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## Conservative voters leave their mark in nationwide landslide for GOP

## Election '94

George W. Bush, upstart Republican gubernatorial challenger, on Tuesday rolled over Texas governor Ann Richards—whose wit, spunk and popularity once made her seem unstoppable, a legend of national proportions. The defeat, with a seven percentage point lead, of Richards by the son of former President George H.W. Bush was but one notch in a national sweep of upsets of incumbent Democrats by their GOP opponents.

But even as some mainstream news organizations rushed to tie the landslide to an unprecedented swell of involvement from so-called Christian conservatives, gay and lesbian organizations moved as swiftly to poke holes in the theory of a wholesale Radical Right victory, pointing out the losses of two anti-gay initiatives and a sprinkling of high-profile candidates heavily bankrolled by the right wing.

In what is being hailed in the media as a "tidal wave" of shifted power, the Republican Party in Tuesday's election captured control of both the U.S. House and Senate for the first time in 40 years, gaining the Congressional majority at a moment particularly critical to the vulnerable Clinton

administration's agenda.

The GOP also took control of the Texas Supreme Court, for the first time in 120 years.

In Harris County, the rumbling of the elephant stampede reached down to the lower end of the ballot, with all but one Democratic judicial candidate losing to the Republicans, and a disturbing, albeit expected, power grab for the Radical Right in the state board of education.

Between the two ends of the ticket, however, were a few notable gaps. The most eye-catching, and perhaps analytically confounding, from the gay and lesbian perspective is the loss between right winger Gene Fontenot to Democrat Ken Bentsen in the U.S. House District 25 race. Fontenot, an ally of anti-gay crusader Steven Hotze, lost his bid even after pumping over \$2.6 million of his own money into the campaign, enough to earn him the dubious honor of having spent more money to try to capture an open House seat than any other candidate in the country, according to the Associated Press.

On a national level, he was not alone. Oliver North, another darling of the Radical Right, lost his bid for Senate in the home state of the R.R.'s own Pat Robertson, to incumbent Democratic Sen. Chuck Robb.

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## Houston Black Tie Dinner packs ballroom with gay rights supporters

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

"It's awful nice to be here in Ann Richard's County. I trust...I will be able to say that again the next time."

The optimistic opening of the keynote address by David Mixner, best known as "the openly gay" Presidential friend and advisor and as a leader of the ill-fated effort to overturn the ban on gays and lesbians serving in the military, was not to be cemented. Nevertheless, the fifth Houston Black Tie Dinner did its part to move the collective cause celebrated in the 1994 theme, "Equal Rights for All," by surpassing last year's hugely successful event in dollars raised for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, along with ten local AIDS and gay/lesbian rights organizations.



David B. Mixner (Photo by Gabriel T.)

At press time, proceed totals were still unavailable, but event co-chair Frank Campisi said Wednesday that the known receipts had already surpassed last year's dinner, which raised a whopping \$50,000 after bills for the Fund and eight local beneficiaries.

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## Praise God and pass the propaganda: fundie politics gets more brazen



Political placard fronts church driveway in Austin

By J.D. BO AND SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

The Houston Voice/Houston

At the corner of Jollyville Road and Braker Lane in Austin—as the critical election on Tuesday, Nov. 8 neared—there stood two rather large billboards encouraging votes for a certain gubernatorial candidate. Along the road, political signs peppered one side of the street. On its face, it was hardly an unusual scene: political signs had been a part of the landscape

in Texas cities for weeks. In this particular instance, however, there was something wrong with the overall picture. The signs were all in front of the Great Hills Baptist Church.

Although employees of the Austin worship center and school agreed the signs should not have been there, they would stay at least long enough for Sunday worshipers to see. The two large signs had been on the corner for a couple of weeks. Linda Moreno, a well-mannered employee of Great Hills Baptist Church, insisted the church was not responsible for the posted signs. When asked about the signs at each of their driveways, she stated they had been removed. The signs, nevertheless, were in place five minutes prior to that conversation. Incidentally, those two signs had been at the driveways for four days; motorists would have to drive

past each sign to enter or exit the church property.

As parishioners arrived for services Sunday at the mammoth, garish Second Baptist Church at 6400 Woodway in



Activist Ray Hill shows anti-gay flyer to television reporter at Houston's Second Baptist Church Sunday

Houston, they were able to pick up "Pro-Family Voter's Guides" compiled by the Texas Christian Coalition, American Family Association, Texas Eagle Forum and other arch-conservative

groups. Also available were other flyers attacking candidates' support for abortion rights and "the homosexual agenda."

Both state law and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) code prohibit direct involvement in partisan politics by tax exempt non-profit corporations. Great Hills Baptist Church is such a corporation, as is Second Baptist Church and all churches.

Yet, this past Sunday, churches all across the country served as sites for conservative organizations such as the Christian Coalition to distribute "educational" flyers and pamphlets detailing their version of the "anti-family" records of targeted candidates (mostly Democratic, although these radical conservatives have also targeted some moderate Republican candidates who do not agree with all of

their positions). The less than subtle intention of such materials: the defeat of said candidates by "pro-family" votes for their (conservative Republican) opponents.

In Houston, gay activists responded with a two-pronged protest at Second Baptist, which according to Ray Hill, the action's organizer, had established a "tradition" of 11th hour gay baiting in recent elections.

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# HOUSTON VOICE MAIL

Letters to the Editor

## Donations From Westheimer Festival

FROM JACKIE AQUILERA

Member, The Colt 45's Inc.

Hippocrates once said that "disease is not only suffering, but also the body fighting to restore itself to normal—a sort of healing source from within." Yet, there are times when we need allies to help make our fight more bearable

and successful. Those persons who gave donations to the Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund at the Westheimer Festival were such allies. Without supporters like yourselves, the Colt 45's would struggle immensely to enrich the lives of our PWA clients.

As a community, your continued support of our assistance funds makes a monumental difference, and the Colt 45's are most pleased to call all of you allies and friends.

## HRCF's Black Tie celebrated strides toward 'Equal Rights for All'

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Mixner, in a statement perhaps foreshadowing the events of this week, observed that "History has a way of picking a generation at random to do battle for justice," and reminded the crowd of many strides gay men and lesbians have made in the struggle for equality.

He also touted his friend President Clinton's record on gay and lesbian inclusion. "We have 30 (openly gay and lesbian) appointees, two in the White House...we have people like Roberta Achtenberg," he said. "But this is only a beginning for us, because our dream must be much greater."

No matter what, Mixner said, gay men and lesbians cannot give up the fight. The audience fell silent and somber for a moment, as Mixner spoke of losing his partner of 12 years and countless friends to AIDS, and reminded that the battle must be continued in the memory of those who have already fallen.

Around 1000 guests, including numerous state and local public officials and candidates for elected office, attended this year's event, which was dedicated to the memory of the Houston dinner's founder, Jay Hollyfield.

Overall, however, the mood—as is customary for this event—was upbeat, celebratory, proud...and extravagant. The event opened and

closed with scenes from the March on Washington of 1993 and acknowledgements of the gay and lesbian rights victories of the past two years. Community leaders, dressed to the nines, danced to the music of a "big band sound" orchestra in a white-cloaked ballroom draped with silver lame' and circled by an elaborate, indoor "winter wonderland" scene complete with white flocked pine trees and artificial snow. Seats at the tables sported huge, perfect bows, and the takes at a live auction included three full-length, custom fitted mink coats and two mink-lined black leather bomber jackets. Comic (and former Houstonian) Georgia Ragsdale turned the smiles to full-blown, uproarious laughter.

During the program, the hosts announced the presentation of the Hollyfield Political Award to Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro (one of the Democrats and gay rights supporters who did manage to keep his seat), and the second annual Humanitarian Award to P-Flag Houston leaders Gayle and Pat Rickey.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is the largest national gay and lesbian rights organization, with over 80,000 members across the country.

This year's event was dedicated to the memory of Jay Hollyfield, who organized the first Houston Black Tie Dinner to benefit HRCF in 1988.

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## Gay group set to go to court if university doesn't overrule vote to cut funding

### From Staff and Wire Reports

In the wake of a close vote that stopped funding of a gay student group at Stephen F. Austin University, the Texas Human Rights Foundation announced this week that it will represent the Gay and Lesbian Student Association in coordinating legal action against the university and its Student Government Association.

The school's student government, following a recommendation by its organization review board, voted 30-26 on Nov. 1 to halt funding support for the Gay and Lesbian Student Association beginning next school year. This year, the group received \$106.

Those who argued for the funding cut said group members were probably violating the state's century-old sodomy law. "We didn't want to have a group on campus that might in some way champion violation of Texas law," said Bryan Simmons, a student senator who led the effort against GLSA.

The status cited by the student governors as justification for their actions Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code was declared unconstitutional by the Third Court of Appeals in the case of "England v. City of Dallas."

GLSA President Keith Roberts announced Monday that the organization had selected THRF to represent it in court against the university if the administration adopts the discriminatory practices recommended by a few radical right students.

"It's not campus politics any-

more...it's a civil rights issue now," Roberts said.

The university administration has not announced whether it will follow the recommendation or reverse the SGA's actions.

THRF has retained the services of civil rights attorney Patrick Wiseman to represent GLSA. THRF Board President Donald, in announcing the hiring of Wiseman, noted that Wiseman had led the successful effort in a similar case. The foundation sponsored "Gay Student Services v. Texas A&M University," in which that university's administration was compelled to grant a charter for a gay group "With Patrick as counsel, THRF defeated Texas A&M's attempt to discriminate against gays and lesbians in College Station, and we'll do the same in Nacogdoches," Skipwith said.

After a meeting of GLSA officers and THRF acting executive director Michael Garbarino last Saturday, the THRF Board of Trustees voted unanimously to sponsor GLSA's case. Members of THRF's board also met with representatives of the ACLU and the Clark Read Civil Liberties Foundation to coordinate legal efforts for the GLSA.

Garbarino noted that the growing influence of student conservatives is a trend at college campuses around the state. These students are organizing on campus, just as their Radical right have for local elections, he said.

"We're their rallying cry. Queer baiting sells."

## Brady's Corner

This is not  
the sign we  
were looking for...



## From All Walks of Life draws attendance from all over Houston



Sara Speer Selber, center, AFH executive director, congratulates members of the walk committee at closing ceremonies for From All Walks of Life '94. The pledge walk last Sunday raised over \$200,000 for AIDS services.

### Community Highlight

Under unseasonably sunny skies last Sunday, walkers, runners, and roller skaters From All Walks of Life (including over 20 corporate teams) turned out to demonstrate their support for Houstonians living with HIV/AIDS.

More than 2500 committed individuals from all over Houston walked, ran and rolled their way towards AIDS Foundation Houston's most successful Walk-a-thon ever, according to Walk coordinator Randy Bell. So far, this year's proceeds have totaled more than \$200,000 with more expected as donations continue to be received.

"I am thrilled that so much support was demonstrated by the community" stated Sara Speer Selber, executive director of AFH. "From major corporations to individuals with only \$15 to spare, the Houston community really pulled together to make this year the best ever."

The beautiful weather on Nov. 6 helped make this event a pleasant as well as worthwhile endeavor. From 9:30 a.m. until after noon, walkers were stretched along the shady banks of

Buffalo Bayou, united in a common goal. On another route, bladers completed a very fast 5K route, and approximately 175 runners competed in a 5K contest sanctioned by the Gulf and National USA Track and Field Associations.

Major supporters of From All Walks of Life 1994 include: Twelve Oaks Hospital, Star Furniture, SuperTejano 108 FM, Westheimer Art Festival—A project of the Westheimer Colony Association, The Hollyfield Foundation, Network Fax, Inc., Southwest Bank of Texas, Southwestern Bell Telephone, 104 KRBE, OnCol Center for I.V. Therapies, An AFH Volunteer, Omni Houston Hotel, Naya Water, Houston Lighting and Power, Westin Hotels Houston, The Penthouse Club Montrose, Aeromexico Airlines, Continental Plaza Hotels, Treebeard's Market Square, Senterra Development, Texas Commerce Bank, Office Supply Service Group and Midtown Advertising & Press.

Individual walker raising the most in pledges was Gerald Ennis, with over \$1,000 in pledges. Coming in second was Victor Chavez, with \$831.

## Not all news bleak, groups say; anti-gay initiatives defeated

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Anti-Gay ballot initiatives in Oregon (Measure 13) and Idaho (Measure 1) were also defeated, although an anti-gay initiative passed in Alachua County (Gainesville) Florida.

In Alachua, the No On One coalition was scheduled to file suit Wednesday to prevent the new ordinance from taking effect.

National gay rights organizations including the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund are pointing to the individual case victories such as North's defeat in Virginia and the failed statewide initiative efforts as evidence that not all of the election's news is dismal for the gay and lesbian community, and that the gay and lesbian community did play a visible role in this election cycle. As well, the Victory Fund noted that at least 12 of the 17 openly gay candidates it had supported had won their races, and that gay-supportive candidates were victorious in several Congressional and gubernatorial races where issues of importance to the community came into play.

GLVF cited a "lavender sweep" in San Francisco and noted that California Sen. Dianne Feinstein had beaten empty suit Michael Huffington in her hard-fought race, and Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy (D) managed to hold out against GOP challenger Mitt Romney.

Locally, long time Houston gay activist Ray Hill said that while the Religious Right might try to take credit for the defeat of David Jennings Willis, endorsed by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, targeted by right wing activists and the only Republican judicial candidate in Harris County to lose his race, other election results would not support the claim. He pointed to the comfortable margin of victory of Cynthia Crowe, also endorsed by the GLPC and also targeted in homophobic literature by right wing GOP activists.

"(Crowe) won by 50,000 votes, and her name was also on the same flyer," said Hill, who credited the Republican sweep to "the effectiveness of Talk Radio."

Still, the impact of right wing influence in some cases—such as the ouster of Judge Eileen O'Neill by anti-abortion activist John Devine—seems difficult to debate.

Ken Wilk, president of Log Cabin Republicans, said most of the Republican candidates elected Tuesday are not anti-gay extremists. "We actually have more gay supportive Republicans in Congress now than we've ever had," said Wilk, adding that Republican Governors William Weld of Massachusetts Arne Carlson of Minnesota, who had come under fire from the right wing over their support of gay rights, won re-elections.

## Washington man admits to vandalizing house to defraud insurance firm

TACOMA, Tuesday, Nov. 1 (AP)—A man has admitted he helped trash his house and then blamed the act on anti-gay bigots.

Pierce County prosecutors say Lee Erick Brovold, 24, and two housemates vandalized their rented south Tacoma home in July to defraud an insurance company.

Brovold pleaded guilty Monday to first-degree theft related to the insurance fraud and malicious mischief for causing extensive damage to the home.

Anti-gay slogans were scrawled on the walls of the home, and police ini-

tially thought the vandalism was a hate crime.

Brovold is to be sentenced Dec. 7. Deputy prosecutor Lilah Amos said her office will recommend a sentence in the middle of the standard three—to nine-month range in exchange for Brovold's testimony against his two former housemates.

Eric Lee Sturgis, 27, is expected to change his plea to guilty at a Thursday hearing, prosecutors said. Michelle Murray, 24, is scheduled for trial Nov. 9.

All three were arrested in early September.

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## AFH Wellness Program events; Kolbe Project grief workshop

### Quick Notes

AIDS Foundation's (AFH) Wellness Program is sponsoring a free series of programs this week to help you through the holidays and into the new year. The programs will focus on exploring one's potential for happiness, success and a high quality of life. The issues to be highlighted are of particular importance for people living with HIV/AIDS, although everyone can benefit from the "wellness approach" to personal achievement.

Some of the key components to maintaining health and happiness is a positive attitude, a sense of control and a strong self-image. These will be addressed in a workshop co-sponsored by AFH and Body Positive entitled "Building Healthy Self-Esteem." It will take place this Monday, Nov. 14, 1994 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multiservice Center, 1475 West Gray.

It is also important to be secure in your sexual knowledge and be aware of the many risk-free options for fun, yet safer sexual encounters. You can learn more about keeping yourself safe, healthy and happy at the next "Erotic Choices" workshops featured at the AFH office, 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15 and 22, 1994. These workshops are available on a walk-in basis.

"Eating Right For The Holidays (and Beyond)" is the title of a nutrition workshop that will be presented by expert Richard Elbein, who will focus on the many nutritional facets of living with HIV/AIDS. The workshop is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, 1994 at the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose Blvd.

And finally, with stress being another major component of any holiday, the AFH Wellness Program is offering a "Self-Hypnosis Course" over three

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There are many ongoing courses available for those wanting to take control of the health and life—especially for those living with HIV/AIDS. The key is "taking control" (of your own health and happiness). I encourage anyone to call me at AFH with any questions regarding these programs or to receive the free monthly Wellness Calendar. Please contact (713) 623-6796.

### Living Life's Losses

The Kolbe Project will sponsor "Living Life's Losses, An Integrative Grief Workshop," Mondays from Nov. 14 through Feb. 2 at the Kolbe Project Center, 1509 Fairview Street. The 12-week workshop is for all who have experienced severe loss in the past 12 months. "Living Life's Losses" will focus on creative ways to manage grief and turn tragedy into resurrection, organizers said.

