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NewsLine: San Antonio

Fiesta: How to make the most of your trip to San Antonio



The Alamo: one of San Antonio's better-known tourist attractions

FEATURE By ESCHOL R. WRIGHT
TNV San Antonio

During the next two weeks, more Texans and other out-of-towners will visit San Antonio than at any other time this year. The 1991 Fiesta San Antonio is the centennial (100th anniversary) of the city's biggest tourist event. The city of San Antonio, however, has always been a popular vacation spot. The late Will Rogers observed that only three American cities—New Orleans, San Francisco and San Antonio—had “unmistakably unique” personalities.

Coincidentally, in interviewing inner circle tourists this week, I met a couple who had just arrived in San Antonio from San Francisco and who were on their way to New Orleans. Keith and David had begun their trip days earlier, in Providence, Rhode Island.

They travelled by car from San Francisco, stopping briefly in Phoenix and then on to San Antonio. Their drive was

uneventful, though they did see over 30 dead animals on the highways.

David described San Antonio as “clean and hospitable, with a surprisingly good night life.”

Keith and David did things right. They had an Alamo view from their suite at the Hyatt Regency.

“The only thing that really surprised me,” said David, “is when they set the flames off to scare the grackles out of the trees along the Riverwalk. I thought we were being attacked.” (By the way, grackles are birds, not tourists).

—The Parks

The parks are the place to be on Sunday afternoon in most cities, an San Antonio is no exception. The city's parks are a big part of its history. For example, San Pedro Park is the second oldest park in the whole country.

San Antonio's best known park is downtown. Travis Park, located directly



Olmos Park is popular with the community's “inner circle” for weekend cookouts and other activities

across from the historic St. Anthony Hotel, provides a welcome relief for the downtown community during business hours. The concerts around lunch time on Fridays are especially interesting. Sometimes, a full symphony appears.

The “nature park” of San Antonio is Brackenridge Park, which is truly a gigantic park, featuring sunken gardens where every feature of the landscape is natural stone, even the seating areas. When you've seen the garden's goldfish ponds and exotic flowers, take the sky car to the San Antonio zoo.

McAllister Park, located near the San Antonio Airport, is a great place to meet new friends. Come join in a Sunday afternoon volleyball game. The players are always friendly and attractive.

Last but not least: a park frequented by our community's “inner circle” is Olmos Park. Sundays always bring a lot of cookouts. This is also a fun place to meet new people.

—“Splendors” art exhibit

For a special treat, persons visiting San Antonio for the Fiesta season are just in time to take in an awe-inspiring new exhibition at San Antonio's Museum of Fine Arts. “Mexico—Splendors of 30 Centuries” opened last week to great reviews, all of which are well deserved.

The exhibition includes over 400

pieces assembled from Mexican museums, galleries and seldom seen private collections. In addition, some of the exhibits came from works in progress from cultural historians.

Your guide to the exhibit is well-known former Mayor Henry Cisneros, whose taped narrative about the collection does help pull the presentation together. After seeing the result, the viewer can better appreciate the complexity and richness of Mexico's artistic heritage.

From the snarling stone figure—circa 1000 B.C.—that opens the show to the paintings by the primitive Bustos, it's all worth your time.

One thing really catches your attention: all the symbols of water that appear in the objects. The water motifs are an important theme that gives a varied collection a sense of unity. (Water symbols are frequent because the various societies that produced this art were mainly agricultural).

The earlier mentioned paintings of Bustos, a self-taught artist, include some striking portraits. They are done without flattery to the artists subjects, which puts them ahead of their time. Bustos himself summed up the simple and direct nature of his work. On the reverse side of the artist's self-portrait is the inscription, “I am an Indian from Mexico, and I painted myself to see if I could.”



Self-portrait by Indian painter Bustos—who proved he could do it—from the “Splendors of Mexico” exhibit at SAMFA

NewsLine: Gay America

Four men charged with vandalizing gay lib sculpture

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Four young men were charged March 28 with spray-painting obscene messages on a controversial “Gay Liberation” sculpture in a Madison park on Dec. 30.

Duane D'Angelo, 19; Matthew Klam,

19; Darrell Roby, 20, all of Madison; and Brian Bauer, 19, of Berlin, appeared in Dane County Circuit Court on felony criminal damage to property charges.

The young men said they vandalized the sculpture because they were against the homosexuality it represents,

according to a criminal complaint.

The white-coated, bronze sculpture depicts a gay couple standing near a park bench where a lesbian couple is seated.

The complaint said the men did about

\$6,000 damage to the \$250,000 sculpture, which has since been moved to its permanent home in New York City.

Each of the men could be fined \$10,000 and imprisoned for five years if convicted of the felony of criminal damage to property.

The Iranian arms-for-hostage scandal of a few years ago died from a facts-starved death which left us with more questions than answers. The apparent chief villain, William J. Casey, died before the public hearings and Col. North managed with Republican help to emerge as hero and liberal scapegoat.

The most puzzling aspect of that affair was the naivete implied by the Reagan deal to sell arms to Iran in the "hopes" that hostages in Lebanon would be freed. Of course, there was the added advantage that the arms (American government issue) were "sold" to Iran and the revenue therefrom went to the Contra rebels in Central America.

But there has always been this nagging feeling that shrewd Republicans don't make deals so obviously favoring the other party—in this case revolutionary Iran. Running separately from this scandal, for years there were rumors that the Reagan campaign in 1980 established some sort of contact with Iran regarding our embassy hostages held in Teheran.

Now more of that story is coming to light—and the villain appears, once again, to be the late William J. Casey. Reagan's handler's biggest nightmare during the 1980 campaign was that their opponent, the incumbent President Jimmy Carter, would strike a deal releasing the hostages late in the campaign and thus demolish Reagan's hopes, and the best laid plans of two decades' work by the Far Right to capture the presidency.

Thus Casey reportedly met with an emissary of the Ayatollah Khomeini in Madrid, Spain, on two occasions in July of 1980 which led to a final and substantive meeting in Paris in October, supposedly including one George Bush. From this came an agreement that Iran would not release the hostages until Reagan was elected, and in return Reagan would sell arms to Iran to fight

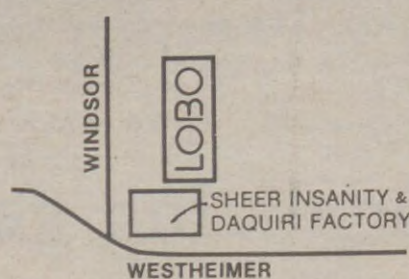
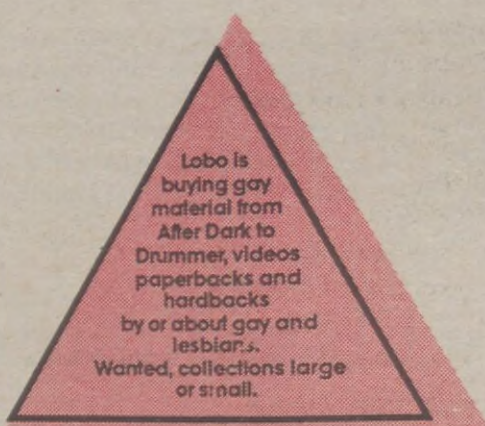
Iraq, then receiving American support in its aggression against Iran (aid, by the by, which continued almost literally to the day of the now famous Desert Storm).

Only when the arms deal unraveled later did the Reagan administration come up with its new spin control, that after all it may have been naive but it was just a case of patriots trying every means possible to free the hostages.

Thanks to Leslie H. Gelb in *The New York Times*, we are reminded that even in this act of violating American laws against citizens dealing directly with foreign powers, Reagan was not original. In the very close and hotly contested race of 1968 between Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon, a similar incident took place. Contrary to a recent statement by the venerable Clark Clifford that President Johnson was dismayed by Humphrey's distancing himself from our Vietnam commitment, Johnson in fact was even then negotiating an agreement with the South Vietnamese to de-escalate American involvement.

Nixon's campaign organization contacted South Vietnamese President Thieu, asking him to block these negotiations and in return Nixon would offer him a better deal when elected. The rest is history, including Nixon reneging on this promise.

Of course, the successful elections of Nixon and Reagan put them in a position to obscure the facts and prevent any prosecution of their own wrongdoing, another criminal act in itself. And thanks to these two incidents the United States elected a shrewd crook and a mental fly-weight of a B actor. The loser, as in all such scenarios, is the American people, who are not even given the opportunity to learn from history unless the truth be known. And you wonder why the Republicans are always bashing the press.



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Religious group demands ouster of arts agency chief

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS

FOR THE NEW VOICE
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Rev. Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition demanded April 1 that John E. Frohnmayer resign as chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts because of his agency's \$25,000 grant for a movie that includes homosexual imagery.

"The NEA has slapped the face of every taxpayer in American by continuing to fund filth at a time when the government is going broke," Ralph Reed, the coalition's executive director, said in a statement released before he attended a special screening of the film at the NEA's Washington headquarters.

"John Frohnmayer should empty his desk and exit posthaste," Reed said. "And Congress should defund the agency to prevent further outrages on the American taxpayer."

After seeing the movie, which is titled "Poison," Reed said he hadn't changed his mind. He said the film was "offen-

sive, boring and silly," and contained two or three "clearly pornographic" scenes.

Frohnmayer defended the movie at a news conference March 29. NEA spokesperson Jason Hall said Frohnmayer had no immediate response to Reed's call for his resignation.

In mid-March, the Rev. Donald Wildmon, president of the American Family Association, had sent letters to members of Congress accusing the NEA of using taxpayers' money to help finance a movie that "includes explicit porno scenes of homosexuals involved in anal sex."

In response, Frohnmayer in March that the movie "is neither prurient nor obscene" but is "the work of a serious artist dealing with a serious issue in our society"—the destructive effects of violence.

Frohnmayer said the movie, directed by Todd Haynes of New York, includes a segment showing a young prison inmate who is "brutalized, raped and ultimately shot" while attempting to escape.

The NEA chairperson, who already had seen the movie, arranged for "Poison" to be shown April 1 at NEA headquarters for reporters and other interested parties.

The movie won top prize at this year's Sundance Film Festival in Utah. Its \$250,000 budget was financed mostly by private investors. After the film was completed, Haynes received a \$25,000 endowment grant to cover editing and other post-production expenses.

Wildmon said in a telephone interview

March 29 from Tupelo, Miss., that he personally had not seen the movie but based his allegation on a review published by Daily Variety newspaper in Los Angeles.

Robertson, a television evangelist who was a Republican candidate for president in 1988, is founder and president of the Christian Coalition, a non-profit organization based in Chesapeake, Va.

The coalition describes itself as "a national grass-roots pro-family organization with 82,000 members in 125 local chapters across the country."

Besides urging President Bush to demand Frohnmayer's resignation, the coalition announced a national petition drive asking Congress to abolish the arts endowment. Last year, the agency spent about \$153 million in federal funds to support a wide variety of artists and arts organizations.

The Traditional Values Coalition, which identified itself as a "pro-family" organization, accused the NEA of "funding an offensive and disgusting film."

Andrea Sheldon, the coalition's government affairs director, said in a statement that she saw a Washington preview of "Poison" and that it "violates standards of what scarce taxpayer dol-

lars should be funding."

The Rev. Louis P. Sheldon, the coalition's chairperson, said the NEA chairperson's "strong support and endorsement of 'Poison' adds fuel to the fire for Frohnmayer to resign."

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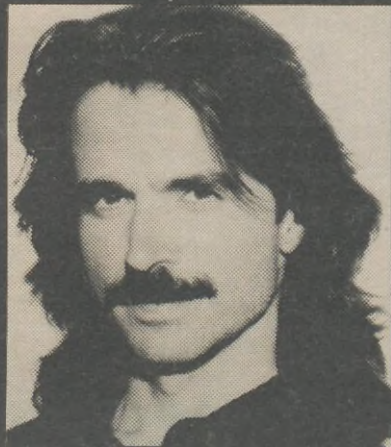
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Arrest made at protest for Catholic education of AIDS awareness

BOSTON (AP)—A Boston man was arrested April 1 for allegedly attacking a member of the AIDS activist group Act Up during a protest where a Catholic educators conference is being held. Boston police arrested Willie Potter, 22,

for allegedly punching one of the Act Up protesters, said police spokesperson Tom Santry. Potter was apparently a bystander

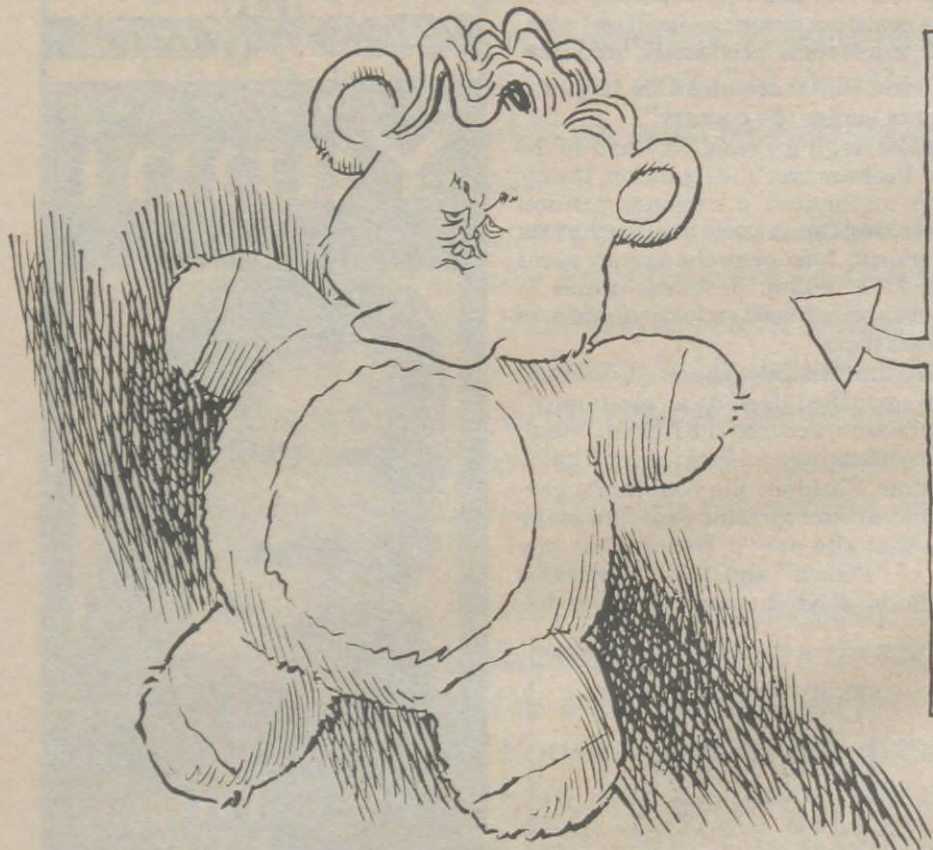
upset about the protest against Catholic Church policy concerning sex, Santry said.

