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NO-AIDS Walk 1991 raises \$260,300 for 11 service agencies

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

The Sunday, Oct. 6, NO/AIDS Walk was a huge success. The first cool air of fall swept over the city the evening before, chasing away high temperatures and replacing them with cool, dry air, heaven sent for a walk in the Audubon Park. And walk they did—by the hundreds, nay, by the thousands.

Larry Bagneris Jr., candidate for state representative from the 93rd District, which incorporates all of the French Quarter and much of the Garden District, said the number of people and their commitment seemed twice what it was last year.

This year's parade numbered around 6000 and was led by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Parents-FLAG) and the Dixieland Jazz Band, a New Orleans treasure. Other entertainment was provided by the great Pete Fountain, New Orleans home-boy, noted for his annual

Mardi Gras "Half Fast Marching Band."

"I was a natural for today, don't you think, babe," said the grinning pied piper of the clarinet. Standing beside Fountain was Melinda Schwegmann, candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Also marching at the front of the parade was Caroline Roemer, the daughter of Louisiana Gov. Buddy Roemer.

The crowd-pleasing Charmaine Neville rocked the audience in her loving style, sending palpable electricity from the stage to the swaying throng. "All this and heavenly weather too," she beamed.

Eleven HIV/AIDS agencies and programs statewide will receive grants from the proceeds of Walk 1991. Identified by co-chairs Glen Kahrman and Jim Melancon to receive grants are organizations in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Monroe, Lafayette and Shreveport.

NO/AIDS Task Force, the Walk organizer and largest nonprofit community



Melinda Schwegmann, candidate for lieutenant governor, greets Pete Fountain backstage after Fountains act for NO/AIDS Walk participants Sunday, Oct. 6 in Audubon Park



NO/AIDS staff members announce the total raised by the annual NO/AIDS Walk: \$260,300 while others wave to supporters in the crowd (Photos by William Liermann)

HIV/AIDS operation in Louisiana, will divide 30 percent of the 10-K walk's net proceeds and retain 70 percent to fund its own programs. NO/AIDS programs include a statewide AIDS Hotline, HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, early intervention services and case management.

Last year's Walk raised \$212,795; 25 percent of that amount was awarded to seven agencies. This year's tally at Walk's end was \$206,300, with more expected after next week. Distribution of grant money is done by grant evaluations conducted by United Services for AIDS Foundation Inc., with input from NO/AIDS. The grant process was established to generate widespread state and local participation in the event and support of needy programs

throughout Louisiana.

Agencies slated for grants are: AIDS Law of Louisiana, New Orleans; Friends of Life/Baton Rouge AIDS Task Force; Greater Oachita Coalition for AIDS Resources and Education (GOCARE), Monroe; Just For The Record, New Orleans; Lafayette Cares, Lafayette; New Orleans People With AIDS Coalition.

Also among the 11, Pediatric AIDS Program and Resources for Adolescents Program of Children's Hospital, New Orleans; Planned Parenthood of Louisiana, New Orleans; Samaritan Ministries, New Orleans; Schumpert Medical Center/Mercy Center, Shreveport, and Women for Women With AIDS, New Orleans.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: SAN ANTONIO

Over 5000 expected to attend Gay Fiesta this weekend

More than 5000 people are expected to attend this year's Gay Fiesta at La Villita Assembly Hall, according to Evan Pope, coordinator for the annual event. Pamala Stanley, a Grammy nominee for best female vocal and record of the year, will be the featured performer.

The celebration will last from noon until 8:00 p.m. and there are 50 booths this year, doubling the number last year, Pope said. "All the booths have been rented out. So the Fiesta will be bigger and better than ever," Pope speculated.

All proceeds will benefit the San Antonio AIDS Foundation. Tickets are \$5 in advance and are available at SAAF, Paper Moon, Wild Club and the Bonham Exchange. Admission at the gate is \$6.

Stanley will perform at 5:00 p.m.

and again at 7:00 p.m. at the La Villita General Assembly Hall. Some of her songs have included "Coming Out of Hiding" and "If Looks Could Kill."

At the first Gay Fiesta, 1500 attended and there were 3500 last year, Pope said.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Supreme Court rejects appeal by gay rights group

WASHINGTON, Monday, Oct. 7 (AP)—The Supreme Court today rejected an appeal by a gay rights group that had to pay Columbus, Ohio, before it could parade on city streets.

The court, over one dissenting vote, let stand a ruling that the city's substantial parade fees do not violate free-speech rights.

Justice Byron R. White voted to hear arguments in the case, but four votes are needed to grant such review.

Stonewall Union, which advocates civil rights for gay men and lesbians, has been holding annual June parades in Columbus since 1982 to coincide with similar parades in other cities.

The group and its director, Craig Cov-

ey, said the city fees infringe on free-expression rights and are applied in a discriminatory manner. The appeal said a growing number of cities are adopting similar ordinances.

Columbus charges a flat \$85 parade-application fee plus a variable fee intended to reimburse the city for paying police to control traffic during parades.

Stonewall Union was charged \$1,202 for police services at last year's event. The fee has risen over the years. For example, the traffic control charge in 1985 was \$672.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in May that such fees do not violate free-speech rights as long they defray administrative expenses and the

cost of maintaining public order.

The appeals court cited a 1941 Supreme Court ruling that upheld a New Hampshire law imposing fees of up to \$300 for parades on public streets.

The appeals court also rejected an argument by the gay rights group that police officials had too much discretion to decide how much to charge groups wishing to hold parades.

There is no evidence police raised the fees because they believed some groups might spark violence and require more protection, the appeals court said.

It also said the city does not have to exempt poor people from the fees because they can march on the sidewalks or gather in parks free of charge.

But the appeals court ordered a federal judge to conduct further hearings to decide whether the fees are being charged in an unconstitutionally discriminatory way.

The 6th Circuit court noted, for example, that Columbus did not charge a fee to family farm protesters who marched there or to participants in a motorcade that drove through the city to protest the closing of all Ohio savings and loan institutions in 1985.

Stonewall Union said that in 1986 the city's taxpayer-supported convention bureau paid about \$2,000 for a parade by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Have we got a deal for you. How about a real estate package priced from 53 to 85 percent of its appraised value, for \$500 million with a fifth down and the remaining \$400 million financed by the federal government (the seller in this case) with no interest for seven years and then the interest rate of nine percent? A sweetheart deal—and most of the real estate is in Houston and New Orleans.

This is the so called Patriot deal engineered by the Resolution Trust Corporation for two Canadian and two American businessmen. It probably helped that these "non-political" gentlemen hired lobbyist Richard F. Hohlt, a Republican fund raiser for Bush and a presidential appointee to the board of the Student Loan Marketing Association. It probably did not hurt that Hohlt is buddies with L. William Seidman, chairperson of the Resolution Trust, and that Hohlt has been trying to hire Seidman when the latter retires next month.

One piece of property in this deal is a highrise on Memorial for which Resolution Trust had a cash offer of \$8.5 million but which is included in the Patriot deal for \$5.1 million.

Obviously all any of us lack to make such a deal are the right bank connections for the down payment and the right political connections to foist the burden back on the government, i.e., the American people. The four businessmen involved are John Daniels, founder of Canada's Cadillac Fairview; William Mack, whose Mack Organization develops office space in New York; Canadian George Mann who heads Lincoln Savings in New York; and Paul Nussbaum, a New York real estate lawyer.

It would be humorous if it were not so painfully obvious that many of the same persons who contributed to the S&L and banking failures are now among the principal beneficiaries of the federal government's desperate attempts to recoup a tiny portion of the hundreds of billions of dollars of our money pouring into the sinkhole of fraud and misuse.

All of this brings to mind several events, from Watergate to Irangate. Perhaps you wonder what they all have in common. Well, for starters all of these modern-day scandals of the Nixon-Reagan-Bush era have resulted in little or no real culprits behind bars. And for this we owe, first, the very same federal government which consistently used its immense powers to bury the evidence and cover the trail, and second, the very complexity of these scandals confuses the public and readily loses our interest.

Only this week, the assistant Secretary of State under Reagan pleaded guilty to two lesser charges of lying to Congress in order to avoid prison. It is all too clear that

everyone, from Reagan and Bush and down the line, lied about Irangate. They broke the law—and this from the same men who ran on a law-and-order platform. Yet nothing is done; Bush appears a certainty for re-election.

At least Watergate resulted in the first resignation of an American president, and his attorney general—the chief law enforcement officer in the land—went to prison. Reagan's attorney general bungled—apparently intentionally—the first investigation of Irangate, and like the rest of them he proceeded to then lie about the mess. This same Edward Meese committed the Justice Department, for the first time in history, to an all out campaign, and millions of dollars, to further the Right Wing agenda against all adult material in this country.

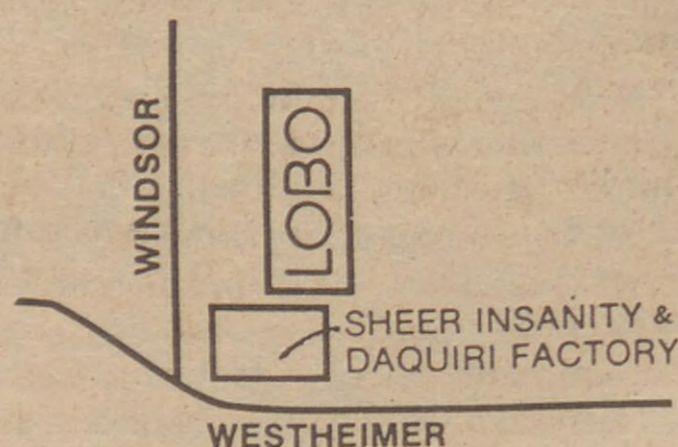
At this very moment the Senate of the United States is likely to confirm as director of the Central Intelligence Agency a man who, more than anyone else, contributed false information solely for the purpose of furthering the Reagan expansionist policy on behalf of the military-industrial complex of this nation. He is being confirmed by the same Senate committee which operated hand in hand with this expansionist policy—Democrats and Republicans alike. This is why one of his biggest fans is that esteemed Democratic senator from Oklahoma.

If we look at the serious problems confronting this country—crime, health care, AIDS, the homeless, overpriced real estate—we find the Reagan-Bush administrations have been on permanent leave. Our educational system and our environment are modern day tragedies unequalled in any other industrial nation. Yet despite all this the President of the United States has the highest approval ratings in modern times and the opposition's thoughts are more on the election of 1996 than next year's.

Whatever the causes, from capsule news to the decline in reading, from a complacent press to the day of the publicists, Americans are looking to the very perpetrators of our problems as their saviors. And the high cost of campaigning combined with the immense power of the incumbency deaden the few voices of substance coming from the nearly discredited Democratic Party. Mario Cuomo, who talks common sense like no other, refuses to get into the battle; John Kerrey of Nebraska is being discounted because he's currently unmarried and carries a playboy image from his dating days with Debra Winger.

Until the American people come to terms with the mendacity of the past decade and recognize the culprits for what they are, and the press drives home the truth of our problems and mistakes, then we as a nation will not only continue to re-elect the liars and the cheats but the Watergates and Irangates will continue to be repeated. For God's sake, when will this country wake up?

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▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

Gay fathers, art classes and Billiard League standings

Houston attorney Madeline D. Sitzes will be featured as guest speaker at the Monday, Oct. 14 meeting of Gay Fathers/Fathers First of Houston. Sitzes will address the topics of parental rights under Texas law, touching on the issues of divorce, child custody, visitation rights, child support and other issues of interest to gay parents. Non-members may attend.

Gay Fathers/Fathers First of Hous-

ton is a non-profit support organization for gay men with children. The group meets every Monday (excluding holidays) at 8:00 p.m. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett. For more information, call (713)541-5502 or (713) 977-6392.

—PWA art classes

A free art course for PWA's and HIV positive people meets every Saturday, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., at the Art League of Hous-

ton Studio II, 1953 Montrose.

Call 523-9530 for more information.

—HMBL standings

The Houston Metropolitan Billiard League has announced the top six teams and five individuals as of the week ending Oct. 4. The teams are (1) Briar Patch, 6-1; (2) Mary's Force, 6-1; (3) Good Guys, 5-2; (4) Pick of the Litter, 5-2; (5) Jackson Five, 4-3 and (6) Precision, 4-

3. The individual standings are as follows: (1) Jim Traweek, Briar Patch, 18-3; (2) Joel Reyes, Mary's Force, 15-3; (3) Ron Harper, Crazy Eights, 17-4; (4) Carlos Romero, Precision, 17-4 and (5) David Smith, Pick of the Litter, 17-4.

Winners of the HMBL/GHPBL Scotch Doubles Tournament at the on Sunday, Oct. 6: first place, Wayne Cook and J.B. Barnes; second place, Joel Reyes and Bob Cypert.

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New Orleans City Council cans condoms at Carnival parades

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
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New Orleans City Council took time at its regular Thursday, Oct. 3, meeting to pull condoms off the list of approved items that may be tossed to parade watchers during the city's annual Carnival blow out. Known as "throws," the tossed trinkets include beads, doubloons and go-cups along with a legion of items developed by various organizations and krewes.

Krewes are the social clubs that conduct the parades, public balls and private parties that constitute much of the Carnival. Catching throws is one of the most ubiquitous activities of the season. In recent years women's panties and brassieres have been thrown to the crowds from passing parades. Less frequently, men's briefs

have joined such prized catches.

A popular addition last year, destined for that list of relatively rare, tantalizing throws, came from the NO/AIDS Task Force. They introduced beads of purple, green and gold—Mardi Gras tri-colors. Attached to the beads was a medallion with an embossed admonition to "Play Safe." On the reverse was the NO/AIDS phone number. Some beads also had a packaged condom taped to the back of the medallion.

This year, three months before Fortnight, the traditional opening of the Carnival season, the condom ban was enacted by unanimous vote of the city council. The Mayor's Mardi Gras Coordinating Committee had advised in a written statement that throwing condoms "would not be within the boundaries of good taste and

decency." "For which Mardi Gras is so famous," quipped popular New Orleans comedian Becky Allen.

The committee was not responding directly to the NO/AIDS beads with condom, but to Stephen Pool of Baton Rouge who had contacted "The City That Care Forgot" about a novelty he wished to market: a condom wrapped in Mardi Gras tri-colors. Pool said in his letter, "I can honestly say that no one we talked with thought that these were in any way offensive. The most common response was they were 'cute.'"

Jeff Campbell, executive director of NO/AIDS Task Force said, "It is irritating, with the deluge of problems washing over New Orleans, from bankruptcy to the AIDS epidemic, city council takes time to outlaw something that can only lead to

less illness, less suffering and less outlay of public money." Campbell added, "Outreach and education are the only effective weapons against this disease."

Alan Robinson, proprietor of the Faubourg Marigny Bookstore and a community activist, said he saw the condom ban as "another example of municipal foolhardiness." Adding, "It's just more pandering to the religious ostriches who oppose the demystification of sex. They want everyone to keep their heads in the sand while reality plucks the last feather from the city's rump."

Richard Young, a former Chicagoan now living in the Faubourg Marigny scoffed at the ban saying, "What they ought to do in response is throw photocopies of death certificates of those who died from AIDS."

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Bob Lanier: Standing by his background and reaching for a broader base

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
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(Part Two in a series on Houston's major mayoral candidates)

Bob Lanier leaned back in his chair in a small, curtained-out office at the back of his curiously neat Richmond Street campaign headquarters, his feet propped up on the desk in front of him seemingly to show off his trademark boots and jeans. "I guess I shouldn't be doin' this, huh, if you're gonna be taking pictures...?" he quipped to photographer Barry Bass.

Never mind that it wasn't "his" office, or that he'd arrived at the headquarters barely five minutes before. Lanier is a master at projecting country spunk and "so what" sincerity, and he seems genuinely intent on maneuvering around his River Oaks/road-rich image to parlay these skills into a broader base with the diverse Houston electorate.

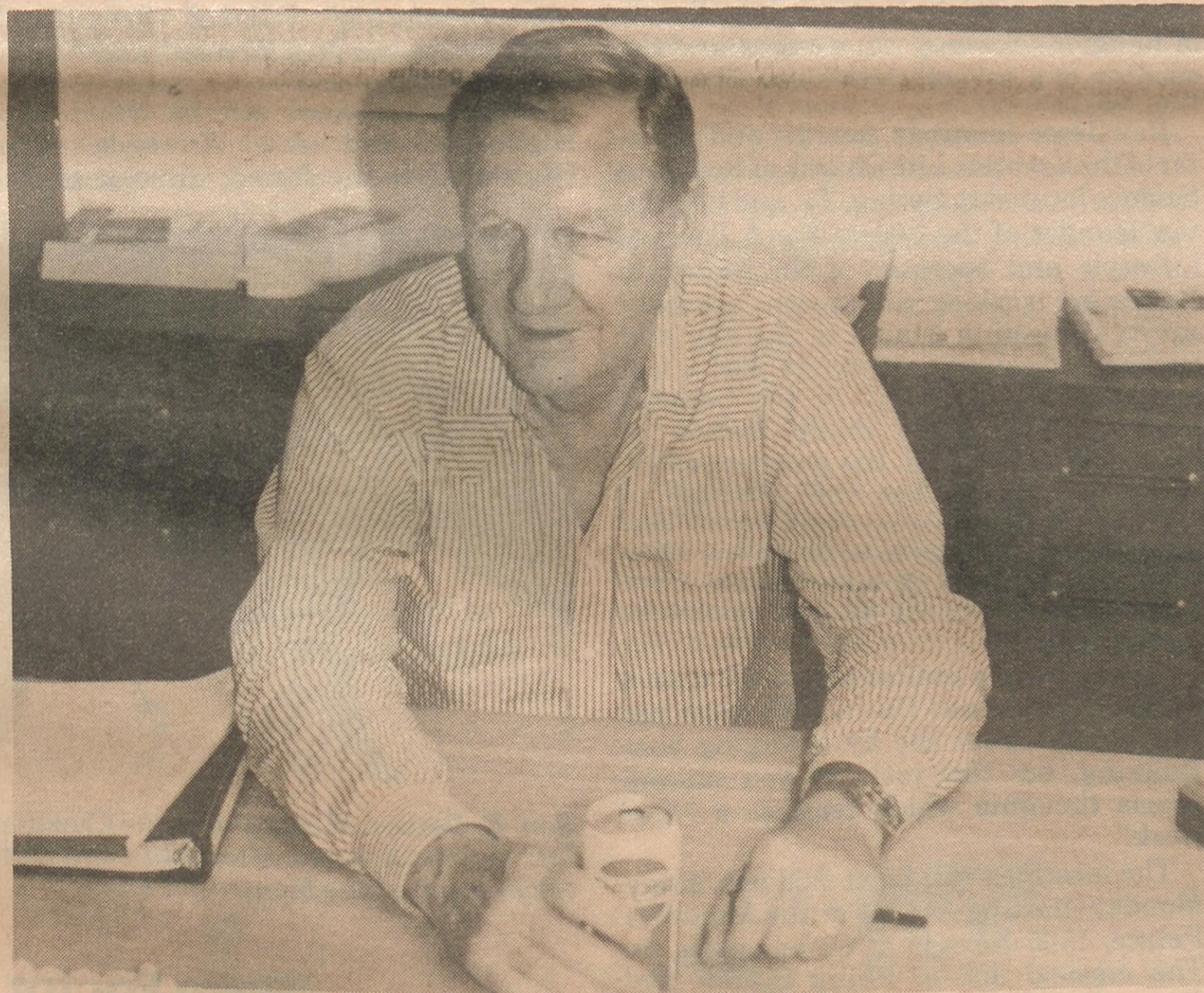
He does it well, with a warm smile and the kind of soft-spoken naivete that could almost make the most suspicious liberal find the word "good" in "Good Old Boy." And he sticks to his position on the issues with a refreshing frankness (for a candidate)—even when those positions go contrary to those of the person or group to whom he is speaking. His "no's," if nothing else, are concrete, as when he was asked whether he would support an ordinance prohibiting discrimination against gays in housing and employment.

"Isn't that what we had that referendum on? I—no. No, I wouldn't support that. I think it's counterproductive. (The 1985 ordinance) caused a lot more grief than it solved."

He went on to say he believed government officials should promote fairness and equality by "just doing it."

"I think all people have prejudices against people who are different from themselves. ... What I try to do is not to give in to certain opinions I might have."

"... I think if we got down to where the only difference kinds of people were (those with) blue eyes and brown eyes, it would come down to the blue eyed people (resenting) the brown eyed people. Everyone is going to have differences of opinion ... some people may have a prejudice against me because I'm six-foot-four, wear boots and live in River Oaks ... everyone's different. It's same thing between heterosexuals and gays, we have one area of life where (these) people are different, but everyone is different."



Bob Lanier says running for Houston mayor is a "wonderful learning experience"

"... In this whole area of civil rights—I think the best thing is just doing it. Setting an example with yourself (as an official) ... how you deal with other people and what kind of value system you project," he said.

While making no commitment, Lanier agreed with the concept of a gay/lesbian liaison for the mayor's office. "In some cases, yes, I think that would be helpful ... in a perfect world, something like that wouldn't be necessary ... but of course, this isn't a perfect world."

Asked why he didn't address the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus at the group's endorsement meeting on Sept. 25, Lanier looked puzzled and said he hadn't missed the meeting intentionally. "I either had something else (to attend) that night or I just didn't realize (the endorsement meeting) was going on that night. But I didn't stay away on purpose," he said.

Lanier had received the lowest scores of the three mayoral candidates who screened with the caucus. Screening committee members later characterized him as unpredictable and lacking knowledge in the area of civil rights.

Lanier continued that he'd "had a really nice exchange" with HGLPC members during the group's recent candidate screening, and came away from the screening comfortable that "they liked me alright." Informed that community leaders feel he is unfamiliar with gay and lesbian issues, Lanier again seemed confused. "I don't feel like I'm unfamiliar with the issues ... of course, I don't know everything. I don't mean to say that I don't have anything to learn."

"This whole (campaign) process has really been a wonderful learning experience for me," he said.

This revelation was quickly followed with a capsule history of the experience he does have: eight years of public service in transportation; experience with security and safety systems (through his ownership of apartment complexes) and success in business and management. These qualifications, Lanier insists, put him in a position to follow the best course of action to address some of the pressing concerns of the gay and lesbian community.

Crime—the issue of choice for all of the key candidates in the mayor's race—is a

comfortable subject for Lanier, whose strategy to combat the crime wave in neighborhoods is hinged on hiring more officers and shifting patrol priorities to crime peaks. He stresses the importance of increasing police visibility in a neighborhood like Montrose to reduce violent crime: "I think maybe if those Woodlands guys had seen blue and white (patrol cars), Paul Broussard would still be alive."

He also favors the expansion of extra security patrol programs, such as the patrols recently mounted by the Constable's Office in Montrose and three Houston subdivisions.

He favors trying other innovative tactics to deter such crime, calling the recent "sting" operation in Montrose "very appropriate."

But Lanier said he isn't sure about imposing a youth curfew. "I would look a little longer at that. ... I think we need to research how effective (the curfew) has been in other areas that have tried it, like Dallas and San Antonio. I would certainly be hesitant to do something like that before getting the number of (police) officers up, and add the burden of chasing juveniles to everything they're (police) doing already," he said.

Lanier also favors some less popular tactics, including "zero tolerance" sweeps in areas where crime has increased.

On the subject of AIDS and the city health department, Lanier described the department's performance as "miserable."

"The agency that oversees (AIDS services) is inefficient and has not handled the need," said Lanier, who believes the city and county health department services should be consolidated. "AIDS is a big problem, bias makes the problem bigger ... its administration ought not to be in the hands of a department that is, basically, inept."

However, asked his views of the health department's director, Dr. John Arradondo, Lanier—like opponent Kathy Whitmire previously—sidestepped comment. "I don't want to make a personal judgment," he said.

Lanier listed his view of Houston's priorities as protecting the citizens, rebuilding neighborhoods, particularly in the inner city, environmental and beautification projects and—hardly surprisingly—traffic management and roadway system maintenance.

▼▼▼ AUSTIN QUICK NOTES

Austin Lesbian-Gay Political Caucus has new leaders, priorities

The steering committee of the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus (AL/GPC) met at the Travis County Courthouse on Sept. 24, 1991. Co-chair Thom Prentice announced his resignation from the organization, citing personal reasons for his decision. Paul von Wupperfeld and Gail McDonald were duly nominated and appointed to serve as interim co-chairs.

The interim co-chairs established the following priorities for the organization: candidate forums and endorsement meetings, membership, opera-

tions and equipment (including access to supplies and a computer), and voter registration drives.

"We must concentrate on ALGPC and its duties. We can consider new projects when we have succeeded with our mandated goals and responsibilities," the co-chairs stated. Steering committee meetings will be held at regular times and places and will be kept within an hour whenever possible, they continued.

The meeting schedule for the remainder of 1991 is as follows: Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., steering committee meet-

ing in the reception room of the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe Street; Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7:00 p.m., steering committee meeting in the O. Henry Room, Austin History Center; Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m., membership meeting, 4th floor auditorium, Austin Public Library, 800 Guadalupe Street; Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m., steering committee, O. Henry Room, Austin History Center.

The Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus is a non-partisan organization dedicated to educating the gay and les-

bian communities of Austin on political issues, getting gays involved in the political process and educating candidates and elected officials on the issues of concern to our communities.

All members of the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities are invited to attend these open meetings, however only dues-paid members of the AL/GPC are entitled to vote. Annual dues are \$15 individual; \$25 household membership. For more information, contact the AL/GPC, P.O. Box 822, Austin, TX 78767; phone (512) 474-0750.

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Attorney funds legal writing competition on sexual identity

In order to encourage legal research as it relates to the issues of sexual identity, including the transgender community, gay men and lesbians, a writing competition will be held annually at the University of Houston Law Center. The student writing the best paper on topics relating to any area of the law dealing with sexual identity will receive an award, with preference given to transgender issues in the final judging of the papers.

