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The start of something big: Over 11,000 athletes from 43 nations gather in Columbia University's Wien Stadium in New York last Saturday to kick off Gay Games IV (Associated Press photo by Luc Novovitch)

Team Houston members win medals, report glitches at the Games

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Houston Voice Editor

Two Team Houston skaters were among the first to receive medals during the first weekend of Gay Games IV, which opened last Saturday. Keith Peters, president of Houston's Lambda Rollerskating Club, was awarded the bronze medal in the "Elite Division" for in-line race skating on Sunday; also receiving a bronze medal, in the skating event's Intermediate Division, was Ray Ramirez, an LRC member who served as co-chair of this year's Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week celebration.

"I've been in skate races everywhere, but this was completely different," said an exhilarated Peters, a local swimming and gymnastics instructor who had to return home early from the Games. "This was my first time to go to the games...there is nothing like it."

Peters said what impressed him the most about his short trip was the closeness, unity and spirit shared between the thousands of athletes, even those who spoke different languages, and the friendliness of both the gay participants or supporters and the New York City locals, in and out of the enclave.

"I hear about New York. The people were so friendly," he said.

Other Houston athletes and performers, however, unfortunately fell victim to glitches in organizing and squabbles with New York City officials overseeing the event.

The TriAngels, a Houston gay skydiving club, was not allowed by the city to dive into last Saturday's Gay Games opening ceremonies—an exhibition members had been planning for at least nine months. The group, which had already obtained clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration and Columbia University (whose Wien Stadium hosted the ceremonies) for the dive, was not informed until they arrived in the city that they would not be allowed to jump.

Members reported the group had spent a collective \$50,000 to get to New York expecting to participate. A Gay



Keith Peters of Lambda Rollerskating Club was the first Team Houstonian to bring a medal home

Games IV press office representative confirmed Monday that they were not allowed. The spokesperson said a city ordinance prohibited such dives.

Then, on Sunday, when competition was scheduled to take place in the Triathlon, swimming events had to be scuttled and rescheduled because of rough weather. When about 100 triathlete swimmers got into the water anyway, they were surrounded by New York City police in boats and ordered out.

There were other minor problems reported, including some tension over keeping the ice prepared for ice skating events on days of record highs in the area.

But while views on the city's role in the unfolding events were mixed, praise flowed for the Gay Games' organizers. "They were extremely well prepared and organized...I was very impressed," said Peters.

Team Houston, with 118 members represented, is among the largest city contingents represented in the New York Games. Members were scheduled to compete in events including Flag Football, Volleyball, Billiards and Bowling.

From STAFF and WIRE REPORTS

(New York City)—The overflow crowd that packed Columbia University's Wien Stadium for the opening ceremonies of Gay Games IV last Saturday, June 18 was only the beginning. The bulk of the 600,000 to one million gay and lesbian people expected to shake the Big Apple on its limb this week were just leaving as the Houston Voice goes to press Wednesday; the largest numbers are expected this weekend, when the Games with a close star-studded stage ceremony and parade Saturday, and the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion is remembered with an International March on the United Nations, to be followed by a rally that will also boast the participation of a slew of big-name celebrities on Sunday. On that day, our publisher Tad Nelson

will join (by most organizers' estimates) about a million of his good friends for that march through New York City streets. Organizers say the event, held 25 years after a riot at the Stonewall Inn helped launch the gay and lesbian rights movement, could be the largest civil rights demonstration ever held. Beyond the march and rally scheduled for June 26, however, a celebration is playing out right now in the streets, theaters, meeting halls and yes, of course, the bars of the City That Doesn't Sleep, the scope of which has likely never been seen before.

The potential combined economic impact on the city has been estimated by New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's office as over \$110,000,000.

The Stonewall 25 march on June 26 commemorates the 1969 riot that erupted when police raided a gay bar in

Greenwich Village. Organizers say they expect as many as a million participants.

The events began last week, accelerating during the weekend when Unity '94 festival as well as the international sporting competitions, brought an estimated 11,000 athletes along with up to half a million spectators and supporters into town.

Between Stonewall 25 and Gay Games IV, the list of gay-themed sporting events, parties, performances, art exhibits, film showings, meetings and marches in the city this week is a long one. Many events boast nationally known performers—some, full-fledged stars—as headliners. Entertainers expected to perform at this weekend's Stonewall 25 events include RuPaul, Gregory Hines and Liza Minelli.

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Avengers eat fire in Vidor as Pride Ride sets off for Big Apple

By SHANE PATRICK BOYLE
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

The Lesbian Avengers assembled in Houston last week to blaze a trail across the south, starting in the heart of klan country, Vidor.

The Avengers' Pride Ride, bound for the Stonewall 25 festivities in New York City, promises to "Ignite the South" with the series of demonstrations and actions on the way to the Big Apple. Twenty-six Avengers, including several from out of state and one from Canada, kicked off from Houston last Thursday. Later that day, they staged their first demonstration in Vidor.

Shana Dilworth, of the Austin Avengers chapter which is coordinating the

ride, said Vidor was "a great place to start the Pride Ride." She said the Avengers "got the idea from the freedom ride of the Sixties."

She said that in addition to the issue of racism, the action was intended to spotlight discrimination against lesbians and unmarried women in employment and housing. A flier, with the slogan "Discrimination = Poverty," explained the action by citing statistics demonstrating a disproportionate number of single women, particularly minority women, living in poverty. The flier also quoted statements from two closeted lesbians living in Vidor, including one who said her reason for not speaking out is fear for the safety of her daughter in a Vidor public school.

Robin Evans of Berkeley said the trip sparked her interest because the concept reminded her of work she did in the 60's as a member of an anti-war theater group traveling the South.

Before leaving from their meeting place at DiverseWorks, veteran Avengers led rookies in a quick fire eating lesson. The fire eating tradition originated with the New York Lesbian Avengers, in response to a fire bombing in Oregon that killed a handicapped gay man and an African-American lesbian during the controversy over Oregon's Proposition 9 in 1992.

Before they eat fire, the Avengers chant, "The fire will not consume us. We take the fire and make it our own."

Marcie, one of the first time fire eat-

ers, described the experience a "very empowering."

"It was great," she said.

After the lesson, the Avengers departed to face the fire in Vidor.

They arrived in the early afternoon heat at the unshaded lawn of Vidor City Hall with signs decorated with pictures from a Texas Monthly article on racism in Vidor and slogans such as "Welcome to Vidor." Supporters from Houston, including a masked woman from the East Texas anarchist collective, came with the Avengers.

Their audience consisted of members of the Vidor Fire Department, employees of City Hall and a steady stream of Main Street traffic.

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Texas town's residents offer mixed views on racism, sexism, homophobia

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During the fire eating ritual, David Slaughter Vidor City Council member of Ward 3, interrupted with objections to the photos on the signs. "Those men are not from Vidor," he said. "One is from Cleveland and one is from Mississippi."

"That doesn't change the fact that there is racism in Vidor," one of the Avengers shot back.

Later, Slaughter said of the demonstrators, "They've got a right to say what they want whether it's true or not, but I wish they would get their facts straight."

He accused the Lesbian Avengers of fallaciously "tying their cause" with last year's controversy over public housing integration and said, "I have never heard of one problem with (discrimination against gays and lesbians) in this area."

Slaughter, who worked in public relations for the City of Vidor during the integration controversy, also said, "vidor is not a Klan stronghold anymore. I will not deny that it used to be."

City Hall secretary Vicki Parker agreed with Slaughter. "Vidor is not getting a fair shake," she said.

Vidor Fire chief John Paul Feely said gays and lesbians are not discriminated against in Vidor. "I know ladies who are lesbians and who probably are and I don't treat them any differently," he said.

At the grocery store across for City Hall, however, Vidor resident Brandi Hammond disagreed with the "face" city employees presented. "I think (Vidor) sucks," she said.

Hammond, who grew up in Vidor and will be moving to Beaumont to attend Lamar University this fall said, "Vidor is just as racist as it always was," and said she also feels gays and lesbians are discriminated against in Vidor... but not as much as non-whites.

When asked if she knew any gays or lesbians, she said, "I'm bisexual."

"My parents said they'd rather me marry a woman than a black man," she added.

Hammond said she was glad the Lesbian Avengers came to Vidor, but said she didn't think the demonstration would change anybody's mind. "They don't care. They're all prejudiced," she said.

"I think that it was a success and that we got our message out," said Lisa Davis of Austin. "I know some local women are glad we were here."

The demonstrators did not meet with physical confrontation or threats from local authorities during the action. Other than city officials, few people acknowledged the activity. One carload of females waved and one motorist gave a thumbs-up sign.

Opposition, however, was not absent. Prior to the Avengers' arrival, a Vidorian told a group of reporters and photographers, "We're gonna go over to a bar and get a nigger and tar and feather him for ya," and one teenage driver shouted "White Power!" as he passed by.

The lack of conflict was not unexpected. Before the trip, Carrie Bell of Austin said no conflict was expected, but added, "We are prepared for it, but hope nothing happens."

Cathy Berrey said she is carrying out the duty of peace keeper on the trip. She said part of her responsibility is to communicate with any police officers who arrive on the scene and let them know the demonstration is intended to be peaceful.

Dilworth said, "We have no intention of being arrested at any of our stops. We want to make it to New York."

From Vidor, the Avengers went on their next to their next stop in New Orleans. The trip will include stops in Overt, Miss.; Birmingham, Ala.; Durham, N.C.; Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia.

Newsweek, Princeton Survey researchers ask gays about sex and politics

Trends Worth Tracking

Two in three (62 percent) homosexuals in the U.S. don't think Bill Clinton is taking issues of concern to gay men and women seriously enough, according to a Newsweek Poll. Sixty-four percent who disapprove of the way he has handled the issue of gays in the military. A majority (72 percent) of homosexuals currently approve of the way Clinton generally is handling his job as president, down from 88 percent in a March 1993 poll.

Three out of four (75 percent) believe that the political climate for gays and lesbians is better today than it was five years ago. Nearly half (46 percent) believe that the media presents too little coverage of the AIDS epidemic. Sixty-eight percent of those polled said they knew three or more people who have died of AIDS.

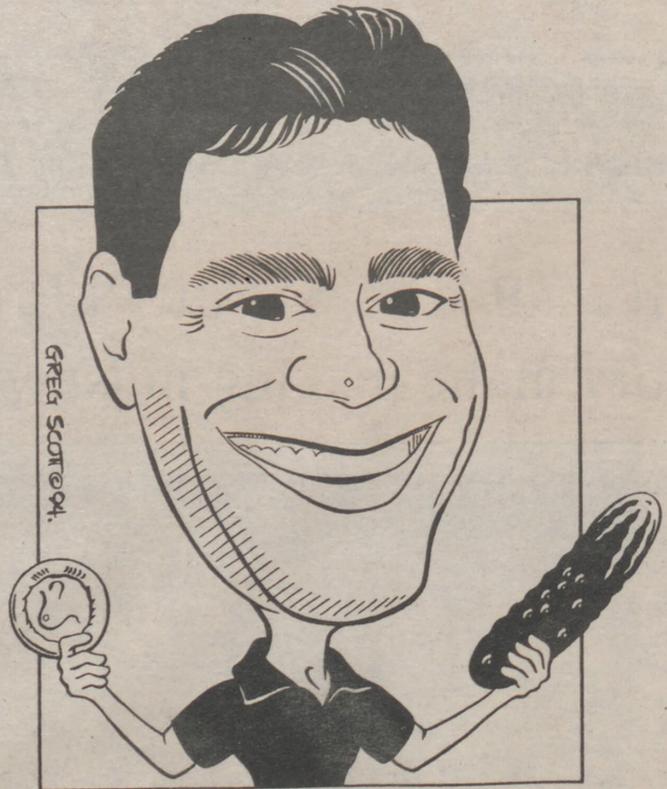
For this special Newsweek Poll, Princeton Survey Research Associates interviewed 504 gay men and lesbians by phone from June 9 to 15. The sample was drawn from lists compiled by Strubco Inc. of 600,000 who have associated themselves with

gay and lesbian interests and activities. The poll appears in the June 27 issue of Newsweek (on newsstands Monday, June 20). The margin of error is plus or minus 5 percentage points.

The poll found that four-in-ten (40 percent) believe that there is more homophobia than there was five years ago while about the same number—37 percent—say there is less, and 18 percent think there is the same amount. Sixty-five percent of homosexuals say they have personally been the victim of an anti-gay slur, 64 percent of an anti-gay joke, and 43 percent of other forms of discrimination. Less than one in five (16 percent) say they have been the victim of a beating or other physical attack motivated by dislike for gays.

The poll also reveals that lesbians are more open about their sexuality than gay men. Sixty-four percent of lesbians are open with their co-workers. 82 percent with family members and 79 percent with straight friends. Only 55 percent of gay men are open about their sexuality with co-workers, 68 percent with family members and 72 percent with straight friends.

Houston Spotlight



BART LOESER

Known by many in Houston as just "that cute safe sex guy," Bart Loeser has been promoting safer sex and the Wellness for AIDS Foundation Houston for over six years. He and his volunteers regularly canvass the community distributing condoms and encouraging people to attend or host "Safe Sex House Parties," small group workshops that highlight the many diverse options for "fun in the bedroom without the worry." Houston is Bart's hometown, and he is dedicated to fighting both AIDS and homophobia. Apart from his employment at AFH, he is involved in many local organizations, including the Montrose Clinic,

Body Positive, and Voices for Life (the AIDS fundraising music album). He was recently elected as the new president of The Agora, a group dedicated to promoting gay and lesbian issues in the media. Bart is also very "out" about his life as a person living with HIV for over 10 years. He hopes that by serving as an HIV-positive role model, he can encourage others to get tested and take control of their own health. Struggling against a public often teetering between apathy, panic and denial, Loeser faces these daunting challenges with enthusiasm and optimism.

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Brady's Corner



Pride committee says 'Thank You' to community

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From RAY RAMIREZ and JULIE SISKKA

Co-chairs, Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994

We, the executive committee of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994, wish to express our gratitude to the community for your support in making this year's Houston 25 celebration such a success.

We thank all of you who aligned with us in giving to our community a well-rounded lineup of activities and events. As a result, the community responded with many events enjoying

sold out or "standing room only" crowds. Out of your participation, many non-profit organizations, including our own, were able to raise funds to continue with their projects.

To the many volunteers who assisted us with the mailouts, fundraising events and the various activities during Pride Week, we sincerely appreciate your time, energy and enthusiasm. We feel we have made many friends and invite you to continue to join us as we begin planning for Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1995.

Our general meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray. We look forward to seeing you there!

1988 Olympic gold medalist says 'It's great to be out and proud'

By KAREN MATTHEWS
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW YORK, Tuesday, June 21 (AP)—At the 1988 Summer Olympics, he hit his head on the diving board and went on to win two gold medals.

On Monday, Greg Louganis was back on the springboard for a four-dive exhibition before a wildly cheering audience at the Gay Games, an Olympics-style sports tournament taking place in New York this week.

A standing ovation greeted Louganis as he was introduced by Gay Games diving chairperson Mike Wantuck, himself a 1988 Olympic alternate, as "the living legend of this sport."

Louganis smiled and waved, then executed a back dive pike, a reverse dive pike, a back 1 1/2 somersault with 2 reverse 2 1/2 somersault in the pike position.

Louganis appeared on video during Saturday's opening ceremonies for the Gay Games, greeting the competitors and saying, "It's great to be out and proud."

Louganis, 34, retired in 1988, but he looked ready to compete again.

Craig Fairweather, in town for the Gay

Games from Sydney, Australia, pronounced Louganis' performance "fantastic."

"He came across as a really nice guy, without all the attitude that a lot of top-notch athletes seem to have," Fairweather said.

In recent years, Louganis has been pursuing an acting career. The diver, who also won two gold medals at the 1984 Olympics, appeared for several months in the off-Broadway play "Jeffrey," playing a chorus boy from "Cats."

He is also working on an autobiography, "Breaking the Surface," which he said will deal openly with his homosexuality and other topics.

After his exhibition, Louganis wrapped himself in a towel and stayed to announce a portion of the diving meet. However, he declined interviews. A spokesperson, Marlin Collingwood, said Louganis did not want to speak with reporters until his book is out.

Some 11,000 athletes from 43 countries are participating in the tournament, which was founded in 1982 by the late Olympic decathlete Tom Waddell.

Stonewall: A revolutionary whodunit

By RICK HAMPSON
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW YORK, Tuesday, June 14 (AP)—As the crowd outside the bar roared "KILL THE COPS!" a half dozen officers cowered inside, their guns drawn.

A trash can had shattered the front window, and now the mob was ramming down the front door with an uprooted parking meter. Someone squirted lighter fluid inside, then tossed in lighted matches.

"I'd been in combat situations, and there was no time I'd ever felt more scared than I felt that night," the police commander would recall, years after his rescue by reinforcements.

It was the '60s, but these were not typical '60s rioters. They were homosexuals—teen-aged transvestite prostitutes in makeup and frilly shirts, college boys in penny loafers, a few long hairs—the ones who always had gone quietly.

This was Stonewall, the bar that became gay America's Lexington and Concord, the time and place where homosexuals came out of the closet and into the street.

The Stonewall riot on June 27, 1969, didn't begin the gay rights movement—four years earlier, a group of men and women in suits and dresses had picketed soberly outside the White House—but it transformed it.

Before Stonewall, homosexuality was generally described as a crime or a sickness or both. People of the same sex could not dance together or wear "unusual or unnatural attire," and police could confidently send two officers to raid a gay bar with 200 patrons.

After Stonewall, gay men and women held hands and kissed in the street. They chanted "Gay Power!" They flaunted what their predecessors hid.

But 25 years later, no one knows who threw the first bottle or hit the first cop, or just why a routine police raid on a sleazy, Mafia-run bar turned into the signal event of the gay liberation movement.

Historians, witnesses and police still argue over how many people were at the bar, which mob family controlled it, what kind of a clientele it attracted.

But because of AIDS, because of who the rioters were, and because of a movement's need for a usable past, it's hard to know exactly what happened at 53 Christopher St. in Greenwich Village that night.

The streets are thick with 40ish people who were at Woodstock, or claim they were. But among the witnesses of Stonewall—most in their teens or 20s in '69—the ghosts outnumber the living.

Historian Martin Duberman,

author of "Stonewall," says that at least half the 200 people inside the bar that night have died, many from AIDS.

The riot was spearheaded by young transvestites, many of them black and Hispanic, many of them drug addicts, many of them missing for years.

And today, the Stonewall riot has become a pawn in the struggle to define the gay movement. Those who seek broad social acceptance of homosexuality tend to downplay the role of drag queens and street hustlers at Stonewall; those of a more radical bent tend to exaggerate it.