The Kolbe Project is a Franciscan mission to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and "straight" communities. As such, its programs are open to all people. The workshop aims to help participants deal with losses due to death, moving, divorce, and other causes. Those suffering the grief of multiple losses of friends are invited to participate.

Facilitated by Chuck Perroncel, the group will meet each Monday from 6:30-8:00 p.m., except for Dec. 26, and will be limited to 12 participants. For more information, or to reserve a place in the group, call 522-8182.

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Kevin DiLallo and Jack Krumholtz, authors of "The Unofficial Gay Manual," Doubleday/Main Street Books, November, 1994 (Photo by David McKay)

"What makes gays so special?" That's the question authors Kevin DiLallo and Jack Krumholtz asked themselves before compiling "The Unofficial Gay Manual," due for release in November from Doubleday/Mainstreet Books.

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# Old drug may be effective against AIDS, D.C. study suggests

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Nov. 3 (AP)—Test tube experiments at a National Institutes of Health laboratory show evidence that a drug called hydroxyurea may block or slow the replication of the AIDS virus, researchers report.

In a study to be published Friday in the journal *Science*, researchers at the tumor cell biology laboratory at the National Cancer Institute report that the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, is unable to reproduce in cells exposed to hydroxyurea, a cancer drug that has been used for about 30 years.

The study said the anti-HIV effect was achieved with nontoxic doses of hydroxyurea. The drug can cause anemia and vomiting in some patients at dose levels used in cancer treatment.

NIH researchers also found that cells became even more resistant to HIV replication when they were exposed in the test tube to both hydroxyurea and to didanosine, or ddI, a drug now used to treat HIV infection.

Dr. Robert Gallo, senior researcher in the study, said in a statement that hydroxyurea could be given in tablet form and would be much less expensive than other drugs now used for AIDS therapy.

All of the studies reported in the *Science* report were conducted in laboratory cell cultures. The paper reports no HIV clinical tests of hydroxyurea.



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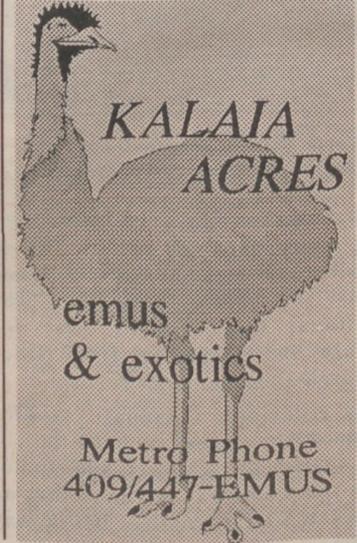
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## The fundamental link between conservative politics, churches

(Continued from Page 1)

On the Sundays before an election, Hill said, members of the church and other conservative activists have distributed flyers—listing candidates endorsed by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus on one side and their opponents on the other—in parking lots of fundamentalist churches across Harris and surrounding counties. “The flyers are full of distortions, lies and hate, giving us the impression that Second Baptist Church and their activist friends do not know or understand people in the gay community,” he said.

While Hill and a handful of colleagues attended services inside the church, ostensibly to give those misinformed parishioners a better view, Don Sanders of American Gay and Lesbian Atheists led a small group of roadside picketers, carrying signs defending church/state separation.

AGLA has long been monitoring the degree to which churches and religious organizations in the Houston area involve themselves in partisan politics. According to Sanders, some ministers directly violate the First Amendment and IRS rules by instructing their congregations for whom to vote and how to vote on key issues. “Such political involvement by churches is harmful to basic freedoms and civil rights of many, particularly gays and lesbians.”

In Austin, the involvement of churches in politics was perhaps most evident last spring, when Proposition 22 (which overturned a policy providing domestic partner

benefits for city employees) was on the ballot. Members of local churches reportedly were encouraged from the pulpit to vote a certain way. A fence of “Vote Yes on 22” signs ran along the streets in front of some esteemed Northwest Austin churches. On both sides of the fence, it is no secret that the “backbone of society” had a great deal to do with the passing of that initiative.

Leaders of the Christian Coalition, which distributed guides similar to the one that surfaced in Texas at churches all over the country, have denied that the literature violates the institutions’ tax-exempt status. They say the guides are intended to educate people about the positions and records of candidates, and the choices are left to the voters.

But in this political season, conservative Republican candidates in Texas received funds from religious organizations throughout the nation, some campaigns receiving donations of as much as \$3,000 apiece. Funds generated by suborganizations of the Christian Coalition graced the hills from Georgetown to New Braunfels to Wimberley with huge billboards endorsing right-wing candidates.

Their Voter’s Guides, while not instructing which button to push, left little to the flock’s imagination as to which candidates support their supposed “pro-family” positions. From the perspective of the Christian Coalition, there is no irony in the fact that these same people—like the groups that produced the guide—support taking rights away from families that do not fit their chosen profile.

## N.C. health commission agrees to keep anonymous testing option

GREENSBORO, Saturday, Nov. 5 (AP)—North Carolina will continue to perform no-name AIDS tests for at least two years, reversing an earlier decision that met strong opposition from activists.

The North Carolina Commission on Health Services said Friday it will allow people to undergo anonymous screening to determine if they have HIV, the virus which causes AIDS. The commission had planned to switch to recording the names of people being tested and promising to keep the information confidential.

State health officials said they planned to stop anonymous tests because they could contact others who may have been infected by a patient who tested positive for the virus.

“As the epidemic has changed in nature, highly effective contact and notification has become more important,” said state health director Dr. Ron Levine.

AIDS activists and researchers say that anonymous testing encourages more people to be tested for HIV. ACT-UP Triangle, a advocacy group for AIDS patients, went to court and forced the commission to stall its planned Sept. 1 switch until it considered further evidence.

That evidence was presented Friday during hearings at the Koury Convention Center.

Testing information is not as secure

as some would expect, said commission member Barbara Huberman, who described what happened after she sought an AIDS test.

“Three weeks ago, I got a call from my insurance company wanting to know what the results were,” she said. “I was stunned.”

Huberman said her health insurance rates went up even though her test was negative. AIDS activists told the panel Huberman’s story shows that anonymous testing provides the highest degree of privacy.

“The best way to encourage more people to come in is to offer both methods” of testing, said Dr. Charles Van Der Horst, an AIDS researcher at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A 10-year-old boy with full-blown AIDS told the commission information about his condition was leaked to school administrators.

“Teachers and the principal found out I was HIV positive and they recommended a psychiatrist,” said the boy, who would only give the commission his first name, Corey. “They told my dad that if parents found out, they’d prejudice and pick on the school.”

Since 1993, people in North Carolina have been able to choose an anonymous or a confidential HIV test at county health clinics. Private physicians are not allowed to conduct anonymous tests and must report all positive results to the state.

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## Man shot in California for holding boyfriend's hand

By ELIZABETH WEISE  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Nov. 2 (AP)—Just blocks from the heart of San Francisco's Castro district, an almost mystical safe haven for gays, Victor Rohana was pinned to a wall and shot in the chest.

His crime? Apparently, he was targeted because he was holding hands with his boyfriend.

Civil rights advocates say the shooting is an example of the growing ferocity of attacks on gays and lesbians.

"Whereas in 1992, somebody may have just yelled faggot, now they're yelling faggot and clubbing you or raping you," said Leslie Addison of Community United Against Violence, a victim advocate group.

On Friday, 24-year-old Victor Rohana and boyfriend Steven Damron were walking to their car after dining in a neighborhood restaurant. Just after 10:00 p.m., two men in a white Suzuki Samurai drove by and yelled at them.

"We were gay and they didn't like that we were holding hands," said Damron.

Rohana said something to the men before turning to catch up with his friend. The driver backed up about 100 feet to block their path, jumped the curb onto the sidewalk and pinned Rohana against a wall.

The jeep's passenger stuck a pistol out of window and shot Rohana.

"At first I thought he was okay, because he was still standing up. But then he started screaming that he'd been hit and

I realized that they'd shot him," Damron said.

The bullet pierced Rohana's lung, missing his heart by about an inch, Damron said.

Rohana underwent surgery on both Saturday and Sunday. He is in satisfactory condition but remains critically injured, the hospital where he is being treated reported on Tuesday. The name of the hospital has been withheld to protect him from possible retaliation, police said.

It was clearly a hate crime, a shaken Damron said Monday.

"I don't think they thought we were Italian. They thought we were gay. They clearly made a decision that they were going to shoot a gay man. They went to a lot of effort to get the car in position to shoot him point blank."

Rohana wasn't the type to look for a fight, said a friend, Steven Underhill.

"He's very quiet and shy, certainly one of the most sweet, kind individuals I've ever met," he said.

Police have developed a composite sketch of the suspects, described as white males in their late teens or early 20s.

Officer Sandy Bargioni of the city's police Hate Crimes Unit spent Monday stuffing fliers and the drawing of the attacker into mailboxes near where the attack occurred.

San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan has offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the shooting.

## Montrose Softball League celebrates 15 years of fun



Gentry GAPS players primed for MSL 15-year celebration: Vanna, Joe, Rainbow, Wilma and Donnie

### Houston Sports

By LEE DAVIS

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

On Sunday, Nov. 6, the Montrose Softball League (MSL) held its 15th-year Anniversary party at the Briar Patch. Over 80 people attended the celebration, including three of the 15 year members Ken Bailey, Jerry DeSale and Jerry Chaffin.

Memorabilia from 15 years of action was strewn from corner to corner showing the ever-changing faces of MSL. Jerseys, trophies, pictures galore, banners and bat bags were displayed from former & current team sponsors. Included in the displays were Gentry, Travel in Style, Brazos River Bottom, Miss Charlotte's, Ray's Five & Dime, Barn, Ripcord, Parade, Dirty Sally's, Fairlanes, Michael's, J.R.'s, Montrose Mining Company, 611, Mary's, Copa, Galleon, Montrose Voice, E.J.'s Mother's, Heaven, Miss Kitty's, Jim's Gym, Venture-N, Ranch, Fitness Exchange, Briar Patch, Rich's, Pacific Street, Past Time and A&K Jewelers—just to name a few.

"A sumptuous buffet was provided by our gracious host, Wayne Gray, Meatballs, sandwich meats, taquitos, and more were offered to those in attendance as we all bellied up to the bar!!

Videos from past World Series, Lone Star Classic Tournaments, and weekly games were shown on several monitors throughout the bar. The crowd really came alive when the Jocks in Dresses videos were shown. All of the big burly men in drag were a sight to behold as they dress once a year for the great fundraiser. And, of course, the crowd really lost it when Rainbow the Clown, a.k.a. "The Mermaid" fell out of her wheelchair in the '94 Jocks in Dresses in performance.

Everyone knew that the Gentry Gaps had shown up in force when all of the hooting and hollering started. They were especially "proud" when their performance from Jocks in Dresses played on the video and Vanna did her infamous "Help Me, I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up" routine on rollerblades. Actually, we still think that someone tampered with her skate to where the wheels would collapse once she hit the floor

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### Bowling League News

The Inner Loop Alternative Sunday Evening League reported the following standings. First place team—Fish-N-Pole, second place—Beavers and Buttheads and third place—Bambi's Bandits. High scratch game of 234 and series of 648 was bowled by Jody Dunivant for the men. Susan Snider bowled High Scratch game of 222 and series of 603 for the women. For League information call Tom at (713) 522-9612.

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League reports Division A standings in first, second and third place—Pin Ups, 3 Boys and a Toy, and 4 Non Blondes. Division B standings are 5 Easy Pieces, The Point After and Nellie By Choice. High scratch game of 268 and series of 663 was bowled by Ron Grose. For more information call Gardy at (713) 641-5424.

The Monday Nite Women's League: First place—Maybe, Maybe Not; Second place—Balls Are Out; third place—Can't Bowl Straight and 4th—Highly Questionable. For information call Pat at (713) 437-6218.

The Houston Thursday Nite Mixers reports first place team is #6, Ye, It's Our Name, second place—Download and Unzip, and third place—Pat & Company. High scratch game of 223 and series of 638 was bowled by Chris Bennett for the men. Pam Spayde bowled 224 and series of 574 for the women. For more information call Tom at (713) 522-9612.

Mark your calendars for No Tap Candlelight Doubles Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8:00 p.m.

## Roles of right wing, Texas image in hate crimes debated

By JULIA PRODIS  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

ODESSA, Texas, Thursday, Nov. 3 (AP)—A string of grisly murders of homosexuals has the Texas gay community on edge.

Some say the state's mentality of machismo and a burgeoning religious movement fosters hostility toward homosexuals—an assertion vigorously denied by representatives of religious organizations.

"There's a steady drumbeat out there that it's all right to hate, that it's socially acceptable to hate gays and lesbians," said state Rep. Glen Maxey, who is gay.

"You do that long enough," he said, "and you give permission for somebody to beat somebody up or give somebody permission to kill."

Among the recent killings:—Paul Quintanilla's hands were bound behind his back when he was stabbed more than a dozen times, his throat and genitals cut. —Michael J. Burzinski was beaten and shot to death execution-style after being abducted by a group of teen-agers looking for gays they considered easy marks. —Tommy Musick was shot four times in the back of the head by a man who claimed he had panicked after Musick made a homosexual advance. Another man was left for dead after being impaled with a tree branch outside a gay bar.

But Dick Weinhold, chairperson of the Texas Christian Coalition, which considers homosexuality immoral, says opponents of anti-discrimination laws are not to blame for the violence.

"I just reject flat out any kind of notion that holding a position opposing special rights for homosexuals would somehow suggest that people can become vigilantes and have a lynching," he said. "That's ridiculous."

Paul Tracy, a criminologist at the University of Texas at Dallas, says neither the religious right nor the Texas image is to blame.

"People all along have been committing crimes against women and gays because they believe they are especially vulnerable to crime," he said.

"I don't believe it's particular to Texas, the South or the Southwest. We have frustrated, alienated segments

of our population that are striking out against particularly vulnerable segments of our society."

Gay and lesbian activists say a Dallas judge's comment in 1988 reinforced hostility and encouraged lenient treatment to those who victimize homosexuals.

Instead of life in prison, Judge Jack Hampton gave a 30-year sentence to an 18-year-old who had gone to a gay neighborhood with his buddies to "pester homosexuals." He shot to death two gay men when they refused to take off their clothes.

"I put prostitutes and gays at about the same level," Hampton said. "If these boys had picked up two prostitutes and taken them to the woods and killed them, I'd consider that a similar case. And I'd be hard put to give somebody life for killing a prostitute."

In 1993, the teen-ager who killed Musick, a hairdresser, was sentenced by a jury to 12 years in jail. The assailant who speared the Midland man with a stick received probation.

In August, a high school student and four former football teammates were charged with murder in Burzinski's death.

In addition to Quintanilla, two other gay men have been found dead with multiple stab wounds in the Dallas suburb of Irving. Police have arrested a suspect in one killing, but say leads have been exhausted in the other two.

Texas leads the nation in executions, but only one hate crime against a homosexual there has resulted in a death sentence.

The Rev. Billy Charles Cawley, a gay man who ministers to the homosexual population in Odessa, says intolerance is rampant in the west Texas town of Midland, where Musick was killed. Cawley says he has been the target of death threats and was asked by police to wear a bulletproof vest at a gay rally.

"I call it 'Bubba Joe land.' It's a combination of the Texas macho thing and the fundamentalist Christian movement here," Cawley said. "For people who claim to follow Christ's teachings ... I've never seen so much judgment in my life."

The Texas chapter of the Christian Coalition has grown to 60,000 members with 135 chapters around the state since it was founded here in 1991.

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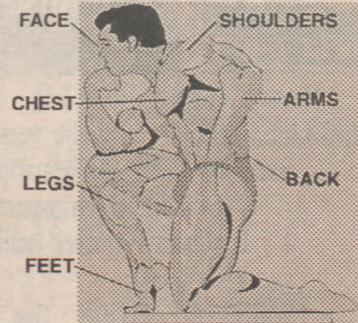
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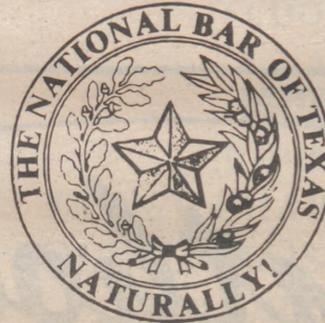
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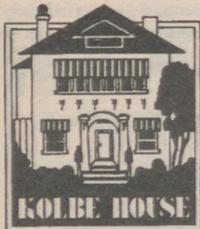
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During The Big Bayou City Biceps Bonanza, contests will be held to determine who will be crowned Mr./Ms. Sexiest Biceps in Houston, Mr./Ms. Arm Wrestling Champion of Houston, Mr./Ms. Rocky Balboa One-Arm Push-Up Champion and the Cindy Crawford Makeup Look-A-Like Contest. (All contest are open to the public paying the \$5.00 entry fee.)