Potter faces a charge of assault and battery. The victim continued to protest following the incident, witnesses said.

The Boston chapter of Act Up, or the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, began protesting around 6:00 p.m., following the first day of the four-day, 88th annual National Catholic Educational Association conference.

Group organizers said they wanted to encourage educators to demand that safe sex education be implemented as standard curriculum by the Church hierarchy.

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Aries

Pay special attention to those around you. By noticing small details and subtleties, you may pick up a hidden message. Trust your intuition.

Taurus

Trying to be two places at one time is finally beginning to take its toll. Slow down and regroup. Rearrange your priorities. Instead of being everything to everyone, try spending quality time with those closest to you.

Gemini

A new thriller sends you into a mid-week frenzy. Expect some craziness. Nothing serious and no harm done. Have fun.

Cancer

Not being one to shun responsibility, you dive head first into a new project. Because of your ability to work well with others, the job is finished ahead of schedule. Future assignments offer an opportunity for advancement.

Leo

Now is a perfect time to make some minor changes to yourself. Although subtle, the results will be pleasing to someone close. You will also be pleased with the new you.

Virgo

Try to get some much needed rest. Postpone major decisions until you're feeling more refreshed. Return a phone call. An important opportunity may be waiting on the other end of the line.

Libra

Try tackling an unpleasant chore. Once the work is done, treat yourself to a night on the town. Don't be surprised if you run into someone from the past.

Scorpio

By putting yourself in someone else's shoes, you better understand the actions of others. By expressing your empathy and not being patronizing, you save a good friendship.

Sagittarius

Communication may be the root of a problem at work. Use your tact and verbal skills in dealing directly with superiors. Avoid gossip in the workplace and things work out.

Capricorn

After the showers and the hot spell, expect to find new energy. A project begun now will probably net excellent results. Try not to be overly ambitious.

Aquarius

By establishing an agenda you begin to organize your life. By sticking with the plan, you immediately notice improvement in your attitude towards work. A friend will notice the change which may alter the nature of your relationship.

Pisces

Spring fever is really getting to you and you should let it. Plus, staying cool under the collar lets others know you are under control and gains respect from others around you.

Houston Art

Art League of Houston begins PWA outreach program

By LISETTA LAVY
TNV Houston

This month, the Art League of Houston, located at 1953 Montrose, will initiate an outreach program to offer people with AIDS an avenue toward creative expression. A drawing class, taught by an Art League faculty member, will be offered to financially restricted individuals with AIDS. There are no prerequisites for the class; however, Art League representatives stress that they are seeking PWA's who have a serious interest in art. The class will be open to both beginners and experienced artists.

Through this pilot program, the only

one of its kind in Houston, the Art League hopes to give AIDS patients not only a creative outlet through drawing, but also the opportunity for social interaction with other PWA's outside a clinical setting. The class will be held each Saturday beginning April 27 for 10 weeks from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Art League expects to have a maximum of 18 students in the class. If the class fills, other interested parties will be placed on a waiting list.

The Art League is seeking sponsors to underwrite the cost of supplies for the students. This cost is expected to be approximately \$15 per student per class.

According to Jane Trent of the Art League, response to the class so far has been good; however, more sponsors are needed. Persons who would like to sponsor a student or register for the class may call (713) 523-9530 for more information. Also, the Art League will not be able to offer transportation to and from the class.

The Art League of Houston is the city's oldest non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement and promotion of the visual arts. The Art League Gallery, also located at 1953 Montrose, is free and open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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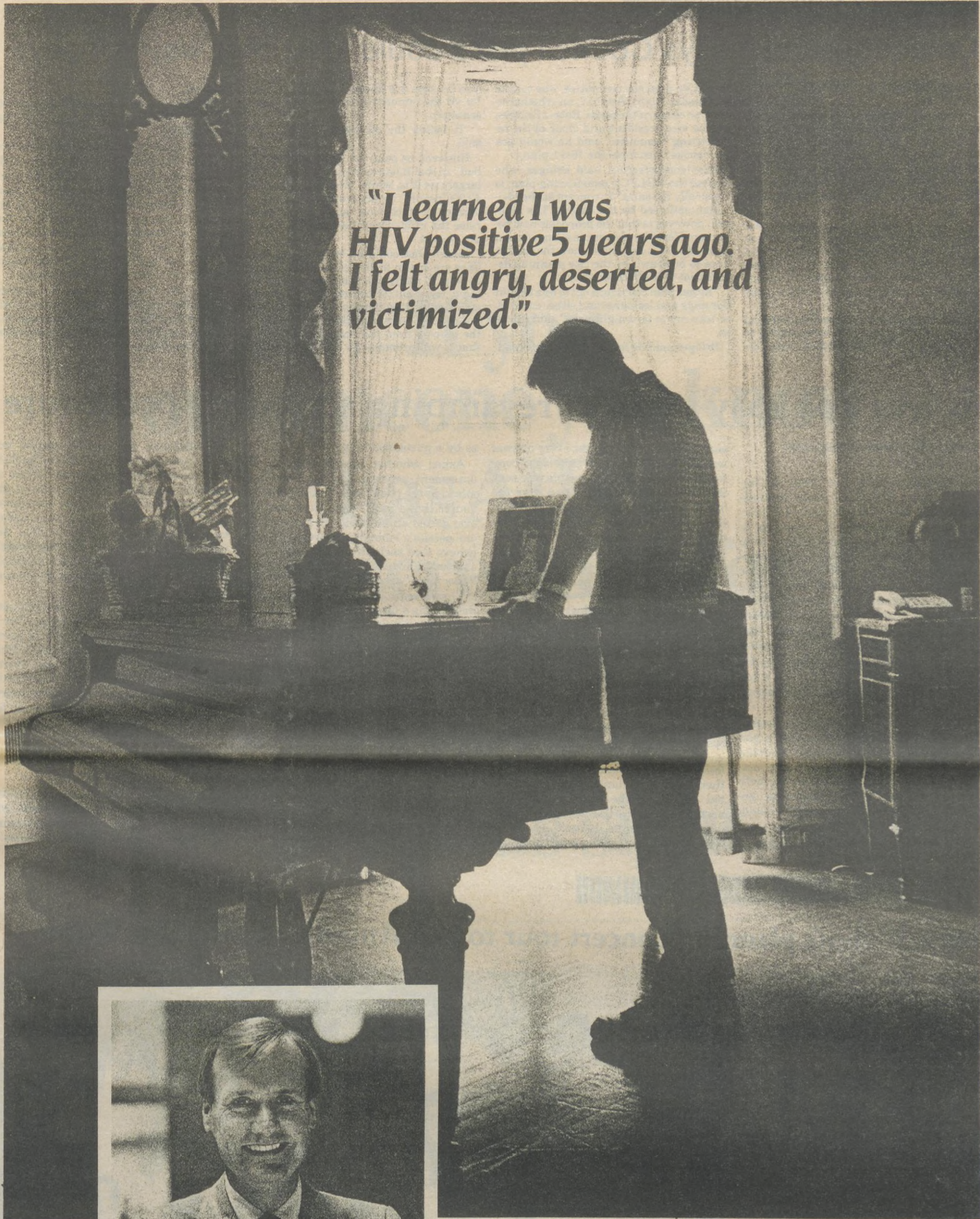


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Committee chair says Council plans could 'go either way' for gays

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
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The Human Relations Committee of the Houston City Council, unable to reach a consensus on how to restructure the Council to allow for maximum minority representation, submitted two plans for consideration by the Council Tuesday, April 16, both expanding the present 15 member body.

The plans—for which the district lines have not been drawn—would change the 9-5-1 Council makeup to provide either 12 single member districts, with six positions and the mayor elected at large, or 16 single member districts with the 6-1 at large positions.

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, which voted at its last meeting to endorse a 16-5-1 redistricting plan de-

signed by a caucus committee, was to vote Wednesday night, April 17, on whether to endorse either of the plans. Robert Bridges, caucus vice president and chair of the redistricting committee, said he would ask the caucus to endorse the 16-6-1 plan.

That configuration, said Bridges, who drafted the HGLPC's redistricting plan, is "basically the same" in concept as the 16-5-1 plan endorsed by the caucus. The problem, however, is that the proposals now being considered by the caucus are not drawn plans, and it is not known how the district lines to be drawn by the city planning department will affect Montrose.

"Either plan could turn out to be a benefit (for gays and lesbians) and either could also turn out to be a nightmare," said Bridges.

Bridges said he favors the larger expan-

sion because it is the most accommodating for all the minority groups seeking representation.

"It builds the strongest coalition," he said.

However, he said, the 12-6-1 plan is "not bad," in that it leaves the present District C largely as it is, while "dropping off about 42,000 people" in the south of the present district—a fact that apparently would raise the influence of the gay bloc vote in the district.

Either plan could be bad if the district lines are drawn to divide Montrose, Bridges said. "I really don't think anyone is going to try to cut (Montrose) up, though," he said, adding that the gay and lesbian community has been a visible participant in the process from the beginning. "I think that it will probably go well for us in the

long run."

The dual proposal, said Bridges, was decided on "after lots of pushing and pulling and shifting.

"As far as I know, council members are about evenly divided on the plans," he said.

City Council, which was to formally receive the recommendations of the Human Relations Committee on Wednesday, is expected to vote on the restructuring by the end of the month. Because district lines have not been drawn for the plans, that will have to be done before any further action can be taken on the redistricting.

Once the Council decides the district boundaries for the chosen plan, it can either ask the Texas Legislature to make the change, or call for a charter election to let the voters decide.

It was 'too easy': GLPC revamping screening procedure

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

Candidates seeking the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus' endorsement this fall will encounter an overhauled screening process, according to caucus vice chair Chris Bacon, who heads a committee that is now revamping the procedure. "While the caucus (membership) ultimately makes endorsement decisions, the screening committee has always played an important role in interviewing candidates and making recommendations," Bacon said.

Bacon said the committee believes the procedure, in the past, has made it too easy for candidates to get the group's endorsement.

Last year, judicial candidates screening with the caucus were asked if a person's sexual orientation would affect the credibility of his testimony, Bacon noted. "Do you know what is wrong with this question? Every candidate answered this question correctly!" he said.

Bacon added that many of the questions asked in last year's screening proc-

ess yielded similar results: every answer was the same. While he said it is "comforting to know that the people who seek the GLPC endorsement often give the 'right' answers," Bacon suggested that the process has not been successful in differentiating between the "outstanding" candidates and the "merely acceptable."

"The truly horrible and homophobic candidate," he argued, "would not dream of screening with us." Most of the candidates who seek the GLPC endorsement, Bacon continued, are "decent" people but should not necessarily be endorsed.

One of the roles of the screening committee, Bacon said, should be to ensure that the caucus has ample information before voting on an endorsement. "We want to avoid situations where the caucus relies on one person's knowledge and impressions about a candidate. While anecdotal information can be helpful, there is always a danger that the individual supplying the information has a vested interest in the particular candidate." For example, he said, he or she may be an attorney who is assigned cas-

es by a particular judge.

Asked whether he felt that the endorsement process had been compromised in the past, Bacon replied that he doubts that a truly "bad" candidate has ever gotten an endorsement as a result of one person's lobbying. However, he does believe that such efforts may have been successful in cases where both candidates were "acceptable."

The screening committee is currently developing a large pool of questions. The committee is paying particular attention to the phrasing of questions and is seeking to avoid those questions with obvious answers. This year the committee is trying to create questions that are open ended and that reveal a candidate's knowledge of gay issues, his sensitivity and his ability to come up with solutions.

Many of the questions being drafted will be in the form of hypotheticals. Bacon gives an example by describing a hypothetical situation in which a heterosexual man is suing for custody of his child. The mother is a well-known gay activist who frequently appears in the media. The father argues that because of

her visibility, the mother should not have custody of the child, since the child has already been subject to ridicule at school. Should the judge take the mother's sexual orientation into consideration? Bacon points out that this is not an easy question and probably does not have a "right" answer. The candidate's explanation of his answer will probably reveal more about him than the answer itself.

Besides Bacon, the committee includes two former GLPC presidents, David Fowler and Dennis Spencer, and members Clair Koepsel, Denise Parkin, Robbie Cavanaugh, Pat Gandy and Harry Livesay. Bacon hopes that the committee will design a new evaluation instrument, as well as a training program for potential screeners. "Not only does the screening process help the GLPC choose the best candidates, but it also gives the gay community a chance to educate elected officials," said Bacon.