"There's no real chance of getting to the absolute truth anymore," says Bob Kohler, a Village resident who joined the riot after coming upon it while walking his dog. "It's just too late."

The Stonewall Inn was a gay speak-easy, frequented by a range of young men. You approached the heavy blue front door and knocked; a doorman peered through a peephole and decided whether to admit you.

Inside, you were scrutinized by several hostile, heterosexual Mafia wannabes, one of whom kept a baseball bat handy. If you passed muster you paid a few dollars for a ticket good for a couple of watered-down drinks.

And, because Stonewall had no liquor license, you had to sign your name in a book, thereby maintaining the legal fiction that you were joining a private "bottle club."

The police said the Mafia used patrons' names to blackmail them, but patrons say the most popular entries were Donald Duck and Judy Garland.

Everyone agrees on one thing: the glasses were dirty. There was no running water behind the bar, and empty glasses were simply dipped in vats of water before being reused.

The bar's walls were painted black and its windows covered with plywood. The dance floor, however, had lights that would begin flashing in case of a police raid—a sign to gay couples to stop dancing together.

Stonewall, in short, was no hotbed of revolution. But the night of June 27 was different.

Judy Garland's funeral took place in New York that day. Many of the gay men who adored her were overwrought. ... The police already had raided Stonewall once that week. (Raids were a regular occurrence, despite the \$2,000 a week paid to the local police precinct.) ... It was hot and muggy, something people always mention when they recall the night. ... There was a full moon.

In Stonewall that night, the hours before midnight felt like the minutes before a summer thunderstorm, when the coming tempest, no matter how violent, at least offers the prospect of relief.

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IN MEMORY OF



AVERY BURTON NIX

Avery Burton Nix, 43 had died in Houston after his battle with AIDS. His ashes were scattered in front of the original MoveMasters on Tuesday, June 21. He is survived by his father's wife, Lou Nix of Eastland, Tx.

We wish specially thank Stan Ford for his professionalism in a difficult situation; CJ and Time for their neighborly acts of kindness; and to Lindy Huffman, a million times over for her indefatigable efforts of behalf of Burton.

Burton, you will be missed.

Richard, Rick, Julian and Fred

History and legacy of Stonewall

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Gay liberation was ready to lurch to life—violently, awkwardly, almost accidentally.

Shortly after midnight, the vice squad barged in the door and filtered through the crowd, checking identification, muttering insults, but detaining only employees and a handful of transvestites.

But after patrons left the bar, they didn't flee the area, as they usually did, happy to have escaped exposure; instead, they gathered in a small park across the street and waited.

The mood was still light. The crowd cheered and whistled at transvestites as they were escorted from the bar toward a police van; the queens responded with their campiest poses.

Then, something happened that changed everything. Just what depends on the witness:—A cop smacked a masculine-looking lesbian who complained that her handcuffs were too tight;—A transvestite was roughed up en route to the van, began swinging, and escaped;—Someone threw a bottle against the wall of the Stonewall, almost hitting one cop and drawing others out from inside the bar.

Craig Rodwell, a gay activist who was watching from a building stoop, offered a likely explanation. "There was no one thing that happened, or one person. There was just ... a flash of group—of mass—anger."

In any case, the crowd's mood quickly turned. Boos, coins and debris rained down on the police, forcing them to retreat inside the bar to wait for backup.

The crowd became angrier and larger, swelling to more than 1,000.

Howard Smith, a Village Voice reporter who was with the police, later wrote that "the sound filtering in didn't suggest dancing faggots any more; it sounded like a powerful rage bent on vendetta." The police were ready to shoot when they heard sirens—the riot squad.

The troopers, equipped with shields, batons and visored helmets, advanced down Christopher

Street in V formation. But the crowd refused to disperse; it simply circled around behind them.

Transvestites formed a "Stonewall Girls" chorus line that kicked Rockette-style and sang (to the tune of "Ta-Ra-Ra-Boom-Dee-Ay"):

"We are the Stonewall Girls
We wear our hair in curls
We have no underwear
We show our pubic hair."

It was 4:00 a.m. before police finally cleared the streets. Thirteen people were arrested, and roughly as many cops and civilians injured.

Kohler, who joined the riot almost by accident, sat on a curb, drained. He knew something had happened, but wasn't sure what.

On Saturday night the rebels were back, and so were the police. This time the rebels closed Christopher Street by surrounding and rocking cars that dared to venture forward.

That night the crowd was larger and more diverse. There were lesbians, anarchists from the East Village, and gays versed in the street tactics of the anti-war and civil rights movements.

One of the latter, Jim Fouratt, brought along pins to stick in the sides of the mounted police's horses. "The Black Panthers talked about how the 'lumpen,' the oppressed, would spontaneously ignite," he recalls. "That's what was happening."

After several hours of jeering, rock-throwing and reprises of "Stonewall Girls," the streets were cleared.

Not all homosexuals were exhilarated by the developments on Christopher Street. The Mattachine Society, the largest gay rights group at the time, posted a sign on Stonewall's facade: "WE HOMOSEXUALS PLEAD WITH OUR PEOPLE TO PLEASE HELP MAINTAIN PEACEFUL AND QUIET CONDUCT ON THE STREETS OF THE VILLAGE."

To some moderates, the fact that Stonewall had been sparked by transvestite street hustlers—outcasts among the outcast—was just too

much.

Sunday night was relatively quiet, and the bar reopened.

Poet Allen Ginsberg strolled by, saw "Gay Power!" scratched on the wall, and went inside to join the handful of patrons. He pronounced them "beautiful—they've lost that wounded look that fags all had 10 years ago."—=

Today, the street sign on the bar's block on Christopher says "Stonewall Place" and statues in the park mark the rebellion.

In the years since Stonewall, 53 Christopher has housed a clothing store, a bagel shop and a Chinese restaurant. Now it is the Stonewall again, a gay bar that opens at 4:00 p.m. and closes at 4:00 a.m.

The new Stonewall is a diminished version of the old, with about half the space and a pool table instead of a dance floor. A sign near the front door says: "Anyone Caught Destroying Property Will Be Arrested!!"

The bar will be packed at the end of the month, as gay men and women from around the world gather in New York to mark the 25th anniversary of Stonewall.

They will debate the legacy of Stonewall—whether the riot is a millstone around the neck of a movement that must now reach beyond the gay ghetto, or whether it is a important reminder of homosexuals' history of persecution.

Kohler, now 67, runs a gift shop in the Village. For him, the most poignant aspect of the anniversary is its missing veterans, especially the young transvestites.

"I hope in the last week of June they'll turn up as members of society, having become hairdressers or something," he says.

But experience has left him pessimistic.

"Every year someone tells me about this drag queen from Indianapolis or somewhere who was at Stonewall, and who's going to come in for Gay Pride Day" at the end of June.

Then he adds, in a voice knowing and sad, "But that queen from Indianapolis never gets here."

Mile-long rainbow flag, Liza and RuPaul to lead Stonewall parade

By ROBERT HARDT, JR.
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW YORK, Monday, June 20 (AP)—The Stonewall parade and rally for gay and lesbian rights promises to be a wide-variety show featuring a mile-long rainbow flag, Liza and RuPaul.

The march, which will begin at the United Nations and end at Central Park, will begin dramatically on Sunday with the unfurling of a 20-block-long nylon flag that is billed as the world's largest.

Following the march, a six-and-a-half hour rally will be held on Central Park's Great Lawn with scheduled performances or speeches from Liza Minnelli, Gregory Hines, and drag-queen chanteuse RuPaul.

"Next Sunday, we will truly find out that, indeed, it is a gay world after all," promised Nicole Ramirez

Murray, the co-chair of Stonewall 25, the group commemorating the landmark riot by patrons of a gay bar in Greenwich Village who resisted a 1969 police raid.

The event also will have a moment of silence for gays and lesbians who have died from AIDS, followed by a "moment of rage" in which participants will be encouraged to yell and scream.

It also will feature the 7,000-pound rainbow flag designed by Gilbert Baker—who has been dubbed the "gay Betsy Ross."

The city is expecting between 300,000 and one million participants at the Great Lawn rally, said Parks Department Spokesperson Stewart Desmond.

"When you talk about numbers like that, you have to be well prepared for every possibility," Desmond

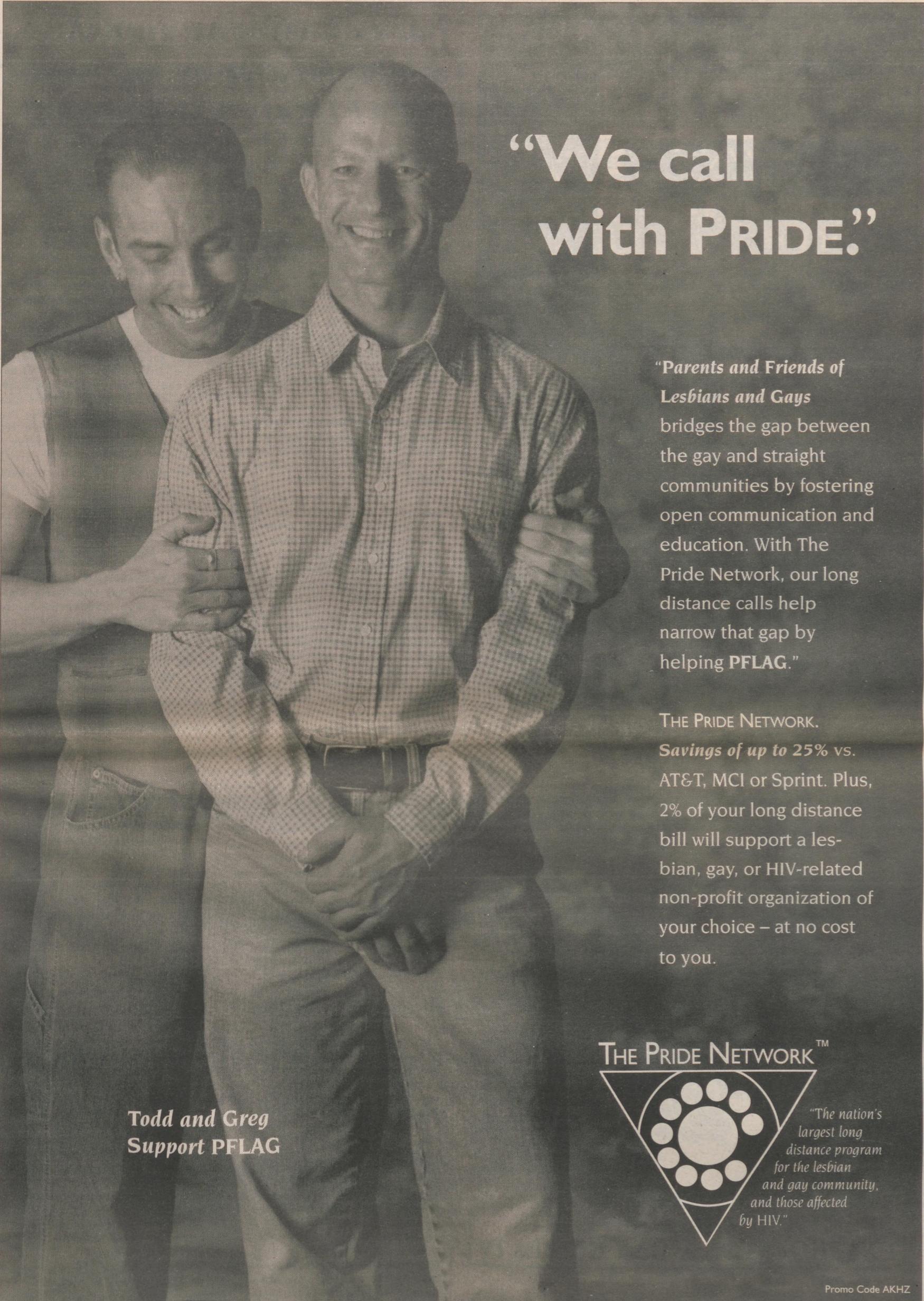
said. "We expect the best but we are prepared for anything."

The day's events will not be without controversy, however. Leaders of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) are planning a separate, unlicensed rally at the site of the Stonewall riot to focus attention solely on AIDS. They will then join the official parade.

ACT UP members say they will not attempt to receive a permit for their march.

"Our goal here is to march," said ACT UP spokesperson Joe Conforti. "There is no need for this to be a confrontation unless the police choose to make it one," he said.

Detective Kim Royster, a police spokesperson, said the department was aware of ACT-UP's march but would not say if police were planning to arrest any of its participants.



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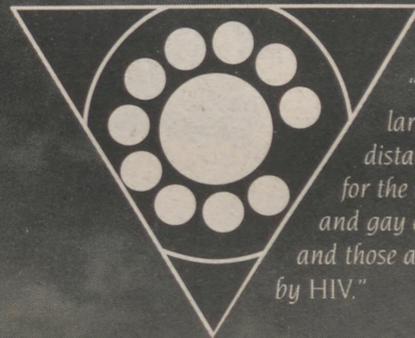
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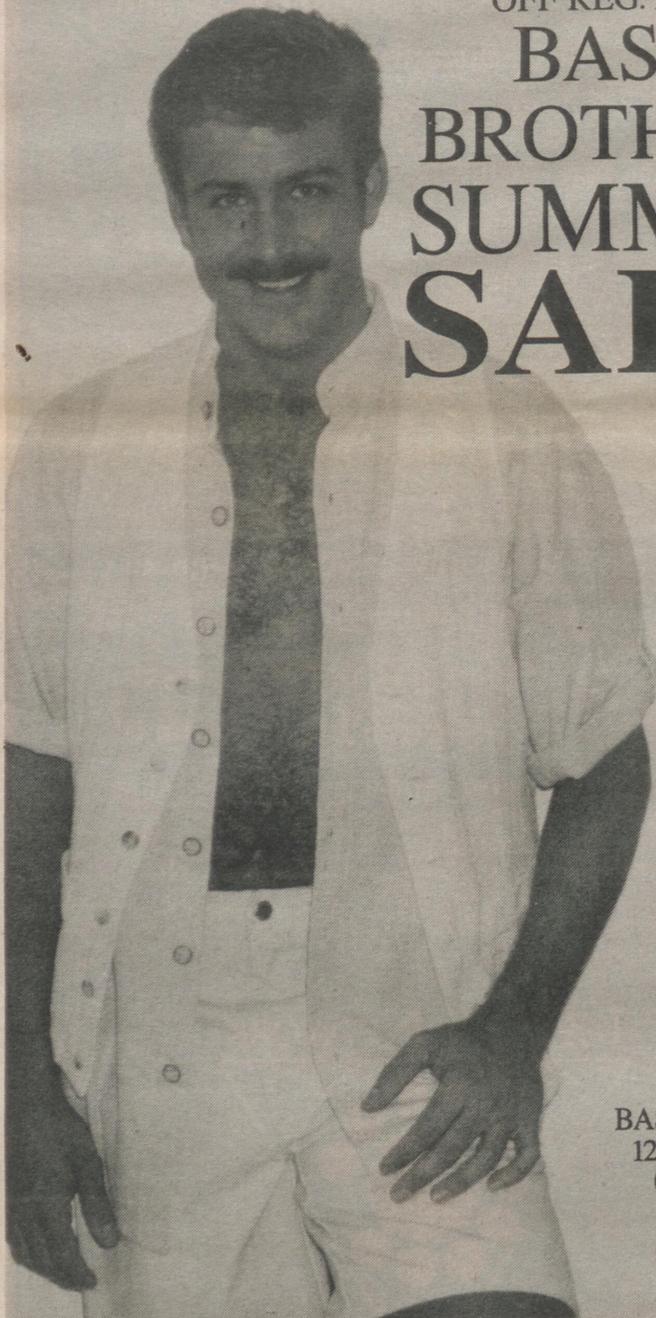
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*Part of 'Generation X'
exhibit focuses on gay youth;
MCAFI sets pre-pageant
party*

QUICK NOTES

Media reports bombard members of the so-called "Thirteenth Generation" with negative reinforcement: they are consumed by violence, greed, bad work habits and civic responsibility. Last summer four artists, all recent graduates of Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, approached DiverseWorks with a proposal for an exhibit of work by their generation-mates. Generation X/Thirteenth Generation ends the silence that has been misconstrued as apathy and gives Thirteeners a forum for expression outside the constraints of school and family.

The Thirteenth Generation has been given short shrift, tagged with the unflattering label Generation X—the generation lacking identity and destined for failure. However, the X is also an open door, an invitation to the younger set to fill in the blank. In this interdisciplinary exhibit, curated by Tony Day, Leo Esquivel, Daniel Heimbinder and Peter Lucas, aged 20 to 21, artists aged 11 to 24 from ever ward of Houston voice their concerns as individuals and as members of the Thirteenth Generation, exploring their identities in relation to the Generation X label.

The Generation X project developed into X Marks the Spot: Pride and Prejudice in the Thirteenth Generation, a series of events—including performance, readings visual arts and video—designed as an energetic counterattack to the prevailing wisdom about Thirteeners. Youth from high schools, housing projects, community centers and city-wide organizations were invited to video, paint, draw, write, perform and explore new media in a highly successful workshop in December. Those artists and others will participate in the exhibit, performances and reading.

Part of X Marks the Spot centers on out gay and lesbian teens, who are

shaping a new queer culture in the face of homophobia. AIDS and a powerful religious right. DiverseWorks, the Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH) and the Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth utilizes the arts to encourage selected teens to develop pride in their identity. Three of the nationally recognized experimental performance groups appearing as part of Beyond Desire, DiverseWorks' series of new gay and lesbian performance and video—Luis Alfaro, the Five Lesbian Brothers and The Naming Project—will undertake extensive residency workshops with twelve Houston area teens. The participants, charged with fearlessly being themselves, will create their own original, autobiographical theater/video works, to be presented July 16 and 17.

MCA Pre-Pageant Party

The Miss Camp America Foundation Inc., which hosts Miss Camp America, an annual charity production that parodies the Miss America pageant, has announced a preview party to be held Saturday, July 9, 7:00-11:00 p.m. at the Tower Theater, 1201 Westheimer.

Titled "Rhinestones and Studs—The Pre-Pageant Party," the event will feature a silent auction of jewelry, art and other merchandise; a raffle for travel and fitness prizes, and entertainment. Scheduled entertainers include cabaret singer Marsha Carlton. The Whorehouse girls, the Southern Country Dancers and Randy Huffman as well as the Top Nine contenders for Miss Camp America 1994 and other surprise guests.

Miss Camp America tickets will be available for sale during the preview event; a cash bar will be available. Dress, suggested by the organizers, is "glitz, boots and all that glitters."

