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▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans gays march to support President Clinton in ban removal

By BUNCH BRITAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

Three hundred persons representing the New Orleans Gay Community marched from the newly opened Lesbian/Gay Community Center across from Armstrong Park, through the center of the French Quarter, and out to the federal building complex where the Hale-Boggs building is located. The purpose of the march was to show New Orleans' support for President Clinton's decision to remove the ban on homosexuals in the military. In the opinion of Diane Ranna and Leo Watermeier, co-chairs of the Community Center and coordinators of the march, this was the largest march ever in New Orleans for lesbian and gay rights.

It was just a short nine days before the march that the board of directors of the community center approved the idea of a march and gave Diane and Leo the signal to go ahead. In what was record time for this City that forgets time, and with the complete cooperation of New Orleans officials, the gay community was stunned with the large turnout last Saturday afternoon. At the request of Judy Montz, Mayor Barthelemy's liaison with the gay community, Police Superintendent Arnesta Taylor, Jr. had waived the required parade fees and provided the marchers with four uniformed officers to control traffic for the march. There was no incident at any time during the march although it wound through the crowded French Quarter during a busy Saturday of Carnival season.

Following the standard bearers, leaders from most of the gay organizations in New Orleans marched with other supporters from the City, including District Assessor Ken Carter, one of the main candidates for next year's Mayor's race.



Orleans Parish Assessor Ken Carter addressed crowd

The large banner leading the march proclaimed "LIFT THE BAN. END DISCRIMINATION IN THE MILITARY NOW." Large hand carried signs read "Aren't You Looking for a few Good Men & Women," "What's Moral about Discrimination," "If Society Can Tolerate So Can The Military," "Banning Lesbians & Gays is a Hate Crime" and "U.S. Military Stop Wasting Our Time and Money and Do Your Job!" plus many others.

After arriving at the federal complex the fervor of the well mannered crowd was more than apparent during the speeches. Diane introduced many of the marchers who spoke to the crowd urging that they must contact Louisiana's Senators and Congressmen in Washington immediately to emphasize support for President Clinton's removal of the ban on homosexuals in the military. Frank Aqueno, author, who is now making his home

in New Orleans, reminded the crowd that the march was one for civil rights which has to be preserved in the military as well as at home. Montz spoke for the City in encouraging the crowd to maintain their enthusiasm for the ban removal. The New Orleans City Council voted last week to publicly support the removal of the ban from the military.

Although all the members of the City Council were invited Diane and Leo felt that the short notice they received prevented their attendance. Councilwoman Jackie Clarkson, representative for the French Quarter on the City Council, had her office call the community center and express her regrets at being unable to attend the march due to her having the flu.

Assessor Carter spoke and pointed out that now was the time to bring lesbians and gays to the table and make them a part of the democratic process and not take actions to drive them back into the closet.

J.R. Wiltberger, CoChair with Joan Ladtner of the Lesbian and Gay Political Caucus said, "I feel very good. I

thought the march showed a great deal of support for President Clinton and we're confident that in a few months they will lift the ban completely. I feel we also showed the Congress and the military that we will continue to actively support the President until the ban is removed."

Many other leaders spoke to the large crowd including Larry Bagneris, representing the NO/AIDS Task Force, Larry's cousin, attorney Michael Bagneris and even New Orleans Police Sgt. Joseph Dejoie, newly appointed to be in charge of the hate crimes division of the intelligence division. Sgt. Dejoie encouraged the crowd to promptly report any hate crimes against gays to his division.

Media coverage was outstanding. Watermeier pointed out that it was either the lead story or the second story on all of the New Orleans television stations. The only strange reaction came from the Times-Picayune, our daily newspaper. When contacted by the community center in advance of the march they said that it was against the editorial policy of the paper to cover marches or rallies. This is a strange reaction from a daily newspaper, especially one which has yet to write of the gay ban on their editorial page.

Ranna and Watermeier said the community center is working on ways to keep the enthusiasm alive that was generated at the march. They still need more volunteers to help them at the Community Center, 816 N. Rampart.



Marching to the federal building in New Orleans in support of removing the military ban against gays

▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Western Union aids in simplifying message-sending to Clinton and Congress

To simplify efforts to demonstrate support for President Bill Clinton's proposal of lifting the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the military, a special messaging program has been created through Western Union. With a single phone call, supporters of lifting the ban can send separate cablegrams to President Clinton at the White House, their two United States Senators, and their Congressman in the United States House of Representatives. Western Union will automatically identify a caller's congressional leaders and send

messages to the appropriate individuals.

The following information is for national use. Although this article originated in Austin, Texas, the Hotline number and pricing are available to individuals nationwide, not just Austin or Texas. To take advantage of this program, individuals should call Western Union at (800) 258-2222 and refer to Hotline Number 9342. For \$8.75, cablegrams will be sent to President Clinton, two U.S. Senators, and a U.S. Representative in Congress. The cablegrams express support for ending the ban on gays and lesbians serving in the United States Armed Forces. The charge for the messages may be billed directly to an individual's home phone number, Visa, or MasterCard.

"This program should make it easier and cheaper for our community to show its support for ending the ban," said organizer Paul von Wupperfeld, Co-Chair of the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus and State President of the

Log Cabin Republicans of Texas. "Rather than making four long distance calls to Washington or waiting to get a free line to members of Congress or the White House, gays and lesbians can make one call and send three letters which will probably arrive in Washington the next day."

For more information about the cablegram program, please contact Western Union at (800) 258-2222, or the Austin Lesbian/Gay political Caucus, Post Office Box 822, Austin, Texas 78767-0822, Telephone (512) 474-0750.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Houston Pride Committee seeks to return rally to Spotts Park location

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston

According to Robert Seiler and Vicki Fraychinda of the Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Committee in an article in the latest Pride Week Newsletter, there is an effort being made this year to return the rally to the original location at Spotts Park at Waugh Drive and Memorial. Remember how great that used to be when the parade was over and everyone would gather at the park on the hillside with friends, lovers and family to watch the great fireworks displays? And the stage was filled at the

bottom of the hill with speakers and singers and there was dancing on the baseball diamond!

It may be only February, but Pride Week is already underway in the planning stages and in order obtain City of Houston permission to use the park space, an accurate proposal must be made of the number and types of booths on site. For this reason, Pride Committee of Houston (PCOH) has begun soliciting all businesses and organizations that are interested in sponsoring booths at this years rally site. There are three (3) types of booths available. Informa-

tion only at a cost of \$10; Merchandise (limited to three (3) items only and not to include food and beverage) at a cost of \$30; and alcoholic beverages at a cost of \$100. Applicants for the latter must have an existing beer/wine license and arrange with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for temporary extension at an additional \$30 fee.

PCOH is also asking all local and regional performers in the musical, vocal or theatrical fields to contact them if you are interested in securing a spot in this years rally program. Entertainment is requested to be kept at a twenty

(20) minute limit and no fees are required. PCOH would like the selection of talent to be as diverse as possible and they are also fielding suggestions on the consideration of out-of-town acts/groups. PCOH is also asking for donations from groups, individuals and or businesses to help raise the necessary funds (\$5,250) for the fireworks display.

For further information on both applications, rally program reservations or donations you may contact Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week at P.O. Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071 or call them at (713) 529-6979 or FAX them at (713) 529-1223.

This is not about gays in the military, but is, however, about the consequences of that debate. Suddenly, the media—which ignored our march in Washington in 1987 and nearly everything else gay in the last decade except AIDS—are now discovering gays to be a hot topic. Peter Jennings on ABC called the 1990s the decade of gays.

Newsweek, this week, delved into the numbers game—with the Religious Right figuring us at one per cent of the population and the old-line gay favorite, ten per cent. According to Newsweek, many gay leaders acknowledge this latter figure to be inflated to gain attention. And recent studies put our numbers closer to 2.5 to 3 per cent of the population.

The point seems to be that whatever the numbers the issue should not change: Equal rights and equal treatment under the law. But if you take the Religious Right's figure of one per cent, or roughly two and a half million gays and lesbians in the country, combined with the Right's contention that we choose this lifestyle, then it becomes even more questionable when the Right alleges we are out to recruit their innocent lambs.

On the flip side, any poll which attempts to count the gay and lesbian population must, given the nature of the closet, always come out on the short side. No matter how any poll is conducted the more closeted among us will not admit their preference under any circumstances.

What is increasingly important, however, is not only that our numbers be counted but that more gays and lesbians come out of the closet. Even given the moderate estimates, we are six to eight million. We need the support of our families and friends and this can come only with being out in our personal lives.

Juan Palomo of the Houston Post recently devoted his column to the moving testimony of Lt. Tracy Thorne's father before the military board which removed Thorne from the service. Only the most hardened homophobe would not have been moved by

that father's words.

Midshipman Joseph Steffan, expelled from the Naval Academy for being gay, when asked his feelings after the fact said: "It felt so good to finally be free, to finally come out. Heterosexuals don't understand the price we pay for being in the closet. I look at all my friends. I look to how I'm closer to my family. What a wonderful thing it is to come out."

We cannot expect our friends and family to understand unless we come out to them. Our better half has always been close to his sister and during the last election he explained the importance to him that Clinton be elected. And his sister, who participates in rodeos running around three barrels, mentioned that

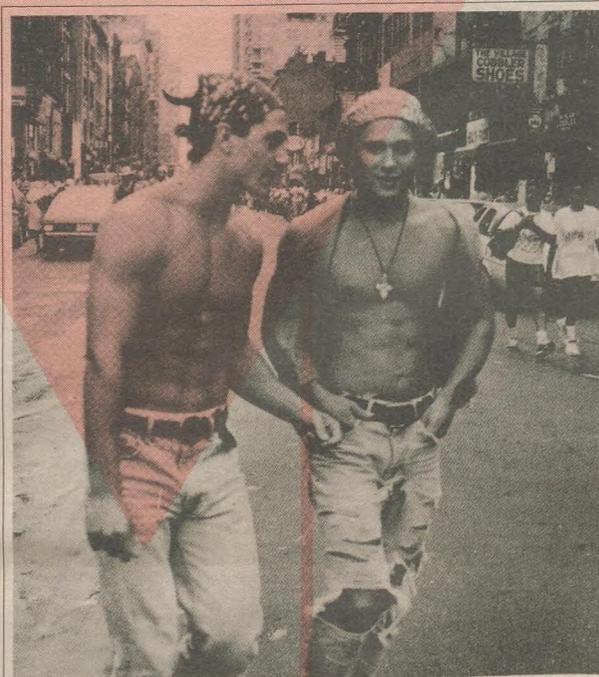
recently while running at the Fort Worth rodeo some other participants were complaining about gays in the military and she spoke up to defend such a move. Doubtless here were some cowboys never expecting to here a contrary word.

Many of us will continue to invent excuses for not coming out to our families, to our friends, to our coworkers. And each time we choose the closet we condemn ourselves to suffer the fag jokes and the homophobic putdowns. The sad truth is that many times the very people we "spare" the truth are already aware of that truth.

By repetition it has become a cliché, but it continues to happen, many gay men first tell their families they are gay when they must also tell them they have AIDS.

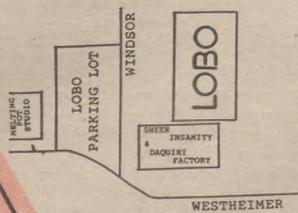
The current exposes of the life of J. Edgar Hoover as well as those of his so called friends, Roy Cohn and Cardinal Spellman, should be sufficient shock treatments for those choosing the closet. Each person's mental health as well as the well being of our community can only improve in proportion those coming out.

None of us can fight the battles from the closet. And there is no going back to the closet for the rest of us. If this is to be the decade of the gay movement then let it begin and let us all stand together.



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▼▼▼ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Complaint about discrimination in the workplace and a plea for compassion

From: DOROTHY BUSTAMANTE, Austin, TX

This is yet another letter about discrimination in the workplace and a personal plea to everyone (straight or gay) to be careful about what (unkind or unnecessary statements) they make in the presence of others (at work or otherwise).

I was recently employed by Austin Regional Clinic (ARC), a large corporation providing services and employment to many people here in Austin. I am a lesbian, but did not discuss my sexual preferences at work. All was fine, until about a month ago, when I overheard a fellow employee stating that she

hoped a certain doctor in the system did not join our facility because the doctor "is a dyke."

After that remark, I was very uncomfortable and it showed in my behavior. Last week, I was forced to resign my position because they did not like my "personality." This was after more than a year of employment at ARC with no previous complaints about my personality or job performance. Was this unintentional sexual harassment? Did the woman (who made the remark) not realize that I was also a "dyke." Or possibly, did she realize my persuasion and not care that I overheard? Her statement was made to another employee, but it

was not in private and could have been heard by clients, patients, and drug or service representative visiting the clinic. It was most unprofessional of her.

Please, readers among the Austin gay community, if you have unkind opinions about something to share with a friend or fellow worker, say them out of public ear-shot. And if you have a choice, choose not to deal with Austin Regional Clinic for employment or services.

Editor's Note: While Ms. Bustamante is one of many gays/lesbians who is closeted in the work place for job security or other reasons, it was most unwise to let the situation at hand affect her performance on the job. Perhaps by

making a positive comment about the "dyke" in question, the negative comment could have been squelched. In spite of the doctors sexual persuasion, the two employees might have been enlightened as to some outstanding traits that would reflect positively on her job performance. And while harassment is a touchy situation that is difficult to prove (look at the case of Anita Hill), in Bustamante's case it would certainly mean "coming out." Dorothy's personal plea is also a valid one. More of us should follow the suggestion by our parents that if you don't have something positive or kind to say...well, you know the rest.

▼▼▼ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Writer urges letters be written to the Chairperson of the Joint Chief of Staff

From: GENE WESLEY ELDER, San Antonio, Texas

The recent attack on unsuspecting gay men in North Carolina by three Marines, because of President Clinton's proposed policy, again demonstrates the lack of respect for America and the underlying cowardice that is a common trait with homophobes and which runs rampant in military America.

The reason often given for not allowing patriotic gay and lesbian Americans to perform their duties in the military by those defending the Joint Chiefs of Staff is "others" have been raised with deep religious and moral teachings and find homosexuality identity repugnant. I would like for these same military and religious leaders who beat the morality drum to give the same lecture about "Thy shall not kill," "You shall love all your soul, God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might," and "Do unto others, as you would have others do unto you."

No one is urging the approval or promotion of homosexual acts among military personnel. All that is asked is that gays and lesbians be able to disclose their sexuality without fear of retribution.

Express your views and write to General Colin Powell, Chairperson, Joint

Chief of Staff, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-5000; or fax (703) 697-8758.

More black-gay comparisons

From: SCOTT BODENHEIMER, Houston, Texas

Recently Colin Powell and many other African-American leaders have denied any similarity between Clinton's lifting of the ban against gays and lesbians in the military and Truman's racial integration of the military in the late forties. Some also say that our status as gays and lesbians is a choice, that we could "pass" as a member of the powerful class in ways they never could. And to calls of support as fellow members of a discriminated minority, some respond that gays and lesbians have not had to bear centuries of slavery, abject poverty, and persecution.

I was stung by these comments, and angry that Powell seemed to be shutting the door behind him. Why would he deny any minority citizen, any black lesbian for example, the right to serve, to receive educational benefits, to make a good solid career for herself?

Maybe Powell and other black leaders saw the lifting of the ban as the last straw. Women, Hispanics, Asians, disabled people, and gays and lesbians, all

in turn have stood on the shoulders of African-Americans, have built their own court cases upon the civil rights victories that Thurgood Marshall wrought. There must be such a hard kernel of pain and anger deep inside black people when they see others rise with rights they had given so much to secure for themselves.

In a Frontline episode last year, discussing the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill controversy, the prevailing opinion among the African-Americans interviewed was that a black woman shouldn't attack a black man in public. For the good of the race, the overwhelming benefit of having a black Supreme Court Justice overrode her plea for a just hearing. The crux of this is "Black woman, you'll get your rights when our black men have received theirs."

But to make accommodations for any sort of harassment or intolerance, especially in the cause of furthering civil rights, is not only inconsistent, but also incredibly destructive to the goodwill necessary between all who fight for equality before the law. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said—"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

If we, as members of a persecuted minority demand justice for ourselves, we must also ensure those rights by challenging injustice anywhere we find

it. Of the North Carolina gay-bashing incident, it was reported that a woman had challenged those Marines' violence by covering and protecting the gay man's body with her own. Who among us would, do this thing for a black man so attacked? or for that matter, a battered wife? or maybe and abused child?

If we hear "nigger," "bitch," "spic," "kike," "cripple," "chink," "faggot," "dyke," "falso," "troll," "geezer," "queer," and even "breeder," and accommodate the hate in those words, or make excuses for it, or ignore it, or laugh it off, then we acknowledge the speaker's right to dehumanize another human being.

And maybe even worse, we let that speaker dehumanize and hate himself. Self-hating people commit violence against others.

The burden of pain and fear weighs heavy on every disenfranchised person; trying to compare those burdens is pointless, who knows who hurts most? Our gay and lesbian rainbow could bridge between all those who hurt and seek to be made whole. This February, this woefully shortest month to mark and study African-American history, let's make sure now as we demand our rights, that we honor the struggle African-Americans have fought, and support them as they still fight to end racism. It will help us all, to help all.

▼▼▼ BITS AND PIECES

The infamous hair-do is a really big key to understanding the real you

By LORI CLARK

The New Voice/Houston

I don't believe that I am really going to commit this to print and share it with you, as it is one of my more bizarre thoughts. Yet, everything else I have attempted to write comes out, or to be exact—does not come out, thus creating problems and headaches.

Let's chat about haircuts. Don't you think that haircuts reflect who the person is or "wanna" be? For instance, I know a thin, boyishly dressed woman who has a short cropped 'do. She does a job that is often male associated. Even so, she probably would not be described as "butch" looking. Yet her hair cut is an almost symbolic symbol of who she is.

Another woman acquaintance with is older, in her late 50's. When we met she was having her hair set weekly. The look was pulled up with a profusion of curls on the top and sides. Imitating that wild, carefree look, modified for the "mature" woman.

As I listened to the stories she told of her life, the hair style became obvious. She has married several times, starting at a young age. She very much needed to have a man in her life, no matter what the cost to herself—financially or emotionally. Her clothes were sexy and gaudy, and no man was safe from her flirtatious self.

Another woman with whom I am friendly is very cut and dried. For her

there is only black and white—her side and the wrong side. She has a very precise and meticulous cut.

One intelligent woman with whom I am acquainted has abstract hair; it's there, but does its own thing. Another woman I see around has hair that doesn't look as if it belongs to her. That makes sense. She looks as if her whole self doesn't fit. She always appears uncomfortable and ill-at-ease.

I spotted a gorgeous blond recently. She had long silky blond hair cut peek-a-boo style over one eye. She wore a red, tight-fitting sweater, and lipstick to match. A ruckus started over her, and after it was settled she snuggled deep into the arms of her heroine. She was a

femme-fatale personified—including the hair.

Obviously I have spent many hours contemplating this subject. This thought kept me from getting haircuts over the years. I decided that I was only going to cut my hair when I knew who I was, or if I knew what image I wished to project.

I had my haircut just the last week. The gentleman I use is a genius. I go in and tell him my mood or needs, and he takes it from there. As I was studying my new 'do—and it was a change—I started laughing. The hair reflects me, it's undecided.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

National Cancer Institute says lesbians face one-in-three risk of breast cancer

By PAUL RAEBURN

FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Thursday, Feb. 4 (AP)—Lesbians have a one-in-three lifetime risk of developing breast cancer, two to three times that of heterosexual women, according to a study by a National Cancer Institute researcher.

Suzanne G. Haynes, an epidemiologist, said Thursday her study is the first to estimate breast cancer risks for lesbians.

She found that known breast-cancer risk factors such as alcohol use, smoking, lack of childbearing and poor access to health care were all more common among lesbians than among heterosexual women.

"Most of the lesbian (medical) literature has focused on low access to health care, not on any specific cancer risk like this," Haynes said.

The study highlights the need for more research on breast cancer in lesbians and for programs to help cut the risk, she said.

Caitlin Ryan, a social worker and researcher who heads the AIDS office of

the city of Washington, said Haynes' study is an important extension of a survey of lesbian health she and her colleagues published in 1987.

"It provides a level of interpretation we didn't have time to do," said Ryan, who was not involved in Haynes' study. "Our hope is that perhaps with this analysis the federal government would include lesbians in research."

Haynes examined all available studies of the known risk factors that increase a woman's chances of having breast cancer. All of the risk factors she looked at were more common in lesbians than in heterosexual women.

"When I added up all the risks—and I don't think there's much overlap between these risks—I came up with between a two- and three-fold higher risk of developing breast cancer," Haynes said.

"They are terrifying figures," said Susan Hester, founder of the Mary-Helen Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer, a patient support group in Washington. "And I believe them, because I lived through my partner's

death from breast cancer.

"When you compare the numbers with AIDS, it's amazing. It's more of an epidemic, but the numbers are not recognized yet. It's absolutely a plague."

Haynes did the study for the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation. She has not yet submitted it to a scientific journal for publication.

The National Cancer Institute estimates that about one in eight U.S. women will develop breast cancer. Lesbians face a lifetime risk of about one in three, Haynes said. Nothing is known about the actual incidence of breast cancer among lesbians, she said.

Among the risks that Haynes looked at was the rate of childbearing among lesbians. Having children cuts a woman's risk of breast cancer, but 70 percent of lesbians were childless, according to the data.

That alone makes lesbians 80 percent more likely to develop breast cancer and to die from it, Haynes said.

When she looked at alcohol use, another accepted risk factor, she found

that 9.2 percent of lesbians over age 40 were heavy drinkers, compared with 2.4 percent of women in the general population. Lesbian women over 55 had three times the smoking rate of heterosexual women.

"The alcohol and smoking data, particularly the alcohol data, are consistent with patterns we've seen in oppressed populations" such as Hispanics and American Indians, Haynes said.

Surveys also showed that lesbians were far less likely to have breast exams, mammograms and other preventive care that is known to cut the risk of breast cancer, Haynes said.

She said lesbians were less likely to examine their own breasts for lumps that could indicate cancer and slightly more likely to be overweight than were heterosexual women, another factor that raises the risk.

Haynes said all of the data she used in the analysis came from large-scale epidemiologic surveys. "I think that's enough data to really increase one's awareness of the need to do further work in this area," she said.

**▼▼▼ IN MEMORY OF
BRIAN D. COX**

Brian D. Cox, assistant director of the New Orleans People with AIDS Coalition, died of complications due to AIDS Jan. 31, at Lazarus House. Mr. Cox was 35. He also worked for the Marriott Food Services at Loyola and Tulane universities.

Mr. Cox was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Palmyra High School in Pennsylvania, and Bloomsburg University. He was a member of TKE Fraternity. Prior to moving to New Orleans three years ago, he lived in Marco Island, Florida, and in Miami.

Survivors include his long-time companion, Ivan C. Vargas of New Orleans; his mother, Lorraine Light Frank of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; his grandmother, Dorothy Light Spang of Lebanon; two brothers, Darryl D. Cox of Lebanon; and Edward R. Cox of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; and three sisters, Barbara Kreider of Lancaster; Linda S. Cox of Woodridge, New Jersey; and Ashley R. Cox of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

A memorial service was held at Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church in New Orleans. Burial was in Convent Cemetery in Lebanon. Tharp-Sontheimer-Tharp Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARK STEVEN ALEXANDER

Mark Steven Alexander, 37, died Feb. 6 of complications related to AIDS. Mr. Alexander passed away at Project Lazarus. He was a former manager of the John P. Lawhon furniture store.

Mr. Alexander was born in Bogalusa, Louisiana. He lived in New Orleans the past 13 years, but remained a member of Elizabeth Sullivan Methodist Church in Bogalusa.

Survivors include his father, L.A. Alexander of Bogalusa, and a sister, Linda K. Buntyn of Clinton, Mississippi.

A funeral was held in Bogalusa at the Brown McGehee Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Ponemah Cemetery.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

After years laying groundwork, gay rights groups stumble over military ban

By KIM I. MILLS
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 7 (AP)—Gay rights groups toiled for years to overturn the military's ban on homosexuals, but when President Clinton took the first step toward lifting it they found themselves unprepared to respond.

It took days for gay activists to counter the massive flood of telephone calls and letters to Congress and the White House launched by conservative religious groups within minutes of Clinton's action.

"It's very difficult to compete with churches who begin political organizing on Sunday, rev up the masses on 1000 radio stations and own television stations coast to coast," said Tanya Domi, military affairs lobbyist for the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force.

"And then on Monday, they're beating your brains out on the telephones," she said.

Clinton announced Jan. 29 he had ordered the Pentagon to immediately stop asking recruits about their sexual orientation and to draft an executive order within six months formally lifting the 50-year-old ban on homosexuals in the military.

Inspired by televangelists linking homosexuality to Nazism, satanism

and hiring quotas, evangelical Christians immediately jammed telephone lines at the Capitol and the White House.

For gay rights activists, it meant the initial message reaching the nation's elected leaders was largely against Clinton's plan to lift the ban in six months.

Eventually, gay rights groups mobilized their own members to wage a counteroffensive by fax machine and phone.

By the middle of last week, the offices of several key senators said they were getting more calls in favor of Clinton's stand than a week earlier but that calls opposing his action still were running ahead.

Domi said the delay was caused by two factors:—Gay leaders allowed themselves to be mesmerized by Clinton's campaign promise to lift the ban "with the stroke of a pen."—Activists were caught unaware when Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairperson of the Senate Armed Services Committee, decided to challenge Clinton's plan to lift the ban.

"Everybody knew Nunn was opposed, but nobody really thought he was going to call the hand of a brand new president," Domi said.

Many in the gay community were surprised by their unreadiness, especially because activists had spent considera-

ble effort in the last five years fighting the ban.