Proceeds from the sale of tickets and entry fees will benefit Body Positive. Each winners will receive a three month membership to Fitness Exchange and a \$50 gift certificate from NEO China.

Body Positive is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for those afflicted and affected by HIV/AIDS.

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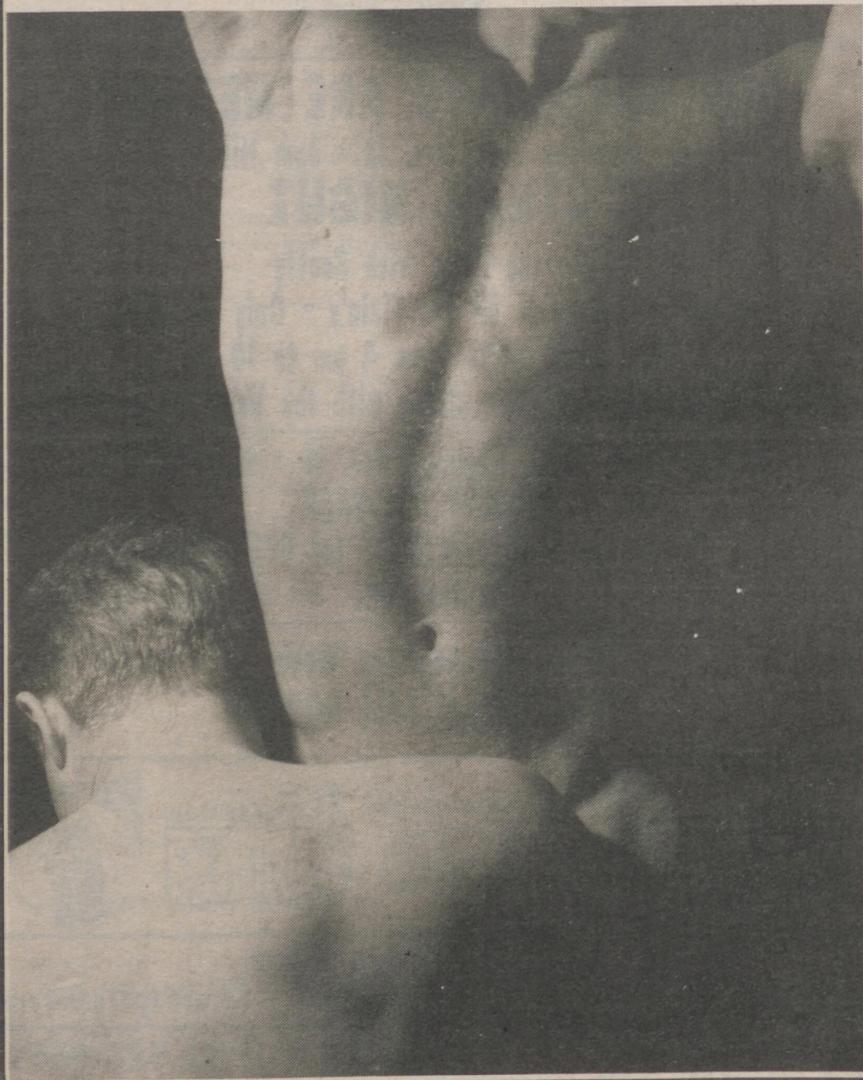


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## Crossroads support group to discuss responding to homophobia

### Quick Notes

"Responding to the Homophobia of the Radical Right Fundamentalists" will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting of Crossroads, to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. Leading the discussion will be Rev. Ralph Lasher, a former Episcopal priest.

Crossroads is an interfaith support group for gay men and lesbians who are either currently on a church staff, who have ever held any full-time church position, or are pursuing a call to ministry. According to the founder of Crossroads, Rev. J.P. Peden, a former Southern Baptist minister and pastor, the group is not just for clergy. It is also open to music, youth and education directors; musicians, missionaries, chaplains, administrators, teachers and evangelists, said Peden.

Crossroads holds a brunch meeting on the third Saturday of each month. To protect the identity of those individuals who may be in a sensitive situation, the support group does not advertise where its meetings are to be held, Peden said. Persons wanting to find out more about the group are encouraged to call 802-1056 for more information.



**More groups give support to Spectrum '95; new gay BBS goes online**

**Quick Notes**

As 1995 approaches, several more community organizations have added their support behind the planned Spectrum '95 event, organizers announced this week. The latest groups to join on are PFLAG-Houston, The Agora and Maranatha Fellowship; they join GLHU, Gulf Coast Transgender Community, Team Houston and the Texas Gay Veterans of Houston as organizational supporters. The latest business sponsor to sign on is Introductions, a new local service that offers a unique way to meet people.

All of these groups and businesses are excited with what Spectrum '95 is offering Houston's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, said organizer Alan Bourgeois. The recent successful Business Expo in Dallas reinforced the need for the Houston event, which will offer an Art Expo, Town Meeting and "Concert of the Stars" in addition to the business exposition, he said. The concert is not only going after top 40 stars, but already has 75 local performers signed on, with planned entertainment ranging from country, pop rock, rock and even classical, plus a special song written exclusively for spectrum '95 by local song writer Philip Smith, titled "Hand in Hand."

For more information about Spec-

trum '95, please call 949-3119 or write to Town Meeting Inc., P.O. Box 66128, Houston, Texas 77266-6128.

**Computer BBS**

A new computer bulletin board called The Fluorescent Igloo went online this past week. This computer system is dedicated to providing a positive outlet for the gay, lesbian and bisexual community. The system hosts forums ranging from Narcotics Anonymous to Medical Q & A as well as forums on various gay topics.

The system is a member of VNET and FIDONET, two common computer networks that extend internationally. The forums are networked on these networks, and some forums contain as many as 1500 member systems from all over the country. Currently access to the system is free; the system may eventually institute a \$2 service charge per month to cover the costs of operation.

This system may be reached with any kind of computer and a modem. Interested parties should call 524-7342 with their computer. The computer should be set to 8-N-1 (most programs are automatically set this way). Once connected, simply following instructions will get the person validated for access. Voice assistance is available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily at 524-4834.

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**NAMES Project sets December  
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hosts forums to gain input from  
gay men with HIV**

**Quick Notes**

NAMES Project Houston will hold a Memorial Panel Dedication Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at The Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross. Friends and family will come together to dedicate and send off panels they have made in remembrance of loved ones who have died of AIDS. The Panel Dedication Ceremony will be open to the public.

Panel registration for the dedication ceremony will take place at The NAMES Project workshop (2410 Woodhead) on Nov. 26 and 27, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Nov. 28 through Dec. 2 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. A Quilting Bee Weekend is scheduled for Nov. 19-20 from 1:00-5:00 at the workshop p.m. for those interested in working on their panels.

A reception will follow the ceremony at 9:30 p.m. at The Museum Restaurant, 1512 West Alabama. For more information, please call (713) 52-NAMES.

**HIV Planning Groups**

The Houston Area HIV Comprehensive Plan Committee is developing a three year plan for HIV services in Houston, and is hosting a series of public forums to gain input from HIV-positive gay men and their caregivers. The committee, as part of its overall plan to gather suggestions from all sectors of the affected population, is seeking suggestions from this group about how to best deliver services to gay men with HIV disease.

Three opportunities for community members to share comments and suggestions with the committee are scheduled:

—A public forum will be held at the Thomas Street Clinic, 4th Floor Conference Room on Friday, Nov. 4, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

—A second public forum will take place Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center (library), 1475 West Gray.

—An anonymous telephone call-in is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The number to call is 526-1016; three incoming lines will be open; if number is "busy" please try call again later.



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By Bob Ainsworth

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**NOVEMBER 12, 1929** Born on this day in 1929 was Grace Kelley ('29-'82) who became Princess Grace of Monaco from her marriage to Prince Rainier.

**NOVEMBER 13, 1850** Robert Louis Stevenson was born this day in 1850. It was Stevenson who is responsible for giving the English language the expression "Jekyll and Hyde" from his novel "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

**NOVEMBER 14, 1909** McCarthyism was made notable by the political witch-hunting of U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy who was born today in 1909.

**NOVEMBER 15, 1968** This is the day the Queen Elizabeth, the largest passenger ship ever built, ended her last voyage as a passenger carrier.

**NOVEMBER 16, 1632** In 1632 Gustavus II of Sweden, "the Lion of the North", was killed in defeating the Austrian general Wallenstein at the battle of Lutzen.

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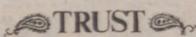


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## 'A Tuna Christmas' still non-stop laughs and out-n-out fun



Jaston Williams as Dixie Deberry in "A Tuna Christmas."

### Houston Live

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

Jaston Williams is feeling pretty good about himself. The trimmer half of the writing/acting team that created Tuna, Texas and all its wacky residents has reason for his happy disposition. The madcap antics that occur in the "third smallest town in Texas" have become the newest holiday tradition in the state, and the production is returning for an early Yuletide engagement.

"A Tuna Christmas," the hilarious sequel to the popular "Greater Tuna," and which heralded non-stop laughter for the holiday season, is being presented in the Cullen Theatre of the Wortham Center, Nov. 15-20, as a non-subscription special of the 1994-95 NationsBank Broadway Series.

Williams, speaking by phone from Denver, attributed the success of the two works to the endearing quality of the characters. "This is a show that will stand the test of time. The characters are all so odd that it's easy to like them all."

The original work became a theatrical phenomenon, which played all over the country with audiences returning again and again to laugh uproariously at the small town tomfoolery of some of the most riotously funny characters in all of show business. An HBO special and a subsequent national tour segued into the homespun hilarity of the holiday sequel. Sold-out houses have been a Christmas tradition for "A Tuna Christmas" for five seasons now, and not just in Texas, but from California to Washington, D.C.

"You have to watch when you play 'Tuna Christmas.' It works fine in the summer. We learned that out in Los Angeles last year. But it doesn't work at all after Christmas. I guess because by that time, everyone is just sick of the whole Christmas thing."

Set in the mythical hamlet of Tuna on Christmas Eve, "A Tuna Christmas" features inspired comedy and farcical situations with Sears and Williams playing multiple and wildly diverse characters in a side-splitting round-robin of quick-change artistry.

The previous script of "A Tuna

Christmas" has been edited again, with sequences changed and new material added. Some twenty different characters from the first play, several from the Norman Lear "Tuna" cable TV special, as well as some new faces to Tuna fans, welcome audiences into their homes.

"We still haven't put it in absolute final form," said Williams. "So it won't be exactly the same, if you've seen it before. We're still trying to tighten the first act just a bit."

With a mysterious "Christmas Phantom" sabotaging yard displays all over town, Vera Carp, Tuna's own fashion queen, is faced with the real possibility of losing the Tuna Christmas Yard display contest for the first time in 15 years. (Her own display features Santa Claus, Bing Crosby, Natalie Wood and live sheep.)

This silliness is only the surface though, as the audience takes a look at all the zany characters that populate this crossroads burg. Besides Vera, who by the way also head's the town's anti-smut drive (she wonders about those "'round yon virgin" lyrics), there's also: Inita Goodwin and Helen Bedd, the two don't-mess-with-me waitresses at the local Tastee Kreem, who pride themselves on being "aspiring career women;" Dixie Deberry, the droopy town secretary is who is threatening to ruin the town rendition of "A Christmas Carol" by cutting off the power because of an unpaid bill; Bertha Bumiller, who struggles to keep three children and a wayward husband in line; Aunt Pearl who has purchased a sling shot to make war on the blue jays that are threatening her hens; used-gun saleswoman Didi Snavelly ("weaponry that works" is her motto), who is doing a booming business since the Christmas Phantom began striking yards all over the town; and there's over a dozen more.

The Tuna legend began as a cocktail joke at a party in a faded motel in Austin. It was first performed there in 1981. The show proved so successful that Sears and Williams, along with Director Ed Howard, mounted a brief tour that took the show to Houston, San Antonio, Atlanta and Hartford, Connecticut. An off-Broadway production and national success soon followed.

"We were very surprised by the popularity of the show. I mean things seemed to move along so quickly even though the show went through low-budget productions before hitting the established theaters."

The current tour of "A Tuna Christmas" began in Denver and has played in Dallas. Its Houston engagement will be followed by a stop in Washington, D.C. before it begins its New York premier. Said Williams: "We're really hoping that it'll have the same success in New York that 'Greater Tuna' had."

Williams' hopes are well-founded. "A Tuna Christmas" is smart, entertaining and out-n-out fun, and it won't belong before it's a Christmas tradition from coast to coast.

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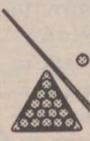
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## Former Houstonian's camp tree topper becoming gay collector's item



*Kenny Angel*

### Off the Wall

What seemed like a campy gag gift idea turned out to be an unexpected national success for Jim Tallman, a former Houstonian now living in San Diego.

Tallman became an overnight entrepreneur after introducing his product, a Christmas tree topper called the "Kenny Angel."

Kenny is a ruggedly masculine doll, dressed in flowing white satin with lace wings. This year's line sports a

miniature AIDS awareness ribbon. A dated, designer's label is also found underneath each tailored satin dress, where a built-in cone is concealed so that the angel perches nicely on the tree.

The idea of a "Kenny Angel" struck Tallman after a tree-trimming party in 1992, when he decided to set a plan in motion that would give the gay community its very own Xmas tree topping. The invention is viewed by gay retailers (and some non-gay shops as well) as one of the most eye catching Christmas novelty creations in recent years. Shortly after the doll was introduced in HIM catalog, over 800 orders were received in the first few days.

Since then, Tallman, 34, has produced thousands of Kenny Angels with the help of a small work force in San Diego. The dolls themselves originate from China; they are not of the Mattel brand, and Tallman maintains they are originally crafted for his business and aren't intended to mimic Mattel's "Ken" doll. The feedback has been positive, says Tallman, who admittedly is overwhelmed by the response his product has generated. The angels are selling nationwide through mail order (call toll-free 1-800-833-9691 to place an order) and in nearly 20 retail shops in 15 states.

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## Kate Clinton, Sons & Lovers to headline concert at NGLTF conference

### State News Notes

(DALLAS)—Lesbian comic Kate Clinton will headline the Seventh Annual Creating Change Conference Concert event according to an announcement today by conference organizers. Appearing with Clinton at the Saturday, Nov. 12 event will be gay a cappella song stylists Sons & Lovers. Both acts have appeared at previous Creating Change conferences to rave notices and are rising stars on the entertainment scene.

"Kate's off-Broadway Show 'Out Is In' had me laughing in the aisles, and I am thrilled she is coming to Dallas for Creating Change" said Sue Hyde, conference coordinator. "Dallas and the Creating Change participants are in for a major treat."

Sons & Lovers recently performed as the opening musical act for the Stonewall 25 Rally at Central Park, as well as a held-over show at famed New York Cabaret Eighty Eights. John Hoglund of the New York Native predicts they will "become the toast of the gay nineties." Sons & Lovers are Ken Browne, Dejan Snachez McBryde, Eliot Pilshaw, Bob Stern and John Whitley.

"An important aspect of Creating

Change is celebrating our Queer Culture," said NGLTF Executive Director Peri Jude Radecic. "Both acts are excellent examples of the growing contingency of openly gay talent that is taking the entertainment industry by storm. They present positive images of gay men and lesbians to a straight community that believes it knows nothing about queers."

The Creating Change Concert will be held Saturday evening at 9:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Southland Center Hotel, 400 North Olive Street, Downtown Dallas. Tickets are \$25 at the door and Creating Change registration table or may be purchased at the Crossroads Market.

Creating Change is the nation's leading gay and lesbian organizing, skills development and movement building conference. Running from Nov. 11 through 13 at the Southland Center Hotel, the conference will feature more than 80 workshops on topics including health, hate violence, campus organizing, lobbying and legislation, sex and sexuality, sodomy repeal, organizational development, fundraising, and workplace organizing.

## Cheers for Jeers over missing queers; Rush Limbaugh a sign of The Times?

### GLAAD Media Watch

By AL KEILWASSER

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

The "Cheers 'n' Jeers" column in TV Guide has once again sounded the call for lesbian and gay visibility. This time (in Nov. 5-11 issue), the magazine gave a jeer "to the whole darn U.S. TV industry, for failing to give us more 'Tales of the City.' TV Guide's editors further explained: "Even though the Emmy-nominated PBS miniseries was both a critical and a popular fave, and Britain's Channel 4 promised \$4 million for a co-production, public TV decided against a sequel. Undaunted, the producers sought funding elsewhere, but the worth-while project eventually died. Could it be that no one was willing to take the political heat surrounding Armistead Maupin's Tales, which feature prominent gay characters?"

TV Guide should be commended for giving yet another thumbs-down to homophobia in the television industry (and you might also want to encourage the editor to devote a feature story to the issue). Send your comments to Althea Disney, Editor-in-Chief, TV Guide, Radnor, PA 19088 or e-mail [tvgeditor@delphi.com](mailto:tvgeditor@delphi.com) (If you want your correspondence considered for publication, direct it to the Letters Department).