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**Crossroads Market acquires
Austin's Liberty Books**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oaklawn Marketing Inc. has announced an agreement to acquire the assets of Liberty Books, an Austin lesbian and gay bookstore, from present owners Toby Johnson and Kip Dollar. Oaklawn Marketing Inc. operates Crossroads Market & Bookstore in Dallas and Houston. In Austin, the store will remain open under the Liberty Books name. Terms of the sale were not disclosed; Oaklawn Marketing expects to take over management on July 1.

Crossroads Market will immediately begin its IQ pricing program at the Austin store, with discounts of up to 28 percent off publisher's prices. The company is also expected to increase the quantity and variety of titles stocked.

"We are delighted that Crossroads Market will preserve this special lesbian and gay-positive space in Austin," said Dollar. "There has been an outpouring of support for the store since Toby and I announced our intention to retire from the business."

"Austin is a key gay and lesbian market in Texas and the Southwest," said Thomas Kane, president of Oaklawn Marketing. "It will provide a natural compliment to our existing stores in Dallas and Houston. We also hope to bring our series of major lesbian and gay author signings and other events to Austin."

Liberty Books is located at 1014B N. Lamar in Austin (512) 495-9737. Crossroads Market stores are at 3930 Cedar Springs in Dallas (214) 521-8919 and 610 W. Alabama in Houston (713) 942-0147.

Celebrities participate in Gay Games, Stonewall 25 events in N.Y.

(Continued from Page 1)

Mega-star Minelli is the daughter of Judy Garland, whose legend and lore are intimately intertwined with that of the 1969 riot. According to Stonewall historians, the "last straw" that sparked the violence of the Stonewall patrons came when police raided the Inn on the day of the funeral for Minelli's mother, Judy Garland.

The Gay Games also has its share of cream-of-the-crop, mainstream-famous headliners, both in exhibition and competition capacities. Olympic skaters Tai Babylonia and Randy Gardner were scheduled to give an exhibition, as did Olympic gold medal diver Greg Louganis on Monday.

Canadian Olympic team alternate

Matthew Hall will compete in figure skating.

As well, a women's volleyball team from Long Beach, Calif. has six college All-Americans. In squash, the nation's second ranked player is expected to meet No. 5.

The Cultural Festival, which also wraps up Saturday, will include performances by comedian Sandra Bernhard and British actor Sir Ian McKellan, and the schedule for "Out in New York," a series of benefit shows and parties sponsored independently by the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA) and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, boasts appearances by Fem 2 Fem, Cyndi Lauper, Kathy Najimy, Crystal Waters and others.

TRAVEL ADVISORY

It may seem out of season to get a flu shot, but if you're heading south of the equator this summer, consider getting one now. While it's summer where you live, it's winter in the southern hemisphere and, thus, flu season. In most cases the only government-required inoculation is for yellow fever, but you may want to consider getting a hepatitis A shot, a meningitis vaccination and a polio booster, depending upon where you're traveling, says James H. Runnels, M.D., of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine. Check with a doctor well-versed in travel medicine before embarking on a trip abroad.

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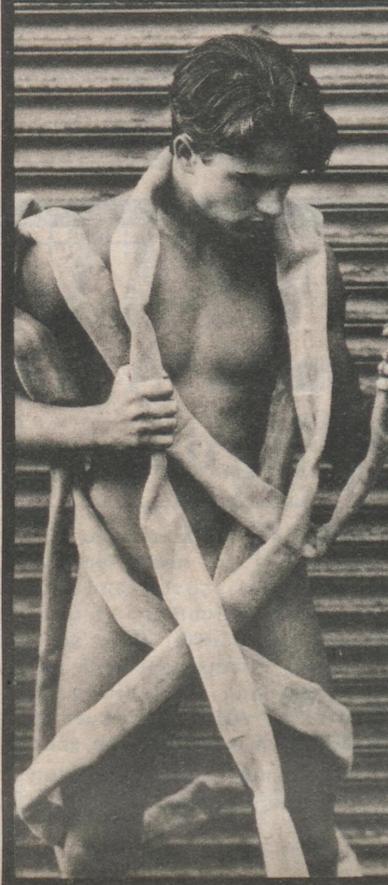
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Learn how to use the mind's positive influence on the body's immune and healing system. Seminar lead by JoAnne Mandell, LMSW, RN, LCDC

River Oaks Health Alliance offers free seminars on Saturday mornings

QUICK NOTES

The River Oaks Health Alliance is offering a series of free seminars on Saturday mornings, biweekly beginning on July 2. The seminars will cover subjects of interest to people who are terminally ill, their care givers as well as anyone interested physical and emotional health and healing, according to JoAnne Mandel, founder and director of the clinic.

Seminars scheduled will cover estate planning, accessing disability and hospitalization benefits, the healing properties of the mind and other subjects. They incorporate the clinic's approach of encouraging clients to participate in their own healing process and program, including exploring alternatives such as holistic and Eastern healing methods as a complement to more traditional Western methods.

"We look at our clients as whole people," said Mandel, a registered nurse and psychotherapist. "We see people as body, mind, emotion and spirit, and we are open to the use of many forms of treatment, whether alternative or orthodox, to help our clients recover."

Mandel said the clinic provides an array of services to people with AIDS

and other catastrophic illnesses, providing for them medical, psychological, social and spiritual support. Volunteers of the organization also offer their services in helping clients cope with the uncertainties and ambiguities of living with HIV/AIDS, and issues including their own mortality, she added.

The seminar series begins July 2 with "Accessing Medicare, Medicaid and Disability Benefits," led by Candy Lockhart, PhD, RN, CS. On July 16, attorney Dwayne Todd will lead a seminar on "Estate Planning for the Terminally Ill." On July 30, Don De Young, FC, will lead a seminar on "Viatical Settlement for the Terminally Ill."

On Aug. 13, "Grieving Successfully" will be led by JoAnne Mandell, LMSW, RN, LCDC; on Aug. 27, Mandell will present "The Mind and Health."

All seminars are from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the River Oaks Health Alliance Medical Center, 1414 West Clay (behind the River Oaks Cineplex Odeon Theater).

AFH '94 Walk Gets First Sponsor

Last week, the Westheimer Colony Association, organizers for the popular Spring and Fall Westheimer

Colony Art Festivals, demonstrated its support for the AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH) by igniting this year's fundraising campaign, From All Walks Of Life, the 6th annual Walk-Run-and-Roll-A-Thon scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 6, 1994, is AFH's primary fundraising event.

"The Westheimer Colony Association has been a long time supporter of AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc.," enthused Patty Armstrong, Director of Administrative Services for AFH. "This is their first time to be an underwriter for the Walk and we are pleased to have them join us."

Founded twelve years ago, AFH is recognized throughout the United States as an innovative leader in the field of HIV-related social services and educational outreach. The annual Walk is representative of their dynamic approach, achieving unparalleled support from corporate and community sponsors. "This year, our goal is to almost double the amount raised by last year's Walk," stated Randall Bell, Chairperson of the 1994 Walk Committee. "We are grateful for the Westheimer Colony Association's generosity as they start us on our way to achieving that goal."

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AUSTIN, Thursday, June 16 (AP)—A lawsuit has been filed against the City of Austin by three gay couples who are seeking to recover insurance benefits they lost when voters decided to cancel benefits for domestic partners of city employees.

The domestic partners of city employees lost their insurance benefits last month when 62 percent of voters approved proposition 22 in a city election.

Proposition 22 amended the City Charter to limit insurance benefits to a city employee's immediate family, spouse and the spouse's family. "Spouse" was defined as a husband or wife—effectively canceling the domestic-partner policy approved by the City Council in September.

The lawsuit filed in state court late Wednesday alleges breach of contract and unfair insurance practices, but attorney Patrick Wiseman says the real issue is equality and whether employees receive the same pay and benefits for the same work.

"This is a case about whether there are constitutional rights to be treated equally," Wiseman told the Austin American-Statesman. "If there are, then this is a prime case for the courts to vindicate those rights."

Wendy Foxworth, co-pastor of Metropolitan Community Church in Austin, said she and her partner, city employee Kathryn Janes, joined the lawsuit because they felt their constitutional rights had been violated.

"At a time when the nation is trying to ensure greater access to preventive health care, the city has taken away health care from our families," Ms. Foxworth

said. "Our families deserve the same protection as other city employee families."

Wiseman said that because the city has not had time to file its response to the lawsuit, he advised the six plaintiffs not to discuss the lawsuit further.

Michael Brandes, former campaign manager for Concerned Texans, which championed Proposition 22, doubted the legal challenge would change the election outcome.

"I believe that, having had a variety of attorneys review the amendment, it will stand up to the scrutiny of the law," Brandes said. "A lot of legal talent looked through that amendment before it even got to the petition stage."

Jay Jacobson, executive director for the ACLU in Texas, said the organization's legal panel will review the merits of a similar lawsuit by police officer Michele Woodfin.

"Frankly, in a case like this, it's merely a formality," said Jacobson, who predicted the Woodfin lawsuit would be filed and joined to the existing suit.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday alleges the city breached its insurance contract and engaged in deceptive trade practices by failing to provide the insurance coverage. It also claims the city violated state codes barring discrimination based on sexual orientation or marital status.

The plaintiffs have asked the court to prevent the city from enforcing the charter amendment and for an unspecified amount of monetary damages.

Additional plaintiffs, including heterosexual couples, are expected to join the lawsuit, Wiseman said.

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Editors, reporters and columnist from Alaska to Alabama know lesbian and gay items are hot. The Los Angeles Times covered the New York Gay Games like the national story it was, and mega-media Time, Inc. seriously considered bringing out its own queer-interest news periodical.

Of course, all this interest has not been favorable, but much has. The President and the United States, for example stood up before the nation and said being lesbian or gay is okay, and he did it in televue-reality, for many American's the only plausible reality.

This is a Sea change from the days of love that dared not speak its name. How did it happen?

By little steps and advances, until the elected leader of the tribe stood before everyone saying queers are God's children too. Even if some other children bared their butts like mean spirited sibling rivals, e.g., the religiously crazed right reportedly pressured Time, Inc. to drop its plans; and though Roseanne got her kiss Northern Exposure did not; and "One Life to Live" lollipop Ryan Phillippe returned to reprise his gay Billy Douglas character, but for only one day. Steps and advances.

Stonewall—the twenty-five year old rebellion ironically remembered this year in a New York City celebration orchestrated by queers who fought to omit the drag queens who actually started the rebellion—move us towards a day, now more than a decade ago, when Martin Sherman's play "Bent" could speak about the mostly forgotten (covered up?) suffering of queers in the Nazi Holocaust.

On Broadway—though a success—"Bent" encountered formidable resentment that pushy queers were laying claim to something that belonged only to the Jews. (Perhaps combined TV/Stonewall/Broadway chorus is in order here with dancing scribes singing something like: "Everybody's doin' it/Doin' it/Doin' it/Takin' history and skewin' it/Skewin' it/Skewin' it.")

Enter stage center, hinterland's own Kenneth Risch. Handsome and blue-eyed, Risch, with broad shoulders and good carriage is from upper-Midwestern German stock and looks as if he could be anyone's fair haired boy, with no more social conscience than a toothpaste commercial. Not so.

Risch is an assistant professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance at New Orleans' Tulane University—itsself hardly a center of social activism. (Are any campuses these days?)

An interviewer first meeting Risch could be excused for expecting to come away with a notebook full of ideas about "The Sound of Music." Not so. We first met on my initiative in his campus office. I had gone the week before to see his production of "Bent," and I was curious how such a still-controversial work had made it from The Great White Way to The Great Mother Swamp of



Tulane professor and 'Bent' producer Kenneth Risch

Louisiana. LEJ: "I want to talk about what made you produce 'Bent' at Tulane."

KR: "'Bent' is a play I've wanted to do for a long time. Initially because it was exciting theatrically and it was a script that was accessible to young people. Then my life changed a couple of years ago, when quite unexpectedly my brother went through a prolonged period of illness which we (first) thought was combination of pneumonia and eventually tuberculosis. He had been

ill before.

"I remember the night when I was telephoned and told he had passed away, going home to Wisconsin, stepping off the plane, being picked up and told my brother had died from complications of AIDS."

LEJ: "You had not known he had AIDS?"

KR: "I had not known it was AIDS. I was suspect about a year before. Obviously as a teacher you are educated about the disease, and I had been around enough people in the arts to see what happens when it begins to take hold. I started seeing some of those changes in my brother.

"I had discussed it with my sister the Christmas before he died in October. He'd had a number of transfusions so we thought maybe he could have gotten it that way."

LEJ: "You did not know him to be gay?"

KR: "I did not know him to be gay. I know that sounds strange but I hadn't really seen my brother since I was eighteen, even though we were close spiritually."

LEJ: "How old were you when he died?"

KR: "I was forty-two. I am about to turn the age he was when he died, forty-five. He was an elementary school teacher, so there was a lot of discretion that had to be played out there because he was teaching in a small community. His active gay life was in larger metropolitan areas. It was a shock to me when I found out the information but is was most difficult dealing with my family.

"What has come back to haunt me—bringing us back to your initial question—what had we done, what had I, perhaps, contributed to creating an environment that led him to ultimately have to die alone, and never share that part of his life with his family. My family is pretty typically Mid Western, redneck and I think..."

LEJ: "Wait a minute, you're pretty graceful to be from a redneck background."

KR: "Well, I'm very different from my family. I think the reason is because I've always had, from childhood on, an interest in the arts and been a loner and made my own way. Anyway, when the opportunity again came to direct 'Bent...'

LEJ: "You had directed it before?"

KR: "No, I had talked about it before. It was actually the undergraduate students who became very enthusiastic. I had required it read in a couple of classes. The issues seemed very relevant, both the issues of the holocaust and the issues of the gay lifestyle. So we went ahead and did it.

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QUICK QUIZ

(Topic: Sociology, psychology and religion. Source: "Gay and Lesbian Stats, edited by David Deschamps and Bennett Singer, published by the New Press, paperback, \$5.95)

(1) In what year did the American Psychiatric Association remove homosexuality from its list of diseases?

(2) Name two countries that allow lesbian and gay couples to marry.

(3) In what year did Alfred Kinsey release "Sexual Behavior in the Human Mind," his ground-breaking study that stated 10 percent of the

American population was more or less exclusively homosexual?

(4) True or False: the word "homosexual" did not appear in any translation of the Christian Bible until 1946.

(5) What percentage of the American population, according to research statistics, believes that sexual relations between two consenting adults of the same sex is always wrong?

Answers

(1) 1973; (2) Denmark and Norway; (3) 1948; (4) True; (5) 66.3%

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Producer tells queer tale of life imitating—and inspiring—art

(Continued from preceding page)

"What happened was my enthusiasm for the script was much greater this time because of this notion of intolerance that I felt maybe I had (put) my brother on the receiving end of.

LEJ: "It helped you to exorcise that ghost?"

KR: "Yes."

LEJ: "A splendid definition of art, from the specific to the universal. Yours was a wonderful production, superior even to Broadway's. As you know, I think the second act drags, but that is the fault of the playwright."

KR: "'Bent' is one of those plays strictly under copyright laws, and you can make no changes. You'll find that most of the new plays are under very, very strict controls and you can't alter much of anything. So my goal with that production was not to alter the text but to try to give a point of view that I felt might be consistent with my own brother's.

"Exploring the intolerance in the script I tried to deal with the nightmare

image. The kind of hell Max, the central character, had been dealing with, since he was a gay man who did not accept his lifestyle. The only way he could exercise his gayness was to be drunk or under the influence of drugs.

"I also think, as I explained to the students, Bent is part of what I would like to see more of. We have recently had a number of plays that deal with—as you say—'queer issues.' I am more concerned frankly with plays that reach a general audience, rather than those that are written for an exclusively gay audience.

"'Bent' is one of those plays we thought could be produced and receive wide enough attention that you actually are doing what the theater needs to do, which is open up the minds of the general public rather than playing to a specific group. We were very surprised, it was the largest selling production that we had in the 1993-94 season. And a different audience make up. A lot of people from town, normally our audience is primarily from Tulane."

LEJ: "I think everyone is interested now in queer issues. It is the number one metaphysical issue before America. You know, we don't care who stole the savings and loan money, we don't care anymore about our wars. The only thing we are really debating is whether we want people to have sexual right of choice or not. I don't know what the ultimate decision is going to be, but I think it is going to be that it's okay to be free."

KR: "I certainly hope so."

LEJ: "But may we get our David Duke, our Ollie North. In other words, we may have our domestic holocaust. Some argue that AIDS is playing that role now."

KR: "You will always have extreme reactions to any forward progress. One person or group of people will always aggressively fight against any sort of change. So, yes, you will. You will run up against that sort of opposition. There has been opposition in the arts."

LEJ: "Did you have opposition to your doing 'Bent'?"

KR: "Absolutely none. That was the biggest shock to all of us. We thought the production would be controversial just by the nature of the subject."

LEJ: "No letters to the editor? No outcry from some religious student union?"

KR: "Nothing, absolutely nothing. My hope would be this was because of the production, and the time it was produced. Minds and eyes are a little more open. The play was certainly controversial when it first played (in New York City).

"One of the reasons why we have little information about what happened to homosexuals in the prison camps is because, where the Jews were very specific in keeping records, and the Germans kept good records about the Jews. Unlike ethnicity, you can't label or document the gay lifestyle in the same way, it simply doesn't show up.

"The pink triangle, you could say many of them remained closeted as a tactic (and did not put it on). Many of them did. In the end Max does.

RECYCLE

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From drag to drama, from Judy to Sir Ian at gay culture fest

By MICHAEL KUCHWARA
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW YORK, Thursday, June 16 (AP)—From drag to drama, from celebrations of Judy Garland to a one-man show by Sir Ian McKellen, lesbian and gay culture gets its own festival this week to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots.

More than 70 different events in theater, dance, film, music, comedy, art and photography are planned over a 10-day period, playing everywhere in New York from Broadway to the tiniest East Village performance space. The festival is being held in conjunction with the amateur athletic extravaganza called Gay Games IV.

"We had to select from literally thousands of people who wanted to be part of the Cultural Festival," said Michelle Crone, its events director.

Besides McKellen, the better-known artists contributing new works or performing include superstar Liza Minnelli, choreographer-

dancer Bill T. Jones, playwrights Terrence McNally and Harvey Fierstein, singer Holly Near, comedian Reno, and a collection of artists in drag appearing in what is being billed as "Charles Busch's Dressing Up!"

Besides Busch, those cross-dressing on June 24 in the one-performance-only revue include Charles Pierce as Norma Desmond of "Sunset Boulevard" fame, Randy Allen as Marilyn Monroe, Louise DuArt as George Burns, Ira Siff as make-believe opera diva Madame Vera Galupe-Borszkh and that comedy godfather of television's golden age, Milton Berle, as—well, we will we have to wait and see.

