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▼▼▼ GUEST COMMENTARY

A night on the town with the Montrose Q-Patrol

By STEPHEN TOMPKINS

(Editors note: Friday, Jan. 10 was the first weekend night of increased Houston Police Department presence in the Central Patrol area, which includes Montrose, under a new citywide HPD overtime program designed to put more police on the streets during peak crime hours. It was also a particularly busy day for the Q-Patrol, a recently established Montrose citizen's patrol group. The following report gives an inside look at the group's operations on that night and over the past few weeks).

An anonymous telephone call on the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 10 indicated the Q-patrol was in for an exciting night. The caller professed to be a closeted gay man. He and his co-workers were on a coffee break, chatting about the prior evening's television viewing, when one of the co-workers mentioned having seen the new CBS show, which last Thursday featured a segment about the murder of Paul Broussard and gay-bashing in Houston.

The co-workers thought that gay-bashing sounded like fun, and planned an excursion for Friday night. The anonymous caller said he felt like he needed to notify someone, so he called the Houston Gay/Lesbian Switchboard, who referred him to Mark Gartner, leader of the newly formed Q-Patrol.

Q-Patrol began operating just before Thanksgiving, in response to the tremendous surge of hate crimes that were being committed against gay men in the Montrose area. Since its inception, Q-patrol members have been responsible for the arrest of seven gay-bashers and one purse snatcher, all within the 63 square block area patrolled by the group on foot and in cars.



HPD officers take baseball bats from the car of suspected gay-bashers arrested Friday, Jan. 10 with the help of the Q-Patrol

In the latest incident last Friday, members of the foot patrol observed a Chevrolet El Camino driving at a high rate of speed, west bound on Avondale. Three Hispanic males inside the vehicle were shouting at passers-by. Foot patrol members then observed gun shots coming from the vehicle. This information, along with the license plate number was radioed to the Q-Patrol mobile unit, who then notified HPD by cellular phone. Within minutes, HPD officers were on the scene and arrested the three men. Inside the El Camino, officers discovered two hand guns and two baseball bats.

Earlier that same evening, Q-Patrol members witnessed a young Hispanic male sprinting down Pacific Street with a

large purse under his arm. At first, Q-Patrol member Keith Stewart thought the young man to be a drag queen. But he followed him as he zig-zagged through the neighborhood. An off-duty Harris County deputy happened to be monitoring the Q-Patrol's radio transmissions and caught up with the young man and apprehended him. It seems this guy had just accosted a local resident leaving her apartment, held the gun to her head and demanded her purse.

In a previous incident, on the evening of Dec. 27, Q-Patrol assisted HPD in apprehending four youths from Nederland who had been riding through the neighborhood, shouting and throwing bottles. The

four boys, aged 15 to 18, were arrested.

Gartner said that while Q-Patrol has been effective in discouraging hate crimes in the Montrose area, the group is going to have to shorten its patrol hours due to a lack of volunteers. "Each week, the same 12 to 15 people show up for patrol," he said. "We have handed out flyers, begged and pleaded ... in short, we've done everything we know how to do to get more volunteers. Our patrol shifts are only four hours long, and our current flyers asks for volunteers to commit to one four hour shift per MONTH.

"I am hoping that this is a matter of us not doing our marketing job properly, because I would hate to think that the level of apathy is this high in Houston's gay and lesbian community."

The group is also in desperate need of funding to continue its operations, other members noted. (The patrol recently got a boost in this department with a \$100 donation from an area business owner, Suzanne Anderson of Anderson Properties, who said she would encourage other business owners to contribute as well.)

Gartner is no stranger to the Montrose area, or to citizens' patrols. Although he now resides in Southeast Houston near Hobby Airport, Gartner spearheaded the original "Montrose Patrol" in the late 70's.

The crimes are still the same," Gartner said. "The difference this time around is that we have the support and cooperation of the officers in HPD."

To volunteer to help with the Q-Patrol, or for more information, call Mark Gartner at (713) 645-5252 or Keith Stewart at (713) 524-5110.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Trial date set for only one defendant in Paul Broussard murder case

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

TNV Editor

District Court Judge Brian Rains set a trial date for one defendant in the Paul Broussard "gay-bashing" murder case but postponed arranging court dates for the other nine defendants until after the first trial is scheduled to start.

Assistant District Attorney Mike Anderson had stated last week that he believed trial dates for all of the defendants would be set a hearing last Friday, Jan. 10, and that he believed attorneys for the ten young men would request separate trials.

The trial of Jon C. Buice, 18, was scheduled to begin Feb. 24. Cases against the other defendants were set for disposition on Feb. 28—probably to let the legal players observe the first trial, according to a civil rights attorney who has been monitoring the case.

After the hearing, Anderson said that assessment—that attorneys and prosecutors are waiting to see results of the initial trial—is probably at least partly correct, but refused to comment on why Buice's case was selected to be tried first.

"I can't go into the facts of the case ... I am ethically precluded from doing so ... and I would have to do so to answer that question," he said.

But Pamela Oglesby, staff attorney for the Texas Human Rights Foundation, said she believes court records indicate the state probably has the strongest case against Buice.

At present, all ten defendants are



Jon C. Buice: trial set Feb. 24

charged with first degree murder. Oglesby speculated there may be "some plea bargaining" in other cases after the Buice case goes to trial.

"I certainly don't think any (charges) will be dropped or dismissed... I can see their point, though, in starting with the strongest case," she said, adding that treating the cases individually may be the better route in a jury trial situation.

"It is my understanding ... there were a couple of (the defendants) ... who didn't participate in the actual murder, who just stood by and watched," Oglesby said. "I think it would be harder for a juror to look at these young guys all together, to be convinced they deserve the same (punishment)."

Oglesby said she believed separate trials would be more likely to result in more severe sentences in the strongest cases; however, she noted, the tactic of hinging cases on the results of one trial "could

very well backfire."

Anderson said after the hearing he hoped that one by-product of the trials would be a reduction in hate related violence against gay people.

Broussard, 27, was beaten and stabbed to death July 4 as he walked to his car after leaving a Montrose gay bar. Two friends who were with him were also attacked and beaten. The case sparked a forceful outcry against hate crimes and has led to reform of Houston Police Department policies regarding bias-motivated crime.

—News show interviews gay basher

In related news, a national television audiences was treated to an on camera interview with a self-described gay basher in a segment dealing with the Broussard murder on the news show "Street Stories." The young man, caught throwing bottles on a Montrose street by a citizen's patrol group, detailed on camera his gay-bashing activities and said he hated gay people. He concluded—apparently unaware of the racist nature of the statement—"I don't think of them (gays) as human ... it's like they're their own race."

Some activists expressed disappointment in the much-touted TV piece, saying that most of the reaction from lesbian and gay people was edited out of the segment. The final piece instead concentrated mainly on the Houston Police Department's undercover Operation Vice Versa and devoted about five minutes to

the basher's statements.

The segment's producer, Maria Patrick, who spent several weeks in Houston working on the story, said the piece was cut from 18 minutes to 11 when the show's producers decided to use the piece on the "Street Stories" premiere Thursday, Jan. 9.

—Mother of victim arrested

Nancy Rodriguez, mother of murder victim Paul Broussard, was arrested early Saturday morning outside of a Montrose gay bar for illegally carrying a weapon. Rodriguez, in town to attend the Friday morning court hearing, said she has carried a gun for ten years, and has a permit for it in Georgia. She did not realize she needed a Texas permit to carry it here, she said.

Police said Rodriguez was arrested after a man arrested for DWI told officers that a woman had pulled a gun on him in the parking lot of Mother's, a gay club at 402 Lovett. Rodriguez said the man had been following the car in which she was riding, driving erratically, and had almost run into the car. She said she pointed the gun at him when he approached her in the parking lot, because she was frightened. The man then ran away.

A companion said Rodriguez had been invited to attend a drag show at the club, in which a friend of her son's was performing. Texas law prohibits weapons from being carried into establishments which serve liquor. Rodriguez said she had put the gun away in the car after the man left.

While newspapers and television still debate President Butch's chamber of commerce foray through Asia and his undoubted indelible imprint on Japan's prime minister, one item has gone nearly unnoticed except for that venerable paper of record, *The New York Times*. The *Times* on Tuesday related a first for the Americas: A homosexual was granted refugee status. Jorge Alberto Inaudi, a 28-year-old Argentine, has been imprisoned, raped and tortured in his native country (where the arrest of homosexuals is legal) and the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board ruled his sexual preference placed him in a "particular social group," entitling him to protection.

While Germany and the Netherlands have made comparable decisions this is a first for the Americas. Clyde H. Farnsworth of *The Times* believes that this might hold implications for the United States. We doubt that any American immigration authority would be so open-minded, viewing their precedents on the issue of homosexuality.

After all, as Farnsworth further points out, Canada is about to end a policy of barring homosexuals from the military and has already moved to allow conjugal rights for homosexual prisoners. Yes, that means what you think. Gay lovers would have sexual visits with their jailed significant others. Somehow we don't see the Willie Horton-enlightened Butch buying that one.

Speaking of the Japanese Emperor's favorite tennis

opponent, Butch's biggest claim to popularity, like previous Republican presidents, has been in the foreign field. Obviously, the high point for Butch was that splendid little war against the "little Hitler" of the sands, Saddam Hussein. Of course, the one problem with all that is that "Little Hitler" is still there and growing stronger again. This is sort of like our defeating Germany but leaving Hitler. After all, we did defeat Japan but left the Emperor.

We also allowed Hussein's Republican Army to escape at the last minute only to turn around later and terrorize the very minorities Butch had been inciting to riot against Hussein.

For the longest possible time Butch bolstered Gorbachev, scorned Yeltsin, and even went to the then Soviet Union to preach the dangers of independence in the Ukrainian capital to an audience lusty for freedom.

And this foreign policy President, by neglect, has conceded Europe to the dominance of a reunited Germany. He has linked arms with another "Little Hitler" in Syria. While, on the other side of the world, he continues the peculiar Republican fascination with the Chinese Communists by blocking all Congressional attempts at economic steps to protest that country's dismal human rights agenda. And now Japan. Enough said.

We recall only a little over three years ago when gay Republicans were telling us that, after all, they supported Butch because of his economic policies at home. Enough said.

And now the press is jumping

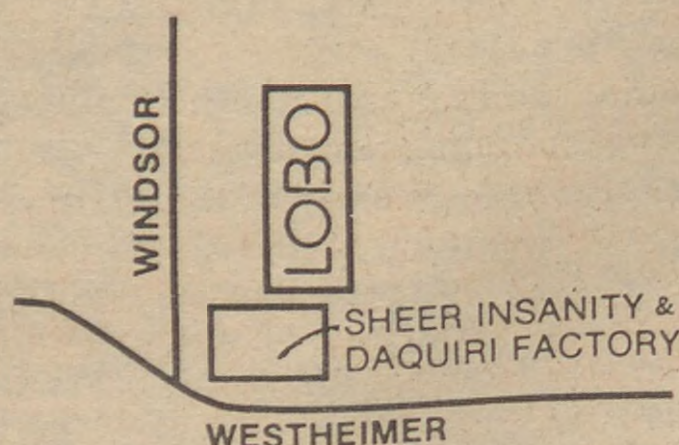
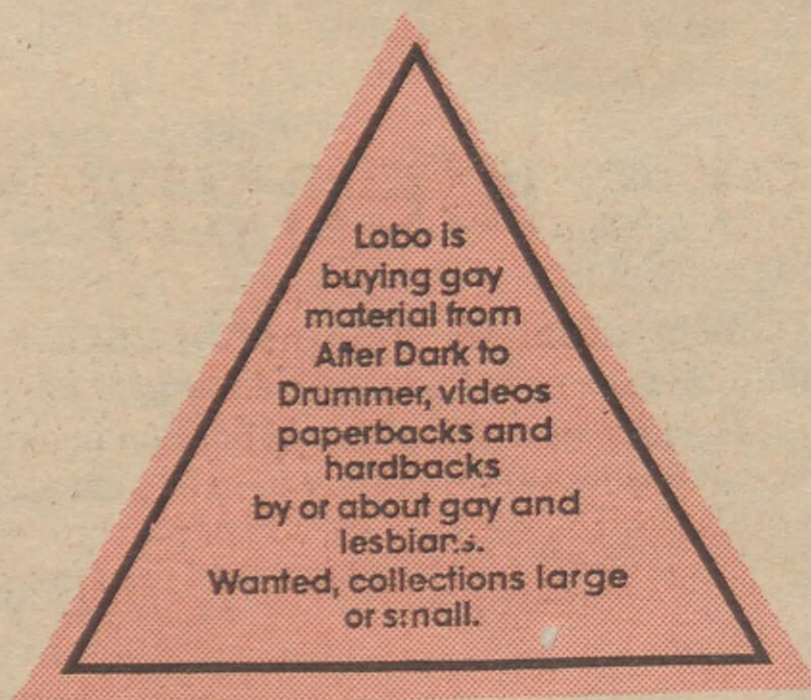
on the bandwagon heading up out of neighboring Arkansas where Governor Bill Clinton has promised to do for the United States what he has done for his home state. We can picture that one: The United States as one large Arkansas. We lived in Arkansas, we know Arkansas, and you, Mr. Clinton, can't make us into Arkansas.

Perhaps it is not just a fluke that the Democratic Party cannot rise to the occasion every four years with a viable presidential candidate. Perhaps it is the system. And just perhaps the system is such now that any sane, substantial likely candidate would rather remain, say, the governor of a state rather than face the demanding, leavening effects of a national campaign of slogans over ideas, TV spots over campaign stump, Madison Avenue over Main Street, political handlers over Kitchen Cabinets. Our system has reduced the presidency to mediocrity while increasingly dividing the country between the privileged few and the great masses. Now all we need is someone in the palace, we mean White House, to cry out: "Give them cake" and then Katie, bar the Bastille.

Well, the French Revolution brought us Napoleon and Jefferson did say an occasional little revolution is good for the soul of a democracy. Who knows, maybe King Quayle? And Queen Marilyn? The possibilities in finite.

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Texas Human Rights Foundation looks to '92; Staff, outreach expanded

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

TNV Editor

As the Texas Human Rights Foundation prepares to take its challenge to the state sodomy statute to the appellate level this month, one of the group's four Austin staffers jokingly laments the fact that gay and lesbian Texans seem to think the landmark case—which resulted in Sect. 21.06 being ruled unconstitutional in a Travis County district court in 1990—"is all we have to do."

THRF is scheduled to present oral arguments in the appeal of "Morales et al vs. the State of Texas, on Jan. 29 through cooperating attorney Patrick Wiseman. It will be the first opportunity the group has had to present legal arguments for abolition of the law in a state-wide court.

"The (21.06) case is probably the biggest thing we have going right now, of course," remarked Suzy Wagers, THRF director of administration. "But involved in a lot of other things, and we have some really exciting things planned."

The legal organization, which recently hired its first in-staff litigator, Pamela Oglesby, is looking at an ambitious calendar of expanding activities and outreach this year. THRF, which previously depended on volunteer services of cooperating attorneys to represent its civil rights battles in the courtroom, will now be able to take on more cases and provide more efficient representation, asserted Wagers.

"With Pam in place, we have someone here on staff who can handle these cases on a full time basis," she said. "We do still have the cooperating attorneys, and we're very grateful for their services. But now we have someone who can talk to the people, do the legal work and



The new staff of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, clockwise from top left: Kim Vickery, legal assistant; Suzy Wagers, director of development and administration; Patricia Presley, legal coordinator and Pamela Oglesby, staff litigator, plan to expand outreach and services in 1992

look into the cases eight hours a day."

The staff of THRF has doubled since January, 1991 with the addition not only of Oglesby but a part time administrative assistant, Lynesse Hanner, and the expansion of legal assistant Kim Vickery's job to full time. The additions, she said, have "drastically broadened the scope of our services."

For this reason, THRF's main plans for 1992 involve getting the word out about their available services. "People need to know that we do have these people on staff, and that we have cooperat-

ing attorneys," said Wagers. "And they need to know who we are and what we can do." The group differs from other advocacy and lobbying organizations like the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL) in that in that its focus is specifically on legal issues and challenges, she explained.

The organization is planning a series of oral and written presentations to explain its focus and services and opportunities to help, members said.

THRF's AIDS Legal Resource Project is looking at its own aggressive calen-

dar for the new year, said Wagers. The Project, under new director and THRF legal coordinator Patricia Presley, will be scheduling seminars to explain its goals and recruit cooperating attorneys in rural areas, said Wagers. The first of Presley's presentations is tentatively scheduled in Amarillo on Jan. 30-31. The seminars, titled "AIDS and the Law" will be presented in areas which have few resources but, because of minimal education about the issue, often have an "overwhelming need" for legal representation.

"In addition to not having resources, these places often do not even have the basic education to take on these (AIDS-related) cases," said Wagers. The idea is for THRF to offer its services as advisory and educational resource, while at the same time attracting lawyers to cooperate with the group in presently unserved areas.

The Texas Human Rights Foundation recently moved its offices, due to the sale of the building which previously housed both this group and LGRL. The new address for THRF is 815 Brazos Street, Suite 1000, Austin, TX 78701.

THRF is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to fighting discrimination against gay men, lesbians and people with HIV/AIDS through education and litigation. For general information, call (512) 479-8473. the toll-free number for HIV information is 1-800-6417.

▼▼▼ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Johnson's role as 'heterosexual HIV' educator: Foul or free throw?

From TIMOTHY HENDON

All of the recent publicity about Earvin "Magic" Johnson has stirred an uproar about HIV in the heterosexual community, but just how Magic contracted the deadly virus is beyond anyone's imagination—or is it?

As a member of the broadcast media in New Orleans, I have spoken with several professional gay players with the New Orleans Saints, and some straight players for the San Francisco Forty-niners. Each of them seem to think Magic may be working magic on us.

Magic denies bisexuality or homosexuality and one can only guess from whom he contracted the virus. Dave Kopay, ex-football player with the Saints and the Forty-niners, made a remarkable statement that Magic should follow: "All people, gay or straight, must realize that the only common denominator among gays

is and only is and emotional and physical attraction for their own sex."

Johnson, in all interviews, denied any and all possibilities of homosexuality. E.M. Swift of Sports Illustrated noted in his interview with Johnson that "there have long been rumors." Proving them is the hard part of the puzzle. If Magic is lying, to remain in the closet he will have to come up with some good ones to fight the tabloid reports of hustlers who have allegedly slept with him.

Is Magic Johnson playing on the fears of middle America like Kimberly Bergalis? Only eight days after Magic's Nov. 7 announcement of his retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers, President Bush appointed Magic to the National Commission on AIDS.

Sure, Magic is a role model for black, Latino and white youths. "It is important for me to remain an independent voice

on this issue as I work to educate the heterosexual community," he said. It seems to me, Magic is denying us—gay men and lesbians. He needs to realize there would be no local task forces, coalitions or other agencies to help fight this epidemic without the lesbian/gay community. Magic should open up and recognize who has done the work and thank those responsible: the gay community.

For Magic to be straight and contract the virus is OK, but for Martina Navratilova, it is not that simple. Navratilova said in the New York Post (Nov. 20, 1991) that if she had contracted the virus, "they'd say I'm gay, I had it coming." Martina, the only openly lesbian top-ranked tennis professional, went on to say, "If it had happened to a heterosexual woman who had been with 100 or 200 men, they'd call her a whore and a slut." Is there that big a difference in men

and women who are straight and gay? No, the only difference is sexual orientation.

The question remains: Is Magic yelling foul so he can gain some free throws for extra points? Or is he in the closet to save his marriage. As Martina says, "The only way to overcome a phobia is to bring it out in the open and say, "Hey, I'm just like you, flesh and blood. I have the same problems, I have the same headaches, I have to pay taxes, and I have the same quarrels with my lover!"

If Magic is gay/bi, what would happen if he came out of the closet? Would he lose endorsements? According to Martina, he could lose a lot, but: "There are a lot of myths out there that need to be dispelled, and the only way they will be dispelled is if people see those gay athletes out there who look normal to them, whatever normal is supposed to be."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: SAN ANTONIO

Jurors to hear testimony on AIDS carrier's identity

SAN ANTONIO, Friday, Jan. 10 (AP)—Webb County officials want to find out "how many victims" have been infected by a man who is carrying the AIDS virus and has boasted of regularly having unprotected sex, a prosecutor says.

The Webb County District Attorney's office will ask a grand jury to force the Community in Schools Program for the United School District to identify the Laredo man, who knows he is infected with the virus.

