the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, on May 22.

Conference topics will be divided into five major tracks and will be structured in

educational forums, discussion groups, round tables, presentations and work ses-

sions to develop strategies and recommendations for action. Highlights of topic areas include "Leadership and Policy," "HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention," "Latina Lesbiana/Gay Latino Health" and "Arte, Cultura y Historia."

"Gay and lesbian people, those in the Latino community most directly impacted by the crisis, those who have taken leadership in this fight, will finally be given a voice," said Odilia Mendez, another local co-chair. "This conference represents a vital step in formulating a comprehensive national strategy for Latina lesbians and Latino gay men," she added.

The local host committee is made up of organizations serving Hispanic gays and lesbians, including Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES), Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU), Hispanic AIDS Coalition (HAC) and AMIGA.

The co-chairs said they welcome input from "anyone interested in being part of this historical meeting." For more information, call (713) 270-4548.



Martin Ornelas, one of two national coordinators for the Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO) conference, discusses plans with Braulio "Brad" Veloz, co-chair of the Houston host committee

## ▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# New Mexico experiments suggest ozone loss may speed AIDS onset

ALBUQUERQUE, Friday, March 13 (AP)—Preliminary results of experiments on mice suggest the depletion of the ozone layer in Earth's atmosphere may speed the onset of AIDS, researchers say.

Lovelace Medical Foundation photobiologist Ronald Ley is directing a study of the affects ultraviolet light on mice infected with the murine (mouse) acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus, or MAIDS.

"What we do is infect the mouse with MAIDS and follow the progression of the disease in mice exposed to UV-light and mice not exposed to it," Ley said.

He said early findings suggest ultraviolet light damages the immune system or stimulates the virus, making it easier for the human immunodeficiency virus to do its damage.

The HIV virus has produced about

209,693 cases of AIDS and claimed about 135,434 lives in the United States. It attacks the immune system, preventing the victim from fending off fatal infections.

Ultraviolet light, invisible to the human eye, is solar radiation that seeps through holes in the stratospheric ozone layer. Scientists say those holes are growing and appear to be opening in more and more parts of the atmosphere.

The Lovelace experiment echoes findings of a United Nations environment report issued last month in Nairobi, Kenya. The report speculated that the depletion of the ozone layer could speed up the progression from being diagnosed HIV positive to actually having AIDS.

The Lovelace mouse study was conducted for three months on 32 mice. It needs more extensive followup research, but Ley said early numbers show the correlation

between ultraviolet light and accelerated progression of the disease is "statistically significant."

After mice were infected with AIDS, some were exposed to ultraviolet light. They all then were measured for immunoglobulin M, a product of the body's immune system that is produced to fight infections such as HIV.

A higher level of immunoglobulin means a higher level of HIV.

Scientists have measured levels of the product 50 percent to 100 percent higher in ultraviolet-exposed mice than in non-exposed mice, Ley said.

Also, the raised levels are detected 25 percent to 30 percent sooner than in the group not exposed to radiation.

Ley said it's unclear whether ultraviolet light damages the mouse immune system, allowing the virus to do its damage quick-

er, or whether the radiation stimulates the virus making it more virulent.

Dr. Robert Darga, a doctor and director of education for the Washington, D.C., Coalition of Persons with AIDS, said doctors have been quietly debating the ultraviolet question. Some adamantly warn patients to take precautions against sunlight. Others say the psychological benefits of sunbathing could outweigh possible physical effects.

"I am really glad to see someone finally is looking at this and doing some basic science in an animal model to help us understand what might be going on," Darga said.

He said although the Lovelace study is not conclusive, it could cause doctors already concerned about exposure to sunlight in their patients, to further warn them.

# Anti-gay measure is barred from the ballot in California city

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, March 12 (AP)—Anti-gay rights laws in California cities could be overturned following a state Supreme Court decision barring an anti-gay rights initiative from the ballot in Riverside.

The court on Thursday denied a hearing on the case, making the appellate ruling binding on trial courts statewide.

The Riverside initiative, which was to have gone on the ballot last November, would have repealed existing local anti-discrimination measures on homosexuality and AIDS; forbidden such measures in the future without a public vote, and prohibited city funding of any activity that "promotes, encourages, endorses, legitimates or justifies homosexual conduct."

A state appeals court ruled last Decem-

ber that the measure was unconstitutional, saying it created barriers that did not exist for any other anti-bias legislation and had no justification except bigotry against homosexuals.

The Supreme Court denied review of the ruling, with only Justice Edward Panelli voting to grant a hearing sought by sponsors of the initiative.

The appellate ruling could influence similar cases statewide, including a court in Contra Costa County that is considering a challenge to a largely similar initiative approved by Concord voters last fall. A gay-rights lawyer said the ruling may prompt a suit against an anti-homosexual ordinance adopted earlier in Irvine.

"This is one of the strongest opinions we've ever had in terms of understanding the gay-rights movement as a civil rights

movement, recognizing that gays are entitled to participate in the political process like other minority groups," said Mary Newcombe of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

While the ruling is binding only in California, Newcombe said it should be persuasive for courts in other states.

Attorney David Llewellyn of the Western Center on Law and Religious Freedom, which represented sponsors of the Riverside initiative, argued that the measure was a valid attempt to protect public health and deny special privileges to homosexuals.

"Once a government abandons the values of its citizens, it takes a very determined electorate to get them back," Llewellyn said Thursday. He said he did not know whether grounds existed for an

appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court but observed that most of the issues in the case were matters of state law.

He also disputed predictions by Newcombe and other gay-rights advocates that the ruling doomed the Concord measure, contending that evidence to be presented at trial would reveal justifications that the Riverside court ignored.

The Riverside measure, circulated by a group called Citizens for Responsible Behavior, received enough signatures to qualify for the ballot. But the City Council refused to place it on the ballot, relying on opinions from its legal advisers that it was invalid.

Superior Court Judge Charles Field upheld the council's decision and was affirmed by the 4th District Court of Appeal in a strongly worded 3-0 ruling Dec. 17.

## ▼▼▼ AUSTIN QUICK NOTES

### Austin Immune Health Clinic begins HIV-AIDS Wellness Program

The Austin Immune Health Clinic is now offering personal and confidential HIV/AIDS health and wellness education sessions free of charge to anyone who is HIV positive. The sessions are offered through the AIHC's Peer Education Program, funded by the City of Austin.

One-on-one sessions consist of personal empowerment to enable the client to respond to their disease, not as a death sentence, but a manageable chronic condition. They are designed to introduce self-help and cost effectiveness into health care programs. Clients learn to take control of their own health consciousness and stress management.

Clients are asked to commit to an initial six sessions to discuss their HIV history and important issues like stress management, eating habits, recreational habits, addictions, relationships, family reconciliation, emotions and attitudes and anything else that may be impacting their life

or health. Then, the focus is on developing a health plan designed for the individual, one that is "holistic in scope, gentle and safe," according to the facilitators. Clients may receive up to 12 sessions free.

The Peer Education Program was designed by Clif Taylor, education coordinator and long term AIDS survivor and is inspired by the skills of such educators as Dr. Bernie Siegel and Louise Hay. For more information to set up a free appointment call (512) 472-2753, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

#### —Stonewall Business social

The Stonewall Business Society will hold its spring social on Sunday, March 29 at 617 Blanco. There is no charge to attend.

Champagne and non-alcoholic beverages will be available along with "fabulous food, laughter, flirting and door prizes," said members. The event begins at 2:30 p.m. Participants are asked to dress for the

weather; cross-dressing optional.

#### —Leather weekend

The National Leather Association's Austin chapter will host "Texas Leather Pride Weekend" during the weekend of May 1-3. NLA:Dallas and NLA:Houston will also be participating in the event.

The weekend will start out with a registration and gathering of participants on Friday. Saturday will include a street fair with booth space available for vendors and community organizations to sell their wares or distribute literature; the afternoon will include symposium workshops on the various aspects of the leather/SM/fetish community, said organizers. Later Saturday evening will be a barbecue dinner and the awarding of Mr./Ms. Texas Leather Pride titles is scheduled. On Sunday, a boat will be available for participants to take part in the Splash Day activities sponsored by the Austin Tavern Guild at Hippie Hollow on Lake Travis.

Organizers of the weekend are planning for a large showing from the leather communities around the state and surrounding states.

The National Leather Association is an organization that promotes the rights of adults to engage in safe, sane and consensual sexual expression and works to break down stereotypes, misconceptions and media misrepresentations about the leather/SM/fetish community. Membership is open to any person 21 years of age or older who supports NLA's mission statement, without regard to race, gender, national origin, sexual or affectional orientation or physical ability.

For information on Texas Leather Pride Weekend contact NLA Austin at their voice mail number, (512) 473-7104 or by mail: NLA Austin, P.O. Box 684013, Austin, TX 78768-4013. For NLA membership information call (817) 498-3272 (Austin or Dallas) or (713) 434-2417 (Houston).

## ▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO LIVE

### Piano duo's concert at the Carver to benefit San Antonio AIDS Foundation

The magic of the four-handed piano will be featured in a special benefit recital on Sunday, March 29 in the Carver Community Cultural Center. The talented husband and wife duo of Nicole Narboni and Mark Clinton will perform unique selections on a single keyboard, and proceeds of this musical event will benefit the San Antonio AIDS Foundation.

Four-handed piano music had its origins in the days when music was hand made and musical literacy was high. A piano could simulate many wonderful sounds, from a rainstorm to a symphony orchestra, and composers found that with four hands, pianists could play loud marches, string quartets or Beethoven symphonies. The art form of the piano duo is presently experiencing a new popularity with the advent of the compact disc.

Narboni is currently a doctoral candidate at Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. Dr. Clinton is the pianist-in-residence at the Aspen Institute in Queenstown, Md., while he continues to pursue an active performing career throughout the United States.

Tickets are \$50 for preferred seating and a post-recital reception; \$12 general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, 818 E. Grayson; at any Ticketmaster location or by calling 1-800-749-9494. Convenience and other charges added are non-refundable. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on the night of the event.

For more information on the benefit recital, call SAAF at (512) 225-4715.



Nicole Aurette Narboni and Mark Kennerly Clinton will perform four-handed piano music at the Carver Center on March 29. The concert is will benefit SAAF

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

### Compound from soil stops AIDS skin cancer in lab mice, lab studies show

By PAUL RECER

AP Science Writer  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Thursday, March 12 (AP)—Laboratory studies in mice show that a compound from soil bacteria blocks the growth of Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer common among male AIDS patients that often causes red and purple skin lesions.

Researchers at the National Cancer Institute report today in the journal *Science* that a bacterial extract called sulfated polysaccharide peptidoglycan, or SP-PG, is more effective in laboratory studies against Kaposi's than the drugs now commonly used against the cancer.

Shuji Nakamura, a University of Southern California scientist formerly with NCI and first author of the study, said SP-PG was tested both against laboratory cultures of Kaposi's sarcoma, known as KS, and against lesions of the cancer that had been grown in laboratory mice that lack an immune system.

In both cases, said Nakamura, KS was stopped in its tracks.

"SP-PG specifically inhibited the growth of Kaposi's sarcoma cells on chicken cells and in nude mice," Nakamura said in an interview. "And during our experiment on mice, I did not see any type of side effect."

This is in contrast to other KS drugs that often have toxic side effects on humans.

Nakamura said SP-PG's effectiveness in controlling KS was then tested against three drugs—suramin, pentosan polysulfate and interferon alpha—now commonly used to treat KS.

"SP-PG is much, much better," the researcher said.

The SP-PG compound was isolated earlier from soil by Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co. of Tokyo. NCI said it has formed a cooperative agreement with Daiichi to organize clinical trials for the drug.

A report by Daiichi scientists that SP-PG suppresses the growth of blood vessels prompted NCI researchers to try the drug against laboratory models of KS, said Dr. Robert C. Gallo, head of an NCI team.

It was known that KS feeds its cells by

the wild and rapid growth of blood vessels. "We began looking for compounds that were known to affect blood vessel formation and that might interfere with the growth of these cells," Gallo said in a statement.

The experiment leaned heavily on earlier studies of a natural protein, called oncostatin M, produced by the immune system. Research by Gallo's group, also reported in *Science*, showed that although oncostatin M can suppress other types of cancer, the substance actually doubles the growth of AIDS-related KS.

An independent study led by Steven Miles of UCLA, also published in *Science*, showed that KS in the absence of oncostatin M grew poorly and did not survive in laboratory cultures. But oncostatin M added to the KS cells proved to a powerful stimulant, allowing KS to thrive, Miles reports.

Miles said in *Science* that a compound that blocked the effect of oncostatin M possibly could work as a drug against KS.

Until the AIDS epidemic started, KS

was considered a rare skin cancer in old men of Mediterranean heritage. The sudden appearance 10 years ago of many cases of KS among young men with depressed immune systems was one of the early clues that there was a new and deadly disease moving through the population.

The virus that causes AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, apparently also creates the ideal biological conditions for Kaposi's sarcoma.

Exactly what triggers KS remains controversial.

An American study published last month in the British medical journal *Lancet* suggested that it is caused by the human papilloma virus, which causes genital warts. But a study by a British group in this week's *Lancet* presents evidence that KS is caused by an infectious agent found in feces and says that explains why the cancer is 10 times more common among homosexual males with AIDS.

*Science*, which published the studies by Nakamura, Gallo and Miles, is the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

## Long-awaited sentences revealed in Judge Sherry conspiracy case

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Friday, March 13 (AP)—Mike Gillich Jr. and Kirksey McCord Nix Jr., convicted in November for wire fraud and conspiracy in a plot to kill Circuit Court Judge Vincent Sherry, were each sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Gillich also was fined \$100,000 Thursday, subject to his ability to pay.

Sheri LaRa Sharpe was sentenced to one year and one week for helping Gillich and Nix operate a scam that preyed on homosexuals. Sharpe once worked in the Biloxi

law office Sherry shared with his partner, Pete Halat, now mayor of Biloxi.

Prosecutors contend the scam led to the 1987 murders of the judge and his wife, Biloxi politician Margaret Sherry.

A fourth defendant, John Elbert Ransom, was not in court Thursday because he was hospitalized for pneumonia. He is expected to be sentenced next week.

U.S. District Judge Charles W. Pickering Sr. ruled five years was the maximum Gillich and Nix could receive for

each of the three counts on which they were convicted.

Over the objections of defense attorneys, Pickering ordered the three five-year sentences run consecutively.

Pickering also ordered Gillich, Nix and Sharpe to serve three years probation after they serve their sentences. Gillich and Nix will not be eligible for parole until they have served 11 years and eight months.

The Sherrys' oldest daughter, Lynne Sposito, said she was pleased with the sen-

tences because they were the maximum the judge could give the two men.

"I'm not disappointed at all," Sposito said.

Vincent and Margaret Sherry were shot to death in their Biloxi home Sept. 14, 1987. Prosecutors contended during trial last November money earned in the scam flowed through the Halat-Sherry law office, and that Vincent Sherry's death was ordered when several hundred thousand dollars disappeared.

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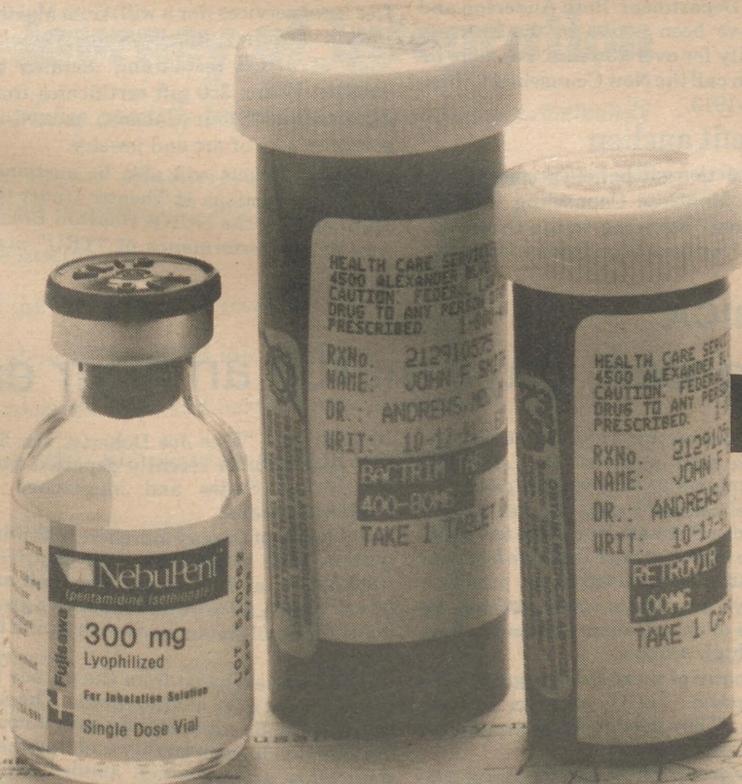
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## ▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

## Is there really any difference among Republican presidential contenders?

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON  
TNV New Orleans

Super Tuesday has come and gone, following Fat Tuesday by one week. Carnival ended, it is Lent and a fitting time for Wheee the People to make choices about who will lead or sell out this great country.