### Confusing Times

In a recent ad campaign, The New York Times has teamed up with talk-show host Rush Limbaugh. The new television spot "shows a smug Limbaugh reading the Times and endorsing it." The decision is—to say the least—ironic. While The Times has editorialized against anti-gay bigotry and violence, they've hired a man whose

career is built around the aggressive promotion of such evils. Moreover, Rush Limbaugh's one-sided, misleading and utterly deceitful books and talk-shows hardly exemplify the responsible, quality journalism The Times purportedly aspires.

To protest the paper's association with Rush Limbaugh, write to Arthur Ochs, Sulzberger, Jr., Publisher, The New York Times, 229 West 43rd St., New York 10036, tel. (212) 556-1234.

### Good For US

Juliann Garey writes US magazine's "Essentials" column ("what you need to know this month"), and in the November '94 issue she encourages readers to rent the home video version of "Silverlake Life: The View From Here." Says Garey: "All the devotion and commitment that are supposed to be implicit in the phrase 'to love and honor, in sickness and in health, till death do us part' are contained in 'Silverlake Life: The View From Here.' Most marriages do not last as long as the 22-year relationship shared by filmmaker Tom Joslin and his lover, Mark Massi, before both died of AIDS." Garey described the documentary as "graceful," "intensely moving," "frequently witty" and "sometimes harrowing."

Direct comments to Juliann Garey, "Essentials," and/or 'US' magazine, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10104-0298, tel. (212) 484-1616, fax (212) 767-8214.

We must confront the media's homophobia in order to cure it! To notify the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of any defamatory or affirmative media coverage call our 24-hour Media Watch Hotline at (415) 861-4588, or write to: GLAAD/SFBA, 1360 Mission Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94103; fax, (415) 861-4893; e-mail [glaadsfba@aol.com](mailto:glaadsfba@aol.com).

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*Quick Notes*

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There will be a Silent Art Auction starting at 7:30 p.m. that will feature artists from around the Texas area as well as donations from local Houston area businesses. This will be followed by the live music starting at 9:00 p.m. with the R&B band, Murell and the Harry Sheppard Jazz band.

The cover charge is \$7 and proceeds raised go to benefit these charities. This benefit is open to the public and has been arranged to run with art and music from 7:30 p.m. to Midnight.

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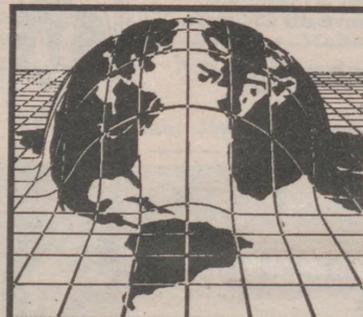
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## Woman who helped convict Klansman in Alabama undergoes sex change

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Monday, Nov. 7 (AP)—A woman who helped send a Ku Klux Klansman to prison for the 1963 church bombing that killed four black girls has broken a long public silence, and now speaks in a man's voice.

Elizabeth Cobbs was a minister, wife and mother when she gave testimony in 1977 that was crucial in convicting her uncle, Robert Chambliss, on a murder charge in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

In 1979, she was accepted into a sex-change program in Texas, and today Mrs. Cobbs is 54-year-old Pete Smith, a stocky, bearded man.

Years after Mrs. Cobbs was last heard from publicly, Smith now is promoting a new book, "Long Time Coming."

Published by Crane Hill Publishers, the book recounts how testifying about the church bombing began a winding personal journey filled with fear of Klan retribution and sexual uncertainty.

"All of that threw me into a psychological matrix," Smith said in an interview with the Birmingham Post-Herald. "Suddenly, honesty was the most important thing on the face of the Earth. And the one thing I started having to be honest about was myself."

The interview was one of a number of media stops on Smith's book tour itinerary, which includes a spot Tuesday on Oprah Winfrey's television show.

The testimony of Mrs. Cobbs helped solve one of the most violent hate crimes of the civil rights struggle, a Sunday morning dynamite explosion in a downtown church that killed four girls—Carole Robertson, Cynthia Wesley, Addie Mae Collins and Carol Denise McNair.



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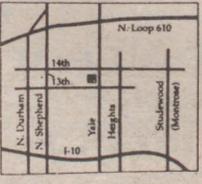
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## Florida Supreme Court hears challenge to gay adoption plan

By **BILL BERGSTROM**  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Saturday, Nov. 5 (AP)—Gay couples should have the same rights anyone else does to adopt children, attorneys for a Sarasota man told the state Supreme Court.

But state attorneys argued Friday that lawmakers have the power to bar gay adoptions, and social services authorities are entitled to delve into the sex lives even of heterosexuals planning adoptions.

"There is simply no basis to conclude that homosexuals are in any way less capable than heterosexuals of being good parents," Nina Vinik, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney from Miami, argued on behalf of James W. Cox.

The court is considering an appeal by Cox, who, with his companion, Rodney M. Jackman, also of Sarasota, sought to adopt children with physical, mental or emotional handicaps.

The two, who acknowledged their homosexuality, were told by HRS officials in 1991 that state law prohibited homosexuals from adopting children.

Cox, 32, a professional pianist, and Jackman, 28, a state Department of Revenue collection specialist, challenged the law in Circuit Court in Sarasota. Circuit Judge

Scott Brownell declared it unconstitutional in March 1993.

But Brownell's decision was overturned in December by the 2nd District Court of Appeal in Lakeland.

The state Supreme Court didn't rule after hearing oral arguments, and the justices have no deadline for making a ruling.

"Our Legislature has imposed a per se exclusion of only one class," Vinik told the justices.

That violates Cox's state constitutional guarantees of equal protection under the law, she said. "We ask that HRS make an individualized determination in his case like any other."

"In excluding members of a particular class, wouldn't one need to show that all members of the class are unfit to adopt?" Justice Gerald Kogan asked Anthony DeLuccia Jr., attorney for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

"Suppose you said anyone who is black can't adopt, or anyone who is Jewish can't adopt?" Kogan asked.

DeLuccia responded that race and religion are constitutionally protected, but "the Supreme Court of the United States has said homosexuality is not one of those fundamental rights that are deeply rooted in the nation's history."

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Q: "I've noticed that different versions of the Bible use different words. I am not speaking of inclusive language. For example, some Bibles use the word 'to' in a particular phrase while others use the word 'for.' Sometimes these little differences seem to change the whole meaning of the scripture. How does one interpret/reconcile this? How does one know which is correct?"

A: I would like to make a suggestion regarding the reading of your Bible. It may be very helpful for you to have several different translations of the Bible available for comparison. Some people like the parallel Bible which gives you several translations side by side as you read. A few of my favorite translations are the New International Version, the New Century Bible (which includes humanity), and the New American Standard.

Also recommended is a good commentary on the Bible that will give you a suggested interpretation by a Biblical scholar. Commentaries can offer grammatical and literary helps to clarify your questions about the text. Many times the actual Greek or Hebrew words will be given to offer accuracy of interpretation.

Another tool to have handy is a Bible dictionary. It will help you with the meaning of words that you do not understand. Be sure to get a dictionary that defines words that are somewhat abstract like the word, "sanctification." The dictionary can be helpful with theological terms that many times sound like religious jargon. When you step out to tackle the things you don't understand you will find yourself dispelling fears of the unknown. It just might get exciting each time you open your Bible!

A few tips in reading your Bible would be: 1. As you read the text, read it in several versions; 2. Read the Bible commentary to get a scholarly viewpoint with reference to Greek and Hebrew words in the text; 3. Look up any words in the Bible dictionary that you do not understand; 4. Read the text in its entirety, not just a section of it. It will help you to get the full meaning of what is being said and the context in which it is being said. What may seem initially to be a controversial phrase may not turn out to be such a contradiction or variation of meaning.

Once a person begins to study the Bible, a whole new world opens up to them. This is what the Bible says about itself. The Bible tells us that the essential prerequisite for understanding the things of God is having the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:11), and that the Christian, having received the anointing of the Spirit, does not even need a teacher (1 John 2:27). It is like understanding a common phrase "out in left field" because you are familiar with the game of baseball. For a person who is not familiar with the game, they will literally go out looking for a person in a field somewhere off to the left. For the Christian, the Spirit of God will reveal the truth to them as they seek to find and understand it. For a person who is not a Christian, the words of the Bible may not have the same meaning and significance. The Bible can be reduced to a simple intellectual pursuit. Let us remember that the Bible was given so that we might know God in a relationship with Jesus Christ, understand God's ways, and experience abundant life by obeying its principles and directives. The Gospel of John tells us what Jesus said about the Word of God: "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63), and "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

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## New Orleans police arrest three teens in hate crime probe

NEW ORLEANS, Friday, Nov. 4 (AP)—Three teen-agers were arrested Friday for allegedly harassing and making threatening telephone calls to students living on campus at the University of New Orleans, police said.

The telephone conversations included threats of violence against persons that the callers believed to be homosexual, Sgt. Barry Fletcher said.

Two juveniles, ages 15 and 16, were booked with making obscene, harassing or threatening telephone calls. Their identities were not released because of their age.

Also arrested was Wayne Haydin, 19, a former UNO student. He was booked with accessory after the fact to the threatening telephone calls. Investigators are seeking a fourth suspect, who is also wanted for making obscene, harassing or threatening telephone calls, Fletcher said.

"These types of crimes leave permanent scarring on persons within our community," Police Superintendent Richard Pennington said in a news release. "Even those who are not direct targets suffer from these incidents."

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## Goodbye America, it's been good to know you (Part Three)

### *Yours Truly In A Swamp*

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

*Houston Voice/New Orleans*

President Bill Clinton went to Israel in the Fall of 1994. He went for the Israel/Jordan peace-signing ceremonies.

In 1995, Texas Senator Phil Gramm and his expected vice presidential running mate Rush Limbaugh flew to Jerusalem for something called "The Second Meeting on the Mount." They came accompanied by other right-wing politicians, all guests of the American Rifle Association and Dupont Chemical.

There had been much worry during The Meeting that some terrorist group might blow up the smiling politicians, or some temper-flaring part of their traveling group.

Something like that had happened to Egypt's leader, years earlier, after Jimmy Carter got him to sign the "Camp David Accords" with Israel. Since then, Middle East peace had been a harder sell.

"Damn right," Limbaugh told his ill-liberal television audience in the Spring of 1994. "They have been fighting in the Middle East for thousands of years. Let 'em, I say, let 'em!" The lights went down in the TV studio, and a commercial played on the monitor advertising watches with hands running backwards around the face of Bill Clinton or Hillary Rodham Clinton.

During the commercial, a studio aide smiled at William Bennett and told him he would be introduced after the break. Bennett thanked her, and she brushed a cigarette ash from his lapel.

Studio lights came back up, and Limbaugh smiled and said, "Terrorists know, if you know you'll be dead if you sign a peace treaty, no one will sign a peace treaty. It's simple as that."

"Why can't Clinton get it? We all know the answer to that, don't we? What does Bill and Ram-rod know about anything? Nothing."

Bill Bennett sat thinking, "Clinton knows how to dodge a fight!" When Limbaugh asked Bennett to stand he stopped thinking, stood, and the crowd cheered. They loved Limbaugh. They simply loved him. And anyone Limbaugh loved they loved too.

The next week, when offered use of Limbaugh's "Excellence in Broadcasting" telephone computer system to connect free-of-charge to "The next President of the United States, Texas Senator Phil Gramm..." fans responded by the tens of thousands. The

ironic upshot of those calls: Limbaugh—not Bennett—was fingered by Gramm as his chosen running-mate in the upcoming 1996 presidential election.

William Bennett, who had been Ronald Reagan's Education and Drug Czar, was greatly angered. Bennett, himself a man with designs on the White House, and a man with a terrible tobacco habit and been double crossed, and he knew it.

Bennett put out feelers to all the hot potential Republican candidates. Some responded favorably, some weakly, some not at all.

In the Fall of '94, he had appeared on lots of TV/radio, selling his new book, immodestly titled "The Book Of Virtue." Nobody read Bennett's book, but everybody heard and saw the chubby bureaucrat-turned-savior on radio/television.

The Chief Prophet of the United Delegation of Lesbian & Gay Muslims, Jews and Christians stood in his Los Angeles bedroom, one October night, 1994 watching William Bennett talking to Charley Rose on PBS. "Damn, he looks like Rush Limbaugh!" The Chief Prophet said out loud to no one.

Gramm was Bennett on The Charley Rose broadcast, too, and asked him to stop by his office in Washington for a talk. Bennett arrived at the meeting hoping. He left fuming. Gramm told him he was sticking with Limbaugh. "That gas bag," Bennett sputtered, "Why?"

"Because," Gramm said, holding Bennett's elbow and guiding him toward the door, Limbaugh is loved by his audience, and his audience makes up a huge percent of the small percentage of Americans who vote." Gramm sensed Bennett was not being swayed. So he went for guilt, "And because of those smelly cigarettes. People are against them now, Bill, you would be a vote loser."

"You are a good man, Bennett, but it is God and George Will's will that Republicans take back the White House from the moral enemies of America. So I'm sticking with Limbaugh."

Having said his piece, Gramm turned and walked back towards his office, leaving Bennett standing alone in front of a bank of heavily carved brass elevator doors.

"But Limbaugh is a comedian!" Bennett protested in vain to the back of Gramm's bald head, and then to the inside of the empty elevator. "A comedian!"

## This Sunday: the Four Season Club's Military Party

### *Social Highlight*

Invitations are out, and the Four Seasons Club is busily preparing for its annual Military Party. This year's event will be held this Sunday, Nov. 13 at Rich's, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The ten-year-old Four Seasons Club is a fund raising organization that hosts four community parties each year—one for each of the four seasons. The Military Party, where uniforms and/or military attire (of all kinds) is the "order" of the day, is the club's fall event.

Club members pay annual dues that cover most of the cost of producing the parties, a rule that allows organizers to keep entry costs low and donate vir-

tually all party night proceeds to the selected beneficiary.

This year's Military Party benefits Stone Soup Food Pantry. The club is asking that guests bring personal grooming goods (toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, etc.) to be collected at the door for those who benefit from the Soup's services.

Tickets are just \$12 at the door and drinks are "Happy Hour" prices, organizers said. There will be small boutiques offering military styled souvenirs. The scandalous "Ravaged Revue," featuring acts by many of Houston's social clubs, will highlight the entertaining evening.

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# Alley's production of 'The Crucible' matches the play

## Theater Review

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

The Salem witch trials of the late 17th century and the "red scare" witch hunt for communists in the mid 20th century are two of the darker episodes in this nation's history. Both are dramatized (the former literally, the latter figuratively) in "The Crucible," by Arthur Miller, which is being presented on the Alley Theatre's Large Stage through Nov. 18.

In the play, Reverend Parris (Jeffery Bean) has sought assistance from outside his small community because his daughter, Betty (Danielle Odom) is suffering from a strange malady, and Parris suspects witchcraft may be the cause. His suspicions are founded on Betty's participation in a strange dance in the woods with several of the other girls from the town—a dance which Parris unwittingly saw. Among them was Abigail (Tiffany Fraser), Parris' niece, who steadfastly refuses to acknowledge that anything more sinister than child capers was involved in the forest-set prancing.

Parris' anxiety is further complicated when neighbors, Thomas and Ann Putnam (Paul Hope, Amy Brooks-Jackson), arrive at the reverend's home and inform him that their daughter too has been stricken

ill.

Another community member, John Proctor (James Black) does not believe witchcraft is responsible for the girls' illnesses. His doubt stems from his familiarity with Abigail, with whom he had an illicit, albeit brief affair, and whom he knows to be unstable and vindictive. His skepticism is shared by Rebecca Nurse (Bettye Fitzpatrick), a moral pillar of the community, whose recognized good graces speak volumes of puritan behavior.

The arrival of Rev. Hale (John Felch) exacerbates the situation. He stridently questions Tituba (Alice Gatling), a black servant, and she, fearing for her life, confesses to the occultish, but relatively innocent, goings-on that had taken place in the woods that night. Tituba, it seems, was leading the other girls in West Indian incantations trying to conjure up spirits. Unfortunately, Tituba names Abigail as the ring leader, and Abigail begins her wild accusations against scores of townspeople.

The accusations multiply, fueled by the child-like, though in this case dangerous, eagerness on the part of the children to be a part of the name-calling game and by the willingness of the authorities to accept the notion of witchcraft in their



Reverend Hale (John Felch) interrogates Tituba (Alice Gatling) in "The Crucible"

otherwise bucolic hamlet. Before the stories have run their course, the most respected denizens of Salem, including the unassailable Rebecca and the goodly Elizabeth Proctor (Shelley Williams) have been arrested and accused.

As with the 1950s witch hunt the play metaphorically reflects, the unfounded accusations are given credence based on the simplest and most innocent of actions. And it is here where Miller's analogy works best.

Proctor, for instance, becomes suspect because of his regular absence from Sunday services, despite the fact that his running feud with Parris is well-known. Much in the same

manner, the loyalty of innocent Americans was called into question based on the flimsiest of associations.

Miller himself, was called to speak before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, where he was forced to defend his play saying (as quoted in the program), "...it is in the nature of literature that the passions of an author conceal around issues." And it is a beautiful irony, such pure poetic justice, that Miller should have to be called to testify before a committee whose actions he was so justifiably condemning.

