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## ▼▼▼ DATELINE HOUSTON

### ICOGLEAO delegates discussed presidential politics, gay campaigns

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Electing openly gay and lesbian candidates to office, coalition building in gay and lesbian politics and the role of gay/lesbian people in the 1992 Presidential elections were among the topics of discussion for delegates to the seventh annual International Conference of Openly Gay and Lesbian Elected and Appointed Officials, held last weekend in Houston at the Stouffer Presidente Hotel.

Among the noted openly gay and lesbian officials attending the conference were Sherry Harris, who recently defeated a 24-year incumbent by an almost two-to-one runoff vote for an at large seat on the Seattle City Council, and Tom Duane, a New York City Councilmember-elect whose race made curious political history within the gay/lesbian community. (Duane's opponent in the race, Liz Abzug, is openly lesbian).

Also attending were Texas own first openly gay elected official, State Rep. Glen Maxey (D-Austin), and appointed official, Bill Scott. Maxey was the featured speaker at a luncheon for conferees Saturday, Nov. 23, and Scott delivered the keynote address at the HGLPC/ICOGLEAO dinner, held on Saturday night.

The conference was dedicated to the



Roberta Achtenburg, San Francisco supervisor; Joe Hertenberg, Chapel Hill, N.C., town councilor; and State Rep. Glen Maxey of Austin, pictured with Chris Bacon, co-coordinator of the Houston conference, were among openly gay elected officials who attended the seventh annual ICOGLEAO last weekend

memory of late Minneapolis City Councilmember Brian Coyle. It was Coyle, a key organizer for the ICOGLEAO officials, who originally proposed holding this year's conference in Houston.

About 75 out of 200 elected and appointed officials, staff members, lobbyists and others attended the conference, along with a number of Houston and Texas gay/lesbian activists. Although attendance numbered somewhat lower here than in past conferences, organizers for the loose-knit national steering organization said the conference was markedly well-planned.

They complimented the hospitality of the host city and the sponsoring organization, Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. Some members said people may have had to choose between attending the Houston conference and another national gathering, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's annual "Creating Change" conference, held two weeks prior.

Local activists attending the conference said they welcomed the chance to network with activists and officials from other areas. Conference workshops on "Getting Elected" and "The 1992 Presidential Elections" allowed people from different parts of the country to share the knowledge of their varying perspectives with others.

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### U.S. 5th Circuit Court rules employers may cut AIDS benefits

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The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, meeting in regular session in New Orleans, has ruled against AIDS sufferers and in favor of employers who provide their workers with insurance coverage under an alterable self-insurance plan.

What the Court has said, in the decision by a three-judge panel in the case of a Houston man who sued his former employer for cutting AIDS benefits, is that if an employee is struck with an expensive illness, the employer who provides insurance may claim that continuing to pay that employee's medical bills would cause all employees to lose benefits. Thus, major cost benefits may be eliminated even after the fact of employment and insurance benefits agreed upon at hiring, and even if claims have already been filed.

The ruling further states that cutting benefits for a specific illness after an employee has contracted that illness is not discriminatory, as long as the cut in benefits extends to all employees covered by the self-insurance plan. The panel included Circuit Judges William "Will" Garwood and Edith H. Jones, both Reagan appoint-

ees, and Rhessa H. Barksdale, a Bush appointee.

The ruling comes in one of two cases now before the Federal courts (the other is in Georgia).

The case decided by the Fifth Circuit is McGann vs. H&H Music Co. of Houston. The Texas case was filed by John McGann after his medical benefits for treatment for AIDS were reduced from \$1 million to \$5,000—seven months after he told his employer he had contracted the disease in 1987. McGann died earlier this year.

McGann lost his coverage in 1988 when his H&H Music Co., his former employer, switched to a self-insured plan. Employer self-insurance plans are not regulated by state insurance boards, but under a federal law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), which governs employee benefits. According to McGann's lawyers, the suit was considered an important test case of ERISA provisions regarding AIDS.

At the time H&H changed its policy and imposed the cuts, McGann had already submitted claims exceeding the new \$5,000 cap. Attorneys for the company had argued that the change was necessary to preserve a plan that covers more than 300

employees in Dallas and Houston. District Judge Norman W. Black had granted H&H's motion to dismiss the suit, and the Fifth Circuit was being asked to reverse that ruling.

ERISA attorneys have said they feel the decision is noteworthy because it involves AIDS a fatal illness that is expensive to treat and increasing at a time when employers are looking to reduce health care costs.

Instead of discriminating against McGann, H&H argued, it acted to save health care benefits for its employees. Fifth Circuit Appeal judges agreed, writing: "ERISA...does not broadly prevent an employer from 'discriminating' in the creation, alteration or termination of an employee benefit plan."

Atlanta AIDS Project attorney Chip Rowan said of the similar Georgia case, employers are using AIDS as a "Stalking horse. The next thing is going to be cancer caps, or kidney disease caps."

In the McGann case, the appeals court upheld a district court judge's decision to dismiss McGann's case before it came to trial. Joseph Garcia, the New York lawyer representing McGann through the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund

(LLDEF), said he will seek a review of the appeal in the U.S. Supreme Court, Garcia added, "the Houston judge who decided the case without a trial should have let McGann produce proof that H&H had limited his AIDS coverage to retaliate against him for making claims for treatment of the disease."

McGann's Houston attorney, Donald Skipwith, added that because the case involves an issue that could come up in the courts repeatedly, the Supreme Court may consider it as a "cert" case. And, in spite of the present conservative court make up, "I think we'd have a better chance in the Supreme Court than we did in the Fifth Circuit," he said.

Jim Kellogg, a New Orleans lawyer who earlier this year represented a similar plaintiff said, "I think it's another of those issues that is going to have to be dealt with by Congress."

The ruling calls into question the solidity of coverage for any catastrophic illness under self-insurance plans provided by employers.

H&H attorney Mark Huvad said, "I would never offer my employees health benefits if I thought I was locked into these benefits forever, because there is no way I can know whether I can afford it or not."

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

### Lesbian joke may affect voter perception of Kerrey, Brown says

LOS ANGELES, Saturday, Nov. 23 (AP)—Former Gov. Jerry Brown criticized Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey for telling a joke about lesbians at Brown's expense, saying it demeaned a group of people based on their sexual orientation.

The joke, told by Kerrey at a political roast on Nov. 15, "shows an insensitivity that may be appropriate in the locker room, although I even wonder about that," Brown said on the KCBS-TV program "Newsmakers."

Brown and Kerrey are competing in the field of candidates seeking the Democratic presidential nomination.

The joke, Brown added, "certainly is inappropriate for a president who is supposed to bring people together and to lead."

In the interview, set for weekend broadcast, Brown said, "Mentioning me is irrelevant. The point is it denigrated people based on their sexual orientation,

in this case, lesbian women."

Kerrey apologized earlier in the week for the joke, which was inadvertently picked up by microphones for C-SPAN, the cable public affairs network. The story involved a man in a bar—in Kerrey's telling, Brown—attempting to pick up two women who are lesbians.

Steve Jarding, a spokesperson for Kerrey, responded to Brown's remarks Friday.

"Bob has apologized," Jarding said. "I don't know what else he could say. ... I think he would agree with what Gov. Brown said about it being insensitive."

Brown said he believed the episode would affect how voters see Kerrey "because he is presenting himself as a very evolved, advanced human being and those kinds of jokes reflect a consciousness and a mentality that a lot of people thought we were putting behind us."

Those rare moments of positive political paradox so rarely occur that we must share such an event which took place last Saturday night when the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (HGLPC) hosted the International Conference of Openly Gay and Lesbian Elected and Appointed Officials (ICOGLEAO) at the former's annual banquet.

The Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL) director, Laurie Eiserloh, substituting for no-show Gene Harrington, presented the HGLPC's Harvey Milk Award to Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. And in Laurie's presentation she particularly cited Bullock's courage in stopping Ron Wilson's infamous House Bill 702, which would have placed unreasonable demands on public health officials in regard to the HIV virus. Laurie remarked that only five state representatives voted against the odious bill and recognized Glen Maxey in the audience as one of the brave five. She then explained how Bullock fought back strong efforts and lobbying by Wilson and others to get a vote in the Senate. Bullock literally saved us, as he had promised earlier he would do. What Laurie refrained from mentioning is that Sylvester Turner, candidate for mayor and sitting not ten feet from the podium, supported Wilson and his bill.

Now granted, Turner has since said something to the effect that he was only doing a favor for his friend, Wilson. We can only ask Turner what favors at the expense of the gay and lesbian community will he be willing to perform, say for the police unions without whom he would not even be in this runoff.

We could also not help but observe the passion of the night's principal speaker, Bill Scott, as compared to the droning generalities of Mr. Turner. And why (our better half asks) cannot Turner ever say "I" instead of "Sylvester Turner" will do such and such.

Of the other awards presented that night by the HGLPC, only one really deserves note: a new award named for its first recipient went to Dennis Spencer, past vice president, president, chair or the board and current treasurer of that organization. No award was more deserving nor any individual more in need of recognition.

What was also significant is that with fifty out-of-town officials present none were recognized, let alone allowed to speak. This was particularly peculiar considering the conference included Tom Duane, newly elected city councilman in New York; Sherry Harris, the first openly lesbian African-American in the nation as city councilwoman in Seattle; and two city supervisors from San Francisco, Carol Migden and Roberta Achtenburg, who could have shed some light on that city's strange mayoral election. Instead, these distinguished members of our national lesbian and gay community were treated to a show that even many locals found tedious.

One final note, the HGLPC gave an award to Queer Nation. Only Monday did we learn, via the Houston Chronicle, that there seems to be a war between the Queer Nationalists and the HGLPC over, of all things, the mayoral race. Even we are having second thoughts about Mr. Turner but, unlike the Queer Nationalists who met privately with Lanier, we are unconvinced that the scion of River Oaks can ever understand our issues. It may well be that after Dec. 7 we may have to affix a new bumper sticker: "Don't blame me, I voted for Whitmire."



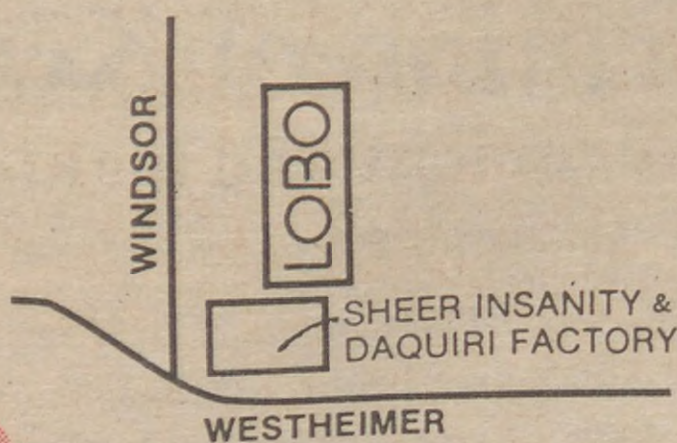
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# ICOGLEAO delegates discuss presidential politics, gay campaigns

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The open discussion on the coming Presidential elections benefited particularly from the many perspectives represented. Conferees attending this workshop summed up the discussion with an admission that the participants were, overall, not familiar with the announced Democratic candidates and their records on gay/lesbian issues. "I think if we've learned anything...it's that we really don't know that much ... I personally think there's nothing wrong with (gays and lesbians) at this point being involved in several of campaigns," said workshop moderator Suzanne Kraus of Chicago.

Some of the participants, however, came prepared to support or endorse specific candidates, such as Steve Camara, a city council member from Fall River, Mass., who throughout the conference handed out copies of Sen. Paul Tsongas' (D-Mass.) policy statement on gay/lesbian issues.

During the presidential workshop discussion, Camara pointed out that Tsongas was the first sponsor of the gay/lesbian civil rights bill in the U.S. Congress. (The bill now has 13 cosponsors in the Senate and 99 in the House of Representatives).

Other delegates, however, cited concerns about Tsongas' electability and his position on some AIDS/health care issues.

Another delegate and workshop participant, Alan Spier of Minnesota, said he was almost ready to endorse Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-Neb.) but was bothered by reports that Kerrey had told a derogatory joke about lesbians. Regardless, said Spier, Kerrey has an excellent voting record on gay/lesbian issues.

Spier added that Minnesotans are critical of the record of Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Minn.), who he said is courting the liberal vote but has had to be "pushed" to vote favorably on bills crucial to the gay/lesbian community.

Another workshop, "Building Bridges," saw attendants skimming over the original agenda for the discussion and concentrated on issues of building and maintaining coalitions between gay and lesbian political groups and the larger progressive community. According to pre-conference publicity, the workshop was to have focused on issues of gender, race and party affiliation, and interaction of different groups in the gay/lesbian political picture.

However, the free-form discussion covered mainly the importance of interacting as a political force with other minorities and the mainstream, and being able to do so while at the same time advancing a specifically pro-gay/lesbian agenda and electing gay candidates to office.

In two other workshops, gay/lesbian officials and candidates talked about their own experiences in the political process. The panel for "The Texas Connection," moderated by LGRL lobbyist Laurie

Eiserloh, included Maxey and local activist and three time candidate Ray Hill, and HGLPC vice president Rob Bridges.

Duane of New York City and Annise Parker, a candidate in Houston's recent city council election, were among the panelists for "Getting Elected," a workshop in which gay/lesbian candidates and hopefuls explored including fund raising, working with the media and developing issues. That workshop was moderated by San Francisco city supervisor Carol Migden.

On Sunday, conference delegates set up an informal steering committee for the ICOGLEAO organization and voted to hold the 1992 conference in the town of Chapel Hill in notorious senator Jesse Helms' home state of North Carolina. Joe Hertenberg, one of the delegates at the conference, over the years had worked closely with Coyle in coordinating planning for the annual meeting. Hertenberg is a town councilor in Chapel Hill.

## ▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE TEXAS

# Gay Republicans begin membership drive to organize for '92 primary

The Log Cabin Republicans of Texas, a political organization dedicated to advocating for gay and lesbian interests within the framework of the Republican Party, has launched a statewide membership drive.

According to the group's Austin chapter, the Log Cabin Republicans are preparing "to mount a challenge to the anti-gay elements within the party."

The 1992 National Republican Convention will be held in Houston.

The first Log Cabin Club was formed in California in the late 1970's to articu-

late Republican opposition to the Briggs Initiative, a statewide ballot petition seeking to ban openly gay people from teaching in public schools. Since then, Log Cabin clubs have been formed around the country. The club supports those Republican candidates that the members feel have good records of support for gay/lesbian civil rights.

The Log Cabin Club of Austin, the first such group in Texas, was part of a coalition of Republican groups that helped to remove the anti-gay language from the Travis County Republican Par-

ty platform in 1990. Members of the Log Cabin Club have participated in the Texas State Republican Convention and have lobbied Republican officials and candidates at all levels, speaking out against discrimination, said Paul von Wupperfield, state president.

"The Republican Party, at its roots, is a champion of freedom for the individual, limited government and personal liberty," said Andy Smith, president of the Austin chapter. "Much of that focus was lost under Reagan because of the influence of the religious right.

"We are working to bring the Republican Party back around to those roots," Smith said.

While Houston does not have a Log Cabin chapter yet, a group is in formation with a list of about 270 people who have expressed an interest, according to community activist Marion Coleman. Log Cabin also has contacts in San Antonio and Dallas, von Wupperfield said.

For more information, contact the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas at Post Office Box 50484, Austin, TX 78763, telephone (512) 467-9797.