"We plan to go to the grand jury Tuesday to find out who this man is and find

out who and how many victims he has infected," Assistant District Attorney Monica Notzon told the San Antonio Express-News in Friday's editions.

Raul Dominguez, director of the AIDS clinic run by the school district, has told officials he tested the man for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, at the man's request in June.

The man refused to accept the printout of the results from the Texas Department of Health, according to Dominguez, who is expected to be called as a witness.

The man has told Dominguez he has sexual relations with as many as three

different women each month and does not use a condom, officials said.

Sexual contact is one way the AIDS virus can be spread, according to health experts. It also can be transmitted through the sharing of intravenous needles and from an infected mother to an unborn child.

Ms. Notzon said intentionally exposing another person to AIDS is a third-degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison. She was unaware of any Webb County case since the offense was placed in the state statutes.

She said there are have been no com-

plaints about the unidentified 21-year-old man prosecutors are seeking.

Dr. Reynaldo Godines, who also is expected to testify next week, said he is familiar with the case but does not know the identity of the man and has not talked with him.

"I have never met the person, but the point here is that we need to make AIDS a reportable disease," said Godines, director of the Tri-County Medical Society.

Other sexually transmitted diseases, such as syphilis and gonorrhea, are reportable, he said, adding that he will appear before the grand jury willingly.

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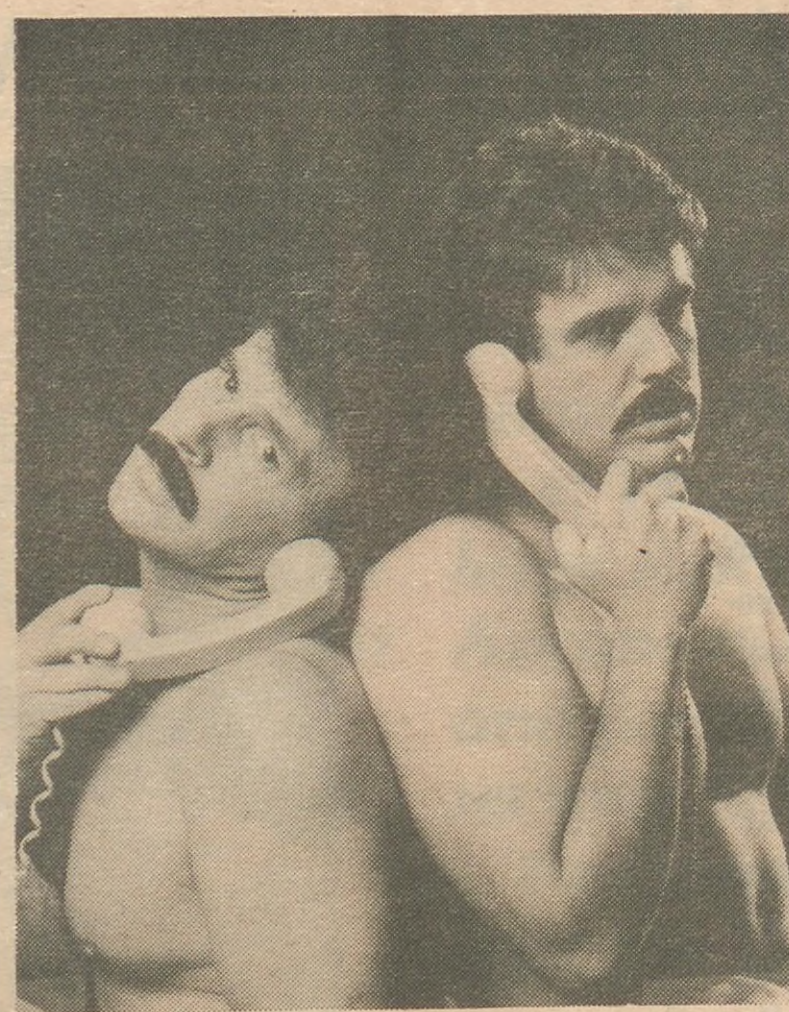
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

AIDS groups laud resignation of controversial health director

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
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The news of city health director Dr. John Arradondo's announced resignation "by mutual agreement" with Mayor Bob Lanier and administration chief Al Haines was greeted with near celebration by local AIDS activists and organizations. Arradondo, who resigned under pressure after several discussions with Lanier and Haines last week, was out of town during the press conference Friday, when Lanier introduced Dr. Mary deVignes-Kendrick, previously assistant director of personal health services, as the new acting head of the Department of Health and Human Services.

At the Friday news conference, Lanier stated that he and Haines had several conversations with Arradondo over the week on a variety of public health topics including Houston's high infant mortality rate, the bilingual capacity of city health clinics, administration of AIDS grants and children's immunizations. The discussions were amicable and Arradondo seemed to have a grasp on all of the issues, he said. But he said the resignation was the result of "a mutual agreement reached between all of us" and that he believed the department needs changes.

Asked whether he "already had his mind made up" about the director before becoming mayor, Lanier denied that he had made any prior decisions. He said he had been asking different community groups their opinions of other health officials—including Kendrick—because "questions (about Arradondo) had already been raised."

Last summer, consultants who conducted a study on the management of the health department were intensely critical of Arradondo, and Haines—then chief administrative officer under former Mayor

Kathy Whitmire, recommended that he resign. Arradondo refused, and Whitmire stood by the director, rejecting Haines' recommendation. Haines, however, took control then over the health department's budget, and Arradondo received no pay raise. Arradondo, 50, received a salary of \$99,300 as health director.

On Friday, Haines said Arradondo would continue on the city payroll as an advisor "for a couple of weeks at least" to insure an orderly transition.

Arradondo had long been the target of criticism from AIDS groups, who charged among other things that his attitude toward community based service providers was distant and cold; that he did not organize an efficient program for spending HIV prevention/education grant monies and that—although he was introduced as an AIDS expert by former Mayor Whitmire—he did not have sufficient experience to deal with the epidemic in a city as large and heavily affected as Houston.

More recently, Arradondo incurred anger of AIDS educators for statements made on a radio talk show, during which the director reportedly stated that AIDS could be spread through casual contact, such as kissing. (A spokesperson for the health department debunked the charges, saying that Arradondo said only that such transmission is "theoretically possible," but that no cases have been reported). After that incident, AIDS Foundation Houston education director Bart Loeser, who heard part of the program, said the problem was that Arradondo presented the facts in an incorrect context due to lack of experience as an AIDS educator. "(Arradondo) is an administrator, he's not an educator...you can't just go on the air and say something like this, without any explanation, to people who may not be educated in all of the facts. It needs to be pre-

sented in a certain way, by someone who knows what (he or she) is doing, the education end of it," Loeser said.

During Houston's strange and bitter recent city election AIDS activists made Arradondo's removal an endorsement issue in the mayor's race, and openly gay city council candidate Annise Parker called for his resignation during her campaign.

On Friday, AIDS Equity League president and former city epidemiologist Robert Falletti quipped that the resignation was probably "the best public health decision John Arradondo ever made for the city of Houston."

"In relation to HIV and AIDS, his departure should help get HIV prevention programs which are federally funded on the right track," said Falletti, who believes an administrative structure similar to the Ryan White panel which oversees AIDS service monies is needed for prevention programs as well. "There will be more opportunity now to create a process that allows for more input (from community groups)," he said.

"The Ryan White panel has already proven its effectiveness in handling the service money. This is the kind of process we need (for prevention grants)," Falletti added.

Falletti also lauded Lanier's aggressiveness in pushing for consolidation of some services of the city and county health departments, including some AIDS services. "Both the departure of Dr. Arradondo and the consolidation of health services should have a tremendous impact in all public health areas," he said.

Kendrick said she plans to work more closely with community based groups to help improve services in all areas. Asked if she would like to be named permanent health director, she replied tersely, "I have not been asked."

Meanwhile, Lanier said he doesn't feel any "time pressure" in appointing a permanent director for the department. Asked if Houston will see other city department heads resigning "by mutual agreement," he stated flatly: "You might."

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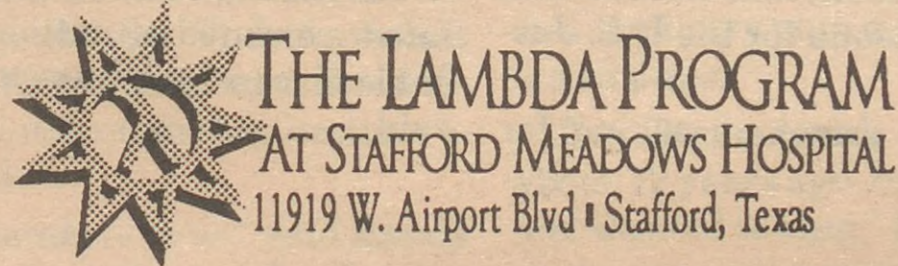
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: LOUISIANA

Louisiana inmates seek stricter prison AIDS regulations

BATON ROUGE, Thursday, Jan. 9 (AP)—Two state prisoners afraid of catching AIDS filed a federal lawsuit here which asks that state officials be forced to implement a wide range of policy changes, including mandatory AIDS testing for all inmates entering the system.

Richard Lay and Travis Carter, both serving time in the state prison in Angola, also want prisoners who test positive for the AIDS virus to be segregated from the rest of the inmates.

"The introduction of AIDS and other transmittable disease-infected inmates into the general population could result in non-infected inmates ... receiving what in effect amounts to a death sentence!" a document supporting the lawsuit said. "Testing and segregation appear to afford the only avenue for guarding against an extremely traumatic disease."

Mandatory testing and segregating in-

mates who test positive for the AIDS virus aren't allowed under current Department of Public Safety and Corrections policy, according to Dwayne McFatter, an assistant warden at Angola.

Only infected inmates who need special medical attention are separated from the general prison population, McFatter said Wednesday. Testing for AIDS is done only at the request of inmates, McFatter said.

About 50 to 100 inmates at Angola are currently known to be infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, McFatter said. Louisiana prison officials have estimated that about 3 percent of prisoners state wide are infected with the virus.

The inmates who filed suit claim that DOC policy doesn't adequately protect them from catching the deadly disease. The state's failure to implement stricter AIDS policies violates the constitutional rights of uninfected prisoners, the suit

claims.

McFatter said if the inmates follow current prison policies, they are unlikely to contract the virus.

Injecting drugs and homosexual activity—both recognized as common routes for the transmission of the AIDS virus—are banned, McFatter said.

"If inmates follow the rules, they won't catch AIDS," McFatter said. "However, the majority of prisoners are here because they can't follow rules."

Four state prison systems—including Mississippi and Alabama—have segregated inmates infected with the AIDS virus. Only Alabama and Mississippi currently keep inmates carrying the AIDS virus totally isolated from the general prison population, said Ted Hammett, who worked on a study of AIDS in prisons for the U.S. Justice Department.

Lawsuits filed by prisoners asking for

mandatory AIDS testing have failed in at least 10 states, Hammett said.

In their lawsuit, Lay and Carter also ask that prison officials identify inmates and employees who have the AIDS virus. The plaintiffs argue that when inmates are convicted of crimes, they give up their right to privacy.

Keith Nordyke, who represents all Louisiana prisoners in a longstanding lawsuit against the state, said that he is researching the Department of Corrections policies on AIDS, especially at Angola.

The two most common means of AIDS virus infection—intravenous drug use and sexual contact—are "routes of transmission that without doubt exist at Angola," Nordyke said.

"Anytime you have 5300 people in an isolated, confined situation and a communicable disease, you have to be concerned," he said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Skinhead gets maximum sentence for his role in gay bashing death

NEW YORK, Thursday, Jan. 9 (AP)—The reputed leader of a skinhead gang was sentenced to up to 25 years in prison after admitting his role in the death of a gay man who was bludgeoned with a hammer and stabbed to death.

In handing down the sentence Wednesday, state Supreme Court Justice Ralph Sherman called Daniel Doyle "a disgrace

to the human race."

Doyle, 21, pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter. He appeared in court with a shaved head.

He told jurors how he, Erik Brown, 21, and Esat Bici, 20, stalked the streets of the Queens section of New York in July 1990, looking for a homosexual, drug addict or homeless person to beat up. They picked 29-

year-old Julio Rivera.

The three men beat him with a hammer and beer bottle before Doyle fatally stabbed him with a 4-inch kitchen knife in a schoolyard.

Doyle, son of a retired police detective, admitted in a plea bargain that he led the attack. He got the maximum sentence of eight to 25 years despite his testimony

against two accomplices. The other two were convicted of murder and face 25 years to life when they are sentenced Friday.

Doyle told the judge before sentencing that he was "sorry for the Rivera family."

But the victim's brother, Ted Rivera, said he had no sympathy for Doyle. "My brother will never come back; I will never speak to him again."



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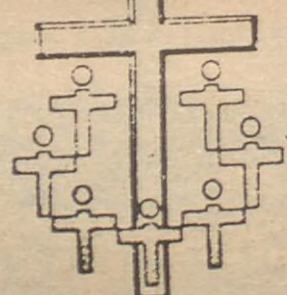
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: TEXAS

Choral group offers fellowship with song for AIDS sufferers

By SUZANNE MILLER

FOR THE NEW VOICE

DALLAS, Friday, Jan. 10 (AP)—Four years ago the Turtle Creek Chorale was 47 guys in the red. Today the group operates in the black, boasts upwards of 150 members, and receives national artistic recognition.

The chorale has performed for Queen Elizabeth and President Bush, and will perform in Carnegie Hall in June of 1993.

But the chorale measures its success in ways that reach far beyond these achievements since it has become a lifeline for its many members with AIDS.

The singers know all too well how devastating the disease can be. They have lost many members to acquired immune deficiency syndrome, although they hesitate to give an exact toll.

"They're not numbers to us," said Randy Rhea, public relations director for the chorale. "They were our friends and our fellow singers, and out of respect for them we don't like to see them reduced to number 12, number 20, or whatever."

But Rhea noted there had been three funerals since August alone.

Some chorale members who have AIDS push themselves to make it to rehearsal when they barely have the energy to leave their house. They may have to remain seated during songs while others stand, but merely being with the group and singing seems to be beneficial.

"The guys in the chorale feel that this has helped the healing process for members with AIDS," said director Tim Seelig.

When the 1991 Christmas concert sold out, the chorale scheduled an extra performance whose proceeds were shared with local AIDS charities. The previous year the group had donated all its proceeds from a concert in Fort Worth to an AIDS organization, and they plan a similar concert in Dallas in June.

The Turtle Creek Chorale was formed about 12 years ago, by a group of men "who just wanted to sing," Rhea said, joining the growing number of men's choirs appearing around the country. The founding members of the chorus, numbering 37, were recruited by newspaper ads and posters.

Members of the chorale pay dues, come from various professions and have varying degrees of knowledge of music. The chorale

requires an audition to join and an annual re-audition to stay around.

"They take roll," said B.J. Thomas, a chorale member for nine years. "If you miss a certain number of rehearsals then you are required to re-audition. We memorize everything—we don't use music in performance."

The singers rehearse every Tuesday evening at the Sammons Center for the Arts, a home for several nonprofit arts organizations. The chorale practices in a cheery room that features a ceiling two and a half stories high, hardwood floors, and white-washed brick dotted with acoustical tile.

Reference Recordings, a Grammy award-winning classical and jazz label, recently signed the Turtle Creek Chorale. It plans to record the group's next release at Morton H. Meyerson Center, where the chorale performs all its concerts in Dallas except the Christmas concert.

The recording will feature Randall Thompson's Testament of Freedom and works by other American composers such as Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copland.

The group's first recording, "From the Heart," was voted Best CD of 1990 by readers of Chorus! magazine. "Peace," a collec-

tion of Christmas music, and "When We No Longer Touch," a cycle of songs about surviving the loss of a loved one, were both recorded at the Meyerson Center.

Besides performances at the center, the chorale makes a lot of appearances that do not require attendance by all members, like singing at a community tree lighting or at a shopping mall.

The group plans to donate the proceeds of the forthcoming Reference release and "When We No Longer Touch" to the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

The chorale established an internal AIDS fund to help its own members. The fund provides relief as needed, paying for medicine, doctor's appointments, emergency rent payments or car payments. Once the fund was used to pay for a hospital bed that somebody needed to have at home.

"My hope is that other arts organizations will come out about their AIDS losses," said Seelig.

"I would say that our biggest help as a group is through the fellowship and closeness and support that we give one another," said Rhea. "That would probably be as much or more important than any financial support we could ever give."

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▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Maxey calls for end to lobby control of Texas House speakership

On Friday, Jan. 10, State Rep. Glen Maxey spoke to warn the people of Texas about the influential interests lobbyists have on the race for the state's third most powerful office, the House speaker. "Special interests have hand-picked and controlled the Texas Speaker of the House for decades," said Maxey (D-Austin).

Gib Lewis who won his fourth consecutive term as speaker while under criminal indictment, announced last week that he will not seek re-election this year. At least



State Rep. Glen Maxey suggested a closed ballot in the race for Speaker of the House of to reduce pressure on representatives during the vote

eight House members have announced they will seek the position next year.

Unlike the governor or lieutenant governor, the speaker is presently elected by a voice vote of the House, not by a general election. Because of the legislative power the speaker wields, a vote against a successful candidate often negatively affects a legislators ability to pass legislation.

To halt the influence of the lobby on the speaker's post Maxey supports a closed ballot. "A closed ballot

will allow members to vote without fear of retribution," said a Maxey aide.

Maxey urged voters to "take back our government, just as we did in the governor's race" by demanding accountability from their representative on his or her choice for speaker. "The speaker's race should no longer be conducted in the back room. The media should investigate the campaign records of the candidates and the source of the contributions," said Maxey, adding, "If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, then it must be a lobby duck."

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Montrose Clinic announces major fundraising campaign for expansion

The Montrose Clinic officially announced Thursday, Jan. 9, the launching of a major capital campaign to raise \$1.9 million to purchase and renovate the former Westheimer Hill Motel (215 Westheimer) as its new location.

Executive director Ralph Lasher said clinic administrators have been advised by the city's Housing and Community Development Department that the department would recommend to city council the awarding of \$500,000 in re-programmed Community Development Block Grant Funds to go toward the renovation costs.

City Council had approved the grant and the overall project in concept late last month. However, council has yet to approve an actual contract for spending the money, from "recycled" CD funds that were not spent in 1991, said John Nix, chair of the Clinic's relocation committee. Now that the housing department has recommended making the funds available, the clinic is a step closer to realizing its goal, Nix said.

Purchase of the building itself will cost about \$700,000, and another \$700,000 will be needed to purchase adjacent land for parking, and to cover the cost of the professional consultants conducting the capital campaign as well as the major move from the four separate locations now being used for the Clinic's affiliated programs. Interim financing has been arranged which will allow the building to be purchased and help with remodeling, officials said.

The new building will be able to house activities now being conducted at all four sites. Montrose Clinic affiliated programs include the Thomas Audette Memorial Clinic, Audette Center and the Houston Clinical Research Network (HCRN). The planned facility will consolidate the operations into one 12,000 square foot location.

Montrose Clinic opened in 1981 on a \$9,000 budget in a building literally steps away from the new location. This year, the Clinic and its programs will spend an estimated \$1.3 million to provide services to over 25,000 people.

— "Together We Can"

A very special evening is planned this Sunday, through the combined efforts of Queer Nation, the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the National Gay and

Lesbian Task Force. "Together We Can," a community fund raiser featuring an address by NGLTF director Urvashi Vaid and entertainment by nationally known gay performance artist Tim Miller, will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Heights Theatre, 339 West 19th Street, between Ashland and Ruthland in the Houston Heights.

Miller is a performance artist who has been creating his own work since 1978. His work has been described as "a powerful and theatrical exploration of the connection between personal story and social events and activism." In his own words: "My work as a performance artist tries to dig as deep as I can at the things that make me bang my head against the wall. Jumping off from autobiography, I look for connections between text and gesture, between life and the world around me, between myself and the audience. As a gay person and AIDS activist, I want to shake things up and create community through the weird and exciting reality of performing."

Vaid, a long time feminist and gay/lesbian activist and community organizer, is visiting Houston this weekend. Her involvement with the gay and lesbian rights movement spans more than a decade. Vaid was born in New Delhi, India and grew up in upstate New York. She has worked on projects including the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Equal Rights and a variety of grass roots community organizations dealing with violence. She has scheduled several other Houston appearances this weekend.

For more information on "Together We Can," call (713) 521-1000 or (713) 524-4657.