Nevertheless, and despite its socio-political relevance, "The Crucible" is not among the strongest of Miller's plays (though it is certainly the most popular). The play never captures the emotional punch that should be present given the subject matter. Also, the denouement is easily given to melodrama, and this occurs in fly-in-your-face fashion in this production, with the culminating scenes becoming so overplayed, the effect becomes comic.

The acting had all the professional exemplariness I long ago came to expect from the Alley. Bettye Fitzpatrick turned in the most compelling performance as the sage and secure Rebecca Nurse. Fitzpatrick imbued her character with a gentle firmness that

resonated with the silent strength of moral resolve. I loved her!

James Black made a strong and defiant John Proctor, appropriately conveying a sturdy sense of character. John Felch was an impassioned Reverend Hale, but his black costuming, angular features and gangly gait left one with the distinct impression of watching Ichabod Crane in action.

Jeffery Bean as Reverend Parris and Tiffany Fraser as Abigail both strained credibility in their deliveries early in the play, but both had invested their respective characters with searching depth and a disdainful edge before intermission.

Gregory Boyd's directing is, for the most part, clean and knowing. He could have curtailed the histrionics somewhat, but beyond that, he evokes sound, effective portrayals from the entire cast. His greater misstep was his use of sound effects. Rattles and drums are used to cue the audience to the moment of tension transpiring on stage. But it's a silly bit that smacks of bad TV drama.

Miller's metaphor notwithstanding, "The Crucible" is rather light stuff as far as drama goes and really more an entertaining piece than anything else. The Alley's production matches the play, for it too is more entertaining than anything else.

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## Bowlers award \$1,000 to Thomas Street Clinic



Thomas Street Director Carolyn Barrett accepts \$1,000 check from TIT directors Tom O'Dell and Andrea Black

### Sports Notes

The Texas Invitational Tournament awarded \$1,000 to the Thomas Street Clinic at an evening presentation ceremony on Monday, Oct. 24 at Palace Bowling Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Blvd. The award, presented by Tournament Directors Tom O'Dell and Andrea Black to Carolyn Barrett, Thomas Street Clinic director, represented the first time that the clinic had been selected by tournament participants as a recipient of its ongoing fund raising efforts on behalf of persons living with HIV/AIDS in the

Houston area.

"These funds are a real godsend," stated Barrett at the presentation. "The generosity of the Texas Invitational Tournament will help us immensely in providing our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities for our patient during the holiday season."

Started in 1985, the Texas Invitational Tournament is an annual event of over 159 bowlers from Houston and other cities around the nation and is part of the International Gay Bowling Organization.



## CUERVOLYN'S CALENDAR



If you would like an event listed in this section, please feel free to call me at 529-8490 or fax the facts to me at 529-9531.

11/11 \* "Federal Tax Law and Planning Issues for the Non-Traditional Couple"—A free seminar hosted by The Bar Association for Human Rights at the River Oaks Health Alliance Building, 1414 W. Clay at 4:00 p.m.

11/11 to 11/13 \* TGRA's 11th Annual Rodeo in Austin. Call 214/720-6051 or 512/835-5314 for info.

11/11 to 11/13 \* Houston Outdoor Group's (HOG) camping trip. Call KAMPOUT for info.

11/12 \* Thanksgiving Pot Luck dinner sponsored by Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents (HGLP). Call Pam at 980-7995 for info.

11/12 \* Dignity/Houston's Support group for Gay Catholics. Call 880-2872 for info.

11/12 \* Asians and Friends of Houston, Inc.'s 2nd Anniversary celebration. Call 772-3757 for an invitation.

11/12 \* B.A.L.L.S. 4th Anniversary in Corpus Christi.

11/12 \* 1995 Miss Lazy J Contest.

11/12 \* "An Evening with Bill Cosby" at the Arena Theater. A benefit for The Bering Community Service Foundation. Call 529-6071 for reservations and info.

11/12 \* Q-Patrol Fundraiser at the Venture-N.

11/12 \* The "Don's" give Military haircuts at the Ripcord. A benefit for Stone Soup.

11/12 \* 3rd Annual Scorpio party at PastTime.

11/13 \* "Military Party" at Rich's sponsored by the Four Seasons.

11/13 \* Kris Lord performs at Heaven.

11/13 \* "From the Heart"—A variety show benefiting the LVL PWA Holiday Fund at Gentry.

11/14 \* "Building Healthy Self-Esteem" workshop sponsored by Body Positive and AFH. Call 623-6796 for info.

11/14 \* Sneak Preview for Houston Voice readers of "Breaking the Code" at Theater LaB. Come by the Houston Voice office to get a FREE ticket.

11/15 \* Pride Committee of Houston's general meeting and social hour. Call the Pride Line at 529-6979 for address and details.

11/15 \* "Coming Out Group for Men" at the Montrose Counseling Center. \$25. Call 529-0037 for info.

11/15 \* "Erotic Choices in Safer Sex" workshop by AFH. Call 623-6797 for info and times.

11/15 \* Larry Crawford's Art Exhibit at the Hyde Park Gallery.

11/16 \* "Blow Your Top" Men's Network at the Montrose Counseling Center. \$3 to \$5 donation requested but not required. Call Greg at 529-0037 for info.

11/17 \* NLA:H's "All You Can Eat" spaghetti dinner at the Venture-N.

11/17 \* Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Support Group meet tonight at the Montrose Library at 7:00 p.m. Call Pam at 980-7995 or Gordon at 861-0885 for info.

11/17 \* "Eating Right for the Holidays" workshop by AFH. Call 623-6796 for info and location.

11/18 \* Alpha 2 Omega fundraiser at

Ovations.

11/18 \* "AIDS and The Law"—Free seminar. Call Mitchell at 981-9595 for info.

11/18 \* "Interview With The Vampire" hits local theaters!

11/18 \* "Star Trek-Generations" opens at local theaters.

11/18 \* Full Moon "Buzz" Birthday party at the Venture-N.

11/19 \* Dignity/Houston's support group for Gay and Lesbian Catholics. Call 880-2872 for info.

11/19 \* Houston Wrestling Club practices at the Multi-Purpose Center. Call Larry at 453-7406 for info.

11/19 \* "Ms. Houston Leather 1994" contest. For info, call FIST at 522-4533.

11/19 \* Art Exhibit at the Crystal Dolphin, 3400 W. Lamar.

11/19 \* Houston Outdoor Group's (HOG) monthly "Check Us Out" social at 315 Travis. Call KAMPOUT-POUT for info.

11/19 \* "Demo" by the Brotherhood of Pain at the Ripcord. 10:00 p.m.

11/20 \* Grand Opening of the Dizinger Art Gallery at 214 Avondale.

11/20 \* RSICSS Variety show at Gentry.

11/21 \* Lambda Skate night at the Dairy Ashford Skate Rink. Call Keith at 933-5818 for info and directions.

11/21 \* Coalition of Colors and White People Healing Racism at MCCR. Call 861-9149 for info.

11/22 \* Names Project Volunteer meeting at 7:00 p.m. at 2410 Woodhead. Call 52-NAMES for info.

11/22 \* "Coming Out Group for Men" support group at the Montrose Counseling Center. \$25. Call 529-0037 for info and times.

11/22 \* "Erotic Choices in Safer Sex"—AFH workshop. Call 623-6797 for info.

11/23 \* Women's Network—a support group at the Montrose Counseling Center. \$3 to \$5 donation requested, but not required. Call Sue at 529-0037 for info.

11/24 \* Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) meets tonight. Call KAMPOUT for more info.

11/24 \* "Safer Sex in the Lesbian Community"—Seminar by AFH in conjunction with Nancy Ford's Comedy Act at Miss B's.

11/25 \* Act-Up Gulf Coast's general meeting at 7:00 p.m. at 3400 Montrose, suite 520. Call 529-9199 for info.

11/25 to 27 \* Texas Riders' Fall Round-Up 7. Call 439-0434 for info.

11/25 \* NLA:H's Kick-off "Toy Drive" for Kids with AIDS Benefit.

11/26 \* Dignity/Houston's support group for Gay and Lesbian Catholics. Call 880-2872 for more info.

11/28 \* "Fellowship Friday" at MCCR. Games and fun! 6:30 p.m. Call 861-9149 for info.

11/30 \* "Jewish Community Center Observes World AIDS Day" at the JCC. Call 729-3200, ext. 3281 for info.

12/02 \* Lady Victoria Lust's PWA Christmas.

12/03 \* NAMES Project Dedication Ceremony at the Menil. For info, call 52-NAMES.

12/04 \* "Miss Gentry" pageant.

12/08 \* Seminar hosted by NLA:H: "SM and the Law." For more info call 527-9666.

12/11 \* "Mister Gentry" contest.



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## Monday, Nov. 14

The Montrose Mining Company hosts a pool tournament tonight. The balls are racked at 8:00 p.m.

The Club Houston has half-price lockers tonight! Such a bargain. For \$5 you can rent a locker and enjoy all the facilities. The Club Houston has to offer, except Damion; he costs a little more!

## Tuesday, Nov. 15

Every Tuesday at the Gold Miners Bar has a Pool Tournament. It is only \$3 to enter and the winner takes all! The Gold Miners is located at 6909 FM 1960 West. Call 586-0664 for directions.

Kofi hosts Super Tuesday's at J.R.'s with \$1.75 well drinks and longnecks all night long! Kofi takes the stage at 11:00 p.m. to MC one of Houston's hottest jockey shorts contest, plus you have a chance to grab for cash at midnight!

Need a place to go for a cheap lunch? Lucy (of E/J's fame) grills hamburgers on the patio of Mary's, naturally, starting at 11:00 p.m. The flames flame until 4:00 p.m. It is only \$2 to beef up your buns and 25¢ more if you want cheese.

Meet me at Mary's for Cuervo!

## Wednesday, Nov. 16

White Hot Hump night at Pacific Street! Adrian plays the latest hits while the Lazer Wizard lights the dance floor. Sounds like a winning team to me!

Poor Dyan Michaels! She has to do it again! Making those boys take off their clothes! I'm soooo sorry! It must be tough! Be at Gentry at 10:30 p.m. and help "drag" her up on stage!

The Rainbow Wranglers dance at the Brazos River Bottom tonight starting at 7:00 p.m.

Sheila Lennon sings country sounds tonight at Chances. Chances is located right next to Charlie's Coffee Shop.

## Thursday, Nov. 17

The Brazos River Bottom has beginner dance lessons tonight starting at 8:30 p.m. Git on down to the River Bottom and learn how to boot, scoot, and boogie for free.

(Continued on following page)

Hi, guys!

## Houston Soap, Part 1

By CAROLYN LARSON  
Houston Voice/Houston



### Last Week:

We roasted and toasted Lady Victoria Lust at the Brazos River Bottom this past Monday night. This was a special event benefiting the LVL PWA Holiday fund and Lady V herself. At press time, they had raised \$3,498 for the PWA Fund and are still counting. The other fund was for Lady V to take a vacation! The hearts and wallets of all who love her donated \$1,243 for her trip to Florida! Lady V wants to thank everyone that participated! There was even a proclamation from Ann Richards to thank Lady V for all her hard work and dedication!! A special thanks from Don Gill (Mr. Everything) to everyone that donated time, money, and talents!

Max-I-Mum Productions presented a USO Military Show last Sunday at the Venture-N. A total (so far) of \$631 in cash, and a matching donation from LVL PWA Holiday Fund bringing the total cash raised to \$1261 and \$250 in toys were received. This was a benefit for the Loving Arms Foundation, a hospital for Children with AIDS. Don (Schnauzer) Dowden and Nancy (Bite Me!) Ford hosted this show, which featured a slue of entertainment! Congrats to all involved!

A delicious reception for Dr. James Nowlin of Houston Clinical Research Network was held at the Museum Restaurant this past Sunday!

A Benefit for Omega House held at the Venture-N a couple Sunday's ago raised almost \$800. Thanks to all who donated.

## Friday, Nov. 11

Don't want to drive into Montrose tonight? The Gold Miners Bar has a great drink special tonight! Power Hours run from 4:00 p.m. until midnight and a Long Island Ice Tea is only \$3.50. Julie makes them from scratch! Sounds as yummy as Julie is!

The finals are tonight for the Strip Contest at E/J's. Paivi makes the boys into men at 11:00 p.m. The stage will be bumping and grinding to find the winner!

Boy Toys! Gentry! 6:00

p.m. until 2:00 a.m.  
Need I say more?

## Saturday, Nov. 12

Talk about a cheap date! Take your date/mate to see Scotty on the patio of Mary's tonight for the "NEW" Steak night! \$4.50 gets you a 12 oz. T-bone, baker all-the-way, and a salad. No other bar in Montrose (that I know of) offers steak night on Saturday!

Gentry has a "NEW" drink special that starts today. \$1.50 for well drinks and longnecks from Noon until 5:00 p.m. This special also runs on Sundays! There is a fundraiser for the Q-Patrol tonight at the Venture-N. The "Jail Cell" is back. This is an opportunity to "lock-up" someone, and they have to donate to "get out." For only \$5 you can pre-purchase a "get out of jail free" card. The cell doors open at 9:00 p.m. and swing open until "light's out!"

The Penthouse is a delightful place to have dinner. They offer a scrumptious menu and on Saturday nights the sounds of Sass take the stage at 10:00 p.m.

The "Don's" are buzzing it off tonight at the Ripcord. They will be giving military haircuts in conjunction with the Four Seasons Military party. There is a minimum donation of \$8, which is being donated to Stone Soup. Don (Mr. Prime Choice 1988) Dowden and Don (Mr. Prime Choice 1994) Gill are ready to recruit you!

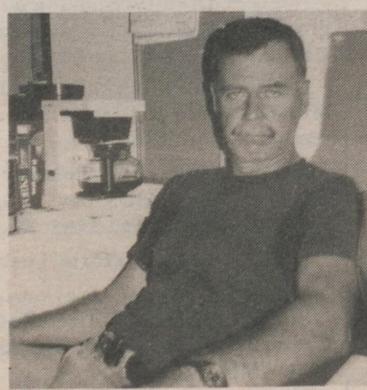
The soulful sounds of Susan Masar are filling the bar at Chances tonight. Be sure to stop in for a while.

## Sunday, Nov. 13

Don't burn your draft card! It just might get you into the Four Season's Military Party! Rich's will be the HQ! Join the troops at 5:00 p.m. for camp and dancing. "The Ravaged Revue" starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets



Scary looking group!



Not a happy camper



Looking for "trouble" at the Gold Miners

# Sealed With A Kiss

## Cheap thrills at the Club; important updates, birthdays and trash



Lee and David of The Ripcord fame

### Houston Soap, Part 2

The Club Houston has slashed their prices today. For only \$5 you can get a locker, \$7.50 gets you a room, and \$10 gets you a room with a view, a video room, that is! Leave it to Damion to make it cheap! Oh, yeah, make a special request for the "sugar cookie" room!

### Other Important Stuff

The Houston Chapter of People Exchanging Power (PEP) meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. For more info, please call 787-9586 or 947-8993.

Pacific Street has an indoor Pulse machine! It is safe and convenient!

Mark your calendars for the art show opening of Kermit Eisenhut, local Houston artist and designer of "Voices for Life" and tons of other works. Pick up an invitation from Kermit or your favorite bartender at Rich's. The show starts on Nov. 19th.

Keep those calendars open! Don Gill is doing it again! "A Night in Black Leather" will be on Jan. 21. There is a special guest MC, Larry Arbo, Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1990 and a dear friend. This will be a fundraiser for Soiree Aubergine.

A warm welcome to Michael Smother, the new show director at Cousins!

I have a list of Happy Hour times for the Brazos River Bottom. They are: Monday—all day/all night; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday—7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.; Thursday—7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.; Sunday—Noon 'till 5:00 p.m. Don't forget about the daily "Blue Light" specials!

I have heard the show currently running at the Skyline Theater, "Divine...Portrait of a Sex Goddess," is absolutely fantastically hilarious! The show runs until Nov. 19th. Call 759-0701 for show times and reservations. The Skyline Theater is located at 1617 Fannin, 9th floor.

Start your Christmas shopping off early. The Crystal Dolphin at 3400 W.



Having fun at the 611

Lamar has a great selection of gift items and a new shipment of t-shirts!

A good time is guaranteed at 1-45 North News and Video! I have passed by there many times and have seen lots of 18-wheelers parked in the lot! One of them looked very familiar!

Mark Scheen has had an art show at the Venture-N for the past several weeks! He donated 10% of his gross sales to Pet Patrol! Way to go Mark. I look forward to seeing your next show!

The Penthouse has changed their Happy Hour hours. They start at 4:00 p.m. and go all

night long, every night except Friday and Saturday. Something else new they are having male "playmates" for your entertainment! Tuesday thru Saturday nights! Call The Penthouse to find out the time! Also new for the Penthouse, they ask you to come experience the new lights and sounds and be ready to dance the night away with their new DJ. I'll tell you more as soon as I find out about it!