"Hopefully, even those candidates who do not get our endorsement will emerge from the process with greater respect and appreciation for our issues."

Houston Quick Notes

MCCR choir planning concert tour to San Antonio, Dallas, Ft. Worth

MCCR's "Praise" Sanctuary Choir is preparing for a three city, five concert tour, April 26-28 in San Antonio, Fort Worth and Dallas. Before leaving on the tour, the choir will present a local concert this Sunday, April 21, at the church, 1919 Decatur.

The choir will present an evening of Christian music along with their men's ensemble "New Song" and their mixed ensemble "Jubilation," beginning at 7:15 p.m. The program's music will range from spirituals ("Ain't a That Good News") and the very popular "Deep River" to traditional favorites such as "Calvary's Love" and Donni Rambo's "Behold the Lamb." Accompanying the presentation of the flags of many nations will be Mary MacDonald's "Proclaim God's Glory" and the David Clydesdale arrangement of "How Great Thou Art (Handel's) Hallelujah Chorus." The concert is free and open to the public.

Under the direction of Keith Yost, the MCCR Choir has grown to 67 in number and has added a handbell choir, the men's and mixed ensembles, bearers and a full time pianist. MCCR is located at Decatur and Silver, one block off Washington between Studemont and Houston.

—Healing Circle

The Church of Universal Divinity Inc. has announced the continuation of its "Meditation and Healing Circle." Begun during the season of Lent, the healing circle will be celebrated on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

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The "Praise" Sanctuary Choir of Houston's Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection will visit three Texas cities on a five concert tour April 26-28

Healing Circle of New York, the Meditation and Healing Circle uses the foundation of the work of Louise Hay and takes it one step further. "We celebrate our unity with the Divine by allowing ourselves the time to listen to what the Divine has

to say to us. It is very difficult to know what "God's Will" for us is when we don't stop long enough to hear it," said the church's pastor. The celebrations consist of an opening meditation, a discussion of a personal issue of concern, a

ceremony of healing between the members present and a closing meditation.

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Houston Live

Alley Theatre extends run of 'Other Peoples Money' comedy

HOUSTON LIVE By THE NEW VOICE STAFF

The Alley Theatre has extended the run of Jerry Sterner's hit comedy, "Other People's Money," now playing on the Neuhaus Arena Stage, for an additional week. Directed by the Alley's associate director, Michael Wilson, "Other People's Money" was originally scheduled to play through Sunday, April 21. Because of an expanding subscriber base and strong demand for single tickets, the play will now run through the evening performance on Sunday, April 28.

"Other People's Money" takes a bitingly satiric look at the effect that the 80's economic boom has on individual lives. Andrew Jorgenson is the chair of New England Wire and Cable, a company that his father founded and which provides considerable support for the local economy in Rhode Island. Lawrence Garfinkle, a mercenary New York financier, decides that he wants to liquidate the company and starts purchasing stock to gain control of the corporation. For a time it looks as if Garfinkels plan is unstoppable, until Jorgenson hires Kate Sullivan, an ambitious Wall Street lawyer who relishes taking on the sexist Garfinkle. A hilarious "battle royale" ensues between the two, in which the playwright examines many contemporary issues, including the battle of the sexes, money and materialism, loyalty and friendship.

Tickets for "Other People's Money" are available at the Alley Theatre Box Office, phone 228-8421. Performance times are Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

—Sweeney Todd at Main Street



Linda Eder and Chuck Wagner appear as Trilby and Svengali in the Alley's world premiere musical "Svengali," extended through April 28

"Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street," opens at Main Street Theater on Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 p.m. Set in 19th century London, "Sweeney Todd" is the tale of a barber who returns to London after a long imprisonment, seeking revenge on the evil Judge Turpin, who not only convicted him unjustly, but ruined his lovely young wife and stole his small daughter. He is then aided in his plot by a macabre alliance with the resourceful Mrs. Lovett, proprietor of the downstairs pie shop. Their joint venture is deliciously unsettling.

Mary Galligan will direct the production, assisted by musical director Mary Carol Warwick. The set, designed by Maurice Tuttle, recreates the eerie and cold Fleet Street atmosphere while Susan Diane Koontz adds her subtle lighting talents to the feel of the production. Resident costume designer Franklin



Hollenbeck expertly recreates the 19th century costumes. Assisting with musical duties is local musical composer Larry Phibbs.

Jeff Galligan will return to Main Street Theater to play the role of Sweeney Todd. Galligan was last seen in MST's production of "Fanny." Making her MST debut is Candice Kirkland as Mrs. Lovett. Judge Turpin will be played by MST resident actor Kent Johnson, along with MST regular Penny Alfrey as the Beggar Woman. Other company members in the cast are Joe Kirkendall as Anthony, Bruce Ellis as Beadle Bamford, Darron Cardosa as Toby with Anne Beveroth and Elizabeth Imle joining in the ensemble. Singers new to MST include Jill Underhill as Johanna and Gary Scullin as Adolfo Pirelli. The ensemble includes Anita Bonanno, Matt Berkowski, Lynn Hodapp Clark, Ken-

neth Cordray, Kathryn Freguson, Mark Alan Jones, Diane M. Linn, Gary A. McCain and Kevin Newman.

"Sweeney Todd" opens Saturday, April 27. Performances run each Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday performances are May 1, May 22 and June 5 at 7:30 p.m. Information: 524-6706.

—Alley extends "Svengali"

The Alley Theater has extended the run of its world premiere musical, "Svengali," for one week. Written by Gregory Boyd, John Bettis and Frank Wildhorn, the musical has received an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response from its audiences. Directed by Alley artistic director Gregory Boyd, "Svengali" was originally scheduled to close on Sunday, April 28. The season finale of the 1990-1991 large stage season will now run through the evening performance on Sunday, May 5.

"Svengali" is based on the novel "Trilby" by Georges du Maurier, written in 1894. It is the story of Svengali, a hypnotist, and Trilby, a beautiful young model. Despite an immediate attraction between the two, Trilby tries but fails to avoid Svengali's lure. Under Svengali's power and complete control, Trilby is trained to sing and becomes a sensation. As her success grows, his power mysteriously declines, leading to a climactic clash between the hypnotist's strength and Trilby's will to live free.

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Houston Soap

Gentry's 'Broadway' benefit raises over \$2000 for Trouble Fund

HOUSTON SOAP By THE NEW VOICE STAFF

Gentry's "Lullabies of Broadway" show and raffle last Sunday (April 14) raised a total of \$2260 for the Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund. Thanks to all the "gents" at Gentry who worked so hard to make this event a success...

While we're on the subject of benefits, the Texas Riders' recent Charity Slave Auction (April 6 at the Venture-N) raised \$575 cash as well as over \$100 in non-perishable goods for Stone Soup. Thanks are also in order to these great guys.

Coming up this Tuesday (April 23), a "Gay Nineties" roller skating party benefiting the Star Nite '91 Pride Festival will be held at Carousel Skating Rink, 9190 Old Katy Road from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission of \$5 per person includes skate rental. (For more information, call 523-4220).

After some hard work, Timeless Taffeta has reopened at 1657 Westheimer, half a block from its old location. It's bigger and better, but with the same friendly staff. Come by and say hello...

Houston's Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection is celebrating its 16th anniversary with a "Sweet Sixteen Sock Hop" this Saturday, April 20 at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475



Terry Smith (Mary's) celebrated his (?) birthday April 10. (My, Terry, what a big box you have)

West Gray. The party will be from 8:00-11:00 p.m. There will be music and entertainment from the 1950's with the Texas Lovin' Cloggers. During the evening, a "King" and "Queen" will be crowned. Admission is \$5, dress is 50's attire. MCCR in-

vites everyone to join in the fun.

This weekend is the Westheimer Art Festival, and festivities are going on in (and outside of) our community businesses on the Westheimer strip, as well as at the "official" juried art show at Montrose and

Lovett...

Don't miss the "bargain sidewalk sale" at Mary's Sunday (April 21). A TGRA benefit drawing will be held (at press time, tickets were still available).

Now for the week's gossip, from our reliable sources:

Reggie—Happy birthday—30 what?

Ralph (BRB), from stir fry to refried beans—please!

Terry (611), be sure to attend Woody's cleaning class coming up.

Magnolia: hear you are moving. Vera wants to know, is the rent due again?

Curtis (Cousins). Heard you were in the hospital. How many fur balls did they have to remove?

Dennis (BRB): hear you have a new cat named Woody. Has it been neutered like Woody?

LuLu (611) we are now into spring—not another frost. (It's ok, your hair looks good).

Bill Havard, what's the story about you having to close your legs to keep down the ozone level? Eddie wants to know.

When Tony Snow talks about meals on wheels, it's not food he's talking about.

David Chapman (BRB), Ray M. wants to go drinking again. Think you can keep up this time?

NewsLine: The World

Hong kong to decriminalize homosexual acts

HONG KONG (AP)—The government said March 22 it will present a bill next month to the law-making Legislative Council to decriminalize homosexual acts committed in private between consenting adults.

Such acts are currently punishable by life imprisonment, although according to government figures the maximum sentence handed down in 40 cases prose-

cutted in 1990 was four months.

The proposed legislation would continue to ban homosexual acts between those under the age of 21 or involving more than two people, the statement said.

The bill's intention is "not to encourage homosexuality but to remove unjust and unenforceable punishments against adults which are out of keeping with modern life and thinking on this matter,"

said the statement.

It was welcomed by some homosexuals of the British colony.

"We have been waiting for more than twenty years for (the) law to be repealed. It comes a bit late, but better late than never," said a homosexual who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The bill is expected to pass because the

Legislative Council last July voted 31-13 to endorse the government's plan to decriminalize homosexual acts between consenting adults.

Although such acts were decriminalized in Britain 24 years ago, this British colony's conservative, predominantly Chinese population has been more reluctant to tolerate homosexuality.

NewsLine: Gay America |||||

Colorado gay community keeps tabs on hate crimes

DENVER (AP)—For the first time in Colorado, homosexuals are collecting reports of hate crimes to prove to critics that they are beaten and discriminated against because of what they are.

Sue Anderson, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado, said during the first nine months of its study, more than 96 incidents in the Denver area were reported.

The numbers are needed, she said, to prove that civil-rights violations and hate crimes occur.

Denver voters will decide in May whether to repeal the homosexual rights ordinance. The ordinance bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The community center has joined the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

Policy Institute in a push for better record-keeping and has released its first set of statistics on hate crimes against homosexuals.

Three months ago, Timothy D. Leon, 29, was robbed and severely beaten after joining two men in a limousine for champagne.

"I thought they were going to kill me,"

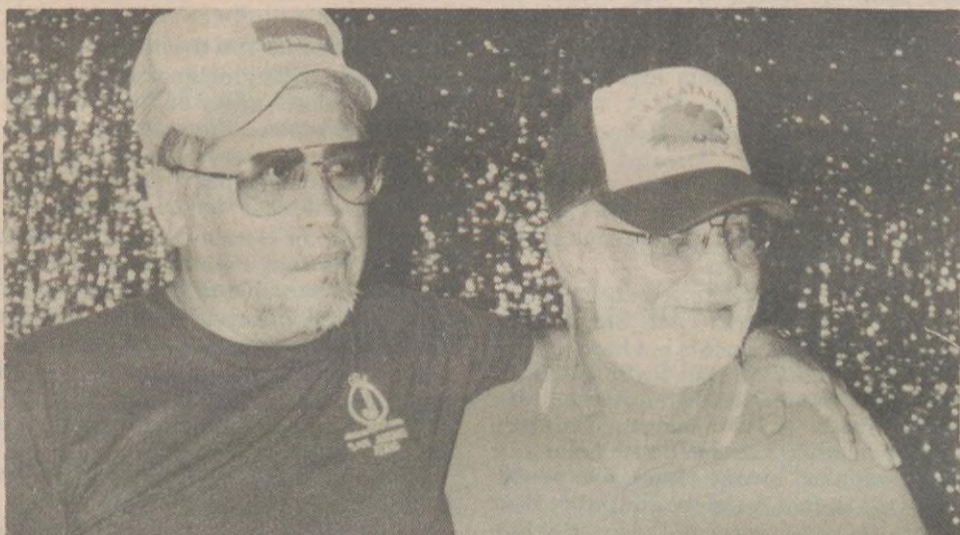
said Leon, who owns a Denver hair salon. "Then they threw me out of the car. One of the guys... would not stop kicking me. They took my ring, tore off my belt, grabbed my boots."

The whole time, his attackers shouted, "Fag, you (expletive) fag!"

Leon's willingness to talk about the incident is unusual, Anderson said.

San Antonio Soap |||||

San Antonio businesses ready to help you celebrate Fiesta



Joe and John, owners of the J-Bar

SAN ANTONIO SOAP
By ESCHOL R. WRIGHT
TNV San Antonio

With the 100th celebration of Fiesta just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about both places to party and places to recuperate from great celebration.