— Gay Japanese film

The Houston Museum of Fine Arts will feature the film, "Rough Sketch of a Spiral," believed to be the first documentary on Japan's gay community, as part of its ongoing Asian Film Festival on Friday, Jan. 24. The film focuses on the gay movement within the larger context of Japanese society, which considers "gay" to include everything from male transvestites to closeted people who lead outwardly "normal" lives. In Japan, there is no such thing as a "typical" gay person.

"Rough Sketch of a Spiral" (Yasuchi Kojima, 1990) will be shown at 8:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24 along with four short films.

All films are shown at the Brown Auditorium of the MFA, 1001 Bissonnet. General admission is \$4; \$3 for members, students and senior citizens. For more information, call (713) 639-7515.

— The Goals Group

John H. O'Donnell, MD and William A. Scott, CSW-ACP, have announced the formation of "The Goals Group." The goal of this group is to provide quality mental health care for the gay and lesbian community, they explained. Inpatient and outpatient services are available, with locations in the Montrose and west Houston areas, the coordinators said.

Scott and Dr. O'Donnell have worked as a team since co-founding the Montrose Counseling center Inc. in 1978. They have both been active on local, state and national levels in education and consultation regarding delivery of mental health care in the gay/lesbian community.

Dr. O'Donnell is a psychiatrist who has occupied positions of leadership on the medical staffs of several local hospitals, and is currently a member of the AIDS Education Committee of the Texas State Psychiatric Physicians. He has been actively involved in the Caucus of Homosexually Identified Physicians of the American Psychiatric Association and the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, and has served on the boards of several local community organizations including AIDS Foundation Houston and Body Positive Houston.

Scott is an established psychotherapist presently engaged in private practice with the New Counseling Center in Houston. He is a past president of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation Inc. and a present board member; a board member of the AIDS Equity League, and a member of the United States/Mexico Border Health Association. He is a founder and former clinical director of the Montrose Counseling Center, and also founded the Houston group of Body Positive. He is the co-editor of "The Sourcebook on Lesbian and gay health" and has conducted numerous workshops on AIDS, gay and lesbian health issues. In 1990, Scott was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards to the Texas Board of Health.

For more information on The Goals Group, or to schedule an appointment, call



Montrose Clinic officials John Nix, relocation chair; Dr. Richard Grimes, president and Ralph Lasher, executive director announced the launching of a major fundraising campaign to purchase and renovate new facility

(713) 465-8746.

— Safer sex workshops

AIDS Foundation Houston is presenting two workshops to help people explore the fun and excitement of safe, sensuous sex. These safer sex workshops are offered at 7:00 p.m. on the third and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the AFH office, 3202 Wesleyan. This month, the workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 21 is targeted specifically to gay and bisexual issues, while the Jan. 28 workshop has a general focus.

The purpose of the workshops is to help eliminate fears, rumors and uncertainties regarding HIV transmission and to promote safer practices, with a unique twist to "homework" assignments, said Bart Loeser, AFH education coordinator. Workshop facilitators entertain the audience as the group examines the issues through a variety of games, role playing and lively discussion. The workshop is open to all and can be especially helpful for anyone who is fearful or uncomfortable about sexual issues and want to affirm their commitment to a healthier, happier lifestyle.

The workshops are also offered on a private basis to any group or organization upon request. People can host their friends to a "Safe Sex House Party" in their own home at any time. For further information, call Bart Loeser at (713) 623-6796.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Supreme court overturns lesbian's child visitation

By JOE KAFKA

FOR THE NEW VOICE

PIERRE, S.D., Saturday, Jan. 11 (AP)—A divorced lesbian should not be allowed to have her sons for overnight visits, the South Dakota Supreme Court has ruled.

The decision overturns Circuit Judge Jay Tapken of Yankton, who awarded custody of two young children to Michael Chicoine when he divorced Lisa Chicoine in 1989.

The mother was allowed to have the boys, now ages 4 and 5, every other weekend, three weeks in the summer and on cer-

tain holidays. But Tapken said no unrelated females or homosexual males could be in her home when the children were there.

Chicoine divorced his wife after she had several non-discreet lesbian affairs. He then went to the Supreme Court to change the visitation requirements, arguing that "the children's development will be harmed by the continued exposure to Lisa's homosexual lifestyle."

Court records show the mother also has had numerous psychological problems, including an eating disorder, depression, suicidal threats and sexual abuse as a child.

Lower court testimony also revealed that the mother took the children to gay bars in Sioux City, Iowa, while looking for lovers on at least two occasions.

"Although the trial court tried to protect the children through the visitation restrictions, we are troubled by the order's incomplete response to the uncontested evidence concerning the harm threatened to the children by its granting extensive, unsupervised overnight visitation," the Supreme Court said Thursday.

The interests of the children are paramount in divorce cases, the high court said. "The trial court has a duty to ensure the

children are protected at every turn."

While the mother and her psychologist say they believe she is now fully able to provide a suitable atmosphere for the children, the Supreme Court was unconvinced. The court majority said the circuit court should not grant such liberal visitation rights until it is certain the children will be placed in a proper environment, suggesting a home study.

The lower court also must provide adequate measures to assure compliance with any restrictions "should it persist in granting overnight visitation," the Supreme Court said.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Mayor urges state Hibernians to get St. Patrick's Day parade permit

By JOHN SHANAHAN
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Thursday, Jan. 9 (AP)—Mayor David Dinkins said Thursday he has recommended that the state board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians be given the permit to run this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Both the state and Manhattan boards of the order applied to the Police Department for the permit to stage the parade up Fifth Avenue this March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

The two groups have clashed over whether to let an Irish gay and lesbian group march in the parade. The group was not al-

lowed to march as an identified participant last year, but Division 7, of the A.O.H. allowed them to walk with their contingent, as individuals, in a compromise.

Dinkins marched up the avenue with the group to show his support.

Police spokesperson Sgt. Norris Hollomon said Thursday that the department had not decided which group would get the permit.

The traditional sponsor of the 230-year-old parade—the city's oldest and biggest—has been the Hibernians' Manhattan chapter.

Dinkins stressed during a City Hall news conference that the dispute over the permit had nothing to do with the flap over the homosexuals.

"There is an internal problem and difficulty that exists that has nothing to do with gays and lesbians marching in the parade," he said.

Dinkins said he suggested that the Police Department give the permit to the state Hibernians, represented in the application by state President Kevin Coggins of Elmira.

"This seemed to be a superior way to go and let the organization sort of hash out its

internal problems," the mayor said.

When Dinkins marched with the group last year, he was the target of catcalls and a beer can hurled by a spectator. It missed him.

At the reviewing stand, some Hibernian officials turned their backs on the mayor and the gay marchers as they passed.

A grand marshal was expected to be chosen Thursday night for the parade.

The finalists, chosen from a field of 17 candidates, were Connie Doolan, 58, a brewery business executive; Barbara O'Neill, 44, a travel agency operator, and Dan Kelly, 60, owner of a furniture store.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Gay & lesbian people of color say oppression takes many forms

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

On Monday, Jan. 20, most of the nation will be celebrating the birth and life of one of this country's great leaders, the Rev. Martin Luther King. Dr. King's message of continuous opposition to prejudice through unceasing dialogue and non-violent demonstrations continues to have a special resonance to many gay men and lesbians of all colors.

But while the black civil rights movement of the 1960's and the gay civil rights movement of today may, on the surface, share similar dreams and tactics, some black gay and lesbian activists feel that too closely tie the two diminishes their great differences and leads more to misunderstanding and distrust than to cooperation.

"I was at this fund raising dinner for this great white gay organization and the speaker, a black lesbian, got up and started to talk about how the gay movement is an outgrowth of the civil rights movement. I wanted to throw up," says Boyd Vance, a gay African-American and HIV educator for CEACO, the Central East Austin Community Organization. "Here she is, the token person of color in a white organization, saying that while most of the gay community still does not welcome black people."

Sharon Bridgeforth, a writer, AIDS activist and counselor with the city health department's HIV-AIDS unit, agrees. "I do not think that (the gay rights movement and civil rights movement) are that similar, and should not be compared ... the issues are completely different. The gay/lesbian movement has traditionally been white. It has not focused or given much concern to issues that affect people of color."

Bridgeforth was surprised that a black person was even comparing them. While she has heard the comparison several times before, she feels it indicates a lack of a real understanding about the issues each has fought for. "Gay/lesbian people have been ostracized and abused, even beaten. We have had to fight for our rights. But when you talk about the civil rights movement you are talking about a historical defa-



Boyd Vance of the Central East Austin Community Organization, thinks the comparison between the civil rights and gay/lesbian movements is a long shot

mation, a rape of culture, of hundreds of years just trying to survive and fighting simple things like the right to work, the right to education, the right to vote, the right to live without day to day discrimination...you can't talk about being black in America without addressing racism, oppression and cultural and economic deprivation. You can talk about being gay without ever having to deal with (these issues). Gay people talk about sexuality and free expression. Gay people wounds are different and are not as deep."

These sentiments may not sit well with many people who argue against a hierarchy of oppression. Bridgeforth points out that for white gay men, oppression is largely a matter of choice. "When your black your black, everyone knows that when I walk into a room. If you are gay, you have a choice whether you wish to reveal it."

Vance suggests that the difference lies more with the level of risk. Protesters in Selma were beaten up and shot by state troopers. "While the political tactics of ACT UP are similar, they are often misused. White gay people have less to risk, they can come out and protest because they have economic security," Boyd says that the protesters can often "pass" as straight if they needed to in order to keep a job. "I can't pass (as white)."

What bound the protesters of an earlier generation was often a common experience. As people marched with Dr. King to Montgomery, that common experience was the denial of voting rights, the remoteness of economic opportunity, the segregation of society, and the constant threat of violence without the retribution of justice. But over the years, largely because of its own successes, the civil rights movement has fallen into disarray.

After the assassination of King, Vance thinks that the civil rights movement won many of its issues, and in the process, lost its identity. "(Black people) became more integrated into society...with that integration we lost many of our common goals. Now you have a black who has a job at IBM, and his kids go to a white school, and they feel alienated from a culture that exists for the majority of people of color." Vance feels this diversification is making the black culture more like the gay culture, where you have people of many different social and economic classes struggling to define themselves as a common people.

To Bridgeforth, climbing the economic ladder does not necessarily mean a loss of identity. She discovered that she did not need to use overly sympathetic words to describe herself. "I am a black woman who loves women. I am not just a lesbian, that does not totally describe who I am. I am black first, my concerns are about living and being a black woman in America. I am gay, out, proud of being gay and will fight for those rights, but that is not even the half of who I am. I am a black female, and the issue of race and the future of my kid and my family are what I associate with first." She agrees with the observation that her identity is composed by the priority of her oppression. Black first, then as a woman, and lastly as a lesbian.

"The gay movement is white, and is racist, and I feel it all the time," she charges. Vance concurs, "Gayness is seen as a white value. White people accept it much better." Vance theorizes that gayness is feared as an attack on the "Black Family Structure" because of the history of the black people in this

country.

"Black people were brought over and we had this foreign religion imposed upon us. Our families were torn apart. The only way we survived was through procreation and through the church. Gay people are not accepted because they are not procreative and do not fit well within the church," he says.

"Of course, gay people were always in the church. The organizers were usually gay," he continues. "My mom used to house music students at our house and they were always gay, and everyone knew it. They just did not admit they were gay."

Vance charges that before large numbers of black men can begin to come out, work has to be undertaken in the gay/lesbian community to combat internal racism—just as work needs to be done in the black community to remove homophobia. "Why should a black man come out unless he has another community to go to if he is rejected by his home. One that will accept you beyond your 'sexual prowess,' something other than the legions of drag queens."

But in spite of the divisions, both of the activists see one issue growing as a common ground between the gay/lesbian community and the black community. The issue is AIDS. After years of denial, the black community is beginning to experience the same devastation from AIDS that the gay community began to feel in the early eighties. "When people are dying, it's an opportunity to reach people who may not have listened before," Vance observes. "People stop trying to find fault and begin to work together. It is a healing and accepting time. Black families have told me that through (a family member's illness with HIV) they have become closer." Maybe, he suggests, through the battle against AIDS the black and gay/lesbian communities will become closer also.

"We are allies, we can come together and we should, address things and fight together," says Bridgeforth, "We can work together as allies for claiming diversity and fighting for the right to just be."

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Typical syphilis victim no longer a gay white man, says New York study

By CATHERINE CROCKER
FOR THE NEW VOICE

NEW YORK, Friday, Jan. 10 (AP)—The typical syphilis sufferer these days is a black inner-city woman who abuses drugs, according to a new issue of the New York State Journal of Medicine.

The demographics of the disease have changed in the last ten years. In the 1970s and early 1980s, syphilis was primarily a disease of gay white men.

But the disease, which has reached epidemic proportions in New York, has been held in check in the gay community in large part because of safe-sex practices in response to the AIDS epidemic, according to a series of articles released this week in the December issue of the New York State Journal of Medicine.

The shift in the demographics of syphilis also can be attributed to the impact of crack cocaine in the second half of the 1980s. Many women are infected with syphilis because they are addicted to crack and provide sex to get either the drug or money to buy it, wrote Dr. Pascal James, the journal's editor.

The number of reported syphilis cases increased threefold in New York state from 1985 to 1990, reaching almost 14,000 annually, according to a report by Patricia MacCubbin, a state Health Department biostatistician.

The epidemic is centered in New York City, as well as Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Erie and Monroe counties.

Syphilis is preventable by penicillin and other antibiotics. Pregnant women with untreated syphilis can suffer miscarriage or stillbirth. Babies born may have bone deformities or damage to the brain or nervous system.

"By 1990, the victims of this unprecedented epidemic were primarily women. ... These women were usually young and black, often drug abusers and mothers, who lived in areas characterized by poverty, inadequate educational opportunities, and inadequate health care," said a report by Dr. Alan Levensohn, a researcher at the state Health Department.

The male-to-female ratio of those infected in New York City dropped from

1.90 to 1 in 1986 to 0.93 to 1 in 1990. And in 1990, two-thirds of the syphilis patients in the city, as well as in the rest of the state, were black.

In its effort to control the disease, the state started a Syphilis Initiative in June 1990. The program is designed to conduct screenings at sites where people infected with the disease are likely to be encountered, like emergency rooms, community health centers, drug and alcohol treatment centers and jails.

Levensohn, reports that during the first seven months of the initiative more than 145,000 people were screened and nearly 4,000 tested positive for syphilis. The highest positive rates were found in jails.

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Lawsuit alleges legal secretary fired for off-hours stripping

By JENNIFER McNULTY
FOR THE NEW VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Jan. 8 (AP)—A legal secretary is suing Bank of America, saying bank officials fired him after they learned he moonlighted as a gay stripper.

Michael Thomasson, 32, was an exemplary employee who had received a merit raise two months before he was fired, said his attorney, Paul Wotman.

But a co-worker found a personal letter Thomasson had written to a friend that referred to his job as an exotic dancer, said Wotman. A short time later, at least six bank employees, including several of Thomasson's superiors, went to see Thomasson perform without his knowledge, Wotman said.

Thomasson was fired two weeks later, ac-

ording to the lawsuit filed Monday.

"It's pretty outrageous that they went to see him and then fired him," said Wotman.

The lawsuit claims Thomasson's right to privacy was violated and that he was discriminated against because he is gay. Wotman also claims the firing violated Thomasson's right to free speech, saying dancing is a form of expression protected under the Constitution.

"They used information about his personal life—that he is gay and worked as a gay stripper—to terminate him," said Wotman, who believes the lawsuit is the first test of a year-old state law that prohibits individuals and companies from violating a person's civil rights.

Bank spokesperson Peter Magnani declined to comment Wednesday, saying he

had not seen a copy of the lawsuit. Bank policy forbade him from describing the circumstances under which Thomasson left, he said.

Thomasson, a senior legal secretary for almost three years in the tax department when he was dismissed in June, said his supervisors claimed his performance was under par, and that he had been counseled about continuing problems with his work.

He denied that, saying the firing followed written evaluations that repeatedly cited his job performance as well above expected standards.

And two months before he was fired, he said, a bank vice president recommended going over company guidelines to get him a merit raise above the set maximum.

"It has stigmatized me, too," said Thomasson, adding that the bank's per-

sonnel officials told prospective employers that the bank wouldn't consider rehiring him. He found another job as a legal secretary in late November.

"I want the record cleared," he said. "I didn't work that hard for them that long to have them act not only like it didn't exist but that my work was horrible."

The lawsuit seeks \$1 million in contract damages and undisclosed emotional and punitive damages.

In June, Wotman won a \$5.3 million award for another client, who was fired in 1985 by Shell Oil Co. after his employer learned he was gay.

"Employers should understand that if they discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or violate a person's right to privacy, they'll be held accountable," said Wotman.

Medication for AIDS-associated fungal infection announced

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Thursday, Jan. 9 (AP)—Tests show that a medication that treats a deadly fungal infection associated with AIDS is as effective as the traditional treatment and also safer.

The results of a clinical study involving the medication, fluconazole, were printed Thursday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Fluconazole fights cryptococcal meningitis and is given orally.

The study of the drug was headed by the University of Alabama at Birmingham, said Michael Saag, director of the UAB AIDS clinic.

"By finding this oral drug, we will save

time, money and complications associated with intravenous administration," Saag said. "In addition, we can reduce hospitalizations and the expense of home health care nurses, which are sometimes needed to assist patients while they go through the standard 10-week intravenous treatment."

Cryptococcal meningitis often begins in the respiratory tract and can spread to the central nervous system and to the lining of the brain. Left untreated, it is always fatal, Saag said.

In a study of 194 patients at 30 medical facilities across the country, fluconazole was just as effective as the current intrave-

nous treatment using amphotericin B.

Saag said that 27 percent of the patients reported adverse side effects, compared to 63 percent of those treated with amphotericin B.

The side effects of amphotericin B included fever, swollen veins and, over the long term, kidney and electrolyte problems, he said. The side effects of fluconazole were limited to nausea and skin rashes.

Fluconazole, made by Pfizer Inc., costs about \$10 per tablet. Severely ill patients may have to take two a day. The intravenous drug costs as much, but often leads to complications, Saag said.

Cryptococcal meningitis affects about 7 percent of patients affected by acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Doctors expect the number of patients who are infected with the fungus to increase as ways are found to keep AIDS patients alive, said William E. Dismukes, director of UAB's division of infectious diseases.

Saag said the study showed that patients who see a doctor in the early stages of infection respond best to the oral medication. Patients who don't see a doctor until later stages respond best to larger doses of the intravenous drug first.

The study was sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

Gay-lesbian youth and advocates address Texas Board of Education

By CHRIS LUTHER

TNV Austin

On Friday, Jan. 10, in a packed committee room, advocates for gay and lesbian youth challenged the Texas State Board of Education to promote factual and unbiased sexuality education to students. Although the event was ignored and left unreported by the mainstream media, it was, according to Board of education staff, the first time that anyone has advocated the inclusion of positive gay references in Texas high school curricula.

Tom Neal, campus organizer for the Coalition of Lesbian/Gay Student Groups, a nonprofit educational organization, argued that the lack of accurate information regarding homosexuality contributed to the high rates of suicide among lesbian and gay youth. "You and I are murderers...we are killing (our children) with denial and neglect," Neal told the board.

Neal referenced a US Department of Health and Human Services report that indicates lesbian and gay youth are two to six times as likely to attempt suicide as their heterosexual counterparts.

The action was coordinated by the CLGSG and Project 21, and included representatives from these groups as well as Texas Wesleyan University, OutYouth Austin and Gay and Lesbian Young Adults of Dallas. Project 21 is a national advocacy project that seeks to have anti-gay information in textbooks and curricula replaced with accurate information concerning gay, lesbian and bisexual people. According to Robert Birle, mid-American coordinator for Project 21, educators have instead of educating sexual minority youth, been prone to "blindly reinforcing the prejudices and fears of our society." "Most



Members of gay and lesbian youth advocacy groups testified before the Texas Board of Education last Friday, Jan. 10, urging inclusion of positive gay and lesbian references for high school students

high schools are very hostile to lesbians and gays. Gay students face constant attacks on their self-esteem, and sometimes on their person. School policies rarely protect gay students—or students perceived as gay—from harassment."

Mariya Sparks of OutYouth Austin told the board of her experiences with this harassment. When a fellow student noticed the ACT UP stickers on her book he verbally attacked her, calling her a "flag burning liberal queer who might have AIDS."