### Birthday Corner

Or should I call this Birthday Coro-



One ugly drag queen!

ner? Happy 65th birthday to Miss Alabama, who is changing her name (since we never know who she is going to be with from one minute to the next.) I think "Wonder Women" might be appropriate.

Birthday wishes to Jon Sims, Robert Espinoza, Doug Barnes, Richard Mendez and David Snyder all of the Montrose Mining Company. Be sure to stop in and buy them a shot or twenty!

A special birthday wish to my own little Ratrat. He is one year old!

A "Happy Anniversary" to JT (one UGLY drag queen) and Jeff. Three years and still going strong! Another Happy Anniversary to our own Tad and the Trucker! Congrats!

Another Birthday wish to David Miller!

### Dirt, Lies And Trash!

You know the drill! This section of Houston Soap is strictly fictional. I might not personally hear or see what is written about! Caution; I have spies all over town!

First off, I would like to thank the Mary's "table" at the IVL Roast for kidnapping my "book" and holding it for ransom! Just because I tattle on you "guys" a little is NO reason to steal my gossip records!! Blackmail will not work, so look out. Ya'll are gonna be victims a lot more than you ever would have expected!

Scotty (Mary's): Which "reject" button did you hit?

Gaye (Mary's): Why do you require that Devin keep his nuts on the bar? Gosh, we have all seen them WAY too many times!

Dyan Michaels: Just how many times do you want to be crowned Miss Cousins? Haven't you won that coveted title over 20 times already?

Brittany Paige: Who are your special guests for the Saturday Super Show? There is this thing called a "deadline." Every newspaper in the world has one, and so do we! It is MONDAY, at 1:00 p.m.

Jim (Penthouse): Why do you want to borrow my copy of John Wayne Bobbit's new movie "Uncut?"

Miss Vera (BRB): I hear your husband is back from finishing school, and it just brings tears to JoAnn's eyes...

Bruno: I heard you fell asleep in the bookstore parking lot in full drag! That is not the way to find a "husband" for the night; You are supposed to fall asleep after, not before!

Frankie (Chances): How did you get 27 inches?

Bar Wilson: Heard about you going home and playing "dress-up!" What did you dress up as?

To Will from Meg (Mary's): "I'm better looking, have a smaller butt, and no gut!"

Thumper (BRB): What is this about you scratching your shoulder and thinking you look butch? No way!



What a cute couple!!

Armand (Ripcord): Yes, honey, they have remembered the parking spaces at Mary's!

Marlene (Chances): You do "do it all..." sweeping the parking lot, picking up trash and scrubbing the floor! Go Fig!

Roger (Charlies): I heard you got a first "bite" look at Gerald's (E/J's) new teeth, up close and personal! It is nice they come out for cleaning!

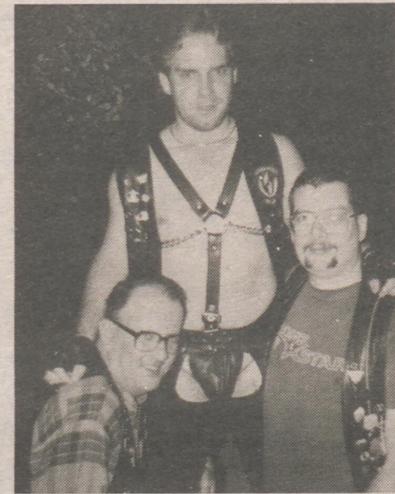
Ron Sioux (Cousins): I heard you got a new set of teeth! How come they are stain-less steel?

Kenny Lee (MSL): So you haven't been to work in how many days? If you are trying to keep up with me, good luck!

Devin (Mary's): I saw you and d'Artagnan sucking face at Mary's last Tuesday! d'Artagnan, I thought you had better taste than that! Devin has been known to scare away Wilma's customers with just a lick! I also hear that you are available in finer department stores EVERYWHERE!!

Rocky (Gentry): What did you and Patty (Jim) do on your date last Tuesday? AND THE ROCKY WATCH IS OVER!!

Vanna (Gentry): Guarding the door at the BRB



On your knees again!

Yes, both of our "Hubbys" taste dellick-ous. I wish I had a tape measure with me to get an accurate inch measurement! It truly was a "tie!"

Miss Keever (TWT): What were David (Firedancers) and Vanna (Gentry) doing in the bathroom together?

Jerry (Mary's): So you don't know how to unscrew/open an orange juice container! Next time, learn how to change the juice canisters so you don't have to send someone to Kroger for juice!

Debbie (Berry Hill II): How did you lose Ann's white Siberian Husky? I sure hope they find her!

Timmy Todd (Mary's): How come you were the only sober person at the Mary's table?

JT (PS): Your "charity-immunity" has just worn off!

Widow Watson: Did you think no one would notice your version of the Texas Chainsaw massacre?

David (Venture-N): Marlene (Chances) is still holding one of your "employees" hostage, and is making "it" wear a wig!

Congrats to the Gold Miners' "Rack Runners" winning the 1st place trophy in the American Pool League's tournament!

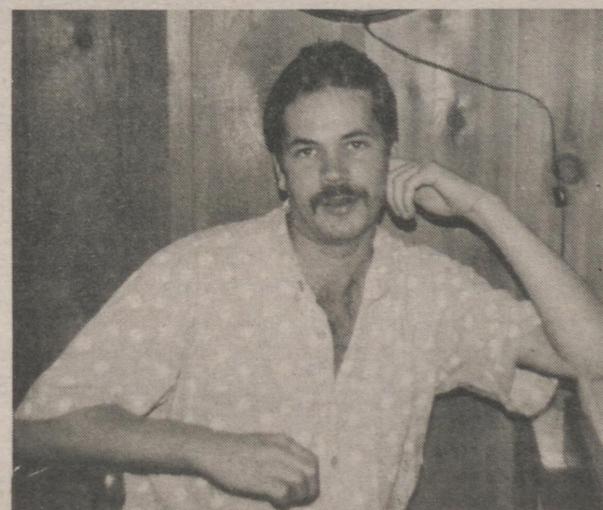
Pottygate #10: Advice from the "Cuervoed!": The best way to get your pager out of a flushed toilet in the bathroom of the BRB is to get the manager on duty to get a plunger!

OK, hope your fatigues are pressed and ready to go for this Veteran's Day weekend! Be ready to "take orders" and "salute" a lot this weekend! I'm not sure I know how to take orders, but I'm real good at "giving" them!

Hugs and Salutes

Cuervolyn

P.S. from guess who: Where was Cuervolyn praying last weekend? Heard the porcelain goddess answered some of her prayers but not the one about "Please don't tell Jim!"



## National and international news briefs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Columbus, Ohio**

An Ohio State University student was removed from a trustees meeting after yelling at the board and demanding an explanation for its position on insurance for live-in partners of students.

"We die, and you do not care!" shouted Marc Conte, a graduate student and treasurer of the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance, a student organization.

University police escorted Conte from the meeting room. He was not arrested, and no charges were filed.

Conte was among about a dozen students seeking an explanation Friday of the insurance policy.

A student panel in June recommended a new insurance plan that included extending benefits to the live-in partners of students. The students would pay for the additional coverage.

The board rejected the idea. It had previously turned down a proposal by OSU President Gordon Gee to allow same-sex couples to reside in housing for married students.

**Twin Falls, Idaho**

Idaho's anti-gay initiative backers have enlisted the help of an

anti-Mormon filmmaker to promote Proposition 1, according to election-finance reports.

The Idaho Citizens Alliance has broadcast and distributed hundreds of anti-gay videotapes from Jeremiah Films, a California-based fundamentalist Christian organization that also makes "documentaries" about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The church denounces the films, which charge that homosexuals have infiltrated the Mormon leadership. Those films include "The God Makers," "The Mormon Dilemma," and "Joseph Smith and the Temple of Doom."

Jeremiah Films last year released an anti-gay program called "Gay Rights—Special Rights." The alliance has used the video in its television commercials.

The money came from its Family Political Action Committee, according to finance reports. Alliance officials say they do not endorse Jeremiah Films' anti-Mormon message.

Brian Bergquist, chairperson of the No On One coalition against the initiative, said the film shows the alliance will use "vicious propaganda" to win.

**New York**

David Feinberg, a writer and AIDS activist, has died. He was 37.

Feinberg died on Wednesday at his home in Manhattan, and the cause was AIDS, said Wayne Kawadler, a friend.

His two fictional works, "Eighty-Six" and "Spontaneous Combustion," documented the devastation of gay life in New York by the AIDS epidemic. A collection of essays, "Queer and Loathing: Rants and Raves of a Raging AIDS Clone," is to be published in three weeks by Viking.

Feinberg joined the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power in 1987 and was arrested half a dozen times at demonstrations sponsored by the group, including the disruption of Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1989.

But in a speech delivered last month, he complained that ACT UP "wastes precious time bickering" and "indulges its obsession with the Catholic Church" at a time when he wanted "every argument and action to help save my life."

Feinberg was born in Lynn, Mass. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978 and received a master's degree in linguistics from New York University in 1981. That year, he began working for the

Modern Language Association in New York.

He is survived by his mother, Betty, and sister, Lynn Harris, both of Syracuse.

**Ottawa**

The Supreme Court of Canada heard arguments Tuesday on whether an elderly gay couple—together for 46 years—should be eligible for federal spousal pension benefits.

"It's the capstone of a lifetime of gay activism," said 73-year-old James Egan of Courtenay, British Columbia.

Egan, who began getting his pension in 1986, applied for spousal benefits for his partner, John Nesbit, 67.

Spouses of pensioners can get an allowance—now a maximum of \$687.88 (about \$516 U.S.) a month—if they are aged 60 to 64 and the couple's yearly income is less than \$20,688 (\$15,516 U.S.).

Ottawa refused Egan's request, saying the Old Age Security Act defines spouse as someone of the opposite sex. The couple lost their case in a split decision last year at the Federal Court of Appeal, but have appealed to the top court.

The court, following its usual practice, was not expected to rule for several months.

**Omaha, Neb.**

University officials may take action after a group of faculty and staff members voted to exclude gay and lesbians from protection under a nondiscrimination policy approved for a 4-H youth camp.

The 4-H camp near Gretna operates under the guidance of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Southeast Research and Extension Center and is geared primarily towards children.

Last week, a group of university faculty members and extension center staff voted to strip the term "sexual orientation" from a nondiscrimination policy that was adopted for the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center, the Omaha World-Herald reported in its Tuesday edition.

The camp's nondiscrimination policy now conflicts with that of UNL, which may force university officials to take action.

"I'm not sure what will happen at this point, but I think it will be revisited," said DeLynn Hay, interim director of the Southeast Research and Extension Center.

Hay said he did not know whether the people who govern the UNL 4-H camp had the right to remove the term from the camp's non-discrimination policy.

**Employee alleges Oakland department store fired her because she is gay**

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Nov. 8 (AP)—A former I. Magnin employee accused of stealing said she was fired because she is involved in an interracial lesbian relationship.

Sharris Davis, a former cosmetics saleswoman, and her girlfriend, the head of security at the chain's Oakland store, have filed a \$1 million lawsuit which seeks lost wages and emotional distress.

Davis, 29, who is black, worked in the cosmetics department for two years. She claims in her suit that store security searched her Oakland apartment, which she shares with her girlfriend, in Nov. 1993 then fired her because she is a lesbian.

Her live-in partner, Myra Williams, 34, who is white, quit soon after.

In a release issued Monday, San Francisco-based I. Magnin denied claims

the store trespassed, invaded the couple's privacy or fired Davis because she is a lesbian. Spokesperson Shirley Wilson said the department store had not yet seen the lawsuit.

"I. Magnin does not tolerate discrimination based upon sexual orientation or any other form of discrimination," the release said. "It is premature to comment further at this time."

The suit, filed Friday in Alameda County Superior Court, alleges that I. Magnin secretly investigated the women, including installing a secret video camera in Williams' office, when other employees at the store discovered the couple lived together.

It claims store security hoped to find stolen store merchandise in the women's apartment and use that as an excuse to fire them. But the search turned up nothing.

**AIDS researchers, public health community divided over structure**

By A.J. HOSTETLER  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

ATLANTA, Saturday, Nov. 5 (AP)—As the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grapples with how to fight the spread of AIDS, critics say the agency's approach thwarts the efforts of its own scientists.

A panel of public-health experts recently took the most extensive look at the CDC's AIDS activities since 1986. They said that the current system may be "dysfunctional," forcing researchers to compete against each other for money and obscuring the chain of command.

"Restructuring is long overdue," said Thomas Coates, director of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California, San Francisco.

The CDC's AIDS efforts are spread among 10 offices, concentrating on who's infected and where the virus is spreading, and on prevention and public education.

Coates and numerous other AIDS researchers complained that the arrangement not only leaves them confused, but holds up prevention efforts when responsibilities weren't clear.

While the panel called for change, others said the CDC must protect the creative collaborations that can arise from sprinkling AIDS researchers throughout its centers.

The outside reviewers, drawn from

public health experts around the country and from the CDC's AIDS advisory committee, examined aspects of the agency's efforts to slow the spread of HIV, the AIDS virus.

"It was hard to know who was doing what," said Dr. Don Des Jarlais of New York's Beth Israel Medical Center, recalling his attempts to find who to work with at the CDC on studies of intravenous drug use and AIDS.

Those aren't the only problems, critics said.

Coates said the CDC often is slow on following through. After learning that young gay men were taking sexual risks, it took the CDC a couple of years to try to examine why.

"All of this should happen more quickly and more seamlessly," he said.

The CDC's current system "has helped educate the CDC about AIDS, but hasn't helped educate the United States public about AIDS," charged Dr. Richard Marlink, executive director of the Harvard AIDS Institute. "It's not treated as a war, with a chain of command... They've watched it grow. They've learned a lot about it, but they haven't turned the tide."

Even as the panel was working on its report, the CDC took that criticism to heart. Earlier this year, it started a new TV and radio campaign that goes beyond the public service announcements that were censored by Congress.

The new campaign uses condoms for

the first time, and targets people ages 18 to 25. Condoms are the single best method for preventing sexually transmitted diseases.

That AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease creates its own bureaucratic problems.

The CDC, which lumps much of its AIDS efforts with sexually transmitted diseases, could move AIDS to its own department, or put it with other infectious diseases. That would recognize AIDS' link with factors such as intravenous drug use or tuberculosis, and would strengthen the spotlight on AIDS, Marlink and others say.

"The CDC has lacked clarity of mission," said Cornelius Baker of the National Association of Persons with AIDS, who contributed to the review of the CDC. Without a clearly defined plan, the CDC's message on AIDS—how to prevent infection—gets lost to the public, he said.

Those working directly with the public—at city or state health departments and with community groups that provide AIDS services—say the CDC's structure has thwarted their partnerships with the agency. Those in position to set policy and to fund projects were reluctant to work with them over the past decade, said Dennis Whalen, head of the New York State Department of Health's AIDS Institute and a member of the CDC's review panel.

The CDC also jumped to change that. In

January, it announced a program aimed at helping communities develop AIDS prevention programs.

The CDC's director, Dr. David Satcher, said he will act soon on the panel's suggestion.

One AIDS researcher, epidemiologist Dr. Alfred Saah of Johns Hopkins' School of Public Health, said he feared that changing the agency's structure would damage the collaboration that arises when specialists from different fields work together to create scientific breakthroughs.

"Part of its strength is that fluidity," he said. "The real goal here is to help the CDC perform its mission effectively."

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, says that as the epidemic moves from gay men to intravenous drug users and to women, the CDC's current structure allows it to adapt, drawing on researchers from the entire agency.

Reorganizing the CDC's AIDS efforts would be a huge undertaking, reshuffling both people and money. AIDS accounts for 23 percent of the CDC's \$2 billion budget, and some offices could be decimated if they lose their AIDS resources, said Dr. James Curran, the CDC's associate director for HIV/AIDS.

Curran, who has not said what action he favors, would be among the first affected by a reorganization.