The \$500 annual award is to commence in the spring of 1992 as part of an endowment funded by Phyllis Randolph Frye, an attorney and UHLC alumnus (1981).

The transgender community includes transsexuals, transgenderists and transvestites. The preference given to transgender law, according to the donor, is that because of her real life experience as a transgendered person she knows that "comparatively less is written on this issue."

The law to be analyzed in the papers may be in such areas as employment (hiring discrimination, on the job transition, wrongful discharge); family (change of name, pre-operative change of gender, amendment of birth certificate, passports, validity of marriage before and after surgery, child custody and visitation); housing (refusal to rent, wrongful eviction); insurance (naming beneficiaries, electrolysis, hormones, psychological analysis, surgery and hospitalization, refusal to insure life); military (security risk, forced discharge, benefits); criminal (mistreatment during arrest, segregation while in jail or prison, withholding of hormones); probate (validity of being named heir after transition begins, validity of bequest to legal spouse before surgery if death is after surgery) and health (ethics of greed in overtreatment, ethics of bias in undertreatment, malpractice, defining sex, gender, role and appearance).

Frye hopes to set a precedent with the competition for law schools in other cities. "Until (these) issues are thoroughly explored in the legal arenas, the progress of the gender community will be at a snail's pace," she said.

The writing competition will be open to all law students at the University of Houston Law Center. Judging will be by a committee appointed by the Dean and approved by Frye. The winner and other selected submissions may be published under the auspices of the Bar Association for

Human Rights of Greater Houston (BAHR) and the Gulf Coast Transgender Community, an outreach organization.

—Men's Network

The Montrose Counseling Center Men's Network will present "Reclaiming Our Past," described as "a laid back perusal into history in search of homosexual role models, heroes and others." Led by Jean-Louis Amand, MSW-CSW, Montrose Counseling Center staff therapist, it will point out "homophobia's consistent effort to deny us our history and disclaim our positive contribution to human adventure."

The Men's Network meets at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group addresses concerns specific to the gay male community. For more information, call the Center at (713) 529-0037.

—Creative Life outreach

The creators of the "Center for a Positive Lifestyle" and "The Montrose Palace," in association with the Creative Life Church of Religious Science, have announced the opening of a new alternative weekly spiritual celebration.

Rev. Jesse Jennings, founder and minister of the Creative Life Church of Religious Science located in Spring, Tx. and Ron Davis, founder of the Center For A Positive Lifestyle and operator of the Montrose Palace are working will present a weekly spiritual meeting geared to the gay and lesbian community. Jennings was a featured speaker at many of the Center's meetings and made many friends in Montrose, Davis said. His non-denominational church teaches the principle of "cause and effect," or how one's conscious thoughts can be used to improve one's life. This philosophy is thought by one of Science of Mind's most famous ministers, Louise Hay.

"It's more of a philosophy of life than a religion," explained Davis. "We teach you can change your life by changing your thinking, but this includes you subconscious thoughts which requires a lot of work."

The meetings will be at 8:00 p.m. every Monday starting Oct. 21 at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth. The musical duo of Philip Brandt and Steven Delaney will entertain at the weekly meetings. For more information, call

(713) 526-5683 or (713) 350-5157.

—"Beaute Shoppe"

"Roxie Whorra in Beaute Shoppe," a night of Halloween magic and entertainment, will be presented at the Majestic Metro theater, 911 Preston, Sunday, Oct. 27. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the show scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Texas Cosmetology Association, Houston Affiliate #8, Body Positive/Houston and the AIDS Interfaith Council of Houston. Proceeds will benefit Body Positive and A.I.C.H.; tickets will only be sold in advance (no door sales). For ticket information, call (713) 977-0890.

—NOW conference

Houston Area NOW will host the 1991 National Organization for Women state conference to be held at the Holiday Inn-Medical Center Oct. 25-27. The theme is "Women and Poverty." The conference will feature a number of workshops including "Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism," "Women and AIDS: Growing Risks, Growing Concerns," "Global Feminism," "Health Care for Poor Women," and "Child Care/Child Support."

Keynote speakers will be Nikki Van Hightower and Ada Edwards. Van Hightower is the former director of the

Houston Area Women's Center as well as former Harris County Treasurer; Edwards is a community and justice activist.

Saturday evening entertainment will include a set by Marianne Pendino, a local musician and comedian who is a member of HeartSong, the Houston Area Women's Chorus.

The convention is open to all interested persons, with sliding scale registration fees available for NOW members.

—"Operation Ambulate"

The Yoga Center of Houston is sponsoring a community yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 2438 South Blvd, with all proceeds benefiting "Operation Ambulate" at the Thomas Street Clinic, the Harris County Hospital District's HIV/AIDS outpatient clinic. "Operation Ambulate" is a funding project developed by Yoga Center instructor John Coon to provide wheelchairs and bus tokens to Thomas Street patients. The project is helping the clinic expand its transportation assistance for patients as well as provide more wheelchairs for those who are too weak to walk, said clinic director Carolyn Barrett.

Items for sale include new camera equipment, designer furniture, sporting goods and household items. Donations of goods or money for the "Operation Ambulate" may be taken by the Yoga Center of Houston on Oct. 12. For more information, contact John Coon at (713) 524-4572 or Harry Livesay at (713) 746-5511.

—Westheimer Art Festival

The fall Westheimer Art Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19 and 20, at 3317 Montrose at Lovett. The event will include over 320 exhibitors showing watercolors, acrylics, sculptures, pottery, photography, jewelry, wood and glass designs and more, with live music daily. There will also be food and beverage booths and nine booths for non-profit organizations.

The festival poster by Mark Barnett is a whimsical design featuring a dinosaur behind the Houston skyline, literally "painting the town" red, blue, orange and pink. Barnett received the \$500 first prize in the W.A.F. poster competition.



Ron E. Davis will coordinate the Creative Life Outreach, a new alternative spiritual celebration, at the Montrose Palace



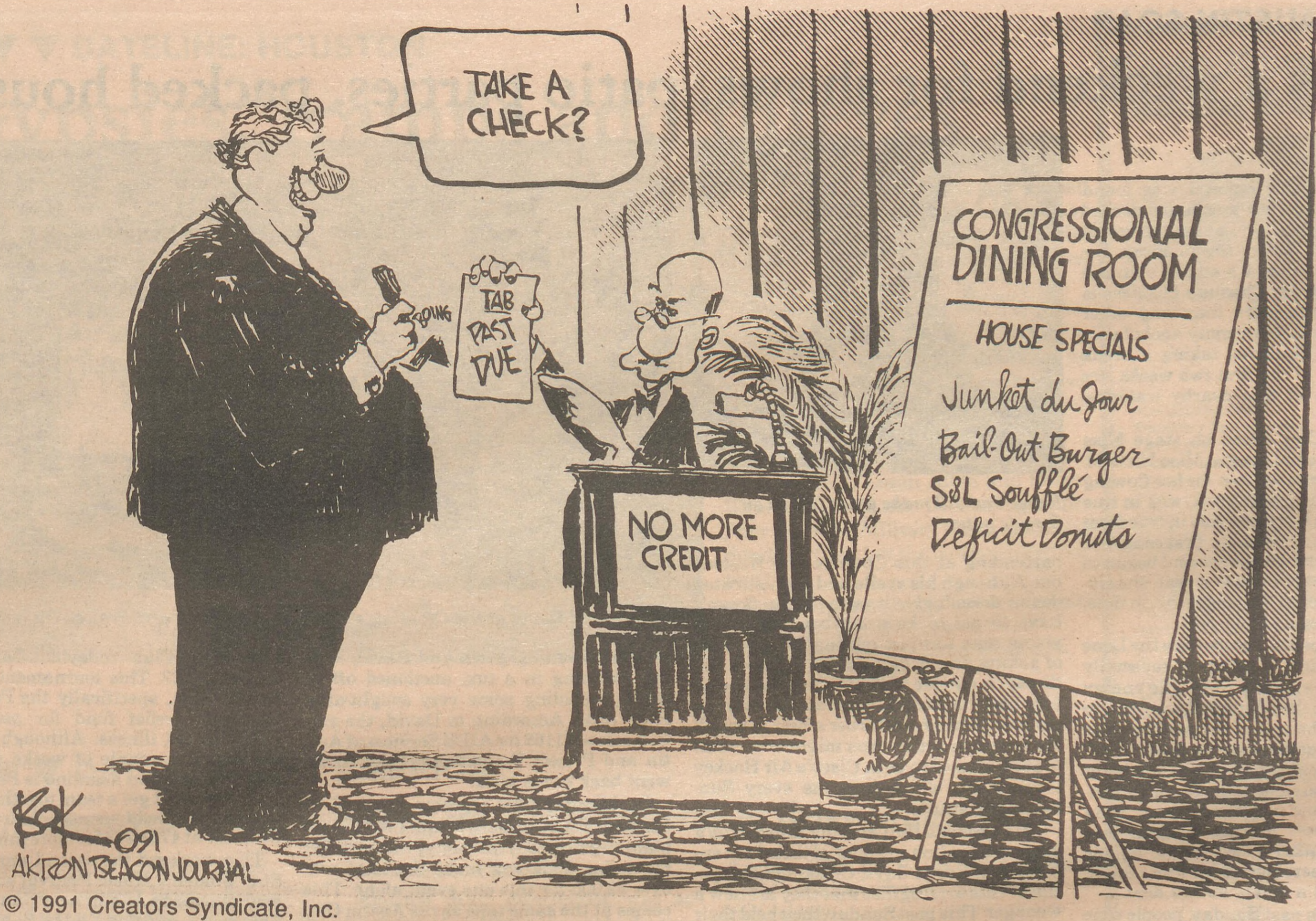
The weather was perfect for a picnic last Sunday, Oct. 6, as the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection joined Body Positive Houston and the PWA Coalition for the groups' annual fall picnic on the grounds of the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center. Activities included volleyball, croquet, kite flying (as well as eating).

Warp Factor

Karlos Barney



Custer's last sit.



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▼▼▼ DATELINE: SAN ANTONIO

Announcement about dental student was for public's 'emotional side'

By **BOBBY MAYES**
TNV San Antonio

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School (UTHSC-SA) called a press conference on Thursday, Oct. 3, to announce that one of its students had admitted he had tested positive for HIV, and to let patients know that he had treated them. The student requested a leave of absence after learning of his HIV status.

Dr. Kenneth Kalkwarf, DDS, dean of dentistry at UTHSC-SA, explained that the school had taken the measure to inform the patients that they have been treated by an HIV positive student, so that the patients could be tested. He explained, however, that because of "our current barrier techniques" (that is, the use of gloves, masks, protective eye gear, etc.) there is little reason for the patients to fear HIV infection.

He admitted that that statement spoke only to "the scientific side."

"The other side is what I would call the emotional side, because of what happened in the Kimberly Bergalis case," he said, referring to the Florida woman who is believed to have been infected by her dentist.

"If this were 1995 instead of 1991," Kalkwarf said, "We would not have called a press conference, for by 1995 we will probably just send letters to the patients suggesting that they be tested. But for now, on account of this time and the Kimberly Bergalis incident, we have to take this public measure to inform a less enlightened public."

The call for mandatory testing for health care workers, such as dentists and dental students, is an emotional one.

"I understand the rationale of those calling for such testing but in light of the fact that millions of people are treated by dentists daily without such incident of infection being reported shows that the Bergalis case is an isolated one," he said.

Mark Lawrence, interim director of

news and information at UTHSC-SA said that in the two working days following the announcement of the existence of an HIV positive dental student at the school, his office received 118 calls from the public about the matter. Only one of those 118 calls was negative, he said.

"We don't want to give the impression we are taking this situation lightly, because it is serious, but one woman called to say that she always made sure that her dentist used precautionary procedures 'because all dentists are gay'."

"Another called to say that she had canceled her dental appointment because she had a premonition that the student who had been working on her carried the HIV virus."

"As for the student who tested positive, he/she has requested a leave of absence and it is not known yet whether he/she will be coming back into the program. If he/she does come back into the program, he/she will be offered the alternative of working

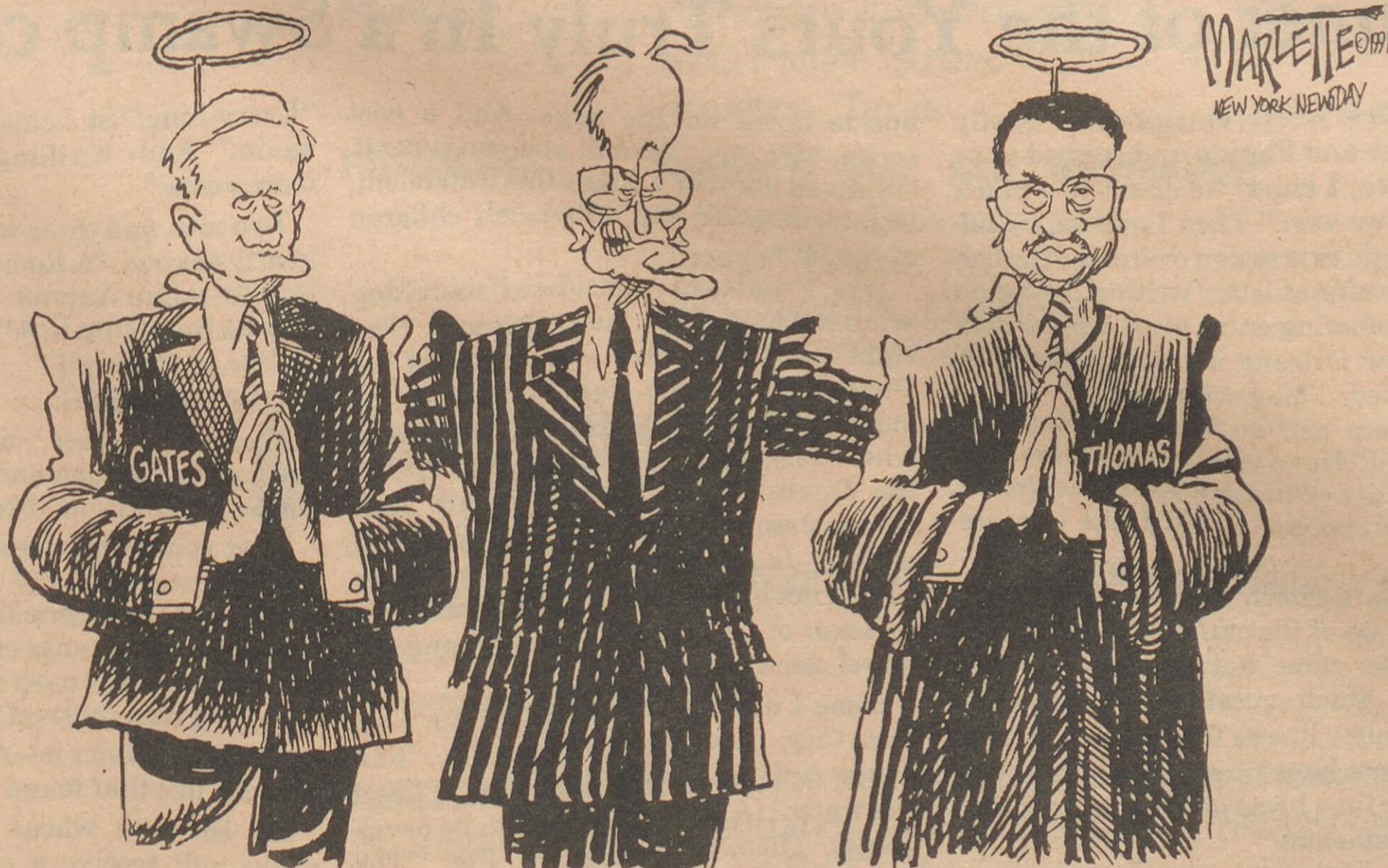
with HIV positive patients exclusively.

"The reason that he/she must be given this alternative is that a new Texas law requires HIV positive physicians and dentists to inform their patients that they carry the virus. If the dental student continues in our program, he/she will be required to tell all patients that he/she is positive."

Lawrence explained that he is not allowed to disclose the gender of the student "due to another new Texas statute that requires confidentiality in such matters."

Though Lawrence did not reveal the gender of the student, other sources have confirmed that it was a male.

An amendment to the government reorganization bill passed by the Texas Legislature on Aug. 13 codifies the federal Center for Disease Control's recommendations for HIV positive health care workers into Texas law. It does not, however, mandate testing or criminalize negation of the guidelines.



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▼▼▼ AUSTIN SOAP

It was a weekend for shows, patio parties, packed houses

By CHRIS LUTHER
TNV Austin

Last Thursday, this reporter was found lost in a crowd in an unusually packed house at Charlie's on Lavaca Street. It must be the lull before the midterm. Because of its location a walking distance from the university, Charlie's business is probably affected more than any other club in town by the University's scholastic ebb and flow. Students, taking a break from the crush of the first two weeks, are finding respite at this nearby watering hole.

That night they found on stage Miss Nichole and special guests. Miss Nichole, an Austin favorite, known for her flowing interpretation and biting wit, was in true form. Everyone knew she was in true form because near the end of her first song, her dress declared independence and began to break away. Never to miss a beat, she signaled her dresser to the stage who, in time, applied a strategic safety pin.

The ever so special guests were the Lone Star Male Review, a group of especially virile and active young men. The energy level rose as the first dancer, Ryan, took to the stage. By the end of the performance Ryan had the audience on the floor, literally. A naive student, gyrating on the edge of the stage, got too close to the Ryan's whirlpool of swing and was swept away. Soon he found himself looking straight into Charlie's pulsating disco lights, on his back, as Ryan aerobicized his inner thigh. And all for just a dollar, such a deal.

At Cisco's this past Sunday, people were enjoying beef fajitas. There, Renee and Jill were once again on the patio searing up a delicious meal. But there was beef at the bar also. Aspiring actor and SWT student Darin, who recently played the part of "Beef" in Capitol City Playhouse's successful "The Boys In Cellblock Q" is now



Renee and Jill make great fajitas on Cisco's patio

bartending at this Country and Western bar. Although his svelte and sophisticated demur doesn't give it away, Darin doesn't have to act to be a cowboy. This solid young man has just returned from a stint of poking dem doggies at his family's cattle ranch outside of Waco. Go by, welcome him back to Austin, congratulate him on his new position and order a beer to watch his biceps in action. You might even want to stick around to be in Cisco's Air Hockey tournament, which happens every Sunday night at 9:00.

This weekend the Crossing finished up a mega-celebration in honor of their 11th anniversary. For 11 days, Crossing held special events to recognize that they are now a teenager. This past Sunday, they held their annual art auction. This event (incorrectly reported last week as occurring across town), besides offering the Crossing an opportunity to redecorate, raises much needed funds for AIDS service organizations in the city.

Robbie, dressed in a flawless full length



Bobbie and David at the Crossing's art auction for ASA and Project Transitions

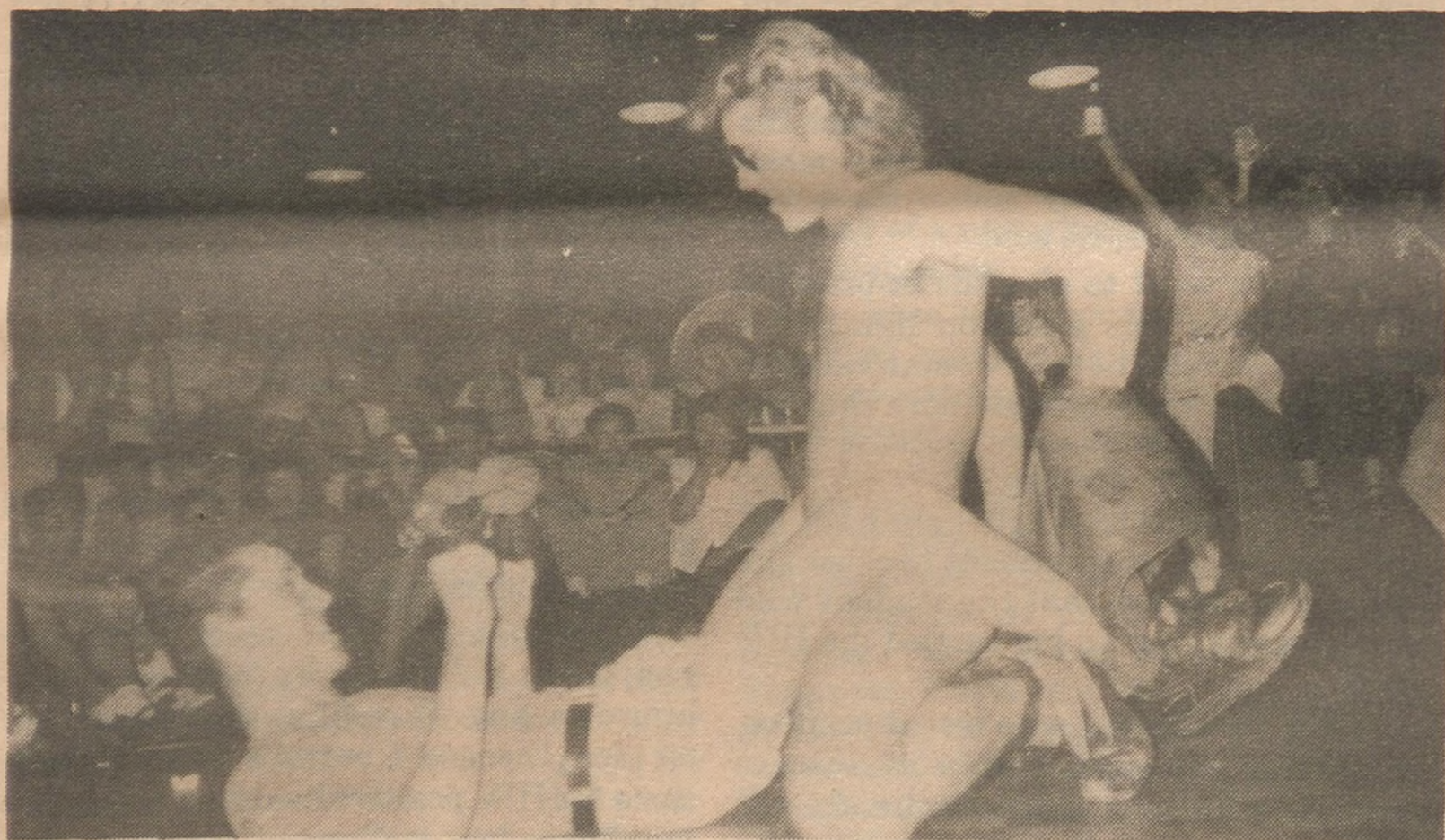
sequined evening gown and David, looking stunning in a tux, auctioned off 21 prints including some very sought-after Herb Ritts. According to David, the auction raised \$1168 for AIDS Services of Austin and Project Transitions. Then David went back to his book.

On Monday, this reporter was told by bar staff that Crossing owner Fred Fine is planning to match the money raised dollar for dollar. This will make the total sum over \$2,000 for this one event alone. This comes at the same time as the Austin City Council is unwisely recommending freezing 1992 AIDS funding at 1991 levels. Unless there is some opposition organized against this short-sighted policy, ASA, Project Transitions and other AIDS service organizations are going to have to rely on more and more benefits like this just to maintain their current client level. Go by, go buy and thank Fred for his generosity and support of the community.

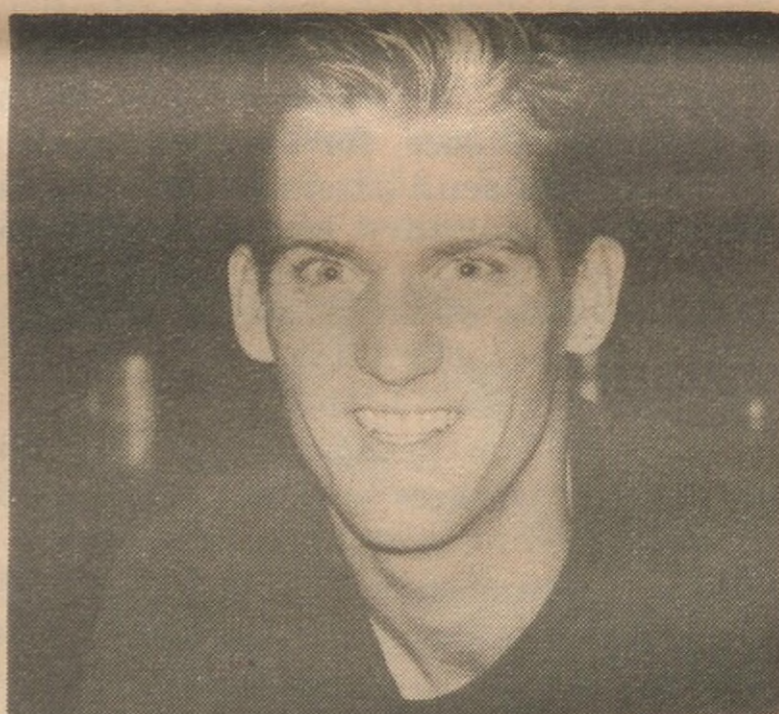
Chances will be holding the Third Annu-

al Octopus Club Volleyball Tournament on Oct. 25-27. This tournament will also benefit ASA, specifically the Paul Kirby emergency relief fund for people with AIDS-related illness. Although the tournament is a couple of weeks away, the team registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 11. If you can't get a team together in time, you can still held sponsor the event. Call Chances at 472-8273 for more information.

This weekend the second annual Lone Star Women's Music Festival will be happening outside Austin near Canyon Lake. This event, running Friday, Saturday and Sunday, is timed to enjoy the fine weather of autumn. The festival will feature some of Austin's best female talent, such as "Girls In the Nose." The "Nose" has recently been getting a lot of talk around town, as much for their extremely danceable beat as their brash lesbian-feminist lyrics. When Kay sings "Bite Me," she convinces you she means it. Tickets and directions to the event are at Book Woman here in Austin.