"Not only did the other students laugh but the teacher did also," she recalled. Sparks reminded the board of the cost of this ignorance. "Two days after I graduated from McCallum High School, ten of my peers in Houston attacked and

killed Paul Broussard, a gay man. This could have been prevented if the youth had been educated (about gay people)."

After the meeting, Sparks told The New Voice how her principal sought to suppress information to help lesbian and gay youth. "I dropped some information on OutYouth by the counseling center, The principal marked that the brochures should be thrown away. Luckily, my counselor held on to a few, hiding them in her desk," she said. OutYouth Austin is a teenage gay/lesbian/bisexual peer support group.

Sparks, who admitted beforehand to being scared, was satisfied with the presentation to the Board of Education. "You could hear a pin drop." Then she reflected on one of the day's ironies. "Im-

mediately after I trashed my school, the board awarded my principal a certificate of merit. If I would have known this was on the agenda I would have trashed her also."

Birle provided the board with several instances in current texts where the mention of homosexuality is either avoided or negatively biased. He pointed to one reference that briefly discussed the "cause of homosexuality." According to Birle, "an unbiased presentation would have stated that sexual orientation is not clearly understood and that causes of heterosexuality, bisexuality and homosexuality are equally unclear." Neal asked the board "not to steal our history from us. When students read Walt Whitman or James Baldwin, and when they listen to blues singer Bessie Smith or read about Bayard Rustin, Dr. King's right hand organizer for the 1963 March on Washington, don't pretend that they were heterosexual. When students learn of the horrors of the Holocaust, don't ignore that we too slaved and died in the concentration camps."

According to Birle, this testimony began Project 21's mid-America campaign. He says that because of the number of books purchased each year by Texas, it is a crucial state for textbook adoption nationwide. Economies of scale force educators to eventually adopt textbooks that publishers have written for the Texas and California markets.

Information about Project 21 can be obtained by writing Robert Birle, c/o 5840 NW 66th Terrace, Kansas city, MO 64151; telephone (816) 746-0833. The Coalition of Lesbian/Gay Student Groups address is P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219; phone (214) 761-3802.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

Best-selling writer Yves Dangerfield dies of AIDS in Paris

PARIS, Friday, Jan. 10 (AP)—Yves Dangerfield, author of best-sellers adapted for movies and television specials, died Friday of AIDS, his publisher Grasset announced. He was 32.

Dangerfield, also an actor and screenwriter, published his first book, "Les Petites Sirenes" (The Little Mermaids) at the age of 18. The book was later made into

a feature film starring Philippe Leotard and Marie Dubois.

His fourth novel, "La Maison d'Esther" (The House of Esther), about a private girls school in the late 17th century, was pub-

lished earlier this week.

He was born in Brazzaville, Congo, on June 14, 1959. There were no details concerning funeral arrangements or survivors.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Man sentenced for attempted extortion of doctor with AIDS virus

LOS ANGELES, Thursday, Jan. 9 (AP)—A man who said he was a Harvard University student was sentenced to a year in prison after pleading guilty to attempted extortion of a physician infected with the AIDS virus.

But John Michael Fountain, 21, who has been behind bars since he was arrested last summer, has already served most of his sentence.

Court Commissioner Barry Taylor, who accepted Fountain's guilty plea, gave him

credit for 223 days of time served. He imposed a sentence Thursday of one year in jail and three years probation.

Fountain was accused of mailing two blackmail letters to a physician after he discovered that the doctor had tested positive for the AIDS virus.

"I know your secret," said one of the letters. The envelope contained a newspaper article about proposed legislation to impose fines and jail physicians who fail to tell their patients that they carry the AIDS

virus, prosecutors said.

The second letter demanded that \$10,000 be dropped off at a garage in West Hollywood or the letter writer would go to the media with information about the doctor's AIDS test results, authorities said.

The doctor called the Sheriff's Department and sheriff's deputies staked out the address where the money was to be dropped.

Fountain arrived but did not find the envelope and then went to a bar in the neigh-

borhood where he was arrested, prosecutors said.

The doctor later checked his files and found that Fountain had been one of his patients, authorities said.

When he was arrested last August, Fountain said he was a Harvard student who was in Los Angeles for the summer. Prosecutors said he was working for an accounting firm when he learned that the doctor, a client of the firm, had tested positive for the AIDS virus.

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Bering Church joins gay-lesbian United Methodist network

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, the 68-year-old Montrose institution on whose grounds the Bering Community Services Foundation and its related AIDS programs are based, has "come out" in support of gay and lesbian inclusion in the church. The congregation voted recently to join the Reconciling Church Program, a gay/lesbian-positive network with over 50 member churches nationwide.

Bering is the first Methodist Church in Texas to join the program, said Rev. Don Sinclair, the church's pastor. While Bering is not a gay church, Sinclair said, members decided long ago to be an inclusive congregation.

"That was decided a couple of pastors ago, that we would not discriminate," he said. At that time, the discussion was about accepting various groups in the diverse population of the Montrose area, where the church is located, he noted. "It (openness) actually goes back many years," he said.

But what the affiliation with Reconciling Church will do, Sinclair said, is make other churches and conferences aware of Bering's willingness to be a resource for others. "Not everyone has had the opportunity to meet the fine gay people that we have," he said regarding the sluggishness of some churches to accept an open attitude. "By being a part of this network, we can be a resource...we can teach others some of what we have learned.

Sinclair, 61, said he believes it will take some time for Methodists and other major denominations to accept homosexuality, particularly in Texas. Three other churches in the state, two in Austin and one in Dallas, are considering joining the network.

The Reconciling Church Program has member churches in several states, including one in Louisiana.

Bering Memorial, formerly German Episcopal Methodist Church, moved to its present Montrose site in 1924. Over the past ten years, the church and the affiliated—though not church-run—Bering Foundation have been committed to providing programs and ministries to people with HIV and AIDS. These include the Bering Care Center, Bering Dental Clinic, counseling services and support groups.

—"Pansies" confronted "Roses"

About 50 members of the gay activist group Queer Nation, calling themselves "Pansies Against Roses," narrowly avoided a violent confrontation with fans of the rock group Guns 'N' Roses while protesting outside the Summit before a scheduled concert last Thursday.

The protest was to call attention to the homophobic statements of the group's lead singer Axl Rose, who said in a recent television interview that he relaxes by "kickin' faggots' asses, according to Da-



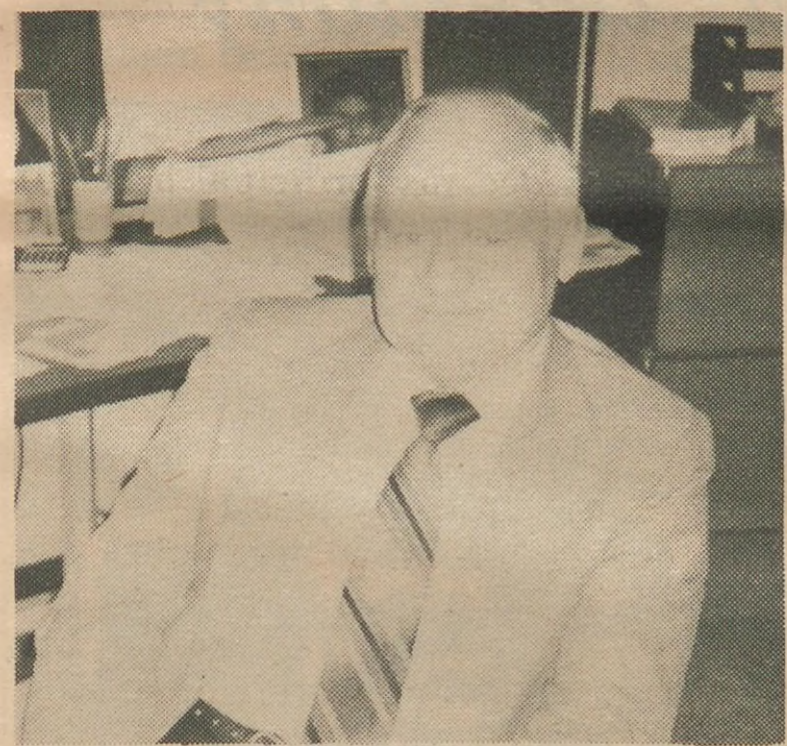
Protesters line up outside Houston's Summit before concert by the rock group Guns 'N' Roses Thursday, Jan. 9. Later, the Queer Nation members were confronted by angry fans of the group

vid Parnell, one of the organizers. The group's lead guitarist reportedly has worn a t-shirt at concert appearances that reads "AIDS: Kills Fags Dead."

Demonstrators greeted fans arriving for the concert with chants of "Racist, Sexist, Anti-Gay, Guns 'N' Roses Go Away." Police, meanwhile, kept a wary eye on the group and the hecklers who gathered as the protest continued. The actual concert did not start until over three hours past schedule—a reputed "calling card" for the Guns, who cultivate a "bad boy rocker" image. Queer Nation—a group with a penchant for claiming words usually deemed derogatory to lesbians and gay men—said earlier they chose the title for the protest because "Gardening almanacs show that the pansy is one of nature's most durable flowers."

During the protest, demonstrators were confronted by a group of fans of the rockers, who countered with chants of "Guns 'N' Roses" and "Music is Freedom of Speech, So Shut Up!"—apparently thinking that the protests were aimed solely at the group's song lyrics and unaware of the conflict within the statement. As the counter-protester group became gradually outnumbered the gay demonstrators, police broke up the protest. There was a single arrest, after a female fan grabbed a protest sign and hit one of the demonstrators, but more violent reactions were avoided, witnesses said.

According to a story on the concert in the Houston Chronicle, Rose referred to the protesters while on stage, stating: "Some people will do anything for publicity."



Rev. Donald Sinclair, pastor, announced Bering Memorial Church's new association with gay/lesbian Methodist network

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

Yours Truly in A Swamp's 'Best of the Worst Awards' for 1991

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Should old foibles and life's daily fumbles be forgotten as we tumble into 1992? Hell no! Let us recognize and reward those golden moments when others did and said really stupid things in 1991, with the most fitting awards we can think of:

—A gold plated recording of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir singing "Praise the Lord and Pass the Homeless" for the Rev. Jeb Stuart Magruder, the Watergate ex-con, prison converted preacher now earning \$77,000 a year as minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Ky. for saying: "What my own life says is this country is still great because it has opportunity."

—A little sauce from the gander for New Orleans District Attorney Harry Connick Sr., who never missed an opportunity to close adult gay video shops in New Orleans "circumspect" French Quarter and teamed up on national television with citrus fruit singer Anita Bryant in her 1970's gay-bashing "Save Our Children" campaign, for choosing NOT to prosecute Father Dino Cinel, accused video maker of young male pornogra-

phy. Until 1991—a full two years after reported to him—when the Washington (D.C.) Times blew the whistle on the D.A. and the priest.

Cinel was also alleged to be providing sexually explicit films for a Danish porno film distributor. He also happened to be the good D.A.'s in-home dinner guest and, AMEN!—his parish priest.

For D.A. Connick's comment, that he failed to prosecute Dino Cinel, despite recommendations from his investigators that he do so, "to avoid embarrassing the church," one echoing chant of "Equality under the lay...er...law!"

—Follow up on the above 1991 Award, or "The First Award for 1992": ex-father Dino Cinel has left the Church, married a woman and is, seemingly, legally maneuvering himself from harm's way, at least on the local level. However, the Feds await. As for District Attorney Harry Connick, Sr.? No change.

—A big rubber lips kiss from perennial rock star Mick Jagger to old timer Bob Dylan who turned 50 in 1991.

—Most Undeveloped News Story of the Year: Associated Press report, May, 1991: "Historic Mount Washington Ho-

tel in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire is up for sale...Plates on room doors say Winston Churchill and John Maynard Keynes slept here."

—Best suggestion of 1991: The Park Service should place a plaque on the Oval Office reading: "Ronald Reagan slept here."

—Best quip of 1991: "A conservative is someone who can prove to you on paper that everything you own belongs to them."

—Do As We Say, Not As We Do Award for hypocrisy: to the Presbyterian faithful. Meeting in Baltimore, in 1991, they voted to "oppose discrimination" against lesbians and gays in the secular world, and to prohibit openly gay people from being ordained in the Presbyterian one.

—The Noah Webster Award for Deeper Meaning to John Hornor, associate publisher of Webster's College Dictionary, who said of the dictionary's decision to define "naughty words" in their new volume, "Admit it, aren't they the first ones you look up?"

—The Joseph Mengela Award for Good Medical Treatment to Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) who said during last

year's debate on health worker's mandatory AIDS testing, "I'm so old fashioned I believe in horsewhipping."

—The 1991 David Duke "All God's Children" Award to Jackie Clarkson and Peggy Wilson for casting the only votes in opposition to passed legislation extending New Orleans civil rights laws to cover lesbians and gay men.

And a big tri-colored condom to the Mayor's Mardi Gras Coordinating Committee for writing: "(Condoms) ... would not be within the boundaries of good taste and decency" as Mardi Gras throws. The city council has banned the little devils, while permitting brassieres, women's underpants and men's briefs.

—Best Quip of the Year on Banning Condom Carnival Throws: "Yeah, the good taste and decency for which Mardi Gras is so famous," comedian Becky Allen.

—The Earl Long Ambassador to the Nation Award to Louisiana home-boy, the Rev. Jimmy Swaggart of Baton Rouge.

—Best suggestion of 1991: Airline Highway, where Jimmy Swaggart first found roadside love, be renamed the Rev. Jimmy Swaggart Memorial Highway.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Auburn president won't reverse decision on charter for gay group

AUBURN, Ala., Thursday, Jan. 9 (AP)—A decision by the Auburn University administration that reversed the student Senate's denial of a campus charter for a gay group is final, a school spokesperson said Thursday.

Student Government Association president Jon Waggoner challenged the administration's granting of a charter to the Gay and Lesbian Association.

Waggoner said he would ask Auburn President Jim Martin to reverse the decision.

Bob Lowry, a spokesperson for Martin, said Thursday the administration's decision would not be changed. Lowry said he spoke to Martin Thursday morning about Waggoner's complaint.

Lowry said Martin was involved in the

decision to grant the charter.

Attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union had planned a lawsuit against the university over the denial of the charter.

The Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association, which claims about 50 active members, was denied a charter in November when the student Senate voted on it.

Auburn Vice President Pat Barnes, in charge of student affairs, granted the charter on Tuesday.

"I feel Dr. Barnes' position hasn't been based on the realm of her authority, but I respect her opinion as a vice president of the university, nonetheless," Waggoner said.

Auburn has a total student population of about 21,800. A campus group has to have at least 15 members to request a charter. A similar group is chartered at the Universi-

ty of Alabama.

The charter allows specific campus privileges, including a designated place to meet, free advertising in the campus newspaper and the opportunity to apply for funding.

In a statement, the association said, "We intend to continue serving the entire community—gay, lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual. Our purpose remains the same to provide educational intervention, to be a social and support group and to serve the community at large."

Waggoner drew comparisons with satanic worship, pedophilia, even murder, as he discussed his opposition to the gay organization.

Referring to the state's felony law against sodomy, Waggoner said the group encourages "criminal activity" and that homosexuality is inherently dangerous.

"In the Student Senate's opinion, sexual orientation was not a basis for an organization, and more than that, sexual activity that is against the law was not a basis for an organization," Waggoner said. "We don't have a murderer society; we don't have a pedophile society."

Ms. Barnes refused to respond to Waggoner's comments, but William Rubenstein, director of the ACLU's National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, expressed his impatience with the SGA president.

"The case is over. We won. The university has made its decision," Rubenstein said Wednesday from Boston.

He said 20 years of legal precedent supports granting a charter to the group, and Waggoner's argument has been rejected by federal courts on several occasions.

▼ ▼ ▼ AUSTIN QUICK NOTES

AIDS Services of Austin schedules training for helper program

AIDS Services of Austin will offer another helper program training the weekend of Jan. 25-16. The training will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

ASA helper volunteers assist with everyday practical chores like helping with the laundry, cleaning out the refrigerator, doing the dishes, grocery shopping, running errands and moving the yard.

Topics covered in training consist of HIV-AIDS education, substance abuse education, home health care procedures, psycho-social issues, nutrition and availability of resources.

For more information on the program or training, call Donna Johnson at (512) 451-2273 (voice/TDD).

—Town meeting Saturday

The "Austin Gay and Lesbian Town

Meeting" is this Saturday, Jan. 19, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the 4th Floor Auditorium of the Downtown Austin Public Library.

The Austin Pride Commission and the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus recently called for a special meeting of representatives of Austin's gay and lesbian organizations to discuss issues of shared concern. For more information, contact the AL/GPC at (512) 474-0750.

—Saphire potluck

SaphFire, a social support group for lesbians is holding its first potluck brunch of the year at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19. For information, call (512) 447-4197.

(Correspondent's note: send information regarding organizational meetings, activities, and special events to The New Voice-Austin, P.O. Box 684422, Austin, Tx. 78688.)

▼ ▼ ▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Houston Metropolitan Billiards League holds awards ceremony

The Houston Metropolitan Billiards League held its awards ceremony for the recently completed fall season at the Venture-N on Sunday, Jan. 12. Honored as top team of the season with the league's "traveling trophy" was Mary's Force. Other teams finishing in the top six and recognized at the ceremony were (2) Pick of the Litter, (3) Good Guys, (4) Briar Patch, (5) Precision and (6) Jackson Five.

The top ten individual players this season also received trophies. They were (1) Carlos Romero, Precision; (2) David Smith, Pick of the Litter; (3) Joel Reyes, Mary's Force; (4) Larry Lentz, Good Guys; (5) Roger Pruett, Mary's Force; (6) Bob Cypert, Jackson Five; (7) Jim Traweck, Briar Patch; (8) Willie Suniga, Pick of the Litter; (9) Lee Cazares, Briar Patch and (10) Ron Harper, Crazy Eights.

Recognized as winners in the HMBL Over 500 Tournament for the fall season: (1) J.B. Barnes, (2) Carlos Romero, (3) John Adams, (4) Charley Taylor, (5) Willie Suniga and (6) Roger Pruett; 499 and Under Tournament: (1) Steve Kerbow, (2) Jimmy Camacho, (3) Kitch Kitchen, and (4) Don Walley. Jimmy Dieringer of Scandalous Reds was named "Most Improved Player" for the season.

—NLA:Houston

The National Leather Association: Houston will present a seminar on the leather/S&M/fetish lifestyles form 2:00-5:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada. The event is free and open to the public; non-alcoholic refreshments will be available.

The program will feature two speakers, Houston attorney George Tallichet and "Mistress Ruth," founder and chair of the Dallas chapter of People Exchanging Power (PEP). Tallichet will talk about what people can do if their leather/S&M/fetish lifestyles become a factor in a court of law. He will also consider how much protection the First Amendment actually gives people who "peaceably assemble" to express their sexual preferences.

"Mistress Ruth" will talk about PEP, an educational/social/support group for people who practice sadomasochism or are in dominant/submissive relationships. Dallas PEP, which now has 150 local members, sponsors dungeon parties and educational seminars twice a month.

The NLA program will include discussions on basic bondage and safe whip techniques, displays of implements such as whips and flogs, a video tour of Houston area dungeons and a question and answer period.



MCCR Spiritual Renewal—Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection held its January Spiritual Renewal Jan. 12 and 13. Rev. Grant Ford (center) of the Sunshine Cathedral MCC in Fort Lauderdale joined MCCR pastor John Gill and assistant Carolyn Mobley for three services

Emphasizing education and safety, the NLA:Houston chapter sponsors programs, social and charity events. To combat domestic violence, the chapter also furnishes speakers to groups in Houston's homosexual and heterosexual communities. Formed in January, 1991, NLA:Houston is the single largest chapter in the 20,000 member national organization. For more information, call (713) 272-8026.

—HIV Service Providers

The HIV Service Providers Organization held elections Friday, Jan. 10 for three service provider positions on the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance board of directors. Elected to the positions were Robert Falletti, Maurice "Mo" Jones and Jay Slemmer.

Of ten elected positions on the GHAA board, seven are filled by the HIV-SPO. Service provider board members serve staggered terms, three of which recently expired. The remaining four seats are currently held by Lori Hinton, Shirley Walker, Ed Bradshaw and Ann Robison.

—Pride Week Meeting

Parade touting and rules will be the main topic of the next Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week meeting, according to Carol Clark, co-chair. The meeting will be held

on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi service Center, 1475 West Gray. Clark also reminded that Grand Marshal candidates will be nominated at the March meeting and elections held at the April meeting.