When you're in the mood for lunch or dinner, check Monte Vista's Magnolia Gardens. Located at 2520 North Main Street in the historic Monte Vista District, this is a fine place to go before the bars. Comfortable, quiet and intimate, the restaurant seems to gradually blend into an antique shop, which shares the premises. As for food, the menu offers a large selection of sandwiches, soups and salads. Consider, for example, the "H.A.C.S.," which is made with sliced ham, fresh avocado, cream cheese and sprouts on whole wheat. The house dessert is Strawberry Delight. The Magnolia gardens is "inner circle" owned and operated and is open for lunch Monday through Saturday and for dinner from 5:30 until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 10:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. There is also a Sunday brunch from 11:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

For a quick, somewhat more low-key lunch, don't forget the Crosswalk Deli, 121-C Alamo Plaza. This place takes its name from the crosswalk that connects two of San Antonio's oldest and busiest streets, South Alamo and Broadway. Once you find the Alamo itself, you're practically there. When your feet need a break from Fiesta activities, drop in, relax and have a great bowl of homemade soup. I especially like

the fresh tiger lilies on each table.

...Remember to put Just Us on your Fiesta weekend itinerary. Located at 321 Fredericksburg Road, this club features go-go girls and go-go boys every Friday. On April 19, Just Us will host a live band—something we should see more often. While you're there, swing by the club's next door neighbor, The Pepper Patch. This is probably the newest country and western bar in San Antonio, and it shouldn't be missed. Owners Terry and Donna Neyland invite you to drop in, have a longneck, and do some two-stepping.

The Circle J, located at 622 Roosevelt, bears the monogram of its co-owners, Joe and John. Happy Hour—or should I say "Happy Six Hours"—is every day from 5:00 until 11:00 p.m. Friday nights are dollar nights, with well drinks, longnecks and Schnapps for a buck apiece. Every Sunday, there is free pool all night.

Las Gueras, 5930 South Flores, offers one of those rare mixtures of girls and guys. One nice thing about San Antonio bars is that there is not as much gender based segregation as you find in some cities, and Las Gueras is a perfect example of this phenomenon. This unusual club offers an exotic decor—pink flamingos on cool blue walls. Come to this place prepared to dance. In addition to good dance music, this club keeps its thermostat low enough to encourage a good workout on the dance floor. The club's DJ, Alex, will supply the rhythm if you have the energy. On Saturday, April 27, Las Gueras will host the third official Miss gay Fiesta Flambeau Pageant, which is becoming a great Fiesta tradition.



Beth Evans (top left, Miss Gay San Antonio 1989-90), and Nakoma Shaye, Miss Gay Texas/America 1990-91), crown Krstee Pe-dey as Miss Gay San Antonio/USA 1991-92

ent, which is becoming a great Fiesta tradition.

This past Friday, April 12, your reporter covered the 14th annual Miss Gay San Antonio Pageant at the Bonham Exchange, 411 Bonham. (By the way, this is the real, official contest). The pageant's emcee was (of course) the well known entertainer Pauletta Leigh. The Bonham's talented lighting director, Ioannes Delvmene, delighted a crowd of over 1500 with his luminary skills. As each contestant entered,

she was bathed in a light to complement her gown, so that each bead and sequin dazzled the eye. And remember, for this contest, we are talking gowns in the four figure category. With her proud mother in the audience, Miss Beth Evans relinquished her crown to Krstee Pe-dey. A tearful Beth sang her last song and said, "Thank you, Mom, for letting me be who I am." Krstee, a relative newcomer to these contests, looked dazzling and reminded the audience that she could not have won without the strong support of her family and friends. If you missed this show, you simply shouldn't have.

There is a country club in San Antonio that is not the kind with golf courses and snooty buffets. Located at 115 General Krueger, The Country Club describes itself as hosting the "best looking women in town." This reporter has only been there a few times, but I agree that's a hard fact to dispute. Bottom line, this is a great C and W bar that you should visit soon.

It's always fun to write about The Crew, San Antonio's second oldest "inner circle" bar. Located at 309 West Market, this is a place where you can feel comfortable going solo. It's always easy to meet a new friend or bump into an old one at The Crew.

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Grant, Bill and Rich, owners of The Stallion



Cathy is the day manager and weekend bartender at the Circle

San Antonio businesses ready to help you celebrate Fiesta

From previous page

I have been meaning for some time to provide you with some insights on the oldest gay bar in Texas, El Jardin. However, I wanted to interview Brian Bridges, the bar's manager, to insure the accuracy of my report on this club's colorful history. Founded in 1943, El Jardin is located in an historic landmark at 106 Nevarro Street. During its history, it operated under other names (Diamond Jerry's and later, The Ritz). Immediately prior to becoming El Jardin, its name was, in effect, its address—The 106. But name changes aside, you have a real sense of history in this place. One of the functions of Fiesta is to remind us of San Antonio's beautiful heritage. In its own way, El Jardin is a big part of this city's history and should be on your list of places to visit. Recognizing the importance of Fiesta weekend, owners Leo and Jose will be opening the club from 10:00 in the morning on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27.

A couple of weeks ago, I told you about San Antonio's newest bar, The Wild Club. This place, located at 820 San Pedro, continues to measure up to its name. Open for only a few weeks, it is still receiving rave reviews as the largest dance club in the city. Part of its popularity is explained by the fact that there is no cover until 1:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The laser light set-up in this club makes the dance floor sparkle. Summing it up, this place is well-appointed in every way, right down to its perfectly clean powder rooms.



Rich is one of the popular bartenders at the Pump House



Bryne tends bar at Texas' oldest "inner circle" bar—El Jardin

You'll always find a cheerful crowd at Memories, 6402 Callaghan. This is a neighborhood bar with a great mix of people. Look for more details about Memories in forthcoming reports.

One of the glitziest places in San Antonio is The Noo Zoo, 10127 Coachlight. This is the "jungle party place." Owner Lolly Johnson has created a large but intimate dance bar with a great looking staff. The place really has two very different atmospheres. Downstairs is punctuated by a big stage that often hosts live performers. In contrast, the club's walk-up loft provides a place to sit or talk or play pool without missing out on the downstairs festivities. *By the way, this club has always had great looking women.*

The Pump House, 2022 McCollough, is a great place to rendezvous before, during or after a Fiesta celebration. The club offers plenty of free parking, and there will be easy access by bus or cab to the entrance to Fiesta. Don't forget to put The Pump House on your agenda for Fiesta weekend.

An old favorite, The 2015, deserves its reputation as the friendliest bar in town. Located at 2015 San Pedro, this club features great dancers on Tuesdays, and there is never a cover charge. No matter where you come from or where you're headed, it's not hard to feel comfortable at this cheerful place.

The Silver Dollar Saloon, 1418 North Main Street, wants to be your country and western Fiesta headquarters. Check out



Bill "Bullfrog" Bearden, Doug "Stella" Stewart and Wayne Hart at the 106 Off Broadway

the great prices and friendly crowd. By the way, boots, cowboy hats and chaps are strictly optional.

Across from The Pump House, you will find The Stallion. Located at 2003 McCollough, this place offers some real intimacy with a very eclectic crowd. I personally think The Stallion has the coldest beer in San Antonio.

Last week I reported to you about a place off the beaten track, Club Stephanie's. Don't worry. This place is not hard to find. It's only a block off San Pedro at 119 El Mio. Club Stephanie's is small but very well outfitted. The club features a sunken, black and white checked dance floor, with music supplied by one of the most experienced DJ's in San Antonio. The dance floor lighting is simply state-of-the-art. But this is not just a dance club. Club Stephanie's also features a big game room with a huge array of challenging machines and great pool tables. Need a drink suggestion? Try making a suicidal crash attack with this bar's specialty, the "Kamakaze." This may be the best \$1 drink in the city.

B.B.'s, 5307 McCollough, offers a unique atmosphere. This is San Antonio's "Irish hideaway." Be sure and check out the beautiful veranda, which is draped by a giant weeping willow. I highly recommend this place to share time when you grow weary of

the Fiesta crowds and noise.

The Circle, 8021 Pinebrook Drive, has to have the widest variety of music in town. Seriously, this place offers a range from serious jazz to get—down-and-kick country and western. Remember, if you can't dance, this place will teach you on Tuesdays.

Don't look for Hoss or Little Joe, but do come to The New Ponderosa, 5007 South Flores. Is it possible to be both chic and friendly, both hip and down-home. The New Ponderosa says yes, yes, yes.

The Paper Moon continues to hold its reputation as one of the premier show and dance bars of San Antonio. Certainly, it is one of the biggest dance clubs in the city. Put this one on your list for Fiesta. The Paper Moon is at 1430 North Main Street.

The 106 Off Broadway recently hosted a party for Doug Stewart. Though Doug announced, "I'm not leaving for santa fe just yet," his announcement did not diminish the party's success. Friends from over the past 20 years dropped by to give "Stella" their best wishes. Though parking was tough for a crowd that size, it was worth the effort, as Bill (the 106's owner) pulled out all the stops. Owners and employees of many other San Antonio bars were there for the festivities. By the way, as the name suggests, the 106 Off-Broadway is located at 106 Pershing, near Broadway.

NewsLine: Texas

MOA members favor national effort, no state march in '92

Members of the steering committee that put together this year's March on Austin say they are in favor of Texas participation in a National March on Washington if one is held in 1992, but favor delaying the next state march until 1993, according to Thom Prentice, who served as media director for the 1991 march. Prentice said he has contacted Dawn Tschabrun and Gilbert Casillas, co-chairs of the march's executive committee with a proposal to continue the committee's networking efforts, to help with planning for Texas participation in a national effort as well as lay logistical groundwork for the next state march.

"I haven't talked to anyone yet who favors a (March on Austin) in 1992," Prentice said, adding that most sentiment among Texas activists seems to be "leaning toward a national march in 1992, simultaneous state marches in 1993, and (participation in the New York City Stonewall 25 March in 1994.)"

Prentice said he proposed an informal meeting of the march committee in May to discuss these topics, but that the plans have not been finalized. He said he favors setting up a permanent march committee during the interim between Texas marches, to plan future state marches and to help coordinate and network for

national events. However, he noted, "none of us want to create another bureaucratic octopus."

"I think we all pretty much agree there needs to be a statewide ongoing (march) group, but we're not sure how bureaucratic we want to go with it," he said. "We want to be able to pull in our resources, we don't want to have to rediscover the wheel every time we have a march."

"I personally feel that we need some sort of an interim committee, just to help the logistical end" of march planning, Prentice added. Planning is also important in order for Texas to have signifi-

cant participation in a national effort, he said.

Meanwhile, a national planning meeting has been called to discuss a future March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. The meeting is scheduled for May 11-12 and is open to all interested individuals and organizations.

The meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreman Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street N.W. in Washington, D.C. On Saturday, May 11, the meeting runs from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The meeting is a follow up to a March 9 meeting called by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

NewsLine: Houston

Several events already scheduled for Pride Week

Several organizational events are tentatively posted on the schedule for Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991, logistic coordinator Carol Clark announced at the pride week regular meeting Tuesday, April 16.

The schedule as of this week follows:
Saturday, June 15: Texas Human Rights Foundation—all day lecture series, with workshops on legal issues facing the gay and lesbian community; Texas southern University; 1:00-5:00 p.m.,

Next Step Workshop, Audette Center, for persons recently diagnosed as HIV positive, donations, 4211 Graustark; (evening) Montrose Activity Center/Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection—1991 Pride Awards Banquet, semi formal, Sheraton Astrodome Hotel (\$30), 656-1947.

Tuesday, June 18 through Thursday, June 20: Names Project Houston, quilting bee/panel workshop, 1410 Fairview, 524-1680.

Friday, June 21: National Leather Association Houston—cocktail party at the Venture-N, 10:30 p.m., casual levi/black leather attire, (donation) 575-0341.

Saturday, June 22: (all day) Star Nite '91 Pride Festival, 289-7684; 2:00-5:00 p.m.—Houston Clinical Research Network, informational presentation, chemical research studies for persons who are HIV-positive, 1200 Richmond, (donation), 528-5554; (8:00 p.m.) Lone Star Symphonic Band "Take Pride Concert," Star Nite '91; 9:00 p.m. Gay Lesbian His-

panics Unidos, BAILE '91, Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, 9:00 p.m.—2:00 a.m., (ad- vance \$15, door \$20), 880-1827.

Sunday, June 23: (all day) Star Nite '91 Pride Festival, Montrose at Lovett; 5:30 p.m., Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade 1991, beginning at Dunlavy and Westheimer and ending at Whitney and Lovett.

For more information or to schedule an event, contact Clark at 523-2723 or call the "pride line," 523-5263 and leave a message.

HIV Service Providers vote to recommend gay representation

The HIV Service Providers of Houston voted unanimously at the coalition's monthly meeting Friday, April 12, to demand representation on the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance board for the "gay at-risk community." The recommendation to add persons specifically representing that group follows numerous appeals by the AIDS Equity League, which has argued that although there are gay people on the GHAA board, they do not specifically represent the interests of the group, as do other minority representatives.

The motion was made by Ann Robison, executive director of the Montrose Counseling Center, and seconded by Ralph Lasher, executive director of the Montrose Clinic. Both are also service provider board members of the Alliance.

The Harris County "Ryan White" HIV Panel, which is administered through the Alliance, already includes three "gay at risk population" representatives. Robert Faletti, president of the AEL, is a member of that panel.

—UH art sale

The University of Houston Gay and Lesbian Student Association will hold an art sale on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 at Inklings: An Alternative Bookshop, 1846 Richmond. The sale will run from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. both days.

Organizers noted that the UH/GLSA is a new member organization of the Montrose Activity Center, an umbrella non-profit group. All purchases made at the art sale will be tax-deductible.

—Westheimer Art Festival

The Spring Westheimer Art Festival juried art show will feature 332 exhibitors, with unique and creative pieces including broom art and Japanese Western bolos, according to representatives of the Westheimer Colony Association. Some 165 artists—nearly half of the exhibitors—are new to the show, called the largest juried outdoor show in the Southwest. The Spring Westheimer Art Festival will be held this weekend, April 20-21 in the 3300 block of Montrose at Lovett.