Ryan and guest take to the floor (literally) at Charlie's



Darin, aspiring actor (but now you can find him at Cisco's)



Tom, Mike and Mark at Oilcan Harry's

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

At long last: the winner of the Yours Truly In a Swamp contest!

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

As all things must, the contest to name in one sentence what Wheee! the Citizens of the U.S.A. won in the Persian Gulf War has come to an end. Daily trips to the post office will no longer be filled with expectation. And no longer will my mail box runneth over. For this, the Vieux Carre Post Office is thankful. I, however, already miss your funny, angry, laughable, and—sometimes—incomprehensible comments.

There were 1318 entries for our panel of one (me) to consider. They came from as far away as the Soviet Union and as near as the French Quarter. The entry mailed from the U.S.S.R. came from a New Yorker on holiday in fun loving Leningrad. His entry: "An end to the Vietnam War."

When this contest began, I expected some funny responses and some hateful ones. One angry reader wrote from Los Angeles, "You audacious scribbler, suggesting anything contestable existed about God, glory, flag and the Persian Gulf War ..." Obviously a loser addicted to oil flavored air. To be truthful, I got 127 hate letters.

In the first weeks, entries came mostly from Texas and Florida and seemed to be saying, "Ya, I know, we didn't win much but heck, we won!" Then Louisiana's talent for poetic expression overcame the cultural difficulty of letter writing, bringing the most sobering entry of all, from a lady in the New Orleans suburb of Metairie, who penned, "Magnolias bloom white/Roses bloom red/Go far away/fore you bloom dead." Not a legal entry—more than one line, Cher. (What can you expect from a 'burb that chooses David Duke to represent it).

Then the Eastern Seaboard got in the act and most of the states in between. The suggestions came hot and heavy. They didn't so much question my deviation from the party line as they were oh, so serious. (It must have escaped your attention but all the time I was looking for ha-ha-ha funny comments).

So, I created a new category: "Mad As Hell!" And the winner in Furbirds Watch Dogs (that is how they signed the letter) of Hartford Conn. They wrote: "What we won in the Persian Gulf War: From Here the Flag Flies." The entry was accompanied by three United States flags pasted

upside down on the page. And a post script: "We say, 'Take it, you can have it. Go ahead it's your's yours, this fraudulent, bloody, dirty old rag.'" Obviously children of the 60's.

One I seriously considered anointing Winner came from New Orleans, "The right to call Mr. Bush Ass-Kicker of the Dunes." Pretty good, right? Charity keeps out of print the name of this contestant who, sadly, sadly plagiarized "Ass Kicker the Dunes" from Times-Picayune staff writer James Gill. I briefly considered making James Gill the Winner but since he had not himself entered, the unanimous decision of our "panel" was to hang the laurel elsewhere.

Some I did not understand: From New York City, "Revenge." Orlando, Fla., "Fun in the sun." Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. "Fun in the water." (A pattern seemed to be developing). Then, St. Petersburg, Fla., "The right to stay home at night and have fun." Two men in Atlanta, "A new chapter of Gone With the Wind!" Albuquerque, "Water." Phoenix, "Water." And San Francisco, "Water." (Do you three know each other)?

Some I did understand: Chicago, "Clout!" Dallas, "Nothing!" El Paso,

"Everything!" St. Louis. "A chance to fight again." And Washington, D.C., "Four more years!"

Two men and three women from Austin jointly entered, "A Roman Circus." While a lady from San Antonio identifying herself only as Rambling Rose of San Anton said, "A line in the sand."

THE WINNERS:

Second runner up, Byron Lynn Dromgoole Landon and William Dee Carpenter of Houston: "Proof Pudding!!!"

First runner up, Jerome Murphy, M.D., Sacramento, Calif.: "I think the Persian Gulf is vital to American interests, emphasizing the importance of the war with Iraq because we really need their rugs and (the) carpeting they make, if I'm not mistaken."

And the Winner is—Ann Rek, Houston: "Kurds, like that found in cottage cheese."

All entrants whose names are listed above will receive a copy of the poster "Bourbon Street, No. 13." Congratulations! Thank you all for entering. It was a task going through so much mail but hey, with the war over—or in hiatus—there hasn't been much on TV anyway.

—Yours truly in a swamp, Leonard Earl Johnson

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Gypsies, tramps and thieves ...



Number 4 Courtlandt Place was the setting last Saturday night for the Four Seasons Club's fall party, with the theme of "Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves."

The indoor/outdoor party—for which the Courtlandt block was closed off—brought over 500 plus to be serenaded by strolling gypsy music, have fortunes told, buy a golden earring, party and socialize.

Pictured are Gypsy Queen Maxine Petty (riding), Loren Allen and Robert Watser, who will also be heading up the Four Seasons' Military Party, slated for Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Brazos River Bottom.

Proceeds from this affair will benefit the Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund.

Also pictured: Edith the Elephant.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

FDA approves second eye drug for AIDS patients to delay progression

WASHINGTON, Friday, Sept. 27 (AP)—The Food and Drug Administration on Friday approved a new drug to treat eye infections of AIDS patients.

The drug, foscarnet, is the second approved for treatment of cytomegalovirus, or CMV, retinitis, an infection that can cause blindness in people with weakened immune systems,

such as those with AIDS.

Another drug, ganciclovir, was approved in June 1989 to treat the disease. But because it has a toxicity similar to that of AZT, the only approved AIDS-fighting drug, patients on AZT often cannot tolerate ganciclovir.

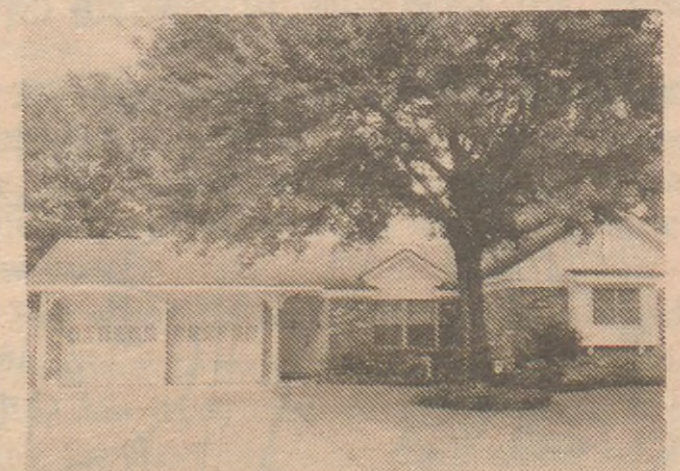
Foscarnet has been available since

August 1990 for AIDS patients with CMV retinitis who do not respond to ganciclovir.

Neither drug cures CMV retinitis, but they can delay progression of the disease.

Foscarnet is made by Astra Pharmaceutical Products Inc. of Westborough, Mass., under the trade name Foscavir.

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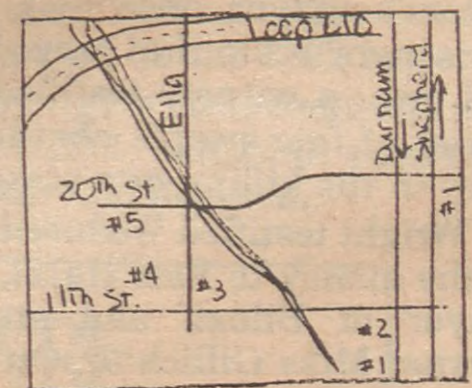
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Witness: Biloxi mayor once given profits from prisoner scam

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Thursday, Oct. 3 (AP)—Biloxi's mayor once took money from a prisoners' scam that preyed on homosexual men, a witness testified in the federal trial of four people charged with conspiracy in the killing of a state judge.

Robert Wright testified Wednesday that he gave the money to Pete Halat, who is now mayor of Biloxi, and striptease lounge owner Mike Gillich Jr. On Thursday, testimony moved into others' accounts of the scheme's logistics.

Wright, an unemployed pool builder, spent six hours on the stand as a prosecution witness in a trial that comes four years after Harrison County Circuit Judge Vincent Sherry and his wife, former Biloxi Council member Margaret Sherry, were shot to death in their North Biloxi home.

Sherry, who was Halat's former law partner, and his wife were shot with the same .22-caliber pistol, authorities have said.

Halat took office July 3, 1989. He said in

May that he was not involved in any scam or murder plot and is going to run for reelection in 1993.

The defendants are Gillich, Georgia prisoner John Ransom, Louisiana prisoner Kirksey McCord Nix Jr., and Sheri LaRa Sharpe of St. Francisville, La.

Wright, who testified under a grant of immunity from prosecution, tied Nix and Sharpe to a silenced .22-caliber pistol. Wright said Nix recruited him for the scam in 1986 and asked him to test-fire the pistol that spring.

He said Nix frequently instructed him in 1986 and 1987 to pick up money from Western Union offices in Biloxi and Escatawpa in exchange for a 10 percent cut. Wright said \$8,000 was the most he picked up at one time.

He said he did not learn until after he stopped picking up the money that it was fraudulently obtained from homosexual men who became pen pals with prisoners through advertisements they placed in

gay-oriented magazines. At first, Wright said, Nix told him to deliver the money to Sharpe. At the time, Sharpe was working at the law offices of Halat & Sherry. Halat was Nix's attorney.

Eventually, Nix stopped entrusting Sharpe with the money, Wright said, and he accumulated \$30,000 himself. Around March 1986, Wright said, Nix told him to take it to one of Gillich's Biloxi striptease lounges.

Nix also instructed Wright on one occasion to take \$300 to Halat and \$200 to his secretary, Ann Kriss. Kriss has said she deposited money brought to her for Nix in his trust account maintained by the law office.

Nix owned a house in Ocean Springs with a swimming pool in the back yard that he bought while in prison. Wright first talked to Nix in 1981 when Nix hired him to repair the swimming pool.

Sharpe lived in the house after she moved from Chicago to Ocean Springs in

1986. She has said she came to the Gulf Coast to work on a pardon for Nix, who is serving life without parole for murder.

The government contends Nix was amassing scam money with which to buy his freedom, with Halat working as the lawyer who was supposed to get him out of jail. Sherry allegedly was killed because inmates believed he skimmed \$400,000 from the scam.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter Barrett said in his opening statement Tuesday that a lot of Nix's scam money was discovered to be missing about the same time Sherry was appointed to the bench in July 1986.

Wright said Nix instructed in a collect call from the prison that Sharpe's mother, Jan Jones, give him a semi-automatic pistol threaded to accommodate a silencer. Wright said he refused a request that he test-fire it and instead told Jones to get rid of the gun. Jones said she would take the gun to Mike Gillich, Wright testified.

▼▼▼ BOOK REVIEW

Peter Cameron's 'Far Flung Stories' entertaining, disquieting

By EDWARD LANGDON

(Far Flung Stories, by Peter Cameron; Harper Collins, \$20)

In this, Peter Cameron's second book of short stories, he further explores the humor and sadness of family life and relationships. The art of the short story usually lies with development of a single character or the creation of a mood or emotion. In this Cameron is repeatedly successful.

While usually laced with humor, Cameron's stories are more often tragic explorations of relationships. And while he is a writer who is gay, most of his plots are not.

Cameron, like other gay writers today, avoids open mention of AIDS but his frequent use of fatal situation evoke the tragedy and circumstances of the epidemic. But even here, he is more concerned with the mood and image of life

than the details of death.

Surprisingly, Cameron is equally comfortable in his first person narratives both male and female, if somewhat disconcerting to the reader. He deliberately prolongs the revelation of sex until well into his narrative, which only adds more to the character.

Just as each of Cameron's stories contribute a mood or a memory of the past, the order of the stories develops its own

sense of time and mood. Sometimes unwillingly, we find ourselves moving with him through troubling and all too familiar waters. Even his device in several stories using a dog evokes this touching but disquieting commonality.

Combining a sense of form and an adeptness with words, Cameron is developing into a one of the finest practitioners of the short story today. This, joined with his gay sensitivity, makes this book a must-read.

▼▼▼ AUSTIN LIVE

'Let's Do the Time Warp'--Rocky Horror opens at Vortex

REVIEW By SCOTT THOMAS

TNV Austin

Yes, folks and friends, there's something bizarre brewing at the Vortex Performance Cafe...a famous icon in American theater history, the Rocky Horror Show, opened last week to an eager and oddly clad crowd. When you go to this show, be prepared for a night you won't soon forget. Audience participation is the name of the game as you're swept up with Brad and Janet into the macabre world of Dr. Frank as he strives to create the perfect man. Bring your rose petals and rubber gloves (but no food throwing, please), it's going to be a dark and stormy night.

Director Bonnie Cullum has assembled a well-toned cast to create an evening filled with enough black lace, skin and dismemberment to make a nun lose

her religion. Michael Lopez-Saenz as Frank delivers a performance that will leave you on the edge of your seat as he does things in pumps that gymnasts only dream about. Bouton Jones and Karen Kohler as Brad and Janet are perfectly cast and stand as a testament to the fact that white underwear can make anyone look sexy. Paul Garlinghouse puts in an inspired performance as Dr. Scott, don't be surprised when he steals the show with his pseudo-German accent. But the real star of the show is the chorus, comprised of a dozen barely-dressed men and women who bridge the gap between the audience and the performance. With names like Ambrosia, Dominique X and Hunger, these sexual demi-demons throw themselves into the action with a euphoria that will leave you wet. It is so obvious that they are having the most delicious time, you can-

not help but cheer them as they toss sexual innuendo and double entendres across the stage.

Of course no show is perfect, and Rocky had its share of problems. The most obvious was that the principal singers were "miked" at a volume that made them impossible to understand, luckily the guy sitting next to me knew all the words and graciously shared them with the entire row. Top that with an ear-splitting band (albeit a good one) that completely drowned out the chorus and the too-loud principals, and you have an experience that borders on sadistic. Perhaps that's what was intended, but many potentially wonderful songs were lost to the din. Pacing, too, was a bit quirky, too fast at times, too slow at others, causing important plot lines to be lost and allowing insignificant business to drag on and on.

But all of this is a minor annoyance when you consider that plot and character are about as important to Rocky as western wear is to a drag queen. Rocky is not high comedy and it never claims to be, it's just a little old musical about an extraterrestrial transvestite with a penchant for black leather and sharp toys. There is no higher truth to discover, no need to analyze, just sit back and count tattoos. Basically, the Rocky Horror Show is just a silly sexy fantasy that will make you forget all your inhibitions, for at least a little while. In this day and age who could ask for more than that.

The Rocky Horror Show continues at the Vortex Performance Cafe through Oct. 27, Wednesday through Sunday at 8:00 p.m. Special midnight showings on Friday and Saturday. Call (512) 448-2299 for information.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Wilson made the worst of a bad situation on gay rights bill

By DOUG WILLIS

AP Political Writer
FOR THE NEW VOICE

SACRAMENTO, Monday, Oct. 7 (AP)—Gov. Pete Wilson became adept at dodging political bullets in a near-impossible state budget bind earlier this year. But he shot himself in the foot last week with his veto of a gay rights bill.

The case could be made that Wilson faced a hopeless political situation. Caught between emotional and irreconcilable anti-gay and gay rights forces, his choice was to shoot himself in the left foot or in the right foot.

But given that lose-lose scenario, Wilson still made the worst of a bad situation.

If he had signed AB101, conservatives and religious activists would have condemned him every bit as angrily as gay rights advocates have during the past week. It would have triggered an immediate political firestorm from the right, and

would have been revived in every future Wilson election campaign.

But at least there would have been a few people applauding his courage and consistency.

However, by vetoing Assemblyman Terry Friedman's AB101 and using that veto message to condemn some of the bill's foes as "gay-bashing bigots," Wilson alienated both sides.

The church leaders such as the Rev. Louis Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition, who would be expected to applaud Wilson's veto, instead were demanding apologies.

But Wilson has more serious problems than just simultaneously angering one side and insulting the other. Wilson's veto of the legislation to outlaw job discrimination based on sexual orientation raised questions about his convictions and courage.

Sheldon said the Republican governor

acted "out of political expediency," and described Wilson as "naked of principles and ... not rehabilitated to warrant re-election."

The veto was a victory for conservatives and pro-family activists, Sheldon said, and Wilson remained the foe they had defeated.

At the same time, gay rights activists say they were betrayed by Wilson, who sought their support in his campaign last year and said publicly and privately that he expected to sign the anti-discrimination bill.

They reject his arguments that the bill could have imposed an unfair burden on innocent small businesses as a smoke screen for caving in to political pressure. Gay protesters carried signs saying "Liar," "Wimp" and worse, and wore buttons with Wilson's picture and the caption, "Hi, I'm Pete Wilson and I'm a coward."

"The moderates will remember him as the governor who vetoed AB101. The conservatives will remember him as the governor who almost signed the bill," said gay rights lobbyist Laurie McBride.

"We were betrayed," she added, saying that during his campaign for governor, Wilson "looked me right in the eye and said, yes, he would help" enact gay rights legislation.

In short, the greatest damage Wilson did to himself was to flip-flop on an issue of principle. Voters show a surprisingly high tolerance for politicians who stand as a matter of principle for things the disagree with, but they are quick to reject someone

who appears to bend with the political winds.

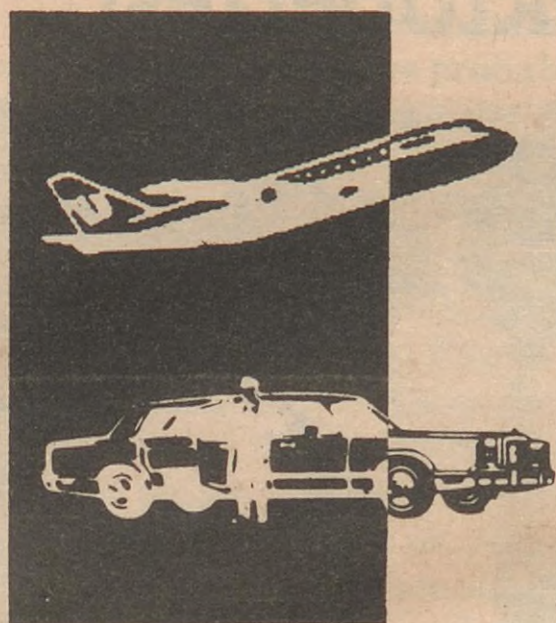
Former Gov. Jerry Brown, for example, suffered relatively little political damage for his opposition to the death penalty, which put him at odds with 80 percent of the voters.

But when Brown switched from strident opposition to support of Proposition 13 tax cuts, his approval rating among voters took its first big dip. And when he adamantly opposed and then endorsed aerial spraying for medflies, the flip-flop tag was permanently attached to Brown.

"It's the trust issue, creating an image of acting in a very cynical fashion," said former California pollster Steve Teichner said. "The issue is less substantive than emotional—can this guy be trusted to keep his word? On every high visibility issue, the answer seems to be, 'Maybe not.'"

If Wilson vetoed AB101 to avoid a conservative referendum to overturn AB101 on the ballot next year, when his moderate Republican allies such as U.S. Sen. John Seymour, who also came out against AB101 at the last minute, face tough elections, he may have shot himself in the foot on that count, too. Many gay activists say his veto took away their last hope of enacting a gay rights bill through the Legislature, leaving them no option but an initiative campaign on the 1992 ballot.

The gay rights issue could still end up on the 1992 ballot, with both sides condemning Wilson and Seymour.



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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Lenexa Lab defies government ban on AIDS testing kits

LENEXA, Kan., Saturday, Oct. 5 (AP)— A laboratory that conducts health tests for insurance companies will continue to use and market AIDS detection kits based on urine and saliva, despite a government order to cease doing so.

The Food and Drug Administration

warned companies in July that it would begin cracking down on unapproved AIDS tests used by laboratories that do testing for insurers. The FDA has approved only blood and plasma tests.

Officials of Clinical Reference Laboratory Inc. say they are defying the

FDA's order to encourage the agency to take action that might determine whether a federal court has jurisdiction in the dispute.

W. Michael Rogers, FDA district director for Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska, declined to comment Thursday on what action the FDA might take. But

he said the agency was studying its options and wouldn't be changing its stance on the ban.

Attorney Timothy O'Brien said in a letter to the U.S. attorney's office that the company he represents would continue to offer the urine and saliva AIDS tests for its customers.

Activists plan to march at Calif. state Capitol Oct. 11

LOS ANGELES, Thursday, Oct. 3 (AP)— Gay rights activists plan to march in Sacramento next week to protest Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of a bill that would have made it unlawful to discriminate against homosexuals in the workplace.

"The plan is to shut down the state Capitol, to bring the issue home directly to Pete

Wilson," Michael Weinstein, president of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, said Thursday.

He and other activists held a news conference in Hollywood to announce the Oct. 11 rally in Sacramento in response to the Republican governor's veto of AB101.

"We are urging gay and lesbian people that if we are invisible in the workplace, then we will be absent in the workplace," said Zeke Zeidler, secretary of the National Gay and Lesbian Law Association.

Some activists urged a boycott of stores during Thanksgiving weekend.

"If, in fact, we cannot be employed by

California businesses, it seems foolish for us to support financially those businesses," said Carol Anderson, national co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Gay and lesbian groups have held street protests daily since Wilson vetoed the homosexual rights bill on Sunday.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP

Coming up: Street party on Pacific, 'Trash' at Gentry, Oktoberfest

By TAD NELSON
TNV Houston

Hello Houston! Lots coming up soon about town. This weekend should be festive at the Venture-N. Its Oktoberfest with German beer, table service, a real German food buffet and music, music, music! By the way, Chuck Ciulla is now DJ full time at the Venture Thursday through Sunday each week. Yeah Chong! And for you Wolf Pack followers, the newest employee at VN is the one and only Moishe aka Moose, go by and see him Friday and Saturday nights.

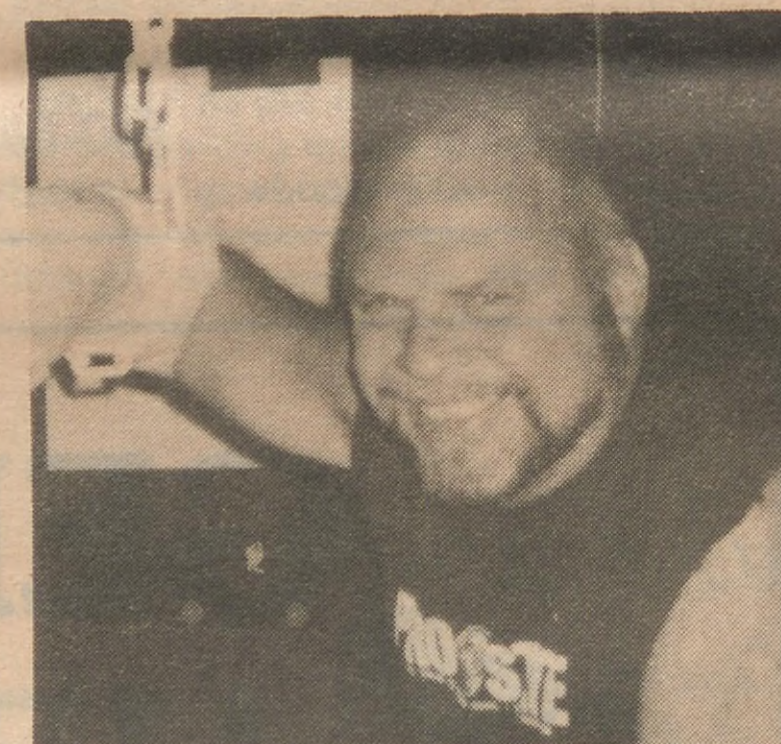
Over at Gentry this weekend on Saturday its "Olympus Puts Out the Trash," a trash disco extravaganza sponsored by the Krewe of Olympus-Texas, with happy hour 'till 10:30 p.m. and a "solid waste buffet." Don't forget Maude's Talent Showcase at 10:30 p.m. Saturday and then at 8:30 p.m. Sunday in Royalty in Review with a multi-talented cast of titled entertainers (you know, like Miss Lay, Miss Conception, Miss Stake—just kidding!) The show is hosted by Tina renee, Miss Texas '86. Sounds like a winner.

E/J's has the variety of entertainment weekly. It's incredible and always changing—believe me, I have to change the little columns in their ads each week. Rainbo de Klown is having Steve Roberts from Houston Grand Opera singing live Friday night. He is doing numbers from Phantom of the Opera. the Sunday the Imperial Court of the Single Star (I will find a way to shorten that name soon) is doing a Sugarbaker Revue at 11:00 p.m. Next Monday, Jerry Morin's back in concert and Thursday, Brittany Paige and Co. puts on a super show.

And there's always something on Pacific Street. From frozen margaritas (the best in town I might add) on the Mining Company Patio, to dancers to woof about at J.R.'s to the up and coming "Night of a Thousand Hairdos" at Heaven on Oct. 17th at 11:00 p.m. The show will feature employees of J.R.'s, The Mine and Heaven in a "not-so-professional salute to the timeless art of illusion, pantomime and the dance (drag!!)" It will benefit Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund and a newly created fund. And don't forget the street party coming for Halloween on Pacific Street. Randy Jobe, is it true your last day with Armstrong Enterprises is Friday? And that you're joining the circus—oops, I



Vera, you put on your costume too early, girl, but it's a great Uncle Fester



Big Jim, just hangin' around at the V-N



Shown here at Heaven are Doug Kibble, manager; Naomi Simms; Martha Wash; Mike Pruitt assistant manager and Bob Dineen, program director.



TGRA Queen Miss Eddie tells Diane, "I have too much to do!"



NLA guest bartended at V-N Sunday afternoon. Shown here are Steve, Alec and Steve

mean the Bottoms Up Revue with Breck Wall? Well, Bob d., you didn't have to use the bitter pill in her ding dongs after all. Bob will be taking Randy's place as entertainment director at Heaven.