LGPW rules now extend voting privileges to any resident of the Houston metro area who has attended two previous meetings for the year in which the vote is held, Clark noted.

At the last meeting on Dec. 17, HLGWP selected the log for 1992. the slogan Pride (equals) Power was chosen at the November general meeting.

—MAC board member

The Montrose Activity Center is encouraging people who wish to work toward the goal of establishing a gay and lesbian community center to apply for a vacant position on its board of directors. MAC is dedicating its efforts this year to securing a space for a gay/lesbian community center in Houston, and to accomplish this end, the group is looking for people who are willing to work on planning and fund raising efforts, members explained.

Persons wanting to be considered for the board position are asked to contact Helen at (713) 747-8687.



Mary's Force, first place team in the HMBL for the fall, 1991 season, with the league's traveling trophy, which members say they plan to keep next season. From left: Jeff Broome, Don Dowden, Joel Reyes and Mike Flannigan. (Team captain Roger Pruett was in the hospital and is not pictured)

▼▼▼ MOVIE REVIEW

'Rush,' filmed in and around Houston, thrilling but depressing

By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

"RUSH"—the movie, not the singing group, is a serious drama about the downward spiral of two narcotics officers who get hooked on drugs. Based on the book by Kim Wozencraft, an undercover narcotics officer in Tyler, who became addicted to drugs and spent 18 months in prison for planting evidence on suspected offenders, "Rush" marks the directorial debut of Lili Fini Zanuck, wife of producer Richard Zanuck.

An interesting note here is that the last time Zanuck filmed in Houston was for "Sugarland Express" which also had a first time director, Steven Spielberg.

I suppose that before stepping into the theater, I should have suspected the movie would be, too, serious. A movie about drugs and the legal system. We're not talking Mary Poppins here, are we? Oh, well, it was a downer, but it didn't disappoint.

This movie, released by the Pathe division of MGM, which was also responsible for Thelma and Louise, was an extremely slow start, but once caught up in the lives of the characters it became like the name—quite a rush!

Set in a small Texas town but filmed



Jason Patric and Jennifer Jason Leigh star as undercover narcotics officers whose own involvement with drugs and each other has deadly consequences in "Rush"

in and around Houston, "Rush" had an excellent cast.

Jason Patric ("The Lost Boys") is Jim, an undercover narcotics officer working in Katterly, the fictional small town, near Houston in the mid '70's.

Jennifer Jason Leigh ("Last Exit to Brooklyn") is Kristen, a naive rookie

and partner to Jim. Her only brush with drugs was "a joint or two in junior college."

Together they infiltrate the drug culture of ship channel bars and biker clubs. Backed by police Capt. Larry Dodd (Sam Elliott). They rack up case after case against the "small fish," try-

ing to get to the "big one," Will Gains, played by an almost obese Greg Allman (the Allman Brothers Band and Cher's ex).

I can't tell much more of the plot, but each part is played very convincingly, especially Patric's psychotic drug-induced crazed narc, who took just a little too much of the illegal contraband for himself.

The special effects of Kristen's hallucinogenic trip while driving, showing tracers and psychedelic colors and sounds were quite interesting and deeply disturbing at the same time.

With a great soundtrack scored by Eric Clapton and chosen songs by the likes of Bob Dylan, Bonnie Raitt, Jimi Hendrix and many other 60's and 70's greats, including Clapton himself, the album is sure to be a hit among baby boomer viewers who lived and loved these tunes. They certainly jarred my memory.

"Rush" is a solid drama with strong performances and technical work. It will certainly provoke some serious questions about the entire legal process dealing with drugs and undercover stings. But I give it a B-minus in the grade book, for being a downer if for no other reason. I recommend waiting for the video at your local rental store.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Man in Disney dancing suit dissatisfied with discount promotion

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Thursday, Jan. 9 (AP)—A man who won the right of gay couples to dance at Disneyland says a Disney promotion offering cut-rate admittance to Southern California residents is discriminatory.

Andrew Exler of Palm Springs filed a complaint with the state Department of

Fair Employment and Housing, saying the discount discriminates against non-residents and those unable to show proof of residency.

"I feel that Disneyland is going to set a bad precedent," Exler said Wednesday. "I feel the Unruh (civil rights) act has to be enforced completely, and Disneyland has a record of not abiding by the rules."

Exler sued Disney in 1980 after he and a male friend were asked to leave the Anaheim theme park after dancing together on a Tomorrowland dance floor. An Orange County Superior Court judge ruled that Disneyland could not enforce a ban on same-sex dancing.

Disney spokesperson Bob Roth said the company hadn't been notified of a com-

plaint about the \$20 entry fee that begins Jan. 11.

"We are very confident it is a perfectly legal offer," he said of the discount for residents of Southern California zip codes.

"This is the second year we have offered it. It is simply a means of saying 'thank you' to all the people who have patronized us for years," Roth said.

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▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

More things to do, people to see and places to be in Austin

By CHRIS LUTHER

TNV Austin

What? Are you still looking for something(-body) to do? Cod, wintery nights got you down? Are you dreaming of Summer and Hippy Hollow, or even perhaps on of Ray's infamous naked pool parties?

Get over it.

Last week I suggested C&W dancing to knock those blues away. Unfortunately, last Wednesday, I find that Nexus' lovely C&W dance instructor Dana is laid up in bed—legitimately (she's a nice girl). It seems she hurt herself pretty bad over the holidays, but is recovering nicely. Everybody was down in the dumps because we miss her so terribly much. I understand she's working toward arranging someone to take over the class until she can come back. I hope that it's not too long.

Mondays, Ralph and Colton are forging on with their juggernaut of a class at Cisco's. I dropped by last week to find the place packed with humpy cowboys and quasi-butch roperettes doing the two-step. Ralph advised me that is you want to get into their class you better hurry up. This coming Monday will be the last day for another four weeks that they'll accept new recruits. The class just gets too difficult to jump into after that.

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the water...

Was it a vision, was it a dream? Was it a Daddy Wayne that possessed the crowd at Buckles last Thursday night with his rendition of the Happy Goodman Family's "Looking for a City?" Right fearful it was!

Saturday night was the close for two fine gay-themed works at the Vortex theater: "Jerker" and "Out of a Time of Plague." The theater was packed; all three shows were near sell outs. From my understanding it was one of the best nights Vortex has ever had. I heard one staff member say, "My God, we made rent with one show!"

Last Friday the Statesperson ran a good article the numerous gay themed works being presented or planned for the Austin stage in the coming month (ya know, it's funny how the two reviewers in this town seem to be sooo intimate with their opinions). The recent success of gay themed productions will only mean one thing, more gay issues discussed in local theater. If we can keep this up, eventually there will be (as these things go) more gay issues in state and national news and (gasp, could it be) gay characters on your favorite TV show. Besides, asking someone out to the theater is damn impressive, like you got class or something.

A real classy group was Henry McDaniel, Scott Remington and queer brothers Matt and John Strand (what did their mother do to be so lucky?). They were all standing in the lobby before the show discussing the obvious similarities in their wardrobes. All in black leather jackets, with blue jeans and dark, natural color shirts, they looked as though they were some kinda hip sixties singing group. Dear brother John must be the lead singer, he was the only one without facial hair and a piercing.

Following an obligatory margarita at Trudy's I found a couple of the cast of the cast of "Plague" at Oil Can's. There, now with his clothes on, Michael Martinez worked his wily ways on the unsuspecting staff and clientele of the club. Fellow actor (from "Street Theater") Andrew Criss was touring the Queer club with a rather stunning ornament. I just hope that, for her sake, she does not get too attached.

Not easily distracted was Carl, one of the city's most personable bartenders. Carl was in an especially good mood, having just completed a five month celebration of abstinence. Yet something in his eyes indicated that this was not true love. "I got laid, now I got grief," he recanted.

Working the crowd was Patrick Holmes from Houston. How an out of townner can have so many friends in a foreign city completely amazes me. "I never go out at home," he whispered in my ear on the back porch, "But I feel so much at home here in Austin!" Having come from an overly pre-tentious city to the north myself, I understand completely this comment.

Strolling over to Marilyn's, I discovered what?! The until-recently Crossing Robbie doing dishes at the bar. This little club is beginning to carve out its niche in the Austin Queer scene as a comfortable place to meet friends. Owner Terry has advised me that they will soon be installing some



Dru Thompson, Mariya Sparks, Brian Nix and Lisa Rogers at the OutYouth Austin Drop-in Center on the "drag"



Ryan, Tim and Brandon at Buckles



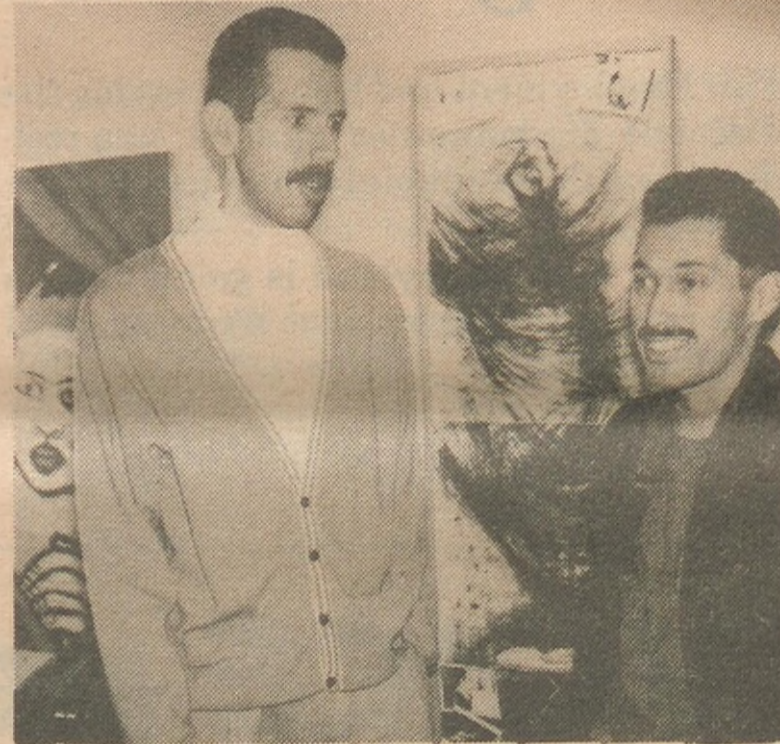
Caught at the Vortex: Harry McDaniel, Scott Remington, and Matt 'n' John Strand



Daddy Wayne as a Happy Goodman Wannabe



Paula is now at Auntie Mame's



Angel Delacruz and Edward Ramos at the Vortex Theater



Robbie (Marilyn's)—who was more surprised?



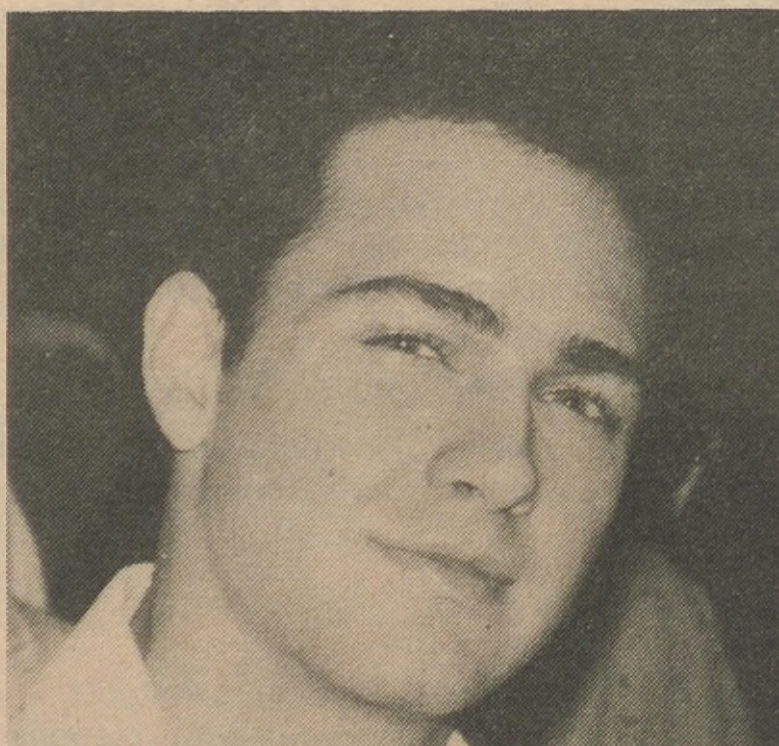
Ken and Steve at Marilyn's in the shot we could run



David Thompson, Frank Dennis and Gary Griffen at the Crossing



Patrick Landrum and Melanie Froh at Oil Can's



Wayne Middleton making love with his eyes



12 Pack Patty (aka Paul Rodriguez) at her birthday party at Marilyn's

big new TV's to watch "All My Children" and "The Young And the Restless" on weekdays from ten until one. This, of course, complements the TV's that have already installed themselves. Whether the TV execs care to admit it themselves or not, gay life IS a big soap opera. Just ask

Ken and Steve, who I caught stealing a kiss and more in Marilyn's restroom.

Past my deadline, yet before the paper is delivered. Richard's bon voyage party was scheduled to be held at the Crossing. Bowser suggested that this party would be greater than the spring cotillion. Look for

photos and insipid comments in next week's New Voice...

Looking for something new? On Mondays Moondance, a local restaurant on Congress across from the Paramount Theater, is having a Gay Night. What is "Gay Night," you might ask? No, they do not reduce their menu to quiche, beefsteak, donuts and fruit salad. According to Moondance employee Joedy Yglesias (the man who thought up the promotion), the restaurant is just seeking to provide its Austin gay customers an alternative to the club scene. Monday happens to be Mom's Meatloaf Madness at Moondance. Joedy confesses, "I generally don't like meatloaf but the meatloaf here is really good, it's the only place I'll eat meatloaf." Gay Night or not, the restaurant is a fun, highly relaxed place where gay people will feel comfortable most any night of the week.

Joedy says that while the staff is eminently cute and Austin cool, he is the only openly gay person on the staff. "There is one other queer that I know of here, but he's not out yet." We'll fix that.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

Bears and wolves at the Mine; NLA Weekend at V-N; 'Dirt' all over

By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

Hello, Houston! Let me start with a happy belated anniversary to Dean (NLA:H) and Dennis who celebrated their first on Jan. 1. Dean, what did you get for your anniversary?

It seems strip night at Gentry has become quite festive. Not only do they strip for you, but at the end of each show Maude (our kitten with a whip) pulls out the whip and chair and gets her men to strut and slither for your pleasure on table tops, bar tops, bottle tops, bald top (just kidding!) etc. Wild Animal acts at Gentry? Well, it's not quite Ringling Bros., but it's something.

At E/J's last weekend, Sundance Cattle Company took first place in the First Gumbo Cookoff presented by the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star. The second place winners were our friends from Texas Riders. Way to go, guys!

While speaking of E/J's, let's see what Dee has to say this week! What's this about Vera's sister-in-law "Keoki" and license plates and green cards?

Why was Tetra in the T-room with Chicago Gary and where did she get the \$ to tip Keoki?

Jerry (E/J's), are the love birds happy or just being noisy?

Vera, didn't see you at the flea market Sunday—shopping done early? And Miss Thang—who were you in bed with to make you late to C&N Cafe and with a smile on your face, no doubt?

There were lots of good looking cowboys at the BRB Sunday for the MR contest, and the winners are shown in one of the pictures herein. And speaking of good looking cowboys at the BRB, Vera's not one of them but she's got the western dirt for you who are interested.

Did you see Paul (BRB) on national TV last Thursday? Seems Vera did and she says some things look mighty big on TV, Paul! Vera, are you jealous or just being nosy!

JoAnn—where's the beef, or was it Polish sausage.

Curtis (Cousins) is back at work again. Guess Fall Break is finally over and at his age he needed a long break.

Bill Havard—can't believe you get the flu once a month to see your good looking doctor.

Finally—Lulu (611) that's not a raccoon in your attic—it's an old used husband.

Sandy (V-N) will now get the bird every week ... and it's not AJ's.

Yoda (V-N), playin' pool in the front seat again? The V-N is calling in all stray cue balls, you know.

Enough! Now for more bar and community news.

Marty Coleman of the Ripcord-Dallas will be in town to play for NLA's anniversary weekend party. He will guest DJ at P.S. Sunday for the Loading Dock '92. Doors open at 5:00 and there's no cover before 7:00 p.m.

The Men of the Mining Company are preparing to introduce two new contests geared toward the men of Houston. First, the Bear Chest

Contest will be launched with a gala premiere party on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Two weeks later, on Feb. 19, Houston's hottest and hairiest bears take to the stage for the Bear of the Month contest. Both contests feature celebrity guest judges and cash prizes. Stay tuned for more details.

Speaking of the Mining Company, wasn't that the Wolf Pack I saw loading their U-Haul and heading down Pacific Street (the street) to their new cave at 805 Pacific? I thought it was!



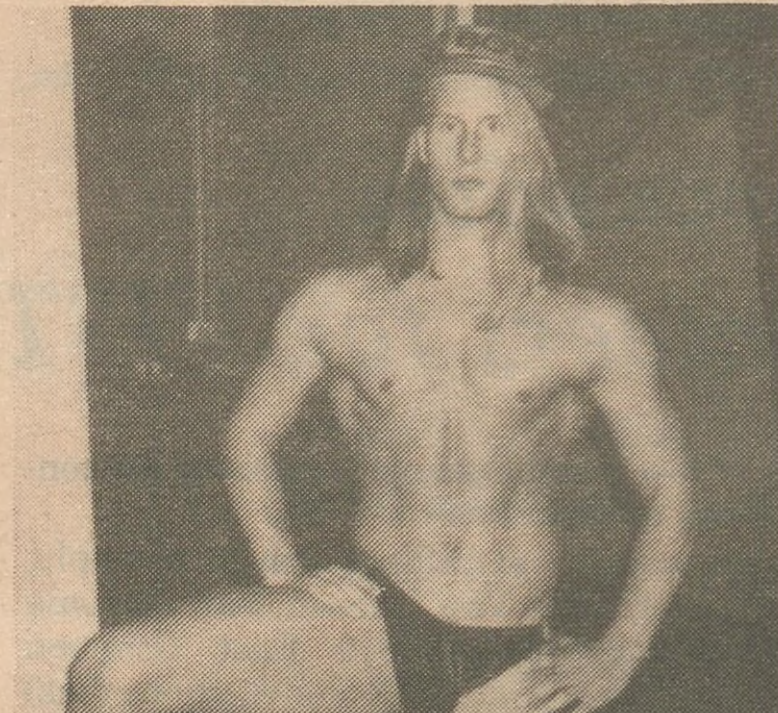
John (the newest pledge) and Phoebe, both of Sundance Cattle company, who were winners in the gumbo cookoff at E/J's



Tommie Ross, Miss Gay USA 88-89; Shawna Roberts, the reigning Miss Gay Harris Co. USA; Jennifer St. John, Miss Gay Texas USA 91-91 and Johnny Maddox, MC at Mother's each Wednesday night



Mr. BRB winners were: second place, Mark Zemz, first, Virgil Burke and third, Marty DeLeon



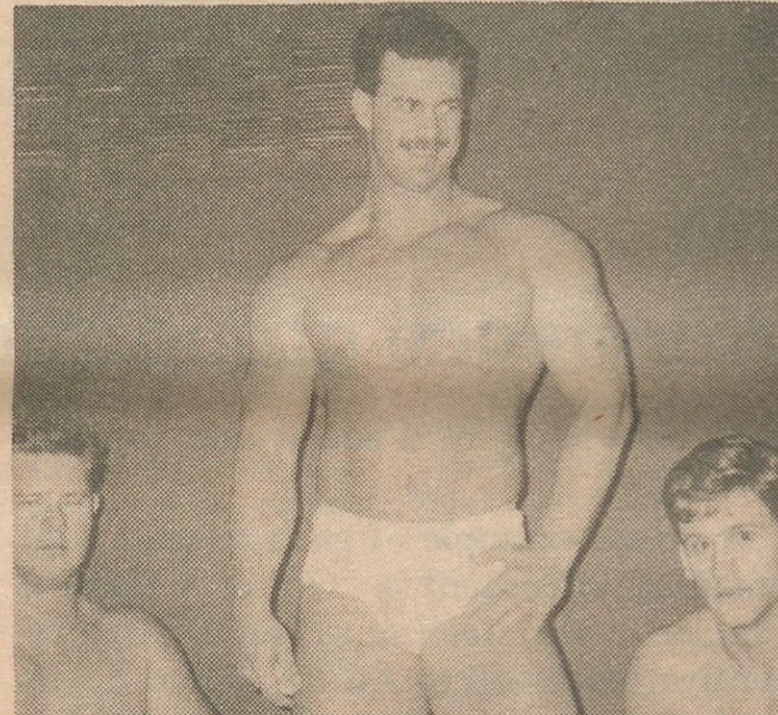
Travis strips with the Pretty Boys at Mother's on Lovett