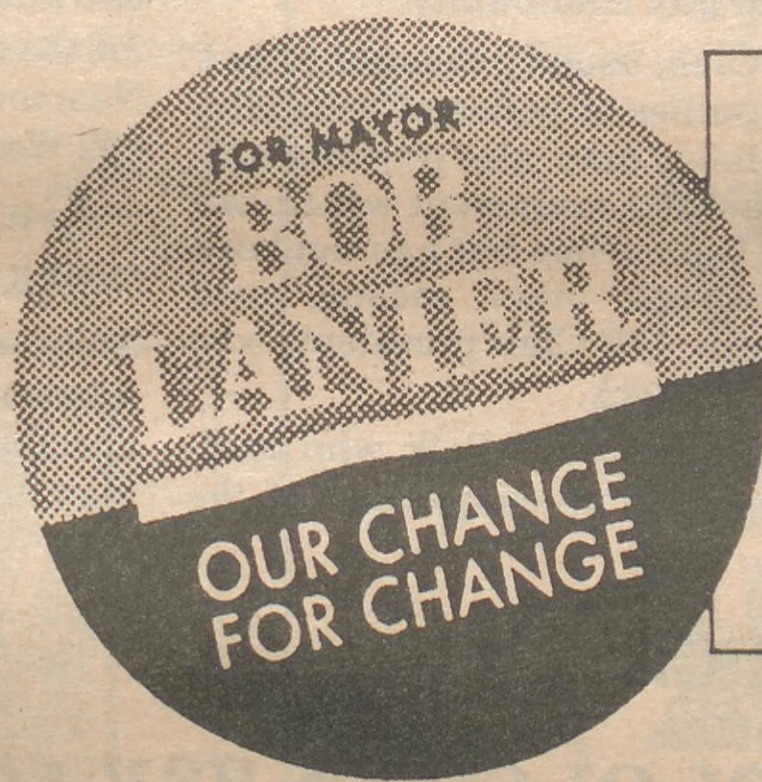
**"Bob Lanier has plan to stop the senseless violence in our community. He will put more police on the street immediately, he will reinstitute undercover sting operations to stop gay bashers, he will improve the lighting in our neighborhoods."— Suzanne Anderson, real estate broker**

**"Bob Lanier has a plan to reorganize the city health department. He has already initiated contacts with federal and state funding sources to increase Houston's share for AIDS services and research."— Donald Skipwith, attorney**

**"Bob Lanier has a plan for revitalizing our neighborhood. He wants to preserve our local businesses, retain our local charm and improve our infrastructure for better city services."—Judy Butler, civic association leader**

**"Bob Lanier will be a new mayor, not just a new face. Bob Lanier has invited us to sit at the table of city government, not just stand at the door and look in."—Brian Bradley, Queer Nation member**

**"Bob Lanier is the best candidate to lead out city now. I am troubled by Sylvester**



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**Turner. Why did Sylvester Turner tell the HGLPC he had received the endorsement of gay state representative Glenn Maxey, when he had not? If Turner wants our vote so much, why did he vote for HB 702 which would require health care workers to reveal their HIV status to their patients? Why did Turner refuse to meet with the mother of Paul Broussard? Bob Lanier had time to meet with her."—Nancy Molita**

**"I am really interested in taking government and making it work to enhance the quality of everyone's life."— Bob Lanier**

Bob Lanier for Mayor, P.O. Box 272869, Houston, TX 77277-2869. Paid for by Kathy Barton, Marilyn Brann, Donald Skipwith and others.

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## AIDS education plan adopted by HISD; criticized by activists

The Houston Independent School District has contracted with the University of Texas Health Science Center to develop a "comprehensive intervention program" of HIV prevention aimed at adolescents ages 14-18. But AIDS activists who addressed the HISD board shortly before it approved the plan Thursday, Nov. 21, called the measure "too little, too late" and protested its long development time and \$4.3 million dollar price tag.

The plan is funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and will be piloted in 10 HISD schools and 10 schools in San Francisco. Dr. Karen Basen-Enquist, co-principal investigator for the project, said that while classroom implementation will not begin until the fall of

1993, other stages will begin by spring of 1992. The participating schools have not yet been "recruited," but the study's coordinators are not anticipating a problem in getting 10 HISD schools to approve it, Basen-Enquist said.

Also in 1992, the coordinators will work with the schools to set up councils including parents, educators and students, who will help tailor the program to the individual schools, she said. Of the 20 schools in the two cities, 10 will implement the new intervention program, while ten will serve as "program comparison" schools.

The comprehensive plan is designed to "reduce risk taking behaviors or increase protective behaviors to prevent HIV/STD infections," according to Basen-Enquist

and Dr. Guy Parcel, professor and director of the Center for Health Promotion Research and Development and the principal investigator. The approach involves both role-playing exercises intended to help adolescents deal with peer pressure and delay sex, and risk reduction education for those students who won't abstain from sexual activity, Basen-Enquist said. Information on using and obtaining condoms will be provided for the latter group; the condoms themselves will not, she said.

The activists who addressed the board Thursday said a two year delay in implementing classroom instruction would result in thousands of students being needlessly exposed to HIV. The group included Angie Polite and Michael Crawford, who said they were members of a group called

People With Immune System Disorders (PISD), were in their twenties and were not provided with necessary education on AIDS prevention in high school.

Although numbers of adolescent AIDS cases are not excessive, current statistics show that about 20 percent of all reported cases have occurred among individuals in their 20's, many of whom may have been infected as adolescents.

After hearing the activists' appeals, HISD Superintendent Dr. Frank Petruziello told the board he also was not convinced current district programs are effective. He said he planned to investigate and analyze the ways HISD schools address AIDS prevention, and will report back to the trustees later this month.

## ▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

## Charles Armstrong, Marion Pantzer Fund present \$1000 to 100 Club

In recognition of "the outstanding work performed by the homicide Division of the Houston Police Department in two separate investigations surrounding Hate Crimes aimed at Houston's gay community," Charles Armstrong, representing the Marion Pantzer Memorial Reward Fund, presented a \$1,000 donation to the 100 Club of Houston on Thursday, Nov. 21.

In presenting the check, Armstrong said he was acting on behalf of the Reward Fund, the Houston lesbian and gay community and the Houston Organization of Bar Owners, who wished to recognize the work of HPD Capt. Bill Edison, Sgt. Kenneth Vachris and William "Billy" Belk of the Homicide Division, and all of the division's officers in the Paul Broussard and Phillip W. Smith murder investigations.

"I would like to recognize the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division for their swift apprehension of the ten individuals who beat and murdered Paul Broussard and assaulted two of his friends on the morning of July Fourth of this year and, more recently, for the arrest of the four men involved in the murder of Phillip W. Smith, the son of a former Houston Police Officer," Armstrong said.

"... Both men were victims of Hate Crimes against members of Houston's



Charles Armstrong presents check for \$1,000 from Marion Pantzer Memorial Reward Fund to George Bolin, president of the 100 Club of Houston, in recognition of HPD's quick apprehension of suspects in the murders of two gay men

lesbian and gay community."

The 100 Club, usually thought of as a fund for families of police officers who die in the line of duty, also provides officers with needed equipment which can help them fight crime but has not been funded through other means, said George Bolin, 100 Club president, who accepted the check.

Sgt. Vachris and Sgt. Belk, who headed the homicide investigations of the

two anti-gay slayings, were also present for the donation, which took place at the Neartown Police Community Center, 802 Westheimer.

## —Gays and holidays workshops

Sharon Stone and Associates will offer a series of workshops dealing with lesbians, gays, families, religion and the holidays on Thursdays in December and

January.

The series will begin Thursday, Dec. 12 with "Closets Are Dark Places for the Holidays," presented by Beth Adam, LPC, 7:00-8:00 p.m. On Dec. 19, Shawn McVey, MBS will present "Christmas With HIV," 7:00-8:30 p.m. and on Thursday, Jan. 9 will be "My Parents Think My Lover Is My Roommate!" (Presenter: Sharon Stone, 7:30-8:30 p.m.). On Jan. 16, Evelyn Vineau will lead a workshop titled "I'm OK With Being Gay, Except When I'm at Church."

Cost per workshop is \$10; limited seating available. The office of Sharon Stone and Associates is located at 3935 Westheimer, Suite 210. For more information or to make reservation, call (713) 623-6081.