On the butcher side of Montrose, the BRB is having the Mr. Lone Star Country Pageant for the big and tall man Sunday, Oct. 13 from 6:00 p.m. And on Oct. 18, the Lost Cowboy Band will perform and (oops! just when I said butch, I have to pull my foot out—again!) it's the Tupperware Party on Oct. 19. I can already see the men fighting over who gets to "burp" the bowls. (Sorry Joe, I couldn't stand myself if I didn't pick on you a "Little").

Don't forget, too, that we have the Westheimer Art Festival coming up on the 19th and 20th of October and leave it to Mary's...Naturally to have a show called Pickles Polanski's New Roof Review. It's a

drag show from the roof of Houston's oldest leather bar. that's nice! And Gaye has a great weekend lined up for Oct. 27 with the Cajun Fest at Mary's. There will be a live Cajun band (better ship Mr. Rowe out of town, gang) and a gumbo cookoff with entries from clubs and bars all about town. If interested, call and reserve your burner now at 527-9669.

Well Uncle Fester, I mean Vera, it's your turn, darlin'! Who have we chosen to lie about this week?

It seems Rusty at Big State is getting married to a real woman—what's the matter Rusty, Curtis turn you down again?

Dee (E/J's), what's all that false hair between your legs—won't real hair grow there either?

Why are Steve Cantrell and Bruce (BRB) so popular on Sunday night? Could it be the shape and size of their purses?

I heard Jack Hartung made out his hiring will, but no one would take it.

New love at Mary's? Terry who's up or down? Are the rumors true?

And here's my though to leave y'all with this week. If you're a major couch potato like myself and can't pull yourself away from the TV or VCR long enough to go out at night, then get ready. if you weren't aware—Dynasty, the Mini Series is coming. Of course all of the questions you've been dying to find out will be answered, like will Krystal come out of her coma, and if so will we be able to tell. What was it that broke Alexis fall from the railing—her latest wig, push-up bra or her Lee Press On Nails? Or how about the big one, Is Steven Gay, or who really cares? For these and the answers to important question about town, don't touch that dial and tune in again next week.



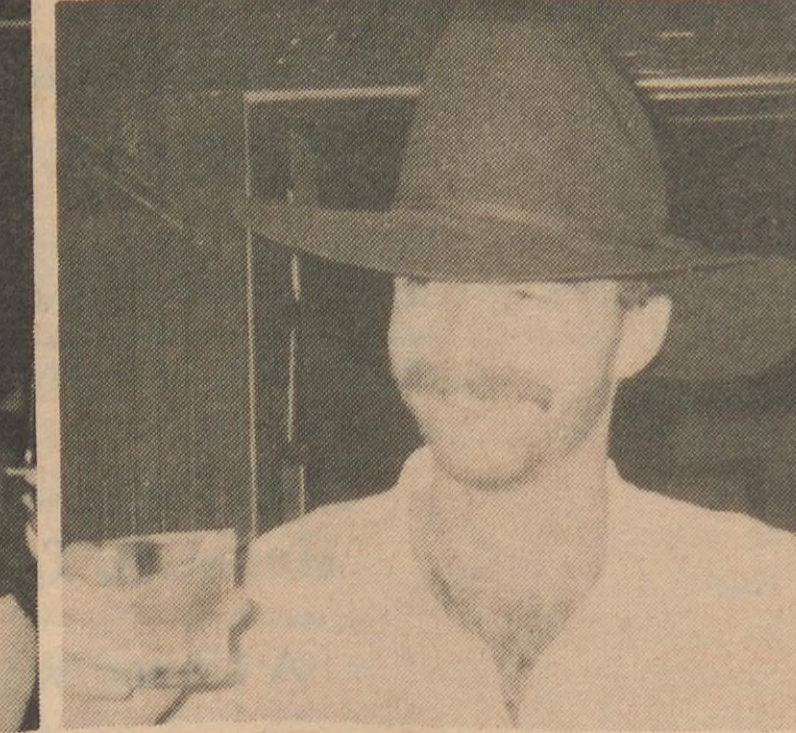
Keith tells everyone the baby is due but doesn't know who the father is



Lee is one of the new bartenders at the Ripcord



Brian Keever asks "Just one more (Sir!)"



David, 1-2-3-4-5, Cha-cha-cha

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO SOAP

Gay Fiesta fun—before, during and after; Next is Oktoberfest

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT
TNV San Antonio

This week was full of personal interviews. So slow down for the inside information.

Siros is in the Alamo City this week for the Wild Club's pre-Fiesta party, White Knight Out. The handsome, 28 year old Persian muralist was born in Tehran, but now is thoroughly Texan. Even if his name is unfamiliar to you, you're bound to have seen his work. (Just look up the next time you park at J.R.'s in Houston).

The artist's "project" approach to graffiti began in 1988 and has won acclaim from such diverse patrons as Dallas magnate H. Ross Perot and international fashion designer, Gianni Versace. Siros' latest work is now a landmark at San Antonio's famous Wild Club. An explosion of grays and yellows, this new effort is entitled "One for All and All for One." As the title of the 72-foot mural suggests, it evokes the inner circle's strong sense of fraternity.

For me, this latest mural is more detailed than Siros' other public art. (In fact, it's replete with hidden human faces and other visual tricks that we probably won't decipher for years). Come meet the artist in person next Saturday night, Oct. 12 at the Wild Club. That's the place to be the night before Fiesta!

Now we come to the highlight of the season: the 11th Annual Gay Fiesta. Around noon on Sunday, Oct. 13, the crowd will begin to gather at the La Villita Assembly Hall. And before you know it, the fall social season will be upon us. As for entertainment, look for Pamala Stanley,



El Jardin is Spanish for "the garden" and Texas wild flower Billy Walker has a smile that blooms year 'round

Beulah LaMont and Tandy Andrews, to name a few. For those of you with kids, bring the whole family. This is a time for sharing, good times and old friends. Hats off to you, Evan. This year's Fiesta is going to be the biggest and brightest we've seen.

This year the Bonham Exchange will provide the music and guest DJ's from such clubs as the Paper Moon (JR) the Noo Zoo (Mark), the Wild Club (Jimmy), the Country Club (Kid) and don't forget the BX DJ's Adam and Lonnie. So check it out, Gay Fiesta is "Stepping Out Into the 90's."

When Fiesta breaks up around 8:00 p.m., head over to the Hard Hat for Hot Oil Wrestling. This coming Sunday evening, the Hard hat's talented bartenders will hit the mats. What a way to end Fiesta week-



Siros and Travis: well, boys, a beautiful picture is worth a thousand words but you two add another thousand!

end!

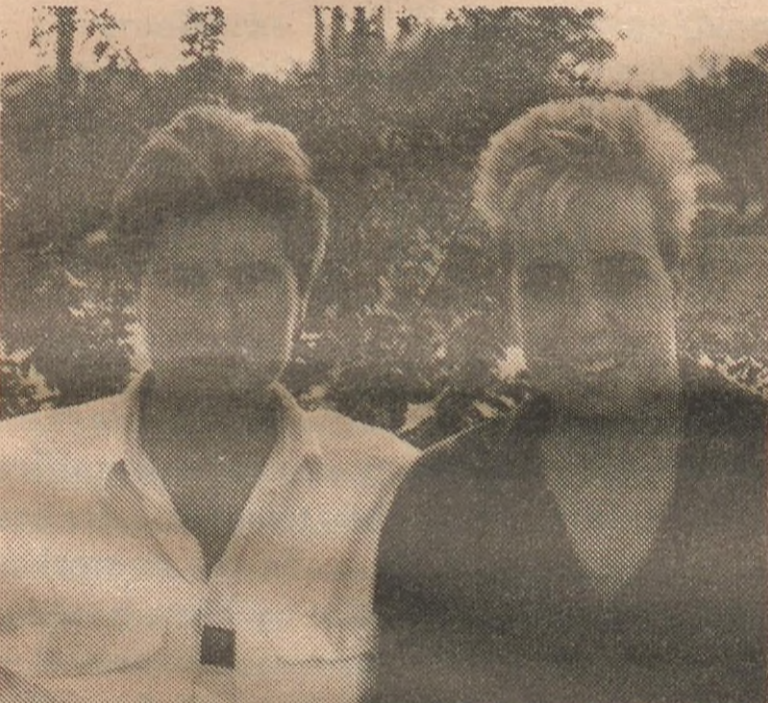
On Tuesday, Oct. 15, El Jardin will launch its first annual(?) Oktoberfest Variety Show. We're talking strippers, drag and show tunes that would stop a freight train. Things get started at 8:00 p.m., but remember to come early for a big, sinful buffet on El Jardin's famous patio. Let's make sure that Ron and the rest of the crew at El Jardin make this a regular, post-Fiesta event.

Speaking of regular events, the "creme de la creme" of the San Antonio community is already costume shopping for this year's Black Ball Party at the Bonham Exchange. This will be the third annual trib-

ute to the late Hap Veltman Jr., who was the moving force in creating what many people call the best club in Texas. Ready for particulars? Item 1: You must wear black. Item 2: the theme is Egyptian. Item 3: your \$10 cover benefits SAAF. Be at the Bonham on Saturday, Oct. 28 and get ready to count the Cleopatras. Karlos promises to open the festivities with a procession that will make the grand march from Alda look like a tea dance.

Since Bambi has become a favorite target of San Antonio Soap, I thought it was about time to get some details about The Crew's most famous bartender. Bambi is a native San Antonian whose tenure at The Crew is now more than 11 years. He joined The Crew at the suggestion of its original owner, the late Miss Kitty. Although Bambi has been performing for over 12 years, his talents have been largely confined to benefit performances. In the meantime, Bambi's favorite concoction is the Tijuana Taxi, a kind of Mexican ambrosia originally served at the Rawhide in New York City. And Bambi has the only recipe in Texas. So stop by The Crew, ask for Bambi and pound one down. (By the way, if you've ever been in a taxicab in Tijuana, you know what to expect).

Halloween is just around the corner. You witches and warlocks who want the world to know where your coven is meeting need to call me at 824-4735. Until I see you at The New Voice's Gay fiesta booth, Adios.



Our cameras caught Marlyn and Barbara by surprise



And Bambi...after? (You decide)



Bambi (The Crew) before...

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Montrose Singers join Queer Nation in 'Sing In' protest at UST

The Montrose Singers joined the lesbian/gay activist group Queer Nation in a singing demonstration outside the administration building at the University of St. Thomas Friday, Oct. 4, to protest UST's alleged attempt to cancel a scheduled concert at a rented hall on the campus.

Jaime Ballesteros, president of the chorus, said the university's representative, Jack Hank, first told the Singers their contract might not be valid and then said the contract was valid, but that the Singers should not advertise that they were a gay group. Beau Cain, the group's artistic director, said that by the time the Singers new for sure the concert would be allowed to proceed they had already rented another hall for the performance.

Hank, however, said the contract was not canceled and that the group was only "asked" to delete the description from its advertising. "They weren't told that it was a requirement (to honor the contract)." He refused to comment further on the dispute.

It was the suggestion to eliminate the words "gay men's chorus" that incited Queer Nation, which organized the protest. "St. Thomas University is supporting discrimination and homophobia with (this) policy," said Tracy Brown, an organizer for the group.

The concert was held at Rice University's Hamman Hall on Sunday, Oct. 6.



▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Police officer cited for clash at Act-Up rally 2 years ago

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Oct. 1 (AP)—A police sergeant has been charged with two counts of using excessive force during a clash that took place almost two years ago between officers and gay rights demonstrators in the Castro District.

Police Chief Willis Casey filed charges against Sgt. William J. Gay, a 26-year-veteran, after the Office of Citizen's Com-

plaints reviewed the case and sent their findings to the department, police spokesperson Sgt. Jerry Senkir said.

Gay, currently with the mounted unit, is accused of using his 36-inch baton to push demonstrator Andrew Russell to the ground and failing to report the use of force, Senkir said.

Gay faces anything from being cleared

of the charges to dismissal, according to OCC investigator Barbara Attard.

Commission members are scheduled to assign the case for investigation at their meeting tonight.

The Police Commission has already suspended Capt. Richard Cairns in connection with the Oct. 6, 1989 demonstration. At least one other officer remains under in-

vestigation, according to the Office of Citizen's Complaints.

On that night, 50 people were arrested as they demonstrated against the government's AIDS policies in a nationwide action organized by the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Man returns to Michigan to face trial in unusual disclosure law

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., Sunday, Oct. 6 (AP)—A New York man has been returned to Michigan to face trial for allegedly not telling a sexual partner that he carries the AIDS virus, officials reported.

Lake County, Mich., authorities took custody of Jeffrey Hanlon for the flight from New York's Stewart Airport on Sunday, jail officials told the Poughkeepsie

Journal.

Hanlon is accused of having sex with a 21-year-old man from Battle Creek, Mich., without telling him he had tested positive for the human immunodeficiency virus. Michigan public health law requires that sexual partners disclose any such infection. Violation carries a penalty of up to four years in jail.

Hanlon, 29, of Pleasant Valley was arrested June 15 and spent 114 days in the Dutchess County Jail, unable to raise bail while he challenged the order extraditing him to Michigan for trial.

Friday, Dutchess County Judge John King ruled that Hanlon should face trial in Michigan.

Michigan is one of two states in the country with an AIDS disclosure law. New York state has no such law.

The American Civil Liberties Union has indicated it will defend Hanlon in Michigan and challenge the constitutionality of the law.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

Charity Hospital AIDS Clinic now offering faster treatment

The time lapse between an HIV/AIDS diagnosis and treatment at New Orleans Charity Hospital has been reduced from as long as nine months to less than one. While still not as good as immediate treatment would be, this is a significant improvement.

In July, after persistent lobbying for more space and staff, the clinic acquired ten new examination rooms and five specially trained nurses, according to Harlee Kutzen, director of the Charity Clinic. The shortened wait may be cut further for emergencies.

The clinic sees 1600 patients and has 236 waiting to become patients. Treatment designed to improve and extend life obviously will be enhanced by the expanded service.

The clinic will now treat infected women, the fastest growing category of HIV/AIDS, and children. An extra 15 patients per week will be able to receive care at the

improved Charity clinic.

—NO/AIDS expands testing

NO/AIDS Task Force, 1407 Decatur, has begun offering routine blood tests to monitor the strength of immune systems in people who have already tested positive for HIV/AIDS. The tests are very important for showing the virus's development. This work was previously provided by Charity Hospital.

The test is easily given, say NO/AIDS staff workers. The test is free but donations are accepted. The procedure is anonymous, using a code number to match patients with results. If tests at NO/AIDS show a patient's T-cell count has fallen below 500 they can be referred to Charity for treatment.

Twenty-five people a week are expected to use the new service. Testing is done on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; appointments may be made by phoning (504) 944-AIDS.

Jeff Campbell, executive director of NO/AIDS, said "We may take the service to health and drug treatment clinics city wide as staff and funding permit."

NO/AIDS also has a health educator and a mental health specialist on staff. Cost of the service ranges from \$12,000 to \$15,000 monthly, according to Campbell.

The project is operating under a \$167,368 grant from the federal government. That funding will run out around the end of the year, Campbell said. The Task Force will then attempt to continue the service through the use of other grants and money from last Sunday's pledge walk.

—HIV test

AUG, a biotechnology company founded in 1989 by J. Craig Cohen, has opened offices in Tidewater Place, 1440 Canal St. in midtown New Orleans. The company is

hopeful of developing and marketing an AIDS testing device it claims will provide earlier detection of HIV antibodies and with greater accuracy than current tests.

According to Cohen, clinical trials are getting underway for the AUG/HIV antibodies test kit. The test was developed by James Robinson at the Louisiana State University Medical Center, New Orleans. Cohen, who is chair and scientific director of AUG, said if approval is granted mass production of the kits should begin in 1992. AUG is already a marketer of medical testing devices with a DNA test for paternity and a child identification product called K.I.D.CODE, which is designed as a replacement for the footprint method used in hospitals to identify newborn babies. The new location increases AUG's office space by four times, to 5600 square feet and was opened last week in ceremonies attended by Gov. Buddy Roemer and representatives of business, banking and the medical community.

▼▼▼ THE NEW VOICE AT THE MOVIES

Bogosian's 'Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll'—time well spent

FILM REVIEW By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

TNV New Orleans

Yes. A thousand times yes. "Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll" is a great film. Maybe a little long. (In truth, I must tell you I had a brunch date waiting at the fabled Westin Canal Place and my urge for the final few skits to end was no doubt tempered by my urge to waddle the lanes of unbridled glutony).

What Eric Bogosian has achieved is nearly impossible. He has bridged the related—but nonetheless different—worlds of stage and film. "Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll" is a concert film. It is filmed live, using sparse sets, few props and relying on the audience we are a part of to be bit actors, playing the audience we see a hint of at the edge of the footlights. It works. The talent of this man is tremendous. You may recall Bogosian from Oliver Stone's "Talk Radio." (If you don't recall Oliver Stone, forget this film, stay home on your couch and watch "Mr. Ed" reruns).

Bogosian does a series of ten skits. In one of the better, he is a New York City common man, a dope using panhandler, addressing fellow New Yorkers on a subway platform. "I have a disease Medicaid doesn't cover." The audience the platform



Eric Bogosian brings to life ten vivid and richly comic characters in director John McNaughton's screen version of the play "Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll"

commuters. You know the panhandler on first sight and though you would rather not, you come to understand him. Such is Bogosian's skill. This is done with no other prop than a paper cup.

He does have a captivating British Rocker-On-Tv-Interview-Show that would have you laughing belly flips in your seat, were the theater seats not so cramped.

It is a reassuring flight back to sanity, having an actor deal truthfully with drugs and their popularity after 12 years of Reagan/Bush phot— op handling of this very real and very fictionalized subject. Bogosian's "Rocker" spouts the party anti-drug line for TV's "Reel-ism," all the while reliving magic moments of drug-crazed pleasures that obviously he has no

intention of really renouncing or forgoing.

The most grating skit is the Yuppie exec, risen to the top, rolling around in his office chair, talking to a mobile telephone. He lies to his wife and back-stabs the co-worker who first befriended him by brow-beating another employee into—you guessed it—letting the old guy go. "You like your long lunches? What do you think pays for them...No, no, let me hear you say 'profits.'" It grates because it is believable. a painful dramatization of nothing less than Faustian dimension.

He doesn't do a gay character, however, and that is too bad. Surely he could do it well. But if and when he does be prepared, there will be pathos and nuances that will be uncomfortable to watch. That is the nature of truth in the arts. Bogosian's people are crafted so that we see the inside of them/us and learn something about our shared condition. This makes great theater, not always comfortable to watch but worth seeing for that very reason.

Eric Bogosian wrote the material and John McNaughton directed. The glorious success of this film rests to no small degree on the talents of Ernest Dickerson, who did the excellent photography with the assistance of lighting designs by Jan Kroeze. Currently at Canal Place Cinema; 96 minutes well spent.

▼▼▼ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to property owners within the area known as Avondale

From CHARLES ARMSTRONG

Montrose business owner

As a taxpayer and property owner within the city of Houston, in an area within Montrose known as Avondale, many of us are concerned that members of the group The Avondale Association have petitioned residents of Avondale to request, from Houston City Council, a blind power of attorney for the board of the Association.

This power of attorney would enable the Association to "administer, manage and operate the public improvement district (Avondale)," complete with the power to assess taxes, create a private police force an-

swerable to the directors of this new group, close off certain streets permanently to thru-traffic and to re-zone the neighborhood and regulate land usage based on their own interpretation and, possibly, self-interest.

Our city bureaucracy is a mammoth and sometimes ineffective beast, and to create a new taxing authority, a new layer of bureaucracy, headed by a self-appointed board of directors and blindly leading the residents and property owners of Avondale with the use of a possibly well meaning but potentially deceptive million dollar plus boondoggle, is clearly out of line.

I openly call for the Avondale Association to hold at least six months of public hearings on this issue, and to offer a biography of each of the individuals they want to appoint to the omnipotent board of directors of their proposed Public Improvement District (PID). Certainly, to attempt to create a new bureaucracy responsible for handling millions of dollars in public works, managing a newly created police force and controlling the destiny of all property owners in Avondale is, at best, naive and terribly questionable at the worst.

I would suggest that all the recipients of last week's Avondale Association petitions (2) carefully consider exactly what this

"possibly well-intentioned group" is asking you to sign:

—Consider the additional tax consequences.

—Consider the power that you are granting to a group of individuals who would become answerable only to themselves.

I think that a request from the Association for a response time of only 11 days (by Oct. 14) for something so important is clearly ill-conceived. I urge every property owner not to be rushed into such an important decision until you have had the opportunity to fully understand what is being asked of you.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Proposed 16-1 council plan could boost gay candidate's campaign

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
TNV Editor

An all single-member district city council plan sought by Hispanic leaders—and awaiting council approval Wednesday—could “greatly increase” openly lesbian council candidate Annise Parker’s chances of being elected, according to a member of Parker’s campaign staff who previously fought for the 16-6-1 plan rejected by voters in August.

Robert Bridges said there is a chance the district lines drawn for the original proposal—which include three heavily Hispanic districts—would be used as the lines for the settlement sought by the Southwest Voter Registration Project, a Hispanic voter advocacy group. If so, the smaller district in which Parker would run would be more heavily influenced by the Montrose-based “gay bloc vote.”

Another possibility, Bridges said, is that new boundaries would be drawn—opening up, again, the possibility of pursuing a

Montrose based council district. If such a district is created, Parker might be able to run in a different race than incumbent Dist. C. Councilmember Vince Ryan, he said.

“Anything can happen at this point,” he said.

At The New Voice’s press time, the shadow of numerous legal questions loomed over the scheduled Nov. 5 city elections in the wake of a U.S. Justice Department ruling Oct. 4 that Houston’s proposed 9-5-1 council structure, which created no new districts with an approved majority of Hispanics, is unsatisfactory under the Voting Rights Act. Hispanic activists had sought the ruling because only one Houston council member, Ben Reyes, is Hispanic even though the current census indicates that Hispanics make up over 25 percent of the city’s population.

The city had attempted to resolve the objections by suggesting a compromise be presented to the court, allowing the Nov. 5

election to go as planned and redrawing council boundaries in 1993, but Hispanic activists said Monday would not support the proposal.

At Tuesday’s council “pop-off,” several district council members suggested they might support an all single district plan as a compromise to meet the Justice Department Requirements and avoid putting the election on an indefinite hold.

It was also expected, however, that blacks on the council would oppose the elimination of the At-Large council seats, and to question whether a 16-1 or 14-1 all single district plan would dilute black voting strength—fodder for another possible Voting Rights Act challenge.

The ruling followed closely on the heels of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus’ endorsement meeting on Sept. 25, and preceded by one week the scheduled publication of the caucus’ election newsletter, detailing the endorsements. The caucus endorsed several incumbent city coun-

cil members, including at-large council members Beverley Clark, Sheila Jackson Lee, Eleanor Tinsley and Jim Greenwood.

Absentee voting was to have started on Oct. 16 for the Nov. 5 election, but it was expected that this schedule would have to be delayed; also, any change in the council boundaries would require an extension of the deadline to file as a candidate in the election. The city might gain approval to proceed with the election of mayor and city controller on a Nov. 5 ballot with the state lottery, but there was also speculation that election of all city slots would be forced to wait.

Another speculated twist was the possibility that the November ballot might include a proposal for term limitation for city officials. If election of city officials is delayed and the term limitation proposal is not, several candidates would be disqualified from the election.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

Thousands of lesbians and gay men will be taking their “next steps out of the closet” on Oct. 11 by participating in National Coming Out Day events across the country—this year including Houston for the first time.

The celebration and dance this Friday, hosted by Queer Nation and DiverseWorks and co-sponsored by several Houston businesses, will be emceed by Les Stevens of Los Angeles with music by D.J. Dean of New York and the comedy of Houston’s Nancy Ford. The party will be held at DiverseWorks, 1117 East Freeway (North Main at Naylor, two blocks north of UH Downtown Campus) from 7:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

The event will be highlighted by the introduction of the 1991 “court of debutantes.” These single men and women, intended to be positive “out” role models, will share their desired traits in a mate and other favorite things with others in attendance, in a mild parody of the society circle’s “coming out parties.”

Stevens, who appeared at DiverseWorks’ “OUT! Voices from a Queer Nation” program earlier this year, is back from L.A. Described as a versatile song stylist and performance artist, Stevens impressed audiences and critics alike on his last visit. New York D.J., Dean, who helped with the opening of two Houston “alternative music” clubs, is cutting his



own demo in New York and is “on the look out for new experiences,” said Coming Out Party organizers.

Popular local comic Nancy Ford will round out the headlining entertainment.

Several community organizations will have information booths at the event. Confirmed so far: AVES, Northern Lights Alternatives, City of Houston/HIV Prevention Bureau, AIDS Foundation Houston, AIDS Equity League, PWA Coalition/Houston, Names Project, Pet Patrol, Human Rights Campaign Fund, Gay/Lesbian Switchboard Houston, University of Houston GLSU, H.A.T.C.H. (Houston Area Teens Concerned with Homosexuality), L.I.B., Radio Station KPFT gay/lesbian programming, Montrose Activity Center, Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992, Lambda Program at Stafford Meadows Hospital and Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection.

A \$5 donation is requested at the door; all ages will be admitted. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and Colt 45’s AIDS Trouble Fund.