"The day that it was reported in the mainstream media that Capitol Hill was deluged, we got more phone calls in our office asking, 'What do I do? What do I do?'" said Jeff Epperly, editor of Bay Windows, a Boston-based gay newspaper.

Epperly and others questioned whether the delay was a sign that their flagship Washington lobbying groups had become too closely tied to the Democratic Party.

"I think some of our community's institutions have perhaps become too inside, too big, too institutionally focused. And what our energy comes from is grassroots activism," said Sean Strub, a New York gay activist who owns a direct-mail company.

Strub was so frustrated by the gay establishment's slow response that he ran a full-page ad in The New York Times last week asking people who favored lifting the ban to donate money to gay groups.

Scott Celley, a spokesperson for Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said the slow response may have been related to the fact that gay activists were "as shocked as Congress and the American people when President Clinton moved forward

on this."

McCain voted Thursday for a GOP measure that would have restored the original gay ban and required a congressional vote on any change. The effort failed.

Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, a conservative group allied with religious broadcaster Pat Robertson, said the gay lobby missed the window of opportunity.

"The compromise has been made and the decision has been delayed," he said. "Right now, to bombard the Capitol with a bunch of letters is like swinging before the ball ever leaves the pitcher's glove."

Reed's group credits "middle America" for speaking out against Clinton's decision to lift the ban in six months, after Congress has studied it.

The gay lobby has been actively involved since the late 1980s in urging the ban be overturned.

It helped student efforts to kick the Reserve Officers Training Corps off campuses like the University of Wisconsin to protest the ban.

It also provided legal advice to homosexuals in the military seeking to challenge the ban and worked with members of Congress who in recent years introduced legislation to overturn it.

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Callers to White House and Capitol switchboards left holding the phone

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 7 (AP)—A deluge of calls to White House and Capitol switchboards has left many callers holding the line, officials said.

Gridlock is common the nation's capital, but over the past few weeks phone gridlock has become the norm.

"We've definitely seen an increase in phone calls," said Steve Spina, press secretary to Rep. Nick Rahall II, D-W.Va.

Calls have increased up to 30 percent since President Clinton took office, he said.

"We've gotten calls on a wide range of issues, from gays in the military to sup-

port of the congressman on his becoming chairperson of the highway subcommittee," Spina said.

"I wouldn't say each congressman has a direct office number, most callers go through the switchboard first, he said.

At the White House, calls were running about 50,000 to 60,000 a day, 10

times more than usual, officials said.

"That's just the kind of reaction President Clinton engenders," said Lorraine Voles, deputy White House press secretary.

"People feel like they can tell him anything. Whether they agree with him or not," she said.

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Black war veterans side with President Clinton on homosexuals in military

AUGUSTA, Ga., Sunday, Feb. 7 (AP)—Black veterans say the controversy over the military's ban on homosexuals is a haunting reminder of their own struggle with discrimination in the armed forces.

Before President Harry Truman ordered the military desegregated in 1948, opponents kept blacks out of the armed forces by spreading rumors and stirring unfounded fears, black veterans say.

"The contention was that blacks couldn't fight, that they were cowards,"

said Phil Waring, an 81-year-old World War II veteran who lives in Augusta.

The same kinds of arguments now are being used to prevent homosexuals from serving, he and other black veterans said.

Waring said he agrees with a judge's recent ruling that the ban against homosexuals is unconstitutional.

So does Allen Brown.

"They are human beings and nobody has a right to discriminate against them," he said of homosexuals.

Brown, 69, fought with the all-black 41st Signal Company from 1943-45. During World War II, his unit fought in several European battles, including the Battle of the Bulge.

Serving in a segregated military was humiliating, he said.

When his mother died in Oct. 1944, Brown wasn't told until two weeks later. He believes he was purposely not told about his mother's death so he could remain on the front line.

"They didn't let any blacks come back

from overseas at that time. They let the whites come, but I never heard of a black that did come home," Brown said.

Arthur Dudley, 71, served in the Army both before and after desegregation. He joined in 1942 and retired 23 years later as a sergeant first class.

Although the desegregation order was issued in 1948, it wasn't instituted until the Korean War, Dudley said.

Blacks had to prove they were as good as whites, he said. "In fact, we had to be twice as good."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay marine with 10 years service says there's room for him in military

By ESTES THOMPSON
FOR THE NEW VOICE

JACKSONVILLE, N.C., Thursday, Feb. 4 (AP)—Sgt. Justin Elzie is a spit-and-polish Marine whose 10 years of service have included prestige assignments like embassy duty. He's also an acknowledged homosexual.

The 30-year-old Marine from Cheyenne, Wyo., came out of the closet on Jan. 29 during a television interview. The same day, President Clinton temporarily suspended the formal discharge of homosexuals from the military and announced that new recruits would no longer be asked about sexual preference. "Now I can be honest with people,"

Elzie said last week after his revelation. "I think it has definitely improved my work relationship. My whole chain of command has treated me proper and right."

Elzie has been a guard at U.S. embassies in Egypt and Finland. He now works in a supply unit at Camp Lejeune, the nation's largest Marine base.

"I've been gay most of the time I've been in," he said during an off-base interview. "... It's been pretty stressful. You've got to be looking over your shoulder, having to watch what you say. Sometimes you realize that no matter how well you do your job, to the military you're not good enough."

He hopes his action will help efforts to end the military ban on homosexuals.

"I want to be able to serve my country and be judged on the way I do my job, not on my sexuality or my sexual preference," he said. "... I don't take my sexuality to work. At work, I'm a sergeant. I conduct myself in a professional manner."

Opponents of gays in the military point to close living quarters and military discipline as reasons to keep the ban. Elzie said those arguments are demeaning.

"I wouldn't go grab a guy in the shower," he said. "It's not professional as adults. We all live by rules of conduct.

"They say 'what about the foxholes and the showers? You tell them you're already showering with gays and you didn't know it and they haven't grabbed you. There are so many service people in now who are gay and people know it and it's not a big deal."

After going public with his sexual preference, Elzie sought the advice of Maj. Jay Farrar, Camp Lejeune public affairs officer.

"He came and asked me what guidance I could offer from a public affairs perspective. I also told he was free to ask me in the future matters dealing with press," Farrar said. Farrar said he didn't know if action might be taken in Elzie's case.

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Bisexual ex-sailor allegedly beaten by former Navy shipmates in Mobile

MOBILE, Ala., Saturday, Feb. 6 (AP)—A bisexual ex-sailor fears President Clinton's plan to open the military to homosexuals prompted an alleged beating by three former shipmates, whom the Navy said Saturday it was investigating.

Patrick Marquis, 26, who left the Navy in December when his four-year enlistment ended, said he was attacked in his room while he slept on Monday.

"It could be gay-related, I really can't say," said Marquis, who described himself as being bisexual. "If it came out they did beat me for my sexual orientation, I would be a lot more hurt. It's a dis-

grace to mankind."

The Navy issued a statement saying it was investigating the incident with Mobile police. The names of the sailors involved were withheld because no charges had been filed, the statement said.

Marquis said the atmosphere created by Clinton's push to allow homosexuals to serve in the military may have helped spark the beating, which left him with a cut that required six stitches, a blackeye and bruises.

"This whole thing has been blown out of proportion, and I wind up getting beaten," Marquis said. "I think right

now in the military, it's very tense. I think the military is very homophobic. And they don't want to deal with it."

Marquis said the three sailors were at his apartment visiting his roommate when the attack occurred. They had been drinking, police said.

The three seamen serve aboard the USS Jesse L. Brown, a training frigate which arrived in Mobile on Oct. 30. The ship left Monday morning on a five-day training exercise in the Gulf and returned Friday afternoon.

"We absolutely do not condone violence against anyone for any reason," said Cmdr. Bill Dunn, head of the naval

station. "These alleged aggravated assaults on homosexuals by Navy members are not condoned and we will not tolerate it."

Marquis' attorney, Dom Soto, said he intends to file a civil lawsuit.

Marquis did not reveal his sexual orientation while in the service.

"There's always been gays in the military, it's just they weren't willing to speak out until now because they know they're being protected," he said. "I support Clinton's decision to let gays in the military because homosexuals have just as much right to serve their country as anyone else."

▼▼▼ HOUSTON ENTERTAINMENT

IMAX documentary works its magic under the canopy of a Tropical Rainforest

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston

Surely by now each of you has attended at least one of the unsurpassed documentaries provided by the IMAX Theatre at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. If not, you are missing a mind boggling experience. Imagine a giant screen that is 60 by 80 feet and a superb six-track sound system flooding you with images and sounds so real, you feel as if you are part of the action. No kidding, in the last two films (Ring of Fire & Antarctica) portions of the filming were done by helicopter and the movement almost made me motion sick. And if you center yourself in the theatre, it is difficult to view all parts of the panorama at one time. It reaches out and surrounds you—a feeling which is particularly effective for "Rainforest."

In a mere thirty eight minutes, thanks to the wonders of cinema and the insight of director Ben Shedd, you will journey through hundreds of millions of years of evolution in the Earth's tropical rainforests beginning with the invitation by Trinidadian narrator Geoffrey Holder to "imagine we are travelers in time, it is now 400 million years ago, and here we are peering out from within a tropical fern grove whose roots date back to pre-human history." Holder's smooth somber narrative style is reminiscent of Arnold Schwarzenegger and frankly, some of the words were hard to understand, but it wasn't distracting enough to spoil the film.

Shooting on location in the worlds most pre-historic tropical rainforests like the fern groves of Queensland, Australia took quite a bit of strategy and on-the-job experience. Camera crews had to

avoid a large variety "chemical" and "mechanical" booby-traps set by the rain forest flora and fauna (spikes, bites & stingers). Special rigs were designed to transport the IMAX camera without damaging the forest. And the results were some spectacular close shots of reptiles, insects, birds and primates. In some close up shots of leaf cutting ants high in the forest canopy, the ants and the members of the audience are of equal size. Some beetles are projected on screen the size of a Volkswagen and the azure wings of a Ulysses butterfly unfurl after just one minute of emerging from its pupa case. A multitude of life abounds in the rainforest.



Why are the rainforests so much news? The trees are being cut down at an alarming rate as the audience will witness in a heart-stopping chain saw tree massacre sequence and one day soon there will be no reversing the damage man has done to the delicate balance of life on earth by clearing the forests. Did you know that rainforests cover only seven percent of the Earth's surface? And that in that fragile area lives ninety percent of the Earth's plant and animal species. This film is not preachy and the director chooses to pass on the finger pointing, but instead he emphasizes the connections that tie the rain forest's past—and future—with

our own. But you will probably leave the theatre regretting the damage that has been done to the forest by lumber companies, bulldozers and ultimately man because of the realization of how great the loss would be if the forest disappeared.

I highly recommend this exciting audio/visual experience to everyone. It will fascinate young and old alike. And besides the accent of the narrator of this particular film, my only complaint was that I didn't want it to end as soon as it did. This is not really a complaint, but in my opinion and also those of several of my friends who also saw the film, this particular fill uses so many wonderful close-ups of bug, snakes, animals, etc., that the full use of the panoramic field of vision is not take advantage of as it was in previous films. There are a few of those breath-taking shots like the shots from an airplane flying high above the canopy of the forest, but there could have been more.

"Tropical Rainforest" may be seen in The Wortham IMAX Theatre daily along the feature "Fires of Kuwait." Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years. McDonald's restaurants are offering a "Buy one get one free" IMAX ticket valid through April 30 which might help with the cost of admission. For a schedule of film times or to make reservations with a credit card, please call 639-IMAX. The Houston Museum of Natural Science is located in Hermann Park across from Miller Outdoor Theatre. The Museum is open Sundays, noon to 6:00 p.m. and Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call 639-4600.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Glen Maxey to host 'Texas Two Step Party' at March on Washington April 24

The Texas-Two Step Party on April 24 at the March on Washington will be a special party for Texans, their friends and supporters. The event will be held at Tracks, 1111 First Street SE from 6 to 10:00 p.m. There is a donation of \$25 for tickets to benefit Texas Human Rights Foundation, The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby and the 1993 March on Washington Committee.

Country Western music for dancing and food will be provided. Tickets can be ordered through THRF at (512) 479-8473. This party is being hosted by openly gay State Representative Glen Maxey. For more info call (202) 628-0493.

Gloria Steinem at Brazos Bookstore

Perhaps America's best known feminist, Gloria Steinem, will appear at Brazos Bookstore to sign copies of her latest book, "Revolution From Within: A Book of Self-Esteem," on Friday Feb. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Steinem will speak about the book at 7:30. The book has been on the New York Times bestseller list for over 34

weeks.

A frequent spokesperson on issues of equality, Gloria has appeared on national television often as both interviewer and interviewee. She is currently an editorial consultant and writer for Ms. magazine, the national feminist bi-monthly that she co-founded in 1972. For more info call (713) 523-0701.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTE

Avondale Association member proposes Montrose area traffic regulations

By TAD NELSON
The New Voice/Houston

At the Feb. 9 meeting of the Avondale Association held at Lovett Inn, among other business came a proposal by an Association member for traffic control. The suggested proposal would affect Hyde Park and Pacific Streets between their intersections with Grant to Whitney.

If passed by the Committee on Street Closures, it would become a traffic violation to make either a right or a left hand turn off of Hyde Park or Pacific Street

between the above mentioned intersections during the hours from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The suggested reason for such a change in your freedom to make turns was said to be curbing prostitution and illicit street drug sales, and reduction of crime in the area.

According to sources in attendance, area club owners objected to the newest proposal from the Avondale Association member, that would directly affect their businesses and clientele and allow further police harassment in the area. "Don't get us wrong, we're all for stop-

ping prostitution, drug sales and crime in the area," said our source, "but a lot of innocent people are going to be affected. Residents and visitors to the area who are not used to restricted turns will be targets of a proposal that was meant to make life better for them."

If you would like to voice your opinion on this newest proposal by the Associations member, please contact Carol Barden, Chairperson for Comprehensive Planning and Security at (713) 527-9735 or write her care of The Avondale Association, P.O. Box 667024, Houston,

Texas 77266-7024. This proposal will not be voted on for at least two (2) months so that the Association member would have time to write this proposal up in their news letter and solicit support for their side in this issue.

According to our source, there was definitely not a majority in attendance in favor at this time, so this stall tactic was set up. They also told The New Voice that at this time, the Avondale Association as a group, does not have an opinion on the proposal. Make your voices heard. Don't let this one slip by you like the zoning travesty did.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Montrose Clinic is planning a non-profit pharmacy for its future location

The Montrose Clinic is completing arrangements to open a non-profit pharmacy, announced executive director Ralph Lasher. "The pharmacy, which will be open as soon as the Clinic's new facility is completed, will be directed towards serving persons with HIV/AIDS, but will be open to the general public. Our objective is

to offer oral and topical HIV medications available at the lowest price possible which will still allow us to cover our operating costs," Lasher added.

Lasher further commented: "We are evaluating the feasibility of a sliding scale and are pursuing sources of donation to

help cover insurance co-payments and deductibles. One of our major objectives is to avoid marking prescription prices up, which depletes insurance caps on benefits. It is our view that people are served best when the prices are low." The Montrose Clinic's non-profit pharmacy will accept assignment of insurance benefits and

receive prescriptions via FAX machines from physicians. Caremark, Inc., one of the nations largest home health care companies and suppliers of oral medications, is providing technical and financial assistance for the program. Questions and suggestions are welcome and should be directed to Ralph Lasher at (713) 520-2080.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Extortion trial continues in Fort Worth for former Wise County sheriff

FORT WORTH, Texas, Thursday, Feb. 4 (AP)—Former Wise County Sheriff Leroy Burch and three others have gone on trial to face charges they conspired to extort money from men arrested on sex charges at a public park.

The federal conspiracy trial of Burch, former chief deputy John Byron Yarbrough and bail bondsmen David Lowayne Box and James Howard Conner Jr. began Wednesday and is expected to

last three weeks.

Defense attorneys in opening statements portrayed the four as law-abiding, hard-working men protecting the public from lascivious behavior at a roadside park. Prosecutors told jurors Burch and the others conducted a scheme that left lasting scars on the lives of the men arrested.

After the men posted bond through

Box's bail bond company, the indictment says they were told that for additional payments charges could be reduced or dismissed.

Yarbrough's attorney, Tom Hill, told jurors they would hear about a crack-down the defendants carried out against men intent on exposing themselves or accosting others in the restroom at the roadside stop on U.S. Highway 287 just north of Decatur.

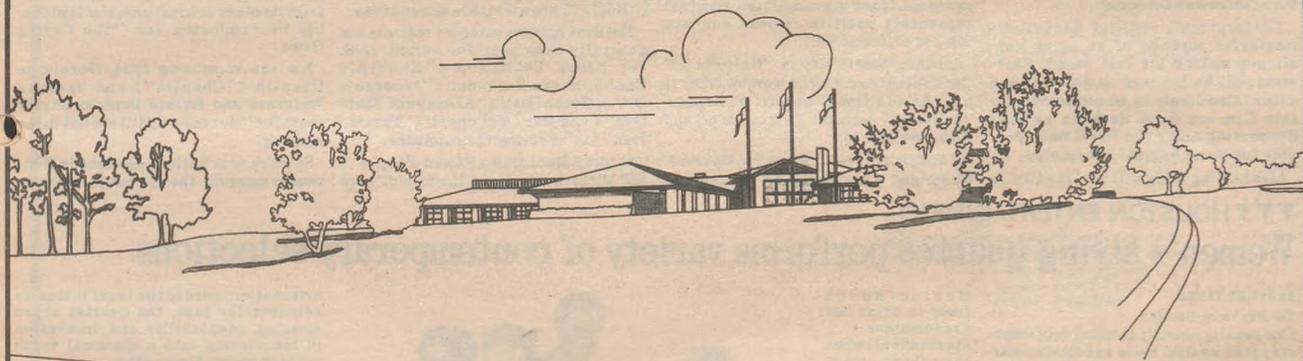
Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank Able said the four men preyed on travelers who stopped at the roadside park. He said as for those charged with embarrassing sex crimes "their lives would be changed forever."

Attorneys expect to call up to 100 witnesses in the trial before U.S. District Judge Terry R. Means.

If convicted, the men face prison sentences of 60 to 186 years.

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▼▼▼ OSCAR PREDICTIONS

Shameless 'Oscar' lover predicts this year's Academy Award nominees

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice/Houston
Oscar! Oscar! Oscar!

For Tinsel Town fans, there's nothing quite so fun as speculating about which of the year's crop of films might receive the biggest accolade the industry can offer. And it's that time of year.

The nominees for film excellence will be announced Wednesday morning, Feb. 17th, and as in most years, it's not all that difficult predicting two or three of the nominees in each category. After that, an Oscar-watcher must contend with the volatility of the Academy. But then, that's the most fun.

Leading the pack this year will be three very different movies—a beautifully, brutally honest Western, a startling and engrossing romantic thriller and a scathing industry satire. All three will garner nominations for Best Picture, Actor and Director.

"Unforgiven" is Clint Eastwood's masterful portrait of an aging gunslinger making his last stand. Eastwood will be honored as director and actor. Also likely to be nominated for this film are Gene Hackman as Best Supporting Actor and David Webb Peoples for Best Original Screenplay.

Also hitting it big will be "The Crying

Game." Director/writer will be another double nominee. Stephen Rea is a definite Best Actor finalist for his roles as the humanist terrorist. Another possible nominee from "Crying" is Miranda Richardson as Best Supporting Actress, but she may turn out to be her own best competition (more on that later).

Rounding out the top three is "The Player." Robert Altman's comeback smash will reap a nomination for Tim Robbins as Best Actor as well as nods for production, direction and writing.

Beyond "Unforgiven," "The Crying Game" and "The Player," the field of Best Picture nominees gets a bit murky. "Howard's End" was an exceptional film, but it's also an art house film and the Academy rarely nominates two of these in the same year and "The Crying Game" already is a certainty.

"A Few Good Men" seems like a good prospect. It has big name stars, received reasonably positive reviews and was big box office as well.

Another possibility is "Malcolm X." Undoubtedly an Oscar-worthy film, it has the additional benefit of being a "politically correct" film to honor, and that never hurts.

A long-shot is "Scent of a Woman," which got a big boost to its chances

when it cleaned up in the Golden Globe Awards.

My sentiments: "Howard's End" and "A Few Good Men" will round out the top five.

Joining Eastwood, Jordan and Altman in the directing race will more than likely be Rob Reiner ("A Few Good Men") and James Ivory ("Howard's End"). But there are always outside possibilities, this time being Spike Lee ("Malcolm X"), Woody Allen ("Husbands and Wives") and Robert Redford ("A River Runs Through It").

For Best Actor we've covered Eastwood, Rea and Robbins. The contenders for the remaining two slots in this category are all strong. I think it will be Robert Downey, Jr. ("Chaplin") and Al Pacino ("Scent of a Woman"), but I wouldn't give odds. Denzel Washington ("Malcolm X"), Jack Lemmon ("Glengarry Glenn Ross") and Jack Nicholson ("Hoffa") are all viable as nominees.

The Best Actress category reflects the generally weak year for women. Look for Emma Thompson ("Howard's End"), Susan Sarandon ("Lorenzo's Oil"), Geena Davis ("A League of Their Own") and Mary McDonnell ("Passion Fish") to be among the nominees.

Shirley MacLaine ("Used People") and Michelle Pfeiffer ("Lovefield") are

leading possibilities for the last position.

For Best Supporting Actor my picks are: Gene Hackman ("Unforgiven"), Jack Nicholson ("A Few Good Men"), Chris O'Donnell ("Scent of a Woman"), Al Freeman, Jr. ("Malcolm X") and Brad Pitt ("A River Runs Through It").

Others to consider: Al Pacino ("Glengarry Glenn Ross"), Sydney Pollack ("Husbands and Wives"), David Paymer ("Mr. Saturday Night"), Tom Skerritt ("A River Runs Through It") and Ray Walston ("Of Mice and Men").

For Best Supporting Actress you'll find Judy Davis ("Husbands and Wives"), Alfre Woodward ("Passion Fish"), and Joan Plowright ("Enchanted April"). Now we come to Miranda Richardson. She gave award-winning performances in "The Crying Game," "Enchanted April" and "Damage," but given the weight it will receive from its other nominations, she'll probably be nominated for "The Crying Game."

For the remaining spot, Geraldine Chaplin ("Chaplin") and Vanessa Redgrave and Helena Bonham Carter (both for "Howard's End") are hot in the running.

So mark your ballots and tune in Wednesday morning; the fun has just begun.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON ENTERTAINMENT

Women's string quartet performs variety of contemporary selections

By JAVIER TAMEZ

The New Voice/Houston
One usually doesn't think of contemporary jazz, soulful blues and moving spiritual when one considers string quartets. After all New Orleans' fame does not come from its large number of chamber music houses.

However, the repertoire of that stately musical staple is being given a vigorous, fresh outlook on Friday, Feb. 12th at the Cullen Theater of the Wortham Center. Da Camera Society is presenting, as part of its Crossover Series, "String Quartets Two Ways."

The contemporary portion of the evening will be provided by The Uptown Quartet. Four gloriously proud African-American women comprise the quartet. They are: Diane Monroe and Lesa Terry, violins; Maxine Roach, viola; and Eileen M. Folson, cello.

The group was formed in 1980 by Max Roach, a legendary jazz drummer, to perform as part of his Double Quartet.

Maxine Roach likes to think her grandmother started it all when she asked her son if he was always going to play with the likes of Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis, or if he would ever play with his daughter.

However the seed got planted, the idea blossomed into a vision of quartet of black women celebrating the beauty of African tradition in different American strains—jazz, blues, ragtime, spiritual—as well as innovative compositions.

In an interview with "The St. Louis American," Maxine explained the sense of her father's vision. "He wanted to represent,



(L to R) Lesa Terry, Diane Monroe, Maxine Roach and Eileen Folsonare The Uptown String Quartet

on stage, an equality for African-American women in improvisational music."

Although the quartet performs a variety of selections, jazz is the forefront of the group's repertoire. Best of all, even though the group is limited to four stringed instruments in chamber music

orientation, hardly the ideal intensity required for jazz, the quartet shows amazing adaptability and innovation in translating into a classical venue without losing the passion.

The Uptown Quartet is part of a new breed of quartets that go well beyond the classical tradition. "The New York Times" referred to the women as part of a "crop of upstart quartets that has made...a total commitment to the music of today."

They are performing in conjunction with a traditional quartet, featuring Da Camera General Director Sergio Luca. That group will be performing a selection of works by Austrian composer Franz Josef Haydn.

Commented Luca about the evening's combination, "Haydn might rather have liked the thought of pairing the avant garde with the archaic."

The Uptown Quartet will also perform a concert at the George R. Brown Education Center of the Houston Zoo on Saturday, Feb. 13th from 3-5 p.m.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SPORTS NOTES

1993 Lone Star Classic Softball Tournament in Houston on Memorial Day weekend

The Montrose Softball League announced recently that it will host a national invitational softball tournament, The Lone Star Classic Softball Tournament will be held during the Memorial Day Weekend, May 28

through 31, 1993. This double elimination tournament will be played on Memorial Park Fields 2, 3, 4, and 5. The Lone Star Classic is expected to attract teams from all over the United States in the spirit of gay softball. For more information regarding the Lone Star Classic

Tournament contact Steve Haddock at (713) 867-3913.