## —Christmas Songfest

"A Christmas Songfest," an evening of caroling, concert and dance benefiting the Omega House Building Fund, will take place Sunday, Dec. 1 (World AIDS Day) in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Kirby at 610. Admission is \$20 per person; table seating is also available.

The event will include music by Jerry Atwood, a singalong, hors d'oeuvre buffet and silent auction. Holiday attire is requested; a cash bar will be available. For advance table reservations, call (713) 783-2704.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Group calls for recount of city's gay rights measure

CONCORD, Calif., Tuesday, Nov. 26 (AP)—Opponents of Concord's anti-gay rights initiative are demanding a recount of ballots after the measure passed with a narrow 42-vote victory Nov. 5.

The No on Measure M campaign asked the Contra Costa County elections department for a recount of the 23,374 votes Monday, according to chairperson Byron Campbell.

The committee has raised \$1,800 of the \$3,400 needed for a full recount, Campbell said.

He said committee members will pay for the recount a day at a time, about \$425 for a four-person elections staff, and stop before the end if they don't pick up any votes.

But County Elections Director Robert Delevati said he doesn't expect the recount to change the outcome of the controversial measure. A recount usually only makes a difference if only 5 to 10 votes separate the measure.

Measure M, which removed gays and lesbians from city human rights ordinances and policies, was blocked last week by a

Superior Court order until legal challenges are settled. Two lawsuits were filed against the measure.

County election workers already went over the ballots once before releasing an official total. During that count, Measure M's margin fell from the 106 unofficial tally on election night to 63 and then to 42.

The election staff will recount the ballots. The committee would like a rerun of the computer tabulations, Campbell said, but Delevati said this would cost an extra \$1,800.

## New York City group to give out 100,000 condoms

NEW YORK, Monday, Nov. 25 (AP)—Volunteers from the Gay Men's Health Crisis will hand out 100,000 condoms at subway stops around the city Tuesday in an effort to make people more aware of the need to practice safe sex, according to a published report.

"People need clear information about how to practice safer sex and they need the tools to do it, and that means condoms," GHMC Spokesperson Mark Aurigemma is quoted in the Daily News

as having said.

A flyer, illustrating how to correctly use a condom, will be passed out with the condom at 34 subway stops in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens during the morning and evening rush hours, the News reported in today's editions.

The giveaway will take place the same day that 16 New York City high schools begin making condoms available to students. The program will eventually be expanded to all 120 city-run high

schools.

The city's Health Department is not involved in the distribution but spokesperson Margaret Karanjai told the News that her department approves of the event.

"We congratulate GMHC and their efforts to help New Yorkers take care of their health and well-being and help them limit their exposure to this devastating disease," Karanjai is quoted in the News as having said.

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# Avondale Association, business owners begin security program

**From THE AVONDALE ASSOCIATION**

In an effort to make our neighborhood safer, the Avondale Association in conjunction with Avondale business and property owners have started a security patrol. Armed, uniformed, certified peace officers will be patrolling the area from Nov. 16 through Jan. 5, until we can establish a permanent contract deputy program.

Targeted patrol times: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, approximately 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Weekdays—random times.

If you need emergency assistance, ALWAYS call HPD FIRST! This patrol is meant to add a visible deterrent to crime in our area. Our officer can look for carloads of suspicious persons, possible burglaries in progress, offer escorts, etc. The officer may not be available when you have an emergency, so rely on the Houston Police department for any emergency.

First: Dial 911 for emergencies or 222-3131 for non-emergencies.

Then: dial 761-6681 to page our officer. Paging instructions: call pager number. After tone, enter your phone number (you must use a touch tone phone). Push # and hang up. Your number will be displayed on officer's pager. The officer will call you if he is available. Again, call HPD first for any emergency!

To report recurring security problems call Security Coordinator Ron Willis at 635-0408 weekdays, 522-2971 after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends.

Before the city puts more officers on the street, we must do something to make our neighborhood safer. It takes money, and we need your help. Don't let "The city should have protected me" be your epitaph.

Many area businesses have generously committed funds to start this program, but more is needed to continue it. We need \$10

per month from 300 residents to start our permanent Contract Deputy Program with the county, which would give us 64 hours of patrolling per week in a fully equipped vehicle. A full time officer is needed. Any and all individual donations will be accepted; please mail to The Avondale Association, P.O. Box 66054, Houston, TX 77266. For more information, call Ron Willis, 635-0408; Rick Fellabaum, 523-4490 or Guy Pulliam, 523-0835.

The Avondale Association would like to thank and recognize the following businesses for their kind and generous financial support of this program.

Bars: Heaven, J.R.'s, Montrose Mining Company, Pacific Street, 611 Hyde Park Pub, The Ripcord, The Atrium, QT's, The Oasis, Cousins, Lazy J, Numbers.

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**—TIF may have undesired consequences**

From VLADIMIR SHASKEVICH, Avondale area home owner

Many property owners in the Avondale

area have received petitions in order that a Public Improvement District (PID) and a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) zone be created. As an owner of a modest home in the Avondale/Montrose area, I am concerned that these petitions do not address certain important issues and may be an inappropriate method to address the real problems that are plaguing the neighborhood.

Although the goals of the Avondale Association are well-founded, the process by which this group seeks to achieve these goals has much to be desired. No one disputes that reducing crime and making the area a better place to live, work and visit are important goals for the overall improvement of the Avondale area. However, the creation of a PID and a TIF may prove to have consequences that many residents in the neighborhood may come to regret.

First, in order for a PID or TIF to be created, the owners of 50 percent of the total appraised property value comprising the district need to sign the petition. Thus, a PID and a TIF can be created with the signatures of only a few wealthy property owners who comprise 50 percent of the total value of property in the district. Once the 50 percent group (wealthy property owners) sign the petition, city council appoints a board. The city council would be hard pressed not to appoint someone who owned a property that constituted a greater percent of the appraised value of properties in the district (a wealthy owner).

This board would be an advisory board which would make recommendations to city council. These recommendations include a tax assessment for the district to create a private security force, to close off streets and to zone the neighborhood. Only 62 property owners sign a protest petition within 20 days after city council adopts the board's recommendations may

the improvement not be constructed. This board would have a great deal of power and influence, since city council persons are now limited in number of terms that they may hold office. City council would probably defer to this board many important decisions that directly affect the neighborhood.

The state law that allows the creation of a PID specifically states that city council may appoint an advisory board with the responsibility of developing and recommending an improvement plan. State law does not prevent city council from holding a special election to elect an advisory board by either residents or property owners. Elections are the only way that a board would represent the people in the district.

The board could consist of members representing small property owners, non-property owner residents and even non-resident property owners. An elected board would have a greater impact on city council and have more legitimacy than an appointed one. City council would be advised by the people through their duly elected representatives. The board would not be appointed by the city politicians whose campaign contributions come from other areas of the city. People who represent special interest groups could not be appointed. The people in the Avondale district would have a real voice in deciding the future of the neighborhood.

The Avondale district is a very cosmopolitan area of Houston. Rich, poor, land owners, land renters, residential, businesses, families, single persons (gay and non-gay) all blend together to form this community with its charming and unique characteristics. Let us work together to make this area a better and safer place to live, work and visit. We must all work together by being a part of the process of improvement. Only if we all work together will real change happen.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# Salk delays AIDS vaccine experiment using himself as guinea pig

COLLEGEVILLE, Pa., Sunday, Nov. 17 (AP)—Dr. Jonas Salk, trying to duplicate his polio feat with an AIDS vaccine, said Sunday he has failed to meet his own schedule, preventing him from becoming a human guinea pig this year.

In June, Salk announced he would inject

himself before the end of the year with the AIDS vaccine he has been developing. But Sunday, while visiting Ursinus College for a speech, Salk cited the slow and complex development process.

"The important thing is that it eventually gets done," he said. "We're on our way."

He said he could not estimate when the vaccine would be ready.