National Coming Out Day is a non-profit campaign that encourages gay and lesbian individuals and organization to commit to the “coming out” process and supports them in doing so with gay-positive events and education. The October date commemorates the National March on Washington in 1987.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: LOUISIANA

LAGPAC endorses candidates in state congressional races

By HANS HELMUT STAUDAAGER
TNV New Orleans

The Louisiana Lesbian and Gay Political Action Caucus has endorsed candidates in a number of local races. They are as follows: State Senate, Marc Morial—District 89. State House of Representatives, Mitch Landrieu, District 89; Renee Gill Pratt—District 91; Larry Bagneris, District 93; Irma Muse Dix-

on—District 95; Ed Murray—District 96; Arthur Morrell—District 97; Larry Bourgeois—District 98; Sherman Copelin—District 99 and Harold Green—District 100.

LAGPAC is the largest and oldest lesbian/gay political organization in Louisiana. It bases endorsements on those candidates who are committed to human rights. Endorsements in other rac-

es are expected to be announced later.

LAGPAC will mail approximately 15,000 sample ballots to its members and friends prior to the primary election. No funds are received from candidates for the cost of producing or mailing this ballot.

In other news from LAGPAC, the organization has voted to oppose term limitation proposals on the Oct. 19 ballot.

In an unusual move, the subject of limited terms was brought to the floor during the candidate endorsement meeting.

The decision of the members affects both the proposals introduced by Councilmembers Peggy Wilson and Johnny Jackson. Representatives said LAGPAC will notify all members and friends of this decision in its pre-primary ballot mailing.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: NEW ORLEANS

WYES-TV delays scheduled airing of ‘Longtime Companion’

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON
TNV New Orleans

Local PBS station WYES held up for an hour its Sunday, Sept. 29, showing of the universally praised film “Longtime Companion.” The movie aired at 10:00 p.m. after a one hour panel discussion on freedom of the airwaves.

The locally produced program preempting “Companion,” titled, “Broadcast Boundaries: Community Standards in Local Television,” featured Ginger Berrigan of the New Orleans ACLU; Sally Campbell of the Christian Coalition and telecommunications lawyer Ashton Hardy.

The ACLU position was one of advocating more public discussion of controversial topics rather than censorship. The Christian Coalition position held, while censorship was regrettable, certain ways of expressing ideas should not be allowed.

No one on the panel seemed aware of the shuffling of “Longtime Companion” to a later hour. The panel discussion was obviously filmed before the scheduling change. The panel spent most of its hour debating the artistic validity of “Tongues Untied,” the film by Marlon Riggs that aired on PBS in July and was carried by WYES amid much outcry from the religious right wing.

“Tongues Untied” was moved back one hour from its listed schedule without prior notice to viewers.

The combination of the panel discussion and the scheduling change for “Longtime Companion” created a vague implication of criticism about a film that has escaped such criticism, even in a time of vitriolic condemnation of gay/lesbian themes in the arts. Some disturbed viewers wondered about the station’s motives.

“This film could only be seen as offensive if homosexuality itself is viewed as offensive,” said Mike Williams, a French Quarter veterinarian, “there was no foul

language or nudity.”

WYES general manager Randall Feldman said, “We can’t disenfranchise any segment of our (viewing) community just because their different.” He added, “If something is offensive we have to be sensitive to that.”

Feldman had been quoted earlier by Benjamin Morrison in a Times—Pica-yune/TV Focus review of “Longtime Companion” as saying “It’s a wonderful film.” Morrison went on to write, “The reason (for the time change) is simple: the station is responding to viewers who do not wish to have gay characters on their television, nor on anybody else’s.”

The New Voice recommends in Austin ...

●FRIDAY, OCT. 11

National Coming Out Day

Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-9pm, The Crossing

Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, 25¢ well, \$1.25 beer, Charlie's

Happy hour buffet 6-8pm, \$1.25 well & beer 8-10pm, 'Bout Time

●SATURDAY, OCT. 12

Birthday party liquor bust 4-8pm, cake, The Crossing

\$1.25 well & beer 8-11pm, Charlie's

\$1.25 well & beer 9-10pm, 'Bout Time

●SUNDAY, OCT. 13

Pam's Food Feast, \$1.50 well & beer noon-8pm, 'Bout Time

Cookout 5pm, beer special, liquor busts, The Crossing

Lone Star Male Review 7-11pm, \$1.50 well & beer 2-10pm, draft special, Charlie's

●MONDAY, OCT. 14

Nasty Boys 11pm & midnight, The Crossing
Margaret Wright on piano 6-8pm, happy hour all day, all night, TV football, 'Bout Time

\$1.25 well & beer 8-10pm, draft special, Lone Star Male Review 10:30pm & 12:30am, Charlie's

●TUESDAY, OCT. 15

Draft beer special

"Cocktail Wheel" hourly specials, steak night 6-8pm, amateur strip midnight, draft special, Charlie's

●WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

25¢ well with hand stamp, The Crossing

25¢ well deal, Charlie's

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, \$1.50 well & beer 8-11pm, 'Bout Time

●THURSDAY, OCT. 17

\$1.25 well & beer 8-10pm, Lone Star Male Review 10:30pm & 12:30am, Charlie's

Golden Boys 10:30pm, midnight, The Crossing

Country Night, 'Bout Time

●FRIDAY, OCT. 18

Happy hour buffet 5pm, dancers 6-8pm, 25¢ well drinks 8-9 & 10-11pm, The Crossing

Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, 25¢ well, \$1.25 beer, Charlie's

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The New Voice recommends in Houston ...

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\$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's

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1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm, Midtowne Spa

Hors d'oeuvres 6pm, Gentry

Octoberfest from 8pm, "Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

All Male Revue 11pm, E/J's

After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●SATURDAY, OCT. 12

\$1 schnapps 7am-noon, \$1.50 Cuervo, Ripcord

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9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time

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Extravaganza with buffet 7-10pm, happy hour to 10:30, Maude's talent contest

10:30pm, Gentry

Movies 9pm, Midtowne Spa

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Saturday Sugarbaker Review 11pm for Rita Charles, E/J's

After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●SUNDAY, OCT. 13

\$3.00 pitchers, \$1 mugs all day, E/J's

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Beer bust on patio 1-6pm, steak night, Mary's

Steak night 5-9pm, BRB

BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa

Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mine

Leather day on the patio, Mary's

Octoberfest, German buffet 5pm, blue light specials, Venture-N

Steak-n-tater 5pm, "Royalty in Review"

8:30pm, Gentry

Steak night from 5pm, Mr. Lone Star

Country 6pm, BRB

Cash & prizes 11pm, E/J's

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●MONDAY, OCT. 14

\$1 schnapps 7am-noon, \$1.50 Cuervo, Ripcord

Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's

Male strip contest 10:30pm, MC Maude, Gentry

Half price admission with Stone Soup donation, Midtowne Spa

Jerry Morrin live concert 9:30pm, E/J's

After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

●TUESDAY, OCT. 15

\$1 schnapps 7am-noon, \$1.50 Cuervo, Ripcord

Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa

\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose Mining Co.

Burgers noon-3pm, Mary's

Pizza Party with Rita Boulevard 6:30pm, Gentry

C&W dance lessons, 10pm BRB

Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

Talent contest 10:30pm, MC Giovanni, E/J's

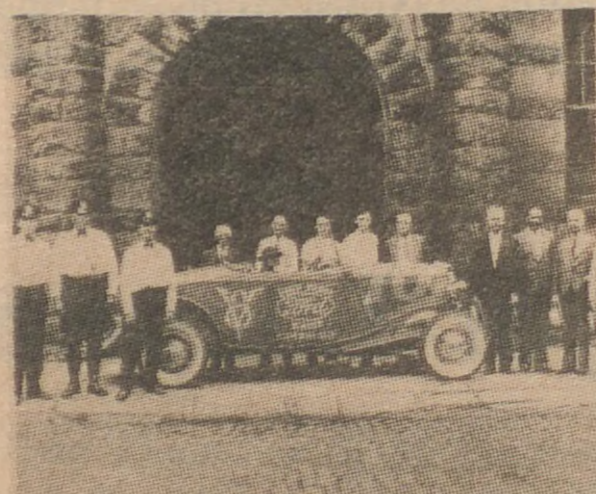
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Gentry

Steak night 6pm, E/J's

Bare Chest Night, Venture-N

After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne
Spa

●THURSDAY, OCT. 17

\$1 schnapps 7am-noon, \$1.50 Cuervo,
Ripcord

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¢ hamburgers 6pm, dance lessons
7:30pm, BRB

Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time

Skate Night Special, Venture-N

Video classics 9pm, Gentry

Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Brittany Paige & Co. show 10:30pm, E/J's

After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne
Spa

●FRIDAY, OCT. 18

\$1 schnapps 7am-noon, \$1.50 Cuervo,
Ripcord

1/2-price rooms & lockers 11am-4pm,
Midtowne Spa

Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's

\$1.50 well & longnecks 4-8pm, Montrose
Mining Co.

Hors d'oeuvres 6pm, Gentry

Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne Spa

"Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N

Lost Cowboys Band, BRB

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action
dancers, Montrose Mining Co.

Male review 11pm, E/J's

After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body
Center, Midtowne Spa

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Torn Levi Party Oct. 19, Montrose Mining
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Tupperware Party Oct. 19, BRB

Wigs on Fire, Oct. 19, Heights Theater

Westheimer Colony Art Festival Oct. 19-20

Gray Party, Oct. 20

Colt 45s monthly meeting Oct. 21, BRB

Full Moon Madness Oct. 23, Montrose
Mining Co.

Fantasy Ball, Oct. 26, Magnolia Ballroom

Cajun Festival & Cook-Off, Oct. 26, Mary's

Little Shop of Horrors Oct. 26, E/J's

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Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●SATURDAY, OCT. 12

White Knight Out with Siros, Wild Club

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

Gong with the Wind Gong Show, Hardhat

After hours, Nexus

●SUNDAY, OCT. 13

Gay Fiesta noon-8pm, La Villita Assembly
Hall

50¢ draft, pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

Cowboys in Action, 50¢ draft, Silver Dollar

Liquor Rush 8-11pm, male dancers 11pm,
no cover, Wild Club

Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon

Bartender tag team hot oil wrestling,
Hardhat

●MONDAY, OCT. 14

Lone Star Male Review, Hardhat

Mad Money Mondays, Wild Club

●TUESDAY, OCT. 15

Happy hour 10am-10pm, Oktober Show
9pm, El Jardin

Happy hour all night, Nexus

Wild Wheel drink specials, Wild Club

Male dancers, Hardhat

●WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

50¢ draft, country night, Nexus

Male strippers 11pm, Wild Club

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

●THURSDAY, OCT. 17

Steak night 7pm, Nexus

Amateur strip, Wild Club

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

Hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

●FRIDAY, OCT. 18

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

●SATURDAY, OCT. 19

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

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

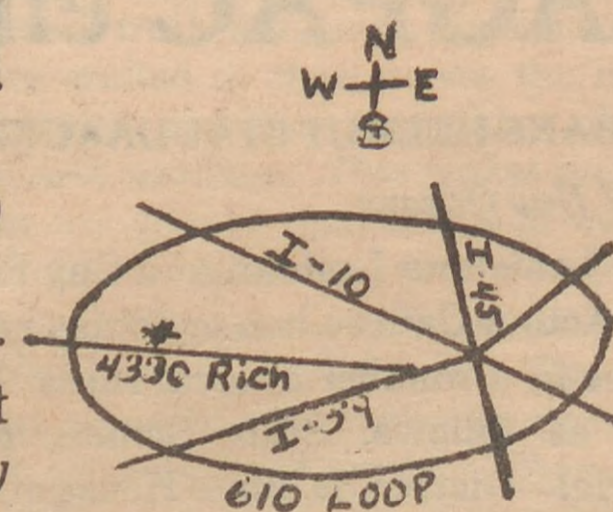
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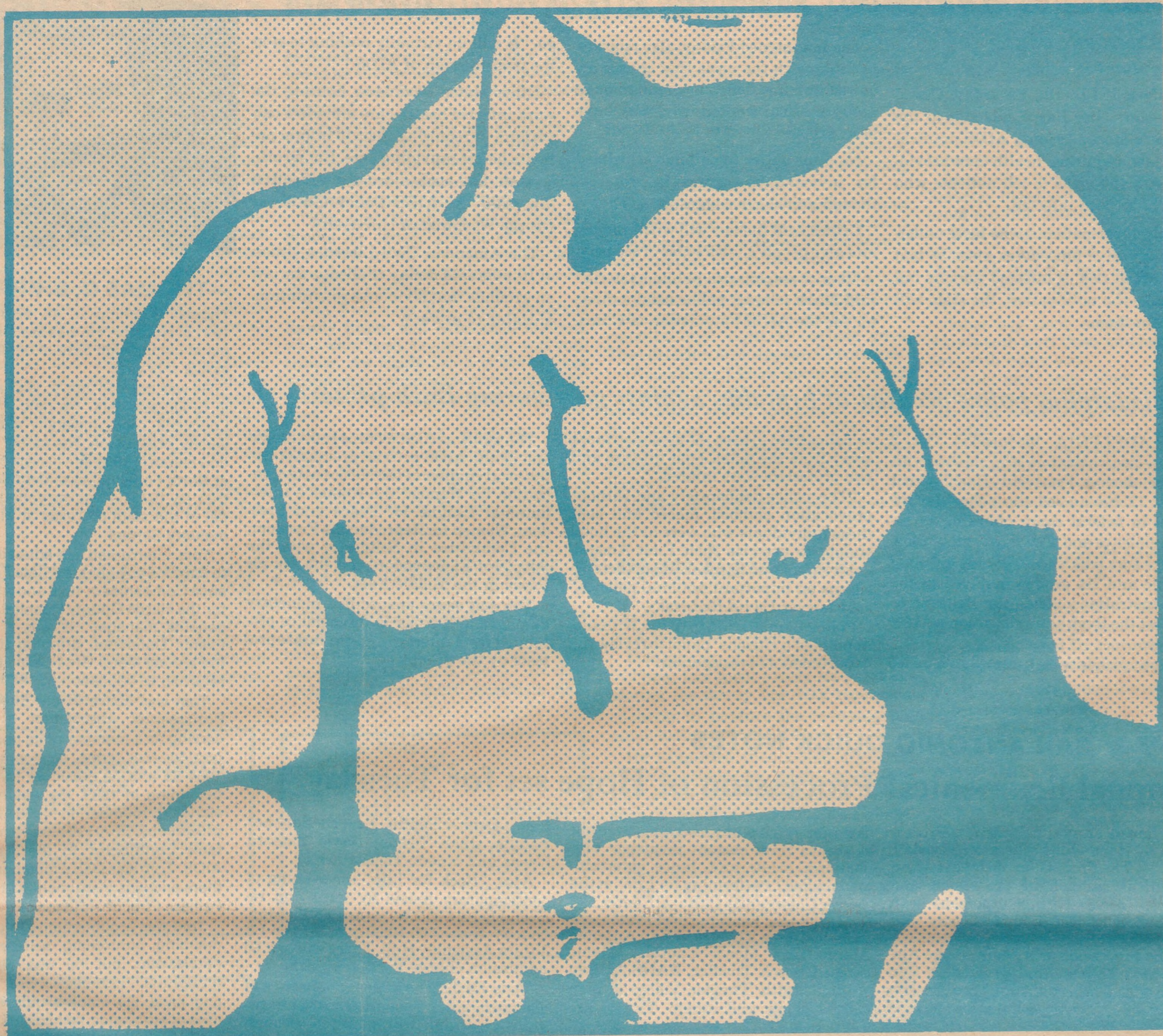
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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Illinois governor signs sweeping AIDS notification law

By CHRISTOPHER WILLS

FOR THE NEW VOICE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Saturday, Oct. 5 (AP)—Gov. Jim Edgar has signed the nation's most sweeping AIDS notification law, requiring health-care providers with the virus to tell patients who may have been infected.

Only those patients who have undergone invasive procedures must be told they are at risk. If infected workers fail to make the notification, the state will do it for them.

The law, signed Friday, also requires patients with the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome to notify medical workers who may have been exposed.

No prior notice to patients scheduled for invasive procedures is required, though guidelines suggest it.

Critics said the law will waste money and give people a false sense of security.

"It is a response to public hysteria," said Mark Ishaug, public affairs director for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

go. "It will do virtually nothing to stop the transmission of AIDS."

Other states have laws limiting the work infected health-care providers can perform or requiring them to inform patients before providing care. But no other state has such a broad notification law, said the AIDS Policy Center at George Washington University.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois said it may challenge the law on grounds that it violates constitutional rights to privacy.

▼▼▼ IN MEMORY OF



—THOMAS C. SHIPP JR.

Thomas C. Shipp Jr., 44, died Sept. 30, 1991 in Houston. He was assistant principal at Lamar High School before retiring earlier this year.

He was born on Jan. 4, 1947 and raised in El Dorado, Ark. He held a B.A. from Louisiana Tech University and the University of Houston. His career in education began in 1968 as a classroom teacher at North Forest Independent School District. By 1973 he was the youngest principal in the state of Texas at Tidwell Elementary School.

Tom interrupted his education career to become an agent for State Farm Insurance Companies in 1976 and later worked for the Harris County Hospital District as benefits manager. He was a partner in Events Unlimited, bringing to Houston the annual Mardi Gras Finale parties. He returned to education in 1989.

Tom was active in the Executive and Professional Association of Houston, serving as a member of its board of trustees for four terms, as vice president in 1984-85 and as president for two terms beginning in 1985. He was named outstanding member in 1986. During his presidency, EPAH became a major charitable contributor to the fight against AIDS. Tom was also a member of Gay Fathers and was instrumental in organizing Fathers First of Houston.

Tom was argumentative, stubborn, demanding, controlling, self-centered and narcissistic, but he was also honest, thoughtful, compassionate, accepting and loyal. He made a difference in the lives of his friends; he made us better people. His ability to challenge each of us to excel was unmatched. Tom was a true friend and one of the best.

He is survived by a daughter, a sister and numerous relatives and friends. Funeral services for Tom were at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and he was buried near his parents in Magnolia, Miss.

Philadelphia police accused of brutality against gays during Bush protest

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Oct. 2 (AP)—Demonstrators who clashed with police during President Bush's visit Sept. 12 have sued the police department in federal court, charging excessive violence and civil rights violations.

The suit was filed Tuesday by nine people and six groups involved in the demonstration outside the Bellevue to protest the Bush administration's AIDS policy.

Eight people were arrested in a melee

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

"The police deliberately and without provocation clubbed, maced and beat these individuals who were at the hotel simply to exercise their First Amendment rights and to speak about their positions on important national policies," said lawyer David Rudovsky.

Police Commissioner Willie Williams appointed a citizens' panel to review the department's investigation.

The suit was filed by nine individuals and by the AIDS activist group, Act Up; the local chapter of the National Organization for Women; the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Women for Reproductive Freedom; the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador; and the Act for Peace in the Middle East.

The suit seeks unspecified monetary damages and seeks to have police prohibited from interfering with future protests by the groups.

▼▼▼ SAN ANTONIO QUICK NOTES

Annual Ecumenical Procession of Hope set for Tuesday

The fourth annual Ecumenical Procession of Hope will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The Procession of Hope is an ecumenical candlelight procession and prayer service to honor persons who have died of AIDS, their family and friends.

The procession will begin at the Alamo at 7:30 p.m. and proceed to San Fernando Cathedral for the prayer service at 8:00 p.m. A reception will be held after the procession, including a buffet, auction and entertainment. Tickets are available at Magnolia Gardens, at On Main and at the Hispanic AIDS Committee for Education and Resources (HACER) office for a \$10, tax-deductible donation. For more information, call HACER at (512) 227-2204. —"Arts for Life"

"Arts for Life" will present an evening of scenes from current theatrical productions, music and dance entertainment called "Performing for Life" at the Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry. Featured performers will include Actors Theatre of San Antonio, Alamo City Men's Chorale, Alamo Street Church Theater, DANS.A., San Antonio Little Theater, Voices of Zion Gospel Choir and others. Tickets are \$10.

The second part of Performing for Life will take place Oct. 18 at 8:00 p.m. at the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, 1300 Guadalupe Street. Original and experimental works, some focusing specifically on AIDS issues will be presented by Paul Bonin, Diana Cardenas, Sterling Houston, Los Actores de San Antonio, Dennis Poplin, Beverly Sanchez Padilla, Juan Tejeda, David Zamora Casas and others. Tickets are \$7.

Also, "Rock for Life," an evening of contemporary music by local and regional bands will be presented Sunday, Oct. 27 from 2:00-10:00 p.m. at the La Villita Assembly Hall. There will be a \$5 admission charge for this event.

"Arts for Life," a grass roots series of community AIDS awareness events, began Oct. 4 and will continue through Nov. 8. The art show "The Bondage of Spontaneity" opened in conjunction with the three week project on Oct. 4 at the Art Cellar Gallery, 119-B Alamo Plaza South. The exhibition includes submissions mailed from all over the world about sexuality, eroticism and intimacy in the age of AIDS.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gay group's motto: 'Once a Scout, always a Scout'

By NOEL K. WILSON
FOR THE NEW VOICE
SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Oct. 3 (AP)—Calling themselves "Forgotten Scouts," gay men who once were Boy Scouts are writing their memoirs and shipping them to scouting headquarters, hoping to prove "you can be a trustworthy, loyal, obedient and gay person."
"The Boy Scouts need to be realistic about the gay scouts that are in scouting," said William Boyce Mueller, grandson of Boy Scouts of America founder William D. Boyce.
"(They) need to rethink this whole issue and realize that gay people have always been a part of it."
Mueller and other gay organizers hope the memoirs of the "Forgotten Scouts" will prove to scouting administrators that gay and bisexual men have long been involved in scouting and that the organization should not discriminate against them.
A Boy Scouts of America spokesperson has said the Irving, Tex-

as-based movement excludes gays based on the Scouts' oath and laws that require members to be "morally straight."
Although Boyce, his maternal grandfather, died before Mueller was born, Mueller said his mother says Boyce would not have wanted any form of discrimination in the Boy Scouts.
"She said 'He didn't found the Boy Scouts for certain groups of boys. He founded it for all boys. I don't think he would like discrimination,'" said Mueller, a Cub Scout as a boy.
San Francisco Bay area journalists Randy Shilts and Armistead Maupin, who were both Eagle Scouts, will contribute. An Eagle Scout is the highest achievement attainable in scouting. Only about 3 percent of scouts reach that rank.
Shilts, author of "And The Band Played On: Politics, People and the AIDS Epidemic," was one of the first journalists to raise public awareness of the AIDS epidemic. Maupin is author of

the popular "Tales of the City" series, which originated as a local newspaper column.
Also joining the original 26 men forming "Forgotten Scouts" is Tim Curran, a former Eagle Scout currently embroiled in a lawsuit suing the scouts for kicking him out for being gay.
Curran was an assistant scoutmaster in 1980 when he was ousted after a newspaper story detailed his decision to take another boy to the prom.
He sued the Mt. Diablo Council a year later, but a Los Angeles Superior Court judge ruled that the Boy Scouts have a constitutional right to exclude gays. That decision is on appeal, Curran said.
"Everything I knew about leadership I learned in scouting. Everything I knew about public speaking, I learned in scouting," Curran said. "Who were these guys in Texas—these Boy Scout bureaucrats—to decide I wasn't a good leader?"
Curran said his scoutmaster knew he

was gay, and informally discussed Curran's sexuality with the scout's parents.
"They knew me...I had been in the troop five years," he said. "They trusted me and no one had a problem with my being gay."
Ironically, Curran's troop, Troop 37 in Berkeley, dissolved in 1983 because they could not find enough leaders, he said.
"This troop had been in Berkeley for 50 years," Curran said. "And I can't help but think that if I had been allowed to stay, Troop 37 might still exist to this day."
Other say their experiences in Boy Scouts both hurt them and helped them deal with being gay.
Local gay talk show host Ken McPherson said the Boy Scouts helped him come to terms with his sexuality as an adult.
"The Boy Scouts taught me the lesson that eventually forced me to come out of the closet—that it was unacceptable for me to live my life as a lie."

Co-discoverer of AIDS virus says it may have microbial accomplice

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Oct. 7 (AP)—The French virologist who co-discovered the AIDS virus said it may need an accomplice, perhaps a primitive microbe, to become lethal.

"HIV plays a critical role. ... But there are still problems in the natural history of the disease that are not completely explained by the virus alone," Dr. Luc Montagnier told 3,000 scientists Sun-

day at International Biotechnology Expo & Scientific Conference.
Montagnier, of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, has spent nearly six years exploring the theory that HIV requires a co-factor to produce the ravaging immune deficiency of AIDS.

He suggested that a tiny organism called mycoplasma might work with HIV at the sixth International Conference on AIDS last year in San Francisco. Other researchers also are investigating the theory.

Several are expected to present results of similar research during the conference, which continues through Tuesday.

"Concurrent infection may be required for the progressive loss of cells and disease," said Dr. Howard Urnovitz of Calypte Biomedical Corp. in Berkeley. Montagnier advises the company on HIV-related research.

"HIV disease would appear to be a strong candidate for such a disease process," Urnovitz said.

Researchers have been trying to learn why the human immunodeficiency virus reproduces slowly in some people but swiftly in others—with fatal results. AIDS seems to operate under a different set of rules than the "one-agent-one disease" model, Montagnier said in Sunday's keynote speech.

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Gemini

You feel a remark made by a friend was rude and insensitive. A tactful and discrete discussion solves the problem and those around you now know how you feel about the matter. No serious damage done and others understand you better.

Cancer

Fortunately, you didn't get burned from your recent play with fire. As a matter of fact, it was kind of fun and no one got hurt. Occasionally, try taking these little risks. You'll know when the time is right.

Leo

Financial matters take up most of your time this week. Concentrate on long term planning. At this time you can afford to set a little more aside. Knowing that you're saving for a rainy day eases tension and helps you enjoy time spent with family and friends.

Virgo

You are called upon for some unexpected entertaining. Don't panic. You'll be able to answer the call with your usual grace and etiquette. New acquaintances notice your poise and charm.