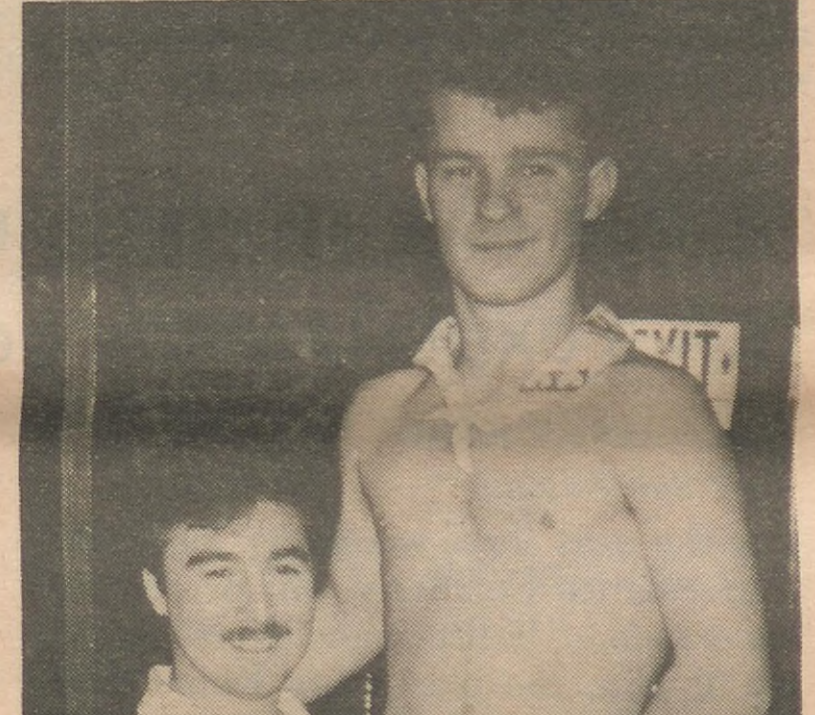
P.S. has had some great leather partying lately



Ed (E/J's) eating gumbo at RSICSS cookoff



Seen at Heaven: Brian, Bart and Jeff



Gentry Men: Mitch and Mike

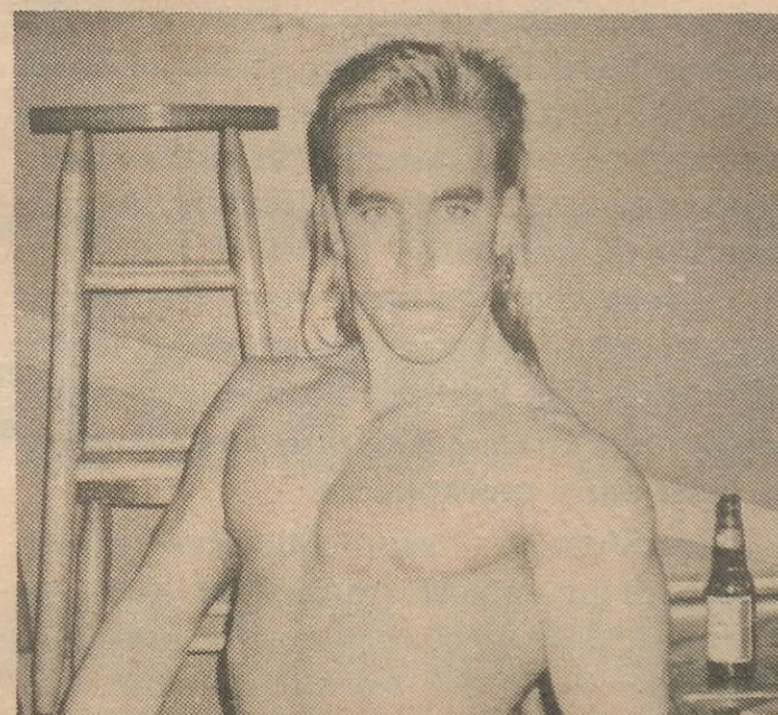
And on top of these two breathtaking new developments, the Mine blows the top off Sundays with their monthly Full Moon Madness Party this Sunday, featuring 92-cent frozen margaritas. And on the 25th, the Mine salutes America's favorite clothing item, the Levi Jean, with a gay twist—torn, torn, torn. Come by and see just how many places of jean!

Across the street, preparations are under way at Heaven for the arrival of A&M Records' newest mega-star, CeCe Peniston. In addition to CeCe's live performance, which includes two hot dancers, A&M will stage a CD giveaway of her soon-to-be-released album. Two more firsts for Texas' premiere video dance club.

Until then, be sure to include Thursday's Deeee-

Drag Show on your calendar. Special guest Dyan Michael's, Heaven's irregular regular, joins Miss Gay Great Plains Donna Day and former Miss Gay America Naomi Sims on the 23rd.

And finally, at J.R.'s, the men of Santa Fe are scheduling extra-long workouts just to make sure they look good in the new workout clothing line they'll be sporting in the Basic Brothers Fashion Show on the 26th. This is just the first of their monthly fashion shows which, in



BARD (Brad) of J.R.'s



Pookie, if you turn that wig around you could do a perfect Baby Jane!

the future, will spotlight fashion's from Union Jack and Appearances as well as some of Houston's most exclusive boutiques and department stores. Also new for '92 are monthly guest dancers from the pages of Playgirl, as well as from the hottest clubs on the East and West coasts. Coming up in February—Jason Wallenberg.

Just some of the reasons for the popularity of the clubs at 800 Pacific and their continued success...

Lambda Skating Club wants you all to go roller skating with them next Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 and skates are provided but sizes are limited. If you wear a regular size, get there early or bring your own. The fun will be at Carousel Rink on the Katy Freeway for those of you with strong ankles. The Ice Skating Club will meet at the Sharpstown Ice Rink on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Admission is

\$4.75 and skates are \$1.75.

And finally, NLA is having quite an anniversary weekend this weekend with Houston's Hot III: A Night in Black Leather Party beginning at the Venture-N at 10:00 p.m. Friday night; a leather symposium at Montrose Palace 2:00-5:00 Saturday; "Leather Entertain You" night at the V-N at 10:00 p.m. Saturday night with song, dance, and fantasy presented by men and women of leather, featuring Urvashi Vaid, Mark Frazier, Dino Rosie, Dustin Logan, Viva Knight and Ken Sledge, Paul Theall, Wayne Grabien, Lee Baber, Jerry Morm and Christian Contruer.

All followed on Sunday by the cocktail party run from Hell, which starts at Cousins at noon and ends at P.S. at 7:00 p.m. for the Loading Dock '92 Party. Sounds great and congratulations to NLA and its members!

Bye for now.

▼▼▼ DATELINE NEW ORLEANS

Krewe of Momus cancels parade because of anti-discrimination law

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

One of New Orleans' oldest carnival krewes has elected to cancel its scheduled Thursday, Feb. 27, 1992 parade in reaction to city council's newly passed ordinance commanding all krewes to cease discrimination based on race, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age or disability. One other krewe, Hermes, is also planning cancellation, according to Hermes' captain.

Momus, founded 120 years ago, held its first parade on New Year's Eve, 1872. On one other occasion, early in the organization's history, a scheduled parade was canceled over a now forgotten tiff. Wars and weather have also canceled Momus parades.

The bone of contention this time seems to be control—who has it—as much as actually changing krewe membership. The old line krewes, drawing their members in a

nearly hereditary lineage, were stunned at the display of power exhibited by the now black-majority New Orleans City Council.

On the day council passed the krewe and private club integration law, the meeting was filled with dignitaries from various old line, old monied krewes, Exclusively white, male and aging, a group of these gentlemen spoke in opposition to passage and continued muttering to themselves when the microphone moved on to the next speaker.

At one point, Dorothy Mae Taylor, her face screwed into a grimace captured in a photograph on the front page of the next morning's Times Picayune, stopped the procedures as Joseph Giarusso, council member at large was speaking and directed the council chair to call in the police and have "these unruly people removed if they cannot behave themselves."

The gentlemen so addressed grew quiet,

and the look of shock on their faces spoke volumes about the shift in political power. In that instant an epoch ended.

It is not yet clear that either old line krewe will cancel parades. However, Rex, the city's pre-eminent krewe, announced early in the controversy that it would assume the high ground. A spokesperson said the Rex Parade on Mardi Gras, with its traditional toast to Mayor Sidney Barthelemy—himself black—in front of Gallier Hall will come off as planned.

Of the old krewes, only Rex has a policy of admitting Jews and Italians. All, including Rex, are exclusively white and exclusively male. Zulu, the black krewe, has some white members but no women. Exclusively female krewes also exist.

In fact, it is the sexual exclusivity and the right to prohibit the handicapped from riding parade floats that is said by most krewes to be the most objectionable aspect

of the ordinance.

Momus also gave personal safety of float riders in the wake of what member described as "newly aroused animosity" as one of their primary reasons for dropping out. Momus's choice parade slot, five days before Fat Tuesday, could be requested by any one of the remaining 30 or 40 parades.

—Text of statement

Following is the text of the statement adopted by the Knights of Momus canceling this year's Mardi Gras parade and, perhaps, ending the parade tradition for New Orleans third oldest carnival krewe:

"Momus, Son of Night, God of Mockery and Ridicule, regretfully and respectfully informs his friends, supporters and his public that he will not parade the streets of New Orleans on the Thursday evening before Shrove Tuesday, 1992, as he has customarily since 1872."

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO QUICK NOTES

SAAF needs volunteers for VISTA programs, cleaning service

The San Antonio AIDS Foundation is seeking three volunteers to serve as VISTA Volunteers to develop self-sufficient, community based programs for fund raising, grant support and volunteer services. SAAF is a community supported non-profit organization which provides direct services to persons who are affected by the AIDS epidemic.

Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) is a national program of volunteer men and women of all ages and backgrounds who are committed to increasing the capac-

ity of low income people to improve the conditions of their lives.

For additional information or to apply, contact Eunice Van Hoosen, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, 810 East Grayson Street, San Antonio, TX 78208, phone (512) 225-4715.

—"Jolly Janitors"

Volunteers are also needed to join the "Jolly Janitors," which provides weekly cleaning services at SAAF House, the foundation's residential facility. Future janitors

will be asked to help clean for two hours, once each week, said SAAF representative Byron Trott. Currently, the group visits on Monday evenings, but alternate nights will be added to accommodate people's schedules, he said.

The Jolly Janitors follow their work sessions with fellowship and dessert at a local establishment. Everyone is welcome to join the group in providing this essential service, Trott said. To volunteer, contact Myrna Von Nimitz at (512) 733-8888.

—Beach party

The Pointless Sisters will present the "Dare to Bare Beach Party," a benefit for the San Antonio AIDS Foundation and NAMES Project San Antonio, on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Ab's Westernaire. The event begins with a buffet at 9:00 p.m., followed by the show at 11:00 p.m., and includes a swimwear contest with awards for first, second and third place.

All tips received during the show will the two funds, members of the group said.

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO LIVE

S.A.'s experimental performance group JumpStart announces latest production

By CORINNE SABO
TNV San Antonio

For the next three weekends, JumpStart Performance Company will present "25 Days Before." Written and directed by Dennis Poplin, the play stars Kim Corbin, Sandra Dunn and Sharon Rendon. Performance dates are Jan. 17, 18, 24, 25 and 31 and Feb. 1.

JumpStart, located at 1035 South Alamo in San Antonio, recently celebrated its seventh anniversary. Created by a group of artists from diverse disciplines, JumpStart provides a venue for innovative performances. "The work we traditionally have done is interdisciplinary work, in the sense that it is not one art form, it's a combination of art forms," explained artistic director Steve Bailey.

"A lot of the collaborators in the pieces are not necessarily performance artists, strictly, but can also be visual artists, composers, film makers or video artists, dancers or choreographers. We try to make a performance that is theatrically based but combines various art forms. In recent years we have been dealing with themes

that have more of a social and political content."

A prime example of such a piece with meaningful content is "Out of A Time of Plague," a play dealing with AIDS that recently "traveled" to Austin. When it was performed in San Antonio, gay/lesbian groups say considerable homophobic havoc was created by the local media, most notably the San Antonio Express News. A series of fiercely anti-gay cartoons, by the person listed by the Express News as its editorial cartoonist, portrayed the play as an example of an attempt to garner sympathy for an "unnatural lifestyle" by manipulating sympathy for those who have the disease or who have died. The resulting protests by activist groups led to the formation of a local media watch committee, which later met with representatives of both daily newspapers.

JumpStart is a "semi-collective" whose members put on performances of their own work. There is no control exerted over content by either the artistic director, the board or the membership. They do work together on pieces, as exemplified by the cur-

rent play by artistic director Dennis Poplin.

Poplin wrote and is directing the piece, but the work "around" the piece is created by other members to blend into the performance. The set and costume designs by Danny Geislin are his own creations, as is the lighting, created by Steve Bailey. "These pieces are very little text, mostly there's movement, every day actions...it's not a play that has traditional kinds of characters," Poplin said when asked to explain "25 Days." "It's set up to where each individual audience member can look at it, create their own stories from the action. Or not create their own stories. The whole experience is left up to the audience and we just set up situations that move through time, for people to see."

If you are one of those people who, according to the rest of the audience, tend to laugh when others are crying or cry when they are simply watching, then this is the kind of theater experience for you. Only you decide what reaction—or non-reaction—is appropriate.

JumpStart Performance Company puts

on a broad range of theater. Local artists whose work is primarily in other media, like Beverley Sanchez-Padilla, David Zamora Casas, Lisa Mellinger and Diane Cardenas, are associate members who have put on their work. A recent weekend series, Afrocentric, orchestrated by Sterling Houston, "Beat black history to the starting line" with an excellent series of pieces about current black experience.

No one is shut out, either audience or performer, at JumpStart. Ticket prices for the 8:00 p.m. performances are \$7 regular admission and \$5 senior citizen, student and low income. For those who cannot afford the full price, whatever you can is enough. Performers from outside the membership and associate members are welcome to call (512) 227-JUMP for information on how to apply to work with the group. Each year, JumpStart welcomes new performers in the "Sparks" series; several from last year's Sparks moved up and presented full pieces during the Guest Artist series.