HWSL team needs players

Women who are interested in playing competitive softball in the Houston Womens Softball League have an oppor-

tunity to do so now by calling Sheri at (713) 777-1161 or Asya at (713) 270-3900 ext 3616. They stress "competitive" and ask that you be available every Sunday beginning March 15. Try outs for the team are Sunday, Feb. 21. Call for more information.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Denver agency says city lost \$26 million in convention business so far

DENVER, Thursday, Feb. 4 (AP)—Amendment 2, the controversial anti-gay-rights measure, has cost Denver more than \$26 million in potential convention business, the Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau said. The bureau said Wednesday the losses

so far include four citywide conventions worth \$15.2 million and 16 meetings at hotels totaling \$4.5 million. Denver also has lost two tentatively booked conventions worth \$5 million, and five hotel meetings worth \$1.6 million, officials said.

The conventions had been scheduled for this March through Jan. 1998.

Amendment 2 forbids local and state government to pass any law protecting homosexuals from discrimination. The measure, approved by voters Nov. 3, has been blocked from taking effect until a court challenge is heard later this year.

"While \$20 million is not a significant percentage of the \$3 billion that will be spent over the next six years by meeting delegates, a loss of that size will still result in people losing their jobs, in businesses losing money, and in city tax collections being reduced," said bureau president Roger Smith.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

Pope John Paul II calls for chastity as only correct way to fight AIDS

By DANIEL J. WAKIN

FOR THE NEW VOICE
KAMPALA, Uganda, Saturday, Feb. 6 (AP)—Pope John Paul II visited the heart of the AIDS epidemic in Africa on Saturday and told an audience of youths that chastity is the only proper way to stop the spread of the disease.

Thousands of singing and cheering young people filled Navikubo stadium to hear the pope. AIDS has devastated Uganda, the worst-hit nation in Africa.

"The sexual restraint of chastity is the only safe and virtuous way to put an end to the tragic plague of AIDS," he told

the youths.

Before his address, John Paul heard speeches from the youths, including 15-year-old Veronica Chaansa, who said she had been sexually assaulted several years ago.

"They test my blood. I test for HIV positive," she said haltingly. "After one year, I thought to go out of school because my schoolmates were teasing me. But God did not leave me," she told the pope.

Soon after her speech, a power failure hit the stadium. Some of the young people sang, and the crowd, lit by moon-

light and candles, kept an edgy calm until electricity was restored 15 minutes later.

The church rejects the use of condoms as a means of fighting the disease because of its opposition to birth control.

According to some estimates, one of eight Ugandans is infected with the HIV virus. One-third of the nation's hospital beds are occupied by AIDS patients. Uganda has 34,611 reported AIDS cases.

The disease has decimated whole villages. White collar workers and skilled

employees have been hard hit in Kampala, depriving the capital of people with skills needed to rebuild the country after decades of warfare.

The country's Anglican and Catholic bishops—Uganda is 40 percent Catholic—have fought efforts by the government and aid groups to promote condom use to fight AIDS.

John Paul spent Saturday morning in Gulu, a provincial town north of Kampala, where he celebrated an outdoor Mass.

He flies back to Rome Wednesday after an eight-day African trip.

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Dining Out

▼▼▼ DINING OUT NEW ORLEANS

The French Quarter's Heart Break Cafe-Bar is again wooing your heart

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

The New Voice/New Orleans

There may be no more pleasant an experience in New Orleans than a leisurely breakfast in one of the French Quarter's eateries. The enticingly named Heart Break Cafe with its attendant artery (the bar, cher) is one of those.

The Heart Break, under new ownership, sings of bohemia, of a port city languidly moving through each day. Of days that might well begin nursing a libation, as the sun's first beams poke through dusty windows. It is Winter, as I write this, but the Heart Break will be a perfect Summertime refuge.

Sitting beside you in the bar, Winter or Summer, might be folks like the theatrical Mr. Hood, husband of the former Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop's late night audience-pleaser, Lilly Hood. Or any number of the colorful denizens for which New Orleans is famous.

When I phoned, recently, to see if they had Sunday brunch, background laughter enticed us down for the 10 O'clock, \$3.95 to 8.95, Champagne-included spe-

cial. The low end is for a Continental breakfast with "Homemade Fresh Breads." For the higher prices you get the breads plus a choice of quiches, chicken Florentine, or eggs benedict, to name a few. Champagne for all!

Diners at our table had eggs benedict, oysters benedict (same thing with fried oysters atop the eggs), and a standard American bacon and eggs breakfast. All were quite good. The two benedicts were outstanding. The hollandaise was a fat man's delight. The Champagne specials come with fruit cup. Coffee is \$1, refills are free.

On any day, a huge 5 egg omelet



New Voiceer, Bunch Brittain and New Orleans Gay/Lesbian Business Associate, Michael Baker lunching at the Heart Break Cafe

menu suggest the Texas origins of owner Gary Smith, once a restaurant/hotel man in the energy crazed city of Houston.

I was once at the Heart Break with a longhorned Austonian who needed serious prodding to keep him away from "Chili Size/Ground Beef Patty, served open face with chili, cheddar cheese and onion," when breakfast food should have clearly been our order of the hour. (You can bring Texans out of Texas but you can never fully bring Texas out of them, cher.)

Other lunch/dinner dishes include Grilled Calf's Liver with Onions; Heart-break Fried Chicken; Le Petite Ribeye, and Le Grande Ribeye. Shrimp-, Oyster-, and Combo-Platters are available, along with New Orleans' beloved plebeian dish, Red Beans and Rice.

Inexpensive. No credit cards. Reservations. Recommended. Special notation: Happy hours are 4-8 a.m. and 4-8 p.m. (a quaint New Orleans tradition). menu appetizers are half price p.m. happy hours, and during both happy hours on Fri./sat.

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▼▼▼ DINING NOTES

Barnaby's Cafe

Remember the old C&N Cafe? Well Barnaby's Cafe is now in the same location at 604 Fairview. With an eclectic menu offering salads, cool & hot sandwiches, specialty pizza (try the New Mexican chicken sausage pizza—served only after 5:00 p.m.), platemeals (served with garlic mashed potatoes and vegetables) and fabulous desserts, it's a great place for a lunch or dinner. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sun.—Thur. 11:30 to 11:00 Fri. & Sat. Phone (713) 522-0106.

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Charlie's. Located at 1100 Westheimer near the Tower Theater service is friendly and there's never a wait. Orders to go available. Phone (713) 522-3332.

Jade Dragon Hunan Restaurant

For a very reasonable price and no waiting, check out the steam table lunch buffet at Jade Dragon. The regular menu also has full dinners from various regions (Canton, Szechuan, Hunan and more) along with luncheon specials. The Jade Dragon is located at 224 Westheimer. Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mon.—Thurs.; 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Fri.; 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sat.; and 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday. Orders to go & limited delivery available. Phone (713) 526-2683.

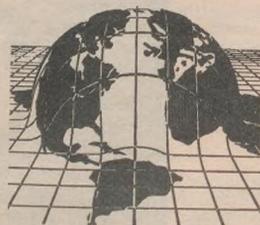
J.R.'s Bar & Grill

Visit with Carol at J.R.'s as she whips up her fabulous burgers, chicken, onion rings, fried mushrooms and more. She puts a lot of love into all she prepares. Ask for her (off the menu) grilled chicken salad—a grilled lemon chicken breast over fresh greens, tomatoes, cheese, bacon, cucumber & onion—for only \$5.00. Everything else on the menu is under \$5.00. Open Monday thru Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. only. Located at 808 Pacific in J.R.'s (far end of main bar). Orders to go & full bar service available. Phone (713) 521-2519.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

AIDS activists dispute some findings of National Research Council report

By PAUL RECER
FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 5 (AP)—A report that AIDS will strike mostly the "socially invisible" and will have little impact on American institutions suggests a callousness in U.S. society that will cause millions to suffer, AIDS organization officials said.

A report released Thursday by the National Research Council concluded that despite thousands of deaths and billions of dollars spent on crash research programs, there is no evidence that the AIDS epidemic will have any serious, permanent effect on American society.

Though the report seems to contradict the vast amount of publicity that has been given AIDS, Thomas Brandt of the National Commission on AIDS said "there has not been an appropriate level

of response (by institutions) to deal with the epidemic.

"While America will never be the same because of AIDS, some of our core institutions are clinging to the idea that it's business as usual."

John McIlveen, an executive with the People with AIDS Coalition in New York, said he believes AIDS issues have invaded every segment of society and that this should be acknowledged by the nation's social institutions.

"It's a risky assumption to make that we can carry on business as usual," he said. "By the end of this century, there won't be a person in this country who doesn't know at least one person with AIDS or HIV."

The National Research Council report said AIDS is different from historic epidemics, such as the bubonic plague that swept across Europe in the 14th century,

claiming victims in virtually every part of society.

AIDS generally is spread most frequently by risky behavior involving sex or intravenous drugs. The disease is concentrated among gays, drug users, the poor and the under educated, the study said. It described these people as "socially marginalized groups" with "little economic, political and social power."

As a result, the study concluded, AIDS "will 'disappear,' not because, like smallpox, it has been eliminated, but because those who continue to be affected by it are socially invisible, beyond sight and attention of the majority population."

The National Research Council is part of the National Academy of Sciences, a private organization chartered by Congress to provide scientific advice

to the federal government.

"AIDS has devastated the personal lives and social communities it has touched, but the epidemic has had little effect on American society as a whole or its way of doing business," said Albert R. Jonsen, chairperson of the study committee and a professor at the University of Washington.

"Many geographical areas and strata of the population are virtually untouched by the epidemic and probably never will be," the study said. "Certain confined areas and populations have been devastated and are likely to continue to be."

▼▼▼AUSTIN SOAP

San Fran Cisco's plays Cupid; Socials Etc. opens; Flash from the Past

By SUZETTE LOCKE

The New Voice/Austin

Hey Austin, How did you enjoy Georgia Ragsdale? I knew you would! These wild women of Nexus are at it again! \$1 long-neck, \$1 well drinks and those cheap Rita's (\$1), not to mention the Friday free buffet! But wait...there's more! Bring your favorite sweetie to the Sweethearts Dance. The Sweethearts Dance will be quite an event! Besides sharing the moment you could win a gift certificate for dinner for two, and something to cuddle could also be yours! I mean, besides your love! Don't miss it ladies!

Austinites unite! A new club is on your horizons! All New Socials Etc...open Tuesday through Saturdays 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Tuesday is Boy Nite Beer Bust with Amateur Male Dancers and on Friday it's Girls Nite Beer Bust with Amateur Female Dancers. Call for more information at (512) 929-7929. Directions will be given over the phone.

Austin Social Etc. has two dance floors, and some great ideas on the shaping of the club. Warren is taking suggestions on the type of music you want to party to. You can also keep your entertainment costs down by bringing your own bottle to Socials and party hardy! Definitely an alternative to downtown! Check it out!

Where are the cowboys? Cisco's! San Fran Cisco's is blowing it out Valentine's Day. Jay and Janet invite everyone to party to some great drink specials: .25 cent well drinks, .50 cent draft beer and pool/air hockey tournaments. Meet someone new.

To help out and have some fun Valentine's Day—Cisco's is playing Cupid! When you come in you'll receive a ticket. The numbers will be matched up and called out. Then the matched numbers will be put in a drawing. Winners will receive dinner for two certificates. (Things that make you go hmmm...) What a great way to break the ice. There will be a photographer there with a backdrop taking pictures of you and your sweetie, or your new "friends"! STOP! There will be a dance contest! It

takes two to tango! Grab a partner and come on!

Cisco's will also be celebrating Mardi Gras! A mini parade and the traditional beads and parties! Get ready Austin! This Mardi Gras is gonna be a wild one! Almost every bar in town is gearing up!

Charles Mardi Gras celebration includes partying from Friday (Feb. 20) until Fat Tuesday, \$2.75 Yeager Meister and at midnight: crowning of the Mardi Gras King with \$200 going to the winner.

What is going on at 'Bout Time? Well...Valentine's Day, they're having a Valentine's Day Show, gift give-aways and drink specials all day and night! Then Friday for Mardi Gras party til Fat Tuesday with a Kings Cake for good luck through the year! Come and party with Pam and Paula and all their great crew members!

But wait there's more...A Flash from the Past!! Shshshhh...Top secret! Ms. Mississippi 1971, yes folks 1971 will be doing the time

warp at Auntie Mames! (Saturday Feb. 13) Jim, (The Jim we all know and love) will be turning back the hands of time and entertaining for you; benefiting the Paul Kirby Fund. Lots of great things will be happening that night! A Queen of Heart Turn-about Show at 10:00 p.m. (Saturday Feb. 13) Wynona Judd ticket give-away—six total at Auntie Mames! Just show up!

Adult Video Star: Sean Colby!! The Crossing and Oil Can Harry's watch the spread! The Photo Spread! Then afterwards stay and party and get an autograph! Call the clubs for more information! They will also bring in the Mardi Gras Spirit! Back up! Auntie Mames now has another pianist. You know about Chip Dolan Monday through Thursday, but now Mack tickles the ivories Fridays and Saturday (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and Sunday 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seven full days of live music!

Gays in the military! Woof! Woof! Woof! Get all the information on this subject—see the selection Liberty Books offers! Come by 11th and Lamar!

A very special thanks goes out to the wonderful bar owners and managers! I've loved working with you and am very pleased to tell you Austin will soon have it's very own representative. Thanks for the great times!



The Nexus ladies—"Born to be wild"

▼▼▼AUSTIN QUICK NOTE

NLA: Austin hosts fundraiser for Texas Human Rights Foundation—"Wigstock 1993"

The National Leather Association of Austin (NLA:Austin) will present Wigstock '93 (aka: The Hair Ball) at the 404 Club the evening of Feb. 14, 1993. The evening will be a fundraiser for the Texas Human Rights Foundation and NLA: Austin.

An evening when NLA: Austin asks all of the attendees of the party to wear the wildest and most outrageous wigs or hair styles that they can come up with. The fundraiser for the Texas Human Rights Foundation and NLA: Austin promises to be an

evening of fun and festivities with a very special show starring Miss Gay USA '88 Tommie Ross, Jaqui DeShawn and Austin's favorite, Nicole.

Prizes will be given out to the people with the most outrageous hair styles. The

fundraiser is to help the Texas Human Rights Foundation with the attorney fees that have accumulated during the 21.06 sodomy case. Come out to support this worthy cause and possibly celebrate it's victory. For more information please call Chris at (512) 476-5266.

▼▼▼DATELINE: AUSTIN

State finance cut prompts fundraising efforts by ALLGO on Valentines Day

By DIANA GORHAM

FOR THE NEW VOICE

In the face of severe funding cuts, the non-profit Austin Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization (ALLGO, Inc.) and its AIDS project, Informe SIDA are turning to all members of the community to assist the organization by celebrating more than eight years of accomplishments at its "Baile de Amor," or Valentine's Day Celebration.

Informe SIDA, was notified in late December that the State Minority Education grant would not be funded as of the beginning of this new year due to a

substantial, nationwide cut in funds from the Center For Disease Control (CDC). The short notice cancellation resulted in a crisis for the agency because it means a cut of a large percentage of the agencies entire budget.

Informe SIDA is the second largest agency in Central Texas providing AIDS education and services. It is unique, however, because its primary focus is on persons of color and women, through its Women's Outreach Project.

Saul Gonzalez, ALLGO Co-Chair, stated that many segments of the community have stepped forward to offer

help in assuring that the agency's much needed services continue to be offered. However, donations collected through this Valentine's fundraiser will allow the agency to keep it's doors open long enough until more significant public and private funding can be secured.

"The event is a celebration of love in our community," stated Gonzalez, who continued "the dance is the eighth annual and organization's largest fundraiser of the year." Because Informe SIDA finds itself at a financial crossroads, this may be its most important event ever.

The dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993 at the Acropolis, 208 Nueces at

2nd Street from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. A variety of d.j. music will be featured including Tejano/Latin/bar/dance music. A cash bar will be provided. Pre-sale tickets are on sale at Informe SIDA for \$8. Admission will be a \$10 donation at the door. All supporters of the ALLGO/Informe SIDA have worked hard to keep its services going. The board and staff of the agency would like everyone to join efforts by attending or sponsoring the celebration. All contributions are tax deductible and you may obtain more information by calling (512) 472-2001.

▼▼▼GALVESTON SOAP

Mardi Gras weekend; parties, parades and fun everywhere; hold onto loved ones!

By STEVIE B.

The New Voice/Galveston

Mardi Gras Galveston, it's time for the Island's biggest and best party of the year. Area homes, clubs and storefronts have their colors flying and ready to greet partier's from everywhere. There are still Hotel rooms available for both weekends. For more information contact the Galveston Island Convention and Visitor's Bureau at 763-4311, 800-351-4236 (TX) or 800-351-4237.

For those coming down Saturday Feb. 20, a shuttle service will be running from the K-Mart off 61st street and from the Galvez Mall. This will be your best bet for parking and getting to the Strand entertainment district. The shuttles will run from noon to 6:30 p.m. and begin again following the parade till 1:30 a.m. Tickets are \$2 round trip per person. There will also be a shuttle from the ferry landing down to the Strand.

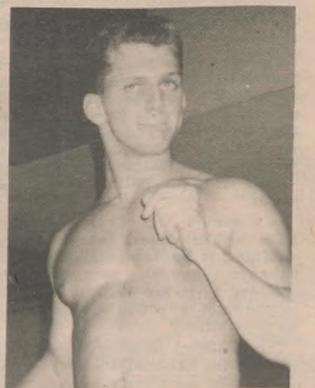
Here's a portion of the scheduled entertainment for both weekends: Saturday Feb. 13th, Miss Molly at 11:00 a.m., Texas Tornadoes at 2:00 p.m., Otis Day "Shout" at 3:00 p.m., Sunset Heights at 4:00 p.m., Joe Ely at 5:00 p.m., Krewe of Brew Parade at 6:30 p.m., Cold Blood and Robin's Roux at 7:30 p.m.

For Saturday the 20th: Joe "King" Carrasco at 11:30 a.m., Philadelphia Mummies show at noon and 2:00 p.m., Jennifer Holiday at 2:00 p.m., Los Lobos at 2:00 p.m. and Robert Cray at 4:00 p.m. The area clubs will be featuring special entertainment and drink prices as well.

Here are a few DO's and Don'ts to help



Muffin and the Beast at LaFittes



Ron of Muscles in Action at KonTiki

you get through Mardi Gras '93: Don't jump in front of the parade or push your lover in front of a float. Do bring a leash if you want to keep up with your Husband (Kevin gets one!) Don't get so drunk you get to stay Free at the "County Hotel" (jail). Do bring your bank card, you might need more money.

Now for the island gossip...First off Earl and John would like to meet Mona and Ann, how about brunch at the Queen Ann Bed & Breakfast Inn (notice the name). Call me and I'll help arrange an appointment. P.S. Earl and John would like to response soon.

This week at the Kon Tiki they had a special guest, Brittany Paige—Miss Bayou City 1993. She's a regular at E.J.'s in Houston, at least there were no broken windows down here.

From Muscles in Action Friday featured Randy (one of my favorites) and Saturday for his first appearance was Ron. Muffin was on her own, she left the "Beast" in the audience (we'll let her think that anyway). Muffin, if you want to be a chicken, you have to know to wear the feathers, but then we all know it's been awhile since you were or have seen chicken anyway!

Since I'm on the subject of Muffin's, rumor has it that the "Knights of the Round-table" are changing their name to the "Cornbread Bunch," we'll have to ask "Hazel" for more information. Maybe there's more to this story. If this keeps up Robert could open up a full restaurant with his own fresh breads. He'll just have to buy a franchise from Bill Cocker to open a Chicken Shack.

Well, Walter (Kon Tiki) must have not

listened to his bed time stories, he seems to think the moon's going to fall. The way I heard the story chicken little (not Muffin) thought the sky was falling, but then if Walter continues to say that he's a virgin the moon might fall (or did it?) It was a Full Moon weekend.

Kirk, how did an afternoon trip to Houston turn into three days? You keep saying you went to Church. I don't think going to Heaven qualifies. It seems that Joe O. has some "little" secret with Phillip. Have you two become Pin Pals?

Well, got to get back to business and get ready for Mardi Gras '93 until next week...That's it folks!



Danny of Pretty Boys at Evolution

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Valentine's Day parties everywhere; Miss Gay Southwest Pageant at Papermoon

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT

The New Voice/San Antonio

Well, Valentine's Day is here, or maybe not just yet, but it is just days away. Are you still bothered about what you are going to do for Valentine's? Do you have no idea about what to do for the one you love this year? The one that treats you with love and respect all year round, that waits on you hand and foot. God, this is a big decision. What am I to do? Well, here's an idea.

"Roses by Chicoll—yes, get something special for your Valentine and be thrifty. You can order one dozen roses in a see thru box with baby's breath and greenery for just \$35.00 delivered or one dozen roses in a glass vase with baby's breath and greenery, arranged and delivered for \$45.00. Show the special people in your life how much you care—call Chicoll from 9 to 9 daily at 372-9818.

The Crosswalk Deli is just the romantic thing to do for Valentine's weekend or anytime except for Sunday's when they are closed. The Crosswalk Deli is located at 121-C Alamo Plaza, catty corner from the front of the Alamo. I strongly recommend the Crosswalk Deli when you are downtown with your significant other, best friend, or maybe just enjoying the day by your self. Just look at these mouth watering suggestions.

A sandwich sounds just like the right thing to have in a park's provided atmosphere, in lawn chairs under big umbrellas with fresh flowers cut and set in an arrangement on each table. The Crosswalk Deli has come up with a unique idea—they have Fresh Fruit Smoothies in your choice of available fresh fruit, blended with ice, juice, cream and honey! Crosswalk

Deli custom bakes for all occasions and provides catering or party trays. Home delivery is available—call 228-0880 to order or obtain more information.

How about going to THE WILD CLUB and checking out Sean Colby-Falcon Adult Film Star—live on Feb. 12th with Sassy St. James and the Wild Club Dancers. Don't forget the Wild and Wicked Sunday Show with Shady Lady, Tasha Khol, Amber Nixx and Coco—\$1.00 wells 9-11 and after hours.

It's celebration time at The 2015. Ten years of dedicating all their time and

energy to providing service to their patrons. The 2015 invites you out Saturday, Feb. 13 and Sunday, Feb. 14th (Valentine's Day) where you can enjoy happy hour all day and all night and on Saturday, there will be food galore. Also starting at 10:30 p.m. there will be a Fabulous Show.

There are male dancers every Thursday from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and every Friday from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. There are \$1.25 wells and long necks from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. every Friday.

On Friday, Feb. 12, at 11:00 p.m. Gil-T Promotions presents "Miss Gay Southwest USA 1993" at The Paper Moon, 1430 South Main. Special guests will be Tandi Andrews—Miss Gay USA '93, Sweet Savage—Miss Southwest '92, Jennifer St. John—Former Miss Southwest, and Sharna Brooks—Miss Tri-State USA '93.

This is an official USA preliminary and applications are available at The Paper Moon, or you can call Ron at (210)344-3091. There will be over \$1,000.00 in cash and prizes awarded!

So, you plan on having a Valentine's party? Well, Dailey's Liquor wants to be invited or at least help you with your liquor needs. Here is a special drink for your Valentine's party—a Valentine Punch Love Potion. In a container, mix one 46 oz. can Fruit Juicy Red Hawaiian Punch, one 6 oz. can frozen orange juice concentrate, undiluted, one 6 oz. can frozen lemonade or limeade concentrate, undiluted, and one 750 ml. light rum. Chill for 2 hours. Pour punch over block of ice in punch bowl. Float mint, strawberries, orange, lemon and lime slices on top. Serve in 6 oz. punch cups. Makes 12 servings. Don't forget Dailey's Valentine

Special—Korbel Brut and Extra Dry Champagne for \$7.99. Look for Dailey's Liquor ad in this week's paper.

Enjoy Valentine's Day by attending the Miss Gay Sweetheart of San Antonio pageant at Bomboleo's Latin Fever Night Club, 622 Roosevelt, on Sunday, Feb. 14th at 10:30 p.m. The pageant will be hosted by Diamond Productions, and is the official Miss Gay San Antonio Sweetheart Pageant. This is a preliminary to Miss Gay San Antonio Metroplex. Categories are evening gown and talent.

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Special guests are Miss San Antonio M.C. Cinnamon Sweet, Miss San Antonio Metroplex Sensya Myles, Miss Latin San Antonio Krystal Kelly, Miss River City USA Lena Lavelle, Miss Fiesta Metroplex Savannah Fox, and a special appearance by Miss Gay South Pauletta Leigh. Bomboleo's features a Talent Contest at 11:30 p.m. on Thursday nights. Friday and Saturday are party nights. On There is an 11:30 p.m. Super Show every Sunday. Remember, there never has a cover, and if you like Tejano music Bomboleo's is highly recommended in San Antonio.

On Feb. 14, El Jardin, 106 Navarro, is having the Sunday Valentine Show with Trixie LaRue, Sammy Fond, Lorretta, Pointless Sisters, and others at 9:00 p.m. They will serve a special Lover's Pink Potion all day long for a mere \$1.50.

Sparks, at 811 Weebles is now open seven days a week at noon! New bartenders Tim and Cory would love to have you drop in. Look for Sparks ad for their upcoming special events and Valentine's Day plans.

The Country Club, located at 115 General Krueger, is having a Valentine's Sweetheart Brunch from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. The Jazz Brunch Buffet is only \$6.50. There will be an afternoon show at 3:00 p.m. with a \$2.00 cover—but there is no cover if you attended the Brunch. For reservations, please call (210) 344-9705. On Feb. 28th you can attend the Evening Gala with Autumn, Summer and Miss Shellie Jean. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. and there is a \$2.00 cover. Don't forget to bring in your rodeo ticket for 1 free drink.