Libra

Close friends and relatives look to you for guidance. Don't feel guilty if you don't have all the answers. Just help out as best you can. Those in need will benefit from your advice.

Scorpio

You subtly communicate a problem you are having with a friend. Your knack for diplomacy allows you to express yourself, yet save the relationship. Those same skills will be in demand in another situation later in the week.

Sagittarius

You put together the pieces of a nagging puzzle. Now that you've solved the mystery, prepare for a new game that will really tax your analytical abilities.

Capricorn

Be prepared for a celebration in your honor. Friends will play an important role in the festivities. Be careful not to overdo it and watch the budget.

Aquarius

Now is the time to throw yourself into a pet project. Try tackling it one step at a time. Once it's complete, you'll be proud of your accomplishment. Others will notice your effort.

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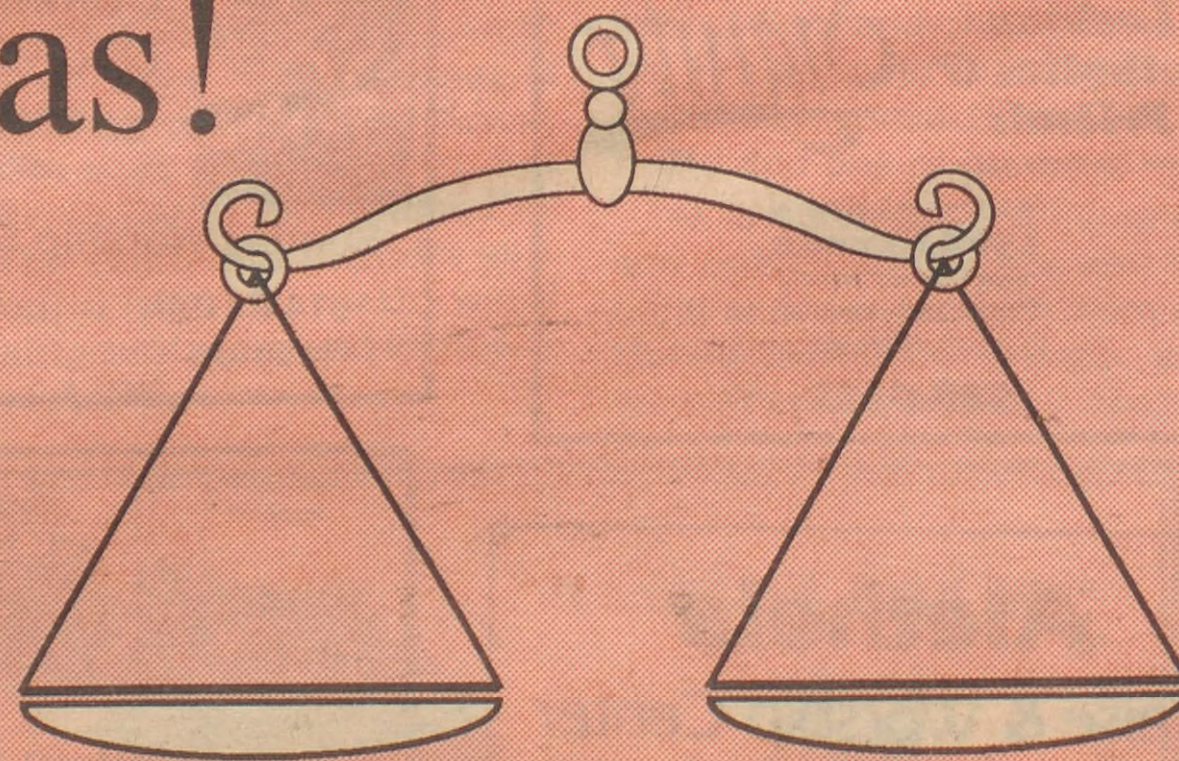


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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Gays, lesbians urged to be proud and free during Wisconsin rally

By ARTHUR L. SRB

FOR THE NEW VOICE

MADISON, Wis., Saturday, Oct. 5 (AP)—Gays and lesbians must fight publicly for their rights because they cannot count on government support, those gathered at a lesbian and gay rights rally were told Saturday.

Gay pride "is not a T-shirt that we put on but a token of oppression we take off," Urvashi Vaid of Washington, D.C., executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force told a crowd of about 4000 on the steps of the Capitol.

The second annual Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride rally "marks our affirmation to ourselves ... that we will never be stifled again," Ms. Vaid declared.

"No one is going to wave a magic wand and end gay and lesbian preju-

dice," she said. "Our freedom rests upon getting power. Our liberation is not a spectator sport."

Uniformed Capitol police stood by during the rally but reported no incidents. Members of the rally later walked down State Street to the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, then to a local park to discuss issues confronting homosexuals.

Ricardo Gonzalez, a Madison alderman, introduced Joe Elder, a UW-Madison professor, the father of a 30-year-old gay male, as "the kind of father we would all like to have."

Elder, who has campaigned for the removal of the Reserve Officers Training Corps from the UW because it rejects gays, said he is the father of two hetero-

sexual children as well as a gay.

"They have a right to be what they want to be and are and I will back them with all of my power," he said.

Elder said he considered it wrong for the UW Board of Regents to reject a motion that ROTC be barred from campuses because of its discrimination against gays.

He said the next step would be to seek an opinion from state Attorney General James Doyle on whether the state's anti-discrimination law was being violated.

The fight for equality "will be carried through the courts and through the streets," he said. "We will not allow discrimination to continue unchallenged."

Ms. Vaid was repeatedly interrupted

by applause from the crowd, some of whom carried placards which read, "Be Who You Are" and "I'm One Too."

"We must realize that we are natural, normal, strong, brave and free," Ms. Vaid said. "We face tremendous odds. We have faced centuries of discrimination, and we face a political system that moves too bureaucratically to save our lives."

She said a "cynical president" Bush and a "cowardly Congress" have done little to fight AIDS or to face the "crisis" confronting the nation's health care system.

Although bigots have long labeled lesbians and gays as sinners, "the wickedness of those hold power ... is the source of real sin in the world," Ms. Vaid said.

Donna Summer files libel suit against New York magazine

LOS ANGELES, Tuesday, Oct. 1 (AP)—Singer Donna Summer filed a \$30 million libel lawsuit Tuesday against New York magazine. She said it falsely quoted her as once saying AIDS was a "divine ruling" against homosexuals.

"That is completely false. I did not say it. I do not believe it," Miss Summer said at a news conference to announce the Superior Court lawsuit.

New York magazine's Aug. 5 issue said Miss Summer, 42, a born-again

Christian for several years, once described homosexuals as "sinners" and said AIDS was "a divine ruling." The three-paragraph article gave no specifics on when or where she allegedly made the remarks.

The article, quoting a "music-industry insider" it didn't name, said Miss Summer decided against including on her new album a song that would serve as an apology to homosexuals for the comments.

The lawsuit also says the report about the song is false.

"The article in New York magazine hurts me deeply. It also hurts those people who read the article and believe it to be true," Miss Summer said.

Fran Kessler, assistant to the editor of the magazine, wouldn't comment and said the magazine had not been served with the lawsuit.

Miss Summer cooed her way to fame

in 1975 with the disco anthem "Love to Love You Baby." She was known as "Queen of Disco" for such tunes as "I Feel Love" and "Last Dance."

Attorney Elizabeth Mann, who represents the singer, said the article damaged prospects for Miss Summer's new Atlantic Records album, "Mistaken Identity." The lawyer said some disc jockeys and clubs refuse to play the record because of the statements attributed to her.

Atlanta police chief denies discriminating against gays

ATLANTA, Wednesday, Oct. 2 (AP)—Police Chief Eldrin Bell said Wednesday his department is moving to end discrimination against gays and lesbians on the Atlanta police force and in the community.

Bell commented at a City Council Public Safety Committee hearing. He denied charges that the police department has

been sloppy in reporting hate crimes and has done nothing to recruit gay and lesbian officer candidates.

"We do not now today nor have we ever discriminated against anyone," Bell said to derisive laughter from an audience that included many gay and lesbian activists at the meeting.

"It was absolute and total garbage. I'm so mad," Cathy Woolard of the ACLU Gay and Lesbian Police Advisory Board, said after the hearing ended. "The issue is, we've got concerns and he won't answer them."

Bell said he had not addressed the gay community's concerns about recruitment, "because we are not doing any recruiting.

Before we recruit we will consider that policy."

On the hate crimes issue, Bell said he now requires officers in the intelligence and records sections to hold "a face-to-face meeting" in developing the department's semiannual bias crimes report, which gays say was replete with omissions and inaccuracies.

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▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Activists say cops are harassing gays to get lead on trashings

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Oct. 5 (AP)—According to some gay activists, the police are harassing members of the homosexual community in an attempt to identify rioters who trashed a state office building early this week while protesting the governor's veto of a gay rights bill.

"They are trying to harass us into identifying the people who were here," said Jay Mullins during a news conference Friday in front of the boarded-up entrance to the building in the Civic Center.

"We say support the gay and lesbian community and don't cooperate with police," said Mullins, who identified herself as a member of La Gai/Out of Control Lesbian Committee.

Five state police officers were injured,

and protesters caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage, breaking windows and setting fires, at the building on Monday night.

In Sacramento on Friday, Gov. Pete Wilson commented on the violence during a question-and-answer session with reporters.

"I think there is inexcusable conduct on the part of those who, whatever their disappointments, have engaged in trashing public buildings and threatening individuals," he said. "I think it is inexcusable and contemptible. I also think that those who have a responsibility for containing such conduct ought to do a better job."

A crowd of less than 100 people gathered Friday night in the Castro District to hear

speakers blast Wilson. A table was set up to gather signatures for a petition drive aimed at the governor's recall.

Police Chief Willis Casey, who was criticized for the absence of arrests Monday, has said police will seek arrest warrants for 12 to 15 rioters who have been identified on videotape of the siege.

But no arrests had been made as of Friday, said police spokesperson Sgt. Jerry Senkir.

During the news conference, activists said police have been intimidating and harassing the gay community to turn in those responsible for the damage.

Police have asked various gay and lesbian organizations to help in the effort to

identify suspects.

"I would hardly characterize that as infiltrating the community," Senkir said.

Investigators have also asked various media organizations, including the San Francisco Chronicle and Chronicle-owned NBC affiliate KRON-TV, to turn over videotapes and photographs to help investigators identify suspects, Senkir said.

None of the news organizations has complied with the request, activists said.

"To their credit, the media has said it won't (comply) until they get subpoenaed," said John Powers, a member of the radical gay rights group Queer Nation.

Senkir would not say whether the videotape police have come from a news organization or officers themselves.

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS LIVE

'Psycho Beach Party' opens Friday at Toulouse Cabaret Theatre

The play "Psycho Beach Party" by Charles Busch, an outrageous gender-bender spoof of 60's beach movies, will be presented at the Toulouse Cabaret Theatre, 615 Toulouse, Oct. 11 through Oct. 28.

Originally staged in New Orleans last season by director Carl Walker, the current production—also under Walker's direction—will feature four of the previous New Orleans cast members. Brooks Braselman will reprise his portrayal of the heroine Chicklet (a role created by author Charles Busch in the New York production), with Brenda Bergman as his Mommie Dearest, Heidi Jensen as the Marilyn-clone movie star and the inimitable Aux Shea as the man—hungry Marvel Ann. Among those joining the cast for this production are Pam Gregory, David Lummis, Joshua Epworth and Kelsey Farris.

The story concerns itself with Chicklet, a Gidget-like California girl who wants no more than to hang ten and shoot the curl. In true Jekyll and Hyde tradition, Chicklet also suffers from multiple personalities, one of which is a power-hungry dominatrix

whose object is to conquer the west coast and ultimately the world. Catastrophe follows as she unleashes her plot among the beach bums and bunnies of Malibu.

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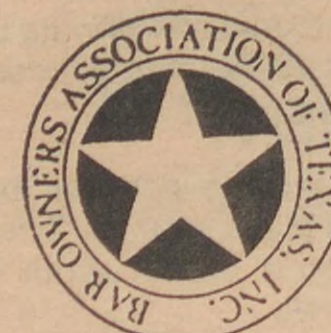
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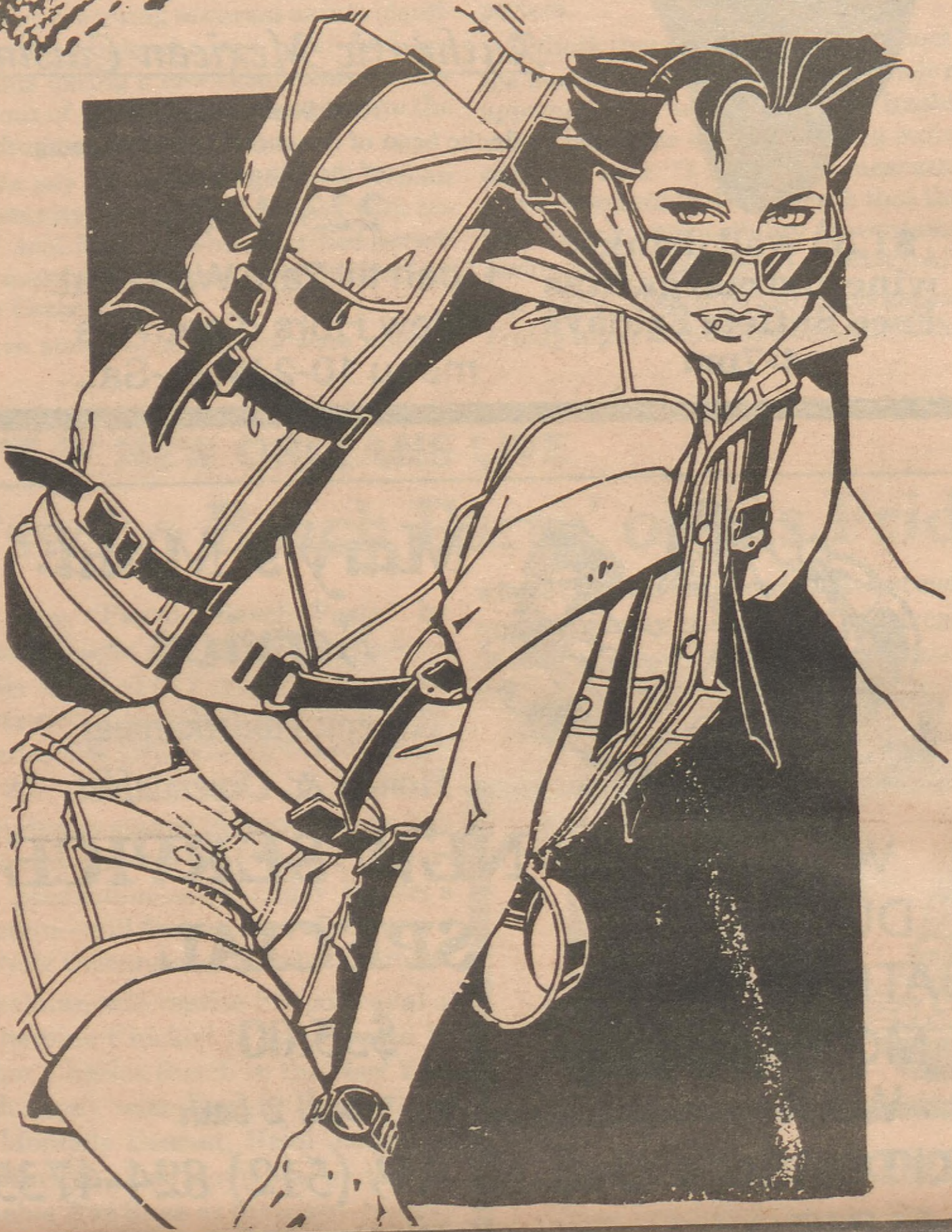
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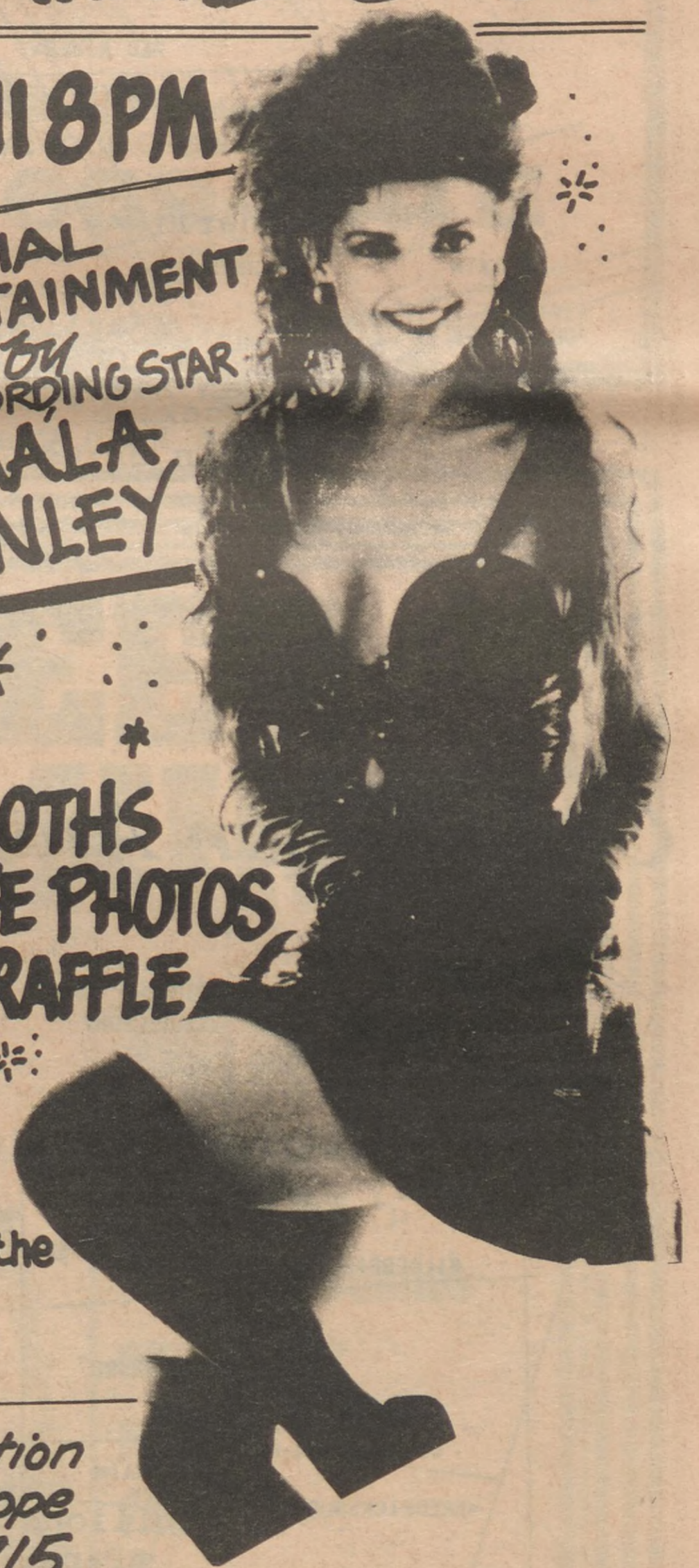
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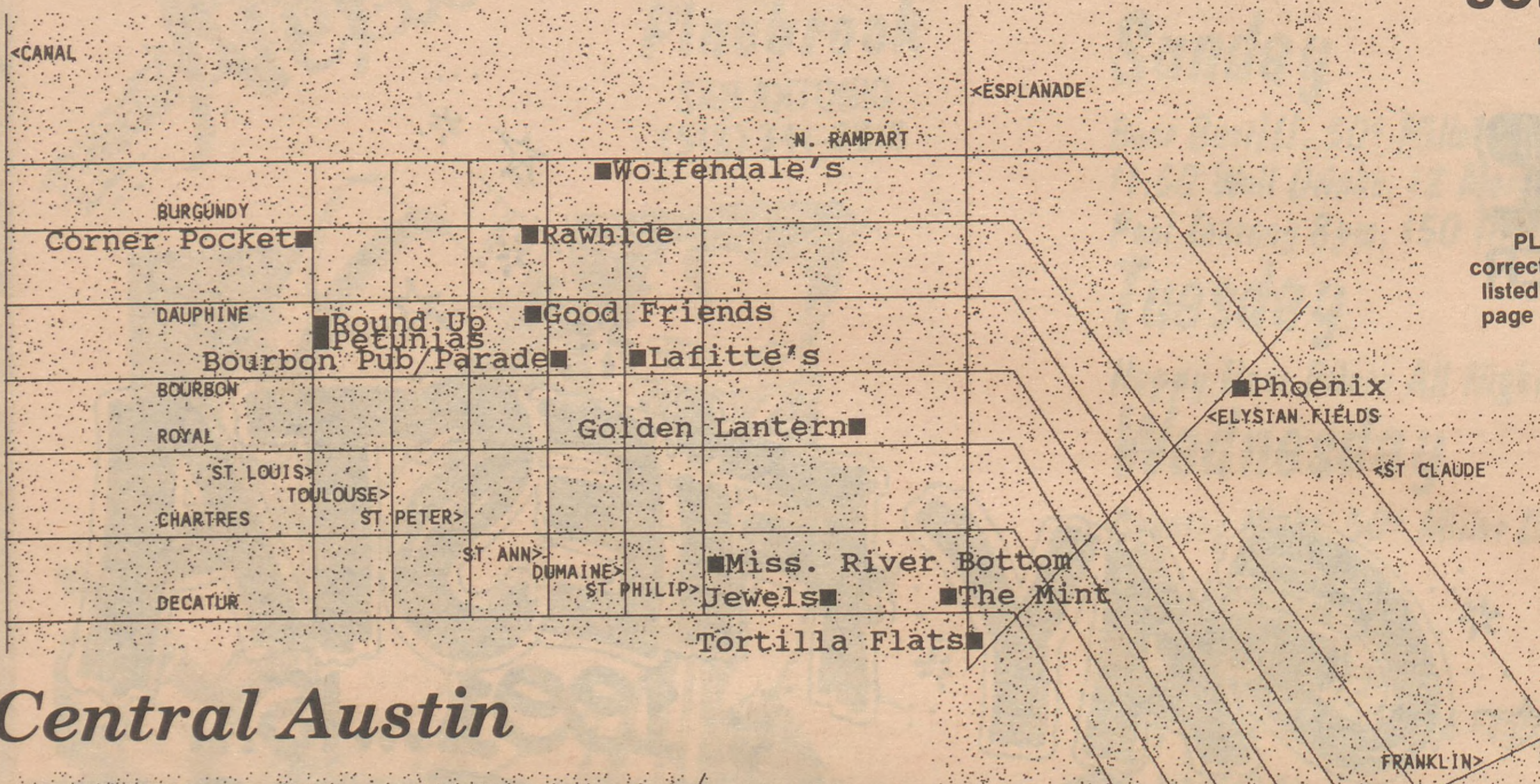
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Almost 40 GWF seeks GF for friendship and/or romance. I am a real homebody & enjoy gardening & love animals. I like eating out occasionally, going to movies, baseball games & spending time with my friends. I drink very little & don't smoke, do drugs or casual sex. I would like to meet someone with similar interests but I'm open to sharing new experiences with someone special. Ad 25177.

Attractive GBM, 6'3, slim build, 34, masculine, very well equipped, would like to meet GWM, ages 30-45 for romantic sensual passionate discreet encounters. Natural men a plus, versatility & safe-fun a must. Ad 25888

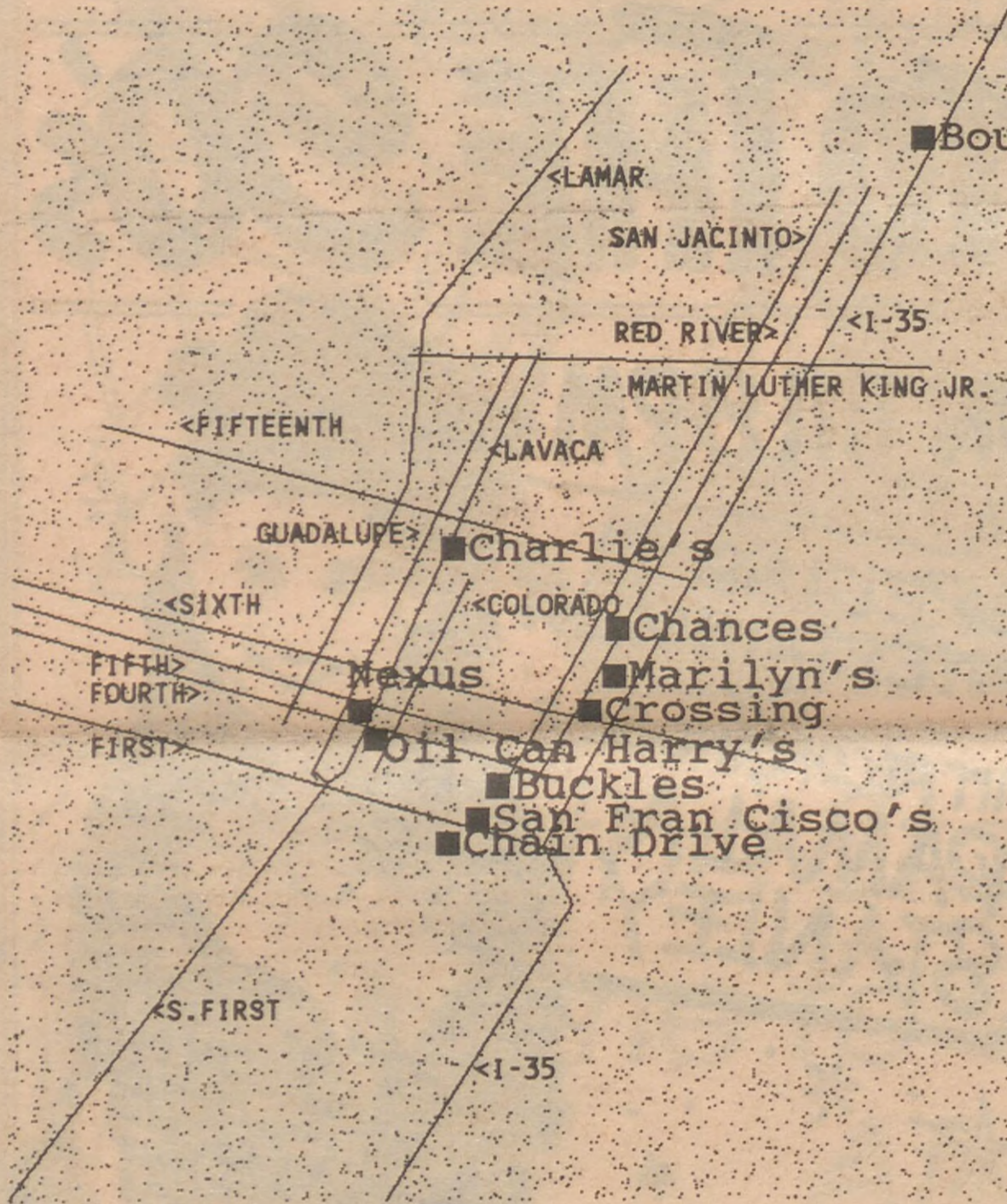
Attractive GWM, 21, seeking interesting, fun, different, honest, GWM 18-29 for friends? You tell me. I am open to different ideas (relationships, friends, ?) Willing to give 101%, but it takes 2 to make things work. Write AD 25929.