George Bush continues to get beat up badly, for a sitting president, by Pat Buchanan. Buchanan has grabbed the Nazi/ KKK thrust away from Louisiana's own David Duke, saving Bush the embarrassment of taking a beating from Duke, also marching under the Republican Party banner.

Some have hypothesized this to be the reason Buchanan is in the race. Jimmy, my barber, thinks Duke would have done much better had Buchanan stayed as a Reagan/Bush speech writer and right wing political theorist. He may be right. Duke polling 30-40 percent in a race with President Bush surely would be an embarrassment for the entire country, but the actual difference among this three-pack is slight.

Bush is liked by people who may not

agree with his Lee Atwater— produced, Buchanan/Duke-sounding campaign of four years ago, but they loved the broker's fees they collected helping him continue Ronald Reagan's sellout of America. (Ronald Reagan left the oval office, flew to Japan and collected \$2,000,000 from Japanese business leaders, for a luncheon speech).

Buchanan, on the other hand, is acceptable to those who agree openly with Duke's ideas but cannot accept his KKK and Nazi uniform-wearing "youthful indiscretions." There is more to fascism than the uniform, cher! It is a way of life. A philosophy of government. A style of problem solving.

A major worry for the Republican/religious right (fascists?) has been the continued fingering of Reagan/Bush's presidential work as similar to David Duke's would-be presidency. Might not the electorate choose fascism promising Populism over fascism exporting jobs, if given the chance?

Meanwhile, on the liberal side of the primary the question is raised again, what

sort of a social tool should government be? Using government as a problem solving tool for Wheee the People is a liberal idea, so frowned on during the Reagan Revolution it became a political joke to even say "the L— word." Now, in the post-Reagan era the word is spoken again by a bevy of Democratic hopefuls.

A few of us did not have our memory cells completely erased during the Reagan-Bush days of joy without reason. Some of us recall the much ballyhooed inflation battle Reagan supposedly won while reducing the national debt. Pay attention to this: he did not reduce the national debt, he expanded it enormously.

Two more salient points: (1) Inflation, though reduced, is still with us (check a 10-year old newspaper for its ads, then a five year old newspaper, then one two years old, then last years. As for the national debt, it is now the largest debt ever owed— private or public—in the entire history of the world.

Added to that, America's national debt is no longer owed to Americans; the U.S. is now the world's largest debtor nation.

There has been welcome deflation, to be sure, but that has happened because oil's price spike of \$40 a barrel 10 years ago is reduced today to \$18-19. By the way, the price of oil declined more before the Persian Gulf War than afterwards.

President Bush said a few weeks ago he would do anything to keep his power. I believe him. It is love of power that motivates him. To him, freedom is expendable and democracy is something done as a divergence while the "capable" ruling elite carry on the important work establishing a "New World Order." (Incidentally, this is a pretty fair description of fascism).

You may never cast a vote more important than in the coming American election. Four more years of Reagan/Bush selling out America and making palatable previously unacceptable racist/sexist/under-class scapegoating may end your freedom as you have come to know it during those "awful" liberal years. Nothing less is the objective of the Republican/religious right wing.

Be it Clinton, Tsongas or Brown, register and vote for the Democratic nominee. Your very life may depend on it.

## ▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

## Flood closes roller skating rink that hosted gay/lesbian skate nights

A 30-year-old skating rink where several local gay/lesbian organizations held periodic "skate night" events was forced to close when the floor was destroyed in the recent Houston flood. The rink's owners now say they do not plan to reopen.

Carousel Roller Skating Rink was the site of many rolling fund raisers for the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, Montrose Activity Center and other groups, as well as the regular Lesbian and Gay Skate Nites sponsored by the Lambda Rollerskating Club.

The rink is now for sale; on the regular real estate market, it is likely to be demolished, according to the owners. Anyone interested in purchasing the family owned rink on Old Katy Road can contact owner Kenny Parker at (713) 467-9919 or Jean Parker at (713) 973-2229.

LRC is presently discussing possible alternate locations for the club's Lesbian and Gay Skate Nites. They have contacted the Trade Winds Roller Rink at 5006 W. 34th Street at 290 and the Dairy Ashford Roller Rink at 1820 Dairy Ashford, and other rinks will be contacted, members said. Anyone with ideas on re-starting LRC skate night is asked to contact John at (713) 523-6381.

## —Recovery program

The New Counseling Center will launch the Anderson/Lang Recovery Program for persons dependent on substances, sex or relationships on March 25. This program will begin with a weekly outpatient therapy group and is designed to expand to several groups within the first few months. Jim Anderson, MSW-CSW and Norris Lang, PhD-CSW, who will lead the

program, are associate clinical psychotherapists at the center. They specialize in issues of addiction and HIV as well as special psychological problems confronting lesbian and gay people.

Miles Glaspy, CSW-ACP-CCDS and Bill Scott, CSW-ACP-CCDS will work with Lang and Anderson providing clinical supervision. They will also work with the groups, offering special topics and help design individual treatment programs.

Lang is an associate professor of anthropology at the University of Houston and has had many years of experience in psychological anthropology. Much of his research and publications since 1983 have dealt with cultural aspects of HIV, especially as it relates to the lifestyles of lesbians and gays. He is currently president of the board of directors of Body Positive—Houston. He is also chair elect of the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group or the Society for Medical Anthropology.

Jim Anderson has a varied background, having worked for many community based organizations beginning in 1985, when he worked at the Montrose Clinic as an HIV counselor. He has worked for the AIDS Foundation and currently works as a case manager for the Harris County Sheriff's Department. Both Anderson and Lang have been active in the recovery community for over 20 years. For more information call the New Counseling Center, (713) 529-1913.

## —Benefit auction

A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the Montrose Counseling Center's fifth annual "Bringing In the Green" St. Patrick's Day benefit on Friday March 20.



Jim Anderson and Norris Lang will direct the New Counseling Center's new recovery program for substance, sex or relationship dependency

The event will be held from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at No. 4 Courtlandt Place.

Over 35 items will be available for bidding during the celebration, among them a \$100 gift certificate for auto service from Montrose Tire Company; \$175 worth of free legal services (for a will) from Martha Pittkin, attorney; luncheon for four with wine at JAGS restaurant, donated by Jackson Hicks; \$50 gift certificates from Eurotan and Erotic Cabaret, as well as several pieces of art and jewelry.

Theater tickets will also be auctioned off, for productions at Theatre Under the Stars and for the NCNB Houston Broadway Series performance of "TRU" star-

ring Robert Morse, and a gift certificate for theater tickets to Curtains on Washington Avenue. Some unusual items will be available: a gift certificate from Oscar's creamery, friendship bracelets from Tribal Masks, lawn care, a free cut for a poodle, special stationery from House of Coleman, a leather teddy bear and two pieces of crystal.

The March benefit raises money to support programs at the non-profit Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served and the donation is \$15 per person (\$20 couple).

For more information, contact Ann Robison at (713) 529-0037.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## The queering of the green, gays march an hour early in New York

By BETH J. HARPAZ  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Tuesday, March 17 (AP)—A year ago, a small band of Irish homosexuals marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade were booed and showered with beer. This March 17, the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization did the jeering after quietly holding their own parade.

Excluded from Tuesday's main parade up Fifth Avenue, ILGO and its supporters stood on the sidelines and shouted "Shame! Shame!" as thousands of impassive marchers came by.

Earlier, in an alternative march an hour before the 231st annual parade, about 1000 people walked seven blocks of the parade route in a demonstration which came off without any ugly incidents.

The group then set up shop opposite the reviewing stand, chanting their own greetings to the folks in the main parade.

"We're here, we're queer, and so are a lot of you!" they shouted to the legions of marchers from the Police Department's

Emerald Society and Holy Name Society.

"We love men in skirts!" they screamed when bagpipers in kilts walked past.

"Shame! Shame!" they shouted at U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, one of the few politicians who marched once the gays lost their court fight to be included in the parade.

The gays provided a warm welcome for the scores of cheerleaders and bands from Catholic high schools.

"How many of those kids are going to be gay?" asked ILGO member Alison Cameron. "They need to know you can be gay, Irish and proud."

The gay group left its parade post at 2:00 p.m., getting a police escort to the subway station at 68th Street and Lexington Avenue. A small group of young men heckled the gays as they left, but there was no confrontation.

During its brief march, ILGO participants looked like any other parade contingent: they wore green or waved Irish flags, and banners proclaimed "England out of

Ireland" and "Free Joe Doherty," the former IRA member recently deported from the United States and imprisoned in Northern Ireland.

But many of the gay marchers held other posters, with slogans like "No gay Irish need apply" and "Kiss me, I'm Irish and queer." Nearly all wore buttons with a green map of Ireland emblazoned with a pink triangle.

ILGO was excluded from the parade by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The fraternal Catholic organization said it could not sanction homosexuality and that there were other groups which applied before ILGO which were entitled to march in case of an opening.

A federal judge agreed and said ILGO could not jump the groups, prompting the alternative parade.

"This a public parade, going up Fifth Avenue on the 17th of March every year," said Ann Maguire of ILGO. "We are an Irish group. We have every right to be there to

celebrate our culture and heritage."

Many officials agreed, including Mayor David Dinkins and Gov. Mario Cuomo, who stayed away from the parade. Other politicians also stayed away from the main parade and marched with ILGO, including state Attorney General Robert Abrams, Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger and City Controller Liz Holtzman.

"We have to find strength in celebrating our diversity, not in building barriers," said Messinger.

D'Amato and City Council member Peter Vallone, in addition to the "Shame" shouts, heard chants of "We're queer, we vote!" Tom Duane, the first openly gay member of the City Council, marched with ILGO as a reminder of that warning.

"The shame of the Irish community is the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who couldn't find a place in their hearts to allow a group of proud Irish people in today's parade," said Duane.

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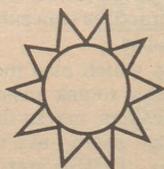
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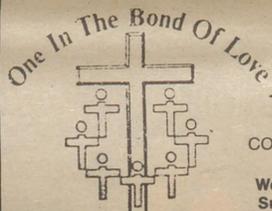
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## ▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

# BAHR presents discussion of gays, lesbians and sexual harassment

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
TNV Editor

The Bar Association of Human Rights presented an educational seminar on sexual harassment law as it affects gays and lesbians last Thursday, March 12. The session began with panel members discussing the legal foundations sexual harassment. Then, through a series of hypotheticals with facts particularly relevant to Houston's gay and lesbian community, participants explored how sexual harassment cases involving gays and lesbians would fare in court.

Sharing their insight on the panel were two employment law specialists, Margie Harris of Butler and Harris and Bert Johnson of Baker and Botts. BAHHR vice president, Chris Bacon, also an employment lawyer with the firm of Vinson and Elkins, moderated the discussion. Both the employer and employee perspectives were discussed.

Among interesting revelations in the discussion: While sexual harassment against a person because of the person's gender is illegal, there is no recognized cause of action if a person is harassed because of his or her sexual orientation, and such cases are usually dismissed. If a lesbian claims harassment by a male employer, her sexual orientation may be used to by a creative defense to paint her as overly sensitive if heterosexual female co-workers have not reported harassment. The speakers said it is harder to find a cause of action for sexual harassment when both the victim and harasser are of the same sex. And surprisingly, gay/lesbian people who are "overt" with open verbal expression of their sexuality can be found guilty of sexual harassment if this expression offends heterosexual co-workers!

On the positive side, courts have recently adopted an important development, using

"reasonable women's standards" to determine harassment of women by men. However, a person's sexual orientation and standards stemming from such (for example, that a gay person may be more offended by a graphic heterosexual comment) is not taken into consideration even though the reverse is acceptable in court.

"The courts just aren't that clear right now (regarding gays and lesbians)," said Harris. "It's going to be a few more years before we even get close."

The speakers noted that gay and lesbian people are often caught "between a rock and hard place" because they have no job protection in the state of Texas. If a person's sexuality is known, the threat of being fired with no legal recourse may prevent her or him from reporting even obvious harassment, they said.

### —Counselors get gay awareness training

About 100 school counselors of the Houston Independent School District received an introduction to gay and lesbian youth issues in a recent in-service training session. Among those addressing the group were Ken Antell of the Montrose Counseling Center, David Fowler of the Montrose Resource Center and Sharon Stone of Sharon Stone and Associates, all certified counselors whose practices concentrate on gay and lesbian issues.

The meeting, which also included time for the counselors to ask questions of the community speakers, marks the first time speakers on gay issues have addressed a large gathering of HISD staff. It was arranged by Michael Crawford, John Bourgault and Wade Lee of Queer Nation Houston.

Crawford said members of Queer Nation's youth subgroup decided to pursue a meeting with guidance counselors to dis-

cuss issues faced by gay and lesbian youth in school. HISD administration responded positively to the request, requiring only that the speakers who will present the information be licensed counselors, he said.

"As far as I know, this is the first time it's happened here in Houston," said Crawford. "I think it's a small step, but a very important step forward."

The organizers also provided a resource list for the counselors, including such groups as Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH), Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) and AIDS Foundation Houston.

### —AIDS Alliance announces funds

The Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, as the lead contractor for the Houston HIV Health Service Delivery Area (Houston HSDA) is alerting service providers, community leaders, local government officials and concerned individuals of the availability of funding under the Ryan White C.A.R.E. Act/Title II/HIV Care Consortium/Houston HSDA/HIV Insurance Assistance Grant. These funds are to be awarded by the Texas Department of Health in accordance to guidelines established by the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) and the Texas Department of Health.

These funds have been allocated based upon the service needs of the HIV/AIDS affected population in the counties to be served under this grant. The Care Consortium has elected to issue a Request for Proposals for the proposals listed below. As lead agency, the Alliance is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Care Consortium in accordance with TDH policies and procedures, as well as contract monitoring and technical assistance for service providers.

The Houston HIV HSDA consists of the following counties: Austin, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris Liberty, Montgomery, Walker, Waller and Wharton.

Services to be funded are: Consortia funds (services for clients living in Houston HSDA counties other than Harris)—Rural Case Management (\$44,000 for one new case manager position); Emotional Support Counseling (\$10,000 for services including support groups, individual and family supportive counseling and in-home supportive counseling). Houston HSDA funds (services for clients who live in any of the 10 counties of the Houston HSDA)—In-Home Attendant Care (\$200,000 for provision of physician ordered in-home attendant care); In-Home Infusion Therapy (\$100,000 for provision of physician ordered in-home intravenous therapies); In-Home Skilled Nursing Visits (\$30,555 for provision of physician ordered in-home skilled nursing visits).

The ability of in-home health providers to offer services in Houston HIV HSDA counties in addition to Harris County will be a prime consideration in the review of submitted proposals, the Alliance indicated.

The request for Proposals is available at the Alliance offices. Providers who are unable to pick up an RFP are urged to contact the Alliance office to arrange for one to be mailed. Proposals will be due at the Alliance no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 3 at the following address: Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, 2015 Thomas Street—2nd Floor Offices, Houston, TX 77009.

RFP's should include, at a minimum, the name, address, phone and FAX number of the respondent and a brief description of the agency's services.

For more information, contact Charles Henley, state project director, at (713) 546-5733; FAX (713) 228-4773.

## ▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON LIVE

# A high speed pace: 'Little Egypt' at Stages is a lot of fun

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice

Three women. Three men. Three relationships. That's the basis for "Little Egypt," a play by Lynn Seifert which is being presented at Stages Repertory Theatre through April 12 as part of its annual Women's Repertory Project highlighting female playwrights, directors, producers and actors.

The play, which takes its title from that area around Cairo, Ill. where the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers converge, has 26 different scenes, divided equally between the two acts, and it gives the impression of a high speed pace. The scene changes are, however, far more than a tempo device. They underscore the whirlwind comedy drama that shapes the lives of three very different women, all from the same family, and three equally disparate but unrelated men with whom they become involved.

To a certain degree, the playwright could be accused of drawing mere copies of characters that are all quite familiar. This assessment, though, must be qualified; the familiarity of the personas comes as much from personal experience (everyone will recognize a friend/family member/acquaintance in at least one of the characters) as it does from their frequent appearance in all manner of dramatizations.

There is Celeste Waltz (Vicki Luman), a quiet, withdrawn, mousey woman who is saddled with low self-esteem and seems destined for spinsterhood; Bernadette Waltz (Rebecca Byars) a woman's woman, strong, forceful and confident, and given to pleasures of the flesh only when accompanied by acknowledged respect; and Faye Waltz (Jean Proctor), a middle aged luckless and lonely boozier who yearns (in a whine some of my male readers might find familiar) to feel a "young, hard penis inside me at least once more before I die."

The men parallel the women: Victor Mulkey Hood (Mark Felch), a painfully awkward and gullible security guard whose unenvied existence is brightened by seemingly prosaic occurrences; Watson Mason (James Hansen Prince), a handsome, charming, free-loading blue collar gigolo with an appealing, virile passion; and Hugh Door (Patrick Mitchell), a hard drinking, adulterizing good-of-boy Mayor with a self-indulgent appetite.