Garland, a major gay icon, will be the focal point of several events. Her funeral in June 1969 occurred on the day rioting broke out at the Stonewall bar in Greenwich Village, a key moment for the gay liberation movement in the United States.

The Garland film festival will include, of course, "The Wizard of Oz" and "A Star is Born,"

as well as lesser known movies she made. Her ghost also hovers over a new play "Judy at the Stonewall Inn" running off-Broadway. The play by journalist Thomas O'Neil is a fictitious account of what happens at a gay bar the day of Garland's funeral. Garland herself—in a remarkable impersonation by actress Jackie Sanders—shows up for the proceedings, which eventually become a gay call-to-arms.

Stonewall is the subject of another work, "Stonewall: Night Variations," an outdoor music-theater spectacle by a group called En Garde Arts and featuring a cast of nearly 100 performers. The show, written and directed by Tina Landau, commemorates the riots of 25 years ago in song and recollections by those who were there.

Yet the crown jewel of the dramatic events promises to be McKellen's remembrances, which he calls "a mixture of stand-up, classical theater, gay activism and the op-ed page." It will be performed this

week only at Broadway's Lyceum Theater—the space being donated free by the Shubert Organization.

McKellen, England's most prominent openly gay actor, was invited to do something for the games and put together what was eventually called "A Knight Out at the Lyceum."

"What I'm going to do is specifically designed for the Cultural Festival of the Gay Games, and I don't anticipate it will have a life afterwards," McKellen said in an interview. "It will be five benefits in a row for the International Lesbian and Gay Association and for a group I helped found called the Stonewall Group, which lobbies Parliament.

"In the show, I talk about my life as an actor and then try to chart what happened when I came out as being gay five years ago," he added.

"The individual pieces in the show are all relevant to that in some way or another," McKellen said. "They go from Shakespeare and quite formal drama to poetry by various people to

odd bits that audiences perhaps wouldn't expect—like quotations from politicians, an extract from Roget's Thesaurus and a few other things."

Yet the actor calls the evening a very personal event for him, one tailored specifically for a New York audience.

"If I devised it for London or Los Angeles, it might be very different, but I will be talking about my time in New York, my time in America and how that has affected my life," said the actor who first came to Broadway in 1967 "The Promise" and later won a Tony Award for his portrayal of Salieri in "Amadeus."

"The fun for me as a performer is making a direct contact with the audience," the actor added. "But people will be disappointed if they expect me to be indiscreet about my private life or anybody else's. That isn't the point. It's about my life on stage."

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Houston Artists Society sale; new dance club forming; Pet Patrol dog dip

QUICK NOTES

On Thursday, July 14, the Houston Artist Society will be hosting its summer '94 art-sale event entitled Freedom, at the Pavilion on Post Oak, 1800 Post Oak Boulevard, from 5:30 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the general public.

More than 50 artists are expected to be offering for sale their one-of-a-kind art works. Art, furniture, paintings, decorative accessories, sculptures and photograph will fill the mall of the Pavilion. Items range in price from \$25 for decorative accessories to more than \$1,000 for large paintings or sculptures.

Among other participating artists and groups, the Dizinger Foundation will offer for sale art work from its "Positive Power of Art" program, which provides materials art and photography classes for people living with HIV or AIDS.

The goal of the Houston Artists Society is to help Houston area artists sell their art work by hosting three evening art sale events (5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.) the Pavilion on Post Oak, 1800 Post Oak Boulevard, near the famous Galleria Shopping Center. Artists may participate in as many shows they wish. HAS collects no commissions, tariffs or fees on any sale or transaction. Entry fee is \$75 per show.

The Houston Artist Society was founded in 1989 to provide artists with a forum to sell art-works directly to the art buying public. With artist in attendance to share their excitement and aspiration for their art, these are fun and exciting events.

For information on the Houston Artist Society call Chris Lesikar at (713) 862-4747.

Rainbow Ranglers

The Rainbow Ranglers, a new Country Western Dance Club and performing group in Houston that is now accepting applications for membership. The organization announced its first Annual Meeting June 29th at 8:00 p.m. at our host bar, the Brazos River Bottom. The purpose of the group is to promote Texas Style couple dancing and serve as a social, educational, and charitable organization within the community. The Rainbow Ranglers performing group is dedicated to providing exciting and innovative dance entertainment to assist community organizations in their fund raising activities. For more information please contact Scott at (713) 869-4420.

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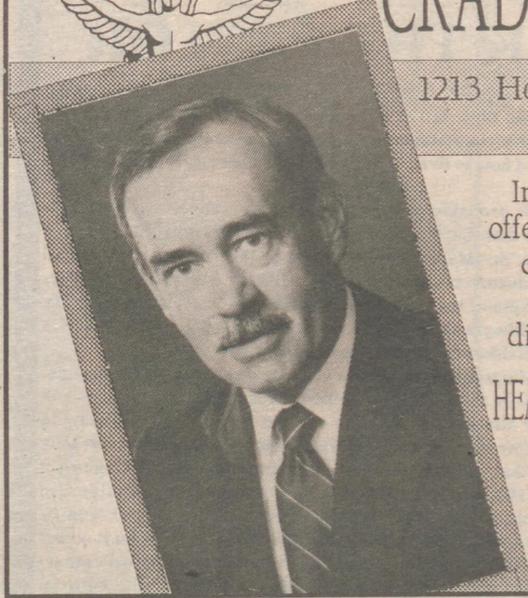
The Pet Patrol and the staff of Basic Brothers invite all dog-owners to bring their best friend (canine variety) to be de-flea'd at the Patrol's monthly dog dip. The June event will be held Sunday, June 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Basic Brothers, 1232 Westheimer. Leashes are required and dog owners should bring a towel with their pet; sorry, no cats.

Future dog dips will be held on the last Sunday of each month through September. The Pet Patrol is an organization whose volunteers help care for pets in the home of people with AIDS. Donations help defray the costs of veterinary care, city registration, spaying and neutering, pet food, supplies and flea control; volunteers provide grooming, in-home assistance or foster care for pets, hospital visitations with the pet, and friendship to both owner and pet.



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FDA set to debate thorny issue: home tests for AIDS

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Monday, June 20 (AP)—The Food and Drug Administration takes up the difficult question this week of whether allowing home test kits would help or hinder the fight against AIDS.

Three companies want FDA approval to sell such kits in drugstores. Users would prick a finger, mail in a blood sample and find out by telephone if they have HIV, the AIDS virus.

"This could change the shape of the epidemic," said FDA Deputy Commissioner Mary Pendergast. "You have to look at the macro issues of public health and at what's this going to do to human beings."

Seeking guidance, the FDA has convened an advisory committee meeting on Wednesday to hear some 80 people argue the issue.

Supporters say home testing will help more people learn they're infected so they can get treatment and stop spreading the deadly virus. At least 40 percent of the estimated 1 million HIV-infected Americans have never been tested.

Critics fear the kits won't include proper AIDS counseling, that children would use the tests or that employers would secretly—and illegally—test workers.

Then there's the question of anonymity. Eleven states require named reporting of HIV patients, names states keep secret under strict law, and others require face-to-face AIDS counseling. How will companies sell home kits under those circumstances and protect confidentiality? wonders Aimee Berenson of AIDS Action Council.

The FDA has long maintained that trained health workers must do HIV testing, and in 1990 it rejected the first planned home test kit.

Now, "lots of things have changed," Pendergast said.

Public clinics are overwhelmed by demand for free AIDS tests, expecting 5

million requests this year. People already learn test results by phone from clinics too busy to tell them in person. There are more drugs to help patients stave off full-blown AIDS—if they know they're infected.

But the FDA still has questions: Does telephone-counseling really work? Will people use home kits properly? Will labs test accurately? How will home testing affect tracking of the AIDS epidemic?

Manufacturers insist the tests will save lives.

"The enemy is the virus," not private competition to clinic testing, said Elliott Millenson, whose Direct Access Diagnostics created the Confide HIV test.

The bright blue box contains AIDS information written by former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and detailed, illustrated instructions telling users how to prick a finger and dab three blood spots on the special paper.

Seven days later, users would call the lab, identifying themselves with their kit's unique code. Those who weren't infected would hear the news from a recording that gives information about staying HIV-free. People who were infected would talk to a counselor who would discuss HIV and refer them to a clinic or national AIDS hot line.

A survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which supports the home tests, found 20 percent of Americans would prefer them to existing tests.

But AIDS organizations are divided. Some like the kits but others warn there's little proof they'll work. They say the poor or embarrassed patient—the target of home kits—won't spend \$30 buying something plainly labeled "HIV test," but the worried well will make manufacturers a big profit.

"We're balancing risk," said Jeffrey Crowley of the National Association of People With AIDS. "We want the benefit to outweigh the harm."

Booth space available at Christmas in July Carnival, July 24

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From CHRIS SEVERSEN
Houston, Texas

On Sunday, July 24, 1994: I will be hos-

ting the annual Christmas in July Carnival at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos St., beginning at 1:00 p.m.

This year the carnival will benefit the "L.V.L. Persons with AIDS Holiday Fund" which is administered by the Colt 45's. Also, with each \$1.00 in pet

supplies donated to the Pet Patrol, the donor will receive on (1) ticket worth 50 cents to use toward playing games or purchasing food.

Along with this event, I am organizing a silent auction, as well as an oral auction. If any one is interested in booth

space or in donating to the auctions or volunteering to help on the day of the carnival, contact Chris Severesen at (713) 526-4392 or (713) 522-0000.

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Rev. Janet Parker

Q: "Isn't the Bible full of discrepancies and errors? I have heard that the Bible is nothing more than a source of literature and good thoughts on how to live. Is the New Testament really reliable?"

A: There is probably more evidence for the reliability of the New Testament than for almost any ten pieces of classical literature. I believe that Scripture should be tested by the same criteria that all historical documents are tested by. Military historian C. Sanders lists and explains the three basic principles of historiography. They are: 1. Bibliographical test, 2. Internal Evidence test, and the 3. External Evidence test. Let's look at each one briefly.

The Bibliographical test looks at the transmission of the original text to us. It determines reliability of the copies that we have in regard to the number of manuscripts. It also looks at the time interval between the original and the extant copy to determine that the text we now have is what was originally recorded. If we look at other literature for example, we find that Aristotle wrote his poetics around 343 B.C. and yet the earliest copy we have is dated A.D. 1100, nearly a 1,400 year gap. Only five manuscripts are in existence. Caesar composed his history of the Gallic Wars between 58 and 50 B.C. and its manuscript authority rests on nine or ten copies dating 1,000 years after his death. When it comes to the manuscript authority of the New Testament, the abundance of material is almost embarrassing in contrast. After the early papyri manuscript discoveries that bridged the gap between the times of Christ and the second century, an abundance of other manuscripts came to light. Over 20,000 copies of New Testament manuscripts are in existence today. The Iliad has 643 manuscripts and is second in manuscript authority after the New Testament. The application of the bibliographical test to the New Testament assures us that it has more manuscript authority than any piece of literature from antiquity.

The second test is the Internal Evidence test. This test determines whether the written record is credible and to what extent. The literary critic follows Aristotle's dictum: "The benefit of the doubt is to be given to the document itself, and not arrogated by the critic to themselves." James W. Montgomery says this: "One must listen to the claims of the document under analysis, and not assume fraud or error unless the author disqualifies themselves by contradictions or known factual inaccuracies." Dr. Louis Gottschalk, former professor of history at the University of Chicago, point out that the ability of the writer or the witness to tell the truth is helpful to the historian to determine credibility. This "ability to tell the truth" is closely related to the witness's nearness both geographically and chronologically to the events recorded. The New Testament accounts of the life and teaching of Jesus were recorded by people who had been either eyewitnesses themselves or who related the accounts of eyewitnesses of the actual events or teachings of Christ. Next week, let's look at what the New Testament says about itself as internal evidence. We will then go on to look at the third test of External Evidence.

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QUICK QUIZ

(Topic: Gay/Lesbian American History. Source: "Gay and Lesbian Stats," edited by David Deschamps and Bennett Singer, published by The New Press.)

(1) The first gay and lesbian pride march took place in New York City on June 28, 1970, commemorating what event of the year before?

(2) Name the two members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) that exclude lesbians and gay men from military service.

(3) Name the first state to pass a civil rights law protecting the rights of lesbians and gay men.

(4) Name five cities with the largest concentration of gays and lesbians (in the order of community size).

Answers:

(1) The Stonewall Uprising (2) The United States and Britain (3) Wisconsin (4) Manhattan, San Francisco, Boston/Cambridge, Seattle, Oakland/Berkeley



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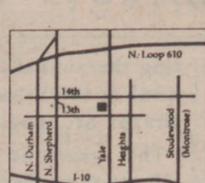
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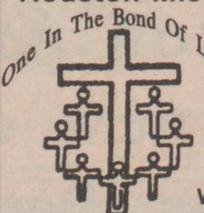
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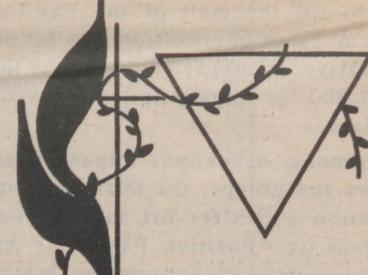
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QUICK NOTES

On Saturday, June 4, the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, under the expert leadership of Artistic Director John-Michael Albert, successfully completed the first of two recording sessions for its first compact disc. The ten cuts were drawn entirely from the program for the chorus' 15th anniversary concert, "To Friends and To Life," slated to be presented July 2 in the Wortham Center's 1100 seat Cullen Theater. The second session is scheduled for March, 1995 and will include the five remaining cuts projected for the recording.

GMCH had access to one of the most acoustically perfect halls in Houston, thanks to the generous cooperation of First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin. Also providing valuable assistance with the project was KUHF general manager and veteran recording engineer John Proffitt, who ensured each track met his uncompromising standard of excellence. "It's a pleasure to work with great musicians, which these men certainly are. It's high time this chorus was recognized as being among the best in the country," Proffitt said.

The centerpiece of the July 2 concert will be the world premiere of Albert's composition, "To Friends And To Life," commissioned especially for the chorus' crystal anniversary. The work will feature Alan Austin, violinist; Steve Estes, cellist and Glenn Edwards, pianist. Other selections

drawn from GMCH's past include "Regina Coeli," from the Mascagni opera "Cavalleria Rusticana," with guest soprano Jeanette Matley; a reworking of another Albert composition, "Possession of the House," which Houstonians may remember from last year's Pride Concert; and, for nostalgia buffs, the hit title song from the Bette Midler film, "The Rose."

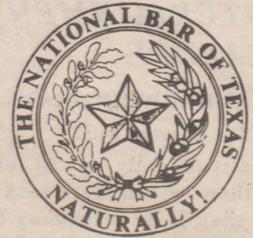
Tickets for the concert range from \$10 to \$20 and are available at any Ticketmaster/Ticketron outlet or by calling 227-ARTS. Special seating at \$10 is available for wheelchair-access and hearing-impaired guests; GMCH expects to sell out the house, so early reservations are advised.

The CD, "To Friends and To Life: The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston Celebrates its 15th Anniversary," is scheduled for release in the fall of 1995.

Men's Network

"Pet Peeves!" Whether it's people who slowly unwrap candy wrappers in the movie theater or finding the toilet paper roll was put backwards, we all have 'em and we want to stop others from doing them. The Men's Network, an educational and social program for gay and bisexual men, will hold a forum to discuss these aggravations and explore possible solutions on Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The meeting is free; donations are requested. The Network meets at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond (East of Montrose Blvd.) Information: 529-0037.

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Biting gay wit, unique perspective of Joe Orton take center stage in 'Loot'

ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE

By ANDREW EDMONDSON
For The Houston Voice

"Sex is the only way to infuriate them. Much more fucking, and they'll be screaming hysterics in next to no time."

Thus wrote the great gay English playwright Joe Orton in his diaries. The current production of his 1964 masterpiece, "Loot," playing through Saturday, July 2 at Westheimer ArtBar, certainly lives up to the playwright's dictum.

When questioned as to why she chose "Loot" as the first production that she wanted to stage, director Vicki Westhersby responded without hesitation, "It's wicked, and it's fun. Orton shies away from nothing—his favorite subjects are sex and death. Especially sex.

"Loot" is an indictment of middle class institutions and pretensions, specifically church, family, law and the police. And it's quite fun."

The action of the play "Loot" seems anything but light-hearted: a mother has just died, and her son, a charming young bank robber, dumps her corpse in a closet so that he can use her coffin to conceal money that he has just stolen. But from this seemingly grim scenario, Orton constructs a wild and rollicking black comedy as the bank robber son chases after a handsome young thief, a beautiful nurse, and tries to extricate himself from the clutches of a corrupt and brutal police

inspector.

"Loot" is the perfect introduction to the crazy world of Joe Orton and to the playwright himself.

Born in the grim provincial town of Lester in January, 1933, Joe Orton was raised by parents of modest means. "I'm from the gutter," he wrote in his diaries, "and don't you forget it because I won't." At 18 he won a place at London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA) in order to realize his great ambition: to be an actor.

At RADA, Orton met Kenneth Halliwell, who soon became his lover and collaborator. Halliwell, who was already attempting a career as a writer, began Orton's literary education. They left RADA after two years and spent several years reading and writing together.

In 1962, Orton and Halliwell were arrested for stealing and defacing library books, and they spent six months in separate jails. This experience had a profound effect on Orton: "Before I had been vaguely conscious of something rotten somewhere; prison crystallized this," he said. "The old whore society lifted up her skirts, and the stench was pretty foul."



Love, sex, death and greed: partners in crime Alex White and Aaron Krohn conspire and cuddle in Joe Orton's "Loot," at Westheimer ArtBar through July 2

Soon after his release in 1964, Orton wrote "The Ruffian on the Stair," which was purchased by the BBC for radio broadcast. In the same year, his first full length work, "Entertaining Mr. Sloane," was produced to overwhelming critical and popular acclaim. Over the next three years, Orton produced a series of works that, in their verbal brilliance and biting social satire, many compare to the plays of Oscar Wilde: "Loot," "The Erpingham Camp," "The Good and Faithful Servant" and "What the Butler Saw."

But in 1967, just as he reached the height of critical and popular success, Orton was murdered by his lover Halliwell, who then immediately com-

mitted suicide by swallowing 22 sleeping pills. The relationship between the two men had deteriorated as Orton's literary career skyrocketed. Halliwell, who was subject to fits of deep depression and melancholy, became increasingly terrified that Orton would leave him for another and took matters into his own hands.