Keep Nexus on your agenda for your Valentine's date. They'll have a Sweetheart Dance with lots of drink specials, and something to cuddle or dinner for two could be yours on Feb. 14th. Tuesday features drink specials all night. Wicked Wednesday's is "Anything But Country" all night with special drink prices. Thursday is Steak Night from 7-9. You bring the meat and Nexus does



Julie and William from The Country Club

the rest. And of course, Super Sunday also features 4X4 Volleyball Night games from 7-10 p.m. Are you ready for Spring volleyball—then get your teams ready because entry forms will be out soon and there will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday night leagues.

The Noo Zoo has lots of news for February. On Tuesday, the doors open at 9:00 p.m. for Country Western Night with DJ Stacie. Free line dance lessons from 9-11 with Alyson, and drink specials all night—with no cover. Friday features a Progressive Dash for Cash

with \$100.00 minimum pot. There are weekly winners who will be eligible for the Grand Dash for a cash prize of \$500.00 on May 28th. Sunday night is Tejano night with DJ Mark, featuring San Antonio's popular Tejano hits plus The Noo Zoo's own variety dance mix with a Supershow at 11:30 hosted by Brenda K. Starr.

And, speaking of country, the Rodeo is in San Antonio. However, San Antonio won't be hosting an IGRA rodeo until Nov. 5, 6, and 7th when The Texas Gay Rodeo Association will present the 10th Annual Texas Gay Rodeo. If you don't want to wait that long for a really Gay Rodeo, you should make plans to attend the next 1993 IGRA Rodeo on March 19, 20, and 21. It's the Saguaro Regional Rodeo, hosted by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association and will be held in Tucson, Arizona.

On Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14, at 3:00 p.m. there will be a San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus meeting at Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, 1305 N. Flores (210) 738-0015. On Saturday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. there will be "A Coming Out Party" fund-raiser for San Antonio Lesbian and Gay Political Caucus. Call (210) 656-0375 for additional information.

P.S. To all of San Antonio, if you have anything that may need to be mentioned about your club, restaurant, shops, stores, and organizations, please contact Richard Wright (deadline is Sunday night) at (210) 737-2615. The New Voice urges all organizations to get involved and send in any news or the materials to The New Voice in Houston or fax it to (713) 529-9531.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: SAN ANTONIO

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm meets privately with military officers about gays

By KELLEY SHANNON

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN ANTONIO, Friday, Feb. 5 (AP)—U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm met privately with Air Force personnel Friday and said the "vast majority" of the airmen he spoke with favor keeping a ban on homosexuals in the military.

After meeting with about 150 officers and enlisted personnel at Randolph Air Force Base, the Texas Republican took jobs at President Clinton for moving to lift the 50-year-old military ban on gays.

"These (military personnel) were people not talking in broad philosophical terms, but people talking about practical problems that you face in a recruit dorm where you have communal bathrooms, where people are sleeping on bunks relatively close to each other," Gramm said.

"I think that's something that to the president or to (Defense) Secretary (Les)

Aspin, that's sort of a philosophical issue," he said. "To a young 18-year-old recruit sharing a shower and toilet facilities, it is not a philosophical issue. It's a very practical issue."

Gramm said he wants rank-and-file officers to testify in Washington on the matter. But because military officers are trained to follow orders of the commander-in-chief it could "mute" military debate, he said.

Clinton has reached a compromise with Congress that calls for Aspin to review the homosexual policy by July 15 to draw up an executive order on lifting the ban.

Clinton also has temporarily suspended formal discharges of homosexuals from the military and ordered recruiters to stop asking applicants about their sexual orientation.

At Randolph, Gramm met with men and women chosen by Air Force offi-

cial. News reporters were not permitted in the meeting.

The senator gave no count, but said the "vast majority" of the approximately 150 airmen "strongly opposed" lifting the ban.

"There were a couple of people who expressed a belief that in some form it could be made to work, but even they raised practical concerns about when they come in to the Air Force, when they're going through boot camp, the practical problems when people are sharing living space and how you deal with that problem," he said.

Gramm said airmen pointed out that military jobs differ from civilian jobs, where employees go home and live separately from co-workers.

There was no "gay bashing," and nobody told of specific incidents they had encountered involving homosexuals, Gramm said.

After San Antonio, Gramm went to meet with soldiers at Fort Hood, the large Army post at Killeen.

Gramm was to have been joined by U.S. Reps. Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin, and Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, but both were delayed in Washington by Thursday night's congressional session, their offices said. A Wilson spokesperson also said he did not want to join Gramm in a press "circus."

Both Wilson and Bonilla oppose lifting the ban.

Gramm was among the Senate Republicans who pushed unsuccessfully Thursday to restore the original gay ban and to require a congressional vote on any change. The Republicans tried to attach the measure to the family and medical leave bill.

▼▼▼ CORPUS CHRISTI SOAP

Pageants at Choices and Jolly Jack III; Magic Mile registration

By SUZETTE LOCKE

The New Voice/Corpus Christi

Those wild women at Desert Hearts are at it again. Super Bowl Sunday survivors are now having cheap sex! Does it ever end? Let's hope not! Desert Hearts and you...two hearts that beat as one! With these hearts a flutter, just do it. Sex on the beach for \$1 (shots), or go all out with...Ger-r-ronimo! Kamakazi shots for \$1. Happy Valentines ladies! Feb. 14 catch a very special all-female affair.

As always, expect the unexpected...at Choices of course! Ken, Allen, Lad, Mo and all the rest of the family want you to know...if you haven't been to the Executive Club at Choices you're missing out. They always have a great entertainment and don't think for a minute just because it's not listed they're having a quiet night! Last week the guys blew it out for a CBAF Benefit and a benefit for the P L A L o v i n g Spoonful Kitchen. They raised over \$300 for these two events! Choice goes all out for the community!

Get ready—Crown Productions and Choices presents... "Ms Nueces County—America" pageant being held at



Selene Crawford

Choices Feb. 28. For more information or applications call Rudy Cardona or just come on over to Choices. The friendly bartenders will be able to help! Coming very soon Choices Talent sensations (stay tuned for more information). The Executive Club at Choices is seeking a part-time pianist to tickle the ivories! If you are interested call Ken or Alan at 888-8742.

Hold to your hat! For hot disco dancing surrounded by smoke and a light show unbeaten in the Coastal Bend you've got to come by U.B.U. (4701 Ayers). Andreas and his flawless crew bring unparalleled entertainment to you. Almost every day they are open. Check out this months line-up! Feb. 18—A Fashion Show, Feb. 19 the ever beautiful Dyan Michaels! Feb. 20 get ready for San Antonio's Erika and Corpus' Rhonda House.

Ladies, ladies, ladies U.B.U. has something for you too! Feb. 21—Female Dancers! But wait! Mr. Gay Houston-USA 92 and 93, Scott Free will be there! Mmmm! There will also be male dancers that night! For all the newcomers there's a talent contest every Wednesday. Come and join in!

The Coastal Bend's own Joan Rivers was entertaining at U.B.U. recently and

now (Joan Rivers) aka Selene Crawford is on her way to Miss Southwest Texas 1993! To help support her efforts, recently some great entertainers got together to raise money! Jasmine, Savannah, Chanel, Sade, Tori, Racine, Mr. Corpus Christi—Albert, Victoria, Katheryn, Kristen, Vanessa, and Brittney—Thanks! From Selene. It was one fantastic show! Loved it!

The official Miss Gay Corpus Christi Sweetheart Pageant will be held Feb. 14 at Jolly Jacks III. First prize will be \$100. Jolly Jacks has definitely been changing their outlook since the La Vida days. The name, a slight face lift, and a new attitude! With 25+ cent bourbon drinks and 75+ cent well, \$1.25 can beer and 50+ cent draft you can party hard! They've added some great lights and sounds. A younger crowd is invited but must have proper I.D. for 18 and over. Jolly Jacks is on the Staples runway between two other clubs: Choices and Hidden Door!

And speaking of the Hidden Door, the Leather, Levi bar of Corpus Christi is partying for Sweethearts Day! The Corpus Christi Motorcycle Club is read to do it again! CCMC and BALLS will be cooking out and selling roses starting around 3:00 p.m. Tickets now on sale: CCMC Raffle, 1st prize Run Pack for Beachhead Six—September '93. Second prize a Pioneer Single CD Player—Texas Rider 25th Anniversary Silver Lust! Join the fun! Feel the magic!

For all who have been patiently waiting, The Magic Miles is getting geared



The wild women of Desert Hearts

up. The real magic is life! The 1993 Magic Mile will start at The Cole Park Amphitheater, Saturday April 3, 1993 at 7:00 a.m. The events will include a 10K and 5K run and a 2 mile walk or roll. Registration fees are as follows: pre-registration \$12 (entries post marked before March 28) and \$15 for late registration. To register mail completed entry form along with check or money order to Magic Mile, P.O. Box 1454 Corpus Christi, Tx. Make checks payable to HIV/AIDS Housing Center Inc.

Race Packet pick up will be at Fleet Feet (Road Runners) Gulfway Center, 6034 SPID (Thursday and Friday) April 1st and 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. to 6:45 a.m. on the day of events. Awards aplenty! Top Male and Female finishers in at least 15 categories will receive awards provided by Wilhelme-Holland Studios.

For more information call Fleet Feet at (512) 993-5838. Proceeds are used to support AIDS prevention efforts in the Coastal Bend and to support the Coastal Bend AIDS Foundation, The Passage, and The Loving Spoonful Kitchen. Last year 250 participants were expected but over 700 showed up. This year over 1200 anticipated. This is going to be quite an event! Come and join the magic!



Owner, manager & some close friends invite you to cruise by the Executive Club

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO QUICK NOTE

San Antonio's P.W.A. Coalition has a new Board of Directors for 1993

New board members of the San Antonio P.W.A. Coalition were announced recently and they are: Peter Peterson (Chairperson), Hector Sanchez (Vice-Chairperson), Kenneth Trahan (Secretary), Tom Williams (Treasurer), Daniel Campos (Parliamentarian), Scott Gambutt, Ruben Garcia, Barbara Weaver, Francesca Cuello, Luis Vargas, Johnnie Trimble and John Padilla. The goal of this years board is to have a very diverse and dedicated Board of Directors, whose

priorities are the health and welfare of the HIV/PWA community.

The next general meeting of the San Antonio P.W.A. Coalition is on Monday Feb. 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hispanic AIDS Committee, 814 Camden. Everyone is welcome to attend and all HIV+ persons present are eligible to vote on all issues. If you or someone you know is HIV+ and are in need of assistance of any kind or information on HIV testing

locations, call (210) 545-HOPE. You will be referred to the agency that provided the services needed. There are many testing sites available and most are free and confidential. One agency will even pay you to be tested but their funds are limited, so call quickly.

Other Important Meetings In San Antonio

San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Political

Caucus will hold a meeting on Sunday Feb. 14, Valentine's Day at 3:00 p.m. The location will be the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center at 1305 North Flores. For more information call (210) 738-0015.

On Saturday, Feb. 20 the San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus, will host a fundraiser called "A Coming Out Party." For location, time and other pertinent information, call (210) 656-0375.

▼▼▼ RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

Victoria West pageant in San Antonio; Valley AIDS Council seeks volunteers

By ALICIA LUGO

The New Voice/Rio Grande Valley

The big week is finally at hand for the Miss Gay Southwest USA 1993 Pageant in San Antonio. The lovely and talented Victoria West will be representing Just Tery's in the pageant. Victoria has been the featured entertainer this first month on the Friday night shows and has really been a big hit in the Valley. Bring back the title for us!

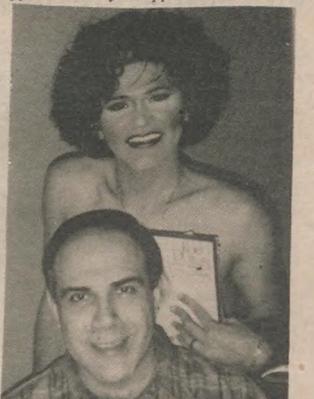
Don't forget that with Tery gone, this Friday will be "Black Friday," which means that there won't be a show. But not to worry! This just means that there will be even more time to enjoy all the great dance music with new D.J. Tony spinning all the hits. On Friday, J.T.'s will also be holding a special Valentine's drawing. They will be giving away a \$100.00 cash prize, a steak dinner for two and a bottle of bubbly. Remember, you must be present to win.

On Saturday Feb. 13th at Just Tery's, Valley Voice will be holding a fund raiser that will be sure to delight all those lovebirds in the Valley. They will have a booth set up in the back bar to take Valentine's Sweetheart pictures. For only \$3.00 per couple or \$5.00 per groups, you can have a beautiful keepsake picture complete with a Valentine setting. On Feb. 15th Valley Voice will have it's next meeting at 7:30 P.M. at Just Tery's and on Feb. 16th at the Best Western Cameron Room in Harlingen at 8:00 P.M.

If you can't make it out to have your picture taken on Saturday don't worry Valley Voice will be at P.B.D.'s on Sunday Valentines night too. And speaking of P.B.D.'s, on Friday Feb. 12th they will be celebrating their 9th Anniversary Bash. Come out and enjoy all the festivi-



Paulina Mercedes Lane and Bonita Baker appear Saturday at Zippers



Misty Duval and Isaac of 10th Avenue

ties that Drew, Chuck and Don have planned. And be sure to catch the great show scheduled for that night too.

We would also like to thank P.B.D.'s for the very successful fund raiser they held last Sunday for M.C.C. The food and the prizes were great guys.

The 10th Avenue celebrated Takisha's birthday last Sunday with a great show. Entertainers included Takisha herself, Misty, Nina Jackson, Andrea Milani and more. On Feb. 13th be sure and see those gorgeous hunks from the Lone Star Male Revue. Then on Feb. 14th mark your calendars for Sachet's Show. And finally don't forget to come out to see Shady Lady herself on Feb. 26th.

Moving down the Valley to Harlingen, Zippers will also be holding a Special Valentine's show on Feb. 13th. Stars of the show will be Paulina Mercedes Lane (Miss Zippers 1992-93, and Brownsville Calendar girl 1993) and Bonita Baker, Zippers show director, along with other surprise guests. Zippers would like to announce that this month's Face of the Month Contest has been moved to Feb. 27th. There will be a monthly open contest with a \$50.00 cash prize going to the winner. For more information on contests contact Bonika at (210) 412-9708.

At the 440 Club in Brownsville Edgar and the gang invite you to join the on Sunday Valentine's night for the Ms. Sweetheart show featuring Melissa Crawford, Andrea Milani, Tanya Lee, Monique Duval and last but not least Birthday girl Kelly Kline.

The Valley Aids Council is seeking volunteers to help with outreach education to clubs and other establishments throughout the Valley. At the beginning of this year they received a \$50,000

budget cut in monies that went to AIDS Educational Services. Three of the positions that provided outreach were done away with. Although the safe sex packages can still be made available, volunteers are needed to receive special training to be able to distribute them. There will be a meeting held on Saturday Feb. 13th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Valley AIDS Council office at 2220 Haine Drive #33 in Harlingen. Or contact Tom or Ted at 428-9322 for more information.

Before closing I'd like to wish Becky, Carlos and C.C. happy belated birthdays. That's all for now folks. See ya next week.



Victoria represents Just Tery's at Paper Moon

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

Interview with lesbian novel, 'Empathy' author Sara Schulman, part 2

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
The New Voice/New Orleans

Sara Schulman is author of the widely acclaimed novel "Empathy" (Dutton, \$18; 184 Pp.). Empathy, a lesbian novel, has been favorably reviewed in Entertainment Weekly. SS: "That's like the mainstream's mainstream." And it is a Book of the Month Club's alternative selection. SS: "Their first lesbian book." She has won the American Library Association's Gay and Lesbian Book Award, and the Word Project for AIDS/ Gregory Kolovakas Memorial Award.

As published last week, Schulman told me she had recently been told by a Washington Post reporter that Colin Powell had two gay children. LEJ: "That is an amazing piece of information, I'll quote you unless you tell me not to."

Schulman said she knew Linda Powell in New York City but did not know she was Colin Powell's daughter until the Post reporter told her. SS: "She (the reporter) thinks most of those people (public homophobes) have gay children. They have gays in their families, and they know it, and they are still doing this stuff."

LEJ: "Yes, look at the right-winged

prophet of Alton, Illinois, Phyllis Schafly." SS: "Something is wrong with her boy! He's still living (at) home with mom, and he is like forty-three years old?" LEJ: "He has been outed, but still agrees with his mother that conservatives should keep those suckers in chains. Talk about self hate!"

"Thurgood Marshall, when he was a young civil rights lawyer, used courtroom testimony from a St. Louis psychologist who had conducted a series of studies using black and white dolls. Black girls and boys picked white dolls as good and black dolls as most like them. Would you agree, lesbians and gays share that psychological scar." SS: "It's true." LEJ: "We're imprinted with this idea that we are damaged goods?" SS: "Yes."

"When you look at that statement of Freud's at the beginning (of Empathy), it is so absurd. When I read it out loud people laugh." LEJ: "Freud opened a lot of doors, but not all of them."

SS: "That's right." LEJ: "Freudianism is very out of fashion now, isn't it?" SS: "Yes, I think so."

"It's funny, when you go back to a play like 'Boys In The Band,' which is supposedly very emblematic. The way

those men describe themselves is so influenced by that (Freudian definition of homosexuality). They really believed their mothers made them gay."

LEJ: "Well, I hated that movie. SS: "Good." LEJ: "I liked it in so far as being the very first time I saw gay people represented, but I didn't like the walking-wounded portrayal. And, of course, for you, women didn't exist in the story." SS: "Right."

"That whole 'walking-wounded' thing, on that level it is overdone, nonetheless, there is an element of truth to it. Then, you look at something like what's happened with AIDS in the last twelve years, and how creative, how loving, how brave the gay community has been. That is not the behavior of people who think they are a piece of sh—."

LEJ: "You have many awards and a Book of the Month Club selection, you've done well for yourself. What are your plans for the future?" SS: "I have a non-fiction book coming out next year, from Routledge. It's about what's happened to gay people during the Reagan/Bush years ... collected writings from the eighties, but also with an analysis of how the gay movement responded to all the different things that happened under Reagan and Bush."

"I'm writing a new novel, about the rat infestation of New York City, called 'Rat Bohemia.'"

LEJ: "Any movie nibbles?" (Schulman mishears and laughs guilelessly at the thought of) SS: "Movable nipples, I was thinking of that scene from 'Sleeper' with the huge moving breast!"

SS: "'After Delores,' my third novel, has just been optioned by Donna Vermeer, who is (presently) making a film of Alice Walker's 'Meridian.' The thing is, you never know (about movie deals.)"

On the film Crying Game. SS: "Once I realized they weren't going to make love, it made me really angry. I began to get the feeling that this movie is pretending to be for me, but it really isn't for me."

LEJ: "Hadn't they become lovers?" SS: "No, that film maker really needed to protect his heterosexuality. 'Look at this guy's (director/writer Neil Jordan's) earlier movie, 'Monalisa.' I felt ripped off by it too."

LEJ: "I liked Crying Game a lot. I have an interview coming up with Neil Jordan. It will be put back a few weeks because of your outing Linda Powell." SS: "Good!"

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTE

New Orleans' Krewe of Armeinius celebrates 25 years at Anniversary Ball

The Krewe of Armeinius (pronounced ar-me-ne-us), one of the premiere gay carnival organizations will be celebrating Mardi Gras in a big way this year with its 25th Anniversary Ball on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the St. Bernard Civic Auditorium. In honor of this historic event, Armeinius is

making invitations to the ball available to out-of-town visitors for the last weekend of carnival activities. Only a limited number of invitations will be available for \$10.00 exclusively at Tom's Toy Boy, 907 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana (504) 523-7837 on a first come first served basis. Formal attire (full length gown, full dress tails

or tuxedo) is required for entrance to the ball.

The gay community of New Orleans celebrated carnival with Bal Masques featuring magnificent costumes which are rarely seen except by those favored with an invitation. The costumes for which this

krewe is famous are amongst the most elaborate found anywhere, with rivers of rhinestones, gorgeous gems, shimmering sequins and fabulous feathers that would make a peacock proud! The members of Armeinius work all year on costumes that until now have only been seen by special invitation to the Bal Masques.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTE

Knights d'Orleans invite you to Night of the Black Mask 1993

The Knights d'Orleans will kick off Mardi Gras Weekend on Feb. 19 at their home bar, The Phoenix, located at 941 Elysian Fields, for "Night of the Black Mask '93," (their annual Mardi Gras hospitality party for out-of-town guests). The party

should get underway following the Hermes Parade, around 10:00 p.m. In the past Black Mask has been extremely well attended and 1993 should be no exception as the Knights extend their welcome to hundreds of the world's hottest leather-

men and women, in town for the final weekend of carnival.

In conjunction with Night of the Black Mask, the Knights will be sponsoring a special, cheap Mardi Gras beer bust, with masks, a raffle for a parade of prizes,

Jaegermeister shots and much more. Arrangements have been made with the city to have Rampart Street blocked off for the evening, to help facilitate the festivities into the early hours.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

NOLA City Council supports Clinton's plan for lesbians-gays in military

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
The New Voice/New Orleans

New Orleans City Councilmember Johnny Jackson introduced a council resolution, Feb. 4, in support of the views advanced by President Bill Clinton to stop the persecution of lesbians and gays in the United States Military. "We've already set a statute in this city about human rights, and this is in keeping with it," Jackson said. The resolution passed by a vote of 4-3.

Voting against supporting the president were Councilmembers Jackie

Clarkson (District C, which includes the Vieux Carre' and Faubourg Marigny); Joseph Giarrusso (At Large); and Peggy Wilson (Uptown's District A).

Jackson told the council, "Our military has an unreasonable history of discrimination." He said he was surprised to find Clarkson, Giarrusso, and Wilson supporting discrimination.

Clarkson, who earlier cast one of two votes against New Orleans Human Rights Ordinance forbidding discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, said, "My idols are men like Colin Powell and Sam Nunn."

Wilson, the other vote against the Human Rights Ordinance, said the gays/lesbians in the military matter should be delayed until the "greater society has come to terms with homosexuality."

"As someone who served in the military and has seen problems arise from this question, I can't support this resolution," Giarrusso said. He did say he supported removal of the "Are you gay?" question of inductees.

Lin Todd, a gay veteran, addressed the council saying, "It is an issue of dis-

crimination, whether it's the color of your skin or your sexual orientation."

Giarrusso later recounted a story from his days in the military when he saw "two men thrown out." Giarrusso claimed only one of the two were gay. He did not explain why the other was expelled. He agreed that gays and lesbians have served honorably in the U.S. military, beginning with the Revolution on up to today. "I have a lot of problems with it."

Voting yes were Jackson, Dorothy Mae Taylor, Lambert Boissiere, and Jim Singleton.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Colorado's Amendment 2 in limbo, but gay rights controversy rages on

By PEGGY LOWE
FOR THE NEW VOICE

DENVER, Friday, Feb. 5 (AP)—Even though Colorado's anti-gay-rights law is on hold until a court challenge is settled, the fighting and feuding over Amendment 2 continues without letup.

The boycott movement shows no weakening. It continues to persuade groups to cancel conventions in Colorado and to target companies based here. Celestial Seasonings tea and Coors beer—poles apart politically—share space on the list of banished Colorado products.

"The boycott is still very much alive," said Jan Williams, spokesperson for Boycott Colorado, a Denver-based group promoting the boycott.

Denver officials estimate the boycott has cost Colorado more than \$20 million in convention business alone.

Counties that voted for Amendment 2 are getting attention from Boycott Colorado, which each week sends around a list of "Hate Counties"—where a plural-

ity of voters supported Amendment 2. The list identifies industries based in those counties.

A drive was launched this week in Colorado Springs to water down Amendment 2 by granting homosexuals protection against discrimination, but no "special rights."

At the same time, Telluride voters openly defied the amendment this week by becoming the fourth Colorado city to adopt an ordinance protecting gays from discrimination.

Amendment 2, approved by Colorado voters last Nov. 3, prohibits any state or local laws that give civil protections to gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

The boycott movement launched by gay activist groups and their supporters have taken a toll. One of the first casualties was Colorado's convention trade.

"While \$20 million is not a significant percentage of the \$3 billion that will be spent over the next six years by meeting delegates, a loss of that size will still result in people losing their jobs, in busi-

nesses losing money and in city tax collections being reduced," said Roger Smith, president of the Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The 50,000-member American Jewish Congress voted to endorse the boycott this week, urging members to avoid travel in Colorado. Other groups recently joining the boycott include the western branch of the Independent Feature Project, a group of independent filmmakers, and the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, joining the national ACLU office and large chapters including Los Angeles and New York.

A New York group has taken the boycott a step further. A group of gay activists called New York Boycott Colorado says all New Yorkers should boycott Colorado products, such as Celestial Seasonings tea, Coors beers, Holly Sugar, Samsonite Luggage and Monfort meats.

"It's our concern that Colorado companies not do good business in New

York City," said Chip Duckett, a leader of the New York boycott.

Celestial Seasoning chief executive officer Mo Siegel said he is taking the threat seriously but refuses to cave in to the pressure. "We are very emphatic about not discriminating, but we will not be blackmailed," he said.

Telluride, a small western Colorado ski resort that is gaining cachet among the Hollywood elite, this week joined Denver, Boulder and Aspen in adopting laws protecting gay rights. The latter three cities adopted their anti-discrimination ordinances before passage of Amendment 2.

If Amendment 2 takes effect, the cities' laws will be nullified.

"It's more than a symbolic gesture, maily said Zeb Landsman, the Telluride lawyer that helped pass the city's new law. "We've adopted an anti-discrimination statute that will be on the books until regional conflicts with state law." (817)

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART ONE

A sermonette by Mr. Manners; Dirt; Puppy Love met Soiree Aubergine at Gentry

The New Voice/Houston Hello Houston!