The coupling of characters is as natural

as pairing a left and right shoe, and the groundwork for these yoked kismets is quickly laid. Celeste walks through the bus station with no effect other than to catch Victor's eye. Enter Watson, who quick-talks his way into taking up residence with Victor and gets a lunch out of it as well.

With that scene, the first contrast is marked: Watson's manipulative, street wise acumen set against the befuddled innocence of Victor.

Switch to Celeste, who is learning from her mother, Faye that she is not welcome. The second, more vicious contrast is displayed. The soft-spoken celeste is continually accosted by her haranguing mother, and although clearly self-assured and defiant, bernadette offers only perfunctory protests on her sister's behalf. Even this limited effort abruptly ceases when Faye pulls out her pint.

At the terminal, Bernadette and Watson have an immediate physical attraction. They both fan their feathers in a comic mating dance and waste no time exchanging pleasantries. Having decided on a tryst, Watson and Bernadette introduce their much more timid companions to one another. Victor and celeste, who also share an attraction, have the first obstacle removed, initial contact, and their earthier, more genuine attraction takes seed.

Knowing Bernadette has a date, Celeste tries her mother again. Faye, however, is occupied in the contorted throes of a sexual nature. With both mother and sister similarly occupied, Celeste returns to the bus depot, where Victor offers his humble accommodations.

A comparison of the three relationships shows Faye so utterly starved for companionship that she knowingly accepts subservience; bernadette with liberated determination, unwilling to support Watson even though it means sacrificing heightened pleasures; and Celeste and Victor who in their ungainly affability, prove they have the strongest mettle for a commitment.

Director William Burford accentuated the comic aspects of "Little Egypt," but lost none of the dramatic impact. The laughs are played in a recognizable light. We laugh because we can relate.

While all six actors gave laudable performances, Mark Felch as Victor and Jean Proctor as Faye stood out. Felch cap-



Vicki Luman as Celeste and Mark Felch as Victor in "Little Egypt," Lynn Seifert's new comedy at Stages

tures your heart and sympathy as the bubble headed simpleton who gloats with pride because he has a telephone. Proctor evokes pity as an aging woman whose dreams are one night stands.

The sets by Elva Stewart utilized a group of benches and chairs which were repositioned to fit the action at the bus station, Faye's house, Bernadette's apartment and Victor's abandoned garage. There are no surprises here, nothing to indicate the Great White Way lies in the future for this play. This is just a solidly good evening of theater. "Little Egypt" is a lot of fun.

### —Stone Soup food drive

Stages is offering specially discounted tickets to its Wednesday and Thursday

performances of "Little Egypt" to any theater guests who bring non-perishable food items for Stone Soup Food Pantry. With the purchase of one "Little Egypt" ticket at full price, up to three additional tickets may be purchased at half price with food donations. The number of these specially priced tickets is limited, and they are available for Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 p.m. performances only.

This is the second year Stages has held a food drive for Stone Soup during the Lenten season. Last year's effort, during the run of the highly successful "Closer Than Ever," yielded more than 600 items for the pantry.

Performances of "Little Egypt" are Wednesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m., Sunday at 5:00 p.m., through April 12.

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▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

## FMB's Women's History Month discussion to be held at Theatre Marigny

The Faubourg Marigny Bookstore will host a panel discussion in recognition of Women's History Month entitled "Lesbian Writers and Women's Literature: Celebrating Our 'Heritage.'" Panelists will be Rebecca Mark, Emily Toth and Lisa Walker. The panel will be at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 at Theatre Marigny, 616 Frenchmen. A reception will follow the discussion at the Faubourg Marigny Bookstore, 600 Frenchmen.

Lisa Walker, a PhD candidate at Louisiana State University, specializing in contemporary fiction and film will be discussing the evolution of butch/femme roles in literature and lesbian and feminist criticism. She is currently writing a paper on lesbian vampire films.

Emily Toth is director of women's studies at LSU. She will speak about women's life

writings. Dr. Toth is the author of several books including "Kate Chopin: A Life of the Author of The Awakening" (William Morrow Books, 1990).

Rebecca Mark is a writer and a professor at Tulane University. She recently edited a reissue of "Lifting Belly," the erotic poetry of Gertrude Stein (Naiad Press, 1989). She is presently writing a book on Eudora Welty's "The Golden Apples."

Admission for both the discussion and reception is \$3 at the door or through Faubourg Marigny Bookstore. Phone (504) 943-9875.

### —Williams Fest activities

The sixth Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival runs from March 27 to March 29. Among scheduled activities is this: "Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down, Make Me

Read: Writers Talk About Sex and Violence." The city wide festival is dedicated to the memory of New Orleans best-known literary figure. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Williams owned only one home in his lifetime and it was on Rue Dumain in the Vieux Carre. One of the highlights of the festival is "An Evening With Tennessee," and remembrances of people who knew him, including people still living in New Orleans and his brother, Dakon, of St. Louis, Mo.

### —"Greater Tuna"

The spectacular Ricky Graham and Michael Bennett rendering of the hilarious off-Broadway and HBO hit comedy "Greater Tuna" played un—superstitiously to a full house Friday, the 13th of March at True Brew Theatre, 200 Julia Street.

The tiny, 60-seat theater will be home to the many denizens of Texas' third smallest town through April 19. Among its many citizens are radio personalities Thurston Wheelis and Arlis Stuvie and Vera Carp, vice president of the "Smut Snatchers of the New Order."

The two character quick change comedy is a virtual tour de force for Graham and Bennett. They played "Greater Tuna" to New Orleans audiences during its 10 month run at the French Market Theater in 1990.

The show is again co-directed by Su Gonozy and Ricky Graham. Gonozy is also the production's quick-change dresser, a particularly demanding job. Performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday through April 19. For ticker information call (504) 522-2907.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: LOUISIANA

## La. governor signs order banning discrimination against lesbians and gays

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON  
TNV New Orleans

Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards has signed an executive order barring state agencies from discriminating against lesbians and gay men in jobs or services. Although the proclamation was signed Feb. 17, it was not announced until last Wednesday, March 11.

The announcement was made by New Orleans lawyer John Rawls in a hastily called press conference at his CBD offices, just across Canal Street from the French Quarter. The area known as the CBD (Central Business District) was known to the city's first French settlers as the "American Quarter" because of the large number of Americans who settled there after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Edwards, a descendant of Louisiana's

Acadian French, had the decree drawn up at the request of Rawls, a one-time "American" transplanted to New Orleans from Florida. Al Donovan, Edwards executive counsel, wrote the document.

Rawls outlined the process of discussions between himself and New Orleans gay and lesbian leaders, as well as conversations with people involved in AIDS work that led to his request and the resulting order. Armed with "advice and support" and copies of similar decrees issued by Colorado, Ohio and New Mexico, Rawls drove to Baton Rouge and met with the governor on Valentine's Day, 1992. He said he was only informed last week that the governor had signed the order.

The executive order also prohibits discrimination by the state in awarding contracts, and by state contractors in any employment matter.

Rawls said, "As far as I know, we are the only Southern state that has issued such an order." A spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a Washington, D.C. based political action committee, said that the Louisiana proclamation is the only one in the south and is one of the most far reaching in all the country.

"This will give qualified lesbians and gay men the confidence to apply for any state job, knowing that the only issue will be qualifications," Rawls said.

Under the administrations of New Orleans past Mayor Dutch Morial and present Mayor Sidney Barthelemy, discrimination based on sexual orientation has already been prohibited in city hiring and services. In December, New Orleans City Council extended city civil rights protections to include gays and lesbians.

Edwards decree, Rawls said, "extends to all of state employment the protection that new Orleans has given within its boundaries." The city law, however, goes further, making it a crime to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation when handing out jobs and promotions and renting apartments and houses. It also covers private employers of more than eight people while the state law applies only to state employment and state-awarded contracts.

Rawls and the Louisiana School Boards Association agree that Edwards' order does not apply to local public school systems or to other political subdivisions of the state, such as parishes.

Rawls pointed out that the state is setting an example: "Now that state government has led the way, there is no reason for parish police juries, parish school boards and municipalities not to follow this lead."



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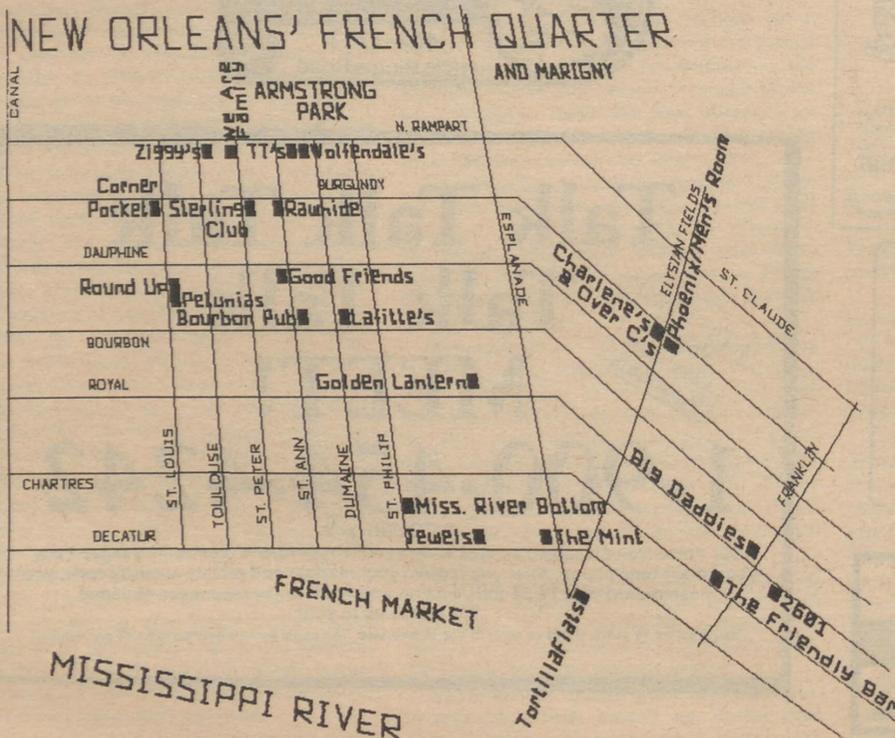
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▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Fiesta in the air; Pageants coming to S.A.; Wild Club anniversary

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT

The New Voice

Well, Fiesta is in the air, and people everywhere around San Antonio have started preparing for the big 1-0-1 celebration of their city of San Antonio. There will be lots of music and dancing in the streets and tourists from all over the world come to San Antonio to celebrate our birthday.

Of course, all of San Antonio's gay community wants to invite everyone to come down and party, but please be careful traveling because it is also Spring Break. There will be lots of drunk drivers out there on the road, and God knows we already have enough of our friends in the obituaries and morgues without having to have more from just the plain stupidity of driving drunk.

Speaking of Fiesta, the Bonham Exchange has started buckling down and remodeling. Not only because the over a century old building could use a face lift, but also because Spring is in the air and The Bonham Exchange knows that their customers want an enjoyable atmosphere to party in when it comes to Fiesta. So the Bonham is redoing the whole back patio. The new fence is up and the bar is being moved, so the new patio will be open April 1 or sooner. Friday, March 20, the Bonham Exchange is having a Spring Fever Party, with specials such as Bacardi Breezers, and male strippers Little David and Cory. Saturday, March 21 is the ACLU Ball in the Bonham Exchange Ballroom. Contact Gene Elder at (512) 227-6451 to purchase tickets ahead of time. The food is being catered by Matt Menger and there will be a silent auction in addition to live entertainment. Brenda Starr is having a cast party of City Entertainers on Sunday, March 22 with male dancers Brandon and Roc.

This will be the Seventh Annual Miss San Antonio, and this year's theme will be Mardi Gras. Tandi will emcee at The Paper Moon. All six of the former Miss San Antonio's will be performing—Cassandra Hall, Misty Duvall (from McAllen), Sassy St. James, Vanessa Gordon, Victoria West (who went on to become Miss Texas in 1990) and Chanel White, reigning Miss Gay San Antonio. Rafael Velasco says that he started the annual Miss San Antonio the year after Miss USA came into existence and the local pageant has always been held at the Paper Moon. Rafael said that starting a pageant is not difficult, as you buy the franchise—the right to hold a local pageant. The fee is only \$50 and the requirements are that you pay the franchise dues on time, you bring in the current reigning Miss Texas and pay her a fee and expenses, and use the scoring system provided by Miss USA Pageantry. For those of you who've always wondered how this system works, here's an outline.

Actual scoring begins with an interview conducted by five judges who rank the contestants. The best will be awarded 10 points, the second category judged is talent, which is seven minutes of any presentation the contestants want to make



Brenda K. Starr is at the Bonham exchange for "Brenda and the Boys"



The Chain of Command of San Antonio—Ron M., Emilio T., Jack J., Rick F., Roger W. Dennis W., Lee B., Jeff B., Charlie P. and Roger S.—celebrated their anniversary at the Nite Owl last weekend



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dance hits. Judges must also know and be familiar with current trends in hair, make-up and fashion, including the more popular designers for clothing, accessories and shoes.

Rafale has chosen six judges this year. There will be two female judges. Denise Willborn, the current reigning Miss Attascosa County was selected because of her knowledge in the pageant field as she has been competing for the past four or five years and has been a runner up in the ("other") Miss Texas pageant. Evett Medina is the current reigning Miss Hispanidad (from San Antonio) and has



Pauletta is at the Paper Moon for Talent Night on Thursdays

also been in the top ten in Miss Texas. Other judges are P. Gonzales, a local advertising rep who has judged Miss gay San Antonio since its inception; Jesse Garza of Galveston, another USA promoter who has judged from the national level down for the past six years; Babe Meyers, who has judged approximately 300 pageants from the state level down over the past seven years; and Jerry Bird, the owner of the Miss USA Pageant. Judges do this on a voluntary basis and receive no compensation.

Rafael expects ten or more contestants this year. Jennifer St. John is current reigning Miss Texas USA. Come see all this and more at the Paper Moon on Friday, March 20.

Also, don't forget that April 2 is the Third Annual Switch Night benefit for SAAF at the Paper Moon...

The Wild Club, 820 San Pedro is having a One Year Anniversary this week. Randy, Nate and Rafael invite you and all your friends to come out and celebrate this Wild event. Who knows? Maybe by then you can get a look at the new patio, That's right—you heard it here first from The New Voice—what you've been waiting for at The Wild Club is the Patio from Hell. Stay tuned to coming issues for more updates on the Wild Club's remodeling.

Las Gueras, 5930 S. Flores, is having a benefit show for Jose Delgado on Saturday, March 21. Cinnamon Sweet will emcee with special guest stars Lonnie Thomas and Shannon Angelica. Show time is at 8:00 p.m. Look forward to seeing female strippers and impersonators at their best. Drop by Las Gueras and tell them The New Voice sent you.

Sunday, March 15 was a record breaking Spring Break party crowd at Olmos Park. The park regulars and myself would like to give a big hands up for all of you out-of-towners for helping to keep the park clean although the trash cans were overflowing!

P.S. to all of San Antonio, if you have anything that may need to be mentioned about your club, restaurant, shops, stores and organizations, contact Richard Wright at (512) 222-8558. Organizations: FAX number is (713) 529-9531.



The Paper Moon's Sheena Angelica: "Newcomer of the Year" for Miss Gay San Antonio USA

## ▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# Objections to use of vibrator prompts review of teaching policy

GREENFIELD, Mass., Wednesday, March 11 (AP)—Responding to objections from parents, a middle school instructor has stopped teaching students about condoms with a vibrator as a visual prop.

With more schools passing out condoms, the stir in Greenfield highlights the sensitive question of how explicit teachers should be in teaching about the use of con-

traceptives to prevent AIDS.

Nine Massachusetts communities have decided to distribute condoms to teenagers in their high schools. Greenfield is not among them, despite its instruction in condom use.

"I don't think it's appropriate for people to be talking to ... sixth graders about the use of condoms. Some of those kids don't

know the facts of life," Greenfield parent Roberta Guidaboni said Tuesday.

Principal James Peters said he and the teacher agreed to omit the plastic vibrator this semester after Guidaboni and her husband Dwight complained. He said school officials will also review all their techniques for teaching about condoms.

Health teacher Aprylle Wakefield said

she demonstrated condom use with the anatomically correct vibrator and an unpeeled banana in previous semesters at Greenfield High School. She said no one objected at that level.

She first used the vibrator as a prop with younger students when she began teaching the middle school health course for sixth—and seventh-graders in September.

# Miami Beach police name officers to deal with complaints from gays

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Tuesday, March 17 (AP)—The Miami Beach Police Department, which has been criticized in the past for dealings with the gay community, has named two officers to handle complaints of hate crimes and act as special representatives to gays.

Ambrose Sims, an openly gay officer, and Maj. Rocco De Leo will handle complaints of hate crimes and act as special

representative to gays and lesbians.

Gay activists praised the move.