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GAM, 40, 5'6, 125, masculine, healthy and nice looking. I am a college-educated professional, straight appearing, non-smoker, and am new in the area. Enjoy classical music, opera, sports, dining out. Seeking GWM or GHM, 30-45, healthy, weight proportionate to height and drug-free. International experience is a big plus. Do you like spicy ethnic food and Schubert's Gesang mit Klavier? Please write. Discretion assured and expected. AD 562V

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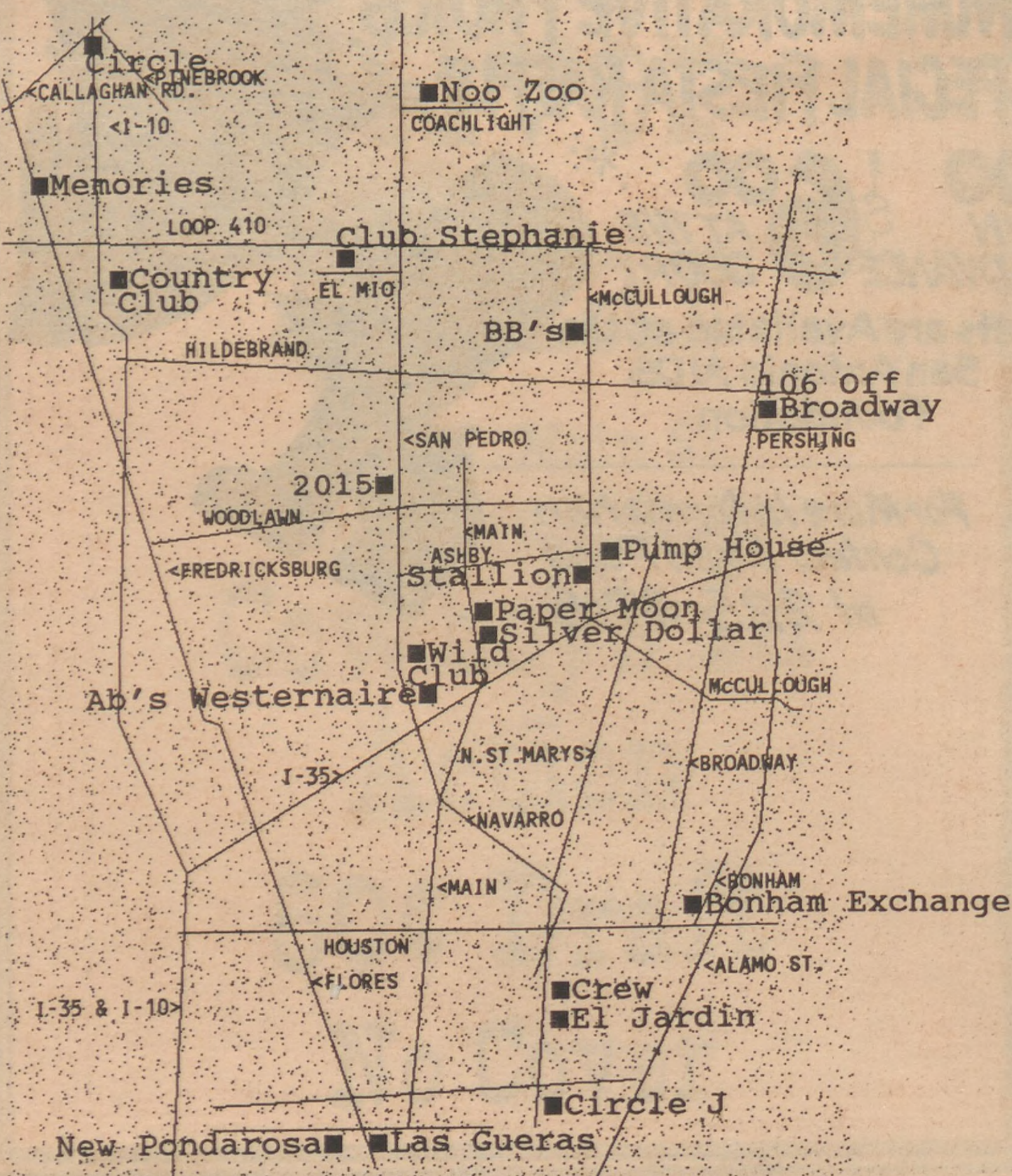
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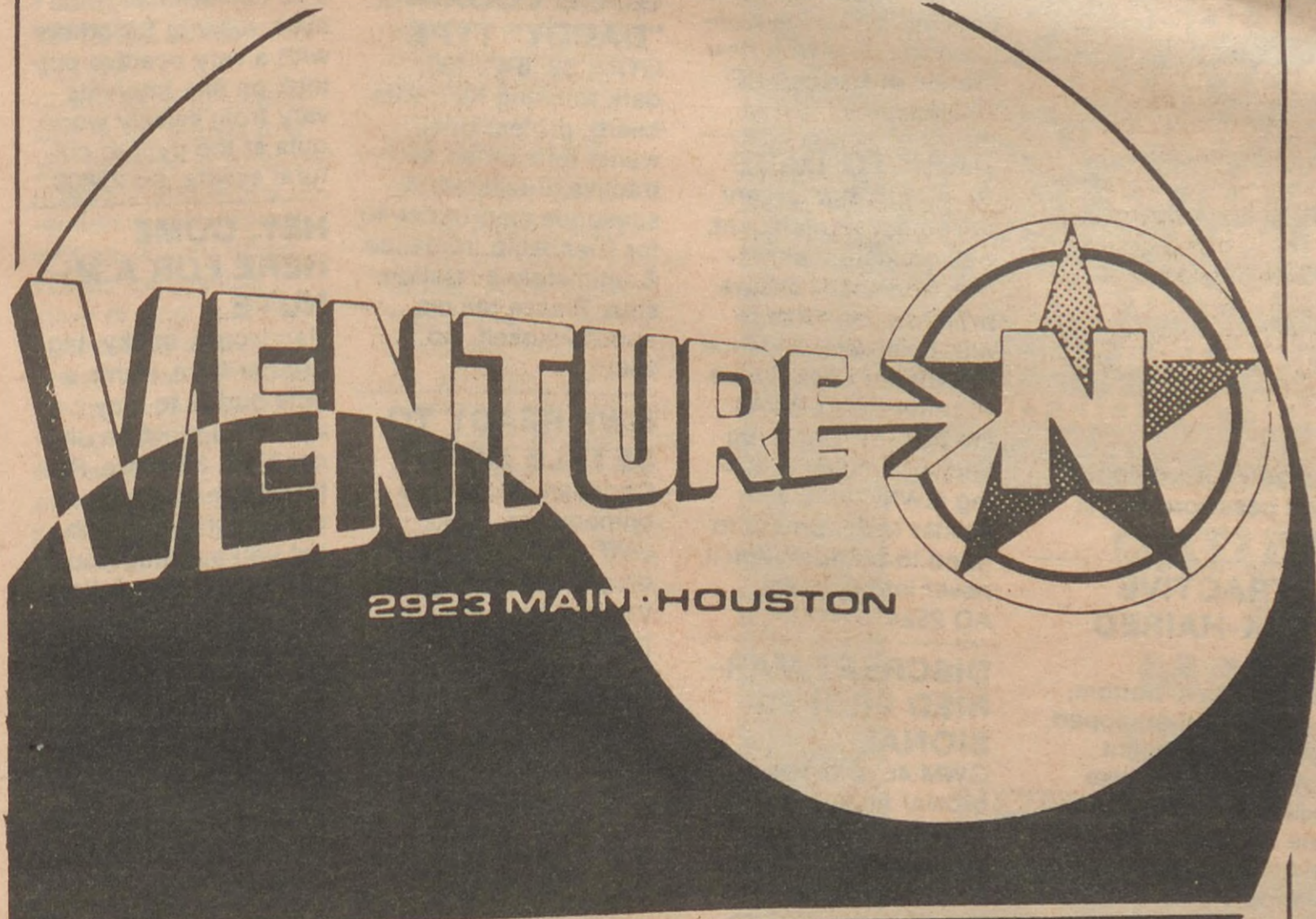
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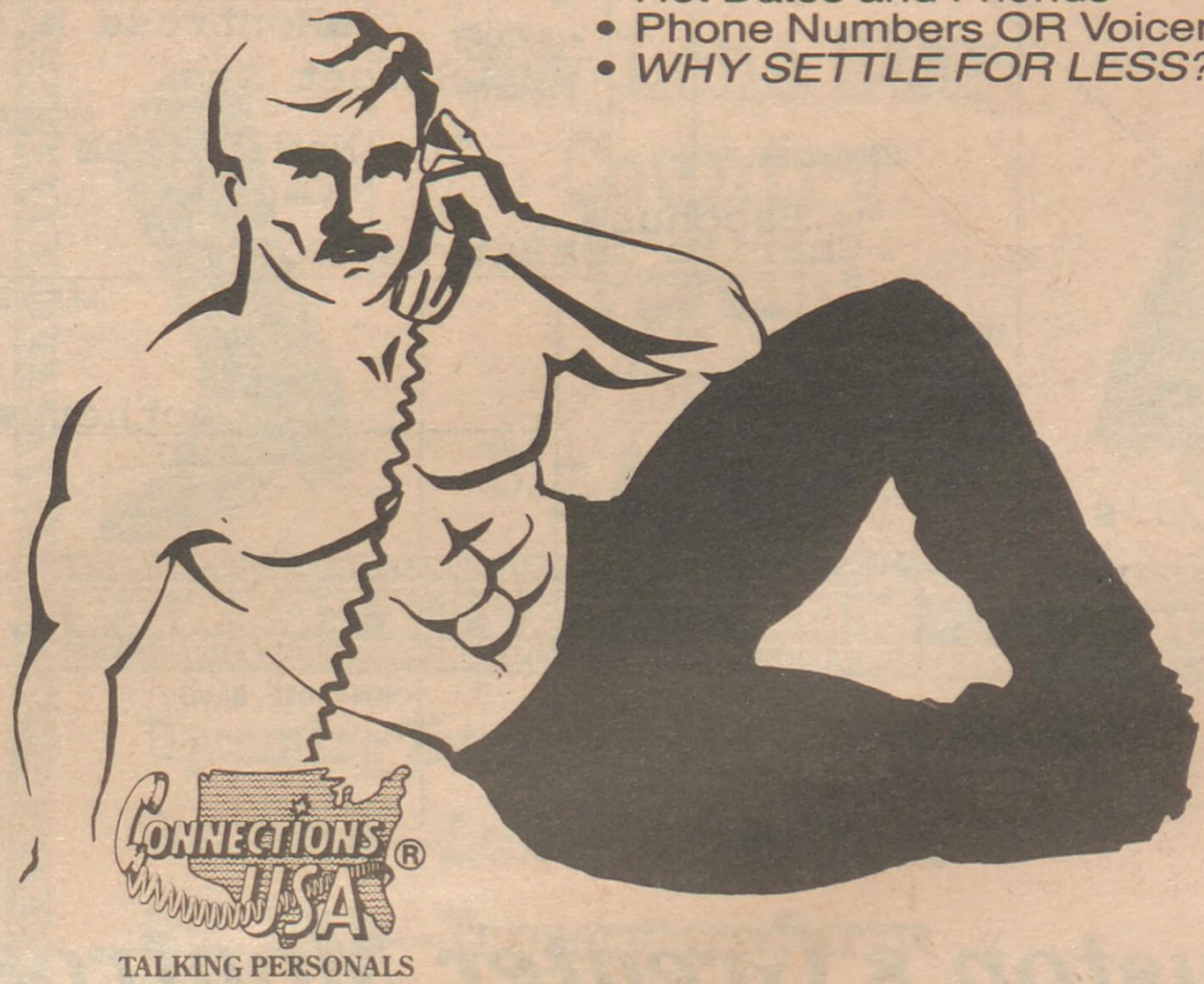


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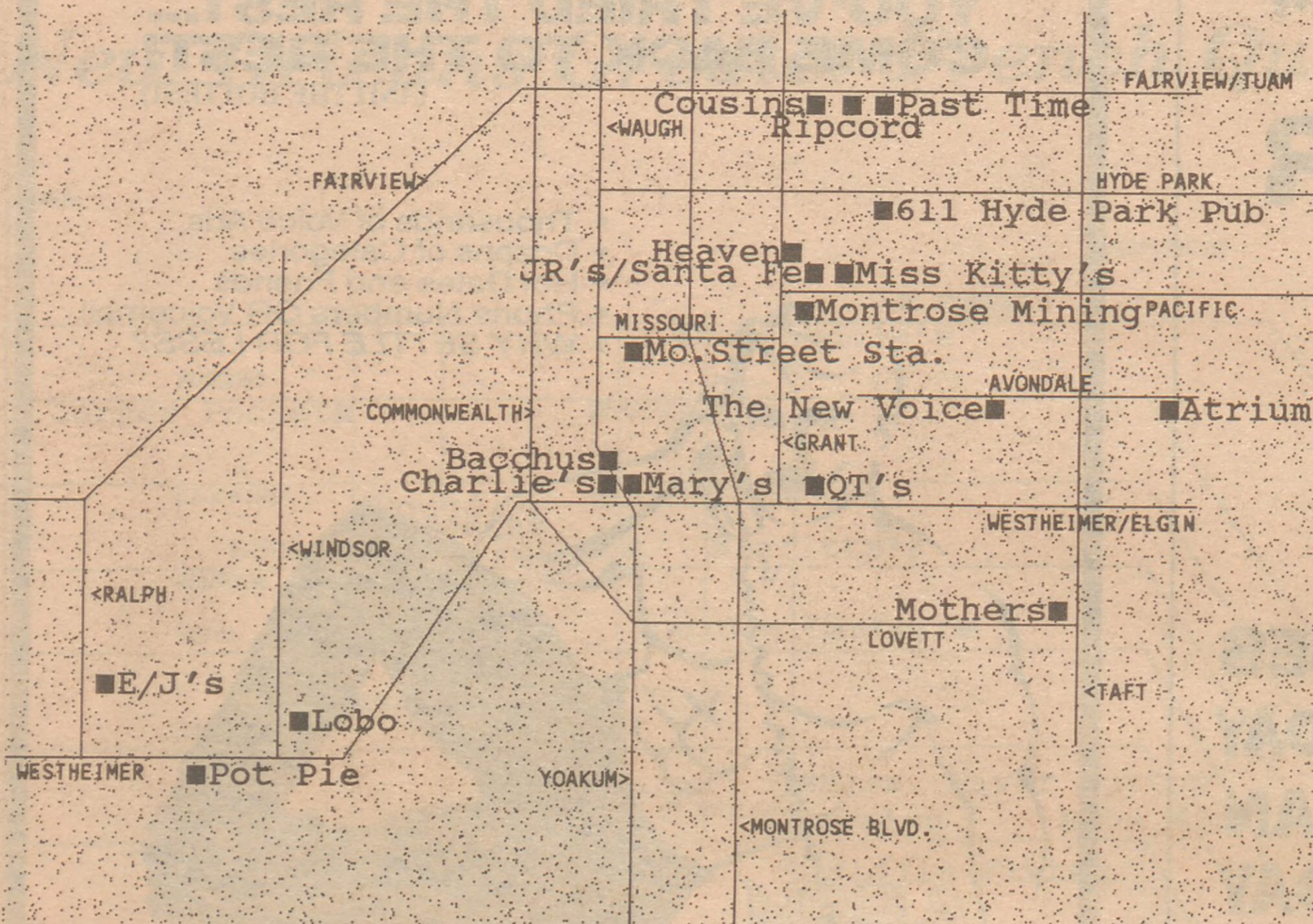
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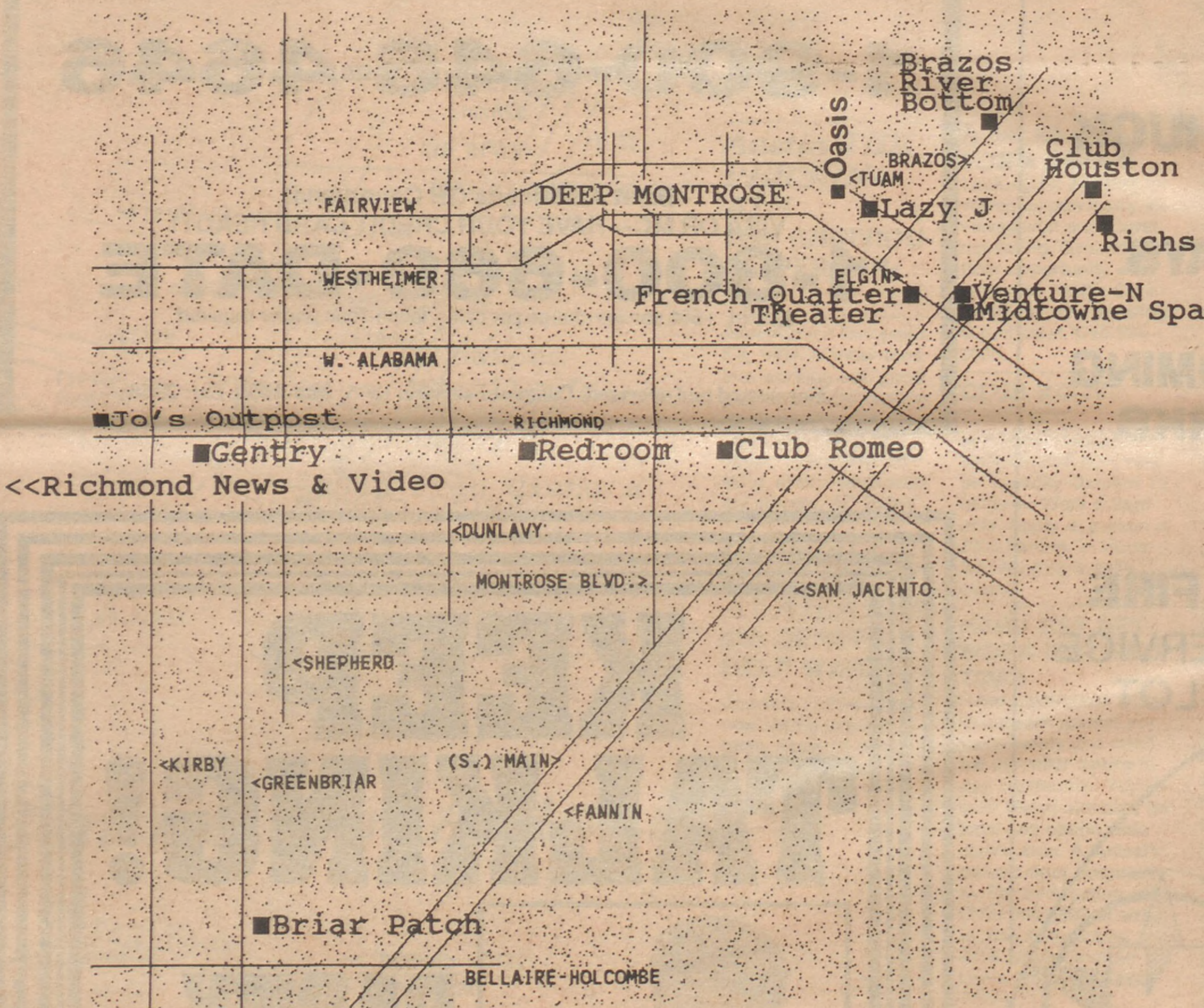
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GWM, 26, 5'11, 185#, blonde/brown. Looking for 18-30 year old for friendship and fun. Possible relationship. Enjoy the beach, C & W music movies and sports. Let's do lunch or dinner. AD 25940.

GWM, 30 something, green eyes, red hair, enjoys cuddling, movies, TV, music, occasional happy hour. Exceptionally excellent FR active. Let's get to know each other. Possibilities unlimited. Send vital statistics. AD 25200

GWM, 41, 5'7, 160, stable, professional. Brown hair, blue eyes, moustache. HIV-neg. Excellent health, non-smoker, affectionate. Enjoys all types of music, going to movies.

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I am a GBF professional, 31, interested in meeting other GBF professionals. Must be feminine 226-30, honest sincere and enjoy life. For friendship or more reply to AD 25938.

Professional GWM, 40, 6', 150 lb., brn, grn, good looking, HIV-, stable, educated, non-smoker, no drugs, affectionate, plays safe. Likes massage, leather, denim, uniforms, cow-boys, tall boots, boot play. Also likes movies, travel, working out, being active. Seeks good looking slim or muscular man, 30-55, any race, with similar adjectives & interests. Reply to Ad 25081

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ATTRACTIVE GWM COUPLE
who are masculine, intelligent, HIV+ but healthy, beard & moustache, smoke & drink. Like to entertain at home. Enjoy camping, BBQ's, music, videos, quiet evenings & pets. Seeking other HIV+ couples or individuals with similar qualities for friendship, moral support, & possible encounters. AD 25894

ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED, CLEAN CUT, PROFESSIONAL,
well-endowed, outgoing, great sense of humor, non-smoker/drugs, excellent

health, HIV-negative, masculine appearing/sounding, tall, weight in proportion to height, seeks same (20-45 years old). Enjoy movies, hiking, cooking, computers, photography, animals, long walks/talks, children, volunteering. Respond with letter to AD 25011

BI/ BM SEEKS TV
BiBM 31, seeks versatile TV or TS 20-35 for midnight rendezvous or exciting nooner in cheap motels. Spandex or a mini real turn on, short hair a plus. Send a hot descriptive note. No transactions involved. AD25932

BIG DADDY SEEKS DADDY'S BOY
To qualify: you must be trim, strong, determined to please, non-smoker/drinker, & have a stable job & pleasant personality. I prefer blonde to med. brown hair. I am big, tall, 39, bearded & I require domestic service as well. AD 25928

BISEXUAL COMMUNITY GROUP
I am a cute, impish, adventurous bisexual male, looking for bisexual males & females to establish a BISEXUAL COMMUNITY GROUP in Houston. Need a place to meet people who share common values & beliefs, plan activities, enjoy playtime, & share ideas about alternative lifestyles. For more info, AD 25918

COUNTRY BOY FROM KENTUCKY
GWM, 44, 6', 185, brown curly hair, hazel eyes, masculine, attractive, open minded, have many interests, seeks bottom but can be versatile. Looking for close friendship. Someone caring, honest, sincere, 25-45. AD 25229.

CUTE ROMANTIC SOFT BUTCH
GWF, 40-plus, blonde, brown eyes, cute professional, mature & stable & believe in honesty, trust & communication. Have great sense of humor & am incurable romantic. Don't smoke, drugs or drink & enjoy outdoors as well as indoor activities. Looking for new adventures to share with new friends or partner. AD 25225

DARE TO DARE
28, 6', 195, blk/ green/ brown eyes. Intelligent, well educated, attractive, financially secure professional. I like to run, bike, read & dance. A gourmet cook, I also volunteer with PWAs. I'm healthy, non drug and/ or smoker. Seeking GWM 20-30 with similar taste. Sound to good to be true? You'll never know unless ... AD 25247.

DISCREET MARRIED PROFESSIONAL
GWM 46, 6'1, 168, brown/ blue, HIV-neg, straight appearing, seeks well equipped GWM for French dining. Should be 25-50 with slim build and similar traits. Married or Bi okay. Respond with letter to AD 25943.

DO IT ALL AND ENJOY IT!
GWM HIV-, mid 40's, look & act younger, smoke, drink, do it all & enjoy it. Seeking similar good looking masculine man that has their act together. likes sports, out doors & hot tubs or cold nights, etc., etc. Reply to AD 25069.

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FOR LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP
GWF mid 20's, 5'7", 150, attractive, outgoing, feminine, thoughtful, honest, romantic, responsible, mature, good morals, enjoy playing sports, going to movies, dancing, walks on beach, traveling. Music interests include: jazz, classical, C/ W & Top 40. No mind games. Non-smoker. No drugs. You should have similar interests. AD 25909.