In the name of love this Valentine's Day, I want someone to explain something to me. Why are people always interfering with new relationships? You know how when you're single or out to find a partner, no one is interested. And then when you finally find the right person and you make a commitment to each other, everyone can suddenly find time for you or your new other half. Not only can they find the time, but they go out of their way to try and work their way between you. And if they don't want to make a wedge then they just want to borrow your partner for a fantasy or two. Sluts!

Or how about the ones that call up and won't leave a message. "Oh, that's okay, I'll just call back later." Right, as if you're not going to be sure and answer the phone the next time. And how would you like for your Valentine's Day morning or any morning to be ruined by some lounge lizard calling your trucker at some ungodly hour to shoot the bull (right!) I swear, I came this close to asking my trucker to change the cellular number in the sleeping cab. Just when things are feverish, the phone rings and kills the moment. And it was some fool wanting some high octane fuel to get to a party that evening. Get a grip guys!

What is the point of this Valentine's Day love sermonette? Queens, back off and let a new relationships take off, like yours

did or like you would like one to. Don't interfere or offer temptations like an ordinary slut. Enough with the preaching and on with soap.

Hey, all you truckers out there! There's a journalist from Washington who reads Soap religiously and she is coming to town during LUEY Weekend. She is currently shooting pictures for a new book that is soon to be published. The subject matter is "gays as family" and I don't mean mommy, daddy and rug-rats. I've seen samples of her work and she's good. She would like pictures of truckers with their big rigs to be included in her book. If you are a legitimate trucker, male or female, single or with spouse, definitely gay, call me at The New Voice and leave your name and a number to contact you at and I will put you in contact with Nancy when she is in town. She is

going to be a wild Valentine bash at Club Body center Saturday night. Damon, is that true?

Happy 50th birthday to Mark, the other owner of the Venture-N. There will be a party on Feb. 22 at 8:00 p.m.

Happy 91st birthday to Ethel Duren on Thursday Feb. 11.

Happy belated birthday to Joe (Martin & Joe). Next time Martin tells you to get ready to go out—you'd better listen!

I hear Batch (Ripcord) has gone to the dogs! Actually, that was the greyhound racing track in Dickinson and won some big money.

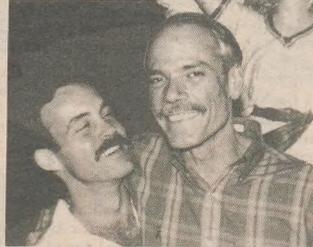
Sorry, Buffy! I swear I won't use Buffy again in dirt, okay?

Jim Campbell (Mary's ex-doorman many years ago) was in town from Dallas last weekend—doing and looking great!

Hey Mike, see you in Dallas soon!



Tina Rene, Lori Love & Nancy Taylor stand behind the new Miss Sweetheart '93, Leonela



Tim Todd & Jim Campbell party at Mary's



RSICSS Empress & Emperor IX



Happy birthday Mark (VN) 2/22



David, Ron, Cliff, Brian, Roger, Shirley, Armand, Lee & Lloyd were all partying at Leather by Boots last Thursday night

Del (Gentry) just what caused your scratchy throat?

Thank you Mike (ex VN d.j.) for the words of encouragement!

Jon & Ron—is it true? Is there really an egg moving? I know, don't count your emus before they hatch, but how exciting!

What's this about Loretta Lick—the pavement at E/J's last weekend? The elephants are telling stories on you honey!

Speaking of stories. The Wolf Pack's Wolf Moon party was great at Mary's last Saturday night. Men everywhere! And wasn't that Lady Victoria Lust in drag as Marvin, seen supporting her furry men in leather?

And the Garden Party Girls put on quite a show at the Brazos River Bottom last Sunday evening. The house was so packed that the photographers had trouble getting any shots (no not liquor). Men and women were backed up to the front door. Puppy Love was a great success for the first show of the year for GP as they raised roughly \$1040 for Pet Patrol. We can't wait to see the next effort. Thank you Ronnie for the PR assistance.

Later that same evening at Gentry, the GP gurlhs showed up to aid in the benefit for Bering Care Center by the Soiree Aubergine group. Del, tells me that the Sunday event "Lipstick & Levis" raised \$726 for Bering Care Center. Way to go guys and gals. It certainly is great to see such cooperation and support for each others functions, too.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

MCCR's 'Norman is that you?'; Sweethearts in Houston; Soiree's silent auction

By TAD NELSON

The New Voice/Houston

Another worthy function of note will be this weeks show at local gay church. "Norman, is that you?" will be presented at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR), Feb. 12-14. Dinner & show \$12.50. Show only \$5.00. Reservations required. The cast gave us a taste of the show during last Sundays services and it looked quite funny. Call 861-9149 for info.

This is not a church function, but it could be considered a "religious experience" so don't miss the special preview of "Undercover Christian," a Little Video Production of the newest chapter in the life of that sleaze-ball, Minister Mike, who says he knows "sin is everywhere." Especially at the Ripcord beginning at 8:00 p.m. this Valentine's Day. As you recall, Mike and his team of so-called born again saints, slithered into the Ripcord in leather disguises with cameras rolling one Sunday in October to catch the action and report it on their televangelist show. Don't miss the results—they should be a riot!

It should be a big weekend for Southern Country Houston. The group is hosting "Sweethearts in Houston" a hoe-down, Feb. 12-14. Registration is at the Ranch at 11:00

p.m. Friday evening and costs \$5.00. Contact a Southern Country member or call the Ranch for information. Good times, good food, good dancing, "volleyball playin'" etc. are sure to be had by all. Besides, who can resist hundreds of cowboys in one location?

Michael K. Wilson's Wednesday night Self Healing Classes meet from 8-10:00 p.m. at the Spectrum Center located at 3416 Audubon. Feb. 17 guest speaker is Howard McQuay—subject "Canaid" a formulation to help people with cancer. Feb. 24 guest speaker is Layton Payne on the Avatar Experience. For information contact Michael Wilson at 523-4241. No charge & questions encouraged.

Soiree Aubergine (yes, that eggplant evening again) begins Friday Feb. 19 with silent auction & complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 6:00 p.m. at Gentry with additional events thru Sunday Feb. 28's 5:00 p.m. "La Soiree Grande" & raffle



Miss Thang, lookin' pretty!



Newlyweds, David & Scotty sans child



Jimmy of Phoenix in New Orleans at the Ripcord



See what you missed at Mary's Saturday night! Wolf Wolf!

This years post Let Us Entertain You Weekend Party will be "Diamonds and Studs" at Pacific Street on Sunday Feb. 27. This is an official LUEY event. Call for more information at (713) 523-0213.

Coming Memorial Day weekend is Texas Riders big "Silverlust 25" party to be held at Buzzards' Peak campsite. They are expecting quite a crowd at this one so you might get your application (available at most of you local leather levi bars) turned in early.

The Texas Renegades are having their 8th anniversary on Saturday March 27th beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the BRB. There will be a bar hop with fun and surprises and food. More information to follow on this one.

Rumor has it that the lesser known brother of famous country & western mega-star Clint Black, will be at the Brazos River Bottom in March. Can you imagine Brian Black and his band at BRB for you boot scootin' pleasure? I just love this kind of rumor—don't you?

Happy Valentines Day to all our friends and readers. Check your local bar listings for Valentine Party information. A special I love you goes out to my favorite trucker on this, our first Valentines Day together. May it be just one of many for us and all new lovers and long time companions.

Bye for now.



Some of the Garden Party girls at BRB

drawings.

Krewe of Hydra and The Ripcord present "An Excursion to Mardi Gras in Galveston" Saturday, Feb. 20. Cost \$20.00 round trip in advance & \$25.00 day of trip (if seating is available—last I heard there were only five (5) seats available). Departing from Ripcord 11:00 a.m.—return following parade. Tickets available at Ripcord. Benefiting Stone Soup.

"Let Us Entertain You Weekend" is Feb. 26, 27, & 28. Free to out-of-town guests & \$10.00 for residents. Registration forms available at participating clubs, or register at Venture-N Friday, Feb. 26, 9:00 p.m.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS SOAP

Quasi—ready for Mardi Gras; Get your beads at Mad Thad's; OZ—the new bar in town

By BUNCH BRITAIN

The New Voice/New Orleans

"...and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, so help me God." Upon completion of this oath William Jefferson Clinton became President of the United States. At that time, and in accordance with Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution, he also became Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States.

One thing the Constitution does not say is that the President must seek the advice and consent of the Senate or any individual member of Congress, regardless of their political power, in being the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces. As a political matter the direction of the Armed Forces has been under civilian control for our entire history. The Congress recognized this when the Navy and the Army and the Marine Corps was reorganized into one government department following WWII, The Department of Defense.

Although Congress can pass laws respecting the military they have been wise in allowing the President and the civilian Secretaries of Defense to command the services. We hope the military commanders will now continue to recognize that no one will tolerate insubordination or treason in the ranks of the military. We hope you noted in Leonard Earl Johnson's interview with Sarah Schulman the startling revelation that General Colin Powell has two gay children. Could it be that his aversion to gays stems from parental misunderstanding? It probably makes more sense than some of the gobbly gook excuses he used in public before he began following orders.

Continue your calls and letters to members of Congress and the Pentagon. They are beginning to make your point of view known. We especially need military veterans to call Senator J. Bennett Johnson in favor of removing the ban.

We congratulate the Lesbian and Gay Community Center of New Orleans for organizing the march on the Federal Building last Saturday and the manner in which the march was held. The three hundred people included almost all of our leaders and politicians who are going to be instrumental in making our views known in Washington during the March on Washington in April. It would be great if we could turn out as many people in Washington.

The March on Washington committee has been working with travel agents



J.R. Wittberger, Chair, NOGLEA and Larry Bagneris, Mayor's Committee on Human Rights marching on the Federal Building

▼▼▼ FORT WORTH QUICK NOTE

Fort Worth's AIDS Outreach Center has new information line & expanded hours

In 1992, over 3000 callers turned to the AIDS Outreach Center for information about AIDS and HIV and for help accessing local resources. Until recently, the Center's information service have been limited to daytime hours, possibly restricting access to needed service.

The Center now has a direct information line (817) 336-0066. Callers may reach the new information line from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays. A special publicity campaign is planned to increase com-

that now have a \$229 per person package that provides for bus to Washington and return with two nights in a Washington area Quality Inn, transportation to and from the march site and to recreation areas at night. Call Alternative Travel, 3003 Chartres, (504) 949-5917; 949-5815 for more information.

When getting ready for your trip to Washington don't forget to buy your basic film supply and video tapes before you leave. They're not only more expensive up there, but there was a tremendous shortage at the last march. We brought all of our 35mm film back for developing and printing here at the French Quarter Camera store across from the Cafe du Monde on Decatur. Beverly and her family are well known for taking special care of your pictures. They are still giving 20% discount when you bring your coupon from any issue of The New Voice. They are definitely our "headquarters" for photo supplies here at home.

Pictured here in the column are Wayne and David of Quasi enjoying the lull before the parade storm at their bar on St. Charles Street. Their upstairs porch will have one of the best spots from which to check out all of the St. Charles Street parades. This week you can view Sparta on Saturday night, Freret on Sunday (Valentine's Day) night, and Babylon on Thursday, Feb. 18th night. The three start rolling at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The next issue of The New Voice will have information about the parade routes and histories of the Krewe and Carnival. Quasi will have nine parades pass by their balcony between Saturday, Feb. 20 and Tuesday, Feb. 23, Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras).

Mad Thad is once again our official Mardi Gras bead and "whatever you need for Carnival" emporium. Thad has outdone himself on this one. He's easy to find at 1116 Decatur Street just a few short steps from Jewel's and The Mint. MRB and the Second Skin Leather Shop are nearby in the other direction. He has those huge beads that drag your knees, even when you're not kneeling, as well as the standard 5 cents per gross throws. Take a few minutes to stop by and stock up so you'll have something to throw those hunky straight guys from the balconys on Bourbon Street. Remember to save the big beads for the big "whatevers." I've known many a love affair to start over a simple strand of "pearls." This year throw some condoms along with the beads.

OZ, the new dance and cruise bar at Bourbon and St. Ann Streets, is still planning on their opening on Friday, Feb. 12. They've hired all of their staff and are finishing the remodeling this week. They are having a hearing on a court suit on Thursday, Feb. 11, so the final decision will be made after the hearing. Give them a call at (504) 593-9491 for a final check. They are promoting the bar as the only dance bar on Bourbon Street without any cover charge.

The Phoenix/Men's Room is going full steam for Carnival. George and Jamie

are proud that they've not raised their prices for Mardi Gras and they are well known for their beer busts. The Knights d'Orleans are gearing up for their famous "Knight of the Black M'sk" block party and beer bust to be held at the Phoenix on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9:00 p.m.

Of course The Mint is going "great guns" as usual. Becky and Ricky have never been finer and Scarlett has Aux Shea all wound up for Carnival. Their new show, "Sweet Revenge" (formerly "Smash and Passion") on Sunday at 3 pm has been playing to "rave" reviews. Robert reminds us all that the Lonestar Male Review will be exclusively dancing at the Mint all during the Mardi Gras weekend, Feb. 18 to 23rd. They filled the place to the rafters during their last visit so plan on coming early and staying late. We'll have a full time schedule for you in next week's Mint ad.

Jack and Don at Jewel's are continuing to turn on some of the best music and drinks in New Orleans. This famous 1207 Decatur Street Bar is a cozy and comfortable place to be during all of the Carnival season. Brian Burke, our local famous D.J. will be joined by Troy Sands from Dallas for even more fantastic music. They are also famous for the Friday night beer bust from 10 pm to 1:00 a.m. and their Sunday Beer bust from 6 pm to 9:00 p.m. We make it a point to make that Sunday bust where you'll see everyone in town.

Many of you in Houston can look forward to seeing Gary Smith at his new bar and cafe, Heartbreak at 625 St. Philip, right down the street from MRB. I've been eating breakfast and some other meals there the past couple of weeks and as Leonard says in his review this week—"it's great." The food prices are very reasonable and Joe, the Chef, will take time to please you if you have any special requests. The cafe is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10 pm during the week and 24 hours on the weekend. Breakfast is served at all open hours and this makes it a great place to fuel up before "extra curricula" activities like sleeping, if anyone does during Carnival. The bar is open 24 hours and Gary's staff makes you feel the old New Orleans spirit.

The Greenleaves Cafe is back toward MRB from the Heartbreak at the corner of Chartres and St. Philip. They have some of the best traditional cajun and creole foods at reasonable prices. We stuffed ourselves on Shrimp the other night while Murph was visiting. The bill for three of us came to less than \$12. Tell Rory we recommended him.

Back near our house, and only a short block from Lafitte's in Exile toward Rampart is the Quarter Scene Restaurant. It's not just the close proximity to us that makes this our favorite hang-out restaurant in the Quarter. They've been there for ten or twelve years that I can remember and was bought last year by Tom and Ed. They serve as complete and full a menu as you'll find in New Orleans. Nick, of former Austin fame, is still reigning over the dining room. His



March to the Federal Building from Gay Community Center in New Orleans

other half has forgiven me for reminding all of the Austin people where he can be found. I had to swing for a couple of Belgian waffles for which they are so famous. They have several new special each day for their customers. The service is something for them to be proud of along with their food.

If your taste is for Italian anything then make it to Mama Rosa's at 616 N. Rampart. Or if you are so inclined then give them a call at 523-5546. They will deliver anywhere in the Quarter, even the hotels. You have to see and taste to believe, especially their pizzas. If you are around on Friday then come by for dinner and then go upstairs to the NO/AIDS sponsored Bingo game. There are several \$50 and \$100 prize games and the big \$1,000 blackout with all the proceeds going to the NO/AIDS project. A full handfull of cards for all of the games sells for \$10. They have the instant

scratch games too, four for \$1 or some are 50 cents each.

If you go from Mama Rosa's toward Canal Street you'll find the French Quarter's newest friendly bar, The Bus Stop. They are on the corner at 542 N. Rampart and you'll be hearing more from them in future issues. They'll be a good place to

watch the Carnival parades that come down Rampart to Armstrong Park. This is our favorite downtown place to see the parades.

As I mentioned earlier plan on getting your Mardi Gras issue of The New Voice next Friday, Feb. 19. We'll have all of the parade routes and a little about the history of our side of the Vieux Carre.

Incidentally, I've got a typical New Orleans story for you. While I was visiting the Veteran's Administration Medical Center the past Tuesday a nurse disarmed a patient who had walked into the main entrance of the hospital while carrying a BB rifle. He said he was on his way to an appointment with the mental clinic and he wanted to punish the doctors if they couldn't help him. When asked why the BB gun he said, "Well, gosh, I didn't really want to kill anyone. I just wanted to hurt them a little bit." Not like L.A., eh?

The Krewe de Vieux had their "spooif" parade last Saturday night. A favorite theme during the parade was the ridicule and scorn heaped on the Krewes of Comus, Momus and Proteus, three of the old-line Krewes who elected not to parade this year after the city council passed the ordinance requiring each Mardi Gras Krewe to sign an affidavit that they did not discriminate.

Oh well, there'll always be a grinch. But you can see that the spirit of Carnival is alive and more than well in your crescent city, New Orleans, the Queen of the South.



Jeff Campbell, former NO/AIDS director

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Austin, Saturday, Feb. 13

\$1.25 Bloody marys 9am-1pm, Auntie Mame's, Bottled beer bust 2-8pm, Chain Drive, Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's, Happy hour 3-9pm, San Fran Cisco's, \$1.50 well drinks 3-8pm, Auntie Mame's, Liquor Bust 4-8pm, The Crossing, \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus, Happy hour 7-9pm, Nexus, Well & US beer \$1.25 8-11pm, Charlie's, \$1.25 well drinks 9-11pm, Acropolis, \$1.50 well drinks & beer 10pm-11pm, Bout Time, Live music 10pm-2am, Chances, Carefree dancing 10pm-5am, The 404, Male dancers 10:30pm, midnight, Oil Can Harry's, After hours 2am, The Crossing, After hours 2am, Nexus

Austin, Sunday, Feb. 14

Breakfast club till 2pm, Auntie Mame's, Liquor bust noon-7pm, Chain Drive, 50¢ draft, \$1 Schnapps, Nexus, Beer bust noon-midnight, Auntie Mame's, Beer bust noon-midnight, The Crossing, Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's, Well & US beer \$1.50 2-10pm, Charlie's, \$2.25 well & beer 2pm-2am, Bout Time, Liquor bust 3-7pm, Auntie Mame's, Happy hour, 50¢ Miller Lite draft beer 3-9pm, San Fran Cisco's, Potluck buffet 4pm, Bout Time, Patio cookout 4-8pm, Oil Can Harry's, Beer bust 4-9pm, Chain Drive, Liquor bust 4-8pm & 8pm-midnight, The Crossing, Patio cookout 5pm-7pm, The Crossing, \$2.00 Bass pints 5pm-midnight, Chances, \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus, Volleyball league 6pm, Chances, Patio cookout 6-9pm, San Fran Cisco's, Liquor bust 7-11pm, Chain Drive, Male dancers 7 & 11pm, Charlie's, Georgia Ragsdale 8pm, Nexus, Pool tourney 8pm, Nexus, \$1.25 Cape Cod & screws, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well 8-11pm, Oil Can Harry's, Happy hour all night, San Fran Cisco's, Air hockey tourney 9pm, San Fran Cisco's, \$1.25 well drinks & beer 10pm-2am, The 404, Well boxer shorts contest 10pm-2am, The 404, Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Oil Can Harry's

Austin, Monday, Feb. 15

Happy hour all day/all night, Auntie Mame's, \$2 draft-25¢ refill all day & night, Charlie's, Miller

products \$1.50, The Crossing, Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's, \$1.25 well, \$1.50 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's, Buffet 5-9pm, Oil Can Harry's, Margaret Wright at the piano 7-9pm, Bout Time, \$1.75 well drinks & beer 8-10pm, Bout Time, Well & US beer \$1.25 8-10pm, Charlie's, Fantasy in leather 8pm-2am, Auntie Mame's, C&W dance lessons 9pm, San Fran Cisco's, Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Charlie's, Male dancers, Lone Star Male Revue 11pm & midnite, The Crossing

Austin, Tuesday, Feb. 16

Happy hour 9am-8pm, Auntie Mame's, \$1.50 domestic beer noon-11pm, Auntie Mame's, Beer bust noon-midnight, The Crossing, Happy hour 2-10pm, Oil Can Harry's, \$1.75 well drinks & beer 2pm-2am, Bout Time, \$2 draft 25¢ refills all day & night, Charlie's, 50¢ draft beer all day, Chain Drive, \$1.00 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's, Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances, \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus, Happy hour all night, Nexus, Steak night 6-9pm, Charlie's, Cocktail Wheel hourly specials, Charlie's, Volleyball league 6pm-midnight, Chances, Pool tourney with happy hour all night 9pm, Nexus, Pool Tourney 9pm, Nexus, Amateur male strip contest 11pm, The Crossing, Show 11pm, Nexus, Amateur male strip midnite, Charlie's

Austin, Wednesday, Feb. 17

Happy hour 9am-8pm, Auntie Mame's, 15 minute specials hourly 2-11pm, Bout Time, 90¢ bottled beer & \$1.50 premium beer all day, Chain Drive, \$1.75 domestic longnecks 2pm-2am, Oil Can Harry's, Well 25¢, US beer \$1.25 & Call \$2.50 all day & night, Charlie's, \$1.25 well, \$1.50 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's, 75¢ schnapps, \$1.00 domestic longnecks 3pm-2am, San Fran Cisco's, Male dancers 4-8pm, Charlie's, Liquor bust 4pm-midnite, The Crossing, Happy

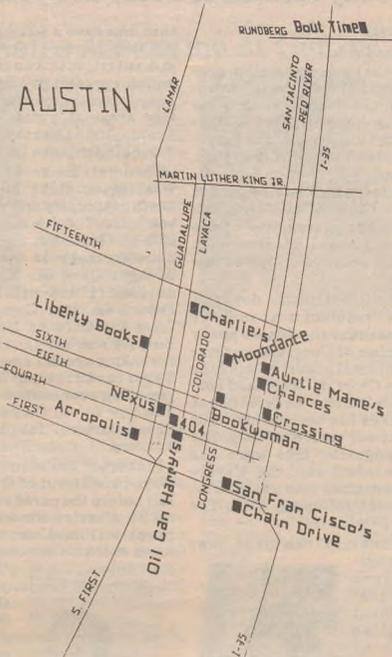
hour 5-8pm, Chances, \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus, Pool tourney, San Fran Cisco's, \$1.75 well drinks 6-11pm, Auntie Mame's, Volleyball league 6pm-midnite, Chances, C&W dance lessons & 50¢ draft 7:30pm, Nexus, 25¢ draft beer 10-11pm, Acropolis, \$1.25 well drinks & bottled beer 10pm-2am, The 404, Trash disco 10pm-2am, The 404

Austin, Thursday, Feb. 18

\$1 screwdrivers 9pm-2am, Auntie Mame's, \$1.50 longnecks noon-11pm, Auntie Mame's, \$1.50 well drinks all day, Chain Drive, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$2.25 well 2pm-2am, Oil Can Harry's, DJ 4-8pm, Oil Can Harry's, Buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's, Happy hour 5-8pm, Chances, \$2.00 Mug Beer with 50¢ refills everyday, Nexus, Spaghetti dinner 6-9pm, Auntie Mame's, Bisexual Network Meeting 6:30pm, Moondance Diner & Bar, Steak night 7-9pm, Nexus, \$1.75 any drink all night, Nexus, Well & US beer \$1.25 8-10pm, Charlie's, Live music 9pm, Chances, \$1.25 well drinks 9-11pm, Acropolis, Male dancers 10:30pm & midnight, Charlie's, Male dancers 10:30pm & midnite, The Crossing, Male dancers 10:30pm, midnight, Oil Can Harry's

Austin, Friday, Feb. 19

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DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

New York group plans Boston-style tea party with Colorado product

By the Associated Press
 FOR THE NEW VOICE
Saturday, Feb. 6 (AP)—A New York Boycott Colorado spokesperson has promised to begin a Boston-style tea party "almost immediately."
 "We will ask restaurants and stores in New York City to voluntarily remove Celestial Seasonings products from their shelves and turn it over to us," said Chip Duckett, spokesperson for New York Boycott Colorado. "Then we'll throw it in the harbor."

The New York group said it would picket merchants who do not voluntarily remove Celestial teas from their shelves.
 Boycott Colorado is pushing an economic boycott of Colorado in hopes of forcing Amendment 2, the Colorado initiative that bans state and local governments of passing laws providing special civil rights for homosexuals.
 Celestial's chairperson, Mo Siegel, on Thursday said he would not "cave in" to the group's demand that he champion its cause to avert a boycott.

"We will not be turned into politicians, and we will not meet their specific demands for participatory or financial support," he said Friday. "We will be glad to sit down and talk, but I am not a spokesperson for their cause. We just want to make tea and have them leave us alone."
 Siegel met Friday with New York Boycott Colorado.
 The group last week threatened to dump Celestial Seasonings' tea into the East River, and promised raids on merchants in New York who sell the popular

teas.
 Duckett said the group had agreed Wednesday to withhold action against the Boulder tea company until Celestial Seasonings had a chance to meet with the Denver-based Boycott Colorado. The New York group wants Celestial Seasonings to lead a public education effort to overturn Amendment 2.
 A meeting with the Colorado-based group was tentatively set for Monday, but Jan Williams, spokesperson for Boycott Colorado said there would be no meeting.

DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

West Virginia coalition seeks protection from discrimination for gays

CHARLESTON, Friday, Feb. 5 (AP)—A group representing homosexuals in West Virginia plans to ask the Legislature next week for protection from discrimination because of sexual orientation, a spokesperson said Friday.
 Barbara Steinke, a spokesperson for the West Virginia Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, said her group wants the Legislature to amend the state's Human Rights Act, Fair Housing Act and hate crimes law to add sexual orientation protections.
 The Charleston resident said her group represents 400 members statewide. The group wrote to the 134 members of the Legislature to seek assistance in amending the law. The Legisla-

ture meets next Wednesday.
 "We feel it's really basic civil rights," Steinke said. "We're not asking for more than anyone else has." She said the changes would not endorse or condone homosexuality.
 The Human Rights Act states race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age or disability may not be used to discriminate.
 The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on those characteristics. The Hate Crimes statute prohibits violence or the threat of violence also based on those criteria.
 The group wants "sexual orientation" to be added to all three laws.

Steinke said violence and discrimination against gays is a problem in the state, but victims frequently fail to complain because they believe they have no legal recourse.
 Bob Brunner, a spokesperson for Gov. Gaston Caperton, said the governor would not take a position the gay rights issue.
 But Sam Cravotta, an unsuccessful Republican candidate for Congress last year, said he represents a group that will lobby against any changes.
 Cravotta said his group does not condone hate crimes against homosexuals. He said many members believe homosexuals should be legally protected from

physical violence.
 But Cravotta said his group opposes amending the Human Rights Act to protect sexual orientation.
 Such a change "could be construed to offer protection to all kinds of bizarre sexual behavior, which should not be sanctioned, protected or encouraged by any government," Cravotta said.
 Delegate John Overington, D-Berkeley, in whose district Cravotta resides, said the Legislature should not expand homosexual rights in the state.
 Senate President Keith Burdette, D-Wood, and House Speaker Chuck Chambers, D-Cabell, were not available for comment Friday, their secretaries said.

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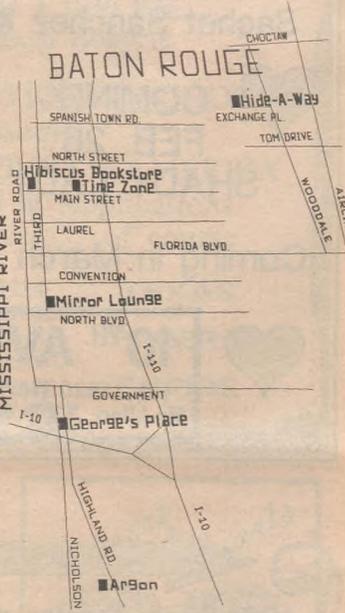


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The New Voice recommends in Lafayette

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 75¢ well drinks, 75¢ Schnapps & \$1 longnecks 8-11pm, Lautre'x

Lafayette, Saturday, Feb. 13
 Drink specials all night, Lautre'x

Lafayette, Sunday, Feb. 14
 Raycine Ross' gong show with \$1,000 prizes every 8 weeks, Lautre'x

Lafayette, Wednesday, Feb. 17
 Female Impersonation by Raycine & Co. 11:30pm, Lautre'x

Lafayette, Thursday, Feb. 18
 75¢ well drinks 8-10pm, Lautre'x; Bourne game 9pm, Lautre'x; \$3.00 beer bust 10pm-till, Lautre'x; Pool tourney 11pm, Lautre'x

Lafayette, Friday, Feb. 19
 75¢ well drinks, 75¢ Schnapps & \$1 longnecks 8-11pm, Lautre'x

The New Voice recommends in Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge, Friday, Feb. 12
 Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Bar buck night, \$3 cover, \$1.50 Well drinks till 11pm, Argon; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Buffet 6-9pm, George's Place; Nightly drink shot specials 8pm-2am, Hide-A-Way Club; Jackpot drawing midnight, Time Zone

Baton Rouge, Saturday, Feb. 13
 Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; \$1.50 Bloody Marys 6-9pm, Buddies; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Nightly drink shot specials 8pm-2am, Hide-A-Way Club; Bar Tab Drawings, 4 \$50 drawings at 1am, Argon

Baton Rouge, Monday, Feb. 15
 Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Happy hour 8-10pm, Time Zone

Baton Rouge, Tuesday, Feb. 16
 Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; Happy hour 8-10pm, Time Zone; Beer bust 10pm-1am, Time

Zone; Pool Tournament 10:30pm, Buddies; Bartab giveaway midnight, Time Zone

Baton Rouge, Wednesday, Feb. 17
 Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; 2 for 1 bar brands 6pm-2am, Club Scandelous; Happy hour 8-10pm, Time Zone; Nightly drink shot specials 8pm-2am, Hide-A-Way Club; Wicky-Wacky Wednesday - "Beat the Clock" 9:30pm-2am, Argon

Baton Rouge, Thursday, Feb. 18
 Happy Hour, \$1.75 well drinks 3-7pm, George's Place; Draft-n-Drag Thursday - \$3.00 Cover with free draft during shows or 3 for Thursday on non-show nights, Argon; Beer bust 6-9pm, Buddies; \$2.50 Long Island Ice Tea 6pm-2am, Club Scandelous; Happy hour 8-10pm, Time Zone; Free buffet 8pm-till, Time Zone; Nightly drink shot specials 8pm-2am, Hide-A-Way Club

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The New Voice recommends in Monroe

Monroe, Friday, Feb. 12
 No cover till 11pm, Hott Shotz; Party Madness - Various drink specials 9pm-2am, Hott Shotz

Monroe, Saturday, Feb. 13
 Sizzlin Saturdays - Various drink specials 9pm-2am, Hott Shotz

Monroe, Monday, Feb. 15
 Pool Tournament, 1st-\$50 tab, 2nd-\$20 tab 9:30pm, Hott Shotz

Monroe, Tuesday, Feb. 16
 \$1.50 longnecks, \$2 well, Hott Shotz

Monroe, Wednesday, Feb. 17
 \$1.25 longnecks all night, Hott Shotz; "Beat the Clock", 25¢ well 9-10pm, Hott Shotz; "Beat the Clock", 50¢ well 10-11pm, Hott Shotz; "Beat the Clock", 75¢ well 11pm-midnight, Hott Shotz; "Beat the Clock", \$1 well Midnight-2am, Hott Shotz

Monroe, Thursday, Feb. 18
 \$1.50 longnecks, \$2 well, Hott Shotz

Monroe, Friday, Feb. 19
 No cover till 11pm, Hott Shotz; Party Madness - Various drink specials 9pm-2am, Hott Shotz

▼▼▼ **DATLINE: GAY AMERICA**
Sailor faces court-martial over charges he made homosexual advances

PENSACOLA, Fla., Saturday, Feb. 6 (AP)—A Navy petty officer will be tried at a court-martial for allegedly making homosexual advances toward other sailors. The trial comes months after he thought his case was resolved without punishment.

Chief Petty Officer Edmond Bonnot was ordered Friday to stand trial in the case that also led to the resignation of an admiral accused of trying to cover it up.

Bonnot, who denied any wrongdoing, faces court-martial on five counts of indecent assault, two counts of assault with intent to commit sodomy and one count each of communication of indecent language and solicitation to commit sodomy.

He is a former aide to Vice Adm. Jack Fetterman, who was appointed to root out sexual bias after the scandal over sexual harassment at the Tailhook con-

vention of Navy aviators.

Allegations that Fetterman tried to protect his aide led him to resign last year as Chief of Naval Education and Training at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Bonnot, 36, could be sentenced to 50 years in military prison if convicted on all charges. The court-martial was tentatively scheduled to begin March 8.

The misconduct allegedly took place

in San Diego in 1987 and in Pensacola in 1991. When the accusations surfaced in Feb. 1992, a hearing officer recommended a court-martial.

But Bonnot's commanding officer, Cmdr. Wayne Hurst, instead counseled Bonnot and issued him a non-punitive letter of censure. Fetterman accepted the decision without review.

But an inspector general's report concluded Fetterman should have turned the matter over to naval investigators.

▼▼▼ **DATLINE: GAY AMERICA**
Iowa University investigates complaint that gay sex video shown to class

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Saturday, Feb. 6 (AP)—University of Iowa officials are investigating why a videotape depicting gay sex was shown to an art class last Friday.

The investigation was launched after a student complained to her mother about the videotape, which included scenes of two men engaged in a sex act.

The mother, Rose Mary Chase of Des

Moines, then called the university.

"That kind of thing should not happen," she said in an interview. "There is no excuse for showing pornographic, which this is, in a class, ever."

Ann Rhodes, vice president for university relations, said administrators would immediately look into situation.

"Obviously we take it very seriously," she said.

Rhodes said the videotape was shown by a visiting artist from outside the university, who apparently was speaking to a class taught by Megan O'Connell, a teaching assistant in the art department.

Rhodes said she didn't know the artist's name.

"That's the kind of information we will be getting when we meet with the people who have been involved in the class," she

said.

The university came under a statewide firestorm of protest during a similar incident in the fall of 1991 when a German film depicting homosexual acts was shown to students in a German class.

The university initially did not condemn the screening of the film, but University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings later issued an apology.

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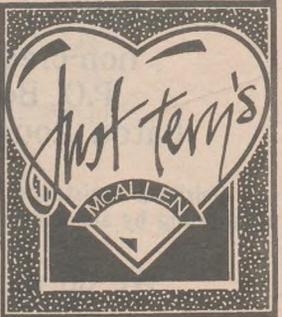
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Corpus Christi, Saturday, Feb. 13
25¢ draft beer 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts

Corpus Christi, Sunday, Feb. 14
25¢ draft beer noon-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy Hour noon-7pm, Desert Hearts; Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Crown Royal & bloody marys \$2.00 noon-2am, Desert Hearts; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Club night 6-10pm, Choices; Free BBQ 6-11pm, U.B.U.; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Miss Gay Corpus Christi Sweet Heart Pageant, Jolly Jack III, Ms. Choices Sweetheart Contest 11:30pm, Choices; Show Midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Monday, Feb. 15
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 drink special 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Dart Tourney, no entry fee, \$25 worth of prizes 9pm, Desert Hearts

Corpus Christi, Tuesday, Feb. 16
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2 imported beer all day/all night, Desert Hearts; Volleyball 6-8pm; Hidden Door, Steak Night 7-10pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; Pool tournament, \$20 prize, no entry fee 9pm, Hidden Door; DJ 10pm-2am, Choices; Pool tourney \$50 prize - No entry fee 10:30pm, Choices

Corpus Christi, Wednesday, Feb. 17
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; \$1.00 well drinks 11am-2am, Hidden Door; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2.00 Absolute 3pm-2am; Desert Hearts; \$4 steaks & real tators 5-10pm, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; "Choices" Show midnight, Choices

Corpus Christi, Thursday, Feb. 18
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy hour 3-

7pm, Desert Hearts; \$2 margaritas, Desert Hearts; 25¢ draft beer 7-11pm, Hidden Door; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; Pool Tourney, no entry fee, \$25 worth of prizes 9pm, Desert Hearts; Variety show, no cover Midnight, U.B.U.

Corpus Christi, Friday, Feb. 19
Happy hour 11am-7pm, Hidden Door; Happy hour with 75¢ well & \$1 can beer 2-11pm, Choices; Executive Club 2pm-2am, Choices; Happy Hour 3-7pm, Desert Hearts; \$1.00 shot specials 3pm-2am, Desert Hearts; 25¢ rum & coke, 25¢ draft, 75¢ well 8-11pm, U.B.U.; DJ 10pm-2am, Choices; DJ 10pm-2am, Desert Hearts; Show, \$2 cover Midnight, U.B.U.

The New Voice recommends in Harlingen

Harlingen, Friday, Feb. 12
Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers

Harlingen, Saturday, Feb. 13
Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers

Harlingen, Sunday, Feb. 14
Beer Bust, 50¢ draft/glass, \$1.50 qt. mug, \$3 pitcher 6-8pm, Zippers

Harlingen, Monday, Feb. 15
Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers

Harlingen, Tuesday, Feb. 16
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Harlingen, Wednesday, Feb. 17
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Harlingen, Thursday, Feb. 18
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Harlingen, Friday, Feb. 19
Happy hour 6-9pm, Zippers

The New Voice recommends in McAllen

McAllen, Friday, Feb. 12
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McAllen, Saturday, Feb. 13
Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue; Show midnight, 10th Avenue

McAllen, Sunday, Feb. 14
Complimentary Bar-B-Q, 10th Avenue; Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue

McAllen, Wednesday, Feb. 17
Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue

McAllen, Thursday, Feb. 18
Drink Specials 8-11pm, 10th Avenue

McAllen, Friday, Feb. 19
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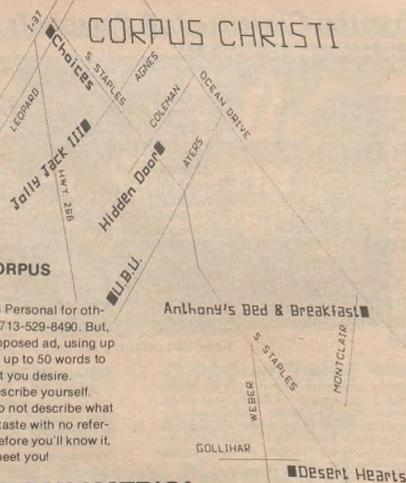
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Clinical trials of therapudic AIDS vaccine in testing phase in Sweden

MERIDEN, Conn., Friday, Feb. 5 (AP)—The first large-scale clinical trial of an AIDS vaccine has begun, using the therapeutic vaccine developed by MicroGeneSys Inc., the company has announced.

The study, which has started in Sweden, is the last hurdle that MicroGeneSys must clear before it can start commercial production of its vaccine. "This is quite a big step," Franklin

Volovitz, president and chairperson of MicroGeneSys said Thursday. "It's remarkable, considering that the Swedish population contains about 5000 people infected with HIV (the AIDS virus). "In the United States the equivalent would be a test with 100,000 people," Volovitz said.

The medication would be used to treat people already infected with the AIDS virus. MicroGeneSys was the first to receive federal approval to test an AIDS

vaccine on humans in 1987.

The vaccine, called VaxSyn, has shown in tests that it can stabilize or lower the number of AIDS viruses in an infected person, spur an immune response against the virus and stop the loss of crucial CD4 white blood cells.

VaxSyn is currently being tested on about 1500 people in the United States, Canada and Sweden.

The latest test will include 1000 infected Swedes who have white blood

cell counts that are lower than those in the current trials. It will be the first test that reveals whether VaxSyn affects the course of the disease. The study is intended to last six years and eventually enroll patients from Denmark, Norway and Finland.

Though the test will continue through 1999, it could display clinical effectiveness in slowing the progression from infection to AIDS as early as 1995, Volovitz said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

Companies claim lower-cost AIDS drug, new anti-virus material

TOKYO, Thursday, Feb. 4 (AP)—A Japanese company on Thursday said it has developed a cheaper way to make the AZT, the leading drug for people with AIDS.

The trading concern Kanematsu Corp. plans to begin selling thymidine, a key ingredient of the AZT, made by the new process by the end of this year. The compound will be sold to pharmaceutical companies that will then use it to make AZT, or

azidothymidine.

AZT, the first AIDS drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, has sparked controversy because of its high price. When the drug was introduced in 1987 by Burroughs Wellcome PLC, it initially cost about \$10,000 a year, though the price has dropped considerably since because of pressure from activists.

Burroughs Wellcome headquarters is in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Kanematsu spokesperson Yoshikazu Tsugawa said the compound will be made by Kobayashi Koryo, a pharmaceutical company, using a technique that is up to 50 percent less expensive than the current method.

Tsugawa said thymidine is currently

made through fermentation, while the new process developed by Kobayashi Koryo uses heat evaporation.

There are many people around the world, particularly in poorer countries, who can't afford the medicine," he said. "Bringing the price down should make it available to many more people."

He said Kanematsu plans to focus on markets in India and Brazil.

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 Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte, Corona Party, \$1.50 margaritas & Corona all day, Kon-Tiki, Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-9pm, Kon-Tiki, Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki, Pretty Boys 9pm, Evolution; Muscles in Action 10pm, Kon-Tiki, LaFitte in Revue 10:30pm, Robert's LaFitte, After hours 2-4am, Evolution

Galveston, Saturday, Feb. 13
 Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte, Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki, Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki, Pretty Boys 9pm, Evolution; Muscles in Action 10pm, Kon-Tiki, LaFitte in Revue 10:30pm, Robert's LaFitte, After hours 2-4am, Evolution

Galveston, Sunday, Feb. 14
 Happy hour Noon-9pm, Robert's LaFitte, Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki, \$1.00 well drinks, draft &

The New Voice recommends in El Paso

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 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs, \$1.50 well drinks noon-11pm, Briar Patch; Latino Disco, Cliffs

El Paso, Saturday, Feb. 13
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs, \$1.50 well drinks noon-11pm, Briar Patch; Latino Disco, Cliffs

El Paso, Sunday, Feb. 14
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs, \$1.50 well vodka drinks noon-11pm, Briar Patch; Latino Disco & Botana, Cliffs

El Paso, Monday, Feb. 15
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs, \$1.50 large drafts noon-11pm, Briar Patch

El Paso, Tuesday, Feb. 16
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs, \$1.50 well drinks noon-11pm, Briar Patch

El Paso, Wednesday, Feb. 17
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs, \$1.50 domestic longnecks noon-11pm, Briar Patch; Pool tournament 9pm, Cliffs

El Paso, Thursday, Feb. 18
 Happy hour noon-6pm, Cliffs, \$1.50 well drinks & large drafts noon-11pm, Briar Patch; Pool tournament 10pm, Briar Patch

Schnapps 4pm-2am, Evolution; Beer Bonanza, 1st draft \$1 - refills 10¢ 5-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 4-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Cabaret 10:30pm sharp, Kon-Tiki; LaFitte in Revue 10:30pm, Robert's LaFitte

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 Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; 75¢ well 10-11pm, Kon-Tiki

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Galveston, Wednesday, Feb. 17
 Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; \$1.00 well drinks, draft & Schnapps 8pm-2am, Evolution; Shear Madness, \$1.25 well, \$1.25 dom, longnecks, 75¢ Schnapps, \$2 Harvey Wallbangers 8pm-2am, Kon-Tiki

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Amarillo, Friday, Feb. 12
 \$1.00 pony beers, Old Plantation; Happy hour w/hors d'oeuvres 11am-7pm, Old Plantation; Happy hour 11am-11pm, Alexanders

Amarillo, Saturday, Feb. 13
 \$1.00 pony beers, Old Plantation; Happy hour w/hors d'oeuvres 11am-7pm, Old Plantation; Happy hour 11am-11pm, Alexanders; Free food & pool 2-8pm, Alexanders

Amarillo, Sunday, Feb. 14
 \$1.00 pony beers, Old Plantation; Happy hour w/hors d'oeuvres 11am-7pm, Old Plantation; Burger & food bar \$2 noon-till, Alexanders; Happy hour noon-11pm, Alexanders

Amarillo, Monday, Feb. 15
 \$1.00 pony beers, Old Plantation; Happy hour w/hors d'oeuvres 11am-7pm, Old Plantation; Burger & food bar \$2 noon-till, Alexanders; Happy hour noon-11pm, Alexanders

Amarillo, Tuesday, Feb. 16
 \$1.00 pony beers, Old Plantation; Happy hour w/hors d'oeuvres 11am-7pm, Old Plantation; Happy hour 11am-11pm, Alexanders

Amarillo, Wednesday, Feb. 17
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Beaumont, Friday, Feb. 12
 75¢ draft & setups 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; 75¢ well drinks all night, Copa

Beaumont, Saturday, Feb. 13
 Party night, Copa; Hot Muscles in Action Strippers 11:30pm-2am, The Sundowner

Beaumont, Sunday, Feb. 14
 Draft pitcher special \$3 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; Super Sunday Show 11:30pm, Copa

Beaumont, Monday, Feb. 15
 \$2.00 Mega Mugs 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; \$1.50 well drinks till 11pm, Copa

Beaumont, Tuesday, Feb. 16
 Longnecks \$1 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; \$1.50 well drinks till 11pm, Copa; \$1.25 longnecks all night, Copa

Beaumont, Wednesday, Feb. 17
 Draft 50¢ 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; 75¢ well drinks all night, Copa; Talent Night, \$50 prize, Copa

Beaumont, Thursday, Feb. 18
 Longnecks \$1 4pm-2am, The Sundowner; \$1.25 longnecks till 11pm, Copa; Live Cabaret 11pm, Copa

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 \$1.50 shooter special 11am-2pm, Joey's

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 \$1.50 shooter special 11am-2pm, Joey's

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 T-Dance w/free draft 5-8pm, Joey's; Well \$1.50 8-12pm, Joey's

Biloxi, Wednesday, Feb. 17
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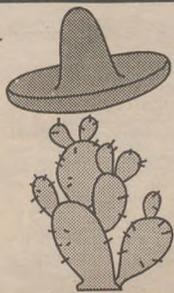
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San Antonio, Saturday, Feb. 13

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; 50¢ draft beer 2pm-2am, Noo Just Us; \$1.00 margaritas 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ab's Westenaire; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$2 drinks, Memories; 50¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras; 75¢ draft, Wild Club; Male strippers with MC Sassy St. James, Wild Club; Muscles in Action & Sweet Savage, Paper Moon; Adults no cover to 10pm; Bonham Exchange; \$1.75 drinks 8-11pm, Bonham Exchange; 50¢ draft all night, Silver Dollar Saloon; 75¢ draft all night, Paper Moon; Manager drink specials, Nexus; 25¢ well & draft 9-10pm, Noo Zoo; Open to 11pm, O'Boy's Hamburgers; Male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Show 11pm, Noo Just Us; Free raffle for rodeo tickets midnight, Country Club; After hours, Nexus; After hours, Wild Club; After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange; After-hours 2-4am, Noo Zoo

San Antonio, Sunday, Feb. 14

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws noon-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks noon-10pm, El Jardin; 25¢ draft beer 2-11pm, Noo Just Us; Buck burgers 4pm, Nite Owl; \$1.50 bloodys & screws 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ab's Westenaire; 25¢ draft & \$1.50 well & longnecks to 9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 Cuervo Ole, Memories; \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; 25¢ draft & \$1 jumbo draft, Las Gueras; 50¢ draft & Cowboy in Action 9-2, Silver Dollar Saloon; No cover til midnight & Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon; Sunday show, Wild Club; T-Dance, Silver Dollar Saloon; 50¢ draft, \$1.50 well drinks, \$2 ritas & \$1 Schnapps 6pm-2am, Nexus; 4 X 4 volleyball 7-10pm, Nexus; Pool Tournament 8pm, Ab's Westenaire; 25¢ draft all night, Paper Moon; Open pool tourney 8:30pm, Nite Owl; Cash Dart

Tourney 8:30pm, Nite Owl; 25¢ well & draft 9-10pm, Noo Zoo; Liquor rush 9-11pm, Wild Club; Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, Memories; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; 50¢ draft 11pm-2am, Noo Just Us; Show 11:30pm, Noo Just Us; Super Show, no cover 11:30pm, Bamboleo's; Female strippers 11:30pm, Las Gueras; Miss Gay Texas Amazing Grace 11:30pm, Noo Zoo; Male & Female strippers 11:30pm, Bonham Exchange; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After hours 2am, Paper Moon

San Antonio, Monday, Feb. 15

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Social hour, \$1.50 well, \$1.50 longnecks, 50¢ draft all day & night, Ab's Westenaire; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; Happy hour 2pm-2am, Noo Just Us; \$1.50 White Sale 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta Hour All day, all night, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories; 25¢ draft & \$1.50 well & longnecks, Silver Dollar Saloon; 50¢ draft & \$2 well & longnecks, Paper Moon; 50¢ draft & \$2 well, Paper Moon; Pool tourney, Memories; Shady Lady Show & no cover, Paper Moon; Talent contest & square dancing & no cover, Bonham Exchange; \$1.25 well 8-11pm, 2015, Jam session w/ Cathleen King 9pm-1am, Ab's Westenaire; The Shady Lady Show, Wild Club; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; 25¢ draft beer 2pm-2am, Noo Just Us

San Antonio, Tuesday, Feb. 16

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Social hour, \$1.50 well, \$1.50 longnecks, 50¢ draft all day & night, Ab's Westenaire; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; \$2.00 call drinks 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Happy hour to 9pm, Memories; \$1.50 longnecks, \$1.50 well drinks all night, Nexus; \$1 well & longnecks; \$1.50 frozen margaritas, Noo Zoo; 25¢ draft & \$1.50 well & longnecks, Silver Dollar Saloon; 50¢ draft, Wild Club; Amateur male strip, Wild Club; Free C&W lessons, Silver Dollar Saloon; No cover, Bonham Exchange; \$3.00 buffet 7-9pm, Noo Just Us; Steak night 7-9pm, B.B.'s Pub; Pool Tournament 9pm, Nexus; \$1.25 longnecks 8-11pm, 2015, Pool tournament 8:30pm, Noo Just Us; \$1.50 Well drinks, \$1.75 dom, beer, 75¢ Schnapps 9pm-2am, Bamboleo's; Pool tourney 10pm, Noo Zoo; Male dancer 10:30pm, Nite Owl; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Hot oil wrestling 11pm, Sparks; Talent night w/ \$25 cash prize 11:30pm, Noo Just Us

San Antonio, Wednesday, Feb. 17

\$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Social hour, \$1.50 well, \$1.50 longnecks, 50¢ draft all day & night, Ab's Westenaire; \$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories; Happy hour 2-8pm, B.B.'s Pub; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 2pm-2am, 2015, \$1.00 longnecks 2pm-2am, Noo Just Us; \$1.50 Dark Sale 4-8pm, Nite Owl; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$2 frozen margaritas, Wild Club; 50¢ draft & \$1.50 well & longnecks, Silver Dollar Saloon; 75¢ draft, Wild Club; 75¢ well, \$1.50 longnecks, Noo Zoo; Adults \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; Country night, Nexus; Cowboy in Action, Silver Dollar Saloon; Nexus; Cowboy in Action, Silver Dollar Saloon; Hot chest contest, Bonham Exchange; Hot oil wrestling with Victoria West MC, Wild Club; Muscles in Action, Paper Moon; 50¢ draft 6pm-2am, Nexus; Steak night 7-11pm,

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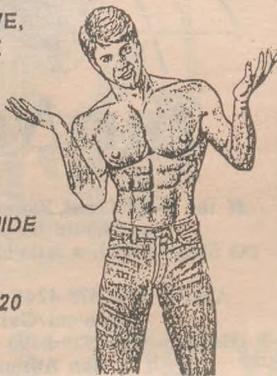
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San Antonio, Thursday, Feb. 18

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San Antonio, Friday, Feb. 19

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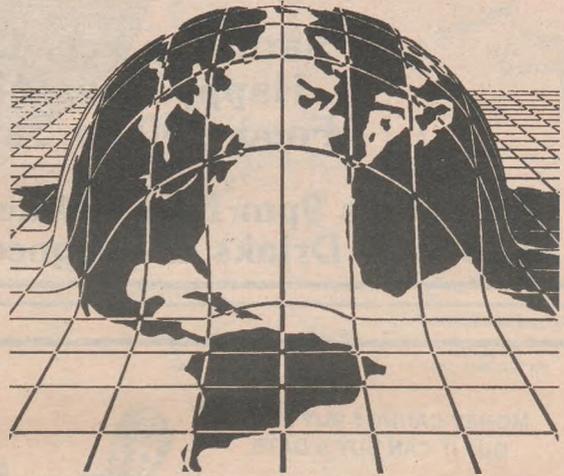
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

New military rules on sexual preference causing uncertainty in some areas

By JONATHAN YENKIN
FOR THE NEW VOICE

BOSTON, Friday, Feb. 5 (AP)—Since early this week, Sgt. Barry Brown has instructed his staff of Army recruiters to scratch out background questions that ask whether enlistees are homosexual.