"I think other departments, like the Broward Sheriff's Office and the Fort Lauderdale police, should copy Miami Beach," said John Graves, president of the Broward-based Gays United to Attack Repression and Discrimination.

That group had claimed Miami Beach Officers Doug Dozier and James Nash

were involved in several cases of verbal abuse and harassment of gays.

The charge was renewed after Dozier and Nash in January arrested Neil Rogers, an outspoken and openly gay radio talk-show host for WIOD-AM.

Rogers' attorney said Dozier and Nash entrapped the broadcaster in a Miami Beach adult theater and accused him of exposing himself while mastur-

bating. The charges against Rogers were later dropped.

Gays United accused Miami Beach police of protecting Dozier and Nash and ignoring the group's allegations. Miami Beach police spokesperson Tom Hoolahan at the time dismissed the allegations. Hoolahan could not be reached for comment on Tuesday about the new policy.

# Utah education board rejects textbooks that accepts homosexuality

SALT LAKE CITY, Friday, March 13 (AP)—The Utah Board of Education has refused a request to allow books that describe homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle.

State policy prohibits books or other material that accepts or advocates homosexuality. The Utah State Textbook Commission last June recommended dropping the prohibition of material that accepts homosexuality.

The board turned down the recommen-

dation Thursday despite warnings that the state may face discrimination lawsuits.

Shawna Stewart, state manager for textbook adoption, said California is facing discrimination lawsuits for its social studies textbooks, which ethnic, religious and sexual minorities claim do not show acceptance of their differences.

"We certainly don't want to advocate homosexuality, but we do want to be accepting of all people," Bonnie Morgan, director

of curriculum, told the board during its meeting in Salt Lake City.

Currently, a text is excluded if it discusses the intricacies of intercourse, sexual stimulation or erotic behavior; treats homosexuality as a desirable or acceptable lifestyle; encourages use of contraceptives for unmarried minors or accepts or advocates promiscuity.

The Textbook Commission recommended that the state change the guidelines to include books that are more accepting of

homosexuals or people who have sex before marriage. However, the state would continue to exclude books that advocate such activities as well as those that discuss use of birth control.

The board rejected the recommendation, and agreed only to change the word "acceptance" to "approval."

"If we allow this, then eventually they are going to be the norm," said board member Frances Hatch Merrill said of homosexuals.

# Budget crisis hurting police reforms against discrimination, they claim

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday, March 11 (AP)—The Police Department is acting to prevent discrimination against women and homosexual officers, but the city's budget problems may prevent other reforms, officials said.

Lt. Richard Gonzales told the Police Commission on Tuesday that the department has met affirmative action goals, but he said the budget crisis and

hiring freeze made it difficult to hire more women and minorities.

He said there's no money available for recruitment. The department's recruitment staff has been reduced to three from 20 in the last year.

The reforms are part of recommendations made by the Christopher Commission, an independent panel which investigated the department after the March

3, 1991, police beating of Rodney King. In part, that commission found that female, homosexual and minority officers faced discrimination.

Gonzales said the department is emphasizing its anti-discrimination policy and produced a video called "Respect for Others" that has been played at roll calls.

In another area of suggested reform,

background checks for recruits, lack of money also could cause problems, police said.

No officer is hired until a background check is completed, said Lt. Mike Chambers. But efforts to improve the investigations by hiring 17 new staff members must be approved by the City Council, which is facing a potential deficit of more than \$100 million.

## ▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

# Homosexuals should not be discriminated against, police chief says

FORT WORTH, Texas, Wednesday, March 11 (AP)—A person's sexual preference does not and should not disqualify anyone for police duty in Fort Worth, the city's police chief says.

Police Chief Thomas Windham told a group of gay men and women Tuesday night that questions about whether an applicant is a homosexual should not even be asked.

"A person's sexual preference in and of itself is not a disqualifier for a police

officer," Windham said. "... We do not ask questions about a person's sexual preference."

Windham made his comments the night before the state's Third District Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that the Texas sodomy law is unconstitutional.

The sodomy law is being used by the Dallas Police Department to keep homosexuals off the force.

Windham said if Mica England, 27-

year-old lesbian living in Dallas, had applied with Fort Worth Police Department instead of the Dallas police force, she would have been patrolling the streets long ago.

"I don't know anything about her, but I see her in the news as perhaps most others do," Windham said. "She appears to me to be a real impressive young lady ... qualified to be on the police force. As far as gay or lesbian officers, I am sure we have them."

Ms. England is suing the Dallas Police Department after her application was turned down two years ago because she admitted being a homosexual.

A state district judge's ruling this year allowed her to reapply. But the Dallas Police Department has put her application on hold pending a determination by Texas courts on the constitutionality of the state's sodomy law.

Attorney General Dan Morales said he would appeal today's ruling to the Texas Supreme Court.

## ▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# Gay activists say they plan to disrupt Academy Awards, claims The Advocate

LOS ANGELES, Friday, March 13 (AP)—Gay activists have gotten jobs at the Academy Awards ceremony and will disrupt the show to protest what they consider Hollywood's negative portrayal of their lifestyle, published reports said.

Activists will disrupt the presentation of a major award during the March 30 ceremony, which will be televised live, The Advocate, a gay magazine, reported in its March 25 issue.

Members of Queer Nation, ACT-UP and other gay groups have plotted the disturbance for nearly a year, the magazine said.

"We're not out to destroy the industry, but we are into destroying homo hatred," Judy Sisneros of Queer Nation told the magazine.

Security is tight for the show every year, but a spokesperson for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said the organizers could not do much to

stop an inside protest.

"How could we? Look, if a dancer leaves the kick-line and begins to protest, we have no time to stop them. This is live TV," Bob Werden told the New York Daily News.

The newspaper, citing sources it didn't name, reported Thursday that protesters have obtained positions as ushers, security personnel and backstage checkpoint observers in the Los Angeles Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pa-

vilion.

Particularly upsetting to gay groups are the portrayals of homosexual villains in best picture nominees "JFK" and "The Silence of the Lambs," and the portrayal of characters in "Fried Green Tomatoes."

Fannie Flagg's book "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe" was more explicit in its depiction of a gay relationship between the characters played by Mary Stuart Masterson and Mary-Louise Parker in the film.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

# Spring is in the air in Houston, and the parties just keep coming

By TAD NELSON

TNV Houston

Hello, Houston! Well, just when are things going to begin slowing down around here? The holidays and parties are running together into a big blur! Thank God, I'm not Irish and St. Patrick's Day didn't mean much more to me than the little things like wearing a green tropical print short sleeve "Windjammer" fashion imported from St. Lucia, V.I., so that I didn't get pinched or poked.

That's all I needed was another excuses to drink mass quantities. How about yourselves? Did you have the green beer hangover from hell? Have you ever been sick on that stuff? Not a pretty sight against the white porcelain.

Your first thought was probably that you blacked out at some point in the evening and thought you were a weed wacker! Did you run to the front lawn to check for the trim around the bushes? Well, hold on to your baskets because the next big holiday will be Easter. You know, the season of chocolate and vast amounts of hard boiled eggs. Just don't plan on taking any long car trips with friends for a week or so after Easter and avoid buses at all costs.

But seriously, spring springs upon us at 2:59 a.m. Friday, March 20. Time to think about dieting for that new bathing suit you want. Maybe tanning at the parlor so you won't look so pale at the beach or Hippie Hollow for Splash Day. Possibly even taking the old bike out of the mothballs and putting your useless collection of 30 sweaters back in.

This is the best time of year in Houston, so enjoy it while it lasts. Slow down, relax and have fun at events like last Sunday's talent show which was a great success for the women of Juliet's, where everyone had a fun time. From the group of contestants performing, Karen Tharp took the first place honors, followed by Ms. T in second place, Mary Davis in third and Denny in fourth. Congratulations to all the contestants and be on the look out for future talent shows from Juliet's.

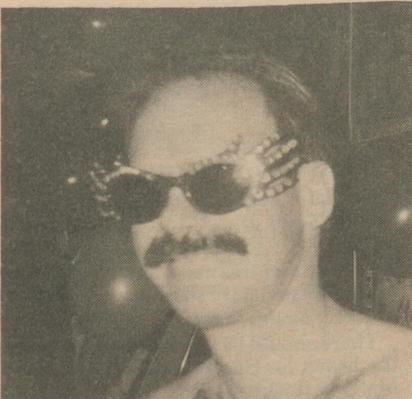
If you weren't at the Brazos River Bottom last night you missed their kickoff party for the UFO (Unidentified Flaming Objects) Show, to benefit the Montrose Activity Center. A great time was had by all and be sure to look for similar shows in the future at your neighborhood taverns.

By the way, anyone with total recall who was at Venture-N last Friday night can contact me to fill in a few blank spaces.

Tonight, Thursday, begins the all new "Strip Contest" at E/J's with Brittany Paige at 10:30 with her special guest, Misty Valdez (direct from Galveston) and featuring the "Ultimate Illusion" of Ms. T.

Venture-N is having a "Rights of Spring Weekend" and if you party with them you will have such "rights" as the right to Blue Light Specials; the right to howl with the Wolf Pack; the right to Sunday Night Showtunes; the right to free popcorn and shuffleboard and mention a few among many rights for you who will be enjoying the first celebration of spring.

And we hope that all of you who registered to attend the Adventure N Tuscon



Mark, you've been hanging around Cassandra too long!



Scott, Moira and Diane, what did the camera catch y'all doing? You really look guilty



Miss Camp America representatives blew through Mary's last Friday night. Can you pick out Mary's real girl in the group?



John Bushlien (TNT Shirts) displays some of his shirts that are making national news



The good looking men of Lancers (the real Motorcycle Club) call Venture-N home to their colors



Jerry (E/J's), right, parties after shift with husband David



A.J., did Sandy know he really married a show girl, not a truck driver?

charter trip have a great time and don't wander too far away from the group in the desert. Representatives from Mary's, National Leather Association:Houston, Texas Riders, Ripcord, Sundance Cattle Company, Venture-N

Houston and many friends will be leaving Friday morning to attend, among many other activities, the presentation of colors by the Desert Leathermen of Tuscon to the Venture-N Tuscon. Congratulations to Big Jim and the Tuscon



Jane of Crystal Castle at 228 Westheimer displays one of her splendid collectibles

gang on a great looking bar with a great future. Hope I see it soon!

J.R.'s Bar and Grill is introducing their new Friday Office Party with seven gorgeous Guy Fridays and an extended happy hour until 10:00 p.m. (sounds like an office function you won't want to miss), while nest door at Heaven they are bringing you 50 cent well drinks all night long.

Juliet's will be having a benefit show for the Rape crisis Center at 9:30 this Friday night, go by and help with this worthy and often overlooked cause.

Don't forget the buffet at the Ripcord Friday at 5:00 p.m. with a different menu each week. Two weeks ago was Italian, last week it was Chinese Hot and Sour Soup. What's cookin' guys?

And if After Hours is your thing, try Ripcord or Mary's tonight and tomorrow night, or a different alternative would be Club Body Center Houston or Midtowne Spa where the action continues 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

The Imperial Court of the Single Star will present the newly crowned royalty at the BRB this Saturday, March 21 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The Montrose Mining company does the Strauss Company with their monthly Torn Levi Party, where some men will prove to you that some things just look better ripped, this Saturday night.

Thanksgiving comes early at 800 Pacific with customer appreciation on Saturday Night, featuring great Techno-House music, 75 cent well drinks from 9:00-11:00 p.m. and complimentary admission with your Customer Appreciation Pass, which may be picked up Thursday or Friday at J.R.'s or heaven.

Don't forget Maude and the Gentry Talent Showcase each Saturday night. I've heard that whoever picks up the tab for Maude's lonely trip to Mardi Gras is a guaranteed winner. (Just kidding).

Also this Saturday, the Ranch will be hosting a product show of the Shocking Gray catalog, call the bar for more info on this one.

Mr. B.J. Williams, candidate for Mr. TGRA 1993 will host a benefit show for the Colt 45's at the BRB this Sunday from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Naomi will have a really hard time judging from the competition as eight weeks of Strip Nights culminates this Tuesday at J.R.'s. The winners of the past eight weeks will be competing for one Troy ounce of pure gold in this contest that bares to please.

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Yes, womyn, Nancy Ford can be seen each Thursday at Juliet's at 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.

## ▼▼▼ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# THRF urges 'thank you' letters to judges, officials for 21.06 decision

### From TEXAS HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION

The Texas Human Rights Foundation would like to encourage all individuals who support the removal of 21.06 to call or write the three justices of the Third District Court of Appeals, thanking them for making the "right" and principled decision. They are: Jimmy Carroll, Chief Justice (wrote the opinion, which was unanimous); Mack Kidd and Tom G. Davis, retired from the Court of Criminal Appeals, sitting by assignment.

The address is: Third District Court, Supreme Court Building, 14th and Colorado Streets, P.O. Box 12547, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711, phone (512) 463-1733.

In addition, it would be most helpful to our cause if you would include in your "Thank you's" one to Ann Richards and to Garry Mauro. They have both taken a stand in support of 21.06. These addresses are: Governor Ann Richards, Capitol Building, Austin, TX 78701, (512) 463-2000; Commissioner Garry Mauro, General Land Office, Stephen F. Austin Build-

ing, 1700 N. Congress, Austin, TX 78701, (512) 463-5256.

Most importantly, the Texas Human Rights Foundation would like to thank all those individuals who have supported this law suit. Special recognition must go to Patrick Wiseman and Plaintiffs Linda Morales, John Thomas, Charlotte Taft, Tom Doyal and Pat Cramer for their courage and commitment.

The fight is not over by a long shot. Our legal fees and court costs already exceed \$60,000. With an appeal to the Texas Supreme Court, that amount will come to

over \$100,000. We urge everyone to join THRF by sending \$100, \$50, \$21.06 or whatever they can today. Any contribution over \$21.06 entitles you to annual membership in THRF, and all contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Make checks payable to THRF and send to P.O. Box 49740, Austin, TX 78765. For more information on THRF, its other projects, or to obtain a copy of the Appellate Court's Opinion, call (512) 479-THRF. For information on HIV-related issues, call 1-800-828-6417.

## ▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

# Good Sports plans annual event for college basketball's Final Four

Good Sports, an organization for gay and lesbian sports fans with an emphasis on college athletics, is planning its annual event for "The Final Four," college basketball's national championship showcase. The group will get together on Monday night, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. to watch the live CBS telecast from the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis, which starts at 8:00 p.m. (For location and food arrangements, call Good Sports at the number listed below).

"This will be a super way to spend time with good sports and to meet other fans in the community," said club organizer Lee Harrington. "So tell all your sports friends and gym buddies to get on their favorite team's colors and join us! We'll argue over the all-time greatest games and hottest player lists, and you can make sure your team sent us memorabilia to display."

The Final Four's three weekend extravaganza is now second only to the Super Bowl in revenue and prestige for a sports championship event. The 64 teams were announced on CBS on March 15.

To boost interest, Good Sports is mailing out a "Final 16" pick card to members and interested persons to make their predictions in the competition. The cards will go out on Monday, March 23 and must be completed and returned postmarked by March 25. To receive a card, call Good Sports at (713) 523-9000 before Monday. State your name, favorite college team, address and home and work telephone numbers. The winner gets a prize at the April 6 Good Sports party.

The "Final Four" gathering will be the group's last event until August 26, when college football kicks off with the A&M Pig-



Un-conventional Graffiti: This guerrilla message appeared in at least two Montrose area locations this week. While several protests are being planned during the Republican National Convention in August, no gay/lesbian or AIDS activist organization is claiming responsibility for the writing on the wall.

skin Classic in Anaheim, Calif.

### —Teen talk line

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) of Houston has announced the opening of their new telephone project, an "info/talkline for gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning teens and young adults." The phone number is (713) 520-TEEN (520-8336).

SMYAL is a peer support group that also has education and discussion groups, social and community activities. They meet

Saturdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at IntraCare Hospital, 7601 Fannin. Ages 16-22 are welcome to attend. This week's speaker is Annise Parker.

The group is also looking for qualified volunteers. For more information call (713) 520-8336.

### —"Heart Strings" ticket party

A ticket sales kick off party for the Houston stop in the 35 city national tour of "An Event in Three Acts: Heart Strings, the AIDS Memorial Quilt and You" will be

hosted by La Strada Restaurant, 322 Westheimer on Monday, March 30, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Then party, to be chaired by Houston interior designer Schere Byrd, will feature a buffet with samples from La Strada's popular menu, a cash bar, and jazz entertainment by one of Houston's best known "high energy" bands, the Kellye Gray trio. Also, art works by eight Houston artists will be offered in a silent auction. The artists are Cathy Boswell, Mark Bradford, Melissa Christopher, Rachel Hecker, Sasha Milby, Tara Rudman, George Sacaria and Todd Williams.

Admission to the party, which is open to the public, is \$25 which will be applied to the purchase price of a ticket to the "Heart Strings" performance.

The performance of the musical is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 at Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$250. For more information, call DIFFA/Houston (Design Industries Foundation for AIDS) at (713) 621-7989.