But Orton's legacy lives on. In 1987, the British filmmaker Stephen Frears immortalized the relationship of the two men in his wonderful comedy, "Prick Up Your Ears," based on John Lahr's biography of the playwright.

Orton was a pioneer in many respects. First, he wrote bracingly new types of plays that both shocked and delighted the English theater-going public. He was a bull in the china shop of English middle class propriety, gleefully slaughtering all of Britain's sacred cows: sexual prudery, moral hypocrisy and the unquestioning acceptance of government authority.

Moreover, Orton's works in general, and "Loot" in particular, epitomize the mod, young trendy feel that was sweeping London during "the Swinging Sixties": the questioning of authority, the

fancy free sexuality, and the rejection of bourgeois notions of marriage and family.

Orton was also a pioneer in his exploration of his sexuality and what it meant to live as an openly gay man in a notoriously repressive society. Orton was murdered two years before England decriminalized homosexuality between consenting adult males, and his diaries provide a fascinating glimpse of what it was like to live as a gay man in the 1960's. And his diaries also make great reading. Orton details with meticulous gleam his many impromptu sexual escapades: in public toilets in the streets and alleys of London, and in sun-drenched Morocco.

"I'm an acquired taste," Orton once observed. "The public will accept me. They've given me a license, you see. What they'll do is say, 'Joe Orton can do these things...' I'm a success because I've taken a hatchet to them and hacked my way in. I mean, it wasn't easy...it's always a fight for an original writer because an original writer will force the world to see the world his way.

In "Loot," we see the world Orton's way.

"Loot" continues at Westheimer ArtBar & Theatre, located at 1102 1/2 Westheimer, through Saturday, July 2. Performances are held Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$5-\$12, and may be purchased by calling 522-7217.

Yale historian says early church ceremonies united men

By BRIGITTE GREENBERG
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sunday, June 19 (AP)—In the Middle Ages, men who loved each other were commonly united by priests in Christian ceremonies much like weddings between men and women, a historian says in a new book.

In 12 years of research that took him to the Vatican library and elsewhere in Europe, John Boswell of Yale University says he found liturgies that joined male couples with invocations to God, the clasping of right hands and kisses to signify the bond.

"In almost every age and place the ceremony fulfilled what most people today regard as the essence of marriage: a permanent romantic commitment between two people, witnessed and recognized by the community," Boswell wrote in "Same-Sex Unions in Pre-modern Europe."

Other scholars dispute the findings, saying the ceremonies blessed friendships, not gay love, and should not be confused with Christian marriage.

Boswell acknowledges it is impossible to know whether the same-sex relationships included sexual activity, but concludes the ties were stronger and deeper than friendship.

His book carries a June 30 publishing date but has been rushed into bookstores. It has already received considerable attention, due in part to cartoonist Garry Trudeau, whose "Doonesbury" characters discussed Bos-

well's findings earlier this month.

"What he's trying to do is change the Catholic Church. I think that was his whole purpose," said Vern L. Bullough, a professor emeritus of history at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Bullough, who has written several texts exploring human sexuality, calls Boswell brilliant but said Boswell's personal background—as a gay man and a convert to Catholicism, from Episcopalianism—may have colored the research.

Ralph Hexter, a professor of comparative literature at the University of Colorado and a longtime friend of Boswell's, said Boswell would not allow his own beliefs to cloud his research.

"Knowing him the way I do and his integrity and his deep loyalty to the intellectual pursuits, he would not write this unless he thought that was where the truth lay," Hexter said. "No one can deny, looking at this material, that it celebrates the love of two men for each other."

What Boswell may have unearthed, Bullough said, were so-called sealing ceremonies swearing loyal brotherhood between men.

In one of Boswell's examples of the ceremonies, translated from 11th century Greek, a priest says in part:

"For this holy place, we beseech Thee, O Lord. That these thy servants (names) be sanctified with thy spiritual benediction, we beseech Thee, O Lord. That

their love abide without offense or scandal all the days of their lives, we beseech Thee, O Lord. That they be granted all things needed for salvation and godly enjoyment of life everlasting, we beseech Thee, O Lord."

The priests who officiated at the rites were members of what has evolved into today's Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, Boswell said.

A Hartford priest who has known of Boswell's work for many years, the Rev. Richard Cardarelli, said he has been using the liturgies to perform marriage ceremonies for gay and lesbian couples.

"I had integrated some of the prayers that Dr. Boswell has discovered into a ceremony," Cardarelli said. "Most of them have been a celebration of Mass for a gay or lesbian couple who want to make a permanent commitment."

Cardarelli was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church earlier this year due to involvement with a denomination of lesbians and gays that calls itself the Ecumenical Catholic Church.

Boswell is distorting history and indulging in "wishful thinking," said William A. Percy, senior professor of medieval history at the University of Massachusetts in Boston and one of three editors of the "Encyclopedia of Homosexuality."

The Christian Bible condemns gay relationships, and Christians of the Middle Ages believed sex should occur

only within the bounds of matrimony and to procreate, Percy said.

"Not one of the fathers of the church ever said even a neutral word about homosexuality, let alone a kind one," Percy said. "Of course, men can form close bonds, but that they should have sex was not part of the Christian frame of mind. The idea that these unions would be anything other than spiritual is absurd."

Boswell, 47, was too seriously ill to be interviewed, said Douglas A. Stumpf, his editor at Villard Books, a division of Random House.

But in an interview with the ABC television news show "Day One" that was videotaped in September, when he was preparing his book, the author defended his interpretations of the ceremonies.

"Let these people show I read the Greek or Old Church Slavonic wrong," Boswell said.

When asked whether the services could be for brothers or friends, Boswell replied: "There are ceremonies for that, and these aren't those ceremonies."

Stumpf said Boswell, whose previous book, "Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality" was hailed as revolutionary, wants "to correct the historical record."

"He is not a political advocate. He is a historian. He is a trained scholar," Stumpf says. "What people want to know of this ceremony today is up to them."

Christian Reformed Church votes to continue ordaining gay ministers

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Friday, June 17 (AP)—The Christian Reformed Church Synod has rejected a request by a group of churches that wanted to have gays declared ineligible for ordained ministry.

The church currently allows gays to become ordained ministers as long as they are celibate.

A group of churches from the Atlantic Northeast wanted gays prevented from becoming ministers because "the very thought of homosexuality brings dishonor to God, the creator of male and female."

After several hours of debate Thursday, the 184 synodical delegates adopted a statement that "nonpracticing homosexual persons who live chaste and obedient lives cannot by virtue of their constitutional predisposition be declared ineligible for office."

The churches making the request were responding to the Rev. Jim Lucas, a CRC minister in Grand Rapids and director of a local ministry called AWAre, an acronym for As We Are. AWAre is a twice-a-month support group for gays and lesbians.

Thursday's debate failed to give much comfort to gays in the church, Lucas said.

"I feel sad for the kind of message that's sending out to the thousands of people who are homosexually oriented," he said. "The message seems to be, 'We'd just as soon not have you around, but I guess we'll have to tolerate you.' That's not a very welcoming message."

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During trial in Cincinnati, civil rights attorney calls voters' action 'atom bomb'

By SONJA BARISIC
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

CINCINNATI, Tuesday, June 21 (AP)—Gays, lesbians and bisexuals are politically powerless because they are among the least-liked social groups in the United States, a political science professor testified today.

Kenneth Sherrill of Hunter College in New York City was the third witness in a U.S. District Court trial on a voter-approved city charter amendment that bans anti-discrimination laws for gay residents.

Sherrill, who described himself as an expert on gay and lesbian politics, said a 1992 study showed that fewer than half those polled had "warm feelings" toward homosexuals and bisexuals, and 24 percent said they had "no warm

feelings at all" toward those groups. He did not say who conducted the survey or how many people were polled.

Such hostility makes gays political outcasts, said Sherrill, called to testify by the Equality Foundation of Greater Cincinnati Inc. and gay rights advocates seeking to overturn the ban.

"There is no other group that gets such systematically cold ratings," he said. "Affection is one of the most critical power resources that groups need."

In other testimony, Mark McNeil, campaign coordinator for the conservative citizen coalition Equal Rights, Not Special Rights, which put the amendment on the Nov. 2 ballot, said the group never intended to disenfranchise gays.

"We were just trying to take power from City Council and give it back to the people," McNeil said during cross-examination today.

He said gay rights issues should be decided by the public, not by the City Council.

On Monday, a civil rights lawyer said the amendment has made it impossible for council to enact any law or adopt any policy that would benefit homosexuals.

Attorney John Burlew said voters dropped an "atom bomb" on gay rights when they approved the measure to eliminate sexual orientation from the city's human-rights ordinance.

"They wiped out everything," said Burlew, a member of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.

"What Issue 3 did was make it impossible for Cincinnati City Council to pass any law, adopt any policy, take any action whatsoever that would benefit gays and lesbians."

Issue 3 was the amendment approved by 62 percent of the voters. The city's 1992 human rights ordinance bans discrimination in jobs and housing on the basis of race, sex, national origin, physical disability or sexual orientation.

The nonjury trial before Judge S. Arthur Spiegel is expected to last about a week. Spiegel has blocked implementation of the amendment until after the trial.

Attorneys for the defendants—the city of Cincinnati and McNeil's group—say homosexuals are not entitled to special protections.

They contend the amendment promotes tolerance by allowing residents to decide for themselves whether homosexuals and bisexuals are entitled to the same rights as others.

Cincinnati is no stranger to controversies involving homosexuality. In 1990, the city brought obscenity charges against an art gallery and its director for a display of Robert Mapplethorpe photographs that included images of homosexual acts. The gallery and director were acquitted.

Earlier this year, the sheriff called for an obscenity indictment against a theater for a play involving nudity and homosexuality. The prosecutor refused to press charges.

Study says right wing groups now pushing own 'sex education' programs

Religious Right political powers have seized the offensive in their ongoing challenge to sex education, according to a new report released today by People For the American Way. "Teaching Fear: The Religious Right's Campaign Against Sexuality Education" finds that in communities across America, groups are trying to supplant comprehensive sexuality education curricula with their own programs, which contain no information about contraception or AIDS prevention, and which primarily seek to instill fear of sexual activity. The People For report comes on the heels of a major new study from Alan Guttmacher Institute documenting the crucial role of contraceptive use in teen prevention.

"After years of getting nowhere, these Right-wing political groups are trying a new tactic in their campaign against sex education," said People For the American Way President Arthur J. Kropp. "They are peddling their own programs that are notoriously short on facts and big on fear. At a time when America's teenagers are besieged by threats to their health, these distorted programs do nothing to provide life-saving information. These ideologically-driven programs are nothing but another vehi-

cle for the Right's political and social agenda."

The People For report identified four key trends in the Right's campaign against sex education in the public schools: Promoting curricula that censor specific information on prevention of AIDS and teen pregnancy, and that fear. The advent of the AIDS epidemic, and Surgeon General Koop's call for early and comprehensive AIDS and sexuality education, forced a change of tactics in the Right's political battle against sexuality education. As a substitute for comprehensive curricula, they developed and promoted several "abstinence-only" curricula—notably Sex Respect and the Teen Aid programs. These programs are being billed as substitutes for existing sexuality education. But they omit the most fundamental information on contraception and disease prevention, and perpetuate medical misinformation. They also rely on religious doctrine and images of fear and shame in discouraging sexual activity.

Winning control of local school boards as a first step to eliminating comprehensive sexuality education; In many communities where there is strong Religious Right influence on the school board, comprehensive sex-

uality education curricula have been abandoned in favor of the more expensive, less educationally sound abstinence-only programs. In California, the Religious Right-dominated school board in Vista has adopted Sex Respect after a long and bitter controversy. That program is also in use in Hemet, another California community where there is strong Religious Right influence on the board. In Lake County, Florida where Religious Right members hold a 3-2 majority on the board, the district seems to be close to adopting an abstinence-only program.

"Capturing the school boards is crucial to the Right's overall political agenda for education," said People For President Arthur J. Kropp. "When these groups do gain control of school boards, they quickly pursue a range of goals like gutting sex education, imposing the teaching of Creationism as science, and attacking multi cultural education. The battle over sex education is often a key test of strength for school boards dominated by the Right."

Defending abstinence-only curricula against court challenges; The Religious Right-supported programs have increasingly been challenged on legal grounds, since many states now have statutes

designed to ensure that sexuality education covers essential information such as contraception and AIDS prevention. In two communities where comprehensive programs have been replaced by abstinence-only curricula, Shreveport, Louisiana and Jacksonville, Florida, this controversy has landed in the courtroom, an appeals court in Louisiana ruled in March that Sex Respect violates state statutes prohibiting the teaching of religious doctrine in sexuality education programs. The Jacksonville lawsuit challenging the use of a Teen Aid program is still pending.

Rallying grass roots support against comprehensive sexuality education; Virtually all national Religious Right political groups have included their efforts to undermine sexuality education in their broader campaign against the public schools. Eagle Forum, Concerned Women for America, Focus on the Family and Citizens for Excellence in Education have led the way in devoting major resources to promoting these abstinence-only curricula. To rally their membership to this cause, they have developed a range of promotional materials, including paid advertisements and videotapes, that

perpetuate gross distortions of fact and play on the anxieties of parents about their children's sexuality. As a corollary of this effort, they have made a frequent target of the Surgeon General, Dr. Jocelyn Elders, for her high-profile efforts to promote comprehensive sexuality education and prevent teen pregnancy.

"The Right has staked significant resources on their campaign against comprehensive sex education," said People For President J. Kropp. "That's a sign that they see this as a political opportunity to play on the fears of many parents. Because of the legal obstacles, and the overwhelming public support for sex education, this is a hard sell for the Right. But they are clearly digging in for a long fight that could last through this decade and beyond."

People For the American Way is a 300,000-member non-partisan constitutional liberties organization. People For monitors the activities of the Religious Right. People For's Education Project documents attempts to censor school materials and other attacks on public education. People For's annual report on school censorship, "Attacks on the Freedom to Learn," will be released August 31.

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San Francisco Gay Pride Parade marks 25th anniversary of Stonewall

By RICHARD COLE
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, June 20 (AP)—A quarter century after the Stonewall uprising launched the gay liberation movement, San Francisco's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade is still breaking ground—this year with the first contingent of female-to-male transvestites.

Male cross dressers and transsexuals have for years been among the most colorful participants in the annual march, which drew up to 400,000 gays, lesbians and their supporters to Market Street Sunday in show of political force and fancy.

But 1994 marked the first time a group of women undergoing sex change operations marched alongside the elected officials, homosexual police officers, rollerblading male nuns and topless lesbian unicyclers who dodged condoms from anti-AIDS groups and packets of lubricant that rained down on the street.

"It's time to stand up and be visible," said Loren Cameron, 35, a photographer who underwent surgery seven years ago to become a man.

This year's celebration, titled "San Francisco to Stonewall: Pride and Protest," marked the 25th anniversary of a movement that has matured into a political force.

Twenty-five years ago, a group of homosexuals stood up to police who regularly raided the New York City gay bar called the Stonewall Inn. Their response started several nights of rioting and galvanized the homosexual community.

Dr. Michele Bordo, marching with a lesbian physicians group, said this weekend's event showed the profound changes since the 1969 rebellion.

"It's a lot, lot, lot better," Bordo said. "There's still a ways to go, but it's much better—especially in San Francisco."

Spectator Sabina Reinhardt said the skating nuns and other colorful characters didn't detract from the seriousness of the day.

"It's a celebration of life, and the more flamboyant and outrageous you can be, the more you can enjoy yourself," she said. "And that's part of what this is all about."

Not all agreed.

Ricardo Garcia, visiting from Honduras, referred to gays in vulgar Span-

ish, and condemned the parade amid the jibes of his friends.

"It's ridiculous. It's foolishness," he said as he looked on.

But another tourist, Christian Shadinger of Nuremberg, Germany, snapped photos and said he was moved by the parade. Homosexuals are better organized and more powerful than in his homeland, he said.

"It's a problem in society that gays and lesbians are pushed out of positions and are not treated well," said Shadinger. "In the major cities it might be better—but if you are outside, it's much worse."

The high profile of Pelosi and other politicians—including placards for gay Democratic Secretary of State candidate Tony Miller—was testimony to the growing power of gays.

San Francisco's former supervisor Roberta Achtenberg—that "damned lesbian" in the words of U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-S.C.—is now the nation's assistant housing secretary.

President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell," policy for the military may anger many gays, but most agree it was inconceivable in 1972 when the first organized gay pride parade took place in San Francisco.

Two lesbians, Carole Migden and Susan Leal, now sit on the board of supervisors, but spend their time debating the city budget rather than sexual orientation.

The city's first openly gay supervisor, Harvey Milk, became a national symbol of acceptance, then of sympathy after his 1978 murder.

While politicians once fled from identification with homosexuals, even conservative San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan now openly courts support and official invitations to the Lesbian-Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration.

The parade's success has brought with it the problems of all establishment organizations.

The event that once epitomized the struggle of the shunned now finds itself shunning fringe groups, refusing this year to allow the North American Man-Boy Love Association to march along.

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Hawaiian gay activists hope their marriage recognized legally

HONOLULU, Monday, June 20 (AP)—Gay activist Bill Woods and Marc Thompson hope their marriage will eventually be recognized as the first legal same-sex marriage in the world.

They were wed at Ala Moana Beach Park on Sunday, two days after the state Department of Health accepted, but refused to process, their application for a marriage license.

Department officials said they would hold onto the application until the issue of same-sex marriage is finally decided by the state Supreme Court. That could take years.

Woods and Thompson decided to go ahead with their planned wedding, which was performed by Gene Bridges, a registered Unitarian minister.

"We're going to start living as married as of today," said Woods, publisher of the Gay

Community News. "And we hope the world will come along and understand what we're doing and why we're doing this. It's because we care about each other."

Woods said he and Thompson are willing to wait for the state to issue a license later.

"The only thing missing in the legal procedure is their seal," Woods said. "We've signed what would have been the traditional form, and so we're just waiting for the

stamp, that when the court case is settled, hopefully the state will put their stamp on it, and today will be declared the first marriage for people of same sex in the world."

Woods said gays need the option of marriage.

"Why isn't it an option? We are forcing the state to recognize us, as it recognizes every other marriage," he said.

Following the wedding, Woods and Thompson rode in

the Gay Pride Parade in a car with a "just married" sign on the back.

City Council Chairperson and mayoral candidate Gary Gill was also at the parade that included about 100 marchers and 300 supporters.

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MSL Competitive Division wraps season; July skate nights switched to Wednesday

SPORTS NEWS

The heat and humidity were relentless last Saturday and Sunday as the Montrose Softball League (MSL) concluded its Competitive Division. The Recreational Division will conclude their season this Saturday and Sunday.