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## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# TV has arbitrary standards about sex, pregnancy, abortion and gays

By DEBORAH HASTINGS

AP Television Writer  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday, Nov. 6 (AP)—In the shifting, sometimes arbitrary world of television standards, it's now OK to positively depict teen-agers having sex and women bearing illegitimate children.

It is not OK, however, to positively depict gay couples having sex or women having abortions.

Network broadcast standards executives say such guidelines reflect the tastes of American audiences.

But television producers say those precepts really reflect the networks' desire not to lose money—i.e., homosexuality and abortion are the two subjects most prone to advertiser pullouts and, consequently, lost commercial revenue.

The best example of how TV broadcast standards can be confusing is evidenced by recent episodes of several popular comedy series. Teen-age stars were shown having sex for the first time and a preponderance of women over the age of 30 stared at bright blue pregnancy sticks.

Whizkid Doogie Howser, 18, lost his virginity in the much-trumpeted fall premiere of ABC's "Doogie Howser, M.D." Last season, Fox's "Beverly Hills 90210" depicted a 17-year-old happily losing her virginity to her longtime steady.

CBS' single, 41-year-old career woman "Murphy Brown," played by Candice Bergen, learned she was pregnant last season in a cliffhanger ending. In the fall opener, she decided to have the child.

Although many lines of dialogue referred to Murphy's "choice," the word abortion was never uttered.

Betsy Frank of the New York-based Saatchi & Saatchi advertising firm said

her clients did not pull commercials from any of the above-mentioned episodes.

But when TV shows tackle homosexuality and abortion, "those seem to be the two subjects where you're almost damned if you do and damned if you don't," she said.

"Those are two issues that most divide people," she said. "And advertisers want their message to appear in an environment that is considered good taste."

Poducers and network executives agree that all of the above rules can be bent if your show is considered hot—hot meaning high ratings, critical acclaim and big-name stars.

"I don't have proof of it, but I really believe that Bill Cosby, in his heyday, could have gone on TV naked and no one would have said anything," said Linda Bloodworth Thomason, co-creator of CBS' hit series "Designing Women" and "Evening Shade."

CBS "has never censored me," said Ms. Thomason, one of television's most successful producers. This, even though episodes of her series have contained gay themes and, most recently, blunt opinions about the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill sexual harassment hearings.

Don Bellisario, executive producer of NBC's "Quantum Leap," which earns respectable but not blockbuster ratings, got a taste of life outside Thomason's league when he began shooting an episode that depicted a gay, teen-age military cadet contemplating suicide.

When NBC learned of the subject matter, network executives said they had never approved the script and would not pay for the show in its current form.

Bellisario maintained the network was skittish about the installment's homosexual content. NBC said the script's handling of teen-age suicide and its use of gay-bash-

ing terms were in poor taste.

Bellisario made revisions, including making the protagonist older and changing some dialogue. NBC is now reviewing the now-completed episode.

"Try to get standards and practices to write something down and they won't do it," the producer said. "It's written in sand, it's constantly changing."

To wit, an episode of NBC's top-rated "LA Law" late last month contained some strong gay-bashing dialogue. The show depicted homosexuality in a frank and favorable light on several occasions.

Broadcast standards used to reflect "the fear of getting objectionable letters to the network," Bellisario said. "Lately, that's taken on a more ominous tone because (network executives) now think 'does this offend advertisers?'"

And if advertisers are offended—or fear product boycotts such as those organized by conservative groups like the Rev. Donald Wildmon's Tupelo, Miss.—based American Family Association—they pull their commercials.

In 1989, when ABC's "thirtysomething" broadcast an episode showing two gay men in bed talking, advertiser defections cost the network \$1 million. Fearing additional financial loss, the network did not repeat the installment during summer reruns.

ABC spokesperson Bob Wright said network standards dictate that any depiction of abortion or homosexuality "must present both sides."

Scripts dealing with abortion must contain pro-life as well as pro-choice views. Showing the other side of homosexuality means depicting "a great number of people in this country who believe that homosexuality is not only a violation of societal beliefs, but a violation of their religious be-

liefs," Wright said.

Richard Jennings, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, expressed surprise at ABC's homosexuality standard.

"God, that's awful," he said. "There used to be a large segment of the country that had very strong opinions about African-Americans. For TV to have catered to those racist and bigoted views would have been a disservice to society."

Jennings, whose group monitors television programs for their portrayals of gays and lesbians, added "it's been an evolution just to get gays and lesbians on TV. For decades, we've been invisible. Unfortunately, along with abortion, we've become public enemy No. 1 to these conservative groups that have continuously bombarded sponsors for over a decade with threats of boycotts."

Rosalyn Weinman, NBC's vice president of broadcast standards and practices, said network regulations do sometimes constitute "a line in the sand, but it's not arbitrary, it's amorphous," she said.

"Audience taste levels shifts. Not that long ago, premarital sex was a very controversial issue, now it's not."

NBC's broadcast standards, Ms. Weinman said, reflect audience taste levels and advertiser concerns. "The mission is to get as close as possible to audience standards and beyond that, to be responsible broadcasters."

Ms. Frank of Saatchi & Saatchi described the networks' bottom-line concerns this way:

"Of course they want to put the best, most compelling shows on the air because they need the ratings," Ms. Frank said. "But they are always going to be sensitive to the concerns of our advertisers. It's a medium dependent on advertiser support."

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE HOUSTON

# Organizations plan activities for World AIDS Day & Day Without Art

Several Houston arts organizations are planning their own activities in observance of the World Health Organization's World AIDS Day and the third annual "Day Without Art." Originally true to its billing as a day "without art," when theater, music and arts organizations took a break from their usual activities in solemn memory of colleagues claimed by the epidemic, the annual event is now evolving into a creative arts-based celebration of the lives and contributions of people with AIDS. Locally, World AIDS Day/Day Without Art will in fact offer quite a bit of art this year.

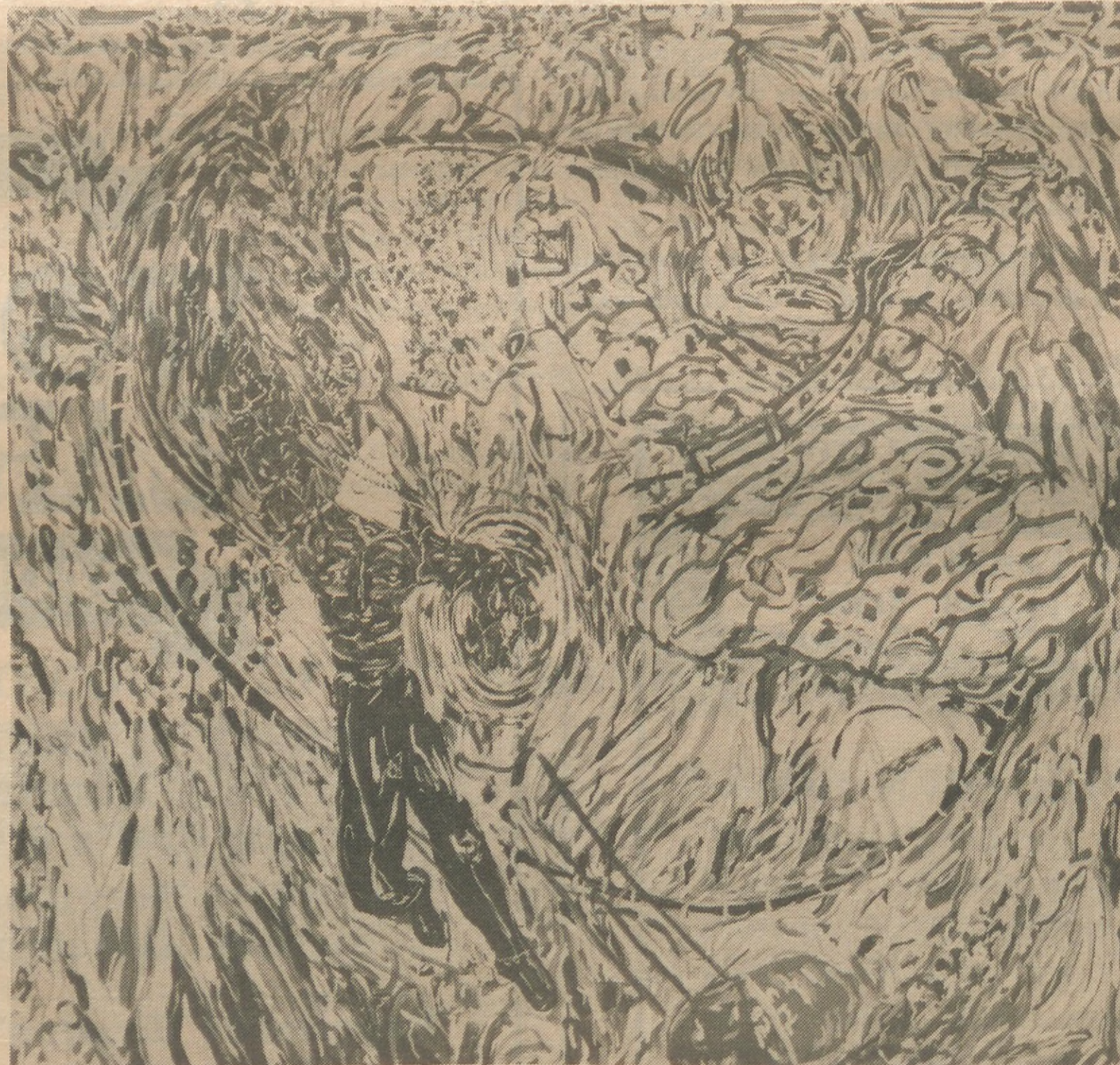
Begun in 1989, Day Without Art is a national observance created by the New York-based visual arts group Visual AIDS as a response to the devastating toll of AIDS. Last year saw the participation of more than 3000 diverse institutions internationally, according to the national organizers, ranging from the prestigious Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York to the progressive Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibition (LACE). This year, as in previous years, some institutions will close their doors or darken stages; others will shroud works of art; and still others will offer programming created specifically to address AIDS issues.