### —HLGPW garage sale

Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1992 will hold a "big, big, big garage sale without the garage" to raise funds for the 1992 celebration's expenses this Sunday, March 21 in the parking lot of Heaven (corner of Grant and Hyde Park). The sale takes place from 7:30 a.m. 'till 2:30 p.m.

In conjunction with the sale, at the same location, will be a car wash sponsored by the National Leather Association: Houston and a bake sale sponsored by the Imperial Court of the Single Star. These activities benefit the sponsoring groups, who in turn are donating 10 percent of their sales to HLGPW '92.

## ▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

# Spring is in the air in Houston, and the parties just keep coming

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For a delicious piece of beef with all the fixings, get over to E/J's any Wednesday for Steak Night. (I always have to take half of mine home with me). Then enjoy "Open Mic Night" with Toni Rae. It's kind of E/J's answer to the new fad "Karaoke" or an old fashioned new fangled sing-along.

If you're in a rut on Wednesday nights, climb out of your den and into the Mining Company as Brian Keever of National Leather Association emcees his den of brawny bears and cubs in the Bear of the Month Contest.

Gentry has its own sexy men pit their wet jockeys against each other each Wednesday night. Now either this will be an exciting contest with hot men in drenching underwear or a really weird contest with very short, wet and no doubt angry horse riders who could become very dangerous since they usually have a crop in one hand. Could be America's answer to Australia's since banned midget toss.

If you haven't been by Crystal Castle at 228 Westheimer (next to Jade Dragon) you're missing a truly interesting "New Age" rock, gift and crystal shop. Owner Jane Louise has assembled a fine array of incense, potpourri, rocks, crystals, charms, geodes, orbs, rings and much, much more. And Walter Rode is another bright spot at Crystal Castle. He works as

a "Well Being and Prosperity Counselor" and specializes in numerology and spiritual healing, and has some enlightening stories and advice. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00-6:00 p.m. If you're looking for that special gift, feeling down or just want some place new to go, try Crystal Castle and tell them you hear of them from the Voice.

Gentry announces the premier of the Lone Star Male revue next weekend. Hot hunks from Austin, Dallas and San Antonio will dance every Friday and Saturday at 10:00 p.m.

Next Friday, March 27, Gentry will host a kickoff party for the "Unidentified Flaming Object" Show which benefits Montrose Activity Center. Raffle tickets to win a 1992 Mazda pickup truck and a Suzuki motorcycle will be available for purchase from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Gentry will host the UFO Show on April 26.

Don't miss an evening with the Garden Party girls at Gentry on Sunday, March 29.

Brazos River Bottom will be celebrating its 14th year in business next Friday, March 27 and Little Bit of Texas will be there to help. Don't miss out on the Blue Light Specials every 14 minutes. I'll be there to time it!

March 28 is the Texas Renegade's 7th Anniversary to be celebrated at the BRB.

If you have ambition but no real talent of beauty, or maybe if you have a pushy stage mother or a sister who was a beauty queen and you just can't live in her shadow any longer, your chance is coming March 29 as BRB will host the Miss Montrose Contest. If you don't understand what I mean by no talent or beauty, pull out your old copies of The New Voice, which I'm sure each of you keeps neatly bound in a prominent spot in your personal reference library and just look at last year's winner. Be there for a show that will make you cry (ha ha!).

Now for a little dirt for you who are into things like that: Del (Gentry), I hear Rita was doing his best Shiva imitation with various parts of your body. Too bad it wasn't that cute thing behind you. I hear Rita felt quite a lot/or NOT whichever the case may be. Better luck next ear (I mean year). By the way, they told me to wish you Happy 100th Birthday, Sambucca must be truly an excellent preservative!

Miss Dee says that Tetra can't afford to get her new Thunderbird yet, 'cause she bought three people drinks at PastTime last week and almost remembered to tip, but came to her senses before the coin left her fingers. What I want to know is, is this a comment on the price of expensive drinks, a cheap car or a cheaper patron? Oh well, we can't all be THE Donald or have Miss Dee's economic good sense.

What's this about Jim, "J" and Kenny leaving Mary's Monday night together?

How was the trip?

Congratulations to Miss Dee and her better half Jimmy on the 11th wedding anniversary this past Monday!

Vera, since you're the sausage expert, exactly which aisle is the Chorizo on? Did the vodka have something to do with your last shopping spree?

While we're picking on you, girl, what's this about two flat tires, a hole and a two bag date at your place last Thursday afternoon?

Well, it finally happened! The Wolf Pack has not only been borrowed but has been knocked off. Yes, ladies and germs, Chains, the leather bar in Detroit now has Wolf Pack S & M on Saturdays. Well, surprise, I thought they did their Standing and Modeling at the Venture N on Saturdays.

Bye for now...

### —Galveston Soap

This Friday night, March 20, Misty Valdez will be having her Fifth Annual Benefit for AIDS at the Kon Tiki in Galveston. There will be free food and a great show and the beneficiary will be the AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas.

There should be another fun weekend on the beach for Spring Break '92 in Galveston this weekend. Why not try to have a party without incident this time. Have a good time, be safe, play safe and don't burn too bad.

▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

# Chances recovers from SXSW music fest; BEAN Awards coming to Charlie's

By CHRIS LUTHER  
TNV Austin

Welcome back Spring! Winter came and went in Austin with nary a chill and only 26 hours below freezing in the entire season. Now new leaves are covering the trees as scantily clad joggers and cyclists parade on the shores of Town Lake. If it wasn't for the allergy I'd be crying tears of joy.

Like mother goddess nature herself, this city moves and breathes in cycles. Perhaps it is the closeness Austin has to wilderness that keeps it beating in time to certain rhythms. This past week she has been taking a well deserved rest. It's Spring Break, and many of our most obnoxious temporary residents move on to annoy the kind people to the south. (Sorry guys, but we need the break). It doesn't take a PhD to notice the overall reduction in stress caused by Frattitude. Frattitude—the feeling of superiority obtained by wearing exposed boxer underwear underneath khaki walking shorts.

Just a few days earlier, Austin had been beating to the boogie woogie rhythm and blues as the South by Southwest musical smorgasbord moved into town. SXSW is an annual showcase for some of the finest up and coming new bands in the country. This past weekend, numerous clubs in town became non-stop venues for new music. And in spite of the often rampant homophobia exhibited by the pop music machine, gay people were found slowly carving out their own niche with self respect and a little melody.

Kicking off the weekend festival was the coveted Austin Music Awards show. Ground breaking lesbian quartet Two Nice Girls won mention in both the Avant Garde and Folk (!) categories. Noticeably absent from the evening's roster was radically queer band Girls in the Nose. But awards are based on popular ballot and GITN is still new and relatively unknown north of Hyde park. Because of the talent and dedication shown by these uppity women I expect this obscurity will change in the coming year.

Pleasantly pushy Kay of the Nose wrote recently to tell me that their rockin' lesbo sextet will soon be unleashing a new batch of bold pro-homo songs on tape and CD. This release, called "Origin of the World" features nine songs including such tasty tunes as "Sodomy," "More Madonna Less Jesus," "Pink Guitar" and "Breast Exam." They are hoping to have this baby in the box by April, but you might be able to get a pre-release copy at their upcoming show at Chances, Saturday, March 28/ (If you can't make it to this show, you can write them at GITN, Box 49828, Austin 78765.

Even though my Gaydar kept going off at every SXSW venue, few bands are as bold as GITN. For "obvious" financial reasons many budding artists do not identify themselves as queer. Others argue that the emotions are universal



Tamra and Rodney at Auntie Mame's



Georgia Cotrell, one of Austin's literary luminati, speaks at the first annual Lesbian/Gay Voices reading



Lauri, Jamie and Janet gather at San Fran Cisco's following the soccer game



Duane Wheeler and Liz Burns guard Chances' door during SXSW



Women admire Marjorie's floral brassiere



Duane and George share a tender moment



Lisa, Stacy and Dan catch a SXSW act at Chances

and therefore they do not wish to limit themselves or their music. Yes, still other's feel it is none of anyone's business. Of course, all these arguments are valid. I just get a kick when I hear a clearly identifies queer love/hate/life song. It kinda says "gay people's lives are worth singing about." Yet if you are to believe radio as reality, the strongest queer songs are coming from "straight" stars like Billy Bragg and Sinead O'Connor.

There is not space here to describe why gay people's fear of the recording/entertainment industry is fully justified (red "The Celluloid Closet"). But one does not need to do much research to see that modern American pop music has way too often taken advantage of the people who gave it life, blacks and (admittedly to a lesser extent), queers. Finally, it is inspiring to see gay people once again following the lead of the black community, beginning to reclaim their musical heritage.



Jon Frazer and Sandra Martinez accept a check for Project Transitions from TGRA Austin

During a performance by Little Walker (rumored to be Elvis Costello's illegitimate child) I asked a couple of survivors in the Chances audience who they thought was the queerest band of the weekend. The "Sugar La La's" of Birm-

ingham, Ala. was the unanimous choice. "They spent nearly thirty minutes getting up a ridiculous gold lame' backdrop, then the (male) singer came on with a matching gold lame' jacket and a hot pink tube top," said Dan of Xeno's Sound (who handled the event). I clarified my use of the term queer. "Oh, they were queer all right, I just didn't get close enough to tell if homosexuality was whence the queerness came from," he said. From the description of the band's dubious fashion sense, I suspect they were not.

Much, much more refined was Mrs. Modine Worley as she performed with her salvation sisters before a packed house at Buckles. You may remember Mrs. Modine as part of the Austin institution know as the Baptist Women. Once again, these foot soldiers of repentance gave of their musical talents to raise money for the Austin chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association. This past Sunday, TGRA held its Charity Checks Award Show to give over \$9,000 to three local AIDS charities. Yes sir-ee bub, those dollars given over the past year have added up to a hefty sum that was split between the Austin Immune Health Clinic, the Pediatric AIDS League and Project Transitions.

Over in the corner, wearing a long lost pair of pantihose was Gina. As I approached I noticed her deep involvement with a mathematical theory book. Puzzled, I asked her about what I thought was a new interest. I discovered that she has had an attraction to figures that goes way back. In fact she explained to me a new mathematical theorem she has been working on where Gina plus Gina equals Gina squared rather than Gina multiplied by two as you would suspect. Since then I hear that her lecture on division by long hand is equally as stimulating. All these brains, and beauty too.

Are you bruised as you read this, my dear? Perhaps you went to Charlie's on St. Patrick's Day. Always trying to do the inverse, Charlie's held a Pinch Me Please Party, requesting its patrons NOT to wear green. Who would dare to go shirtless in this room? See next week's Voice for pictures!

On Sunday, March 24, Charlie's will be holding their annual BEAN (Bar Employee Appreciation Night) awards. These awards are your opportunity to say thank you to the entertainment personalities and employees who help make your favorite haunt a home away from home. Although held at Charlie's, any gay bar employee or entertainer is eligible for nomination. Here you can recognize that special bartender who always knows that your drink is served in a half gallon jug. Here you can let your favorite female impersonator know how deeply you are moved by her endless rendition of Whitney Houston. This is their moment to shine! So look for ballots at area clubs, or in the pages of this paper, and get your vote in to Charlie's early.



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- Lunch & live music 11am-2:30pm, Chances
- Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, The Crossing
- Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
- Happy hour buffet & Lone Star Male

Review 5-9pm, 25¢ well all day & night, Charlie's

UT Gay/Lesbian Student Assoc. Social 5pm, Cactus Cafe

●AUSTIN, SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- Lunch & live music 11am-2:30pm, Chances
- Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, Crossing
- Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
- Happy hour buffet, live music with Bonnie Baker, 7:30-9pm, Nexus
- Live band, no cover, Buckles

●AUSTIN, SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- Patio cookout, Crossing

Live music & food noon-10pm, Chances

Food feast, Buckles

Fajita buffet 3pm, Air hockey tourney 9pm, San Fran Cisco's

Happy hour prices all day & night, Charlie's

Pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, MONDAY, MARCH 23

- Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
- C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran Cisco's
- Lone Star Male Review, 10:30pm & 12:30am, Charlie's

●AUSTIN, TUESDAY, MARCH 24

- Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
- Steak night 6-8pm, amateur dance contest, Charlie's

Strip contest 11pm, The Crossing

Austin Gamblers Bowling League 7:30pm, Capitol Bowl

Dark tourney, Auntie Mame's

Pool tourney 9pm, Nexus

●AUSTIN, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

- 25¢ well all day & night, Charlie's
- Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's
- "Beef & Breast Night" steaks & chicken 6-9pm, San Fran Cisco's
- C&W dance lessons 7:30pm, Nexus
- Lone Star Male Revue 9:30-11:30pm, Buckle's

●AUSTIN, THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- Lone Star Male Revue 5-9pm, Charlie's
- Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Harry's Men 10:30pm & 12am, Oil Can Harry's
- Steak night 7-9pm, Nexus
- Capital City Queens variety show 10:30pm, Buckle's

●AUSTIN, FRIDAY, MARCH 27

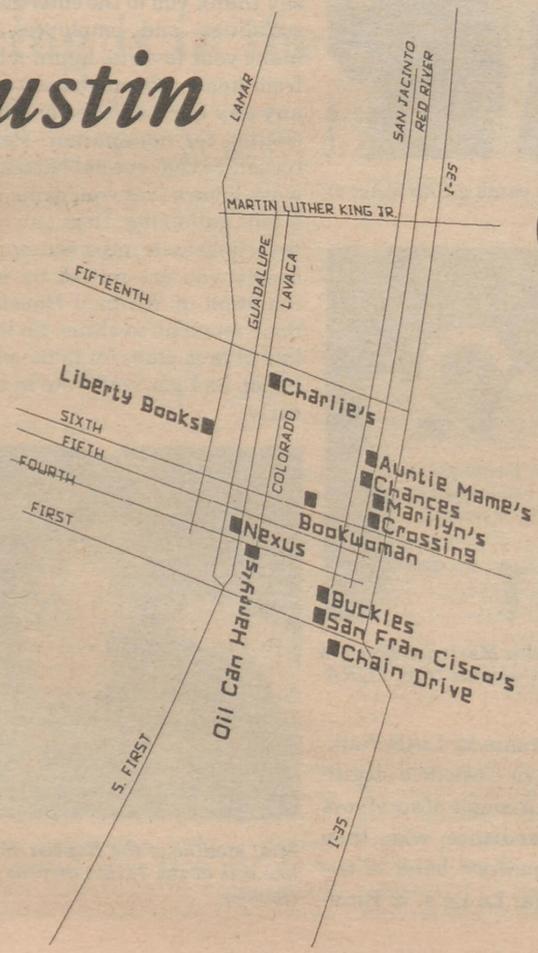
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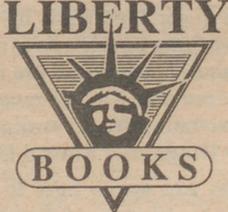


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### ▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

## Texas AIDS counselor claims Louisiana figures support her figures

By JEAN PAGEL  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

DALLAS, Friday, March 13 (AP)—Texas health officials say a Louisiana clinic's 200 HIV-positive tests is not cause for alarm, but a former AIDS counselor who resigned after reporting dozens of infected teens feels vindicated.

Dona Spence said Thursday that she was pleased to hear of results from 300 HIV tests given to teens during an 18-month span.

"Do I feel vindicated? I don't know that I've been tried and sentenced," Ms. Spence said.

"It's the community that's decided they want to ignore bad news. ... Maybe they'll realize I wasn't trying to be mean to the community. I was just trying to point out it's here, and please, God, do something

about it."

Ms. Spence drew national attention to several small northeast Texas communities with her claim that 36 area teens were infected with the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

But school administrators and other skeptics questioned Ms. Spence's figures. The state health department said it could neither confirm nor dispute them.

Last month, Ms. Spence resigned her job as an AIDS counselor with the Ark-Tex Council of Governments, based in Texarkana.

A spokesperson for the Texas Health Department, which is investigating Mrs. Spence's claims, said the report from Shreveport's Philadelphia Center could not be a backstop.

"This is not our golden opportunity to

confirm," said Doug McBride. "It would be a nightmare."

A report released last month by Betty Coleman, vice president of the Philadelphia Center's board of directors, showed that out of 300 HIV tests given to teens during an 18-month span, 200 tests came back positive.

Mary Ransbottom, administrator of the Philadelphia Center in Shreveport, La., said Wednesday night that 200 teens tested positive for HIV. But other officials said the figure means fewer than 200 people because some confirmation tests could show up as duplicated figures.

Last month, Ms. Coleman told a Shreveport newspaper that the teens—from East Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas—all had been referred by doctors, hospitals or clinics for testing. She did not re-

turn phone calls Thursday.

McBride warned against reading too much into the Louisiana report.

"It's kind of the same as saying if 90 out of 100 people who go to the doctor are sick, then 90 out of 100 people are sick," said McBride.

"What's surprising is here are 300 blood specimens sent in to a lab for HIV tests," he said. "Automatically, the fact that those samples are being submitted pretty much confirms that these are people who have engaged in high-risk behavior."