"We had 554 applications to this spring show, but could jury into the art festival only 332 exhibitors," said Gayle Mueller, festival director. "With so many new artists to this show, we suggest pick up a festival map listing the artists and their booth number, along with a layout of the festival," he added.

The festival is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. There will be artists who have been constant exhibitors through the 19 years, artists who come and go and have returned for this

"Spring Spectacular" show, organizers said.

Categories for this show range from original works in leather, metal, etching, pen and ink, fiber, quilts, glass objects, jewelry, oil and acrylic abstracts, landscapes and mixed media; paper, photography, pottery, sculptures, watercolors, wild flowers, impressionistic, mixed media, landscape, oriental, Southwest style, transparent and wildlife; Western art and wood boxes, carving, furniture, games, toys and wood turning.

To round out the arts for everyone there will be strolling musicians, jugglers and face painters. The four entrance gates are located on Montrose and Lovett, Montrose at Hawthorne, on Hawthorne Street and Roseland at Lovett. There is a \$2 entrance donation which goes to the Westheimer Colony Association's scholarship fund in the performing arts and to area civic associations. For more information, call (713) 521-0133.

—New Age artist

Dallas based New Age Pop Artist Siros has been commissioned to paint a giant environmental mural on the exterior wall of JR's Bar and Grill, 808 Pacific Street in Houston, according to Charles Armstrong, president of Charles Armstrong Investments, which owns the club.

The 30-by-10 foot mural will consist of two of Siros' signature characters holding the earth, and will carry the slogan, "It's Our World—Let's Save the Planet." While in Houston, Siros, best known for his celebrity portraits, will also be painting a mural inside a local home for babies with AIDS.

The Montrose club commissioned the mural as a reminder to the community of the importance of "environmental responsibility," as one of its many projects addressing social issues. The mural is scheduled to be completed by mid-April, and will be followed by two fundraising events for AIDS related causes featuring artwork by Siros. (The dates for those events will be announced).

The influence of Pop Artists Andy Warhol and Keith Haring is prevalent in Siros' work, but, he insists, "...it's a style that I've basically created myself."

—AFH self-esteem workshop

AIDS Foundation Houston's wellness program will present a class to address the challenges of building a positive self esteem. The class will be presented by psychotherapist Michael Jost on Monday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at AFH. He will explore the issues of self esteem and how they affect our emotional development



Wheel-thrown raku vase by Marcie Masterson, one of the new exhibitors to the Spring Westheimer Art Festival

as well as offer coping techniques in communicating with "the child within."

Also, on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m., AFH will present another workshop exploring the excitement of safe, sensuous sex. These confidential workshops—offered on the third and fourth Tuesdays of each month—are designed to "put the fun out the fear" using factual information, games and lots of lively discussion. Both of these classes are free and will be held at the AFH office, 3927 Essex Lane (off Wesleyan).

Information on these classes and others are available on the monthly AFH Wellness calendar. To receive a copy, come by the AFH office or call Bart Loeser at (713) 623-6796 to be put on the calendar mailing list.

—Montrose Softball League opening Sunday

With rainy skies and wet fields prevailing a week earlier, the Montrose Softball League has moved its opening day ceremonies to Sunday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. MSL invites all fans and fun-seekers to come out, join the festivities and support the efforts of 160 members, playing on four competitive and six recreational teams.

Gay softball began in Houston in the spring of 1980 with the formation of the Greater Houston MSA Softball League. The league was created to provide "a positive physical and mental outlet for gay men and women," according to the members. In 1985, the league reorganized as the Montrose Softball League Inc., a non-profit organization, in order to better define its goals and handle the activities of the league. Through the reorganization, the league's primary pur-

pose remained—to provide a means for gays to meet other gays in a setting of friendly competition on a softball diamond, to achieve common goals through team efforts within a league, and to achieve gay pride through sports.

This season, MSL teams will again be playing at the Tim Hearn field on Jackson Hill, north of Memorial between Shepherd and Waugh. Montrose Softball league will be represented at the Gay World Series this August in Boston by one competitive and one recreational team.

—Homophobia seminar

The Center for Homophobia education, a New York-based group whose aim is to combat fear of lesbian and gay people through education and enlightenment, is bringing its one-day seminar, "Homophobia in Religion and Society," to Houston as part of a five city tour in April and May. The seminar was previously scheduled to be presented in Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Victoria and Tyler.

The Houston seminar is being hosted by Houston's Justice and Peace Action Forum. It will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Houston Dominican Motherhouse, 6501 Alameda (at Holcombe).

The seminar will be hosted by Robert Nugent, who has a masters in theology and is editor of "A Challenge to Love: Gay and Lesbian Catholics in the Church" and "Prayer Journey for Persons With AIDS;" and Jeannine Gramick, who has a Ph.D. in education and whose most recent book is "Homosexuality in the Priesthood and Religious Life." Both facilitators have been speaking and writing on the topic of homosexuality since 1971.

According to the facilitators, homophobia is "an unwarranted fear of homosexuality in oneself and others, usually based on ignorance, stereotyping or other psychological factors. Unfortunately, some religious teachings are often used to justify homophobic reactions." Nugent and Gramick hope their seminar will help counter fear of gay and lesbian people by promoting sound education and discussion of the issues surrounding homophobia. They recommend the seminar to clergy, pastoral workers, educators, counselors, parents, youth ministers, peace and justice activists, and people of all denominations who are concerned about homophobia.

Registration is \$5. The fee includes tuition and materials. Participants are asked to bring a brown bag lunch; drinks will be provided. Registration forms can be obtained from the Justice and Peace Action Forum.

New Orleans Quick Notes

NOWAA to hold art exhibit; tickets still available for benefit concert

New Orleans Women Against AIDS (NOWAA) has put together a group show of original works of art by Louisiana artists that will be on view through the end of April at the NO/AIDS Task Force office, 1407 Decatur Street.

The artists and their works include Amy Archinal, "Twilight Zone Lilies" and "Cornflower," acrylic on masonite; Peggy Baldwin, "Approaching the Unknown," color photography; Katherine Busurelo, "St. Piran's Cross," oil on canvas; Peggy Cochran, "Punk Walker," bronze and sterling jewelry; George Dereaux, "Symphony," poster; Shannon Church, "Ms. Zalea," color photography; Jim Jensen of Glamour Trash, earrings and pin; Deb Kohler, "Passage," color photography; Paula Kreissler, "Contemplation," black/white photography; Karrie LaCour, "New Orleans Houses," watercolor on paper; Stephanie Lyman, "Metal Disorders (Freudian Clip and Co-de-pendant)," jewelry; Ed



Lynn Lavner (left) and Robin Tyler will be featured at a benefit concert co-sponsored by New Orleans Women Against AIDS and the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women at Tulane University May 3

O'Halloran, raku pottery; Thomas Pecora, "Universe," jewelry; Elwood Richardson, "Hot Pink Floral," watercolor on paper; Michael Shelly, "City Kids," black/white photography; Randi



Sobelman, cross stitch; Sophia Rol, "Rainbow Relics," bamboo and telephone wire; Mary Stuart, "Santa Fe Table," furniture art, and Joe Weise of Retro Active, "Voodoo Doll," cloth. Also on

view from American Aquatic Gardens are "Fairy," a bronze sculpture and "Pink Flamingo," mail box.

Selected art works will be raffled off at a concert given by comics Robin Tyler and Lynn Lavner on Friday, May 3 at Dixon Hall on the campus of Tulane University. NOWAA is co-sponsoring the concert with the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women (NCCROW), with all proceeds slated to benefit community relief for persons with AIDS and ARC.

Tickets are still available for the concert at \$20 and \$10, general admission by section. Advanced tickets are available through the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women, the NO/AIDS Task Force, Faubourg Marigny Bookstore, La Peniche Restaurant and Mystic Moon Bookstore. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the evening of the concert.

For details, call NOWAA at (504) 832-0685.

AIDS treatment may actually raise death rates, study suggests

By MALCOLM RITTER

AP Science Writer
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK (AP)—Treatment that postpones the appearance of AIDS in infected people could actually raise AIDS death rates under some circumstances because treated people have more time to infect others, scientists said March 27.

The finding emphasizes that treatment must be accompanied by effective counseling, the researchers said.

The work is presented in the March 27 issue of the British journal *Nature* by Roy M. Anderson and colleagues at the

University of London.

Another scientist said that the result represents an unlikely worst-case situation and that any such study is speculative.

The *Nature* report notes that the drug AZT is used to delay the appearance of AIDS in persons infected with the AIDS virus.

Researchers used a relatively simple mathematical simulation to estimate the spread of AIDS in a male homosexual population. They assumed men did not alter their sexual activity when treated, an assumption they called pessimistic.

They found that an increase in AIDS

death rates was possible if infected people tended to infect few others, if few infected people were treated, if treatment delayed AIDS by only a few years, and if treatment did not alter a person's infectiousness. They also called this last assumption pessimistic.

AIDS researcher Robin Weiss of the Institute of Cancer Research in London said in a telephone interview that he believed the combination of assumptions that produced an increase in AIDS cases was "rather unlikely."

Weiss said he suspected that infected persons become less infectious when

treated with anti-virus drugs like AZT, which is designed to stop the virus from reproducing in the body. Scientists must test that hunch, he said.

Another assumption was no change in sexual behavior, while in fact homosexuals have widely responded to AIDS by adopting safe-sex practices, he said.

In a *Nature* editorial, Weiss said it is hard to tell how useful mathematical studies like the new one are.

He said there is so little knowledge about infectiousness and how the virus is spread that "the premises on which the models are built must be speculative."

Surgeons should regard all blood as 'toxic,' AIDS researchers say

CHICAGO (AP)—Blood should be treated as a toxic substance like industrial poisons, say researchers responding to a federal study at an Atlanta hospital of the risks surgeons run of catching the AIDS virus.

The survey by the Atlanta-based federal Centers for Disease Control found that surgeons get splashed, soaked or accidentally injected with patients' blood in almost one out of five operations involving an incision.

Other operating-room personnel came into contact with blood less often, according to the study of 206 operations over six months at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta.

Contact was defined as getting stuck with a needle or cut with a sharp object that had touched patient blood; getting splashed with patient blood in the eyes, nose or mouth; or having one's skin touched or garments soaked with blood.

Needle sticks are believed to be the most common way health-care workers get AIDS virus infections on the job. But the infection has been passed by contaminated blood through mucous membranes lining the eyes, nose and

mouth, according to an editorial accompanying the study in the March 27 *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"Surgeons with blood-soaked gowns and footwear are in contact with large volumes of blood for prolonged periods and may be at significant risk for occupational infection," said the editorial by Drs. Julie Louise Gerberding and William P. Schecter.

Gerberding is assistant professor of medicine and infectious diseases at the University of California in San Francisco. Schecter is with the San Francisco General Hospital.

The editorial said that basing surgeons' decisions about using protective measures on type of surgical procedure, rather than the suspicion of patients' blood-borne infections, "is an idea whose time has come."

"Transmission of blood-borne infections is an occupational risk of surgeons, and blood must be regarded as a toxic substance," the editorial said.

The study is the first to quantify blood contacts per person for operating-room staffs, said its lead author, Dr. Adelisa

L. Panlilio, an epidemiologist in the CDC Hospital Infections Program.

The study is small and can't be generalized to all surgeons, Panlilio said.

Nevertheless, Grady Memorial "is probably representative of most public hospitals in large cities in the United States that provide care to a large percentage of the patients with HIV," or (human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS infection, the study said.

The study found surgeons contacted patient blood 18.6 times per 100 operations involving incisions, a much higher rate than other surgical staffers.

Anesthesiologists and nurse anesthetists had 3.6 blood contacts per 100 procedures. Other nurses and technicians participating in surgery had a rate of 2.7. Operating-room staffers not participating in surgery had a rate of 2.4.

Since the CDC began collecting such AIDS data in the last several years, it has documented 40 cases of health-care workers catching AIDS infections though exposure on the job, spokesperson Tom Skinner said March 26. He said the agency has no

breakdown by occupation. Three of the infected people have developed AIDS, he said.

The new CDC study found that the risk of contacting blood was greater when a patient lost more than about a pint of blood, when a surgeon was in the operating room longer than an hour and when the procedure was performed in the trauma, burn or orthopedic services, rather than in general surgery, gynecology or plastic surgery.

The American Medical Association has recommended routine screening of patients to detect the AIDS virus. The AMA said it is ethical for doctors to refuse treatment to people who decline to be tested.

Many accidental exposures to blood in the operating room are preventable, Ms. Gerberding said in a telephone interview.

Wearing knee-length boots, a waterproof apron, double sleeves, double gloves and face protectors could have prevented 93 percent of the blood contacts reported in the CDC study, she and Schecter estimated.

Kowalski's sister says family hasn't given up bid for care

HIBBING, Minn. (AP)—The sister of Sharon Kowalski said March 22 her family has not given up its attempts to bring the severely injured woman back to Hibbing for permanent care.

District Court Judge Robert V. Campbell is expected to rule on the guardianship of Kowalski, formerly of Nashwauk.

Karen Thompson, a St. Cloud State University teacher who says she and Kowalski had a longstanding lesbian relationship prior to a 1983 car accident that left Kowalski physically and mentally impaired, is seeking guardianship of the 34-year-old woman.

The Hibbing hearing March 22 at the St. Louis County courthouse was the third Campbell has held to gather infor-

mation.

Debbie Kowalski said Thompson was too busy with gay rights activities to take care of her sister, and she also said Thompson may take other lovers whose presence would be "devastating for Sharon."