In Houston, the Museum of Fine Arts' first observance involved dimming the lights, but last year the museum took a different focus, spotlighting the work of an artist who died of AIDS, James Reaban. It is that tradition which MFA Houston will follow again this year, according to Sandy Zavaleta, public relations assistant.

The work of artist Craig Lesser will be highlighted in commemoration of World AIDS Day/Day Without Art this year, Zavaleta said. Lesser was a vital member of the Houston arts community, a native Houstonian who received a degree in Fine Arts from the University of Houston in 1978. He was featured in the MFA's exhibition "Fresh Paint: The Houston School" in 1985, and his work has been seen in galleries throughout this region. Lesser died of AIDS in 1989.

For more information, call MFA/Houston at (713) 639-7300.

Also in connection with Day Without



"Crawfishmen in Battle," 1982, oil on canvas, by Craig Lesser. Lesser's art will be spotlighted by the Museum of Fine Arts/Houston in honor of World AIDS Day/Day Without Art

Art, Access Houston, the local public access cable channel, will be airing a one hour live performance featuring artists and AIDS activists, including Karen Finley, Bill T. Jones, Guillermo Gomez Pena, Annie Sprinkle and others. The production will present important AIDS information through the performances, and will also include a local viewer call-in segment hosted by Houston artist and AIDS activist David Miller.

A video link to New York will connect audience watching simultaneous broadcasts in New Orleans, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, St. Paul and Columbus. Houston viewers are encouraged to watch the broadcast together in "viewing parties," said organizers.

The project is sponsored locally by Access Houston; DiverseWorks Artspace; MFA/Houston and the Southwest Alternate Media Project (SWAMP). The broadcast is produced by Deep Dish TV (New York) and the Kitchen Center for Video, Music, Dance, Performance, Film and Literature in association with Visual AIDS.

The program will air on Warner Cable Channel 5 (with cable converter) or Channel 11 (cable-ready set) and on Storer Cable Channel 39 at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1.

### —Alley Theater poetry

Also in observance of World AIDS Day/Day Without Art, the Alley Theatre will sponsor "Voices for Life: A reading for World AIDS Day," a performance of prose

and poetry written in response to the AIDS crisis read by members of the Alley company. The reading will take place on the Alley's Neuhaus Arena Stage at 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5, and all proceeds will be donated to a fund for the Stone Soup Food Pantry. PWA's will be admitted free.

According to organizer's of the Alley event, Day Without Art is also a day set aside by the arts community to acknowledge the tremendous loss the world arts community has suffered as a result of AIDS. "AIDS has ravaged the American theater, and we have lost some of our greatest talents to this terrible disease," commented Gregory Boyd, Alley artistic director. "With this reading, we want to come together as a community to mark this day and to remember those we have lost. We will also celebrate the tremendous courage, humanity and resilience of those people who are living with AIDS."

In response to World AIDS Day, the Alley has also donated 100 tickets to the PWA Coalition Houston for members to attend a matinee performance of its current Large Stage Production, "A Christmas Carol," on Dec. 1.

For information on "voices For Life" or other World AIDS Day activities at the Alley, contact the theater's public relations department at (713) 228-9341, ext. 364.

### —Choruses to perform

Both the women's and men's community choruses of Houston—HeartSong and the Montrose Singers—will provide music at the lighting ceremony for the "Tree of Remembrance," sponsored by NAMES Project Houston and Body Positive. The ceremony will take place at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Following the HeartSong performance will be a welcome by Norris J. Lang, president of Body Positive; the keynote address by Rev. Betsy Goss, director of pastoral care at Twelve Oaks Hospital, and a reading of the names from the AIDS Memorial Quilt. After the reading, votive candles will be lit and ornaments hung in memory of loved ones lost to AIDS. Music by the Montrose Singers and refreshments will conclude the program. For more information, call (713) 524-2374 or (713) 52-NAMES.

▼▼▼ YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

# The American left and the JFK dream: Still dead after 28 years

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON  
TNV New Orleans

It was 28 years ago last week that John F. Kennedy was murdered by someone in Dallas. On that day, the week before Thanksgiving, 1963, I was on hiatus from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, standing in a stockbroker's office in Springfield, toying with the prospects for capitalistic wealth. I owned 20 shares of Ozark Airlines.

The news from Dallas grew darker, the market fell. Walter Cronkite told us: "The President is dead." As the tale unfolded, he died from the crack of a rifle sprinkling bullets through the Texas sky. Bullets somersaulting in and out of various targets and one miraculously gliding to rest on a hospital litter.

The whole matter, it was revealed, masterminded and executed by the up-till-then incompetent Lee Harvey Oswald. Acting alone he had laid waste the leader of the Western World. How would be made clear at his trial.

But there was no trial. Jack Ruby,

man of the underworld, walked up to Oswald and laid waste the waster of the leader of the Western World. How Ruby managed this would be made clear at his trial. But there was no trial. He died too soon of cancer.

Lyndon Johnson never believed this version. It takes a lot of faith to believe it. more than I had then or have now, 28 years later, the week of Thanksgiving, 1991.

As the 60's melded with the 70's we witnessed assassin's handiwork on most idealistic leaders of the American left. It is very hard to not agree with LBJ that more were involved that day in Dallas than a lone gunman. Now, the Soviet's KGB is telling us Oswald belonged to a gun club while living in the U.S.S.R. and he was a poor shot.

Lee Harvey Oswald lived in New Orleans after leaving Russia. Walked the same streets I walk today. Lots of people here have conspiracy theories. Given the facts it is hard not to.

Nov. 22, 1991, WWOZ, America's greatest music station, is pouring lusty

New Orleans jazz out through a fabulous Japanese radio. The music fills a sunny room and spills out on the courtyard where tall banana trees dance in the morning breeze. New Orleans music can be heard anywhere in the world but like the picture post cards of French shores it is not the same as being there.