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals spokesperson Gwen Bach-Stewart said her agency does not have a state-by-state breakdown of the positive tests.

Officials said the agency had not yet asked the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta to investigate.

### ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## 'Before It Hits Home' is new AIDS play opening Off-Broadway

By MICHAEL KUCHWARA  
AP Drama Critic  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Thursday, March 12 (AP)—In "Before It Hits Home," playwright Cheryl L. West shatters a black family forced to confront the devastating effects of AIDS on their oldest son and on their own lives.

This disturbing drama is not perfect but it holds enough promise, especially in its gut-wrenching final scenes, to make you realize that West is a talent to watch. The play, a production of off-Broadway's Second Stage in association with the New York Shakespeare Festival, is now running at the Festival's LuEsther Hall.

"Before It Hits Home" takes its own time working up to that major confronta-

tion. While we're waiting for the fireworks to begin, the playwright introduces us to Wendal, a bisexual jazz musician. At first, the saxophone player denies he has the disease. Not until he ends up in the hospital does he admit having it—yet he only tells his male lover (Keith Randolph Smith) and not his pregnant girl friend (Sharon Washington).

When the situation becomes too much to handle, Wendal returns to his small hometown, to an adoring mother, a skeptical father and a young son he has left with them.

Much of the first act marks time—with a large helping of melodramatic exposition and a bit of comic relief. Most of those laughs are provided by the mother's sassy best friend and neighbor, played with gleeful good humor by Marcella Lowery.

The heart of the play is Wendal. James McDaniel, who galvanized the original production of "Six Degrees of Separation," does equally explosive work here as the critically ill musician. In "Six Degrees," McDaniel played a con man who charmed a collection of wealthy white New Yorkers. In "Before It Hits Home," he's a con man of another sort, duping his family about his sexuality and his illness, until he can lie no more.

West's play is about denial, and she movingly shows how both the mother (Yvette Hawkins) and father (Frankie R. Faison) react—quite differently, in fact—to the news that their son is sick.

The play has been directed with a sure sense of style by Tazewell Thompson. He moves it quickly from scene to scene. Each scene change is punctuated by a moving

dot of greenish light that could very well be a note on a staff of music. By the end of the evening it has become an ominous blip on a hospital respirator.

"Before It Hits Home" is West's first play, and it has had various productions around the country, most notably at Arena Stage in Washington. The regional theater recently concluded a run of West's latest work, "Jar the Floor," that couldn't be more different. It's a comedy about four generations of black women.

"Before It Hits Home" doesn't preach, yet West doesn't shrink from her indictment of the black community for ignoring a disease that has killed so many. Like "As Is" and "The Normal Heart," those earliest of AIDS plays, "Before It Hits Home" exudes an outrage that is real, chilling and impossible to ignore.

## Teen-ager pleads guilty to killing arising from gay bashing

SALISBURY, Md., Tuesday, March 10 (AP)—A teen-ager pleaded guilty to second-degree homicide for his involvement in the fatal stabbing of a homosexual man.

Michael Havens, 16, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder Monday and, in return, prosecutors said they would not

prosecute him on charges of conspiracy, openly carrying a deadly weapon and malicious destruction of property.

The state also agreed that it would not recommend a sentence.

Wicomoco County Circuit Judge Alfred Truitt Jr. will decide on a sentence

after a pre-sentencing investigation is completed.

Prosecutors said Havens and Victor Torres, 15, went to a park Aug. 18 with the intention of finding a homosexual and assaulting him. They lured Tyrone Maxfield, 27, to a field outside the city where Havens beat him and Torres

stabbed him four times, police said.

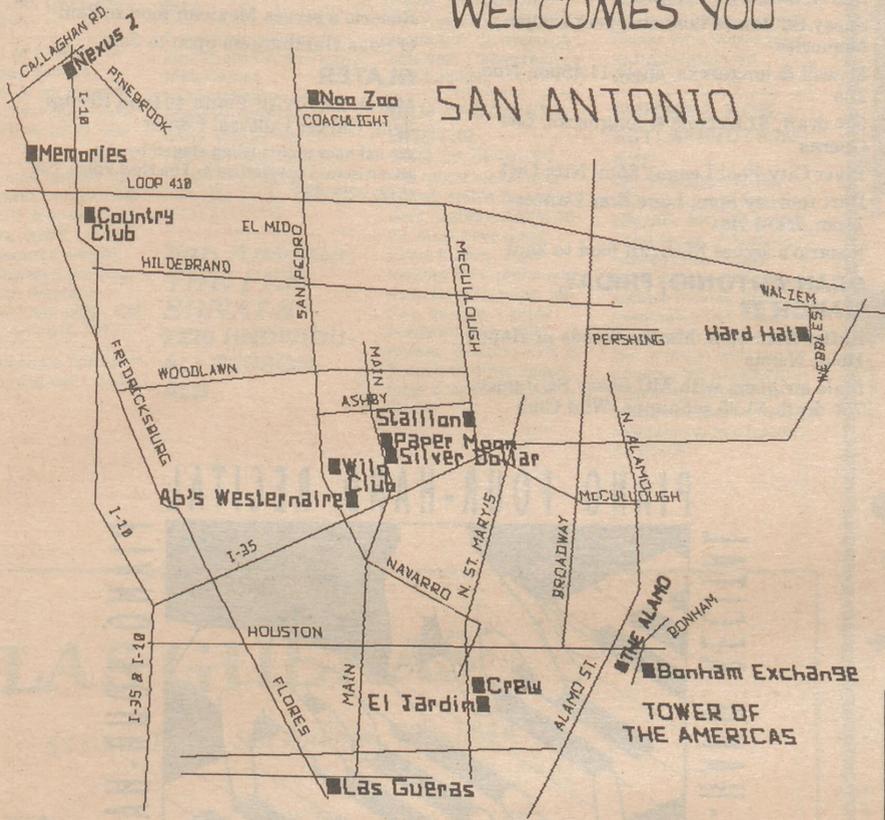
Maxfield died as a result of the stab wounds.

Last week, a jury found Torres was guilty of the first-degree murder and malicious destruction. His sentence is also pending.

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March 21: Jeff's Adios Party, Hard Hat \$2 drinks, Memories  
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Male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl  
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After hours, Nexus, Wild Club, Bonham Exchange, Paper Moon

**●SAN ANTONIO, SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

50¢ draft, pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

Buck burgers 4pm, open pool tourney 8pm, Nite Owl

Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, \$1.75 Cuervo Ole, Memories

Adults no cover, show 11pm, \$1.50 well, \$1.25 beer, Bonham Exchange

Draft 50¢ all night, Liquor rush 9-11pm, Sunday show, after-hours, Wild Club

Lone Star Dancers 11pm, Hard Hat

Donna Daniels Show, dancers, Visions 10¢ well & draft 8-10, \$1 shots, 25¢ Old Milwaukee Light, Noo Zoo

25¢ draft, \$1 longnecks, Las Gueras

T dance & 25¢ draft 8-9pm, 50¢ draft 9pm, Cowboys in Action midnight, Silver Dollar

Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon

Bartender tag team hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

**●SAN ANTONIO, MONDAY, MARCH 23**

Lone Star Male Review, Hardhat  
No cover for adults, Wild Club  
50¢ draft, \$2 well, Paper Moon  
25¢ draft, \$1.50 well, Silver Dollar  
\$1.75 frozen margaritas, pool tourney, Memories  
Steak night 6-9pm, Lone Star Dancers 11pm, Hard Hat  
Talent contest & square dancing, no cover, Bonham Exchange

**●SAN ANTONIO, TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

Male dancers, Hardhat  
Happy hour 10am-10pm, El Jardin  
Happy hour all night, Nexus  
Happy hour to 9pm, Memories  
\$1 well & longnecks, pool tourney 10pm, Noo Zoo  
Male dancer 9pm, Nite Owl  
Lone Star Dancers 11pm, Hard Hat  
Amateur male strip, 50¢ draft, Wild Club  
No cover, Bonham Exchange

**●SAN ANTONIO, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

50¢ draft, country night, Nexus  
Strip dancers 11pm, Wild Club  
Muscles in Action, Paper Moon  
Cowboys in Action, 25¢ draft, \$1.50 well, Silver Dollar  
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Open pool tourney 8pm, Nite Owl  
50¢ well, talent night 10:45pm, Noo Zoo  
Lone Star Dancers 11pm, Hard Hat  
\$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories  
Hot chest contest, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange  
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

**●SAN ANTONIO, THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

Steak night 7pm, Nexus  
Tandi's Talent Nite, 75¢ draft, Wild Club  
25¢ draft, Silver Dollar  
"Fiesta on Thursdays," adults no cover to 10pm, amateur male strip contest midnight, 50¢ draft, Bonham Exchange  
March 26: Switch Night, Wild Club  
Sassy St. James host strippers 9:30pm, Memories  
\$1 well & longnecks, show 11:45pm, Noo Zoo  
50¢ draft, \$1.25 cans & longnecks, Las Gueras  
River City Pool League 8pm, Nite Owl  
Dart tourney 8pm, Lone Star Dancers 11pm, Hard Hat  
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

**●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

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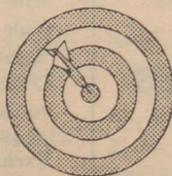


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11:30am

**Burgers on the Patio**  
Thursdays noon-3pm

**Boot Black by Chris**  
Friday Nights 6-12  
Sunday Afternoon 1-6

**Steak Night Sunday 5pm**  
Steak and all the Fixin's

**HAPPY HOURS**  
Morning:  
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Afternoon: 5-9pm

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11:30AM  
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Thursdays  
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**1022 WESTHEIMER 527-9669 HOUSTON**  
The Tradition Lives On ... Naturally



THE NEW VOICE  
**Your Good Fortune**  
 Friday, March 20  
 thru Thursday,  
 March 26, 1992

**ARIES:** Well, if it's not one thing, it's another. You just got one problem all figured out, then there came the next one. That's the challenge of life. Moving from one event to the next. Staying ahead of the really catastrophic situations.

**TAURUS:** Try to see the world through the eyes of a child this week. Don't take too much seriously, except for a few essentials, and see if this presents a rewarding experience. Afterwards, examine what you have learned, if anything.

**GEMINI:** You and a close person should start being even more open with each other. Say exactly how you feel. Ask the questions that need answers. Likewise, answer the questions you are asked. The exchange of information will make the both of you better.

**CANCER:** It's time to make cautious provisions for events that are about to unfold. What events? They'll involve two people with dark hair, a destination to a land of water, and an animal that howls. You have been warned.

**LEO:** Remember your old self, the way you were, say, ten years ago. You were a lot more insecure and less experienced, but yet you took more chances. That's why you received more bruises. Today's you, although with a few more wrinkles and perhaps a little less hair, is a far improved version.

**VIRGO:** Do good things come to those who wait? Well ... not always. Sometimes you just have to have that certain sense to know when to take what may seem like the lesser of a deal. You have that sense. Use it.

**LIBRA:** This week you'll feel a keen appreciation for the good looks of a certain other person that you have, until now, not given much thought about. After this, then make your move. You'll wish you had done so much earlier.

**SCORPIO:** Life's a comedy this week. Silliness will be apparent all over. Smile

your way through, make allowances for those who have more clown blood in their veins than you, and just, well, grin and bear it.

**SAGITTARIUS:** There are things you need to know. Ask to be told. If the answer is not forthcoming, ask for the answer from a higher source. Do not accept excuses as the answer. Keep pressing.

**CAPRICORN:** Okay, you've lived through Mardi Gras, you tolerated St. Patrick's Day. What's next? Nothing! Just relax for two weeks. No parties. No big crowds. Avoid your usual hangouts. Yes, you'll need to rest up for ... April Fool's Day.

**AQUARIUS:** There is just so much to do. Well then, divide it all into three lists: things to do now, things to do later, and things to do much later. Then throw away the last list, forget about the middle list, and start to work on the first ... but not today.

**PISCES:** You are teacher, whether you are an actual school teacher or not. You gain great pleasure in sharing with others knowledge you have gained in several specialized fields. As the years pass, you will find this trait even more valuable to both your sense of being and to others who want to learn.

**The New Voice recommends in Houston ...**

(Listings are furnished by the clubs and are subject to change. Some specials require "buy in" or cover charge.)

● **HOUSTON, FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's

1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa

Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 10pm, Gentry

No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street dance bar

"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Male dancers 8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's

Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm, E/J's



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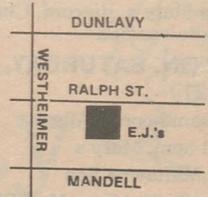
**Miss Gay Guadalajara Pageant**

Fri., Mar. 20 & Sun., Mar. 22

Pageant begins at 11pm, \$4 cover

Exit Wayside Off I-45-S, Left to Harrisburg, then Left to 67th

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THURSDAY

**All New Strip Contest**  
 10:30pm, with MC  
**Brittany Paige**

Guest Misty Valdez  
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Featuring the Ultimate  
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 April 5th



FRIDAY

**Rainbo's All Male Revue**  
 11pm, with Andrew,  
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SATURDAY

**Super Show 11pm**  
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TUESDAY

**Talent Night 10:30 pm**  
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WEDNESDAY

**Steak Night, Steak Night,  
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**All New Sizzling Steak Night**  
 6pm  
 Great Steaks, Low Price  
 Featuring Open Mic Night 8pm  
 With MC Toni Rae

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- \$1.50 Well 4-7pm Saturday
- \$1.50 Vodka 7am-6pm
- Mug Club 7am-10pm  
 \$3 Pitchers & \$1 Mugs



COMMERCIAL MEMBER



Miss Gay Guadalajara Pageant 11pm, Club Guadalajara  
 After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa  
**●HOUSTON, SATURDAY, MARCH 21**  
 Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's  
 Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's  
 BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa  
 Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's  
 Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.  
 Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N  
 75¢ vodka 6-11pm, Mother's  
 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time  
 Movies 9pm, Midtowne Spa  
 Torn Levi Party, Montrose Mining Co.  
 Caged Heat/Men Behind Bars strippers, Pacific Street  
 Maude's Madcap Mayhem talent showcase 10pm, Gentry  
 Imperial Court of Single Star Investiture 6-9pm, BRB  
 Lee Chardon, BJ Williams Super Show 11pm, E/J's  
 Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's  
 After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa  
**●HOUSTON, SUNDAY, MARCH 22**  
 \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's  
 \$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all day, E/J's  
 Leather day and beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night 5pm, Mary's  
 BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa  
 Beer bust noon-11pm, Montrose Mine  
 Food & blue light specials from 5pm, Venture-N  
 \$1 schnapps 4-8pm, pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's Place  
 Steak-n-tater 5pm, dancers 7pm, Gentry  
 No cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street dance bar  
 Steak night 5-9pm, blue light specials 6-11pm, Brazos River Bottom  
 \$1 beer, 50¢ draft, daBronx  
 B.J. Williams TGRA show 7-9pm, Brazos River Bottom  
 \$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all night, E/J's  
 Show tunes and Sha-Boom balloons, Venture-N  
 Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's  
 Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's  
 Miss Gay Guadalajara Pageant 11pm, Club Guadalajara

After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa  
**●HOUSTON, MONDAY, MARCH 23**  
 75¢ mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's  
 Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's  
 Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N  
 "Clubbers Night" 9pm, Pacific Street dance bar  
 Happy hour all day, all night, Brazos River Bottom  
 Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center  
 Male strip contest 10:30pm, Gentry  
 Half price admission with Stone Soup donation, Midtowne Spa  
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa  
**●HOUSTON, TUESDAY, MARCH 24**  
 Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa  
 Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center  
 \$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.  
 Burgers noon-3pm, Mary's  
 Pizza party 6:30pm, Gentry  
 Strip contest with Dyan Michaels 10pm, Mother's  
 Chili night & \$1.50 beer, Juliet's Place  
 Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa  
 Dart & pool tourneys, daBronx  
 4th annual BEAN Awards 10pm, Charlie's  
 Young executive night, Pacific Street  
 C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River Bottom  
 Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.  
 Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's  
**●HOUSTON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**  
 Happy hour 7am-2am, Ripcord  
 Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa  
 \$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's  
 "The Bear Club for Men" Bear of the Month Contest, Montrose Mining Co.  
 Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, Gentry  
 White Hot Wednesday, Pacific Street  
 1/2 price night, daBronx

**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH  
25TH**



**THE BEAR CLUB FOR MEN**

presents  
**THE BEAR OF THE MONTH CONTEST**

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B.J. Williams

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### COMING UP:

Friday, March 27: Little Bit of Texas 7 BRB 14th Anniversary

(Come in and Check Out Our 14 Minute Blue Light Specials)

Saturday, March 28: Texas Renegades 7th Anniversary

Sunday, March 29: Miss Montrose Contest



528-9192



Get Hot or Get Out!