Debbie Kowalski also questioned where all the money Thompson has received as contributions to pursue the

guardianship has been spent.

"Did it go for her house or her new car? I think people should know because it might be a lot of motivation behind all of this."

M. Sue Wilson, Thompson's attorney, rebutted Debbie Kowalski's allegations and said all of the money Thompson has collected has gone for legal fees or for gifts for Sharon Kowalski.

The New Voice recommends in Houston ...

●FRIDAY, APRIL 19

301 Darts tourney 11am, Mary's
Complimentary snacks 5pm, BRB
Hors d'oeuvres 6pm, Gentry
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Doglips
birthday bash 9-11pm far side, Venture-N
C&W DJ to 2am, BRB
Show 10pm, QT's
Male review 11pm, E/J's
After-hours Mary's

●SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Westheimer Colony Art Festival
Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's
"Save the Rain Forests" party 1pm, next door to E/J's

Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
Food by Dale 2pm, Liquor bash 4-7pm, Atrium
Weekend cookout 3pm, Club Houston

Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's

Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N
9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time
Dancers 8pm, Gentry
C&W DJ to 2am, BRB

Music by the old fuddy duddy 8pm-2am, Venture-N
Show 10pm, QT's
"Newest Kids on the Block" 11pm, E/J's

After-hours, Mary's

●SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Westheimer Colony Art Festival

Happy hour noon-6pm, BRB
BBQ 1-3pm, Club Houston
Happy hour 1-6pm, Berry Hill
Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night 4-6pm, Mary's

Pool tourney 2pm, Cousins
TGRA benefit drawing, Mary's
Food by Dale 2pm, DJ Alan Webster 2pm, Atrium
Pool tournament 5pm, steak-n-taters 6pm, dancers 8pm, Gentry
\$1.25 well 4-7pm, E/J's

Liquor bash 4-7pm, Atrium

"Burgs & dawgs" 5pm, Venture-N
Steak night 5-9pm, Chris' old-fashioned C&W T-Dance 6pm, BRB
Buck burgers 6-9pm, "Illusions '90" 10:30pm, E/J's

●MONDAY, APRIL 22

Locker special noon-midnight, Club Body Center
\$1.50 well & longnecks all day, all night, BRB
Beer pitcher special 4-10pm, Atrium
Steak night 5pm, Atrium
TV comedy hour 8pm, Gentry
Monday Night Madness 10-11pm, 75¢ well, draft, schnapps, male dance contest 10:30pm, E/J's

●TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Hamburgers by Herman noon-3pm, Mary's
Room & locker specials 7pm-3am, Club Body Center
HMBL pool league play 8pm, Gentry
C&W dance lessons, 10pm BRB
Talent contest 10:30pm, E/J's

●WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Slop shot pool tourney 11am, Mary's
Steak night 6pm, E/J's
\$1.50 well 4-11pm, Berry Hill
Movie night 8pm, Mary's
Male strip contest 10pm, QT's

●THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Hamburgers by Herman noon-3pm, Mary's
Room & locker specials noon-midnight, Club Body Center
\$1.50 longnecks all day & night, 50¢ hamburgers 7-9pm, C&W DJ to 2am, BRB

Buck burgers 6pm, "Illusions '90" 10:30pm, E/J's

Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
Video classics 9pm, Gentry

●FRIDAY, APRIL 26

301 Darts tourney 11am, Mary's
Complimentary snacks 5pm, BRB
Hors d'oeuvres 6pm, Gentry
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N
C&W DJ to 2am, BRB
Show 10pm, QT's
Male review 11pm, E/J's
After-hours Mary's

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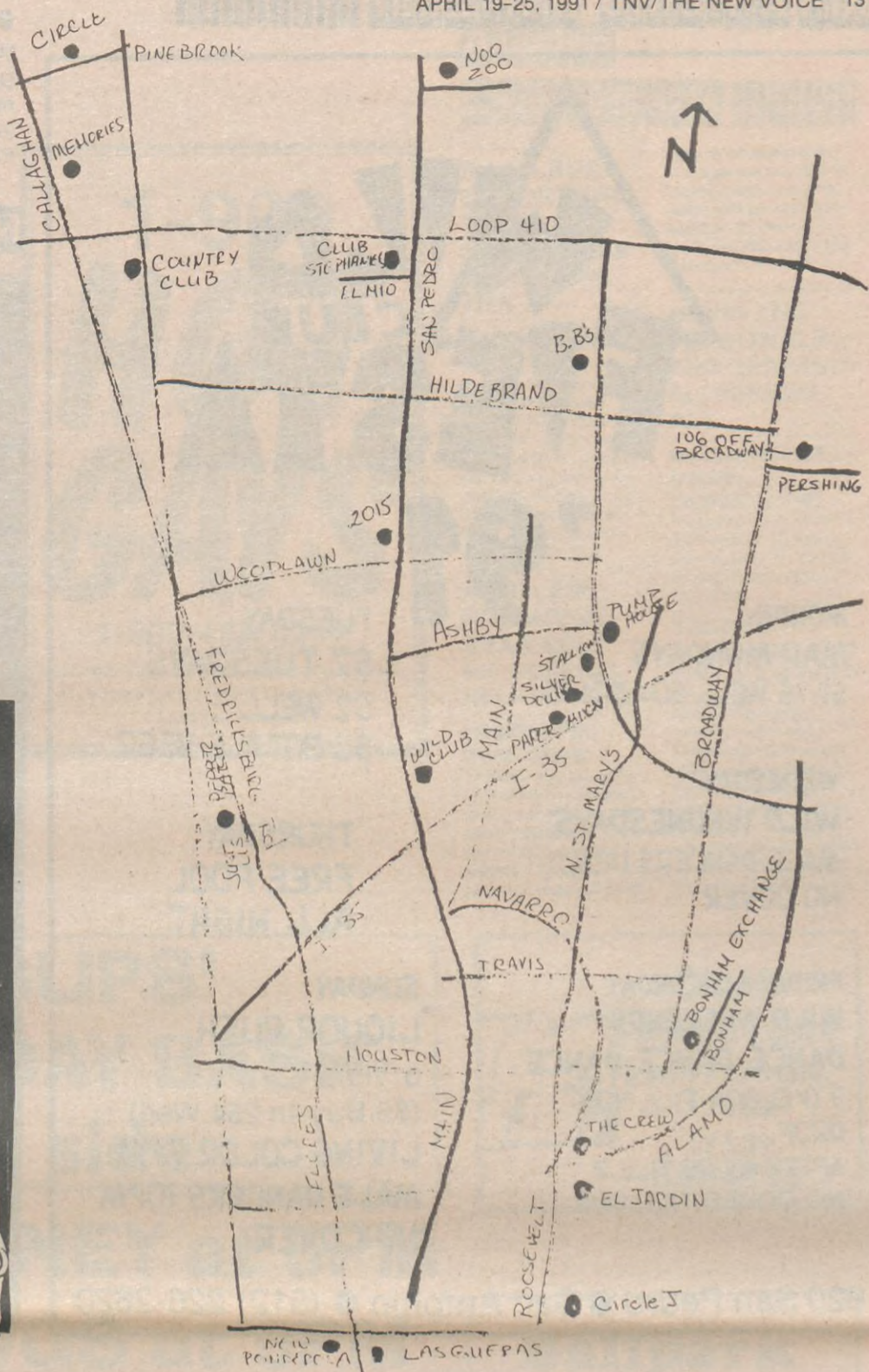
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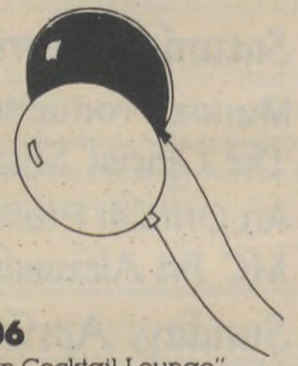
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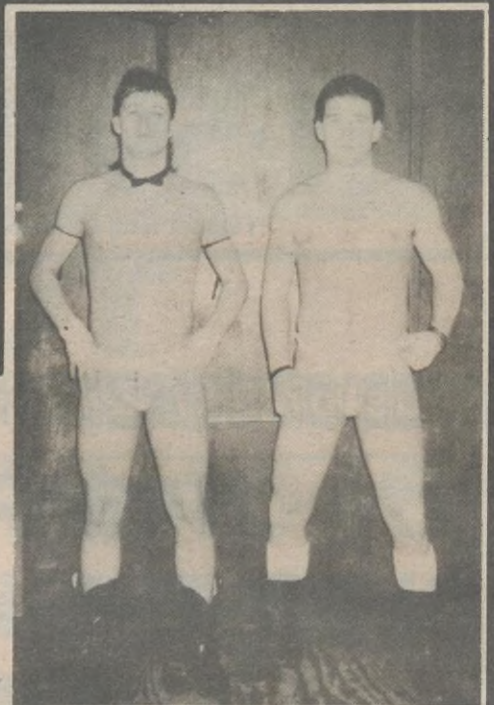
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Attention older gay men! Prime Timers, a new social club for gay men over 40 and their admirers. First organizational meeting and mixer at 2pm Saturday, May 4 in the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray (between Waugh and Dunlavy). More info call (713) 981-8440 and leave message.

Attractive businessman would like to meet a well-built black male or transsexual interested in a relationship. Must be attractive and sensual. Send photo and phone number. Ad 25119.

Attractive businessman would like to meet a well-built black male or transsexual interested in a relationship. Must be attractive and sensual. Send photo and phone to Box 545-J, c/o The New Voice.

Attractive male, 28, 5'10", 145 lbs., university grad., school teacher seeking intimacy/ monogamy. I'm loyal and not hung up on cultural and racial prejudice. I hope you will be too. Together we can nurture and fulfill our lives with true friendship, because without friendship we cannot fall in

love. Write me if you feel the same. Ad 25118.

Bi-WF, 28 attractive, enjoys leather and B & D would like to meet BiF/ GF, 18-35 with similar interests for friendship and decadent pleasures. Describe yourself and pleasures and include photo. Reply to Ad 25031, c/o The New Voice.

Creative Pisces, attractive GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., forty-something, in good shape, mentally and physically. My interests run the gamut. Fantasy/ security, independence/ support, laughter/ tears. Desires attractive GWM, 28-45, mature, but capable of boyish charm, to explore and cherish the wonders of living and loving. Reply with phone #, photo a must! to Ad 25093

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GHM, 6', br eyes, br hairs, 34" waist, medium build, fun-loving, enjoys movies, dinners together, the beach at night, cuddling, kissing, anything romantic. Seeking someone honest, stable and sincere.

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

Good looking Black male, 30, 5'9", 150 lbs., looking for massive body builder or high school, pro football or black college football player. Must be straight looking and acting. I'm in the closet right now and would like to stay that way. Also must live in the Houston, Tx. area. Please write to me with photo. Will answer all letters. I'm waiting to hear from you. John Johnson, 5931 Doulton, Houston, Tx. 77033.

Good looking GWM, 52, 6'4", 190, dark thinning hair, trim beard, teacher, wants to meet attractive, sensuous and intelligent men under 40 for friendship or possible relationship. Please write an tell me about yourself. Ad 25021.

Goodlooking bottom, 31, 6', 180, seeks aggressive tops into discipline, pleasure and fantasy. HIV negative buy needs safe sex relationship with master into ongoing leather experiences. No pain or far-out kink, just healthy leather sex, bootlicking fantasies. Prefer older, well-equipped daddy. I am drug free, stable and employed. Ad 25060.

GWF, 20 looking for female, not too masculine or feminine. I have a good out-going personality, enjoy watching movies, eating out, socializing with friends. Looking for someone similar that is stable

mindful and decent for friendship or possible relationship. Send photo and letter to Ad 25123.

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

GWM, 31, 5'7", slim build, brn/ grn, professional, confident, good sense of humor, intelligent, non-smoker, occasional drinker, non-drug user seeks mature relationship with older compatible GM (35-45). I possess the skills and talent to make an excellent mate. Please write. Ad 25120.

GWM, 31, 6', blond, green, smooth shaven, attractive professional, HIV pos., healthy, seeks other professional GWM 30-40 for fun, travel, friendship or possible relationship. Have very positive outlook on life's situations and intend to enjoy every moment All replies answered. Reply to Ad 25113.

GWM, 39, attractive, masculine, bottom, HIV neg., non-smoker, drug free. Loves C&W music and dancing. Seeking goal-oriented individual for possible relationship. Must be a non-smoker, hairy and drug free. Detailed letter and photo appreciated. Ad 25096.

GWM, 40, brown, brown, moustache, slim, seeks, GM, 35-50, preferably with body and/ or facial hair, stocky OK, for dating and possible relationship. Send photo and letter to Ad 25023.