Tonight, "Nightline," says the TV Guide, is giving "A first look at the KGB's files on alleged JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. 11:35 p.m." I want to stay up. It is not easy; 11:35 p.m. is later in 1991 than it was in 1963.

The TV is on, Ted Koppel is talking. I am nodding. A woman says, "Lee Harvey Oswald liked to use big words...got them wrong...and would say 'axed' when he meant 'asked'."

That morning I had heard the late Professor Longhair singing his famous song about the Audubon Zoo: "The elephants 'axe,' the monkeys 'axe,' they all 'axed' for you." Lots of folks in New Orleans say 'axed' when they mean 'asked'.

Why is it so hard for people to get it

right about New Orleans? Saying 'axed' and misusing big words seems a pretty natural thing for Oswald to do. Shooting Kennedy from high up in the Texas Book Depository, now that seems odd.

It seems odd that leadership of the American left was coincidentally decimated. That Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy and others took death's bullets and left the country to Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

JFK's "New Frontier" is forgotten, LBJ's "Great Society" nearly dismantled. The nation's domestic investors, swallow each other in debt-laden leverage buyouts, regurgitating larger and larger profits for fewer and fewer people while the workers of those bought out enterprises wade through the economic bowels waist deep in feces.

Did Oswald act alone? Probably not. National Public Radio's Daniel Schorr thinks, after 28 years of pondering the matter, that he did. One thing I know, 28 years later, the Kennedy dream is still dead in America.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

## UT endorses sale of condoms on campus through vending machines

AUSTIN, Tuesday, Nov. 19 (AP)—A University of Texas panel has endorsed selling condoms from vending machines on campus.

The 90-member University Council, a legislative body made up of administrators, students and the Faculty Senate, approved the proposal Monday in part to combat the AIDS crisis.

University officials still must approve the recommendation.

The resolution asks university officials to come up with a plan to sell condoms out of vending machines and bring back the proposal to the University Council.

The student affairs staff surveyed about 25 schools around the country to get ideas on a plan, said James Vick, university vice president for student affairs. Many of the schools had some sort of condom vending machines, he said.

Officials at UT-El Paso have had to take the vending machines out of restrooms because of vandalism problems, Vick said.

Speakers told council members that four out of five students are sexually active but do not have condoms readily available on campus.

Vick announced that the store and information desk at the Texas Union stu-

dent center began selling condoms as of Monday afternoon.

But student leaders have complained that condoms were available on campus at only two locations and only during limited business hours.

"Students have been and will continue to be sexually active," said Dr. Melinda C. McMichaels, former director of the UT Student Health Center. "We do not think condoms are a panacea. They are not a cure."

The vending machines in no way would promote promiscuity by students who otherwise would not engage in sex, according to Students' Association Pres-

ident Garth Davis.

Meanwhile, at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, the Student Government Association Senate voted late Tuesday 42-2 for putting condom machines on campus.

This matter now goes before the board of regents for the Texas State University System, said Andy Osborne, president of the Student Government Association.

"If the board of regents decides to go against student government's decision ... we will keep bringing it to them until they decide to put them on," Osborne said Tuesday night.

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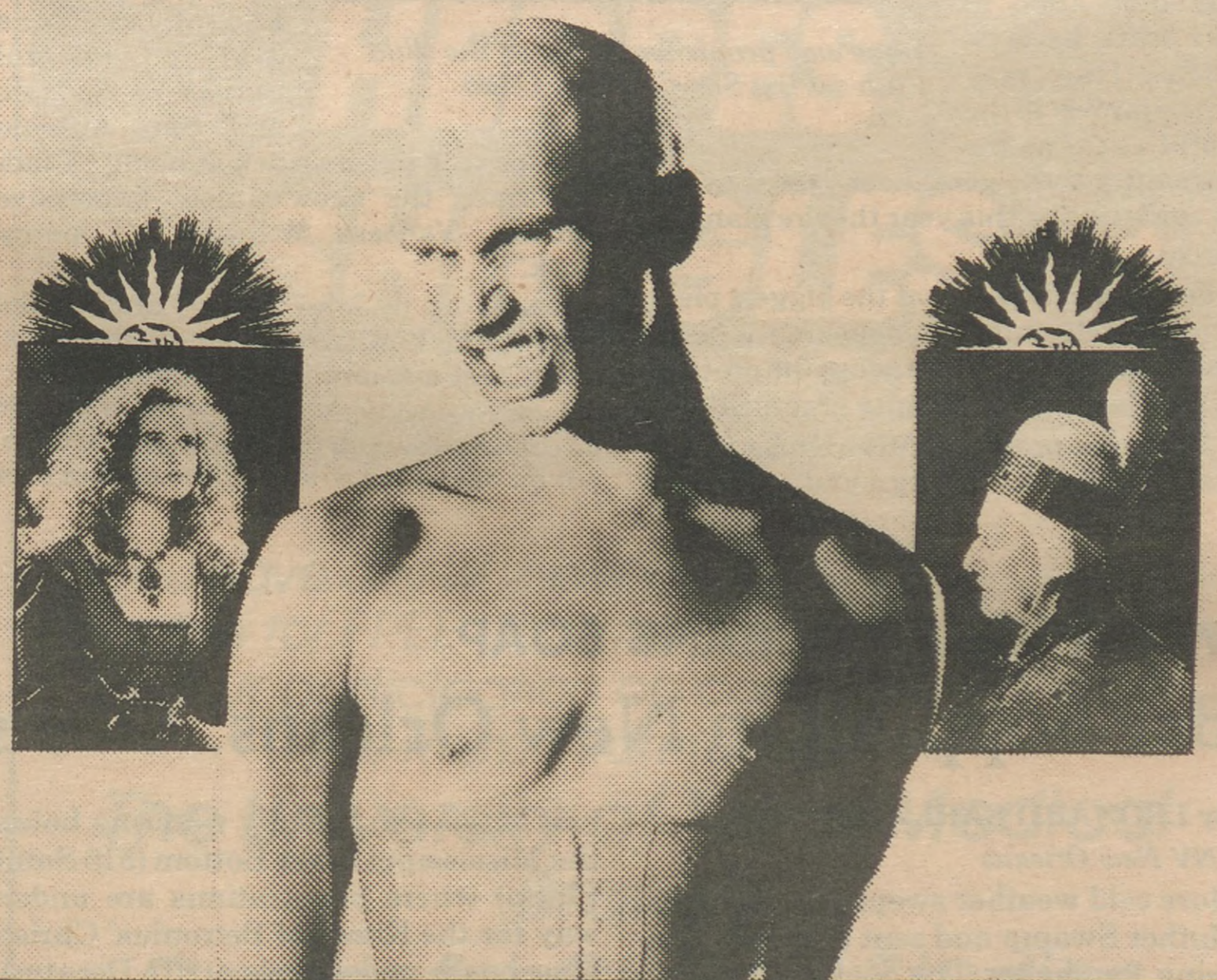


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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Colt 45's thanks entertainers, community for Fall Harvest '91

From TONY DURAN, Colt 45's  
Ways and Means chair

On behalf of the Colt 45's, I would like to thank the gay and lesbian community of Houston for a great, successful Fall Harvest. You have been our pillar of support, we depend on you and deeply thank you.

Over \$2,300 was raised through the efforts of all the (Fall Harvest) show's participants. (\$900 plus was raised from the auction alone. We thank all for our auction and door prize donations.

An auction item that received the highest bid was a Burmese Buddha bust donated by Pyranak. Rarely does an auction battle have more than two winners, but this battle had at least four: the \$300 high bidder; his opponent, who for another \$300 commissioned an identical piece; Pyranak, for donating the two works of art, and the needy PWA's who

benefit from the Colt 45's Stone Soup Fund.

With our showstoppers, Mr. Gay All-America '92 John Michael Gordon, Ms. TGRA Nevada and M.C. Lady Victoria Lust, our entertainers really knocked us out!! Thanks to all! John Michael, we all really enjoyed your visit and thank you for your generous contribution of time and love. You are truly a "cowboy's dream" come true!