2400 Brazos

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Steak night 6pm, Open Mike Night 8pm, E/J's  
Slop shot pool tourney 7pm, Learn to Clog 7pm, Brazos River Bottom  
Bare chest night, Venture-N  
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

**HOUSTON, THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

\$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's  
Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa  
Burgers & BBQ noon-3pm, Mary's  
Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center

\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

50¢ burgers 6-9pm, beginners dance lessons 7:30pm, advanced dance lessons 9pm, \$1.50 longnecks all night, Brazos River Bottom  
\$1 vodka, dart tournament, Juliet's Place Show and all male strip contest 10:30pm, E/J's  
Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time  
Country Night, Gentry Show, daBronx  
Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa  
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

**HOUSTON, FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa  
Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom  
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.  
Hors d'oeuvres 5:30-7:30, male dancers 8pm-2am, J.R.'s  
Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord  
Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 10pm-2am, Gentry  
No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street dance bar  
Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne Spa  
Little Bit of Texas Band, Brazos River Bottom  
UFO Kickoff Party 6-9pm, Gentry  
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N  
Brazos River Bottom's 14th anniversary, Little Bit of Texas band  
Miss Jefferson County USA contest 10:30pm, Kon Tiki, Galveston  
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's  
Happy hour to 10pm, Mother's  
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.  
Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm, E/J's  
Show midnight, Club Guadalajara  
After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

**LATER**

March 28: Texas Renegades 7th anniversary, Brazos River Bottom  
March 29: Miss Montrose Contest, Brazos River Bottom  
March 29: An evening with the Garden Party, Gentry  
April 5: Turnabout show, E/J's  
We list here events being staged by our advertisers. To advertise in The New Voice, call (713) 529-8490.

**SATURDAY TALENT SHOWCASE**

**SUNDAY STEAK-N-TATER DANCERS**

**MONDAY MALE STRIP**

**TUESDAY PIZZA PARTY**

**WEDNESDAY WET JOCKEYS**

**THURSDAY COUNTRY NIGHT**

**FRIDAY HORS D'OEUVRES BUFFET HOT MALE DANCERS**



**COMING SOON**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27 UFO KICKOFF PARTY FOR M.A.C. 6 PM-9PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AN EVENING WITH THE GARDEN PARTY**

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GWM, 34, br/ br, HIV+. I am looking for a person that is HIV+ w/ good personality & just wants to have fun with life. I enjoy eating out, movies & church. I am 6'3, 195. I love to cuddle. Mail response to: FUNTIMES - P.O. Box 540651 Houston, TX. 77254-0651.

GWM, 39, 5'10, 165, top, Blonde hair/ hazel eyes, HIV-, I enjoy animals, cooking, gardening & all the other things that normal guys do. I am drug, alcohol, & smoke free. I'm old enough to settle down but young enough to play. You should be Asian, Hispanic or Middle Eastern of similar qualities but aware that opposites attract. Let's meet & share our heritages. ad 25402.

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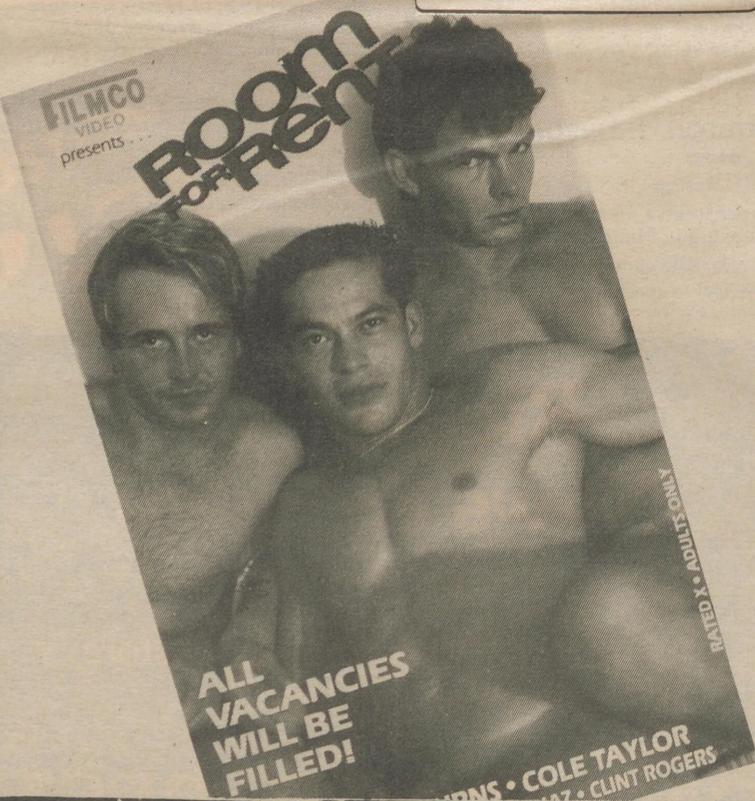
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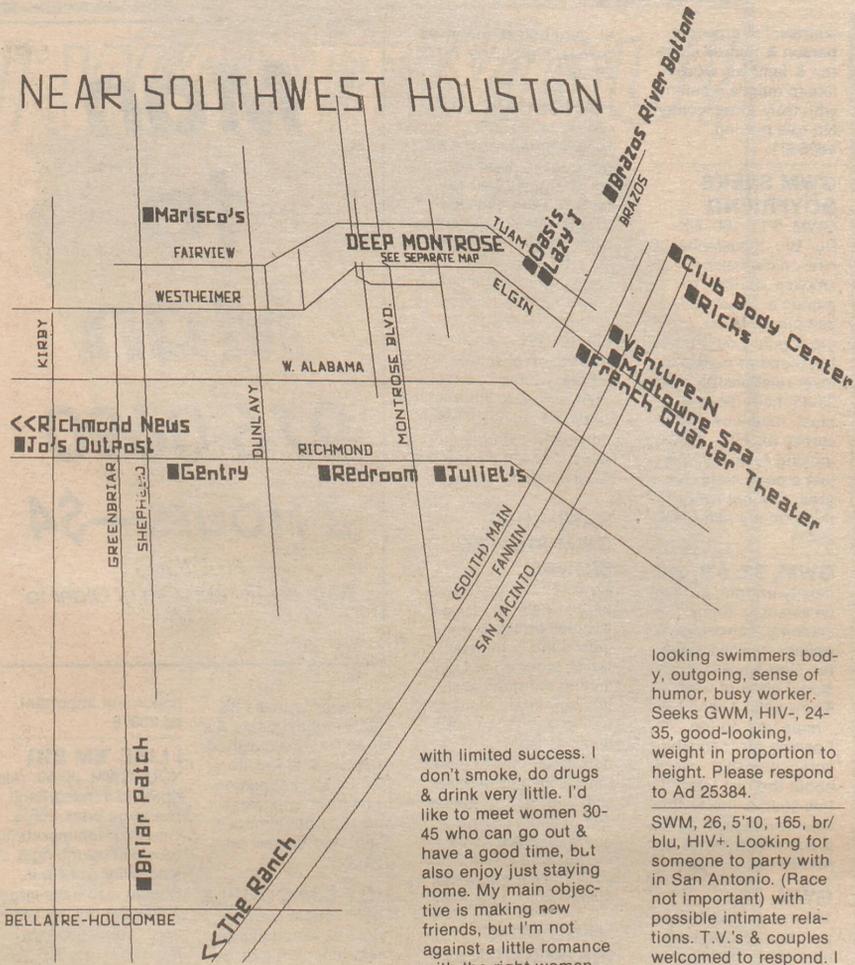


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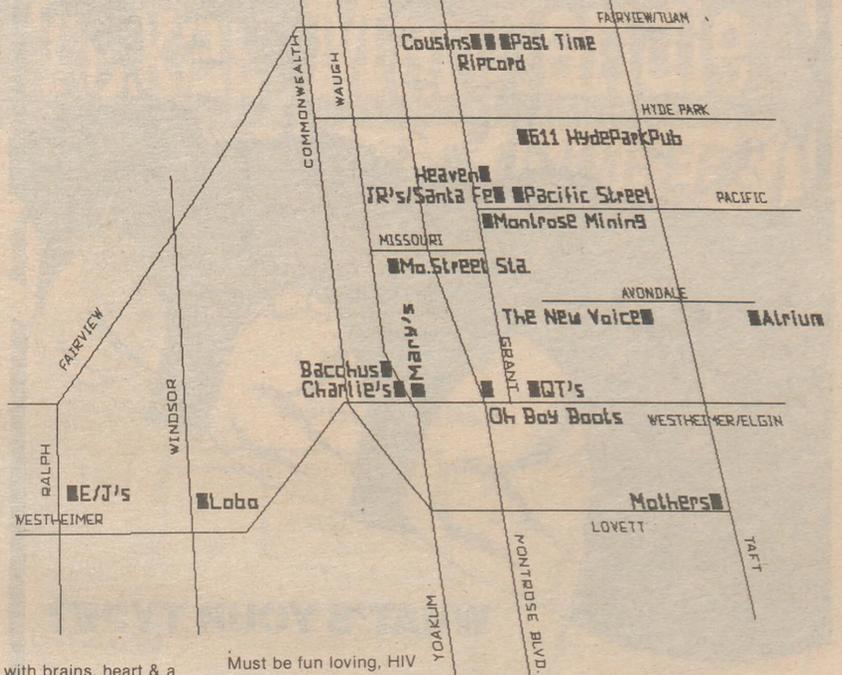
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GWM, early 60's look early 50's, 160, 5'10, thinning light br hair, hazel eyes, professional, discreet loves outdoors, travel, music, & movies. HIV-, non-smoker, non druggie, light drinker. Love cuddling, some cooking. Tired of bar scenes. Looking for GWM or GHM approx 40, HIV- of small frame. Must have stable work & honesty. Let's get together, talk & see what comes of it. Ad 25354

GWM, soft romantic looking for a considerate sensitive individual

who is a good communicator, able to listen & understand. Aware of obstacles in life & able to give life a challenge to make a difference with life partner. Looking for friendship, possible relationship with person 25-35. I am a 29 year old Latin with well proportioned body, HIV pos., & physically attractive. Answer with phone. Ad 25961

I'm a 40 yr. old GWF who loves animals, eating out, going to movies & many other things. I've been trying to learn to C&W dance

Mature GWM, HIV-, 5'11, 155, wants other GWM's to come to my home near Westheimer & Dairy Ashford to play the following games: cards, dominoes, checkers, cribbage, Chinese checkers or chess, or put together jigsaw puzzles. Also FREE body rub. Ad 25320

No labels on my jeans or on the man who will share my life. No posers, no games. Ad 25388

Smooth oriental 27, 5'11, 155, HIV-, good-

looking swimmers body, outgoing, sense of humor, busy worker. Seeks GWM, HIV-, 24-35, good-looking, weight in proportion to height. Please respond to Ad 25384.

SWM, 26, 5'10, 165, br/blu, HIV+. Looking for someone to party with in San Antonio. (Race not important) with possible intimate relations. T.V.'s & couples welcomed to respond. I will party with anyone! ad 25397.

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**ASIAN MALE** 21, HIV neg., college student, looking for males for friendships & possible relationship.

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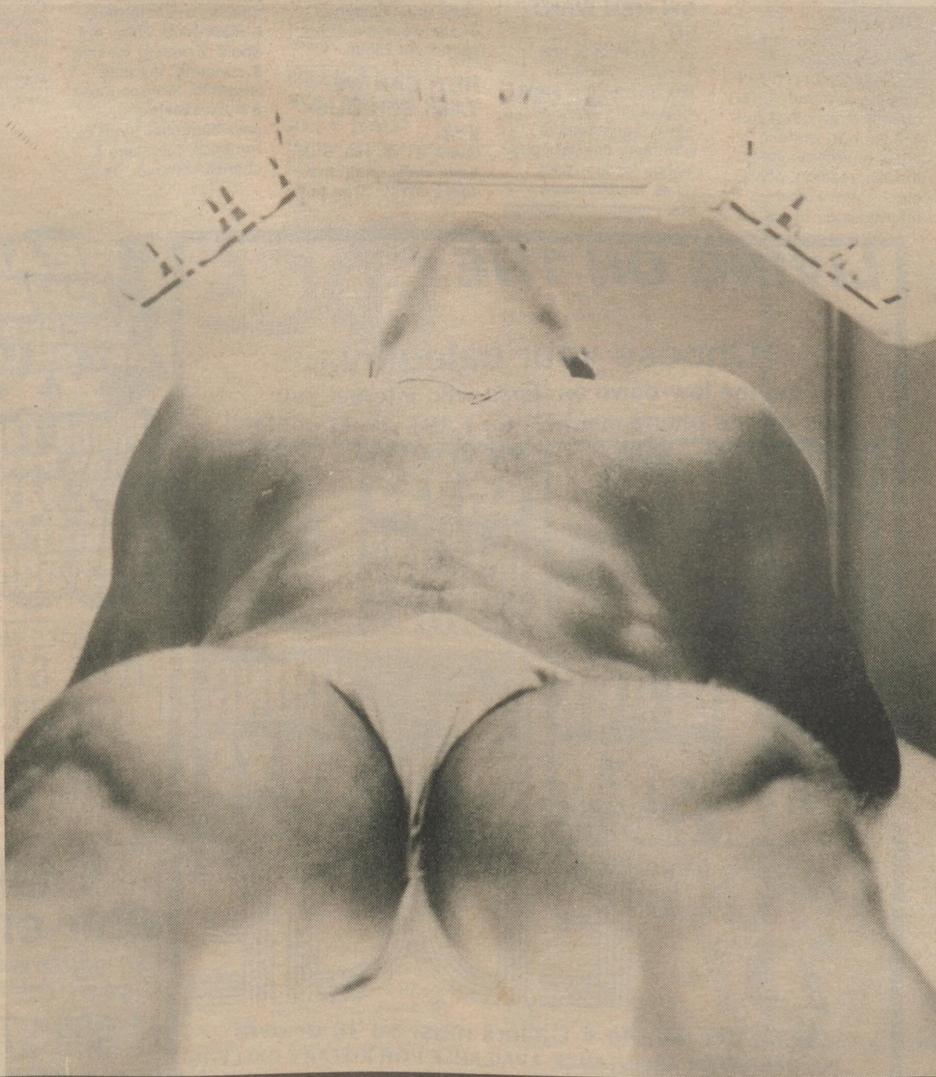
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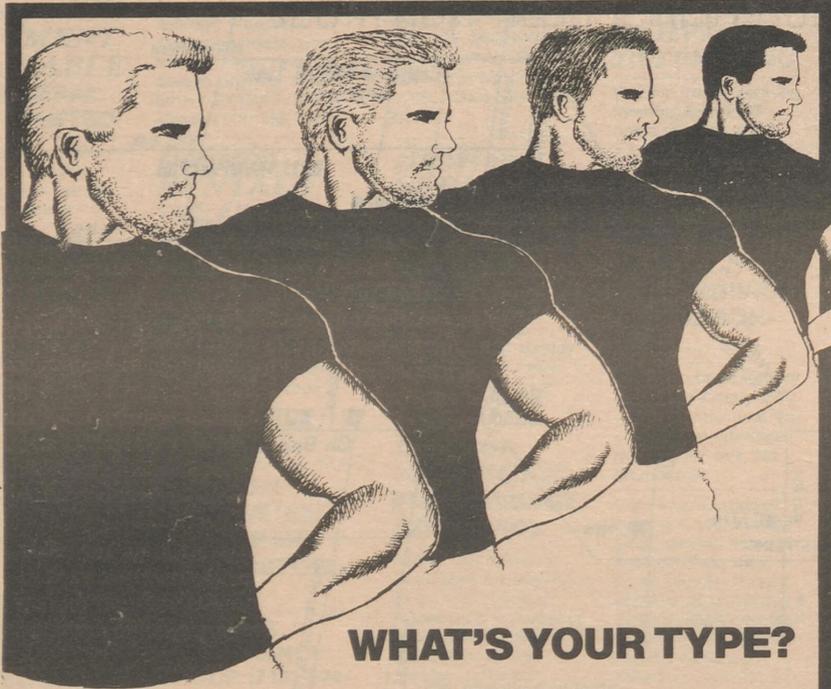
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**DOMINANT GWM**

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

**DON'T NEED ANOTHER FATHER**

Very handsome masculine GWM, 19, 6', br/gr. Hobbies include reading, working out, collecting music. Looking for a very handsome, faithful & caring guy, 21-29, for possible relationship. Must be drug & smoke free. If this fits you please respond to Ad 25116

**FM 1960/ 1-45 AREA**

GWM, 29, 5'9, 154, fun-loving, & old-fashioned seeks same for friendship & possible relationship. Must be clean cut & drug-free. Reply to Ad 25390.

**FRENCH SERVICE**

GWM 18-40, if you like to sit back & watch movies while being serviced, this is the ad to respond to. Looking for men who are quiet & enjoy slow, long, sensual evenings. No reciprocation needed. I'm 150, 40, 6', average looking & hairy chested. Ad 25241

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**GAY ASIAN MALE**

Age 40, needs good friends for fun & possible relationship. Love movies, cooking & eating out. Needs lots of T.L.C.. Please reply to ad 25394.