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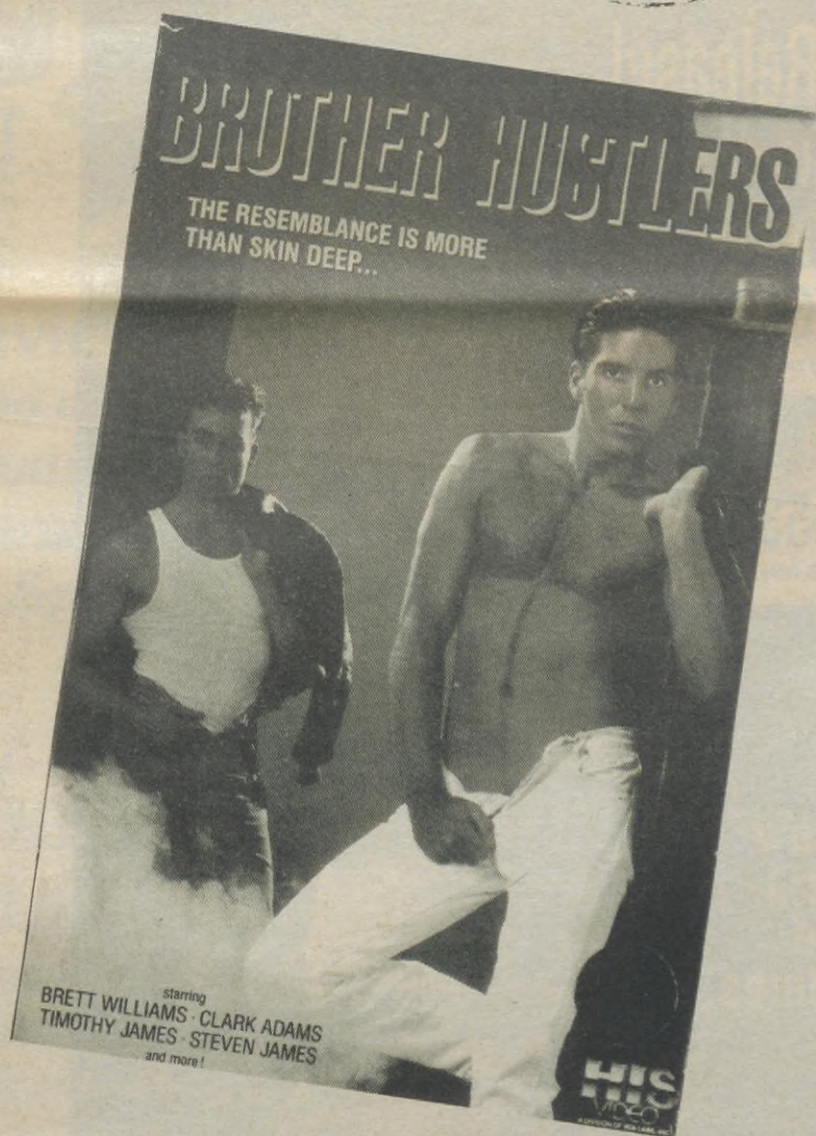
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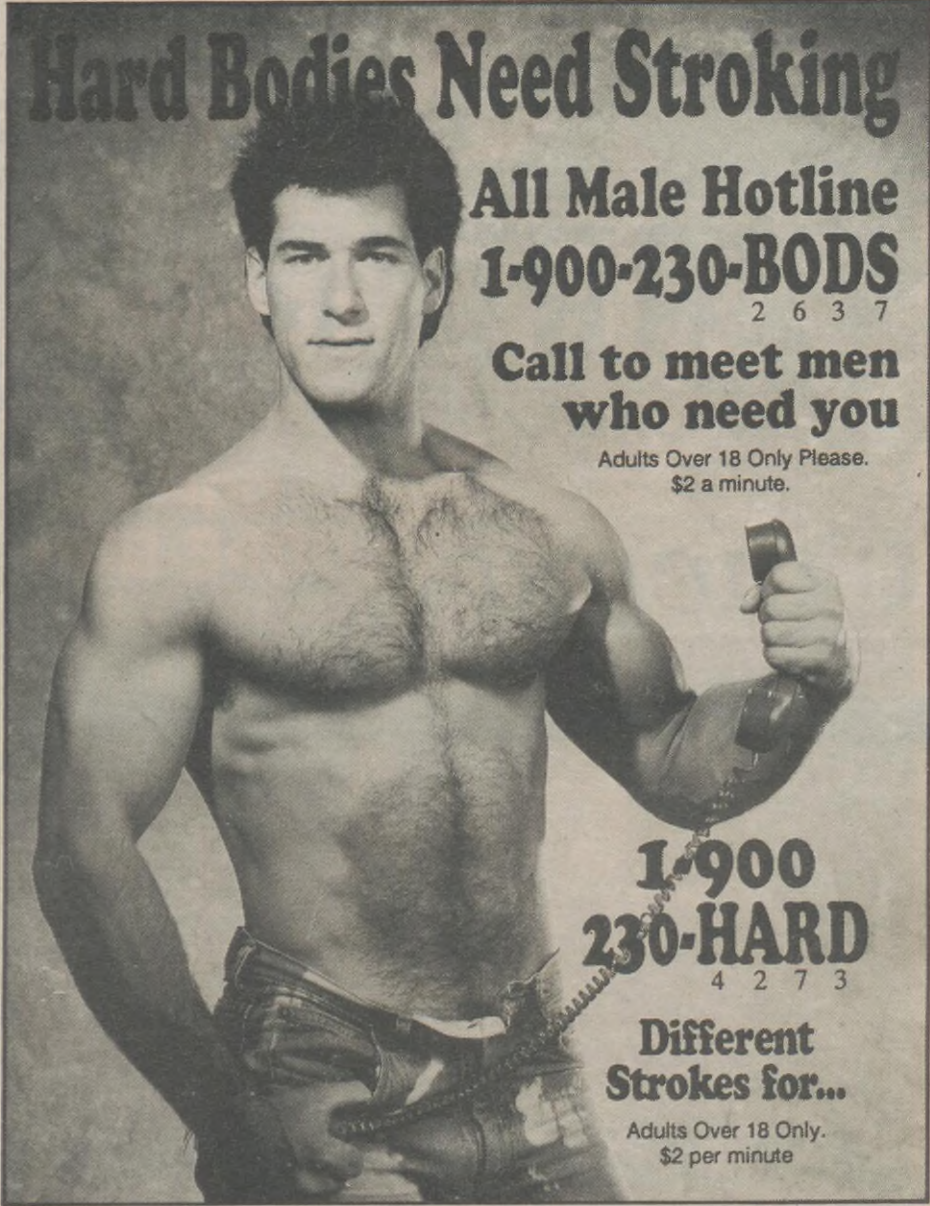


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GWM, 6', 174 lbs., 34, HIV pos. seeking a new partner to share a wide variety of interests with. Please write with recent photo and phone. Reply to Ad 25082, c/ o The New Voice.

GWM, 6'4", 195 lbs., professional in good shape, HIV neg., non-smoker, into nature, travel, exercise, sports, arts; avoids bar scene, drugs. Would like to meet good looking men 25-40 any race for possible relationship. Ad 25130

GWM, HIV neg, Greek/ versatile, muscular/ masc. 5'8", 160 lbs, tanned, lifts weights/ prof. earning 60k, can provide support, seeks GWM 21-45 for relationship to share 2 bdrm condo. Call Rick 7:30-10pm, 977-0482.

Me: GM, Oriental, 30's, 5'6", 180 lbs., smooth, passive, grad student, down to earth, free of drugs. Safe sex, enjoy classical music, reading, conversation. You: GWM, 35-45, educated,

active, for friendship and possible relationship. Reply to Ad 25103.

Professional gay white male couple seeks stable GWF couple for travel and friendship. We are 40 and 30, attractive, seeking similar. Reply to Ad 25013.

Professional GWM, 30, 5'5", 150 ready to enjoy life with vitality. HIV positive with a healthy outlook and attitude to rise above. I enjoy all cultural pursuits as well as being with a special someone and spending quality time alone together. Am seeking a professional GWM 25-35 pos/ neg for friendship and the chance to build a positive caring one on one relationship. Reply to Ad 25064, c/ o The New Voice.

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Professional, healthy GWM couple in 40s, not into the bar scene or drugs. Looking for individual or individuals for social fun. Race or age no problem. Must be sincere and appreciate friendship. If you enjoy home or outdoor activities with friends, please reply ad 25127.

PWA, GWM, 28, healthy

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Slim MWM, 40, seeks attractive TV-TS, any race, for weekend relationship (dinner, movies, etc.). Friendship first. Affectionate romance possibly later. Should have the emotions, heart of a real woman, respond to gentleness, caring, consideration, cuddling. Still have broken heart and one koala bear from Valentine's Day. Ms. Tiffany please contact me. Ad 25088.

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Stubborn, arrogant, pushy, bitchy, pixie-but, 30-something, "Heinz 57", seeks imaginative, bright, pretty fun-loving bi or GWF. I am also witty, creative, understanding, devoted, cute and lonely. Looking for a special friend, maybe more, with a taste for the unusual who doesn't hate kids, partying, leather, activists, writers or long, wordy personal ads. Send photo/ phone to Ad 25076, c/ o The New Voice.

Very good looking bottom, br/ br, 6 ft., 165, well-endowed, seeks other well-endowed tops for safe encounters, watching XXX videos, fantasies, fun, more ... Ad 25131

WM seeks Hispanic or Oriental female age 21 plus for good times and friendship. 771-3992.

You are probably GM, 25-45, slightly quiet and like sincerity in friendship, proportionate in weight, enjoy friend who honors your feelings. If so, request letter and photo from me with details about you. Ad 25002

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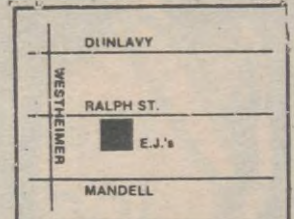


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You must have forgotten to deliver one of my presents. I'm a GWM, 30, 6'7", blond/blue, moustache, 190 lbs.,

enjoy traveling, camping, walks on the beach, evenings at home or a night out. I was hoping to unwrap that special present Christmas morning, but it must have been left on the sleigh. Reply to Ad 25078, c/o The New Voice.

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WM, 31, 5'4", 150 lbs., healthy, quiet, diverse interests looking for sincere, honest WM's, 30 and up to spend time together. Photo welcome. Write soon to Box 545-V, c/o The New Voice.

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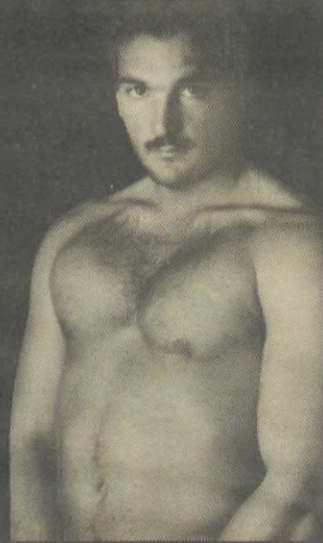
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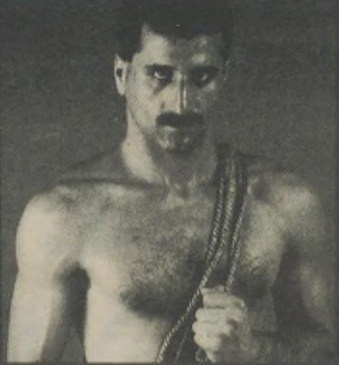
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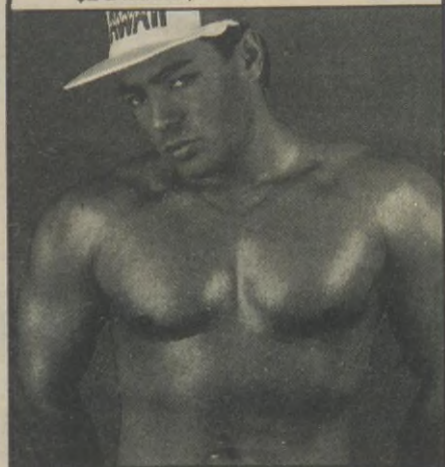
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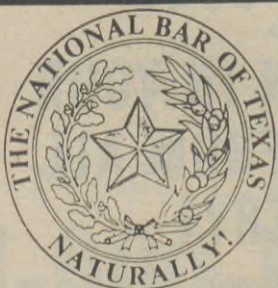