But at a recruiting station in Louisiana, Sgt. James Washington said Friday he was unsure what to do because he hadn't received official orders.

"I'm confused," Washington said.

In a military known for its rigid structure, a new policy on sexual preference is being carried out in a nonuniform way.

The Pentagon, under orders from President Clinton, said this week it would stop asking recruits the following two questions: "Are you a homosexual or a bisexual?" and "Do you intend to engage in homosexual acts?"

For the most part, military officials say implementing the policy has gone smoothly, and recruiters simply have blotted out the two questions on standard applications.

But as with any change in a big bureaucracy, there have been some uneven spots.

For instance, the Pentagon issued the policy Wednesday, but some recruiting stations jumped the gun, anticipating the orders based on Clinton's comments last week.

"Some waited for very specific guidance. Others more or less went out ahead on their own initiative," said Lt. Col. Doug Hart, a Pentagon spokesperson.

Doug Smith, a spokesperson for the Army recruiting command at Fort Knox, Ky., said all recruiting stations should have had the policy by Thursday afternoon.

But Washington, the recruiting sergeant at Gretna, La., said Friday he hadn't seen any official orders, and he hadn't changed his application forms.

His commanding officer, Capt. Richard LaRossa in New Orleans, said he received the official message Friday, but recruiters should already have refrained from asking about sexual orientation.

"It takes a little bit of time for things to filter down," LaRossa said.

Another murky issue will be what happens to recruits who openly declare they are homosexual. While recruiters no longer can ask questions about sexual orientation, the military's ban on homosexual activities remains.

In fact, when enlistees join active duty in basic training, they will be briefed on the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which forbids sodomy, defined as "unnatural carnal copulation with another person of the same or opposite sex or with an animal."

But at recruiting stations, if a prospect voluntarily says he or she is homosexual, the general procedure will be to put the file on hold, waiting for Clinton to completely revoke the ban, possibly within six months, military officials said.

That guideline, however, apparently hasn't been communicated clearly to all quarters.

For instance, at an Air Force recruiting squadron in Portsmouth, N.H., Lt. Angela Ellard initially said it would

make no difference if recruits declared they were homosexual, and the applications would proceed "as if they never volunteered that information at all."

But later, after reading an updated memo, she said she was mistaken.

Aside from some procedural glitches, though, recruiters say they don't expect trouble implementing the policy.

"I do my job. I do what I'm told," said Sgt. Jerry Scudder, an Army recruiter in Clarksville, Tenn. "If I'm told to work with one (homosexual), I will."

At the downtown Boston station, Brown said in his 10 years as a recruiter no one ever answered "yes" when asked whether they were homosexual, though he wonders whether some might have hidden the truth to elude the military ban.

While Brown says it never bothered him to ask the questions, he doesn't have trouble omitting them either.

"If someone came in here and said they were homosexual and wanted to enlist, I'd shake their hands and congratulate them," Brown said. "That's their business."

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Life in America's small towns harder if your homosexual, gays say

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sunday, Feb. 7 (AP)—If being accepted as homosexual is difficult in large cities, it's even tougher in small towns, some gays and lesbians say.

Gays who live in rural areas say they are slower to recognize themselves as homosexual, suppress their orientation until later in life and miss the sense of community that comes from being with large numbers of gays and lesbians.

An isolation runs through everything they do, gay men and women in rural Kansas and Missouri say.

"In the country, being gay is just not a way of life they agree with or understand," said Randy Fry, who grew up in Montgomery City, Mo., population 2,100. "And if anybody else around is

gay, you're sure not going to know about it. They're too scared."

Fry began driving to a Columbia bar to meet other gays in his early 20s. Such long drives are common for gays who want not only sex but social contact with like-minded people.

"The draw of the city isn't just to meet new men and have sex," said John Hawkins, of Macon, Mo. "The draw is to be part of a community that has its own restaurants and bars and all the other things that a group of people share. The idea of being able to walk down the street with your arm around your other half is appealing. We can't be open about ourselves."

Gays who want to hide a secret lifestyle can do it easier in a metropolitan

area like Kansas City.

But there's no crowd to blend into in a small town.

"You see these people trying to do what society expects of them. They marry women and the whole thing," said Bill Fellows of Madison, Wis., who interviewed 75 gay men from rural households for a book he is writing.

"So many of these guys said they felt like they were the only kid in town with three heads. You'd see so many of them who, after they gave in to being gay, wailed off their lives from people they didn't think could handle it."

A man who grew up in southwest Kansas said he dated girls in high school as a cover. He began exploring what it meant to be gay while at the Uni-

versity of Kansas, and by the time he left, he knew returning to his small hometown was out of the question.

"It was so stifling there," he said. "Everybody knew me, and everything I did was under a microscope."

He moved to Kansas City.

"In Kansas City, I didn't have the fear of discovery," he said. "I didn't have to be looking over my shoulder wondering if a cousin or somebody like that could see what I was up to."

The man, now 42, has AIDS and has returned to live near his family in southwest Kansas. In a way, he has moved back into the homosexual's closet, too.

"If people around here knew, it would make life very hard for my parents," he said. "It wouldn't go over well."

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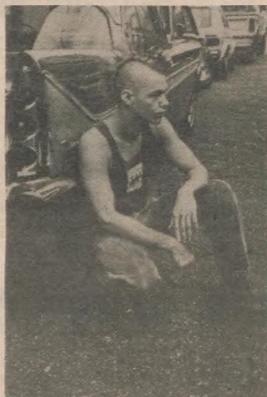
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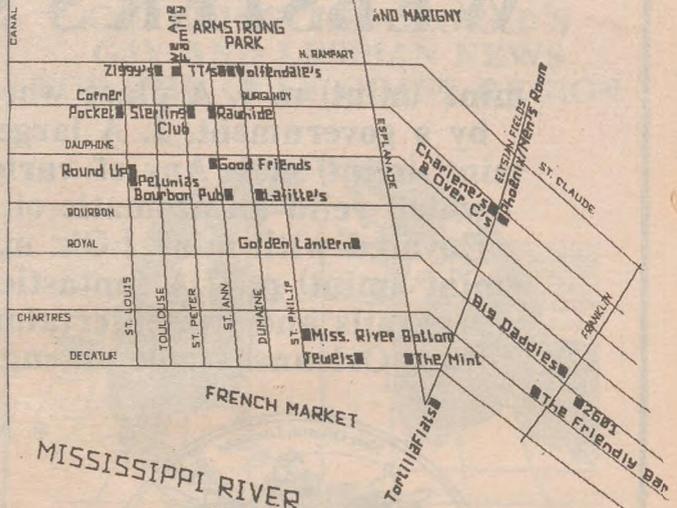
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New Orleans, Saturday, Feb. 13
 Happy hour 4-9am, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 5-9am, Golden Lantern; Happy hour 11am-9pm, The Sterling Club; Happy hour 2-7pm The Roundup; Happy hour 2-7pm, The Wild Side; Happy hour 2-7pm, Ziggle's; Country music beer bust 3-7pm, Rawhide; Beer bust 4-7pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 4-7pm, Corner Pocket; Happy hour 4-8pm, Jewel's; Happy hour 4-8pm, Woffendale's; Happy hour 4-9pm, Twenty-Six-O-One; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Mint; Happy hour 4-9pm, Mississippi River Bottom; Happy hour 4-9pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 4-9pm, Rawhide; Happy hour 4-9pm, TT'S; Pool tourney 4:30pm, The Phoenix; Happy hour 5pm, Good Friends; Happy hour 5-9pm, Cafe Lafayette in Exile; Mr. B's on the Patio 6pm-2am, Mississippi River Bottom; 2 Step Dancin', Outback 8pm on, The Four Seasons; Dancing with DJ Curtis 8pm-3am, Woffendale's; Saturday night special \$2 admission 9-11pm, The Parade Disco; Music by DJ Mitch Dale 9pm-2am, Heart Break Cafe & Bar; Hot Stut New Orleans Style, featuring Becky Allen & Rick Graham with Joel Simpson on Paino 11pm, The Mint; Lusty ladies 11pm, Sundance

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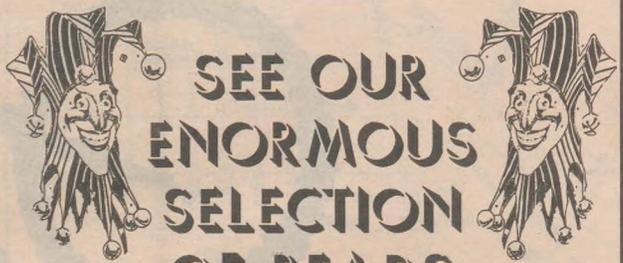
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New York Governor Mario Cuomo wants explanation of legislator's comment

ALBANY, N.Y., Sunday, Feb. 7 (AP)—Gov. Mario Cuomo said Sunday that he will ask a Republican state senator to explain a remark about "genetic traits" he made in connection with New York's proposed homosexual rights legislation. "It is a kind of divisiveness that we don't need," Cuomo said. "I find Senator Kuhl's quotes to be disturbing to put it mildly."

Sen. John Kuhl of Steuben County in the Finger Lakes region told The New

York Times that he was opposed to the homosexual rights legislation that was approved last week by the Democratic-controlled state Assembly.

"I don't condone their lifestyle. I think it's their choice and they have to live with it," Kuhl told the Times, according to the newspaper's Saturday editions. "I look at it different than an Italian person or blacks or Chinese, people who have genetic traits that they can't do anything about. Sexual orientation is their choice and I don't think it's our

place to force people that might have a moral opposition to it to have to put up with it and condone it."

Cuomo, an Italian-American and strong supporter of the homosexual rights bill, said he found Kuhl's comments "very troublesome."

"He is some kind of race that doesn't have genetic traits that you can't do anything about? I'm curious what that is. Maybe it's a kind of super person," Democrat Cuomo said.

There was no immediate response from Kuhl to Cuomo's comment.

Cuomo is pressing hard to convince the Republican leadership of the Senate to allow the homosexual rights legislation to come to a vote in that house. Thus far, the GOP majority hasn't agreed to do that.

"If this is the kind of thing they say when they get up in public, they're going to be very embarrassed because this is simply not defensible as a matter of intelligence or sensitivity," Cuomo said.

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Marumoto wants Hawaii to bar sales of drug promoted as cure for AIDS

HONOLULU, Friday, Feb. 5 (AP)—State Rep. Barbara Marumoto wants the state to prohibit the distribution of a drug being promoted on the Big Island as a cure for AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Marumoto said the drug was invented and marketed under another name by an attorney in California in the mid-1970s as a cure for herpes.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration forced the maker to discontinue pro-

motion and distribution of the drug, she said.

The inventor's brother-in-law is now selling the drug, known as Talosin, as a cure for AIDS, according to Marumoto.

"I want to protect vulnerable people with AIDS from these so-called cures," she said. "It is hard to believe that anyone would be so cruel as to offer a fake cure to desperate people suffering from this deadly disease."

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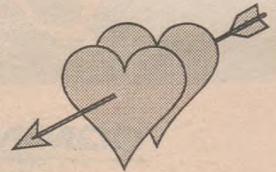
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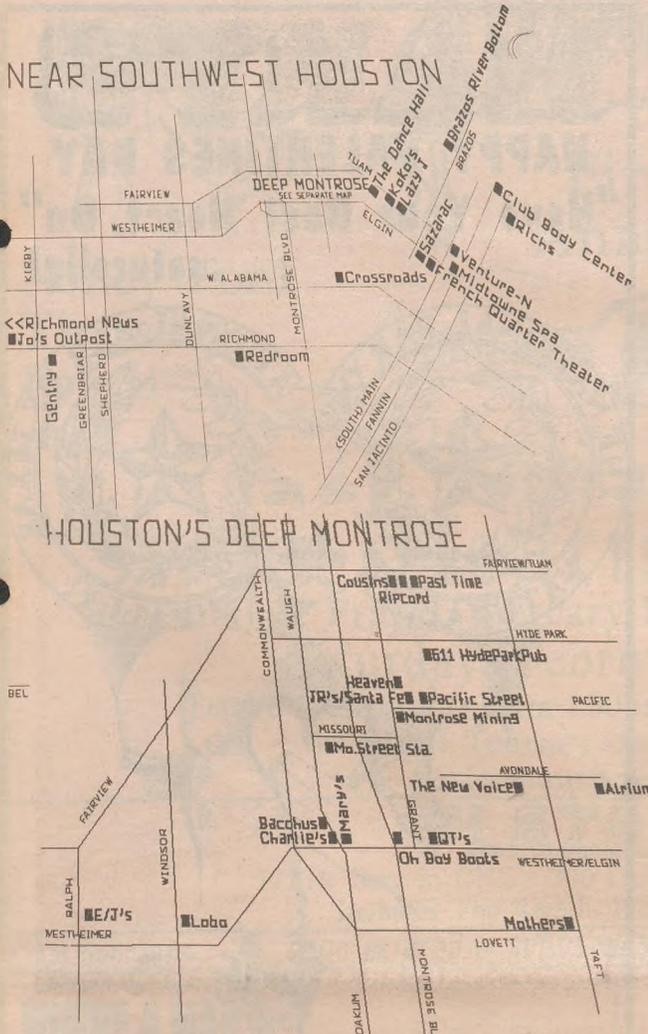
Houston, Saturday, Feb. 13

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-7pm, Mary's; Happy hour 7am-8pm, Ripcord; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's; 3-in-1 Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; Complimentary Bar-B-Q 1-3pm, Club Body Center; Beer blast on the patio 1-6pm, Mary's; 3-N-1 cocktails 1-10pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour opening to 8pm, Gentry; \$5.25 Liquor Bash with 25¢ refills 4-7pm, Atrium; Well drinks \$1.50 4-7pm, E/J's; Happy hour w/ \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks, \$1.25 frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; 75¢ well drinks all night, Pacific Street; 9 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time; Drink specials 8-11pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Muscles in Action dancers 8pm-2am, J.R.'s; Chuck Ciulla, D.J., Venture-N; 75¢ well drinks 9-11pm, Heaven; International Techno/house music, no cover with Stone Soup donation 9-11pm, Heaven; Alternative Music 9pm-2am, XTC; Leather & Flesh, no cover for men in leather 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Piano Sing-a-long with Wayne Gray 9:30pm, Briar Patch; Lone Star Male Revue 10pm, Gentry; Britany Paige & Company 10:30pm, E/J's; Cousins & Company Show 10:30pm, Cousins; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Sunday, Feb. 14

Bluelight specials noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Johnny & Mike's Football Corner on the Patio noon-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; \$1.30 vodka noon-6pm, Mother's; Happy hour noon-6pm, Venture-N; 3-N-1 happy hour noon-10pm, J.R.'s; 99¢ well vodka/juice drinks till 10pm, J.R.'s; \$3 pitcher beer noon-2am, Atrium; Happy hour opening to 8pm, Gentry; Complimentary Bar-B-Q 1-3pm, Club Body Center; Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, Mary's; \$1.25 vodka/juice drinks 1-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; 3-N-1 cocktails 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Longnecks \$1.75 1pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Pool tourney 2pm, Cousins; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E/J's; Cook out 3pm, Midtowne Spa; Chili cheese dogs, free 4pm until gone, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Steak night 4-8pm, Mary's; \$5.25 Liquor Bash with 25¢ refills 4-7pm, Atrium; \$1 schnapps 4-8pm, Juliet's; \$1.50 well drinks & frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Missouri St. Station; \$1.75 frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Pool tournament 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Beer bust w/ \$1.75 well drinks 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Beer blast (\$2.00 buy in - 25¢ refills) 4pm-midnight, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Blue light specials 5pm til, Venture-N; Burgs & dawgs from 5pm, Venture-N; Eight Ball Tournament, Cash Prizes 5pm, Gentry; Steak or chicken grill 5pm, Gentry; Beach Party, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street; Steak night on the patio, steak \$5.50, sausage \$4.50, chicken \$3.50, veggie plate \$2.50 5-8pm, The Ranch; Cupid's Arrow Stinger Party from 5pm, Venture-N; Steak night 5-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's; 301 dart tournament 6pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Ride the Pony Express 6-10pm, Brazos River Bottom; Muscles in Action dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; Rich's Tea & Me, Tropic Sound on the Patio, 25¢ well, \$1.25 frozen & \$1.25 beer all night, Rich's; Man Dance/T Dance 7pm, Pacific Street; 25¢ well drinks 7-10pm, Heaven; Lone Star Male Revue 7pm, Gentry; \$1.25 longnecks & frozen margaritas 7pm-2am, Heaven; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Sunday Splash, no cover with pass 7pm-2am, Heaven; Bingo 8pm, Briar Patch; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all night, E/J's; Show Directors' Gayla 9pm, E/J's; New York style male dancers 9pm-2am, Heaven; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Zack's Fun Time Revue 10:30pm, Cousins; Male strip contest, amcee Kofi 11pm, J.R.'s; Grab for Cash contest midnite, J.R.'s; Show midnight, Club Guadalajara; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

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Houston, Tuesday, Feb. 16

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Fast Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E.J.'s; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; 3-in-1 Happy hour 11am-10pm, J.R.'s; Burgers 11:30am-3pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-8pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-8pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; 6 month membership special (1/2 price locker) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Body Center; 3-N-1 cocktails 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour opening to 8pm, Gentry; Happy hour w/ \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4-8pm, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Beer bust 4-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4pm-2am, Mrs. B's; Hot Dog night 5pm til, Past Time; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; \$1.50 well drinks, longnecks & frozen margaritas, Heaven; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$3.50 Absolut Vodka drinks all night, J.R.'s; Muscles in Action dancers 6pm-2am, J.R.'s; 90¢ well all night Pacific Street; Talent Search 7:30pm, Missouri St. Station; Free Dance Lessons with Southern Country 8pm, The Ranch; Pool Tournament 8pm, The Ranch; \$1.50 well drinks 8pm-2am, The Dance Hall & Saloon; \$1.75 longnecks 8pm-2am, Atrium; Young executive night, no cover with personalized business card 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Piano Stylings of Jim Cater 9:30pm, Briar

Patch; C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River Bottom; Chili & \$1.50 beer night, Juliet's; Strip contest with Dyan Michaels 10pm, Mother's; Men of the Mine dancers until 2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Talent contest 10:30pm, E.J.'s; Wheel of Cash 10:30pm, 11:30pm & 12:30am, Gentry; Male strip contest, emcee Maude 11pm, J.R.'s; Grab for Cash contest midnite, J.R.'s

Houston, Wednesday, Feb. 17

\$1.50 screwdrivers 7am-noon, Atrium; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-noon, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E.J.'s; \$3 pitcher beer 7am-2am, Atrium; 3-in-1 Happy hour 11am-11pm, J.R.'s; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-8pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Happy hour Noon-7pm, Cousins; Happy hour noon-8pm, Venture-N; 6 month membership special (1/2 price room) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; 3-N-1 cocktails 1-11pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 1pm-2am, Ripcord; Happy hour opening to 8pm, Gentry; Happy hour w/ \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks; \$1.25 frozen margaritas 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.; Beer bust 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.; Happy hour 4pm-2am, The Dance Hall & Saloon; Happy hour 4pm-2am, Mrs. B's; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; \$3.75 all top sheep liquor all night, J.R.'s; 75¢ well drinks all night, Heaven; Steak night 6pm, E.J.'s; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Executive ladies free buffet 6-8pm, Wednesday, DJ/VJ Victor Toledo plays top hits 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Piano Sing-a-long with Wayne Gray 9:30pm, Briar Patch; Male Strip Contest with Dyan Michaels 10:30pm, Gentry; Male strip contest, emcee Kofi 11pm, J.R.'s; Grab for Cash contest midnite, J.R.'s; Open all night, Club Body Center; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

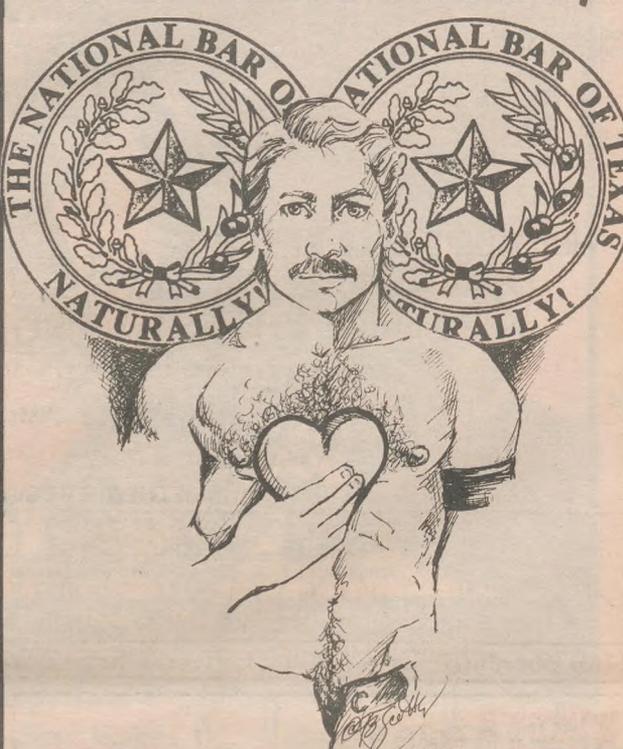
Houston, Thursday, Feb. 18

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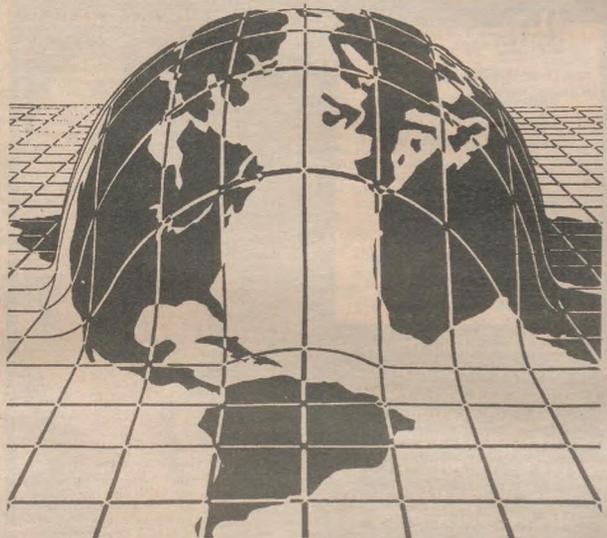
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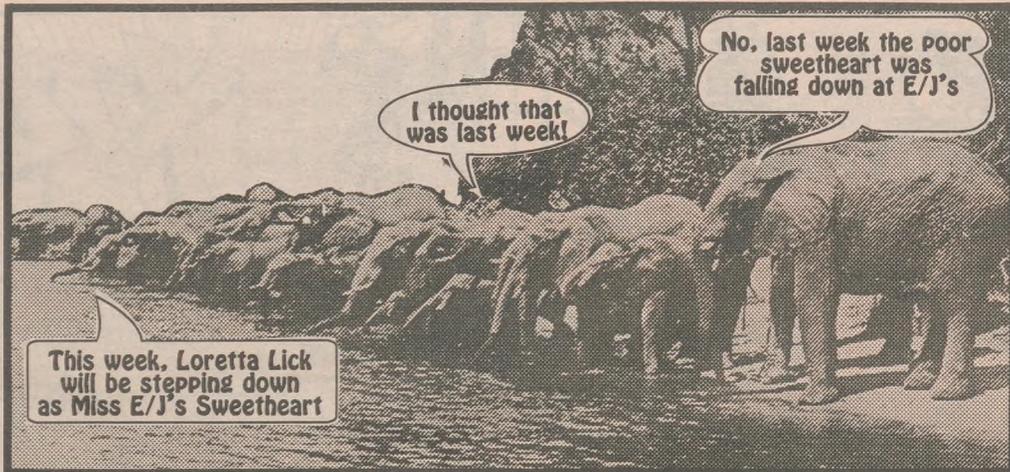
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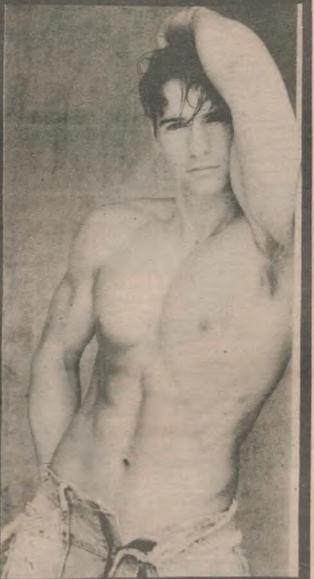


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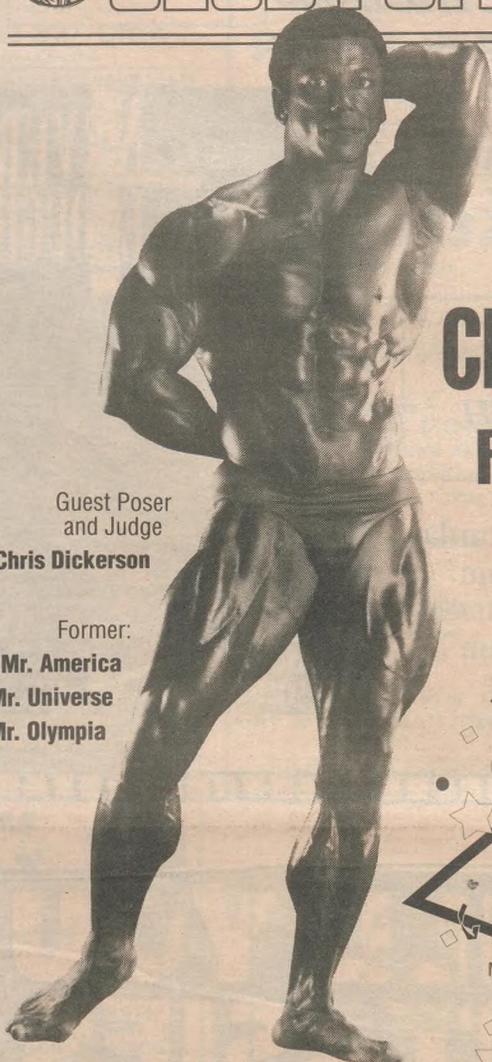
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Tennis legend and AIDS activist Arthur Ashe dead of AIDS-related pneumonia at 49

By BILL BARNARD
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Sunday, Feb. 7 (AP)—Arthur Ashe, a pioneering black tennis player and crusader off the court for human rights and AIDS research, died Saturday of AIDS-related pneumonia. He was 49.