**GBM & GWM**

GWM, 46, very tall; thin, very hairy, HIV-, seeks GBM or GWM. You: 25-40, smooth, weight in proportion to height, HIV-, non-smoker, drug-free, interested in safe fun or something more. Ad 25380.

**GET REAL**

Me: GWM, 6'1 Bk/ Brown 250 lbs of Teddy Bear!, Semi-Hairy, 33 yrs old with black beard. My friends say I am nice looking. I do smoke, I do drink, I do go to the bars & I'm HIV+. I don't want to make love on the beach, have quiet times with someone special at home or go to movies. I want, You: 30-55yr old GWM or GHM who likes to be pleased in

every way you can think of. Let's Party & have some fun & get real! Ad 25297.

**GHM, 32, 5'6, 125, SELF-MOTIVATED PROFESSIONAL**

brn hair/ eyes, smooth, athletic, cute, boyish looks, masculine, intelligent, witty & upbeat just fun to be around. I enjoy working out, swimming, tennis, bicycling, the fine arts & specifically traveling. Seeking GWM, 25-40, masculine, slim/ muscular build, intelligent with good sense of humor & superb human quality for monogamous relationship. Ad 25360

**GOODLOOKING GWM**

Seeks intelligent & attractive men under 40 for good times, friendship & possible relationship. I'm a college teacher, 53, 6'4, 195, green eyes, dark thinning hair with trimmed beard. Ad 25334

**GOT A POLAROID?**

WM, 35, 5'7, 130, wants to meet other guys into polaroids. Ad 25309

**GWF IN ALIEF**

28, 5'3, br/ br med. build. I am seriously looking for friends to go out with & someone who can teach me to C&W dance. I prefer people who are down to earth, funny, sincere & honest. Friendship first, romance later. I like to travel so if you're from somewhere outside of Houston, lets hear from you too! I like movies, dancing & sharing special time. ad. 25327

**GWF SEEKS SAME**

I'm seriously looking for friends to go out with, prefer sincere & kind people who are not into game playing. I like movies, dancing, concerts & sharing spe-

cial times together. ad 25404

**GWF**

33, 5'5, 115lbs. Professional, quiet, down to earth, fun-loving. I enjoy music, movies, dining out, working out, cycling, camping. Seeking GWF's 25-40, for friendships. Qualities: Attractive, responsible, honest, sense of humor. Hoping for more than friendship - with the right person. Ad 25325

**GWF, 35**

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sunrise. I'm a people person & I enjoy children & families. would like to meet a woman who truly loves women. No role playing. ad25301.

**GWM SEEKS BOYFRIEND**

GWM, 5'11, 160, DK-BL/ Blu, moustache, 38, HIV-, nice looking, smoker/ drinker, romantic & happy. Likes camping, fishing, reading & going out. Seeks boyfriend or possible lover relationship. You: 35-45, hairy body (a plus), nice looking, stocky ok, HIV-. Not looking for a rich man, just a good man! Sex is great, but not everything on my mind. Ad 25411

**GWM, 32, 6'5, 285**

mostly bottom, but can be versatile. Enjoy camping, canoeing, politics, movies, theater. Non-smoker, occasional glass of wine. Know what & who I am - hope you do too. Looking for friendship/ companionship - worry about the rest later. If this sounds interesting, let's have lunch/ dinner & see where things go. Ad 25919

**GWM, 36**

185, brown (salt & pepper) hair, brown eyes, mustache, med built. Fun-loving romantic who enjoys dancing (c/w to disco), all music, jogging, parks, movies, cooking & cuddling in front of TV. An aggressive bottom partial to Hispanics but won't overlook anyone. Will discuss anything from dating to mating. Let's see what happens. Ad 25136

**GWM, LATE THIRTIES**

Br/br, 5'10, 150 lbs, mustache, hairy chest, nice looking, nice guy, healthy, honest, financially secure, goal-oriented, but realize that relationships outweigh possessions. I enjoy music, animals, reading, writing, eating out, playing the piano & kissing! Seeks nonsmoking GWM, twenties or thirties, for fun, romance, & spirited conversations. Ad 25169.

**HAIRY CHESTED, MOUSTACHED GW MEN WANTED**

Let's be friends first, then ??? GWM, 36, 190, 6', brn/ grn, seeks masculine GWM, tall, 30-40, non-smokers with hairy chests/moustaches for fun/quiet times. Mature, well-built, stable, profession-

al, gym bodies, no mind games, big pluses. Ad 25238

**HANDSOME GUY**

GWM, 34, 6', 160, brown/green, Irish with good looks, looking for sincere guy 22-40 to have fun & games with or possible relationship. I like all sports, the arts, etc. HIV neg., non-smoking/light drinker, & have a very healthy romantic & sexual appetite. I'm especially interested in Hispanic, ethnic, "natural" & well-built partners. I'm tired of bars & want to meet some interesting & fun guys. Answer ad 25895 & let's meet!!

**HANDSOME GWM PROFESSIONAL**

42/ 5'11/ 170 lbs/ salt & pepper hair/ blue eyes/ degree/ professional/ masculine. Interests: travel, working out, collecting antiques, writing, self-improvement, dining out. Good Listener. Great conversationalist! Seeking significant relationship with good-looking GM of similar or intriguing qualities. Could this be THE one for you? Let's get together & find out! Ad 25237

**HANDSOME PROFESSIONAL WITH BODY, MIND AND SOUL.**

GWM, 39, br/ br, 5'11, 160, Healthy HIV+, non-smoker, masculine, big smile & great sense of humor. Enjoy working out, entertaining, meditating & just celebrating life. I am supportive, trusting & romantic. Seeking an attractive, masculine, GWM, 30's, with similar qualities. Must be non-smoker, drug-free, responsible & financially secure for long term relationship. please respond to ad 25409.

**HEY YOU, YEAH YOU BOY**

Well I am here your friend & trusty companion, I hope you enjoy living life, sharing good times, live music, theater, traveling. Very versatile GHM, 30, (Pisces), financially stable, work offshore (14 & 14). You: GWM or GHM, 18-24, wants to be romanced, wine & dined, some partying, some quiet evenings. Austin welcome to respond. Ad 25398.

**HEY, CAN WE TALK SERIOUSLY?**

GWM, 31, 6', 180, B/BR, hairy chest, attractive, seeks GWM, GHM boy-

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**HOT GM COUPLE**

GWM couple, early & mid 30s, would like to meet other couples & singles for hot, safe fun. We are looking for similar men who are uninhibited & who enjoy B&D within limits. Ad 25210

**HOT HANDSOME INSATIABLE ROMANTIC & INTELIGENT GWM**

32, smoker 6' slim, healthy, long dark hair/eyes, seeks passionate playmate who understands the significance of natural scent at playtime. Interests include the visual arts, reading, classical & alternative/progressive music, pleasure & smooth handsome young men. Do you believe in magic? Ad 25355

**HOT STUD SEEKS LATIN MAN**

GWM, 29, 5'10, 160, handsome endowed too. Dark hair, hazel eyes, moustache, humorous, spontaneous, professional, sincere, affectionate, energetic & masculine. Enjoy outdoors, traveling, kissing & cuddling. If you're Hispanic, average looks & build seeking fun, passionate hot times or romance, then take a chance with me. Occu-

pation not important. ad 25378

**I LIKE 'EM BIG**

YOU: GWM, 30-50, relationship minded, built like large brick home. Condition unimportant, provided plumbing & electricity work well. Should also have large faucet for hosing backyard, no restrictions. Me: GWM, 24, 6'3, 135, attractive. Looking to mortgage, not lease. I want a permanent residence. Moustache a plus! ad 25401

**INDEPENDENT, MATURE MAN LOOKING FOR SAME**

I am GWM, 6', 155, HIV pos, & smoker. I'm looking for more than one nighters a lover. I'd like someone similar: independent, intelligent & honest, who wants companionship/ romance. We can share meals, time at home & some travel. Ad 25391.

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**LET'S MEET!**

GWM, 39, br/blu, 6'2, moustache & beefy, looking to spend quality time with hot men 21-41, HIV status irrelevant, but must be healthy. Prefer non-smoker, non-pet. I am all the animal you can handle. Please respond to ad 25222

**LONG MAGICAL WAND**

I want a man with heart, brains & a creative imagination; someone aware, awake & a little wild. I am 39, 5'10, 165, HIV-, handsome, muscular, learning & growing. I want to share life, love, laughs & my long magical wand with one fine man. Please respond now. Ad 25392

**LOOKING FOR A TEDDY BARE?**

GWF 42, 5'9, heavy set, carry weight well, bluish grey eyes, salt & pepper hair, soft butch, romantic, passionate, good sex appetite, quiet evenings, soft music, candles, incense, reading, pets, outdoor activities, photography. Love to love women. Ad 25389.

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whisper & gossip. Likes to hear the critters sing the sun to sleep each night. Likes to see dawn flirting across the sky & thru the trees. Knows that showers wash away soil & 1 but not the love of soul-mates or nature. ad 25305

**LOOKING FOR GWM**

GWM mid-late 20's - mid-late 30's who is mature, athletic & kind. I am GWM 25, athletic build, br/ br, 160#, HIV+ & financially secure. Interests include bicycling, movies, gymnastics, roller skating & cooking dinner at home. I volunteer with numerous HIV related groups. Let's talk. Ad 25914

**LOOKING FOR OLD FASHION ROMANCE**

24 yr old GWM would like to enjoy a long courtship without the pressure (or danger) of sex. I'm 6'1, 200 lbs, with green eyes & brown hair. Let's meet, date & really learn about each other. We can make love with each other when the time is right. Ad 25365

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nogamous relationship that can last forever. I have a lot of love to give & want someone I can love & trust forever. Someone special who believes in a two-way commitment. Serious replies only. Ad 25372

**MASCULINE BI-WM**

Bi-WM, mature 40's, discreet, professional, very masculine, wanting companionship of very masculine WM, 22-30 in Houston area. ad 25395.

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**PROFESSIONAL MAN**

GWM, would like to meet an attractive black male or transvestite, under 34. Have private home in Montrose area. Looking for live-in companion. I'm a bottom looking for top. Ad 25361

**QUALITY OLDER SEEKS QUALITY YOUNGER**

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**ROMANTIC GHM, 34**

br/br 6'1, 170-175, attractive, workout, smoker, social drinker, professional. Enjoy quality time with special person. Seeking GWM, 18-35, attractive, weight in proportion to height, honest, sincere, tired of the games, for friendship and/or possible relationship. Ad 25971

**ROMANTIC SEEKING SPECIAL LADY**

GWF, 37, sincere, mature, stable, not into head games or role playing. Looking to meet similar lady for dating and/ or lifemate. Age or weight not a factor. ad 25329.

**SEEK TV OR SMOOTH-BODY GUY**

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**SEEKING A VERY FEMINE ...**

very slim man with lovely legs who looks & feels wonderful in women's clothing. Smooth body, HIV-, prefer non-smoker or someone who will abstain around me. I am a BI-WM, smooth hard body, 162, 5'10, 42-31-37 + 7. Ad 25322.

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**SEEKS SAME**

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A handsome professional, 6'0, 185, GWM. Well educated & traveled, enjoying a unique lifestyle: opera, ballet, theater, collecting antiques, restoring autos, classic movies, loving animals, working out, dining by candlelight. In search of attractive, masculine, non-smoking/drug-free, healthy GWM, 25-45, discrete, responsible, sincere & sensitive, for a very special, long term, monogamous relationship. ad 25373.

**THE CHALLENGE**

GBM, 36 complex, honest man seeks young GWM with a spirit of adventure to share my interests. I've searched long enough, let's get together. Ad 25236.

**TIRED OF BARS TOO?**

Houston is an exciting city - things to do, places to see besides

bars. Want to explore these with someone who is GWM, attractive, weight in proportion to height & conversationalist. ME: GWM, 39, HIV-, attractive, br/br, moustache, hairy chest, good times. Love sex, not priority, would be nice, please respond, we'll talk. ad 25330

**TIRED OF BEING TAKEN OF.**

GWM, 25, HIV- who's tired of giving all he's got & getting taken for it. I'm romantic, outgoing interesting & enjoy life. Not into the bars, but do enjoy dining out, dancing, parties & quiet times. Looking for GWM's 25-40 who are financially & mentally secure & have similar interest & are willing to be friends first before anything else. ad 25399

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**WANT TO PLAY?**

I seek men of varied sexual interests but I am particularly interested in those who enjoy being of service. I am 42, 5'9 178, hairy, Italian, assertive. Ad 25134

**WANTED! YOUNG MAN SINGLE AND FREE**

GWM, 40 Blond/Blu, HIV-, Goodlooking, nonsmoker, drug free, enjoys C&W, computers & meeting people. Seeks GWM/GHM, 35 or younger with similar interests & qualities. Weight in proportion to height for friendship, romance & possible relationship. Ad 25376

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mail multiple responses in a single envelope.)

**► To RECEIVE Responses to Your Personal Ad:**

We will forward to you daily, unopened, at no charge, all responses received by mail.

To see if you have any verbal messages waiting to be retrieved, call the 800 toll-free number we gave you when you placed your ad. Follow the verbal instructions. If the recording there says you have verbal responses waiting, have your 5-digit code and secret 4-digit PIN handy and call 1-900-454-4242 to retrieve your verbal responses. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill from "Micro Voice."

**► RULES of Etiquette:**

All personal ads, and all responses to personal ads, should be in good taste. An advertiser may not describe sexual activity or anatomy. All advertising should be "positive." That is, describing only those people or traits desired. (People or traits not desired must not be listed.)

**► Additional REQUIREMENT:**

As of Sept. 1, 1991, to take advantage of this \$19-per-year extraordinary offer, we require that you participate in the "live voice" aspect of our Voice Phone Personals by calling a special 1-800 number we will give you at the time you place your ad. There, by following the verbal instructions, you will record, in your own actual voice, your personal ad. If you do NOT participate in this "live voice" aspect of our Voice Phone Personals, you will not be eligible for the \$19 per year unlimited rate but may instead purchase a personal ad at our regular rate of 40 cents per word per week.

**► To PLACE a Personal Ad by Phone:**

First, before you call, write out your ad. Use up to 6 words in a bold headline and up to 50 words in regular type. Then call our local number in your city: Austin 478-4245 Houston 529-8490 New Orleans 524-3279 San Antonio 226-1833 Elsewhere (713) 529-8490

After you've read your ad to us, and we prepare it to go into print, we will give you an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-letter PIN. Call the 800 number using a touch-tone phone and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. (Somewhere in your verbal ad, mention what city you live in.)

Cost: \$19 for up to a year. We will mail you a bill.

You can change your ad as often as desired during the year. You must call us every 4 weeks to keep the ad running.

**► To PLACE a Personal Ad by Mail:**

Write out your ad using up to 6 words in a bold headline and up to 50 words in regular type. Then, mail it with your check for \$19 to New Voice Personals, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006.

We will mail back to you an 800 toll-free telephone number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-letter PIN. Call the 800 number and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad.

You can change your ad as often as desired during the year. But you must call us or mail us a note every 4 weeks to keep the ad running.

**► To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Phone:**

Call 1-900-454-4242. Listen to the verbal instructions and enter access code 25. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill from "Micro Voice."

You can respond verbally, leaving your name and phone number, to as many personal advertisers as you wish. You can also browse through all the personal advertisers until you hear someone that interests you. As the individual advertisers periodically check their incoming verbal mailboxes, they will retrieve your response. Additionally, you can, if desired, listen to verbal ads placed through other gay newspapers in major U.S. cities. This can be valuable if you're planning a trip.

**► To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Mail:**

Mail each response separately to New Voice Personals, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006. Write the 5-digit ad number on the outside of the envelope. Your response will be forwarded unopened to the advertiser. (Do not

**▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA**

## Several Gay and lesbian candidates push third-party option

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, March 17 (AP)—A group of gay and lesbian activists, saying they were fed up with the Democratic Party, kicked off a third-party run for 50 statewide and local offices Tuesday.

"The Democratic Party has abandoned the lesbian and gay community—that is patently obvious," U.S. Senate candidate Jim Mangia said at a news conference on the steps of City Hall.

"It is time for the lesbian and gay community to revolt and go independent. Blind allegiance to the Democratic Party has failed our people," he said.

Mangia, bidding for Republican John Seymour's two-year seat, said he was the first openly gay candidate to run for the U.S. Senate. The candidates are registered for the June 2 party primary, including presidential hopeful Lenora Fulani.

Mangia was accompanied by 11 other candidates from the 25-year-old Peace & Freedom Party, which is currently in the throes of an internal debate between members of old-left parties and self-styled progressives.

Cesar G. Cadabes, a candidate for the eighth U.S. congressional district seat, said the party polled 1.25 million votes statewide in the 1990 election. Melissa Warren of the California Secretary of State's office said the figures were proba-

bly accurate.

The party supports establishing a national health care program and a progressive income tax structure.

"We're serious, we're here, we're active and we're going to stay," said Roslyn Allen, who is running in the 13th Congressional District.

"We are encouraging people to kick the Democratic habit, to just say no," she said.