In the Competitive Division, The Montrose Mining Company Texans won the automatic bid to the World Series in Nashville by defeating Briarpatch and the Venture-N Rookies. Congratulations guys—Best of Luck in the World Series and bring home the title to Houston. In other action, Briarpatch beat the Hellraisers, Pacific Street, and Venture-N to capture 2nd place. Thanks to all Competitive Division players for a great season!

The Recreational Division games consisted of double-headers for everyone? Over it!! E.J.'s forfeited to BRB/Body Positive but came back to defeat Rich's Prime. BRB/Body

Positive overwhelmed Gentry, who had just defeated Rich's Prime. J.R.'s won by forfeit over BRB/Bowling and then defeated Travel in Style.

Host Bar for Sunday night was the Briarpatch. The lottery drawing was held to determine who our 2nd and 3rd teams would be representing MSL in Nashville. Team #2 (listed in order should a team not be able to participate) will be the Houston Voice, Pacific Street, Venture-N or Briarpatch. Team #3 (Recreational Division) will be either E.J.'s or Rich's Prime.

The Recreational Division standings are: Rich's Prime 8-3, Travel in Style 8-3, E.J.'s 7-4, BRB/Body Positive 6-5, BRB/Bowling 4-7, J.R.'s 4-7, Ripcord 4-7, Gentry 3-8.

The action continues Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26 at Tim Hearn Field. On Saturday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m. Rich's Prime vs. Travel in Style. At 7:00 p.m. Gentry vs. BRB/Bowling, at 8:00 p.m. Ripcord

vs. E.J.'s and 9:00 p.m. J.R.'s vs. BRB/Body Positive.

On Sunday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. J.R.'s vs. Gentry, Rich's Prime vs. J.R.'s at 11:00 a.m., Gentry vs. Ripcord at 12:00 p.m., BRB/Bowling vs. Rich's Prime at 1:00 p.m., BRB/Body Positive vs. Ripcord at 2:00 p.m., E.J.'s vs. BRB/Bowling at 3:00 p.m., Travel in Style vs. BRB/Body Positive at 4:00 p.m. and Travel in Style vs. E.J.'s at 5:00 p.m. For information regarding the Montrose Softball League, please call 867-3913.

Bowling Standings

Following are the weekly standings in Houston's gay bowling leagues:

In the Inner Loop Sunday Nite League, it's Sisters of Dorothy in first place, followed by Sunday Brunch in second place and Lip Service in third. High Scratch Game of 192 and Series of 518 was bowled by Terry Shannon. For information call 522-9612.

Thursday Nite Mixers report Penetrating Your Galaxy in first place, But UR Blanche UR in second place and Pat & Company in third place. High Scratch Game of 246 and series of 586 was bowled by Chris Bennett for the men. For the women, Pam Spayde bowled 224 and Andrea Black bowled 588. For league information, call 432-7239.

In first place in the Montrose Monday Nite Men's League is Ladies and the Tramp. In second place is The gutter Butter, followed in third place by Alley Trash. High Scratch game of 227 and Series of 623 was bowled by Rodney Seiler. For further information, call 641-5424.

For the Monday Nite Women's League, it's Electric Slide in first place; second place, Can't Bowl straight and third place, 3 AIs and a Pussycat. For league information, call 437-6218.

Billiard Standings

Following are the weekly standings in the Houston Metro-

politan Billiards League:

(1) Jackson 5; (2) BRB Ball Busters; (3) Crazy 8's; (4) Coalition; (5) Beau's real balls; (6) BP "Ate" Ballers; (7) Oui, Cousin's; (8) E/J's Boys; (9) E/J's Mess; (10) Sioux's Boys; (11) 611 Sticks; (12) Jo's Sudden Impact; (13) Ripcord Rebels; (14) Dream Team; (15) Rebels Too; (16) Styx; (17) King's X; (18) Amie's; (19) Bill's Restless Boys; (20) Suicide Squad; (21) Miner 69'ers; (22) 611 Shooters.

The "Fourth of July Tournament" is scheduled for Sunday, June 26 at the Red Room. Registration begins at 12:00 noon; games at 1:00 p.m.

July Skate Nights

The Lambda Rollerskating Club has announced that its July skate nights will be held on Wednesdays, July 6 and 20, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. LRC skate nights are held at the Dairy Ashford Skating Rink, located on Dairy Ashford between Westheimer and Briar Forest.

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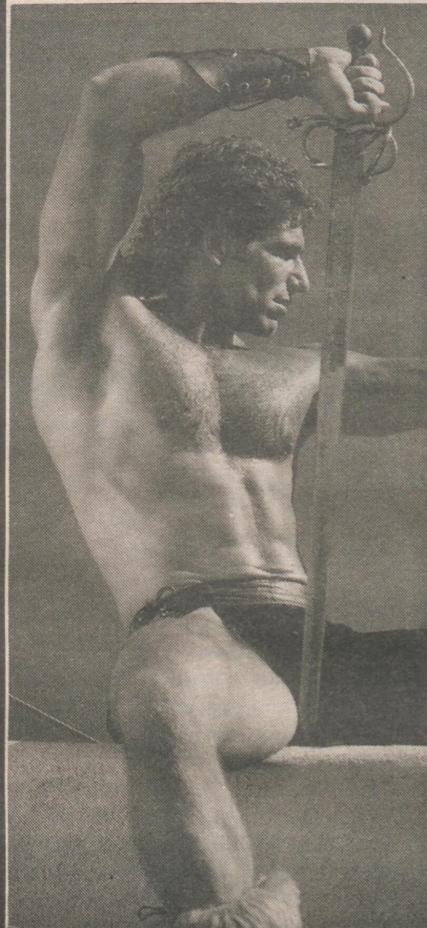


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MSL 'Jocks in Dresses' raise \$2,000 at Heaven; Ball Busters Ball comes to PS this Saturday



Bill and Glen at Gentry's recent anniversary



Willy, Paivi, and Shelby St. John tally the votes at E/J's



Miss Camp America giving away teddy bears to AIDS patients in area hospitals

HOUSTON SOAP PART 1

By CAROLYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston

Greetings and Salutations Houston!

Virgil Burke's benefit show at Gentry's last Sunday raised \$383 for the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard!!

The Daddy Dons raised \$402 this past Saturday at the Venture-N. It was a hair raising good time!

The Annual "JOCKS in Dresses" revue was a huge success at Heaven this past Friday night. The Montrose Softball League raised nearly \$2,000 for charity, with the help of Charles Armstrong, Heaven's staff, and all of the Montrose Softball Leagues's talented performers!! You GO Girl!!

Final figures on the Texas Leather and Lace Mistress Auction came in at over \$1100 raised!! Way to go!!!!

Congrats to the New Daddy of Montrose, Ken Register!!

Friday, June 24

There is a special guest Bartender at the Ranch tonight!! The one, the only, the Daddy himself Don (the Schnauzer) Dowden! I'm gonna make a special trip out there just to see this for my very own eyes!!

J.R.'s Bar and Grill is the hot spot for that cool longneck after a long week of the work stuff!!

Saturday, June 25

The Brazos River Bottom is sending off two old favorites. Rick and Beau are leaving the River Bottom for different pastures. The Going Away party is this afternoon from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Stop by and say BYE and wish them luck!!

Care for a beer and a movie with friends? Head over to Mary's (naturally) for Saturday

afternoon Beer Bust and the movie da jour!!

One of my favorite DJ's will be spinning at the Venture-N tonight!! Mike Scott (Mr. Sexy Voice) will be behind the booth!! If you can't go to NYC for Stonewall, go the "Venture/Stonewall-N as you were" 25 years ago. Pull out those platform shoes and love beads to have a groovy time!!

The FIRST Annual BALL BUSTERS BALL is at Pacific Street!! It will be Hot, Erotic and very, very, very decadent!! Head to your closet, drag out the leathers and join PS in this Feast of Eros!!!

Don't forget the Saturday Super Show at E/J's. The talents of Sasha Boom, Naomi Warwick and direct from New Orleans, Miss Kitty Divine will take the stage at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 26

Candidate for Mr. TGRA 1995, Virgil Burke presents "Lean on Me II." The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Virgil along with special guest stars Chablis Lee Love, Houston City Limits, Catia Lee Love, Nevada, Members of the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, Shelby St. John, Regina Dane, Paivi Lee Love, Mabel Norman, and more!! This is a fundraiser benefiting the Colt 45's—Stone Soup and the Gay Men's Chorus of

Houston. It sounds like quite a line up of entertainment.

Tonight at Gentry's the Imperial Court presents "Back To Fuchsia," a tribute to the Drag Queens who instigated the 1969 Stone-

wall Rebellion. Join the Court as they review 1969 style Drag.

Monday, June 27

Lindsay Love's Monday Night Show and Amateur Strip Contest at Heaven is more fun than Murphy Brown reruns. Stop buy and see how many sequins \$6.99 will buy you at Fiesta!!

Take your clothes OFF! Male strip contest at E/J's every Monday night. Paivi and Britany host the flesh that you are waiting to see. Be there by 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28

\$2.00 * Cuervo * Mary's * Naturally * Need I say more? (I'm the one with the IV direct from the bottle!

It is week # 3 for the E/J's Amateur Night. The delightful talents of Miss Brittany Paige hosts the newcomers to the performing arts!! The stage lights up at 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29

Hot, Hot Wednesday at Gentry. Miss Gay Texas, Dyan Michaels hosts a strip contest. She starts the strippin' and revealin' at 10:30 p.m.

Hump Day hits Mary's (Naturally) Hard!! They have Happy Hour all day and all night!!

Hot Meat over at The Club!! They offer steaks grilled to order for only \$3.00, that also includes the trimmings!! The sizzling starts at 6:00 p.m.

The BEAR of the MONTH Contest is tonight!! Bear-ness Brian Keever will be here to MC the show!! Be sure to get there early to enjoy the \$1.75 well drinks. If you have enough of them, you will be as filthy as Miss Keever by the time the show starts!

Hungry? Talk to Lucy on the Patio of E/J's. She will delight your taste buds starting at 6:00 p.m. I hope you like hunks of hot beef!!

Thursday, June 30

Every Thursday night Midtowne Spa has Male Dancers. This week feature stud is Christian. He is both sexy and very seductive!!

Lindsay Lee Love can be seen tonight at Heaven for more drag and dick than you can shake a stick at!!

Club night at E/J's. Each week they have a different club tending bar on the patio!!

Coming Events:

If you want something listed in here, please call 529-8490 or Fax 529-9531 July

1 * Capital City Riders "Mirage IV" in Austin.

July 2 * CUIR Next Door Party at Pacific Street. Go in, take it off, and get yourself published in Cuir magazine.

July 2 * "SM and the Law" Seminar hosted by F.I.S.T and Brotherhood of Pain. 710 Pacific Street at 2:00 p.m. \$2 donation at the door

July 2 * "To Friends and to Life" at the Wortham Theater. The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston would like to invite you to their 15th year anniversary. Tickets and info by calling 227-ARTS. July 2 *

Accessing Medicare-Medicaid—and Disability Benefits workshop. Call River Oaks Health Alliance for details 528-0144.

July 3 * MR. TEXAS DRUMMER CONTEST at Pacific Street. This is the prelims to Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer Contest. My favorite Gay Freedom Comedy Jam comedian Scott Kennedy will be there!!

July 4 * Bare as you Dare party at the Ripcord.

July 9 * Miss Camp America has reserved the Tower Theater for a Pre-Pageant Party! There will be NO admission fee!! Lots of entertainment, a raffle for a trip to Las Vegas, tons of other goodies... and a show to warm up for the once a year production. This year's event is called " Rhinestones and Studs"!

July 9 * Car Wash at Gentry's, 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Hosted by TGRA.

July 9 * Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer Contest in Dallas! Good luck Calvin Buckley and Don Gill!!

July 15 * Silver Dolphins 5th Anniversary.

(Continued on next page)



The new Daddy of Montrose



The new Miss MSL 1994



The Imperial Court Car Wash at gentry caught Steve, Regina, Crystal and Jerel

QUICK QUIZ

(Topic: The Gay Games. Source: "Long Road to Freedom: The Advocate History of the Gay and Lesbian Movement," edited by Mark Thompson with Foreword by Randy Shilts; published by St. Martin's Press, hardback, \$40).

(1) Name the former Olympic decathlete who founded the event now known as the Gay Games.

(2) What entity secured a court order in 1982 (later upheld by the Supreme

Court), preventing organizers of the Games from using the word "Olympic" even though other groups had been allowed to use the term?

(3) Approximately how many athletes participated in the second Gay Games, held in San Francisco in August, 1986? (Not including spectators, etc.)

Answers

(1) Tom Waddell (2) The U.S. Olympic Committee. (3) 3,000



Sealed With A Kiss

Rich's gearing up for 4th of July; new Triangle Bar and Grill now open



This is a really scary Good Fairy

HOUSTON SOAP PART 2

By CAROLYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston

(Calendar, continued from previous page):

July 16 * Estate Planning for the terminally ill workshop at the River Oaks Health Alliance. Call 528-0144 for info.

July 24 * Christmas in July Carnival at the Brazos River Bottom. Call Chris Severson for details at 526-4392.

July 30 * Viatical Settlement Funding workshop at the River Oaks Health Alliance.

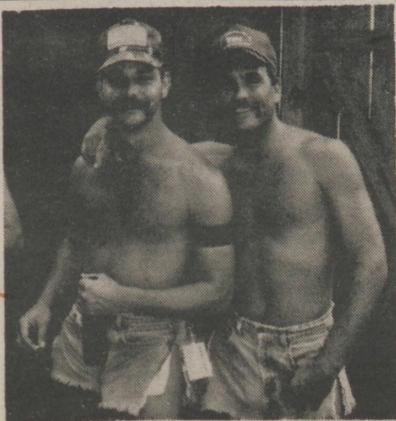
August 12 * Sundance Cattle Company 14th Anniversary

August 15 * Gay Night at the Laff Stop.

August 19 * Bay Area L&L Society "Hot Tuna 94" in Corpus Christi.

Other Important Stuff

Rich's is gearing up after Stonewall for an exciting 4th of July weekend. "Dance To The Beat Of A Different Drum" special guest star Shaheen Shary is winging his way



Look at these two wolfers...

back from the West Coast to drum on the dance floor and drive the natives wild. On Sunday July 3rd Shaheen will be back to celebrate the 4th and Tropic Sound will be on the Patio for a tropical, festive evening. "Christmas in July" is just around the corner, so get your invitations from one of the hosts. This show will be at Rich's and seems to get bigger and better each year.

Down at the Brazos River Bottom, they really know how to wet your whistle... Happy Hour 7 days a week. Monday to Saturday 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 pm, and on Sunday from Noon until 5:00 p.m.

Happy Hours at Mary's are 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm and again from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm every Monday thru Friday!!!!

ACT UP has a hot line: 523-9199 or fax 523-9297.

E/J's has the "Mug Club." It happens every day (except Sunday) from 7:00 to 11:00 pm!! Go by and get the full scoop on this one!

Remember, you will see some of Houston's finest Flesh at Gentry's every day of the week as the club's Boy Toy dancers strip, strut, and tantalize.

Hate Crimes Hot line: 526-9615. The Q-Patrol offers a few tips for safety!! Don't walk alone! Park in well lit areas! Check in, around and under your car! Carry a whistle and be ready to use it! Be alert! Report Hate Crimes!! For further info call 871-8519

Heaven will open at 9:00 pm on Monday July 4 with a special Holiday Homecoming show at 11:00 pm, featuring 2 of Houston favorites. From her new show in LA, the Ultra HOT CHOCOLATE and direct from her newest fast food location, the lovely Tandi Andrews. The two will perform in a special holiday show that you won't want to miss!!

STUDZ News is STILL having a sale!! 1201 Richmond is the place to be if you want fun "stuff."

National Leather Association : Houston info line is 434-2417. Their motto is Safe, Sane and Consensual.

NEW place in town to go!! TRIANGLE Bar and Grill!!! Yea!! They are open 24 hours a day. It is on the corner of Wesleyan

and 59. The menu is delightful and they even have a wide selection for vegetarians types like me. It is a place to go after the bars close and you want breakfast...or dinner!! Keep your eyes open for more details as they become available. The Bar offers specials like \$1 Mimosa's on Sunday, A Happy Hour with a Free Buffet and drink specials that rival the Montrose bars!!

Free referrals for persons living with AIDS/HIV.. Call 902-2231.

P.E.P. (People Exchanging Power) has an info line 787-9586. They meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the River Cafe.

Dirt, Lies, And Trash

For those of you who do not have a clue how difficult this column is to write...I won't tell you, but the following part makes it all worthwhile!!! (My usual disclaimer is in force.. lies, gossip, stuff I make up, well, you get the picture!!)

Ed: (E/J's) It is all over the city that you love your customers so much... It seems his Pulse Pay was giving out double coupons this past weekend. Thanks, (better than Vegas) Ed!!

Dennis (BRB) says he is single again...3 years off the market has made him MORE valuable. ...this time around!!

Wiggles: Your cousin Judy would like to know what kind of filling your twinkie has.

Piggie (VN): By the time you read this, you should have your whip back!! XXXOOO CAL!!

Devin (Mary's): I think they should rename Mary's "Devins' Day Care"!

David G.: Mark suggests you should NEVER turn your back on him!

Mark (Lancers): He would like to offer a "blanket" apology to any and everyone he offended during Gay Pride Week!!.. He claims he "can't remember who he teed off..."and this "Blanket" should cover everyone!! I think he should call Candace (VN-Tuscon) and give her a special apology!!

Wilma (Mary's): I heard that you had Aunt Jemima in your bar cleaning up!!

Devin (Mary's) YOU GO GIRL!!

Lee (Leather For Ever): I saw a wet pair of panty hose near your car... were they "Control



Some members of F.I.S.T. out searching for trouble

TOPS"?

John B.: Is it true you are worn down to a nub?

Bobby (PS): Have you forgotten any dinner invitations lately?

Matt (Mine): David (Ripcord) wants you to do "what" with his "balled" head?

Tiger (FIST): So what did you get pierced THIS time??

Vicci (Ranch): Why does your brother feel like an orphan?

Ken (The Druid): Why are you scaring the twinkies? I thought you were lawful good??

Susan Mazar: Yes I can take it as well as I can dish it out!! PS, I DO love your rings!!

JT (PS): So you are good with a gun. ... is that a real gun in your pocket or are you glad to see Doug A.?

Robb (Mary's) I overheard one of your customers say. ... (Oh God this IS evil).. " She would XXX XX XXXX XXXX XXX XXXXXXXX XX XXX XXX XXX XXXX XX!! (I changed my mind about really printing what I over heard.. It was not very nice at all!! Robb you have been spared of the true poison of my pen this time, but watch out!!