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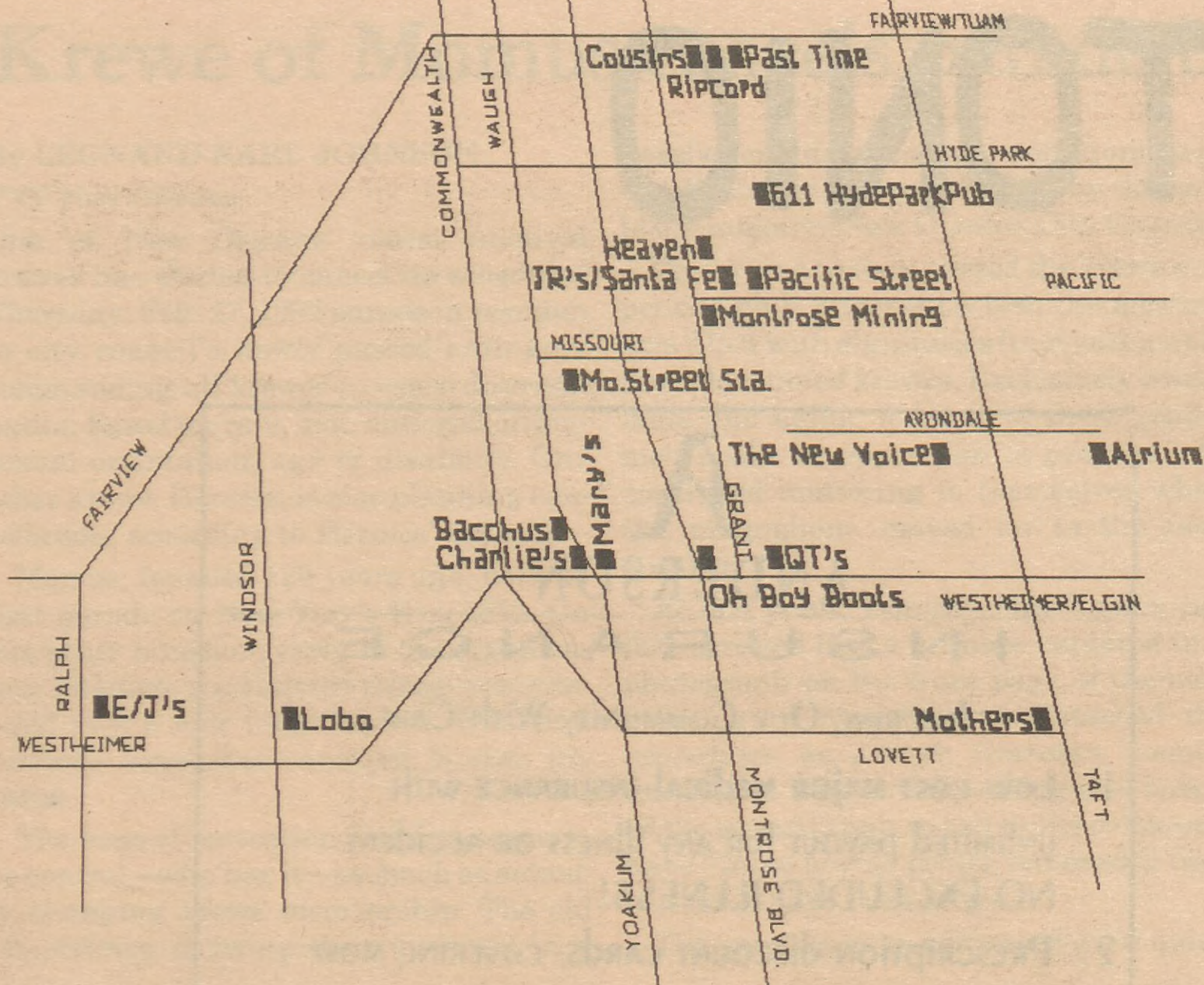
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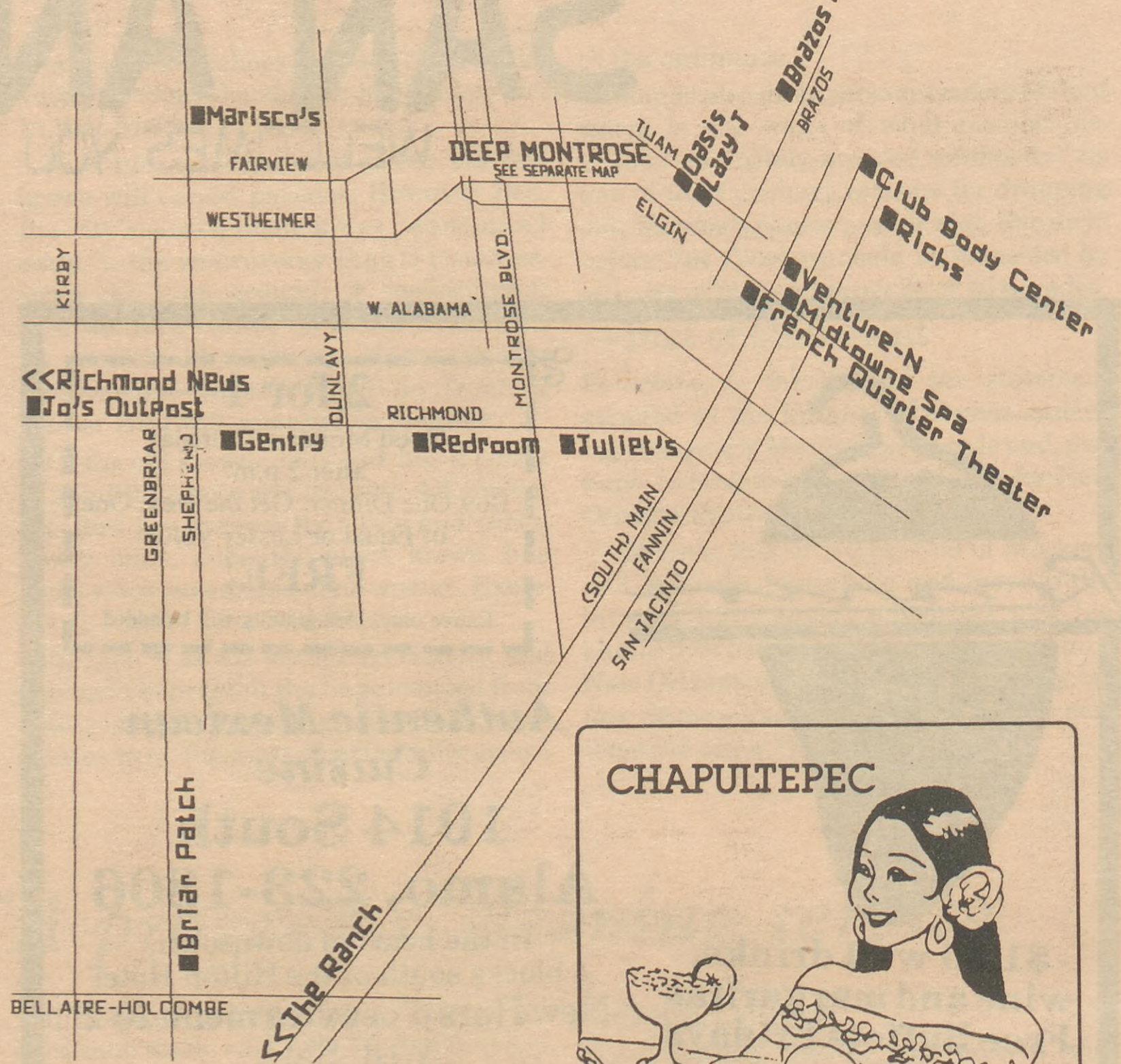
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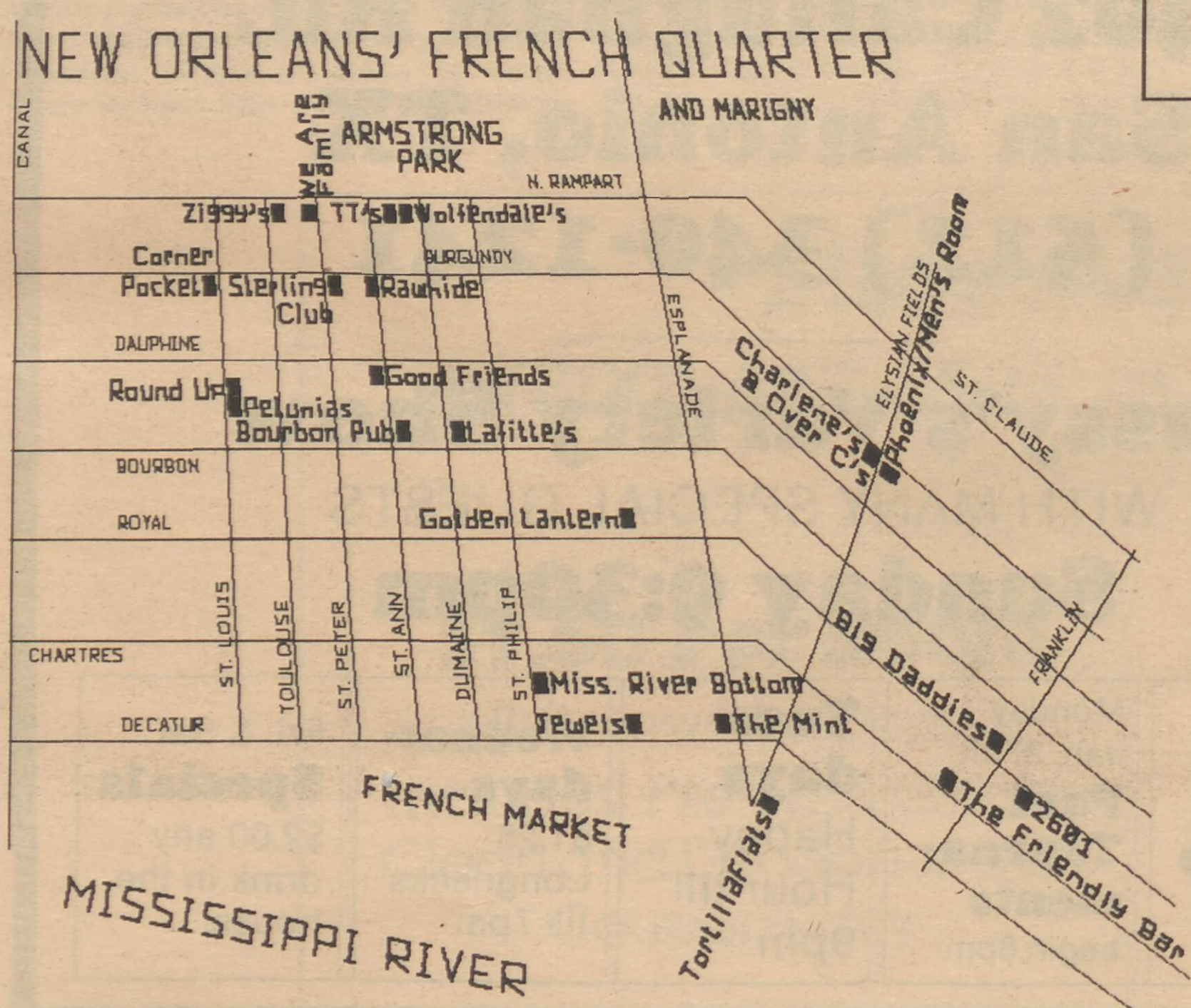
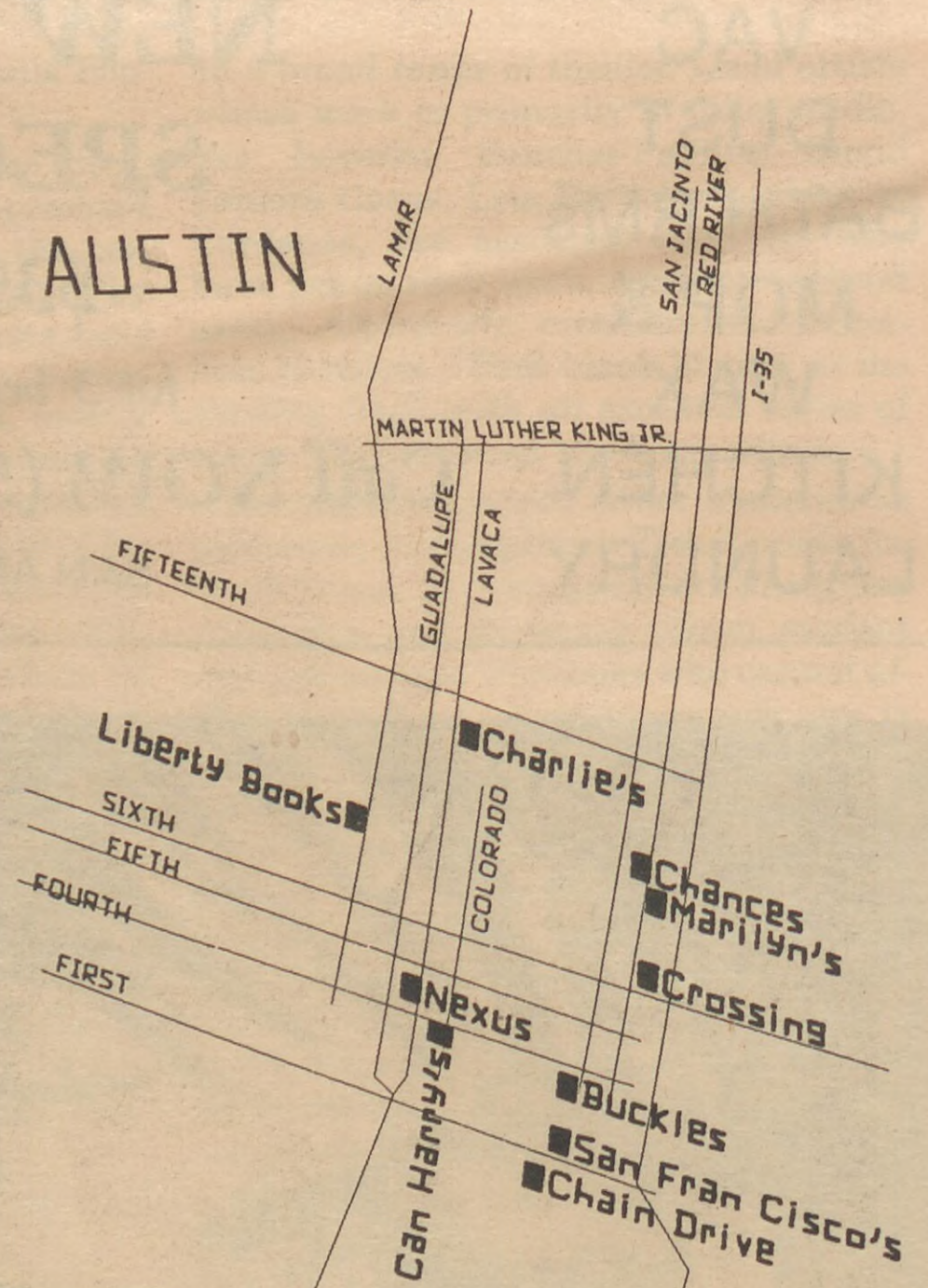
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get too rough for you, just laugh it off. Your sense of humor is imperative right now.

Cancer: Trying to figure it all out this week will save you a lot of grief. That's just what you need to do. Go easy on loved ones. They're not as hot as you are. And forget about your finances. Things are looking up all the way around, so relax.

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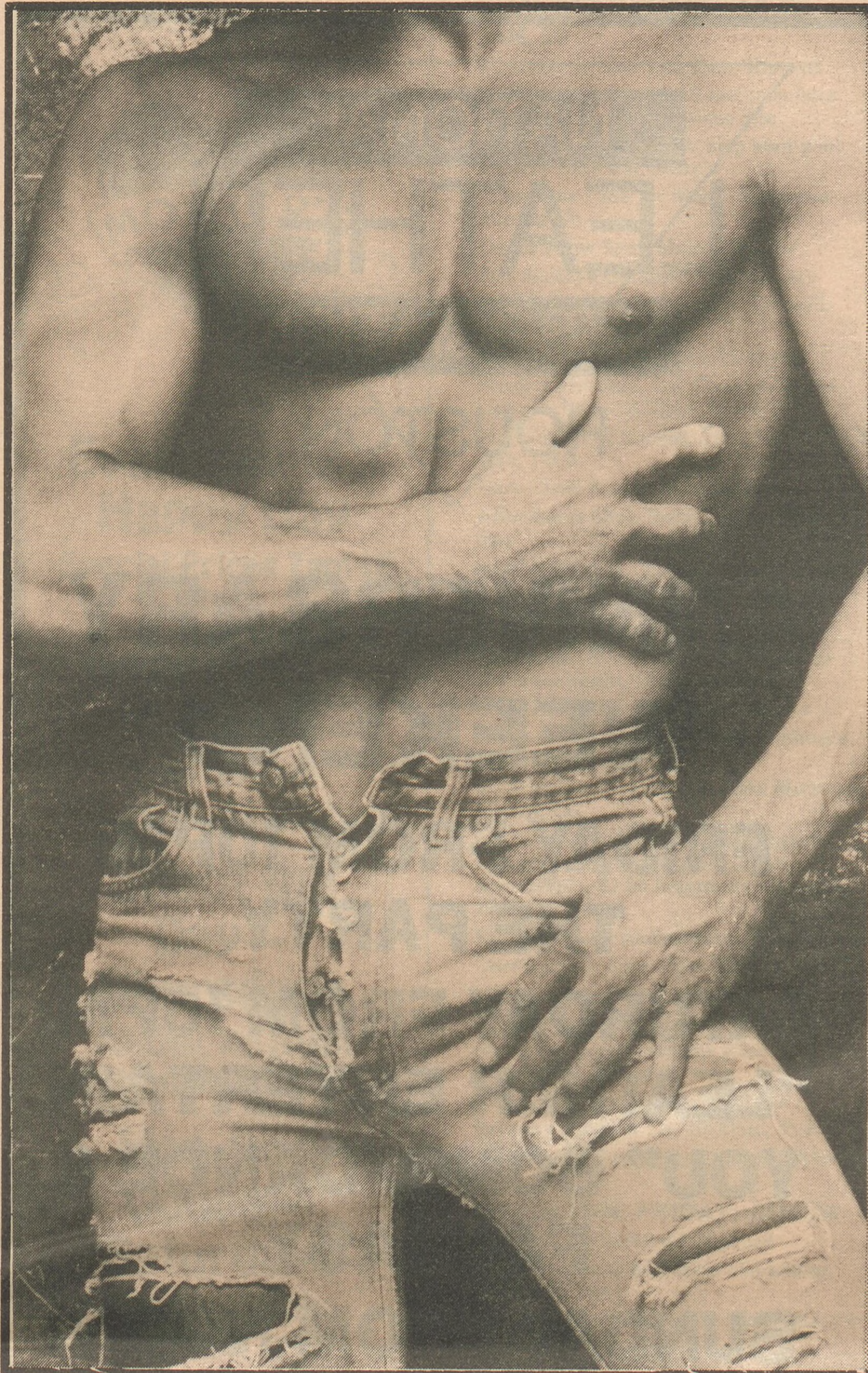
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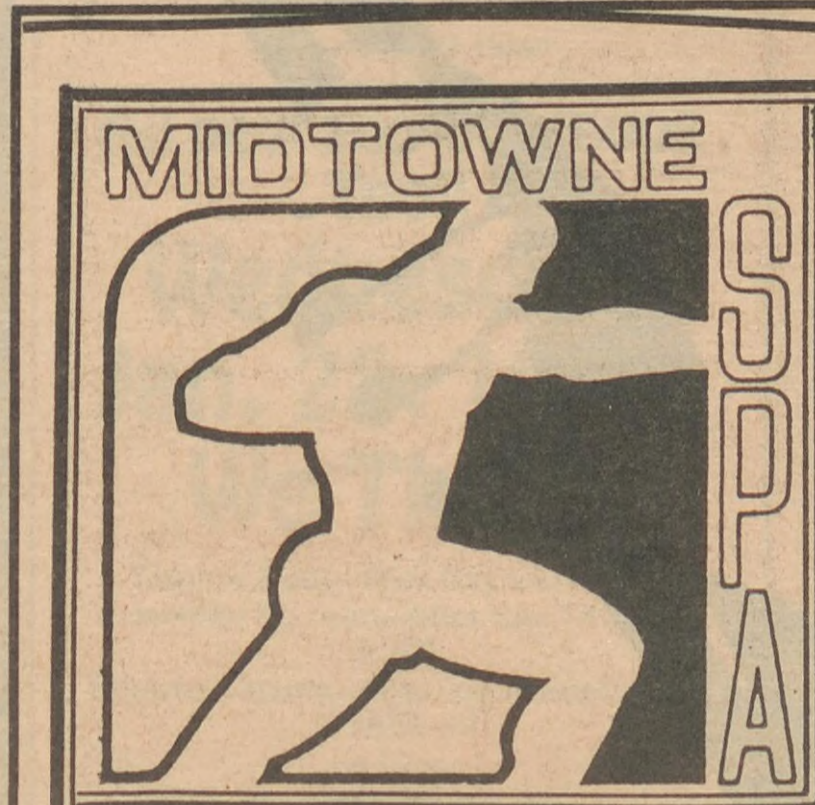
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 Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
 NLA:Houston anniversary party 10pm, Venture-N
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HOUSTON, SATURDAY, JAN. 18

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 Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's
 BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa
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 75¢ well vodka 6-11pm, Mother's
 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time
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 Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's
 NLA:Houston "Leather Entertain You" show 10pm, Venture-N
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HOUSTON, SUNDAY, JAN. 19

NLA:Houston buffet noon, Venture-N
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 Leather day and beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night 5pm, Mary's
 BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa
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 Beer bust noon-11pm, Montrose Mine

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HOUSTON, MONDAY, JAN. 20

\$1 margaritas 7am-2am, Ripcord
 75¢ mug beer 7am-2am, Mother's
 Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
 Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N
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HOUSTON, TUESDAY, JAN. 21

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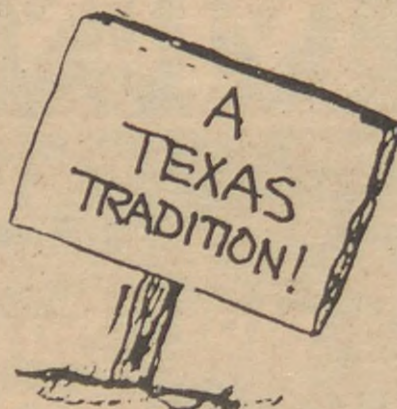
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**●HOUSTON, WEDNESDAY,
JAN. 22**

\$2 domestic beer 7am-2am, Ripcord
Half price lockers for 6-mo. members
10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool
tourney 11:30am, Mary's
"The Bear Club for Men," Montrose
Mining Co.
Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, Gentry
No cover with out-town-ID, 75¢ well,
Pacific Street
"We Three" show 10pm, Mother's
Steak night 6pm, Lee Chardon & the
Uptown Boys 10:30pm, E/J's
Slop shot pool tourney 7pm, Learn to Clog
7pm, BRB
Bare Chest Night, Venture-N
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne
Spa

●HOUSTON, THURSDAY, JAN. 23

\$2 well 7am-2am, Ripcord
\$1 shots 7am-2am, Mother's
Half price lockers for 6-mo. members
10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa
Burgers & BBQ noon-3pm, Mary's
Room & locker specials noon-midnight,
Club Body Center
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose
Mining Co.
50¢ burgers 6-9pm, beginners dance
lessons 7:30pm, advanced dance
lessons 9pm, \$1.50 longnecks all night,
BRB
\$1 vodka, dart tournament, Juliet's Place
Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time
Video classic 9pm, Gentry
Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am,
Charlie's
The Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's
Brittany Paige & Co. 10:30pm, E/J's
After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne
Spa

●HOUSTON, FRIDAY, JAN. 24

Happy hour 7am-2am, Ripcord
1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm,
Midtowne Spa
Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's
Buffet 4-8pm, BRB
\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose
Mining Co.
Buffet 5-8pm, Ripcord
Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers
10pm-2am, Gentry
No cover 7-9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street
dance bar
Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne
Spa
"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N
Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am,
Charlie's
Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action
dancers, Montrose Mining Co.
Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm,
E/J's
After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body
Center, Midtowne Spa

●LATER

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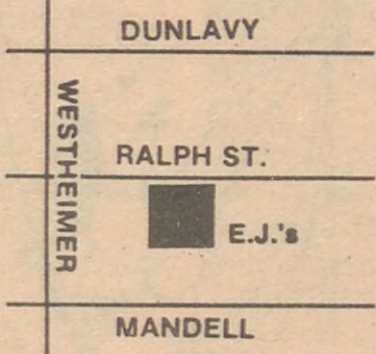
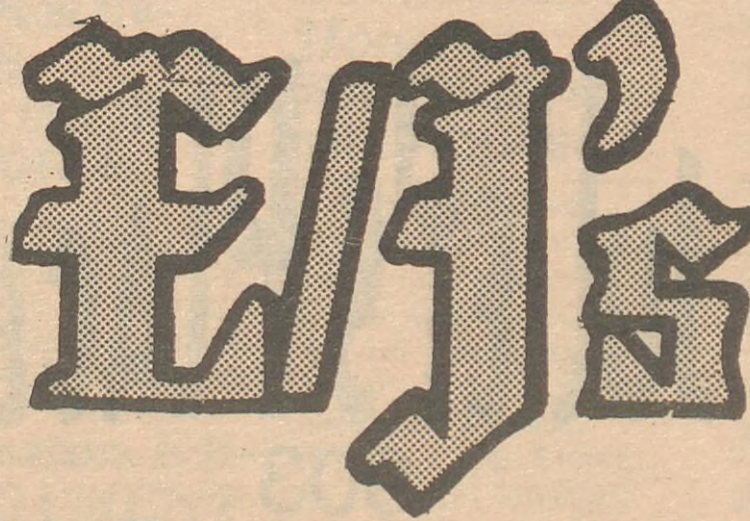
(Listings are furnished by the clubs and
are subject to change)

**●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY,
JAN. 17**

Dance 9pm, strippers 11pm, no cover to
1am, after hours, Wild Club
All drinks \$2, Memories
Adults no cover to 10pm, 75¢ well & draft,
male & female strippers 11pm, Bonham
Exchange
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
After-hours Paper Moon, Wild Club,
Bonham Exchange

**●SAN ANTONIO, SATURDAY,
JAN. 18**

Adults no cover to 10pm, \$1.25 drinks 8-
11pm, after-hours, Bonham Exchange
Gong with the Wind Gong Show, Hardhat
\$2 drinks, Memories
Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am
After hours, Nexus, Wild Club, Bonham
Exchange, Paper Moon



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Cowboys in Action, 50¢ draft, Silver Dollar

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

Adults no cover to 10pm, 50¢ well 8pm-11pm, 25¢ draft to 2am, show 11pm, Bonham Exchange

Liquor rush 8-11pm, Sunday show, no cover prior 10pm, Wild Club

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

Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon
Bartender tag team hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

●SAN ANTONIO, MONDAY, JAN. 20

Lone Star Male Review, Hardhat
No cover for adults, Wild Club

50¢ draft, \$2 well, Paper Moon

25¢ draft, \$1.50 well, Silver Dollar

\$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories

Talent contest & square dancing, no cover, Bonham Exchange

●SAN ANTONIO, TUESDAY, JAN. 21

Male dancers, Hardhat

Happy hour 10am-10pm, El Jardin

Happy hour all night, Nexus

Happy hour to 9pm, Memories

Amateur male strip, 50¢ draft, Wild Club
No cover, Bonham Exchange

●SAN ANTONIO, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

50¢ draft, country night, Nexus

Strip dancers 11pm, Wild Club

Muscles in Action, Paper Moon

Cowboys in Action, 25¢ draft, \$1.50 well, Silver Dollar

\$1.25 longnecks to 7pm, Memories

Hot chest contest, 50¢ well & draft (cover charge), Bonham Exchange

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SAN ANTONIO, THURSDAY, JAN. 23

Steak night 7pm, Nexus

Tandi's Talent Search, Wild Club

25¢ draft, Silver Dollar

Adults no cover to midnight, amateur male strip contest midnight, 25¢ draft, boxer shorts theme, Bonham Exchange

Sassy St. James host strippers 9:30pm, Memories

Hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SAN ANTONIO, FRIDAY, JAN. 24

Dance 9pm, strippers 11pm, no cover to 1am, after hours, Wild Club

Adults no cover to 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, male & female strippers, after-hours, Bonham Exchange

All drinks \$2, Memories

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SAN ANTONIO, SATURDAY, JAN. 25

Adults no cover to 10pm, \$1.25 drinks 8-11pm, after-hours, Bonham Exchange

Muscles in Action with Shady Lady, midnight, Paper Moon

50¢ draft, Silver Dollar

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Attractive, tall, professional, 40 GWF seeks non-stereotypical, single, responsible, caring woman. I like a little taste of everything (except drugs, alcohol or cigarettes), from movies to sports, music, theater, books, travel, even kids. I believe in loyalty & love & am ready & looking for a monogamous lifetime relationship. Ad 25353.