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GOOD LOOKING "DADDY" TYPE
GWM, 52, 6'4", 190, dark thinning hair, trim beard, professional, wants to meet an attractive, intelligent & sensuous man under 40 for friendship, romance & ultimately a relationship. Please tell me about yourself. AD 25021

GWF READY TO SETTLE DOWN
Christian, 32, secure homeowner, seeks GWF. No smoke, drink, drugs, children. Me: attractive, affectionate, honest, intelligent, able to commit totally to right woman. You: same. Well-endowed & good cook are pluses. Also desire to start family. Prefer brown hair/eyes, medium skin. AD 25092

GWF SEEKING LIFEMATE
GWF, early 30's, Christian. I am non-smoker, non-drinker, honest, self-aware growth-oriented & capable of physical & emotional intimacy. I am seeking a similar GWF with no children for a long-term monogamous relationship. AD 25913.

GWM DESPERATELY SEEKING ULTIMATE TEDDY BEAR
Average joe mechanic type. You're HIV-, over 35, versatile, hairy, chubby, bearded, respectable, employed. This bear cub's 26, 5'10, 140 lean, smooth boyish looking, not effeminate, good job. morals,

sensitive, honest, not out long but know what I want. For possible relationship, contact. AD 25193.

GWM SEEKS MATURE ROMANTIC GBM
Handsome sexy and professional! at 39, 5'10, 160, I'd like to share my fantasies with you. Prefer large tops, and great sense of humor. Enjoy home-life, cooking, music, and loving. Can do anything with right man. AD 25230.

GWM SEEKS TALLER GWM
GWM, 5'7" seeks taller GWM who is playful, HIV-, versatile, into nudism, with sense of humor, & a cut (small to medium) endowment. Must be a congenial guy interested in companionship & more. AD 25104

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

HANDSOME GHM
30, 144, blk/blk, well equipped, versatile, mostly top, slim muscular build and clean-cut, enjoys football, movies & tennis, seeks attractive GWM or GHM 25-35, muscular build, clean-cut and weight in proportion to height. For friendship & fun. AD 25925

HANDSOME, GWM
I am 32, 5'11 & have recently moved here. I am highly educated, well traveled, clean, non-smoker & enjoy running daily. I seek someone with similar qualities & interests for a stable long-term friendship or relationship. I am not looking for a one-night stand. AD 25924

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HEY, COME HERE FOR A MINUTE
Handsome, hunky, big brother type, wants a little buddy to play with. You must be under 5'9 & 33 years. Prefer dark hair, hairy chest, cute yet butch. Let you pal drag you into the bushes & lick that knock out face of yours. (We're both GWM & fun) AD 25920

HISPANIC? ORIENTAL? BLACK? CONSIDER THIS
Shy but great looking GBM ready to welcome you home. Wants to get close to you mentally & physically. You, just as myself, are in great shape, open minded, & drug free. A person of color who should take a few more chances. I invite you to take a chance now. AD 25216.

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GWM, 24, 5'10", swimmer build, knows that you've been looking but maybe in the wrong direction. I enjoy song writing, weight lifting, valued friendships. Have driving need to succeed. Is that a crime? Seek someone 19-29, "responsible," offering not mind-games & manipulation but complete honesty, sincere caring & faithful heart capable of monogamy. Ad 25191

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tionship. I'm honest, sincere, affectionate, attractive, adventurous, experienced, generously endowed, great posterior, healthy, sexy, versatile. 23-year-old HIV pos. GWM seeking same qualities in 30-50 year young moustached GWM into experimentation, the outdoors, romance ... & vigorous sex with one special man. Send interests, desires. Ad 25121

I'M THE HAYSTACK - YOU THE NEEDLE?
GWM, 6', 185lbs, former model, 40-ish looking, masculine, brown hair, educated, healthy, happy, sensitive, non-smoker, drug-free, but fun loving. In search of an attractive, discreet, responsible, intelligent, sincere, goal oriented, GWM, under 40, for a very, very, special relationship. AD 25199

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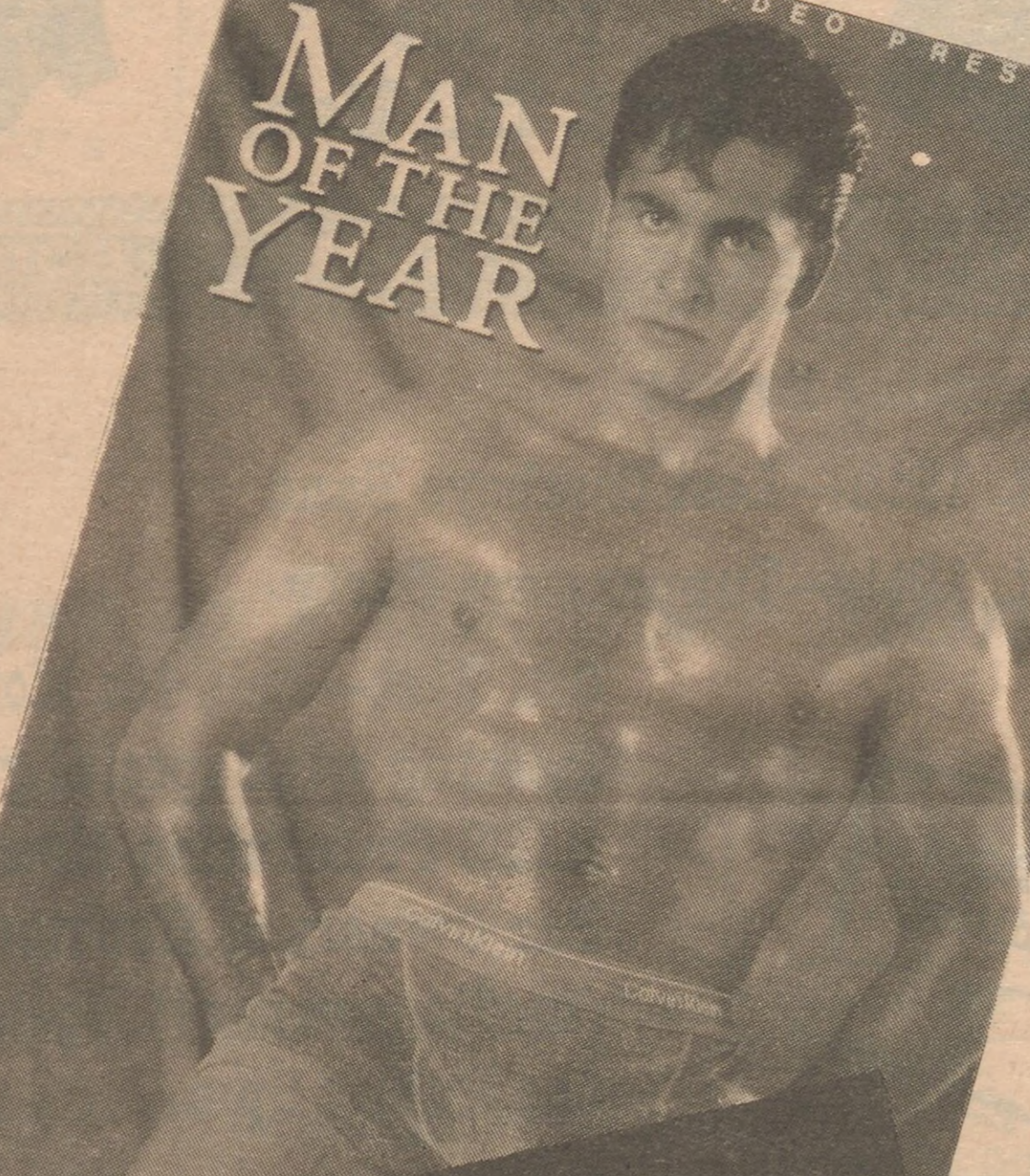
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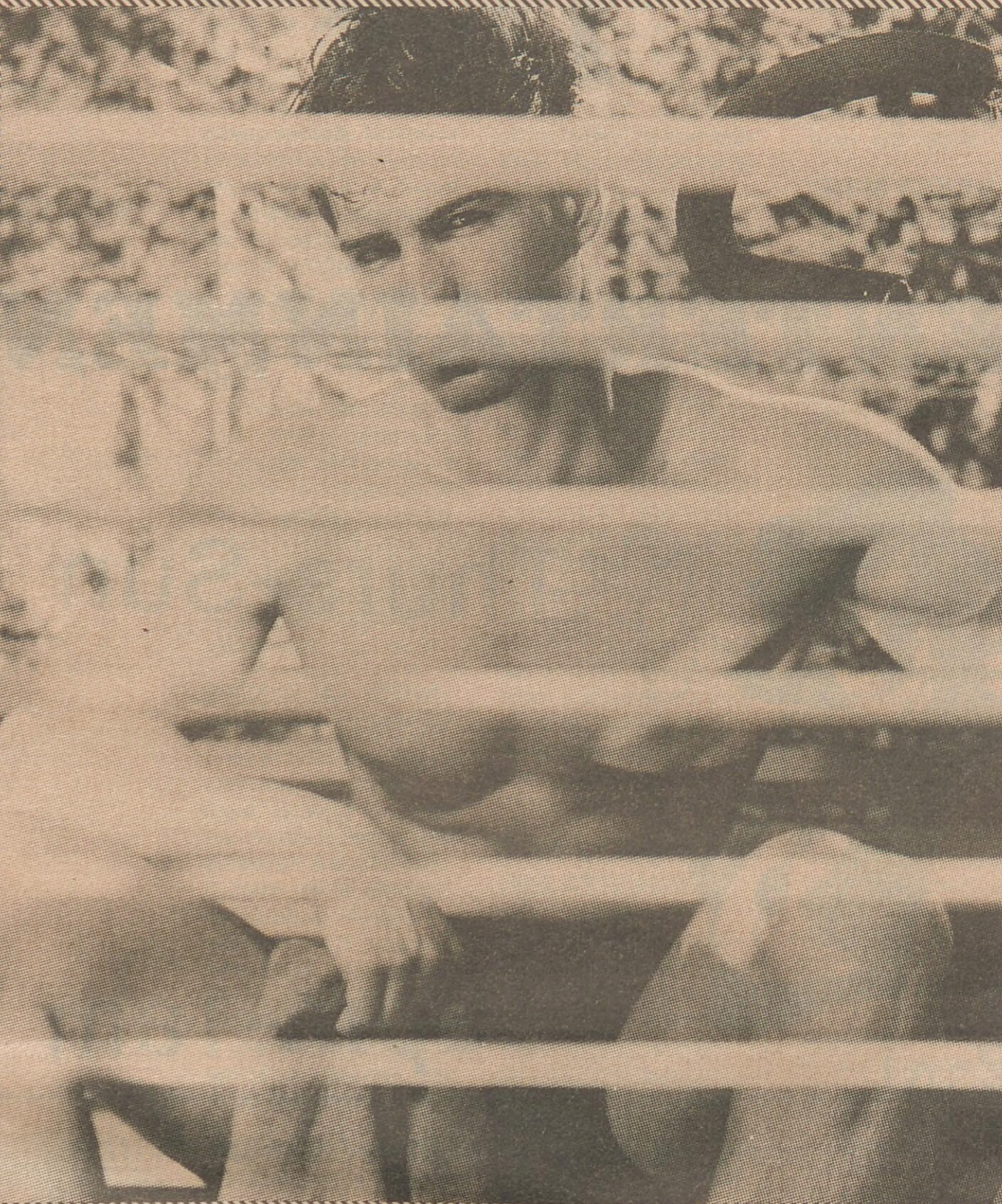
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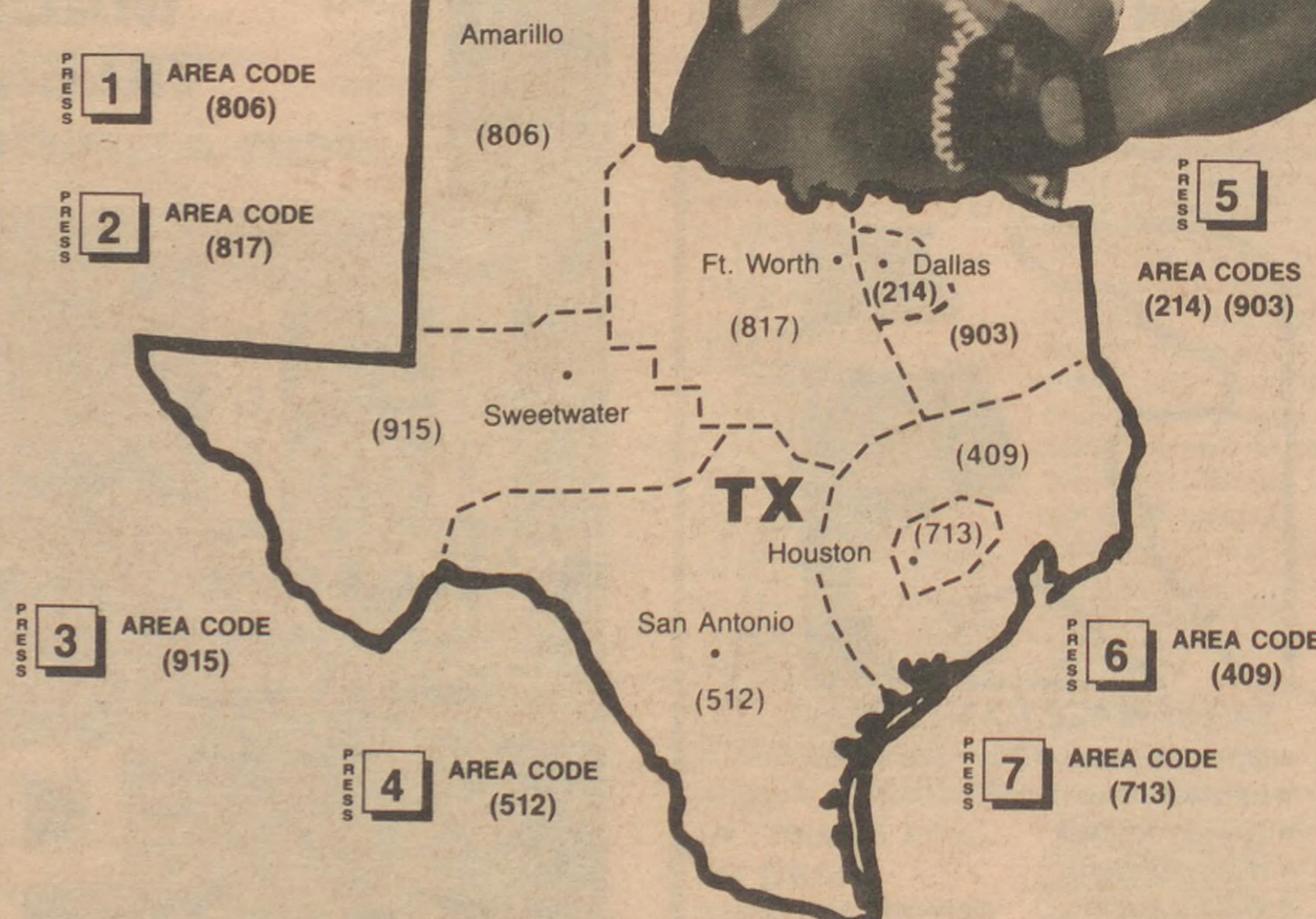
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GWM 40 is taking applications for full time boy/ slaves between 24-35. You will be trained in all phases of S&M-B&D. All of you needs will be well taken care of. You must reply with complete details about yourself. AD 25846.

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ME: GWM, 38, 5'11, blue, black, conservative, handsome, discreet, professional, healthy, endowed, drug/ smoke free, like cycling, outdoors, classical music. YOU: 18-25, GWM, slender, healthy, drug free, & interested in the above. US: we'll meet over lunch/ dinner. At worst, we'll have a nice meal & talk. AD 25224.

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Michael, there is no moment more future than now. As lightning bolts wildly across the sky, the future is anyone's guess. There are no straight lines in nature. Let us follow nature, together, into the future. I Love you. David

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WM, middle age, 5'7", med. build, youthful looks & progressive attitude, college-educated, artistic aptitude. Likes playing several sports, socializing & some night life. Not into sexual pressures. I seek to know one who needs an energetic, warm, caring & fun guy around. I like kids too. Let's talk soon. Ad 25185

LOOKING FOR SINCERE AFFECTIONATE MAN
GWM, 42, 5'8, 135, HIV+. I have a Master's Degree, travel frequently, like movies, theater, evenings at home & like to go to the bars occasionally. Seek GWM 35-45 HIV+ to share fun times & quiet evenings. I'd like to take things slowly & get to know you. AD 25907

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL
Professional GWM, 36, 6', 168 lbs, brown hair & eyes. I am looking for that someone special 25-45 for a monogamous, loving relationship. Race, color or creed unimportant. I am honest, sincere & healthy. My interests include biking, outdoors, movies, TV, Nintendo, cards & sports (especially football). I prefer a non-smoker, non-drinker & someone who is not into the bar scene. Ad 25156

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MOUSTACHE SEEKS MOUSTACHE
GWM, 31, 5'10, moustache, slim, attractive, masculine, intelligent, HIV-, professionally employed & mostly in jeans. Seeks HIV- GWM or GWM 28-40 with moustache, drug free, non smoker, for serious monogamous long term relationship. AD 25244.

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PUMP ME TILL DAWN
That's all I want. GWM, 25, br/ br, 5'9, 150# wants physically fit studs with ample equipment to pound me into the next century. Let's cut right to the quick & get on it. Time's a wastin' ... AD 25890

QUALITY GUY SEEKING QUALITY RELATIONSHIP
GWM, upper 20's, 6.3, brown/ grn, well equipped, masculine, educated, professional, HIV-. Smoke/ drug free, stable and mature. Enjoys quiet times, reading, music, outdoors. Seeking the same (24-45). Must be masculine, successful, educated, easy going, height proportionate to weight. AD 25937.

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If you are young, healthy, mentally & physically, free of drugs & alcohol & desire a friendship/relationship with a healthy, mature, honest, sensitive, 40-ish professional who enjoys touching, quiet times, movies, the beach at night & other fun times. A quality guy seeking a quality friend. Ad 25105

READY TO START OVER
GWM, 32, 5'7, 140lbs, br/ gr, HIV+, versatile, mostly bottom. Have many interests, what about you. If you are 5'9 plus & age 35-45 with good personality & looks, please respond with what interests you. AD 25220

REAL WOMYNI!
Tired of game playing and facades? I'm a GWF, 31, in 12-step recovery. Tenderhearted, sensitive, funny, philosophical, interested in bicycling and holistic health. Seeking a woman who can risk being herself with me and vice versa. Heart to heart. Ad 25141

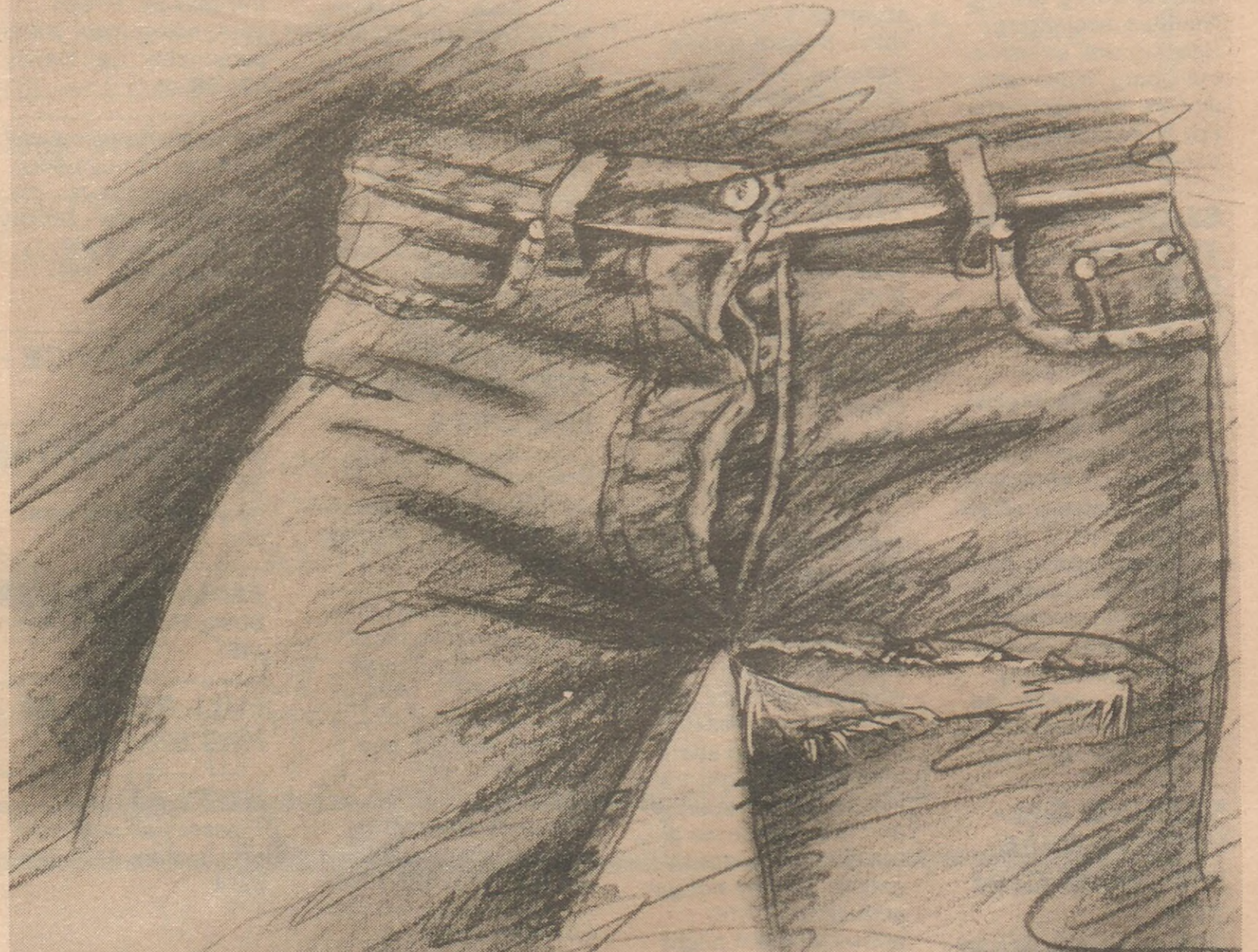
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College senior, 22, 5'7, 135, black/ brown, trim, nice eyes & smile. New to lifestyle. Interests: ar-

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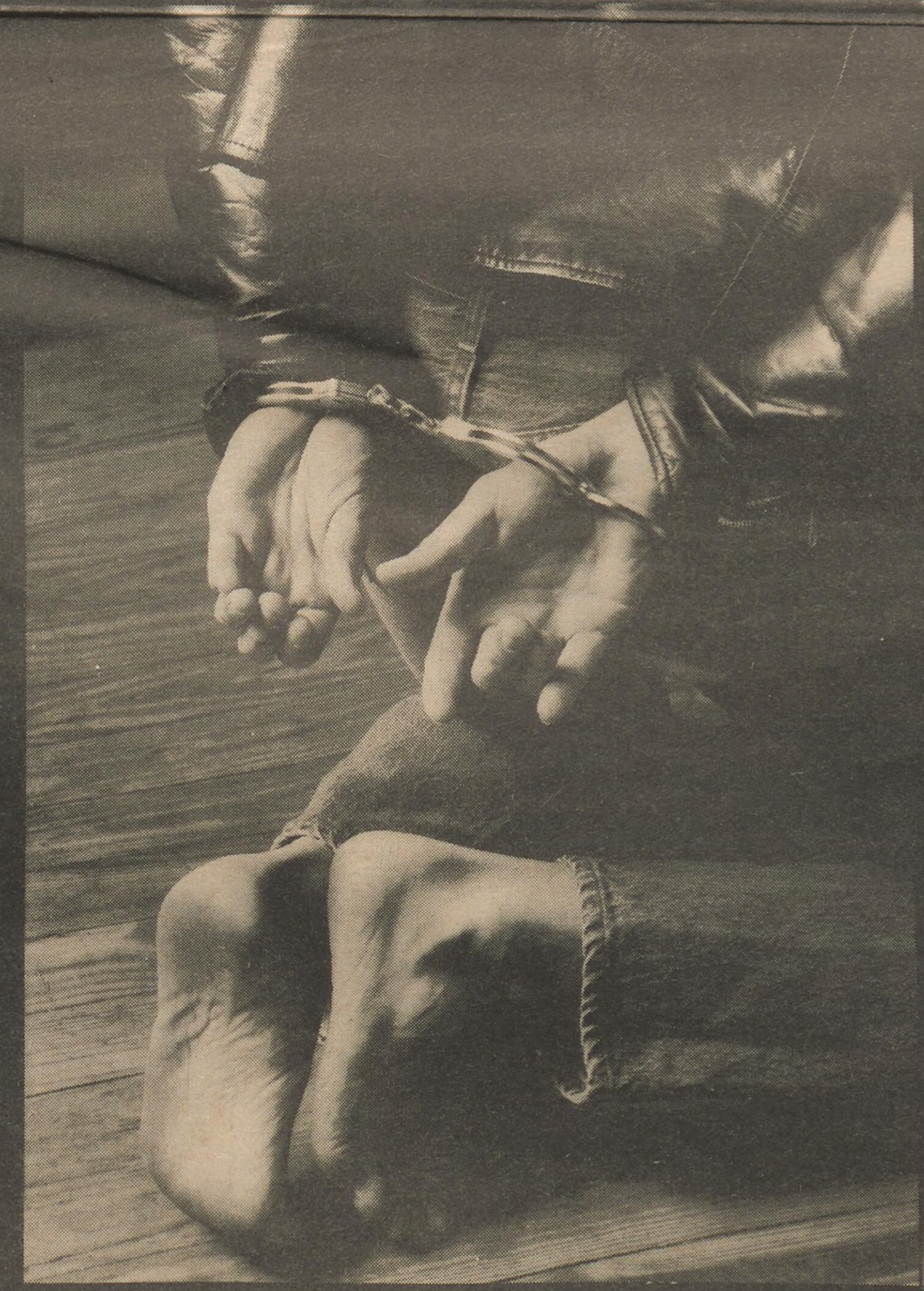
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