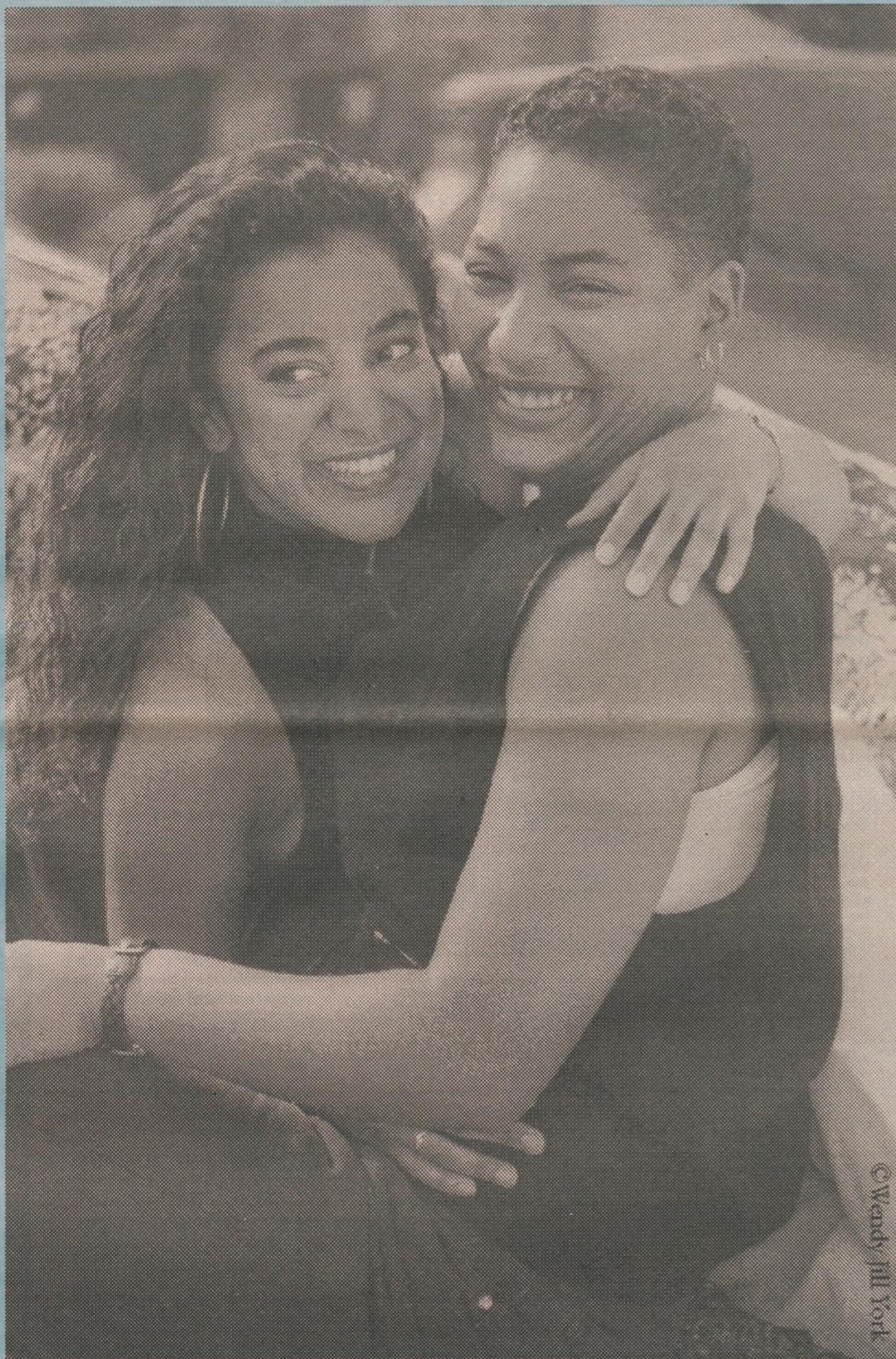
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Houston **SOUTHWEST AREA-** GWM bim seeking bodybuilder buddy and more, #10624

Houston **POLITICALLY CORRECT:** David, 5'11, 170, blnd/blu, like 2 meet 18-35, I'm 35, movies, beach-like 2 meet someone who feels we can make a difference, white hisp or asian, like to meet a buddy-w/sim values- #10669

Houston **RUB TWO STICKS TOGETHER-James,** 6', brn/blu must hairy body 30, 160 btm looking to have a hot time w/somebody- #10728

Houston **MONTROSE AREA-** 42, med hairy, clean shaven, 5'9 170, gdlk prof'l WM like good long sex, clean honest and interested, give me a call- #10794

Houston **A HOUSE, BUT NOT A HOME:** 55 y/o BM 5'9, 162, devout prt, masc indiv pref the same, masc only, travel homeowner, non smoker, pref the same-pref 5'10 6'6 wt proportionate to height- #10815

Houston **ATTN ALL DELINQUENTS:** Hi, Mike, int in boys that need correction, 5'7 work out w/weights, fit into dom and spanking, looking for boys 18-35 who want to play- #10896

Houston **HONEST** and sincere guy, new in town from Kansas City, looking for rel are you out there? 40 slim like to cuddle, strictly oral looking for slim WM 32-42 honesty and sincerity, if this sounds good, give me a call- #11139

Houston **I MISS THE PRETZELS!** Andy, 24, Asian, nice looking, very smooth body, just want to get to know someone, new to area, from Philly, live near Astrodome area, educated, looking for someone similar- #11152

Houston **JOHN** 24, hisp male, 5'8, 154, give me a call- #11278

Houston **SPOT ME, WILL YA?** David, like to get together with some White, Hisp or Asian males, blnd/blue 5'11 170, like to work out with you, alot of int, hope you do too- #10669

Houston **YOUNG HISPANIC:** 5'8, 21, want to have fun with same age, outgoing, and masculine- like to dance and have fun- #11335

Houston **A GOOD TIGHT END:** Ray, 41 BM like to hear from males 18-30 awesome musc build, football player, any race or nationality- #15597

Houston **DOOKIE?** Chris, 20, 5'10 210, musc, brn/brn, listen 2 tapes & CDs & local music shows, play guitar, Morrisey, Green Day stuff U hear on Ktrve- looking 4 intell person, kinda honest & shy, if it works out maybe a rel- #11422

Houston **LEE,** looking for new friends only- 6'1 bm 162 Swimmers build, give me a call- #4701

Houston **JOHN,** 23, 5'11, btm take chrg, like wrestling, masc good body non smoker looking 4 WM or HM masc acting & looking w/ a good body, 6'+ 20-45 lkg 4 a good time, look forward to meeting new people- #11788

Houston **YODELAHEOO!** bi wm, self employed, prof'l btm looking for a handsome masculine discreet top 35-50 to be a real stable friend, if ur that type of person give me a holler #12020

Houston **IF I KNEW YOU WERE COMING I'D HAVE BAKED A CAKE:** David, 6' 145, brn/blu, like quiet nights, reading, cooking, and spending time w' friends, like to get to know and be a friend poss more- #12044

Houston **GALLERIA AREA:** attr GAM 28 5'8 145, into health and fitness prof'l swimmer, musc, looking for attr or GHM, GAM or GWM for friendship poss #12244

Houston **NO ATTITUDE!** Lee, GBM iso a nice young gm for friendship 23-27 pref a nice build good pers, masc not arrogant or rude- #12262

Houston **..AND OPPOSABLE THUMBS:** James, WM blk curly hair, dk eyes, looking for someone who's 18-25 nice body mature manly, likes to have fun, stand on two feet looking for long term rel- #12395

Houston **LYNN** looking for a BM who's int in music quiet times, exercising, and enjoys theatre as well-lkg for 25-45- #12458

Houston **JEREMY** 20 looking for GHM 20-30 to tame me, like to go out and have fun, poss rel - #12623

Houston **JIM,** looking for someone to get together and party with, gdlkg, 165, 6' smooth looking for sim, who works out and likes to have a good time- #12660

Houston **LOOKING FOR A BARE BEAR:** James, 28 hisp male, very gdlkg, want to meet other hisp or white guys should be hairy, active and masc and attr- #12673

Houston **OK, BUT TAKE OFF THE MOUSE EARS:** Ross, 42, under 35, lv your name and phone number- want someone who will appreciate you, give me a call- bowl, fish, like Disney World, things like that give me a call- #2460

Houston **GHM** 32, 5'11, 190, good shape, looking to meet in my area- #3970

Houston **SIDE STROKE:** Joe, 27, 5'10 145, GAM like movies, dining out, football, swimming, 20-35 swimmers build- give me a call- #8673

Houston **OK, PROVE IT TO ME:** Doug, gdlkg WM 26, masc, boy next door type of guy- played sports and have the body to prove it, 5'8 153, want to meet a gdlkg masc under 35, built, athletic body- #9027

Houston **SOUTHEASTERN AREA:** Daniel, looking to meet other guys in the area 32, 6', 195 blk/brn clean shaven- #9406

Houston **USE MY IMAGINATION:** Mike, 6' 200, real new at this, looking for

someone to show me the way, willing to try anything- #9430

Houston **BOY TOY:** Mike, musc fit, daddy, looking for a boy (18+) to play with, leave me a message- what you're interested in- #9446

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Houston **I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND:** Hi, WM enjoy men's company, make them happy, want to feel good, let me be the one to help you! #9479

Houston **IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY?** Pete, 25, 5'9 130, musc, lkg for someone to have fun with, and fun only- #9516

gles or couples for fun and adventure- #10035

Houston **DARRELL,** 27, BM int in meeting other BM quiet eves, music, movies, biking bowling, give me a call- #10176

Houston **8 SECONDS OR MORE!** Jack, lonely cowboy if you are int in being ridden, or someone to ride I'm your man, if you'd like you can wear a saddle, into motorcycles, int in big buckles-you know what I mean- #10527

Houston **GOOD THINGS IN SMALL PACKAGES:** 5'10, 160, gd shape, cyclist, lkg for someone shorter, small, cute, good body smart, nice, not jealous, West Houston area is definite + #34545

N. Houston **HEY,WHAT'S UP GUYS?** David, 24, looking for someone my age or younger 5'7 145 green/blnd,also looking for someone around my build- #8825

N. Houston **A FIRM HAND:** John, 6' 150, dk brn/brn must goatee, 36, like to be spanked and disciplined looking for 20-30 yrs old- #9095

Houston **MONTROSE AREA,** 32 5'11 185, looking to meet some new fun people- hisp dk/dk mustache in good shape- #3970

Houston **COVER GUY:** Robert handsome tp man GWM, 6'3, 195, masc, musc, work out reg- hairy chest, mustache been on the cover of TWIT magazine lots of fun- seeking smooth btm hisp or Asian males 18-45 for safe clean fun and friendship- #8145

Houston **GWM 23** enjoy fishing camping, movies, looking for a friend someone to talk to - something intimate, but one step at a time- #6220

Houston **ANDY,** Asian, young, smart, educated, smooth, like to have a new friend here- #7007

Houston **24, GWM** 6'1 brn/blu 185 lkg for a built GHM or GWM 25-30 if you're one of these guys, call me- #7009

Houston **RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW:** GWM 32, Tom, really new to area, 5'7 135, brn/grn like alt music, alt culture, dancing, going out, looking for someone int to date, go out with- #7200

Houston **DUDES!** WM 5'11, 170, smooth, well proportioned, long blond hair-blue eyes, like music of all kinds, going to the beach, outdoors, want someone special, you must be height/weight proportioned, built a + #7350

Houston **HARD HATS:** Hank, 36 6' 150, dk brn/brn must, goatee, vers masc, construction worker looking for sim guys in the area- #7714

Houston **ONE ON ONE (OR TWO):** Charlie, 5'7, 150, btm, looking for a few top men- Galleria Area-Singles and couples- #8019

Houston **27 GWM** 6'4 215, looking for that one special man in the area, built - if you're willing to give me all you've got- #8173

Houston **GM** 5'10 175, 30w lean, musc, mid 30's looking for younger, work out, for good safe times- #8266

Houston **LANCE,** 6'1 love outdoors, and sports, looking for a great friendship with someone- #8308

Houston **JE PARLE FRANCAIS:** gdlk GM 26 5'8 160, great body Irish/Spanish, looking for built dudes, 25-35 pref jock types, french active- #8402

Houston **ALAN** 27 blnd/blu lkg for someone to show me around, like outdoors, hiking camping, rafting, biking, movies and hanging out- UB 27-32 masc well built- #1514

Houston **SAVING ALL MY LOVE FOR YOU:** Dana 26 GBM 6'1 205 + currently seeking a GBM for a rel-someone to give my love to and have fun with if looking for the same masc only, call! #2071

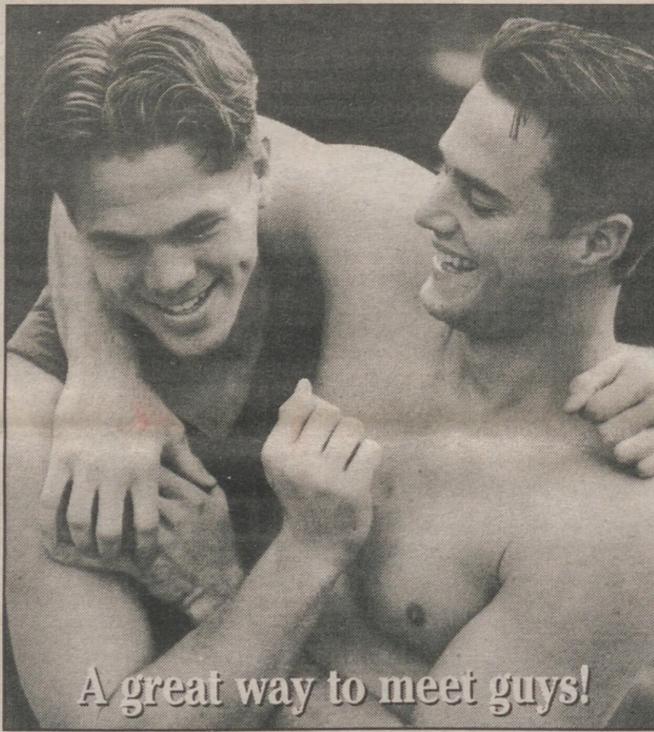
Houston **SEE ME LIVE:** Dave late 20's uninhibited, lkg for hisp asian or white mid 20's built toned, likes to work out, go to beach, rock concerts- #2083

Houston **OPEN HOUSE:** Bob new to Houston area GWM 37, Real Estate business, seeking stable, secure 31-40 GWM for friendship, sightseeing, maybe more long term, spending time with a real special guy #2143

Houston **THAT COULD BE INTERESTING:** Jeff 6'2 150 interested in a rel- int are sports, nightclubbing and whatever else comes my way- #2276

Houston **ON THE KITCHEN TABLE, I BET:** Hi looking for rel 20,5'9 love people who are outgoing, spontaneous and honest in a relationship- #2381

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Houston **PUMP IT UP:** Ray, 40 GBM lkg for strong bonding w/males 18-30, muscular super power lifter, rock hard muscle, call me anytime- any race or nationality- #15597

Houston **GWM** 5'10 170, 30w, lean guy, masc well built lkg for sim GWM 25-35, late 30's looking for masc in shape guys- #9973

Houston **GALLERIA AREA:** Tom, 24, 160 5'11, brn/blu gdlkg, seeking GBM 21-30 for friendship, poss rel, dining out movies all that good stuff, clubs dancing- #10237

Houston **NORTH HOUSTON:** David, 21, 5'7 145 green/blnd, tp looking for a hot btm my age or younger- #10245

Houston **RICKY,** college student 22, 5'10 150, dk/brn attr, looking for someone the same age 18-25 lv a message thanks- #10323

Houston **DAVID** 21, GWM 5'7 145, green/blnd lkg for someone to get together with maybe more-someone in the area, my age or little younger- #9987

Houston **GREENWAY PLAZA-** David, 29 WM 5'6 135 brn grn built, seeking sin-

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## Indiana state representative criticized for remarks

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sunday, Nov. 6 (AP)—State Rep. Woody Burton, who led opposition to a center for homosexuals at Indiana University, has been scolded by a Jewish organization for remarks he made after an campus meeting last month.

Burton's remarks came during a news conference at IU Oct. 6 in which he expressed his opposition to a proposed office for gay, lesbian and bisexual students at IU. Burton, R-Greenwood, maintained that IU should not fund what he called a "special interest" group.

The offending remark came when, in response to a student question, Burton said he believed it was possible to identify Jewish people by physical characteristics.

Burton has apologized for offending anyone.

The regional office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith, which is in Columbus, Ohio, called the remarks "especially distressing."

"We believe there are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every public official in the United States has a moral obligation to observe and uphold," regional director Alan Katchen wrote in the letter sent to Burton and released to the media.

"Statements such as the ones you made at IU not only detract from these principles but are inherently divisive and serve only to reinforce bigotry," the letter said. "It is especially distressing when remarks of this kind are made by a person who is in a public position such as yours."

The letter went on to chastise Burton for making such remarks on the campus of a state university.

"What can our young people think when an official is willing to classify minority groups according to certain alleged physical characteristics?" the letter said.

Burton, who is running unopposed for re-election to the state House, said he recalled the incident but couldn't remember what he said word-for-word. It came in a "back-and-forth volley" about hate crime and people who focus attention on themselves, he said.

"One of the things I want to stress here, is if I said anything to offend anyone, I want to make a public apology," Burton told the Herald-Times of Bloomington during a telephone interview Friday.

Asked Friday if he thought it was possible to identify Jews by physical characteristics, Burton said no.

Burton said there are Jewish people who dress in such a way as to be distinguishable as Jews, such as people in New York City "who wear their hair long and the dark hats and have let their beards grow." He was referring to Hasidic Jews.

In short, Burton said his intent was to say there were people, including everyone from members of the Ku Klux Klan to homosexuals, who can act or dress in such a way as to draw attention to themselves.

Burton said he stands by his opposition to public funding for the IU office, saying that gays and lesbians are a special interest group. But he said anyone who attacks or harasses a homosexual should be arrested and punished.

"I grew up in the Brightwood neighborhood in Indianapolis, which was a mix of everything you can think of," Burton said. "My best friends were Jewish, Catholic, black people."