Brain (TNT): Next year... Take your vacation OUT of Houston!!

Rita (611) Did you call 911 after you had a bicycle accident...or did you call 611?

Meg (Mary's) How far apart do you want the mirrors?.. And what is the matter with the chandeliers??

Helen (Sundance): I hear you have been going from bar to bar to bar looking for chicken!

Tim Watson: Sorry I got

you confused with Tim Todd last week.. He is the one with the Underwear/Toilet paper thing!!

Pumpkin (PS): Don't worry honey, JT has special ordered some Trollicide for you!!

Marshall: So you shot it all OFF at Heaven!!

Gaye (Mary's): I'm sure Sundance Cattle Company really appreciated your donation of charcoal last week. Now what are you going to do about your eye liner shortage?

Jeff (JT's other half): Why do you like parmesan cheese on your PB and J sandwiches?

Rex (Kip): You need to wear less clothes!

On a personal note, does anyone have a copy of the last Star Trek: TNG show!!! I missed it and am on my knees begging for a copy to view!! Call me if you can spare it for a day or two!! Thanks!! 529-8490!!

Does anyone know what is being built in the site of the old Studio 13?

Well, kids, it has been fun.. but it is Cuervo time.. TTFN! Cuervolyn



A classic position for Jeff

Health officials from 54 nations start planning for AIDS summit

PARIS, Friday, June 17 (AP)—Health officials from 54 countries assembled Friday to plan for an unprecedented AIDS summit in December aimed at bolstering the worldwide fight against the disease.

Topics include curbing the spread of the HIV virus, which causes AIDS; reducing the vulnerability of high-risk population groups; improving social and medical care of HIV-infected patients; and aiding research on an AIDS vaccine.

The summit was proposed in December by French Health and Social Affairs Minister Simone Veil in Marrakech, Morocco, during a conference on AIDS in Africa.

In an opening speech, Veil said AIDS was expected to make major inroads in Asia in the next

several years, infecting 10 million people there by the end of the decade.

"It's time for the wealthiest countries of the world to recognize a particular responsibility toward the poorest countries, which ... are heading toward a major catastro-

phe because of this epidemic," she said.

Numerous international organizations are helping prepare for the summit, including the European Union, the World Health Organization, the World Bank and UNICEF.

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Virginia appeals court awards lesbian mother custody of child

By LARRY O'DELL
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

RICHMOND, Tuesday, June 21 (AP)—A lesbian's victory in a child-custody case was hailed by gay-rights activists as affirmation that homosexuals can be good parents and blasted by conservatives as an attack on the traditional family.

In a unanimous ruling Tuesday, a three-judge panel of the Virginia Court of Appeals awarded Sharon Bottoms custody of her 2-year-old son, Tyler Doustou.

Henrico County Circuit Judge Buford M. Parsons Jr. ruled last September that Ms. Bottoms' relationship with her live-in lover made her an unfit parent. He affirmed a juvenile court decision awarding custody to Ms. Bottoms' mother, Kay Bottoms.

Sharon Bottoms had testified that she and April Wade engaged in oral sex, which is illegal in Virginia.

"A parent's private sexual conduct, even if illegal, does not create a presumption of unfitness," Judge Sam W. Coleman III wrote for the appeals court.

"Today, Virginia joins the vast majority of states which ask whether a parent's sexual orientation ... will harm the child, not whether some people are still prejudiced against lesbians and gay men," said Ruth E. Harlow, associate director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

"The court relied on the body of studies

documenting that children with lesbian and gay parents grow up to be just like children of heterosexual parents," said Kent Willis, executive director of the ACLU of Virginia.

Paula Ettelbrick, director of public policy for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, called the ruling "an amazing statement from a state that has a history of judicial hostility toward the lesbian and gay community."

But Walt Barbee, president of the Springfield-based Family Foundation, said the decision "defies centuries of law and natural history."

Said Barbee: "We all know the traditional family is the building block of society and has to be upheld for the common good. It is a blow to the family and society when government and the courts do not uphold time-proven family structures."

Richard Ryder, lawyer for Kay Bottoms, took a less sweeping view of the ruling.

"Of course I disagree with the opinion, and I think it's a tragedy as far as the boy Tyler is concerned to put him back in that environment," he said.

He said the ruling will be appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court.

"I'm just grateful it's over—for now," Sharon Bottoms said at a news conference. The effort to regain custody of Tyler has been draining, she said, but "he makes it all worth the fight."

The case has been closely watched by gay-rights groups and the media nation-

ally. Some of the principals have been interviewed by Connie Chung and Larry King, and Sharon Bottoms has rejected several other interview and talk show offers.

She said she was uncomfortable in the limelight.

"I'm just a mother trying to get her son back," she said.

Her lawyer, Donald K. Butler, said Sharon Bottoms has turned down offers to be paid for her story because she didn't want to make a profit out of the effort to get her child back.

More offers are likely to pour in, and Butler said his client is keeping her options open on compensation.

Sharon Bottoms said that when she learned of the ruling, "I screamed and cried and was really happy." She said she told Ms. Wade of the decision in a phone call and "she cried."

When she told Tyler he could live with her now, Sharon Bottoms said, the boy responded that "he wants to see April."

Parsons' order barred Tyler from seeing Ms. Wade. Sharon Bottoms was given visitation rights from 10:00 a.m. Mondays until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays, but she was not allowed to take the boy to her apartment even if Ms. Wade was not there.

The visitation order will remain in effect until Parsons receives the appeals court's order in 14 days. After he signs the order, custody will be transferred.

Sharon Bottoms, 24, would not say

whether she would allow her mother visitation. "I'll do what's in Tyler's best interests," she said.

In the court ruling, Coleman wrote that a child cannot be taken from a parent "based on proof that the parent is engaged in private, illegal sexual conduct or conduct considered by some to be deviant" unless a substantial threat of harm is proven.

Psychologists who testified in the September custody hearing described Tyler as happy and well-adjusted and Sharon Bottoms as a loving mother. The boy's father, Dennis Doustou, and Sharon Bottoms are divorced, and he has not been involved in Tyler's rearing.

Kay Bottoms, 43, alleged that her daughter occasionally spanked the boy too hard and cursed in his presence. Sharon Bottoms denied those allegations.

"No credible evidence proves that Sharon Bottoms is an unfit mother or that her having custody of her son will be harmful to his physical, emotional, or psychological well-being," Coleman wrote.

Sharon Bottoms is unemployed and is supported by Ms. Wade—an arrangement Stephen Pershing, legal director for the ACLU in Virginia, described as "just like any family." Ms. Wade works in a health foods store.

Kay Bottoms, a nanny, takes Tyler to work with her when the boy is not with his mother.

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Houston, **BLACK AT YA:** 6'2", brn hair, grn eyes and a stache. I love sports and having a GOOD time. Seeking a good looking, in-shape black male. Call me at home. #27860

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Austin, **TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC:** 26 yr old is fresh to town. 6'2", 185, brn/blu. I am seeking new friends for fun times. I love dancing and going out. #27259

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Austin, **FLEX-ABLE?:** 47 yr old WM attractive, 5'8", 165, blonde and blue with a short beard. Seeking similar. Big muscles are A+. #25706

Austin, **ROCK MY WORLD:** GWM, 29, new to area, 5'9", 180. Casual dresser/drinker/smoker seeks an outgoing loving cuddler for LTR. #26436

San Antonio, **BLACK LIKE ME:** 39 yr old masc blk male seeks other black guys who are masc/slim/well-built, under 41. #20081

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San Antonio, **MAKE 'EM COME TRUE:** Hispanic, 5'6", 160, hry and a nice body. BTMs encouraged. Into fantasies and realities. #25198

San Antonio, **YOUNG LATINO:** 19 yr old Hispanic seeks new friends for clubbing and movies at home. #25159

San Antonio, **GET A KICK:** 18 yr old GWM seeks a boyish GWM. Soccer players with blonde hair A+. Hoping for an LTR. #25221

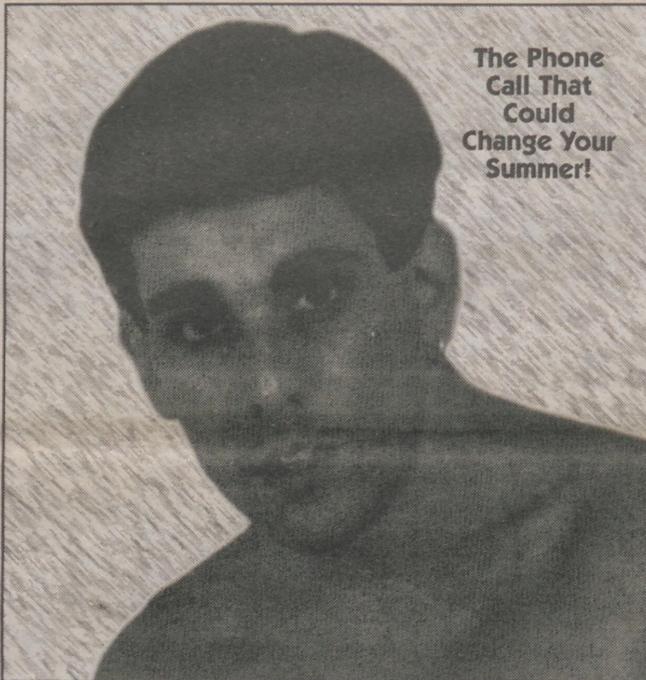
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New York mayor, pompom boys greet Gay Games competitors

By KAREN MATTHEWS
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

NEW YORK, Monday, June 20 (AP)—
Welcomed by pompom boys vamping to
the Village People, participants in
this year's Gay Games also got a serious
greeting from Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"The Gay Games are about more than
athletic competition. They offer a
deeper understanding of America
where tolerance and skills overcome
stereotypes and prejudice," he
said.

Mary Hetzel agreed.

"It's real exciting, because there's so
many gay people here from all over the
world," the 35-year-old weight lifter
from Lafayette, Colo., said Sunday.
"There are a lot of people who wonder
why they were born this way, and when
they come here and they get this support,
it's great."

Sunday was the first full day of the
eight-day competition. Some 11,000

athletes from 43 countries are partic-
ipating in 31 sports, including power-
lifting, cycling, triathlon, hockey,
tennis, basketball, bowling, vol-
leyball, softball and in-line skating.
Thirteen sports are sanctioned by their
national governing bodies, which
means that any records set will be offi-
cially recognized.

The Games were held in San Francisco in
1982 and 1986, and in Vancouver, Brit-
ish Columbia, in 1990.

The competition is being held in con-
junction with an arts festival high-
lighting the 25th anniversary of the
Stonewall Inn riots, viewed as the
watershed event of the gay rights move-
ment. The anniversary march is June 26.

Giuliani, a first-term Republican
touted as "The Tolerant Bully" in a
cover story in the gay magazine The
Advocate, has tried to appeal to gay vot-
ers without alienating the conserva-
tives who elected him.

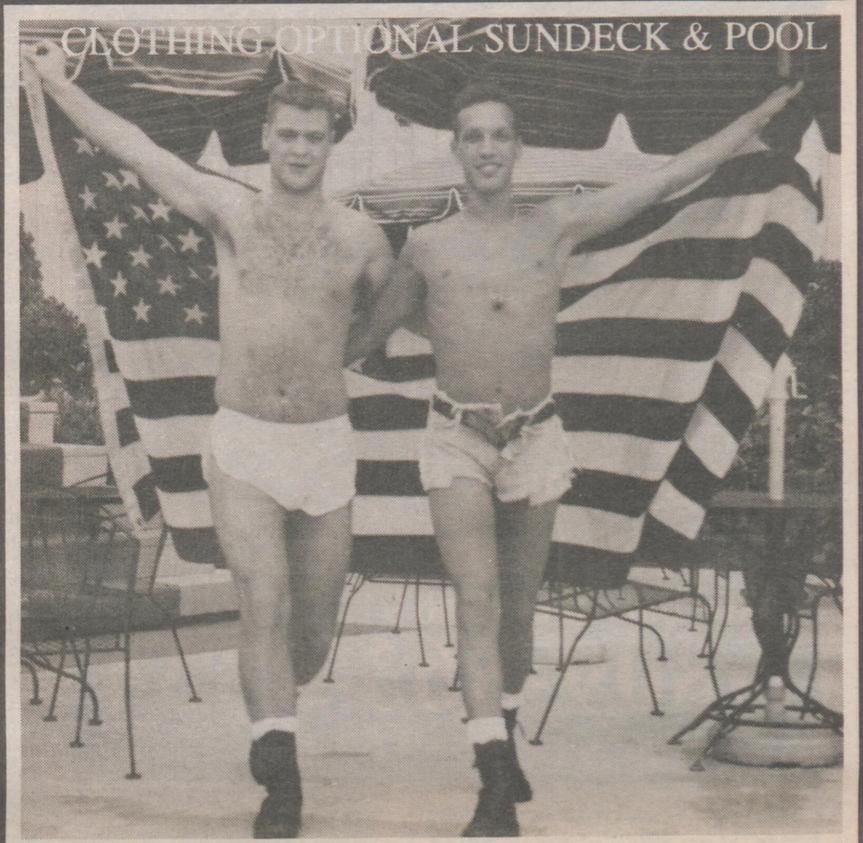
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Eight-year old becomes ruthless; echoes of the sun heard in Galveston

GALVESTON SOAP

By **JOSH DAVIS**

Houston Voice/Galveston

No, no, I haven't lost my mind (well, not yet anyway), just explaining this past week in the Island City. Being one of the culturally elite (Not!) takes a lot of work you know. You can't just sit around and be elite, Noooo! you have to work at it on a regular basis. You get all gussied up and go out to weird places and pretend to have good time...Besides, I didn't have any dirt, so I had to do something. You know how I hate to leave anyone out, so I decided I would do the "culture scene" and see what was cook'n. It seems quite a lot. On the advice of a sisterfriend of mine, I

skipped over to the Strand Street Theatre to watch "Ruthless." Well, let me just say, it was faaabulous! "Ruthless" is kind of a brash, campy, yet intellectual play about the antics of a brave and courageous eight year old girl who decides to take over the lead in her school play, "Pippi in Tahiti." While the play itself does not have a gay theme, nonetheless it was very entertaining and I was quite amused. I would recommend it to anyone. Tickets are \$13-\$15 for adults and \$6.60-\$7.50 for children. For reservations you can call (409) 737-3440. Afterwards, I was in such a good mood (I uncovered some dirt!), I decided to skip over to Moody Gardens and check out the new IMAX films. I can report that "Echoes in the Sun" and "Born of Stars" are much better than that last one, what was it called, oh yes! "The Last Buffalo." "Echoes of the Sun" was my favorite of the two. It just seemed to feel me with a sense of purpose. (Quick, someone get a hose, I'm feeling philosophical). So much purpose in fact, that I just had to have a cocktail! Robert's Lafitte's was very interesting. Oh and I don't mean the show either. Lets put it this way...Mike, the next time a dyke tells you to move, you move! Ok!

Saturday being my day for play, I went rollerblading on the seawall and then made a trip to the dunes for some fun in the sun. Unfortunately, I didn't find any scandals on the beach (I know, I can barely believe it myself), but nonetheless, I did find

out how dune #69 got its name. (You figure it out) The water was quite calm and clear this past weekend and the view wasn't that bad either. "Bare as you dare" seems to be the theme on the beach this year as there were quite a few cuties in thongs. Of course, there was this one queen running around in what appeared to a thong. However, I couldn't really tell for sure, what with all the fat he had hanging on his belly. Really! Eeeh! I thought for sure I would blow chunks! There should be a law stating anyone over 300 pounds is not allowed to parade around in a thong and scare innocent homosexuals for life! Quelling my urge to splurge, I decided to move my chair to a location with a much better view! And Broche, if your lover doesn't learn to appreciate you for your "talents" you just come back down South and I'm sure all your worries will just disappear.

I am not sure if it was because of Father's Day, but there seemed to be quite a few "daddies" out and about in Galveston this past weekend. All the clubs seemed to be equally festive with a special mention for the Kon Tiki Club. Girl, there was a G.I. in



The view on the dunes wasn't bad

town from God knows where, but boy did he taste (ooh!) I mean look good! I was so enthused I invited him home for some "basic training" they don't teach at camp. Unfortunately, he declined the offer, claiming he was straight. Yeah! Straight to the knees! I caught the bitch in a certain restroom giving a little training of his own. Oh well,

Next! After getting my loins ripped out, I skipped over to Evo's for some drink and a little dance. Festive music always gets my blood pumping. And I figured if nobody else would wear me out, I would do it myself (did I say that?) Needless to say, I had a flawless time without Private Dick! (Revenge can be so sweet!) I hope you all got a Daddy for Father's Day and just remember a tisket or a tasket, it's a condom or a casket! Be sweet!



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

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GWM, 45, 5'6", 142#, br/hazel with salt and pepper beard, DDF, smoker and a nudist. This nudist would like to get together for social non-sexual encounters. Just the enjoyment of viewing each other's bodies. Ad 25772

GIVING/RECEIVING LOVE IS A DECISION ...

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Kinky top seeks kinky bottom. I am a male, 44, 5'9", 180lbs, white, hairy, bearded. You: male, 21-45, any height (proportionate to weight), any race. Ad 25134

IT'S HARD...

to find someone compatible when you've been spending too much time working, and not enough playing! But now, I'm ready! This GWM, 36, 6'2", 175, stable (emotionally and financially), professionally employed, in excellent health and spirits is looking for a distraction. I'm interested in meeting a GWM who is 30-45, intelligent, charming and single. C'mon, drop me a line. Let's get together and see if it really is hard. Ad 25716

I WANT MORE!

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

MARRIED MEN

Spend quality time day or night w/semi-retired GWM in Houston. Ad 25328

ROCKET MAN SEARCHING FOR STELLAR LOVE

Not looking for someone perfect. Just a sincere man who wants a relationship. I'm a GWM, 28, 5'8", 150lbs, blonde/blue eyes, NS, DDF, who is romantic, funny, masculine, affectionate, and wants old-fashioned love (Not fast food). Are you a GW-HM (around 25-35) who is fairly masculine (Don't have to be super macho), in good shape, and has a tender heart? Don't be afraid, give it a try. Ad#25155

BABY WANTED!

by attractive, stable, professional, white woman who is racing the biological clock. Seeking attractive, intelligent caucasian male or male couple for cooperative effort in having a child. Full custody for the mother but father (s) can alternatively can have plenty of involvement/visitation alternatively. Would also consider a platonic "marriage of convenience" so that both parents could live with the child. Ad 25740

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EPITOME OF FEMININITY!