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

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

GWF, Sensuous caring person, romantic times like going to the beach, movies & concerts. No role playing necessary. Ad 25374

GWM 33, 5'6 150, br/ br healthy HIV+, Enjoys dancing, watching movies, eating out, shopping & out of doors. Seeking GM 20-40 with same for friendship & possibly more. Ad#25892

GWM, 35, 6'1, 165#, HIV+, Brn/Blu, moustache, nice looking,

good sense of humor, non-smoker/ drinker. Interests include; friends, singing, reading, sci-fi, C & W dancing, romance. Desire meeting attractive, stable, non-smoking GWM, 30-40, trim, masculine guy who may share my interests, but who also has his own interests to share with me. Ad 25981

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

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Moody Bitch seeks kind considerate guy of love/ hate relationship. GWM 26, 6' 160lb, attractive professional. I like dancing, working, sleeping late on Saturdays & making love on the beach. Looking for someone to spend time with. Ad 25370

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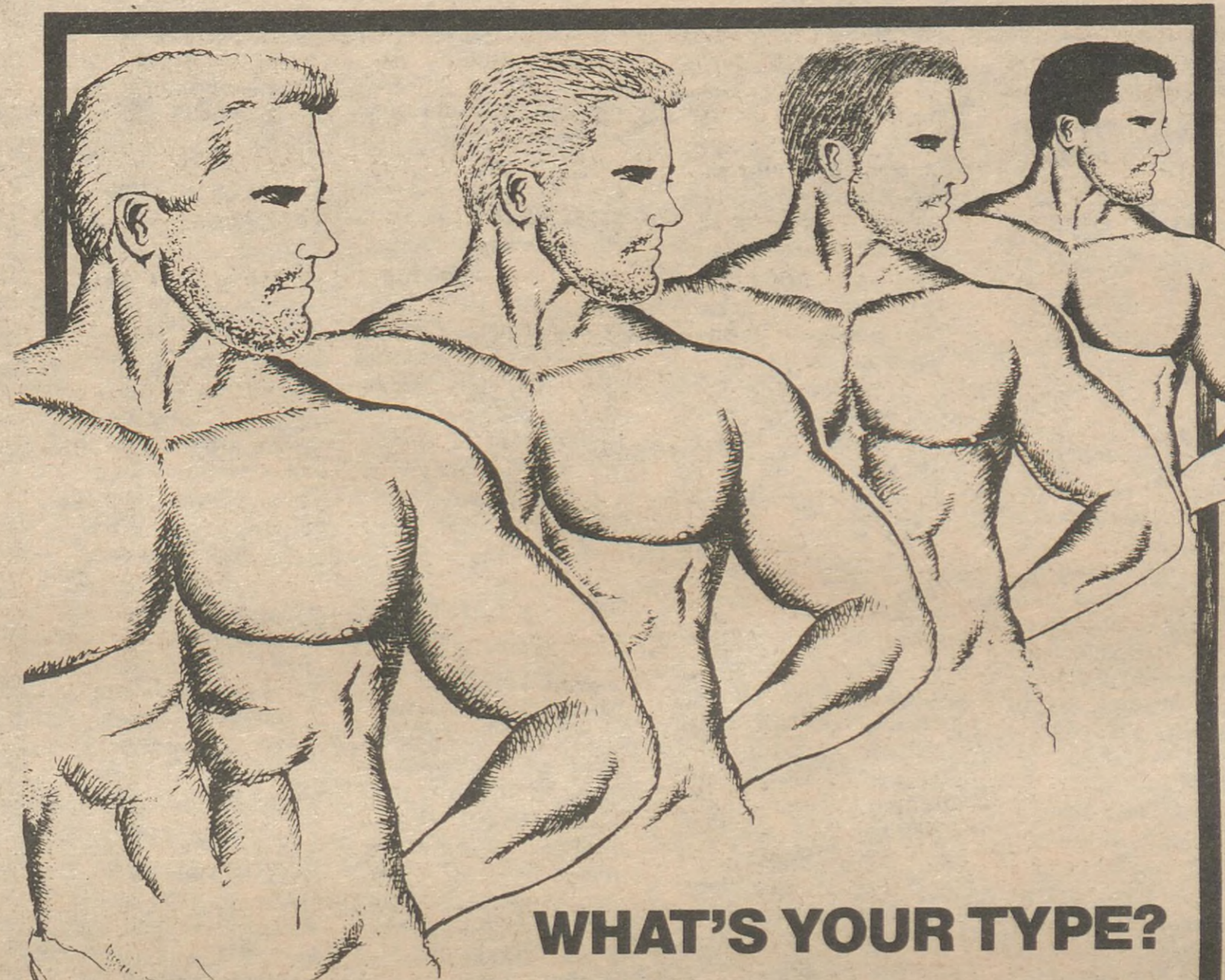
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GBM

30, tall, professional, masculine, seeks compatible gay male (30-45) who has a good sense of humor, an adventurous spirit, versatility & the willingness to work towards a good friendship first. The rest will follow. Ad 25814

GBM'S

GWM, 46, very tall, thin, very hairy, HIV-, seeks GBM'S. You: 25-40, smooth chest, weight in 1 to height, healthy, HIV-, non-smoker, non-drug user, interested in safe fun or something more. Ad 25380.

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GWM, 32, 5'6, 125#, SELF-MOTIVATED PROFESSIONAL

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

GWM 52 SEEKS GWM 18-29

Looking for that special someone. Must be drug free. I am responsible, good listener, with a lot of love to give. Interests are astrology, numerology & most new age subjects. Enjoy watching pro sports, movies & dining out. Looking for someone to depend on? Ad 25984

GWM, 32, 6'5, 285

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

GWM, 40, 5'9, 145, br/ br

slim but very firm. Big moustache, big heart, responsible, sincere, stable. I enjoy music, anything from country to disco, also enjoy movies, opera, theater, the outdoors & quiet evenings at home. Looking for someone who is in good shape, 35-45 years old, good sense of humor. Ad 25956

HANDSOME GWM PROFESSIONAL:

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HOT BOTTOM SEEKS HOT TOP

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HOT GM COUPLE

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HOT HANDSOME INSATIABLE & VERY INTELLIGENT

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HOT HUNG STUD SEEKS HORNBY HISPANICS

GWM 29 5'10 160Lbs Handsome endowed top, dark hair, hazel eyes, humorous, responsible, professional, sincere, masculine Taurus. Enjoy traveling, dancing, movies & cuddling. If your Hispanic average looks & build seeking fun, hot times, friendship or possible relationship. Also seeking same in other cities for fun times. Ad 25378

I DONT WANT MUCH:

just a muscular, bearded, intelligent, faithful, food looking, GWM (or some subset of the above). If this describes you & you are interested in a very attractive & intelligent, 5'11, 157#, dark haired, bearded, professional, 28 year old, HIV-, GWM, let's get together over coffee. Ad 25985

I DONT WANT TO LIVE WITH YOU

I just want to love you, share hearts, occasions & some nights. I'm middle-aged, fat & exciting! Also hard-working, honest, sane & sincere. What've you got to lose? Ad 25154

I LOVE YOU, DWIGHT

and I loved our weekend off together. Maybe we can arrange some more like that soon. It's always a pleasure to spend time with you; even doing those little nothings like shopping, working out, watching TV, cooking, playing around, gardening, etc. I hope it didn't bore you & just remember, I'll always be here for you. You're my joy & yes, I can see the difference now that you're lifting weights again. Woof, woof woof!!! TAD

LEATHER DADDY

Professional, versatile, GWM 45, 5'11 170lbs, VIRGO, br/ bl, trimmed beard & moustache

seeks new friends for new horizons in Beaumont area. Likes leather, levis, uniforms & kink. Also like movies, musical 1, travel & new scenes. Ad 25889

LET'S GET TOGETHER

For friendship & hopefully more. If you are handsome, GWM, 21-30, masculine, slim build & enjoys sports & is looking for attractive GHM, look no further. I am 30, 142, 5'8, slim build, well-equipped & smooth. So call. Cause you never know. Ad 25925

LET'S START THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER

GWM, 6', 185, former East Coast model, br/br, well educated & travelled, enjoying the "arts," non-smoker & drug-free but fun-loving. In search of a sincere, sensitive, responsible intelligent attractive & discreet GWM 25-45 for very, very special long-term relationship. Ad 25373

LOOKING FOR COUNTRY GWF-F 40-50 YEARS

who knows that pines whisper & gossip. Likes to hear the "critters" sing the sun to sleep each night. Likes to see "dawn" flirting across the sky & thru the trees. Knows that showers wash away soil & fatigue but not the love of soul-mates or nature. Ad 25804

MAN LOCKED BEHIND BARS

Lonely 37 yr. old brown/ brown, 5'8, 185#, incarcerated man seeks correspondence with mature warm 45 plus person. Me, very athletic - ex bodybuilder. No family or friends. I will respond. Ad 25938

MARRIED MEN

Spend quality time day or night W/ semi-retired GWM in Houston, call this ad for info. Ad 325890

NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

Mature professional, very hairy body/ hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer). You mentally mature, non-smoker, large equipment plus, bottom - into safe sex. Ad 25916

NO MORE LONELY NIGHTS

GWM, 19, br/green, 6', 175, currently a model in Page Parkes. Hobbies include reading, working out & collecting music. Looking for GWM 21-28, masculine. Ad 25116

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

Looking for healthy mind & body, fun loving, versatile man. You - blue/ green/ hazel eyes - prefer body hair - safe sex a must - over 21. Me - 30's, stocky Hispanic - HIV +, on occasions called handsome. Looking for butt buddy. Ad 25346

NOT MARRIED WITH CHILDREN

GWM 37, 5'6, 130 lbs br/hz Italian, moustache, nice looking, firm build, HIV pos. Raising two young teen boys alone. This dad needs companions & distractions, like to party on weekends. Into old cars, dancing & raising hell. Would like to make friends & meet others in similar situation. Ad 25362

OLD FASHIONED VALUES, NEW AGE THOUGHT

this attractive, slender, healthy, mid-50's, GWM has an abundance of affection, energy, talents & wit to share. Insist on replies from dependable, stable, happy men of any age with no alcohol, drug or weight

problems. Defined tastes, sensitivity, fun loving, spiritual awareness combine to promise a rewarding friendship/ relationship. Ad 25358

ONE IN A MILLION?

Are you the one in the million for me? If you are a quality young person, healthy, sincere, decent, not into drugs or alcohol, & would enjoy a friendship or more with a sensitive, caring, decent middle-aged professional who loves touching, quiet times, eating out, movies & other fun times, & you would enjoy spending quality time with a quality mature person, you may be the one in a million. Ad 25105

POSITIVELY ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE ABOUT BEING POSITIVE

GWM HIV+, 38, 6'1, 185, brown/ hazel. Looking for GWM with warm heart for friendship & help with fighting the wicked witch. Prefer tall (6'4+) muscular, heavy (220+) with big heart from the Victoria, Bay City, Houston area. Will certainly consider all. Ad 25943

SEEK INTENSE DAYTIME MEETINGS

WM 52, 5'8 152 seeks guy about same size & age for daytime meetings, friendship, relationship. I'm educated, affluent, bright, discreet. Great imagination, very creative. AD25893

SEEKING GF'S

2 GWF, early 20s, very attractive, wanting to meet other gay females. We like dining out, movies, concerts, clubs & the arts. If you want to meet & go out sometime, Ad 25149

SEEKING KINKY, ADVENTUROUS MEN

Thin is okay if well-defined. Big is okay if muscular. Large endowment & tallness are pluses but not required. Attitude is important; race is not. Me: GWM, 42, 5'9, 178, hairy, professional, very assertive, outwardly conservative. I will send photo, phone number. Ad 25134

SERIOUS LOVING CHRISTIAN MAN SEEKING SAME

Do not drink or do drugs & require same. 6'3, 245 GWM, 45, who has many varied interests. Enjoy sharing experiences with good friends. Ad 25213

SINGLE, HONEST & AFFECTIONATE

Clear headed, calm & happy GWM, 23, 6'1, br/gr, 200, would like to meet other GWM for friendship or possible intrigue. I am responsible & intelligent although I occasionally drink & smoke. I'm HIV neg. & believe in monogamy. Ad 25365

SON SEEKS MASTER

29, 6'2, 210#, well muscled, football player type, brn/ brn, moustache. This rowdy country boy seeks an equipped Master to serve & for possible ownership. Ad 25350

SORRY, I CAN'T GO ...

out with you Friday night. I've got to wash my hair. Tired of those dates from hell? Problem solved! I'm an upbeat, fun GWM, 31, 150, 5'9", solid, slim/muscular build. Enjoy cuddling, wrestling, intelligent conversation. Seeks one similar monogamous GWM/GHM

25-40 HIV neg. Ad 25122

THE MAN I LOVE...

will be bright, witty, talented, thoughtful, polite & interesting. GWM, late thirties, br/br, 5'10 150lbs, moustache, hairy chest, nice looking, nice guy, healthy, financially secure, romantic. Likes music, animals, reading, writing, eating out, playing the piano & kissing! Seeks nonsmoking GWM, 20s or 30s for fun, romance & spirited conversations. Ad 25169

TIRED OF BARS ... MIND GAMES?

Muscular, masculine, GWM, 36, 190, 6', brn/ grn, moustache, seeks other masculine, built GWMs, who enjoy working out, good laughs, quiet & fun times, mixed with safe sex, kissing cuddling, & are sensitive listeners, ages 30-40. Non smokers please. Ad 25238

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TRUE FRIEND

Attractive GWM, 32, 5'10, 150lbs, moustache, smooth body, highly educated, preferably in jeans, reliable & of good character with various interests (music, theater, museums, movies, working out) looking for GM of any race & with moustache (25-37) for friendship, relationship. Ad 25244

TUTOR NEEDED

Attractive, GBM, 29, seeks tutor (any race) for intense studies & friendship. Willing to open my heart up for the right person. Interests include romantic evenings, dancing, jazz & cooking. Prefer non-smoking individual who is gentle, fun, intelligent, & emotionally stable. Let's play school. My favorite subject is anatomy. Ad 25987

VERY COUNTRY, VERY MASCULINE BEAR

Southeast metro: LaPorte/ Baytown area. Gay Anglo male, 49, 6'5, 220, honest, friendly & sincere. Have wide variety of interests but loves outdoors, horseback riding, working cattle, country music & dancing. Looking for younger, Anglo male, slim or trim smooth or hairy, masculine yet somewhat submissive, for friendship or more. Ad 25369

WANTED GWM COMPANIONS

GWM seeks other GWM(s) for companionship & hopefully more. I am 5'7", average looks, shy but friendly & willing to develop a value-for-value relationship. You need only be easy-going, playful, open-minded & willing to meet in person. I like nudism, giving/getting sensual body rubs & meaningful time spent together. Ad 25104

WANTED! YOUNG MAN SINGLE AND FREE

GWM 39 5'8,

Goodlooking, blonde/ blue enjoys cuddling, kissing, romance & C&W. Seeks Stable nonsmoker Drug-free GWM/ GHM must be 35 or younger, HIV-, good looking & weight proportionate to height for friendship romance & possible relationship. Ad 25376

WILLING TO HELP

Willing to put young stud 18-23 through college if you are the right person. Must be willing to relocate. I'm 5'8, 150, bl/ br professional with good body. Ad 543-F

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GAY AMERICA

City agrees to pay \$76,500 to settle Bush protest suit

By LEE LINDER FOR THE NEW VOICE

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Jan. 9 (AP)—The police union says the city should stand up for its Police Department instead of settling a lawsuit filed by protesters who say officers brutalized them during a visit by President Bush last fall.

The Fraternal Order of Police asked a federal judge Thursday to reject a settlement that would give the protesters \$76,500.

The city "paid people to confront police and assault police," FOP president John Shaw said. "It slapped every cop in the city of Philadelphia right in the face."

The FOP filed a motion asking U.S. District Judge William Yohn to "listen to our side of the story and allow us to become a participant," Shaw said.

Shaw accused the outgoing Goode administration of settling the lawsuit to save money.

"They should have stood up and defended the Police Department from this violent ... and destructive group that is bent on violent confrontation with police," he said.

He was referring to Aids Coalition to Unleash Power, whose members oppose Bush's AIDS policy.

ACT UP—together with the National Organization for Women, Act for Peace in the Middle East, Women for Reproductive Freedom, and We the People—sued the Police Department in federal court in October, alleging excessive violence and civil rights violations during Bush's visit at a downtown hotel Sept. 12.

Eight people were arrested as police tried to keep demonstrators away from the hotel. Four police officers and two protesters were injured.

Under terms of the settlement, the city and the police agreed they wouldn't in the future "restrict, disrupt, punish, prevent or otherwise interfere" with any exercise of free speech or assembly.

The city and police also agreed not to "arrest, seize, detain or search any person lawfully exercising rights ... protected by the First Amendment."

The plaintiffs agreed, where feasible, to notify police of protest plans.

Shaw said the agreement unfairly requires police to decide in a split second about someone's First Amendment rights while trying to keep the peace.

The settlement was reached Monday, W. Wilson Goode's final day as mayor. Mayor Ed Rendell was sworn into office that morning.

The city agreed to pay \$76,500 to 14 people and six groups. Amounts awarded to individuals ranged from \$12,500 to Coleman Terrell, who an attorney said was injured, to \$750 for eight of the plaintiffs, many of whom only had signs they were waving taken away.

The settlement states the defendants admit no liability in the case.