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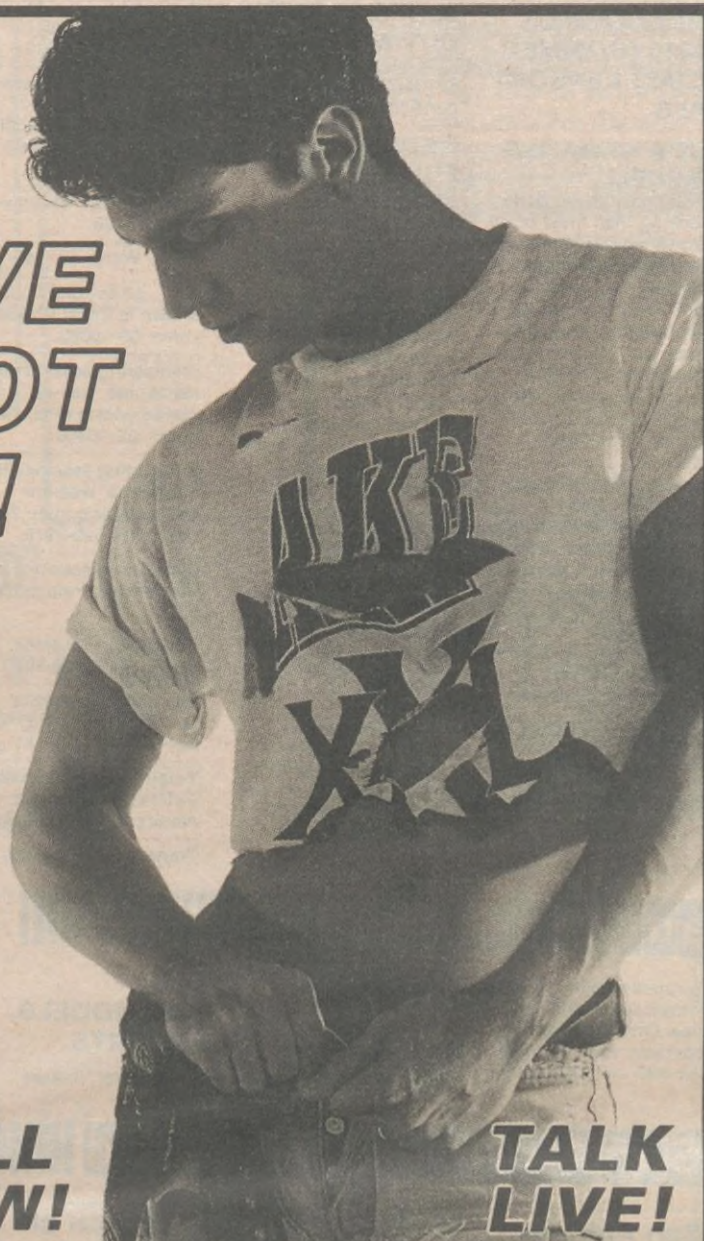
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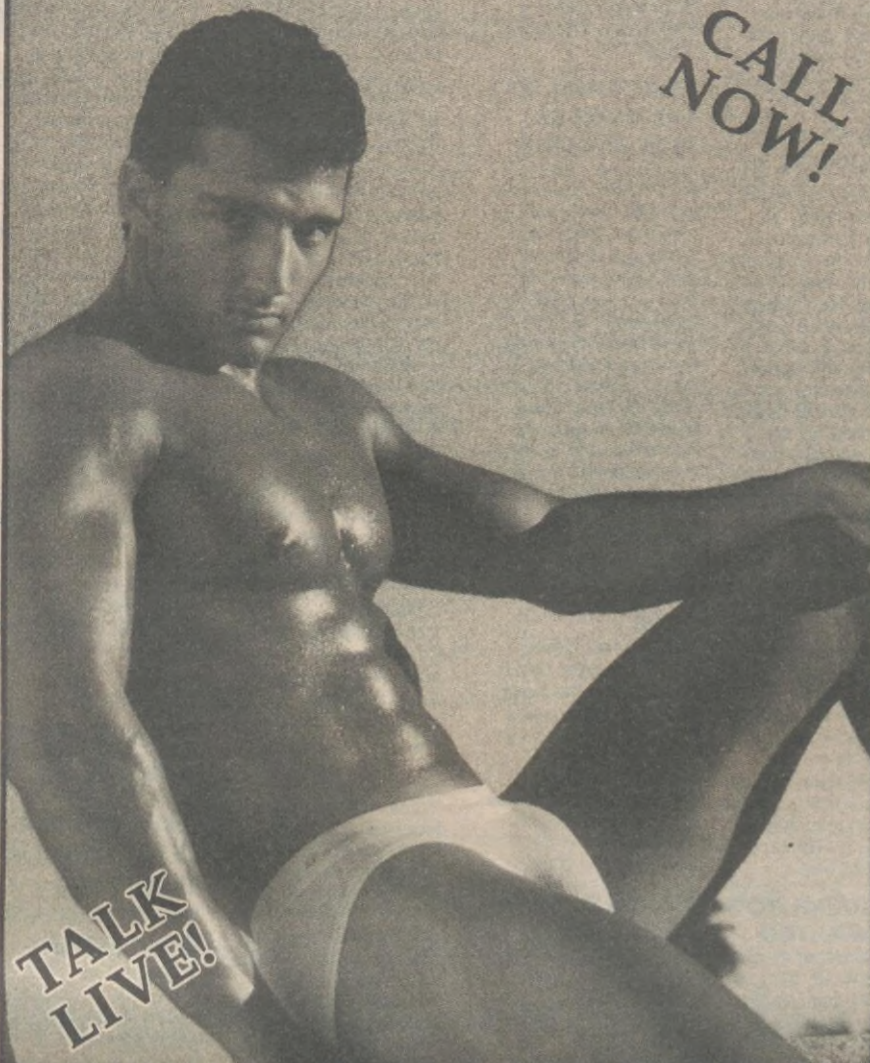
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Charming Andrei Codrescu talks about his gay affair: Part 2

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Andrei Codrescu is a charming man whose rumbling, Romanian accent is known to millions of Americans who listen to him on the National Public Radio show "All Things Considered." Today he lives in New Orleans and teaches at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. In the 1970's he lived in San Francisco's Castro Valley. A man with a "straight" sexual orientation and married, he experienced a same-sex affair 20 years ago that we recently discussed.

You first talked of this same-sex affair some time ago, didn't you? "Well, yes, as soon as it happened." Codrescu let loose one of the world's all-time great laughs. "I told everybody who would listen who would listen, In had just overcome some sexual obsolescence."

Poets are a variety apart from lesser

souls, theirs is a lot with a need to know, to understand. "To live my life, my times, without restraint."

Storybook cities like San Francisco, New York and New Orleans harbor and trade back and forth interesting, creative people. Codrescu put it another way. "Cities of the night like New Orleans, New York and San Francisco are places where vampires and poets and other illicit trades flourish.

"A young man named Adrian Paun came to see me right after the uprising in Romania. He is Romanian, like me, but he has been living in San Francisco, where he organized the homeless and wrote for the Tenderloin Times. He is gay and is wanting to go back to Romania because he feels with everyone now talking about the horrors and oppression of the Ceausescu regime, now is the ideal opportunity for gays to come out and speak. A chance not to be missed, a

chance to live in his times."

How do you feel about that? I think it is a terrific idea, I'm going to try to help him find a sponsor because he is broke and needs a grant to pay his way."

During last year's New Orleans Jazz Festival I ran into Codrescu walking with Nicolae Manolescu, the Romanian critic and resister to Ceausescu. Manolescu and Codrescu fit perfectly the ambience of writers, artists, musicians and would-be revolutionaries mixing with the tourists on that bright, Spring day.

I wondered if the innocent tourists had any idea who this pair was. Of course not, how could they. The idea of the artist-as-leader is foreign in America. Or is it? I movies are the great American art form than we certainly had our Ronald Reagan.

Codrescu gestured to Manolescu as we strolled toward the Mississippi River.

"He could have been Prime Minister in the new (Romanian) regime or Ambassador to France." But could he have sat out World War Two in Hollywood, making grade-B propaganda films and later cloak himself in the robes of super hero? We all laughed, great Romanian belly laughs, 'till Codrescu said "or ignore the AIDS plague until a Rock Hudson dies?"

Have you written about AIDS? "I believe I have used the subject on NPR and I have a poem under way on AIDS." May I quote a line from it? "You may not quote any unpublished poems! I'll tell you when it is finished."

Andrei Codrescu edits the journal "Exquisite Corps" and teaches at Louisiana state University. He is a regular commentator on NPR and the author of several books; this spring William Morrow will publish "The Hole in The Flag."

(Continued next issue, when Codrescu discusses vampires and vampire books.)

NewsLine: Gay America

Arts endowment chief denies movie has 'porno scenes'

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FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairperson John E. Frohnmyer of the National Endowment for the Arts on March 29 defended his agency's support for a new movie dealing with prison violence. A conservative minister had charged that the film includes graphic scenes of homosexual activity.

Frohnmyer told a news conference that "Poison," an award-winning movie that had received a \$25,000 endowment grant last year, "is neither prurient nor obscene."

"This film makes a very strong, moralistic statement that violence destroys society," Frohnmyer said. He said it was "the work of a serious artist dealing with a serious issue in our society."

The Rev. Donald Wildmon, president of the American Family Association, had written letters to members of Congress alleging that the movie "includes explicit porno scenes of homosexuals involved in anal sex."

In a telephone interview from Tupelo, Miss., Wildmon said he had not seen the film. He said his allegation was based on

a published review of the movie and was confirmed by people who had seen a preview in San Francisco.

The 80-minute, avant-garde movie won the top prize at this year's Sundance Film Festival in Utah. Made by director Todd Haynes of New York, its \$250,000 budget was financed mostly by private investors. The NEA approved a \$25,000 grant for editing after the film was shot.

Frohnmyer, who has seen the movie, said it shows a young inmate being "brutalized, raped and ultimately shot attempting to escape from the prison."

"Taken as a whole, the film illustrates the destructive effect of violence," he said. "It is neither prurient nor obscene. There are parts of the film that are cruel but in no way is violence glorified."

The movie was to premiere at a New York theater on April 2 and in Washington two weeks later.

Frohnmyer did not show the film at the news conference, as expected, even though a large screen was mounted on the wall behind his lectern. He ducked questions about whether he had intended to show the film but changed his mind, and why.

Julie Davis, the NEA's general

counsel, said a problem had arisen about showing a commercial film in a public building

But Wildmon dismissed that explanation. "My opinion is that if the film was shown, it would have verified what I said in my letter."

Endowment officials later arranged a special screening of the movie for reporters April 1. Spokesperson Kathy Christie said the film was not shown March 29 because the endowment didn't have a suitable projector.

Frohnmyer held the news conference two days after the Los Angeles Times reported that the federal arts chief is under pressure from the White House to avoid provoking further clashes with his agency's conservative critics.

The newspaper quoted unidentified sources as saying that Frohnmyer's job might be at risk if conservatives succeeded in mounting a major new attack on the endowment's grant-making decisions.

Asked if his job was in jeopardy, Frohnmyer replied, "If it is, that's news to me."

Besides reporters, the 40 people at the news conference included several

congressional staff members invited by the endowment. When it was over, James A. Smith, director of government relations for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, told reporters, "John Frohnmyer has to go."

The NEA was plunged into a bitter, prolonged controversy two years ago when conservative lawmakers criticized its subsidies for exhibitions of controversial works by photographer Robert Mapplethorpe and artist Andres Serrano.

As a result, Congress approved legislation inspired by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., that barred NEA support for works that might be deemed obscene. Congress repealed the obscenity ban in October in favor of a requirement that the endowment consider "general standards of decency" when making grant awards.

Frohnmyer promised March 29 that his agency will obey the law, but he added that "we are not here to be censors, we are not here to create a blacklist, and we are not here to tell (artists) what their subject matter should be."

Educators, others decry assertion about Ky. sodomy law

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—Educators and civil libertarians are decrying an assertion by the organizer of a petition drive that striking down the state's sodomy law would lead to the practice being taught in Kentucky schools.

The state Supreme Court is expected to rule later this year on a Fayette County case challenging Kentucky's law banning oral or anal sex between persons of the same sex but not between persons of the opposite sex.

Kent Ostrander, a Lexington pastoral family counselor and anti-abortion activist, has organized the "Concerned Parents of Kentucky" campaign in an attempt to keep the statute on the books.

"If (sodomy) is made legal, it will at some point have to be taught in the public education system as a viable alternative lifestyle," Ostrander said. "It would be

discrimination not to teach it."

But Judith Seifer, a director of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists, pointed out that about 25 states have no laws against sodomy or have struck them down, and not one has their schools teaching sodomy.

"I think it's a little inflammatory to say we're going to start teaching sodomy, especially in the age of AIDS," she said. "No ethical sex educator is going to say this is a nifty thing to do."

Jan Phillips, acting director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, agrees, calling Ostrander's assertion that schools will have to teach sodomy an attempt "to scare the heck out of people."

"It's perverse to think that this is going to follow from a court ruling like that," she said.

Ostrander's petition, which apparently is being circulated in many churches around central Kentucky, reads that "sodomy is not in the best interest of individuals or the laws of the population at large..." and that officials and citizens should "take any and all actions" to keep the practice illegal.

Insisting he is "not a gay basher," Ostrander said overturning the sodomy law would have dire consequences. He said the decision should be left to the public, rather than to the courts.

"We're trying to inform Kentucky about the initiative to legalize sodomy, homosexuality, and educate the state about why it should not become public policy," he said. "We need to maintain the truth about sodomy in terms of its ill effects on the individual and the culture."

"The majority of Kentuckians aren't even aware of the situation."

The case before the Kentucky Supreme Court is the result of a ruling last summer by Fayette Circuit Judge Charles Tackett, who held that Kentucky's sodomy law is unconstitutional. If the high court upholds Tackett, sodomy would no longer be illegal in Kentucky.

The case arose in 1985, when Lexington police arrested Jeffrey Wasson, then 24, on a charge of criminal attempt to commit fourth-degree sodomy.

But when the matter reached Fayette District Judge Lewis Paisley, he ruled the sodomy law unconstitutional. Tackett later upheld Paisley, saying the sodomy law violated equal protection and privacy provisions of the state constitution.

Wasson's attorney, Ernesto L. Scorsone, has declined comment on the petition drive, since it involves a pending legal case.

Rock assault occurs as group works on gay rights ordinance

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP)—A rock carrying an anti-homosexual message shattered a window at a church earlier this week as a group worked on a campaign to promote a gay rights ordinance.

The vandalism at the Foothills Unitarian Church was the first overt hate crime that has occurred against homosexuals in recent memory,

according to Suzanne Larkin, a Fort Collins police officer.

But it didn't surprise members of the Fort Collins Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

"I think it's a tragic commentary," said the Rev. Fred Campbell of the Unitarian church. "I regret that people can't respect others' rights to assemble peacefully and try to change the world."

The alliance is campaigning to

promote a city ordinance that would ban discrimination against homosexuals. A ballot question on the issue was rejected by city voters in Nov. 1988.

The group was about to meet at the church March 26 when the rock sailed through the window. There were no injuries and police said they have no suspects.

The incident points to a need for better

education about homosexual rights, said Vicky Theroux, civil rights committee co-chairperson. "I think general education breaks down the ignorance of prejudices."

Bryce Avery, president of the alliance, said that he has seen a more lenient attitude toward homosexuals from the university administration, but not from the Fort Collins community. "We have a long way to go still," he said.