Looking for an extremely ultra-feminine woman, slim/medium build, a warm, gentle, calm, stable, positive personality who'll be the "center of my attention, who loves being pampered. Me: GWF, soft butch, small build, blonde/blue. I like doing unto a woman as I would have her do unto me. Ad 25553.

WELL ENDOWED, HEALTHY, MASCULINE CUTE GWM

outgoing, DDF/NS wants to meet other(s) the same for friendship and safe fun. If you are well-endowed, masculine, attractive, under 45 years of age, weight in proportion height, outgoing, not into S & M, DDF/NS, and want to meet the same respond to Ad 25749.

BOY IN TROUBLE NEEDS DISCIPLINE

Disrespectful WM in late 30's who is out of control seeks older authoritative male to administer physical punishment/humiliation to bring him into line. Ad 25793

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

I'm an attractive 39yr. old, 5'9", 150#, well built professional WM that enjoys working out, art, music, outdoors, travel, dinners out, good conversations and hot times with masculine, muscular men of all ages and races. If you are muscular and looking for someone to date and perhaps develop a relationship, let me hear from you! Ad#25935

SEEKING AFFECTIONATE GENEROUS GENTLEMAN SUGAR DADDY

Tall, healthy, sensual, affectionate, fun, friendly, athletic, stable, ambitious, sincere, out-going, handsome, blond, varied interests. You: fit, height/weight proportionate, affluent, very generous gentleman. Able to give: affection, fun, friskiness, contributions, gifts, travel, etc. Casual to serious relationship. Privacy, discretion, friendship, companionship assured. Let's fulfill each other's needs, wants, desires. Ad 25978

YOU'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS TOO?

Have a partner -but want to play around safely with others (singles or couples). I'm a GWM, great-looking, athletic, 6ft. tall, 190lbs., muscular, healthy. Not interested in relationships -just fun. Will consider guys 21-40, any ethnicity. What are you waiting for -this is what you've thought about too! Ad 25531.

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Gay officer wants to stay in Air Force

OMAHA, Neb., Monday, June 20 (AP)—New regulations on homosexuals in the military should allow an Air Force captain to retain his job, an attorney said at a hearing.

"The new policy does allow for retention of homosexuals, and the old one didn't," said Capt. James Bitzes, an Air Force attorney helping to represent Capt. Rich Richenberg.

Richenberg, a 36-year-old, nine-year veteran serving at Offutt Air Force Base, is facing a forced discharge after telling his commander in a private letter last year that he is gay.

A panel of three colonels recommended last December that Richenberg receive a general discharge.

That could make it more difficult for Richenberg to find civilian employment than if he were given an honorable discharge.

Richenberg requested a new hearing after the military implemented new regulations on homosexuals earlier this year.

The new regulations, informally dubbed "don't ask, don't tell," give service members a chance to convince hearing officers they don't intend to engage in homosexual conduct.

Richenberg has said only that he has a homosexual orientation. Monday's hearing was expected to continue today.

HOUSTON VOICE CONNECT LINE HOT PERSONALS

MICHAEL, 24 yrs. old, blond hair, blue eyes, clean cut, big dick. Call for fun and fun only. Mail Box 1098

ROGER, 5' 8" 150 lbs, good definition, 30 inch waist, brown hair and eyes, moderately hairy. Big cock, 8 1/2" x 5 1/2". Likes to jack off, give and receive low jobs and talk dirty on the phone. Mail Box 1176

TAD, 22 yrs. old, black hair/eyes, fair complexion, clean shaven into alternative music and hanging out. Mail Box 1182

MAVERICK, 24 yrs. old. Wants to meet GM between 20-30 years old. Into clubbing, partying and sex. You will not be disappointed. Mail Box 1198

MICHAEL, 23 year old slender blond hair, brown eyes. Recent U of H grad, classical musician who likes reading, music, clubbing, staying at home. Looking for friendship and possibly more. Mail Box 1199

CHRIS, 5'11" 150 lbs. brown hair/eyes. Looking for older brother type between ages of 37 - 45 to give me the discipline I need. I want to get spanked, paddled and humiliated. Mail Box 1223

DOUG, 27, good looking, straight acting WM, dark hair/eyes. I have a great, muscular body, and am into leather. Looking for the same with a big dick. Mail Box 1284

LEE, 30 years old straight acting/looking; I look 25 years old. Live in Galveston area. I have dark hair/eyes, and like working out lifting weights and biking. Looking to meet 22-30 yr old W/HISP G/BI M who is sincere, and honest for friendship leading to relationship. Mail Box 1296

DOUG, lives in Houston area. 5'11", 175 lbs, 29" waist, 17" arms, very muscular. I work out a lot! You must also. Looking for muscular guys for a good time. I like to wrestle! Mail Box 1291

MICHAEL, 6', 180 lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, tan. Looking to meet people all over the country. I live in Texas. Want friendship plus more. Mail Box 1303

Let me rub your feet! RAY, 6'1 1/2", live in Houston, 195 lbs, good shape, clean shaven, hairy chest. I love feet! Total discretion, no reciprocation required. Mail Box 1313

MICHAEL, 39 years old, 160 lbs. Short dark hair, brown eyes, mustache, smooth chest. Live in Houston area. looking to talk to and meet new people. Mail Box 1347

BRIAN, 30 years old, live in Houston. 5'10", short dark blond hair, 165 lbs, blue eyes, moderately hairy, 33" waist. Looking to meet friendly guys for discreet fun and friendship. Mail Box 1351

RICHARD, older guy looking to meet younger men for discreet, safe fun. You must be young, slim and smooth. Mail Box 1377

PAUL, successful businessman looking for right guy for worldwide travel. You must be 18-24, attractive, versatile. I am a wild, older guy (39) and will compensate you accordingly. Mail Box 1378/1387

MATTHEW, 5'10", 155 lbs, brown hair, green eyes. I like movies, clubbing and working out. Mail Box 1389

BRIAN, lives in N.W. Houston, 32 years old, 5'6", 142 lbs, healthy. Looking for someone in area for friendship. I like movies, reading and dining out. Mail Box 1457

CHARLES, lives in Houston. 45 years old, good shape, 5'10", 160 lbs, brown hair and eyes. I am bottom who likes to experiment. Mail Box 1504

JOSE, 5'7", brown eyes, black hair. Looking to meet white guys. I like to cuddle. Mail Box 1523

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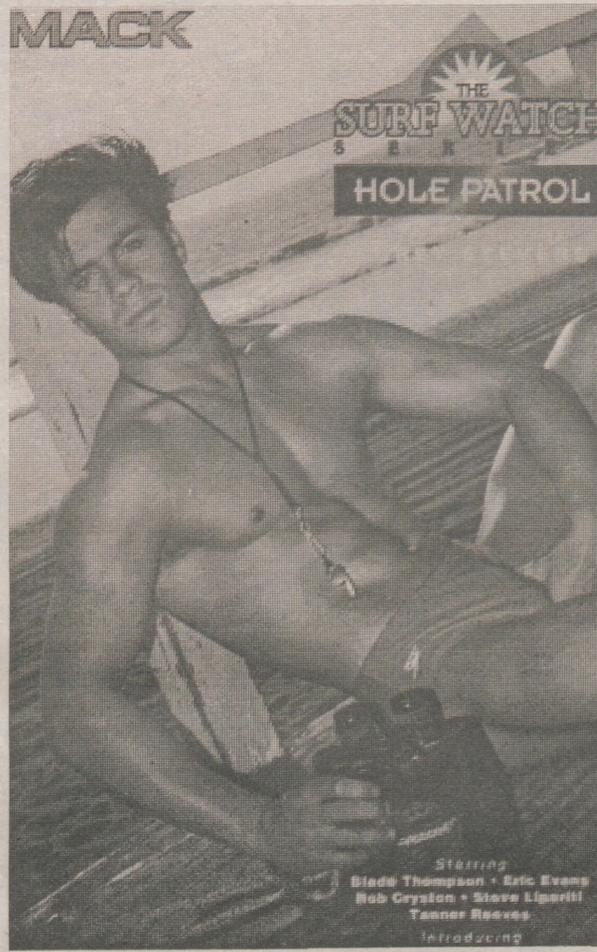
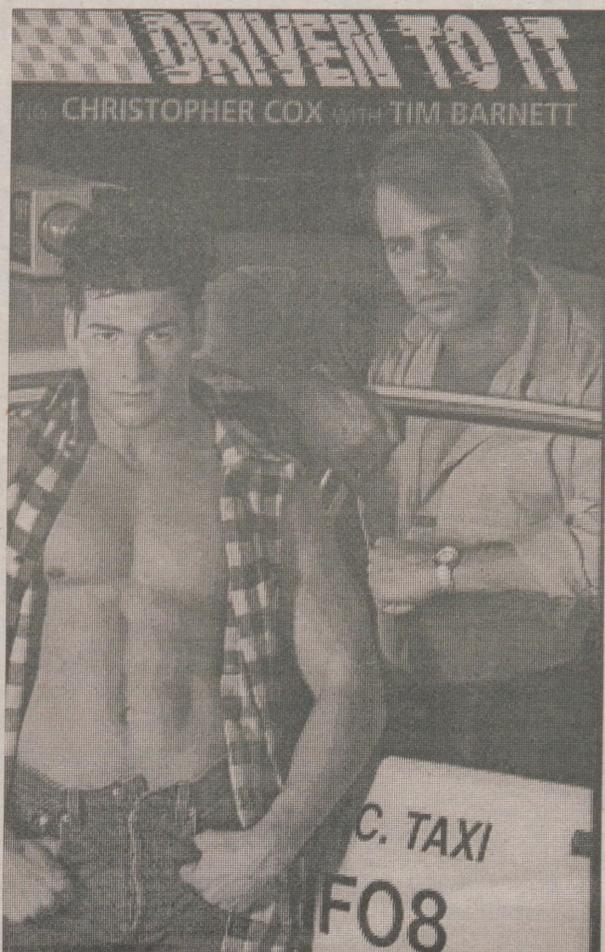
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Write out your ad using up to six (6) words in a bold headline and up to fifty (50) words in regular type. Then mail it with your check for \$24.95 to the Houston Voice, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006. Please enclose your name, mailing address and telephone number where you can be reached during the daytime. We will mail back to you an 800 toll-free number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-digit personal identification number (PIN). Call the 800 number and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. You can change both your voice and written ad as often as desired but you must phone or write us every four (4) weeks to keep your ads running.

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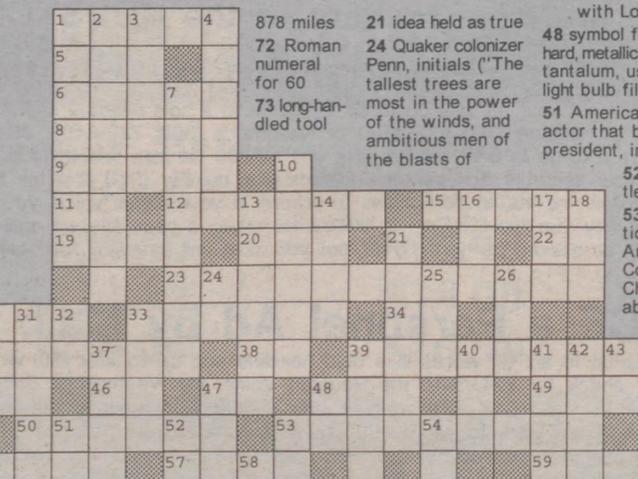
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ACROSS

- 1 big passenger vehicles
- 5 abbrev. for an entity formed into a legal body
- 6 sphere
- 8 small brook
- 9 consumed
- 11 state with Bismarck as capital, abbrev.

- 12 river in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois
- 15 It's in effect now. Has anyone heard a giant sucking sound?
- 19 Old French for two
- 20 rest
- 22 because
- 23 Texas admission to the Union, 2 words
- 27 compare with original again
- 33 conical tents
- 34 lieutenant, abbrev.
- 35 initials of TV news journalists Mudd & MacNeil
- 36 Zachary, American general, later to be U.S. president, who commanded American troops in 1st battle of the Mexican War
- 38 What American business executive David Sarnoff had in common with singer Dinah Shore
- 39 U.S. Secretary of Housing & Urban Development, former San Antonio mayor
- 44 slant
- 46 symbol for chemical element silver



- 878 miles
- 72 Roman numeral for 60
- 73 long-handled tool
- 21 idea held as true
- 24 Quaker colonizer Penn, initials ("The tallest trees are most in the power of the winds, and ambitious men of the blasts of
- 48 symbol for very hard, metallic element tantalum, used for light bulb filaments
- 51 American actor that became president, initials
- 52 gentle stroke
- 53 direction San Angelo to Corpus Christi, abbrev.
- 54 snakelike fish
- 56 Last Frontier state, abbrev.
- 58 36th U.S. president, following Kennedy, initials ("There can no longer be anyone too poor to vote.")
- 62 home of Blue Bell ice cream
- 63 town near Fort Hood
- 64 dissatisfactory
- 65 movie exec. Valenti or singer
- Vale or actor
- Voight, initials
- 67 vision
- 70 one's former spouse
- 74 mineral with valuable constituent
- 75 concern
- 76 males
- 77 DOWN
- 1 800,000 acre national park in Texas on Mexican border, 2 words
- 2 one who discards cargo
- 3 explore to get info
- 4 brownish yellow earthy substance used as pigment
- 7 Texas' largest county in physical size
- 10 LBJ's middle name
- 13 leaks out slowly
- 14 groups classed together
- 16 8th month of the year, abbrev.
- 17 to make by tatting
- 18 cinder
- 29 Roman numeral for 950
- 30 acronym for approximate time of reaching a destination
- 31 country with Ottawa as capital
- 32 state with goldenrod as official flower, abbrev.
- 33 garment of ancient Rome
- 37 weak
- 39 stick for walking
- 40 nothing
- 41 engrossed
- 42 central European river, 562 miles
- 43 Sunshine State, abbrev.
- 45 extrasensory

perception
47 river that forms much of Texas' border with Louisiana

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HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25 - JULY 1, 1994



Houston Voice readers born during this week share with French author, Ms. Amandine Dupin who wrote under a male pseudonym, George Sands, the desire for privacy. Being inwardly sensitive - these early cancer readers combine patience with tolerance.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Beginning your month of birthdays, brings new chances to meet potentially wonderful people in your life. You must be out and about to be seen. Get your yard work done early in the weekend so that you may join friends in the local bars and clubs. Break off from them early in the evening, so that you are able to be noticed and cruise successfully. Being a single person has extra advantage for you.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) Happiness is your byword for all this week, as your spirits have a great chance to fly high and greet everyone with a smile on your expression. This is one of the wonderful times of the year when an outgoing, happy and friendly approach to others really pays off in meeting people. Think of the week more as a time to play than to fall in love. For those within a relationship, give each other a bit more room to party.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Try a shorter hair style for the summer to enhance your good looks and to have more friends notice you. My partner gave me a close trim last week and it is wonderful. Watch out for some users that are circling you, aiming for a hand out which will never be re-paid. Be careful as to with whom you enter into financial dealings. Stop on the way home from work and consider getting a bunch of flowers for your kitchen table top.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) Stopped over to look at the cleaning job that you did at home, and your quarters look so much better. Continue organizing and throwing away never or seldom used items. This will send good signals to whom ever you bring home as a trick. If recent dating has not attracted anyone interesting, try looking for a different type of person. You maybe looking for someone a bit more active and 'rough and tumble'.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) Dating will be more successful for you if you dress in bolder colors, e.g. black, medium red, dark blue, and seek out new friends who are a bit more assertive themselves. If your energy is down a bit, look at the number of hours of sleep you are having. Aim for at least seven to eight hours the week to sustain your late nights over the weekend. This will help the circles under your eyes, also.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Continue to add to your kitchen skills in helping to catch the special person in your life with the recipe on this page from the Kuntry Kidd. This week's recipe is especially good. Hold onto your urge to make a major financial purchase over the next two weeks. If the purchase price is more than one hundred dollars ask yourself will I need the item in six months from now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Back off a bit in talking to friends and be more of a listener. Your friends have some interesting and worthwhile observations about yourself to make note of. This is a good week to ask trusted friends about what you are doing right and wrong in your life. If you accidentally forgot to acknowledge your Father last Sunday please consider telephoning him tonight to wish him a special Fathers' Day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Continue to pace yourself energy wise, as this and the next several weeks are low energy days for you, no health problem, just a down period of time. Your co-workers will be impressed with a sense of cooperation on your part. Offer to help them with something they are doing. A bit of courtesy to others, as in opening doors, saying 'thank you', and asking how their lives are going will pay dividends in the future.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Your increased versatility is right on target, meeting new friends, exploring new things sexually and trying different foods. Watch the caloric intake for those of you who are over weight during this month, as it is an 'oral' phase for you. Wearing brighter summer colors to the office will have you noticed by your boss, you probably have just the thing already in your closet.

ARIES (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) As much as you like to talk about yourself, be much more selective in whom you confide your opinions as not everyone who over hears you is understanding or sympathetic to you. Back down on comments about others, especially if those comments are not flattering. In meeting a new person, let them open up about themselves first, and then go ahead and selectively talk about yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20) That was a wonderful party you gave your special friend. It was appreciated and welcomed. If you are in New York City for the games, have a great time, and do not worry about things at home, as the moon is smiling upon you at this time. Notice the small details of life and give special attention to them. Saw you working out at the gym, and your body is looking wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) Recovering from your birthday month with a high energy level of things going better in your life. There is still a great deal of stress, however, you get in over your head. Look at what needs to be organized better or eliminated. Be sure to thank close friends for their recent help to you.

RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD



Yo! I know most of you like things that are sweet, hot, and easy to make. Many of you are probably thinking of a night in the sack with someone hot, but this will be something you can look forward to in the morning after a hot night in the sack. It's fairly easy to make, and is really a nice morning treat for breakfast. If you all are watching your weight, just say to hell with it and give it a try.

QUICK BREAKFAST ROLLS

- 2 packages frozen dinner rolls (little ones)
- Cinnamon & Sugar
- Pecans or walnuts
- 1 - 3 oz. package butterscotch pudding (not instant)
- 1/4 cup oleo
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

Grease bundt pan. Roll frozen rolls in melted oleo, then sugar and place in pan. Sprinkle with nuts, then with pudding. Combine oleo and brown sugar in pan and bring to a boil. Pour over top of rolls, cover and let stand overnight at room temperature. Next morning, bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Cool before taking out of pan.

These really are good, and I think you will be amazed how they turn out. When you wake in the morning, you will be surprised how much the rolls have risen. Give them a try. The only thing you have to lose is you don't is weight.

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!

KUNTRY KIDD