Ashe died at 3:13 p.m., said New York Hospital administrator Judith Lilavois. "An additional statement will come from his family and the hospital later," she said.

Ashe, the only black man ever to win the Wimbledon championship and the U.S. Open, revealed April 8 that he had AIDS in an emotional news conference prompted by his fear that a newspaper was about to publish the story.

He said he was infected by a blood transfusion during heart bypass surgery, probably in 1983.

He insisted that he should have the right to keep his illness private. But after going public, he became active in the fight against AIDS, forming a fundraising foundation and joining the boards of the Harvard AIDS Institute and the UCLA AIDS Institute.

"Arthur Ashe's passing away makes this a very sad day, not only for the world of sports, but the entire world in general," said Magic Johnson, who retired from professional basketball after testing positive for the AIDS virus.

"Not only was Arthur a leading figure and pioneer for minorities in sports and business, but also in the fight against

HIV and AIDS. He was one of the best men of his generation, and his loss is a loss for all of us."

Play was halted at the Volvo pro tennis tournament in San Francisco for a moment of silence in Ashe's honor. "He was out there doing things, taking care of business to the end," said Jimmy Connors. "He made his mark not just in tennis, but in world events."

New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins, an avid tennis player, said he mourned the loss of his close friend.

"From his very early youth, Arthur Ashe always kept his eye on the ball, not just on the tennis court but in every single aspect of his life," Dinkins said in a statement from Puerto Rico, where he was vacationing. "There were so many

more victories for him to win and for us to celebrate."

Ashe had been scheduled to appear at an AIDS forum Saturday night in Hartford, Conn., but canceled at the last minute and sent a videotape instead.

Ashe did not give details of his illness in the tape. But Shirley Jefferson, an AIDS volunteer who attended the forum, said, "He talked about how he was too sick to be here tonight. He said he was too weak."

In an interview last November, Ashe said that his days were busier than ever, although he had his good ones and bad ones.

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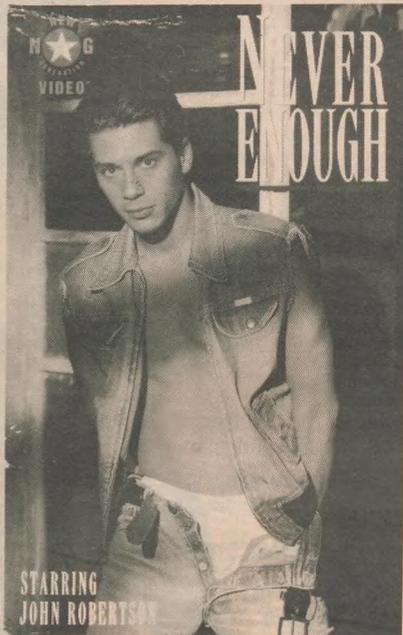
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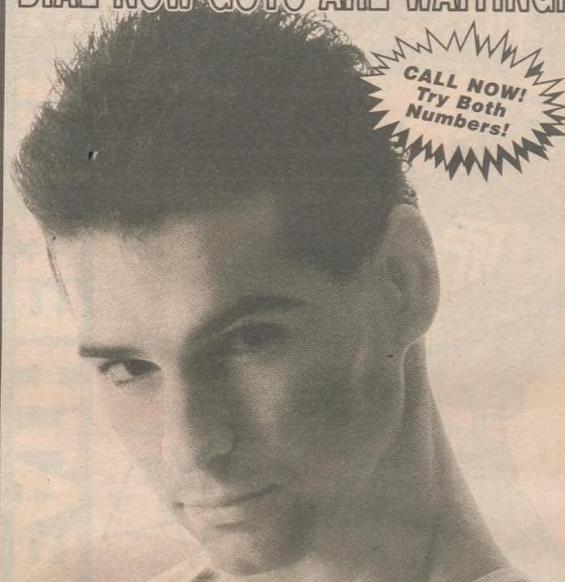
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AUSTIN

FRIDAYS

STUDENTS ASSOCIATION - Lesbian, bisexual and gay students family hour at Cactus Cafe, UT. 5pm. Info: (512) 471-4387.
SEX ADDICTS ANONYMOUS - AWARE holds sex addicts meeting, 500 Oakland. 7pm. Info: (512) 322-0125.

SATURDAYS

DIGNITY/AUSTIN - Mass at Holy Spirit Chapel, 27th @ University. 2nd & 4th Sat., 6pm

SUNDAYS

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - Service at 425 Woodward. Interpreted for the deaf and child care is provided. 9am & 11am. Info: (512) 416-1170.
GAY AA GROUP - Lambda Live & let Live AA meeting in the Village Shopping Center, 2700 W. Anderson, #412. 1pm. Info: (512) 453-9802.
WOMEN'S ACTION COALITION - Meets weekly at Chances, 900 Red River. 5pm.
OUTYOUTH/AUSTIN - A young people's support group. 5-7:30pm. Meeting info: (512) 476-0880.
SHAMAN'S CIRCLE MEETING - Gay group sharing spirit, heart connections and each other. Crosswinds, 3555 Bee Cave Road #101. 8-9:30pm. Info: John or Michael (512) 477-1578.

MONDAYS

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP - Meets at Waterloo Counseling Center. Info: (512) 322-9653.
SOBER WOMEN - AWARE Women for Sobriety group meets 500 Oakland. 5:30pm. Info: (512) 322-0125.

TUESDAYS

TREEHOUSE SUPPORT GROUP - For Lesbians Considering Children meets at 607 Nueces. 2nd & 4th Tues., 7-8:30pm. Nominal fee. Info: (512) 477-5822.
HIV TESTING - Informa Sida conducts HIV testing, 1643 E. 2nd St. 7-8:30pm. Info: (512) 472-2001.

WEDNESDAYS

HIV SUPPORT GROUP - For HIV+ individuals and their significant others at David Powell Clinic, 1000 Toyota. 4-5:30pm

OUTYOUTH SUPPORT GROUP - For 18-22 year olds. Meets 7-9pm. Info: (512) 476-0880.
ACT-UP - Weekly meetings at the Grassroots Peace Building, 227 Congress. 8pm.

COMING OUT GROUP - For women meets at 607 Nueces. Interview required. 1st & 3rd Wed., 6-7:30pm. Nominal fee. Info: (512) 477-5822.
LESBIAN AL-ANON AWARE sponsors a lesbian Al-Anon group, 500 Oakland. 7:30pm. Info: (512) 322-0125.

ALLOQUINFORME SIDA - Gay Latino HIV+ support group sponsors. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed., 7pm. Info: (512) 472-2001.
TREEHOUSE SUPPORT GROUP - For Lesbian moms meets at 607 Nueces. 2nd & 4th Wed., 6-7:30pm. Info: (512) 477-5822.

THURSDAYS

GAY MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - Waterloo Counseling holds a meeting in the evening. Info: (512) 322-9653.

OPEN ORCHESTRA/CHOIR REHEARSAL - MCC/Austin holds an open orchestra rehearsal at 6pm; choir rehearsal at 7:30pm. Info: (512) 416-1170.

HIV+ LESBIANS - Support group meets at Waterloo Counseling Center. 7:30-9pm. Info: (512) 322-9653.
GAY STUDENTS MEETING - ACC Organization meets in the Rio Grande Campus Building, Rm. 124. 2nd & 4th Thur., 8:30pm. Info: (512) 469-9337.

STOP THERAPY ABUSE - A consumer advocacy and educational support group meets monthly at the North Loop Library, 2210 Hancock Drive. 3rd Thur., 7pm. Info: Marie (512) 458-2605.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

GRAD STUDENTS DRINK SPECIALS - Gay and lesbian grad students have a happy hour at Chances, 900 Red River. 6pm. (512) 339-6137.

LESBIAN DATING GAME - Sapphire, "The Dating Game" lesbian social at ACAH, 1032 Capital Parkway. 7-9pm. Cost - \$1 (suggested). Info: (512) 836-7056 or 450-0659.

SATURDAY, FEB. 13

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE - ALLGO is sponsoring their 8th Annual Valentine's Day Dance at the Acropolis, 206 Nueces. 9pm. Admission - \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door. Proceeds benefit Informa SIDA. Info: Antonio (512) 472-2001.

GLORIA STEINEM - The renowned author will be speaking at University Co-op, 2246 Guadalupe, 7-9pm. A reception and book signing will follow.

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

LESBIAN BRUNCH - Nosotras (Latina Lesbian Social Group) meets for Sunday brunch, 11:30am. Info: Marie (512) 472-2001.

GLORIA STEINEM - Book signing and reception to follow speaker at Mexico-Arte, 419 Congress Ave., 12:30pm. Info: (512) 472-2785.

ORGANIZATION AWARDS CEREMONY - Central East Austin Community Organization is holding a ceremony to honor its poster contest winners at Carver Museum, 1165 Angelina. 3-5pm. Info: Boyd Vance (512) 472-5575.

FREE/ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING - Travis County Health Dept. offers free, anonymous testing at the Crossing, 611 Red River.

POTLUCK DINNER - Integrity/Austin is holding a potluck, 6:30pm. Info: (512) 44408824 or 452-7651.

LEATHER SOCIAL - NLA/Austin is holding a Wigstock '93 fundraiser for THRIF and NLA at 404 Club, 404 Colorado. Info: Chris (512) 476-5266.

HOUSTON

FRIDAYS

SEX ADDICTS - SORA (Sex or Relationship Addicts Anonymous) holds a support group meeting at MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur. 7-9pm. Info: (713) 666-8256.

HATCH (Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals) has peer support group, restricted to ages 16-21. 7:30-10pm. Info: (713) 942-7002.

LESBIAN GROUP - Lambda Women's Social & Support Group meets 6:30-8:30pm. Info: Cheryl (713) 736-1439 or July 724-7222.

SATURDAYS

LITURGY HOUR - Dignity/Houston holds a liturgy and social hour at 1307 Yale, Suite H, 7:30pm. Info: (713) 880-2872.

GAY/LESBIAN RADIO - AfterHours, gay/lesbian radio show is heard on KPFT 90.1 FM, 1-3am. Info: (713) 526-5738.

SUNDAYS

NAMES PROJECT WORKSHOP - For anyone interested in creating a quilt panel for a loved one who has died of AIDS at 1410 Fairview. 1-5pm. Info: (713) 522-NAMES.

LISA - (Lesbian Incest Survivors Anonymous) holds meetings at Inklings, 1846 Richmond. 4-5pm. Info: (713) 527-8712.

LAMBDA AA GROUP - For women meets at Watergate Marina Clubhouse #2. 8pm. Info: (713) 326-1025.
AMIGA DE HOUSTON - Holds monthly business meeting and potluck. 3rd Sun., 5pm. Info: (713) 520-5667.

LOAF - (Lesbians Over Age 50) meets at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. 3rd Sun., 2-4pm. Info: (713) 661-1482.

MONDAYS

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - Meets at the Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104. 6:30pm. Info: (713) 524-1069.

CODA GROUP - Meets at the Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104. 8pm. Info: (713) 524-1069.

GAY FATHERS - And their partners meet for discussion group. 8-10pm. Info: (713) 265-8191.

TUESDAYS

HIV+ MOTHERS - And their children have a support group that meets at Casa de Esperanza. 2-4pm. Info: (713) 529-0639.

KTRU RADIO - 91.7 FM has a Women's Hour. 6-7pm. Info: (713) 527-4050.

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP - Meets at the Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104. 7pm. Info: (713) 524-1069.

AIDS EQUITY LEAGUE - Meets at Charlie's Coffee Shop. 2nd Tues., noon & 4th Tues., 5:30pm. Info: (713) 871-0092.

WEDNESDAYS

GAY/LESBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION - University of Houston group meets for discussion groups. 3:30pm & 7:30pm. Info: (713) 529-3211.

KOLBE PROJECT - Hosts a gay issues support group in its location, 903A W. Main. New members always welcome. 6pm. Info: (713) 522-8182.

KOLBE PROJECT - 903A W. Main sponsors a support group for HIV+ individuals. 8:30pm. Info: (713) 522-8182.

POSITIVE PARTNERS GROUP - Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104, sponsors a support group for lovers. 8:30pm. Info: (713) 524-1069.

AA MEETING - Weekly mixed-group meeting for people in Clear Lake/Bay area at Watergate Marina #2. 7pm. Info: (713) 326-1025.

SELF HEALING CLASS - Michael K. Wilson's class meets each week at the Spectrum Center, 3416 Audubon. Guest speakers each week. 8-10pm. Info: (713) 523-4241 or 868-4251.

THURSDAYS

SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP - Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104. 6pm. Info: (713) 524-1069.

GAY MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer, #104. 8:30pm. Info: (713) 524-1069.

GAY MEN'S CHORUS - Holds open rehearsals at the Bering Memorial Church, 1440 Bering. 7pm. Info: (713) 630-0333.

ACT UP - Gulf Coast meeting takes place at Montrose Place, 1505 Nevada @ Commonwealth. 7:30pm. Info: (713) 524-6863.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

MOSCOW VIRTUOBI - presented by the Society for the Performing Arts. A world renowned ensemble conducted by Vladimir Spivakov, equally renowned violinist in Jones Hall, 815 Louisiana. 8pm. Admission \$6-\$8. Info: (713) 272-1911.

JAMIE ANDERSON - presented by Planet Earth Productions. One show only at Dudley Racial Hall on the campus of the University of Houston in the School of Music Building. 8:30pm. Admission - \$12 in advance; \$16 at the door; \$5 for students. Info: Denise (713) 528-0748.

NICE AND WARM - Justice Records is throwing a party at the Satellite Lounge, 3618 Washington, in honor of the new release by Tab Benoit. 9:30pm. Free. Info: (713) 520-8689.

SATURDAY, FEB. 13

ASIANS & FRIENDS - Holding a Valentine's Day Pot Luck Dinner. Those attending are asked to bring a food item and any alcoholic beverages. 7:30-11pm. Info: David (713) 772-3757.

DAWN OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Presents their "Adopt a heart" program. A heart with the name of someone lost to AIDS will be displayed for a donation. All proceeds go to Casa de Esperanza for children. Open house is at 8405-K Alameda-Genoa. 7:30pm. Info: (713) 847-5118.

VIDEO VALENTINE - presented by Houston Public Television to a new generation - "public television like it's never been done before." 10pm. Info: (713) 749-8239 or 749-8238 or 749-8235.

LA COMPAGNIE RICK ODUMS - a dance workshop presented by Starsteps at the Wortham Center, 810 Preston. Featured faculty includes Patsy Swazey (Patrick's mother), Rick Odums, Leanna Sparacino and John Magnus. 8pm. Info: (713) 820-2126.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

DIVERSEWORKS - Presenting Linda Montano's "Preparing for Death." The artist is merging after three days' seclusion in the Diverseworks' bathroom and will speak of death, 1117 E. Freeway. Tickets - \$10, \$9 for mem-

bers. 3:15pm. Info: (713) 228-0914.

FREE CONCERT - Houston Civic Symphony presents violin soloist Qi Ming at the Cullen Performance Hall on the University of Houston campus. 4pm. Info: (713) 747-0018.

ROMANTIC ART SALE - Presented by Alpha 2 Omega Foundation at the Crossroads Market & Bookstore, 610 W. Alabama. All proceeds benefit Alpha 2 Omega. 4:30-7:30pm. Info: (713) 528-5328.

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

DIVERSEWORKS READINGS - Belinda Acosta, feminist writer and performer from Austin, and David Brown, poet and director of Fotofest "Literacy through Photography," will read from their works at DiverseWorks, 1117 E. Freeway. Free. Info: (713) 223-8346.

SAFE SEX WORKSHOP - AIDS Foundation Houston is holding a safer sex workshop at their offices, 3202 Wesleyan. 7-9pm. Info: Bart Loesser (713) 623-6796.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

MEN'S NETWORK - A supportive environment for the gay/bisexual community will hold a meeting about relationships - "Longtime Companions" - at Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 7-8:30pm. Suggested donation - \$3-5. Info: (713) 529-0037.

PANEL DISCUSSION - AFH and Body Positive are sponsoring a program to discuss improving and maintaining good health (wellness) at the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose Blvd., 6:30-8:30pm. Info: (713) 623-6796.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

HOUSTON HOSPICE SEMINAR - Seven panelists representing Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim faiths and three branches of Christianity will discuss aspects of death at St. Cecilia Catholic Church Community Center, 11720 Joan of Arc. 7-9:30pm.

NEW ORLEANS

FRIDAYS

GAY/LESBIAN TV - Lesbian/gay programming. "Just for the Record," is scheduled on Cox Cable Channel 49. 9pm.

COMMUNITY CENTER MOVIES - The Gay and Lesbian Community Center will show a film. 7pm. Scheduled: Feb. 12 - "Thelma & Louise" Feb. 19 - no film; Feb. 26 - "Desert Hearts."

SUNDAYS

GAY/LESBIAN TV - Lesbian/gay programming. "Just for the Record," is scheduled on Cox Cable Channel 49. 9:30pm.

TUESDAYS

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP - Gay/lesbian group meetings are confidential. Info on location and times: (504) 552-9360.

GAY/LESBIAN TV - Lesbian/gay programming. "Just for the Record," is scheduled on Cox Cable Channel 49. 6:30pm.

ALLIANCE OF PRIDE - Gay Pride Festival and Parade meets at the Community Center, 816 Rampart St. 1st & 3rd Tues., 6pm. Info: (504) 949-7333 or 897-3939.

WEDNESDAYS

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP - Gay/lesbian group meetings are confidential. Info on location and times: (504) 552-9360.

REGIONAL THEATRICAL PREMIER - Louisiana premier of "In Trousers" at La Maison des Beaux Arts, 1140 St. Charles Ave. Info: (504) 866-1802.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

LESBIAN COMEDY FILM - "Vampire lesbians of Sodom" will be shown at the Bayou Cabaret Theatre, 3300 Severn Avenue, Metairie. 11pm. Admission - \$10. Info: (504) 887-6633.

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MONDAY, FEB. 15

CUTTING EDGE FILM - Theatre Marigny, 616 Frenchmen St., is showing "Wild Women Don't Have the Blues." "Flag" and "Billy Turner's Secret." Admission - \$6. Info: (504) 943-3067.

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

MORE FILMS - Theatre Marigny will be showing "As I Remember It - A Portrait of Dorothy West," "Affirmations," and "The Male Gaze" at 6:30pm; "Voguing: The Message" and "If She Grows Up Gay" at 8:30pm

CONTINUOUS

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE - NO/AIDS Task Force is giving free flu shots while supplies last. Appointments are necessary. Info: Claire Duplax (504) 945-4000.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

MONDAYS

AIDS/HIV SUPPORT GROUP - Meeting and dinner every week for PLA and HIV+ individuals at Casa Merced PLA/HIV+ Activity Center at 6:30pm. Info: (210) 618-2775.

THURSDAYS

FAMILY SUPPORT - Support group meeting for family members of PLAs at Casa Merced Activity Center at 7:30pm. Info: (210) 618-2775.

SAN ANTONIO

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

VALENTINE'S DANCE - ILLEGO, the National Latina Lesbian & Gay Organization is holding a "Corazon Dulce" (Sweetheart) dance at Little Naples Restaurant, 1923 Blanco. Info: (210) 826-2350.

SPORTS

The New Voice sports calendar entries should include the following: date, time span, brief description of event, sponsor, cost and contact number. Must be received in the Houston office, in writing, no later than noon Monday. Mail or fax to: The New Voice Sports, 408 Avondale, Houston TX 77006; Fax (713) 529-9531

AUSTIN

AGBL STANDINGS
The standings for the Austin Gamblers Bowling League as of Feb. 2nd are: 1) Chain Drive; 2) Strike-a-Pose; 3) Buns of Steel; 4) Bout Time 5) Pinheads The high scratch male is Sam Nelson - 245; the high scratch female is Carla Ives - 177.

TUESDAYS

BOWLING - Austin Gamblers Bowling League meets each week at Capitol Bowl on Koenig Lane @ Grover at 6:30pm. Info: (512) 451-5607.

SUNDAYS

VOLLEYBALL - Informal volleyball games are held each week at Bailey Park (just west of Lamar between 32nd and 33rd Streets). Just show up and play. 1-5pm.

RUNNING CLUB - Austin FrontRunners meets along the hike-and-bike trail at Butler Shores (across from Zachary Scott Theater). Run or walk for 30 minutes, then go out for brunch. 9:15am. Info: (512) 473-8334, 343-0106.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
SKATING CLUB - Lambda Rollerskating Club is planning to begin a chapter in Austin. People interested in participating or getting on a mailing list can write LRC, P.O. Box 68450, Houston, TX 77266.

CYCLING CLUB - Breakaway, a long-distance bicycling club for Austin/San Marcos is organizing. For cyclists interested in weekend rides of 25 miles or more. Info: (512) 447-6408.

CORPUS CHRISTI
CC GUTTER STANDINGS
The standings for the CC Gutter Bowling League as of Feb. 1st are: 1) Tootle's Friends, 44-32; 2) Hot Leatherettes, 35-37; 3) H.D. Spill Ends, 35-38; 4) Hurlers, 31-41. High scratch male is Amador Gutierrez, 358, and there were no qualifiers for high scratch female

HOUSTON

GHFBL STANDINGS
The standings for the Greater Houston Pocket Billiards League as of Week 17 (Feb. 3rd) are: 1) Rancheros II, 14-21; 2) Precision, 14-2; 3) Lipstick, 13-4; 4) Briar Patch, 13-4; 5) Bacchus I, 12-4; 6) Good Time Gang, 10-6; 7) The Posse, 10-6; 8) Shooting Stars, 9-8; 9) Sue & Her Boys, 7-9; 10) Chicken Ranch, 6-10; 11) Rick Attack, 6-10; 12) Soft Touch, 5-10; 13) Shameless, 5-11; 14) Pool Devils, 4-12; 15) Ms. Behavin', 4-12; 16) Styx, 4-12; 17) Da Mama's Kids, 1-14.

GHFBL SCHEDULE
The GHFBL schedule for Week 19 (Feb. 17, 8pm) is: Rancheros II v. Good Time Gang @ Bacchus; Lipstick v. Precision @ Briar Patch; Styx v. Ms. Behavin' @ The Dance; Rick Attack v. pool Devils @ Juliet's; Chicken Ranch v. The Posse @ Mary's; Briar Patch v. Shameless @ Sue; Bacchus v. Da Mama's Kids @ Red Room; Sue & Her Boys v. soft Touch @ Venture N; Lipstick has the night off.

SUNDAYS
RUNNING CLUB - FrontRunners, gay and lesbian joggers club meets twice a week, every week, in Memorial Park AT 9am. Info: (713) 523-6381.

TUESDAYS
WOMEN'S RUGBY - Houston Women's Rugby Club meets each week at the Bellair YMCA. Info: (713) 955-1720.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 13
CHAIN GANG BICYCLING - Bicycling group holds a variety of bicycling excursions. The ride on Feb. 13th is a chainmailer (long distance) through Bellville; the ride on Feb. 14th is an easyrider (short ride) under all the major freeway arteries in the Houston area; the ride on the 20th is a chainmailer around Sam Houston National Forest; and the ride on the 21st is a roughrider (off road) through Jack Brooks Park. 10am. Continues