In a news release that accompanied Burton's comments, he said he has been accused of being "homophobic, anti-Semitic, a bigot and even a neo-Nazi."

He denied such accusations in the release, saying they "are nothing more than shoddy attempts to draw attention away from the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Office issue."

A supporter of the center said Sunday that Burton's remarks helped explain his opposition to the center.

"It confirmed for me my belief that this issue is about more than prejudice against gays, lesbians and bisexuals," said IU doctor student Carol Guess, a member of the Lesbian Avengers coalition.

"I think that Woody Burton is relying on racist and anti-Semitic logic to deny a center for gay, lesbian and bisexual students."

A week after the conference, IU announced it would withdraw public money for the office and fund it with private donations instead.



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## LOOKING FOR YOU

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GHM, 37, br/br, 6'1", 180lbs., w/h proportionate, professional, affectionate, smoker, light drinker. Enjoy bicycling, outdoors, sports, movies, dining in, quiet evenings at home and various other interests. Not into living at the bars. Seeks sincere GWM, emotionally stable, kind heart, not into game playing and a sense of humor for friendship and possible relationship. Ad 25655

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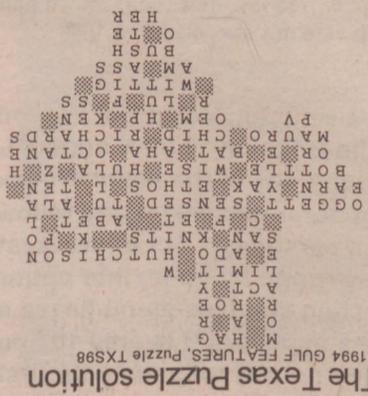
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2 witch  
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17 Spanish adjective for holy  
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21 field officer, abbrev.  
23 movie creature  
24 help

27 Tereas, GOP, comp-troller loser  
33 felt mentally  
36 2nd day of the workweek, abbrev.

37 Cotton State, abbrev.  
39 receive as a return for service  
40 chatter

42 complex of ideals that pervade a people  
44 longest Interstate highway in Texas, 878 miles  
45 container, usually glass  
46 Texas county with De-catur as seat

47 Polynesian dance  
50 conjunction for an alternative  
51 stick or club  
52 interjection used to express surprise  
53 hydrocarbon

55 initial names: Albert Einstein, Prince Valiant

56 Garry, Demo, land office commissioner winner  
58 reproved  
60 Ann, Demo, now to be ex-governor

61 newspaper comic strip hero  
62 original equipment manufacturer, abbrev.  
63 horsepower, abbrev.

64 range of understanding  
65 half of a lulu  
67 steamship, abbrev.

68 Don, GOP, atty. gen. loser  
71 exist  
72 related to the horse

73 George W., GOP, governor-elect  
74 symbol for ele- ment tellurium, occurring naturally with gold, used in refin-

as capital, abbrev.  
13 a lot of the 20th letter of the alphabet  
14 nickname for Nixon's onetime boss

34 not one or the other  
35 perform  
38 H.J. (Tex), GOP, lt. gov. loser  
41 German-born American theoretical physicist Einstein, initials ("If you are out to describe

the truth, leave elegance to the tailor.")  
43 John, Demo, comp-troller winner  
46 home of Baylor University  
48 hurts  
49 he is, contraction  
54 changes hide into leather  
55 state with Bismarck as capital, abbrev.  
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3 Marta, GOP, land office commissioner loser  
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8 a division of the psyche  
9 Martha, Demo, state treasurer winner  
12 state with Salt Lake City

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18 type of electric current, abbrev.  
20 bird homes  
22 symbol for chemical element iron  
24 positioned  
25 Bob, Demo, lt. gov. winner  
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DOUG, lives in Houston area. 5'11", 175 lbs, 29" waist, 17" arms, very muscular. I work out a lot! You must also. Looking for muscular guys for a good time. I like to wrestle! Mail Box 1291

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GM, black hair, black eyes, looking to meet new friends. Mail Box 1639

JOHN, new to Houston, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, looking for real men. I am a former college football player. Mail Box 1678

JIM, 45 years old, looking for younger friends for companionship. Mail Box 1719

GENE, GBM, 6'2", 225 pounds, in good shape with hairy balls and dick. Looking for someone under 35 for good times. Mail Box 1746

LITTLE SAM, 5'10", 145 lbs, short blond hair, moustach, hairy, 7" uncut dick. I'm into hot sex and leather. Mail Box 1787

ANDY, New to Houston. 25 year old highly educated Asian. New to scene, looking for a teacher. Mail Box 1819

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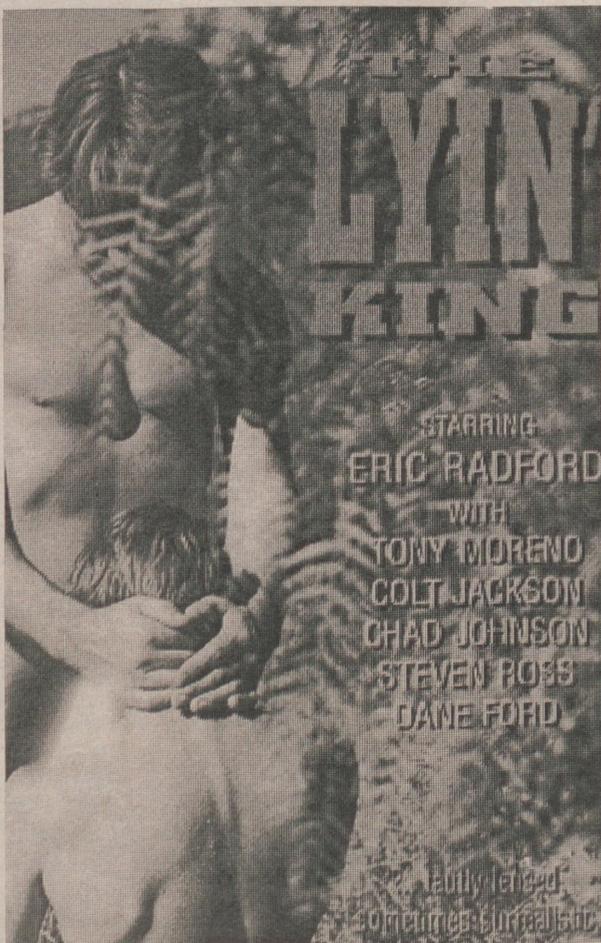
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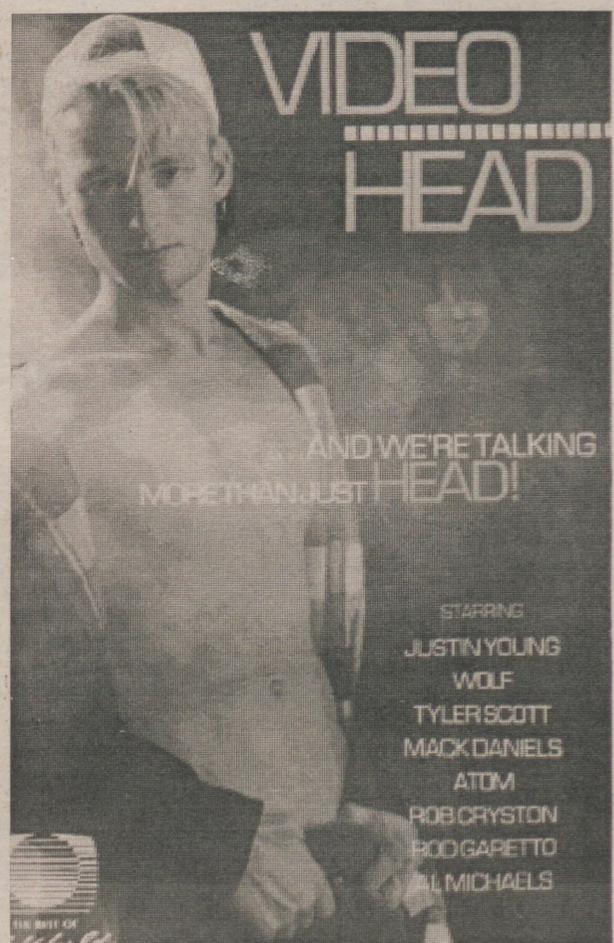
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## Israel stunned by AIDS carrier's reported campaign of vengeance

By DAN PERRY

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

TEL AVIV, Israel, Monday, Nov. 7 (AP)—An AIDS-infected professor spent the last year of his life advertising for sex, spreading the deadly virus and videotaping the men he slept with in a macabre act of vengeance, police say.

The man, Yeshayahu Demner, was found murdered a week ago.

Demner's hundreds of potential victims may have included Palestinians, U.S. sailors and his students from the Technion engineering university, police investigators told The Associated Press today.

But there was no evidence Demner sought to infect Arabs or members of any specific group, said police sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Police suspect the engineering professor—described by students as a reserved, kindly man—was bludgeoned to death by a man he infected with the AIDS virus.

The case has stunned Israel, with gay activists fearing their struggle for acceptance in a conservative society has been set back years. Some lawmakers pressed for a crackdown against people with AIDS.

The story broke when police, alerted by colleagues that Demner was missing for two days, burst into his apartment a

week ago to discover his naked body on the couch with marks on his head from being struck.

David Tuval, the detective in charge of the case, said documents showed Demner discovered he had HIV, the sexually transmittable virus that leads to AIDS, in Sept. 1993.

Demner then reportedly began advertising for sex. His phone message box solicited "active partners" and noted that "age and color don't matter," the Yedioth Aharonoth daily newspaper said.

Police sources said Demner offered partners money to forgo use of condoms.

"There is no doubt he wanted to extract revenge for getting AIDS, that is made clear in his diaries," said a police detective in Demner's hometown of Haifa. He said Demner sometimes had sex more than once a day and "could have infected 500 men."

Although the diaries mentioned his partners only by partial or coded names, investigators discovered many photographs and film of his alleged sexual partners, some in explicit signs of embrace.

Police believe Demner's partners may have included members of United Nations forces in Lebanon as well as at least two U.S. servicemen from the Navy's Sixth Fleet, whose ships frequent Haifa.

## Iowa arts group leader defends withdrawal of grant for dancer

WATERLOO, Iowa, Sunday, Nov. 6 (AP)—Withdrawal of a \$10,000 state grant to help bring dancer and choreographer Bill T. Jones to the Waterloo area next fall was not prompted by the gay dancer's controversial works or lifestyle, according to the head of the Iowa Arts Council.

The grant was rescinded because Cedar Arts Forum Director Renata Sack could not guarantee that Jones' visit would occur during the fiscal year that ends next June 30, Iowa Arts Council Executive Director William Jackson said.

"We gave her strong encouragement to re-apply next year. She basically was a year ahead of schedule," Jack-

son said.

The Iowa Arts Council granted \$5,000 for Jones' two appearances in September in Iowa City. The \$10,000 grant for next year's Waterloo appearances was unanimously approved in May but rescinded in June by the board, which had given the local arts group 30 days to get a formal commitment for Jones' appearance dates.

Sack said it was impossible to meet that deadline because Jones was in Europe.

The \$10,000 grant was approved in May after Iowa Arts Council discussion about Jones, who is HIV positive. Some of his dance creations have included nudity.



## GALAXY GAYZER

A HOUSTON VOICE EXCLUSIVE



### HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11 - 17, 1994



**HOUSTON VOICE** readers born this week share with English novelist, Robert Louis Stevenson, born, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1850, the sensitivity of a fine artist along with the quest for peaceful understanding of one's innermost thoughts.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Enjoy the increase of social and romantic activities this month with Jupiter and Venus both being in your sign. This requires you to be out and about for no one is going to discover you sitting home with a stack of 'trick' towels. Looking to meet interesting people and to have quickie type of affairs, rather than to be falling in love. Look at the type of women/men you tend to attract and then the type of person you are really interested in meeting.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23 - Dec 21) Hold off on accepting more projects or jobs until you have completed the items at hand. You tend to be overly optimistic as to how much work you can actually accomplish. In your interests to please many people, it is hard for you to say "no". This draws your energy level down to low ratings and may overly stress your immune system. Work on completing one project a day and then to sit back and to admire your accomplishment.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22 - Jan 20) Continue being an upbeat and out going person at your place of employment to set others into a positive mold. Being a peace maker at work will go a long way to make you one of the most enjoyed employees. Wearing bright and bold colors will add to your up mood appearance. Try a shorter hair style to look even more contemporary. Do not look back in your world, but rather ahead to tomorrow's opportunity.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Use this week to complete the house cleaning chores so that when party invitations start coming, you will be all set to accept them with a clear conscience that your work projects are finished. If you bring a date home, she/he will be impressed by having a neat and clean living arrangement. The combination of Jupiter and Venus this month increases your opportunity to have a good job advancement. Be open to new challenges coming from the Office.

**PISCES** (Feb 20 Mar 20) Keeping your social options open to fall in lust this week will offer a fun filled time. Your up beat smile and out going personality will make you attractive to many people this pre-Holiday season. Just accept these social contacts for what they are. You will have to wait until next year to actually fall in love. Watch out for eating high sugar content food and beverage as this type of food may significantly lower your energy level. No more that fifty grams of carbohydrate per 24 hours.

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Travel plans are important for you to get away from the routine and stresses of your usually life. Just having travel plans are almost as good as actually being gone. Your energy level is up for the next two weeks, and this will be a great time to clean the bath and kitchen. Look trough your closet and see what items have been placed aside and will now be great accent pieces for your quarters and the Office. Adding a touch of polish to your shoes will give a quality look to your wardrobe.

**TAURUS** (Apr 21 - May 21) Consider changing some of your friends with one's who are more positive in their out look. Try to avoid people who are down in emotions and buy into the victim/rescue game playing. You will be surprised by the good feelings and honest sense of happiness when you look for happy and accomplished people. Leave the 'oh woe is me' person to their own status. Your career plans are shaping up nicely.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) The new and shorter hair cutting gives to you, an even more exciting look. As with fashion in general, the men you work with are not as stylish as are the women. Wearing brighter clothes will further add to your new appearance which will make you more competitive with co-workers. Try to get at least seven to eight hours of rest in the evening to help fuel that extra hours spent socializing.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23) Control your financial purchases to set money aside for a latter day. Leave your credit cards at home when you go shopping. Pay off a portion of your card balances each week to rid your budget of the finance charges. Try not to buy anything of more than two hundred dollars during the coming month. Add a bit of color with some freshly cut flowers for your table at home or in the bathroom. Feeling good about yourself will go a long way to have people notice your smile and warm personality.

**LEO** (July 24- Aug 22) Pay more attention to your own needs this month as you will have a greater degree of happiness if your own needs are being met. You really try to satisfy the needs in others before your own dictums are satisfied. And some times there is not enough minutes for your needs to be met. Take a look at your own table manners as there are some Leo's out there who are much more casual with their table habits than they should be.

**VIRGO** (Aug 23 - Sept 23) Your strong desire to pair off is getting in your way to enjoy each day in a simplistic manner. You will not meet a quality person until into '95, so just enjoy the dates that you are having. Think of these social dates as a way of learning new ways to keep your future life mate happy and satisfied when you do get together. You need to get away from the missionary position routine to make your life more satisfying.

**LIBRA** (Sept 24- Oct 23) The next three weeks continue to be relatively stress free. This will allow you to relax and take time to 'smell the roses'. Enjoy the low level of anxiety and pressures being placed upon you. Your herpes will be much easier to control now that the high stress days are gone. This will make it easier for you to date and to be physically intimate. Have a photograph taken of yourself to show what you look like when at ease.

### RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD



Since the holidays are upon us, I thought you might like some holiday recipes. Here is one that will be fixed this year for my table. For the next three issues, I'll try to give you a few favorites.

#### BRANDIED CANDIED YAMS

- 1 - 40 oz. can small whole yams or sweet potatoes, drained, or 5 to 6 (about 2 - 1/2 pounds) fresh yams or sweet potatoes, cooked
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 3 tablespoons brandy
- 2 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- Topping:**
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom or ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons cold butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans

In a large mixing beat, beat the yams or sweet potatoes with an electric mixer on medium speed about 4 minutes or until they are well mashed.

Add the 1/2 cup brown sugar, the melted butter or margarine, brandy, orange juice concentrate, water, vanilla and salt. Beat until combined. Add the slightly beaten eggs and beat until smooth.

Transfer the mixture to a 2-quart rectangular baking dish.

To make the topping: In a small bowl, combine the 1/2 cup brown sugar, flour and cardamom or cinnamon. Using a pastry blender, cut in the cold butter or margarine until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in the pecans.

Sprinkle the topping over the yam or sweet potato mixture. Bake in the 350 degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until the yams or sweet potatoes are heated through and the topping is crisp.

The casserole can be assembled, covered and refrigerated up to 48 hours before baking.

When taken directly from the refrigerator, bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 to 50 minutes or until the yams or sweet potatoes are heated through.

If desired, divide the yam mixture or sweet potato mixture among eight individual casserole dishes. Sprinkle on the topping and bake in a 350 degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through.

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