Mark your calendars, now! On Friday night, Dec. 13 at the Tower, Smyth-Katzen and the Colt 45's will present Allen Dryman in "American Legends" This show will benefit the Colt 45's AIDS Troublefund. (For more information, see story in this issue).

Thanks again for a great Fall Harvest!  
— "Vote Smart, Then

## Celebrate"

From LEE HARRINGTON,  
Houston activist

Want to accompany Houston's next mayor and council persons on a late night tour of gay bars? Remember how exciting and politically productive those GLPC get-out-the-vote excursions were in the early 80's, everybody decked out in red, white and blue, descending on the crowds and, for a few seconds, the microphones? Remember 1981 and Kathy Whitmire in victory, at midnight, at the Parade Disco packed with 2200 delirious, flower throwing supporters? Remember when all the media declared George Greanias defeated for city council, losing by 300 votes with only two precincts not counted. Remember which precincts they were?

...They were Montrose precincts 34 and 38. They turned a painful defeat into a magnificent victory! Now, 10 years later, we have a chance to be the margin of victory again in a major political race. The Houston Chronicle says "The (Turner-Lanier) election is clearly up for grabs."

Along with other groups, gays worked hard for Greanias throughout Dist. C in 1981, but like the last touchdown in the football game, the heavy gay precincts, voting in a bloc, got the glory in the end.

If you want to start this decade like we did the last, vote smart. Vote in a bloc. Gay voting power—let's give the media something for the front page again.

To get the GLPC candidate endorsement card, stop by gay and lesbian bars and businesses. To inquire about the bar tour, call (713) 523-9000.

## SAN ANTONIO SOAP

# Promoter Jerry Bird; Entertainer Tandi Andrews; Wild Club in the black

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT  
TNV San Antonio

Jerry Bird, owner of the Miss USA impersonator pageant, turned 41 years old Nov. 21.

Those of us who have met Jerry will recognize him by his height, his great sense of humor and the gold medallion he wears around his neck. The medallion, inherited from his grandfather, is an 1898 \$10 gold piece and one of Jerry's trademarks.

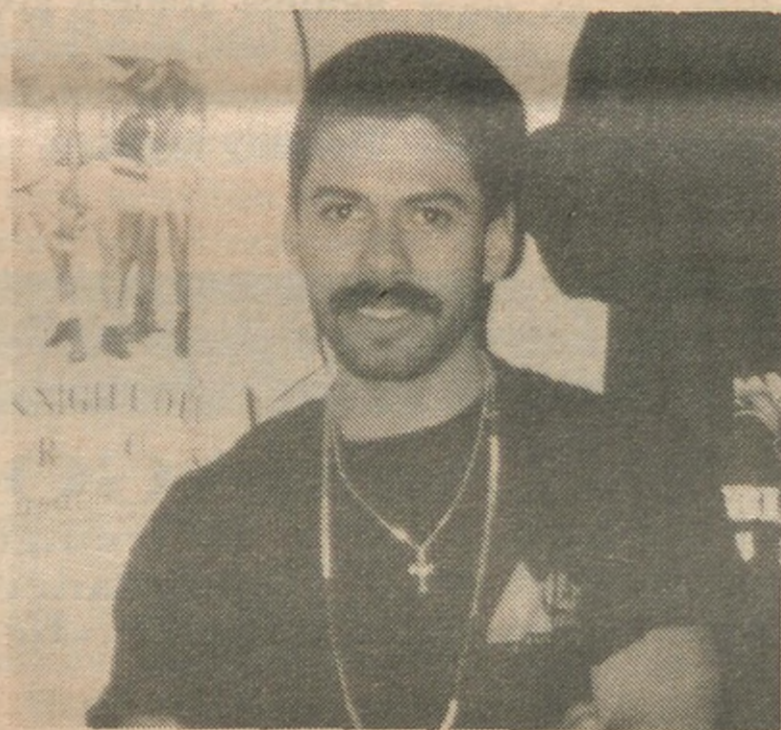
Even though Jerry lives on a ranch, you will rarely see him in boots. Since he owns a pageant, he travels a lot and wears dress shoes.

Before Jerry took on the Miss USA pageant he was a promoter for the Miss Gay America Pageant. After parting ways there, he got the opportunity to buy Miss Gay America in 1985. Being president and chair of the board of one of the largest gay entertainment companies in America has left him without a vacation in five years, he says.

Miss USA may be the largest in the world as far as the pageantry scene goes. Last year, they had 81 contestants; this year they're planning for 90.

Jerry says that one of the biggest pleasures he gets from the pageants is being able to donate a percentage of the proceeds to gay/lesbian community organizations.

With this profile of Miss USA's charismatic leader as background, let's now



Dave was people-watching at the Wild Club during Siros' "Black Out"

move on to the San Antonio pageant circuit! Friday, Nov. 22 was the Miss Tri-State USA pageant. It was put on by Garza Productions. It was held at one of the largest gay dance clubs in Texas, the Bonham Exchange, therefore it was no surprise to see the record turnout. After all six contestants were judged on interviews, talent and evening gowns, it all came down to one winner. Then Sweet Savage came out to surrender her crown after holding the title for the last year. Tandi Andrews became 1992's Miss Tri-State USA.

I talked with Tandi after the pageant, and she said the key to winning is preparation. So she and her dancers worked on that part for two and a half months. Her gown was designed by Bob Mackey and her costumes were by Javiar. She thanked her talented dancers, Freddy Julian and JC and her hairdresser Rudy of Foxy Lady (here in San Antonio). She also thanked her sponsors, the Wild Club; Jimmy, also known as Dena Malloy; special thanks to A. Hall, and San Antonio

"for making me feel back at home." Tandi performed the show's most impressive number, Vanessa Williams' "Running Back."

Hands up to John Kimble and all the staff at the Bonham Exchange for an exciting and memorable evening!

Last Saturday, Nov. 23, what is said to be the wildest club in town, the Wild Club, put on one of the wildest Siros parties ever



The new Miss Tri-State USA is S.A.'s own Tandi Andrews, center, sponsored by the Wild Club. She's pictured with, from left, Miss USA 1991 Sable Chanel; Denise Fairchild, second runner up; Miss Texas USA Jennifer St. John; Sweet Savage, Miss Tri-State 1991, and Oprah DiMaro, first runner up

recorded in San Antonio. The "Black Out" started at 9:00 p.m., when people lined up at the door wearing anything and everything black. From black harnesses and hats to garters and stockings, every possible combination was visible. The crowd, the music and the dark lighting reminded me a lot of the Chain Drive in Austin and the Ripcord in Houston with lasers beaming off the ceiling and a fog machine putting off just the right amount of mystique to make the atmosphere perfect. Hands up to Raphael and Randy at the Wild Club.

And, as if that was not enough, the Wild Club went on for more madness. On Sunday, Tandi Andrews as emcee, Amanda Hall, Cezanne, and Tommie Ross. Be sure to see Tandi Andrews show up every Thursday and Sunday. Hands up to Tandi

and all the Wild Club employees.

San Antonio's Walk for Life was held on Sunday, and afterwards, many of the participants were seen walking to Rosario's.

Remember, Rosario's "family night" is every Monday night. A full meal is served for only \$5 which includes soup, salad, entree, rice, beans, tea or coffee and dessert. On Friday, a free buffet for drinking customers will be served. Rosario's is offering a 10 percent discount for parties of 40 or more during December with happy hour prices on drinks. Party trays are available for \$25 which feeds 50 people. The tray includes flautas, chile con queso, tamales and bean chalupas.

Make reservations now for New Year's champagne dinner, \$25 per person!

## NEW ORLEANS SOAP

# Bar hopping in New Orleans: One shuts doors, another reopens them

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON  
TNV New Orleans

More cold weather swept over the Great Mother Swamp and sent everyone scurrying for shelter. The door of Gregory's once thrown open to fun-filled tryst with encounters of the quickly forgotten kind has been thrown shut. The deed done, we are told, by the I.R.S., those unrepentant killjoys, and the city Department of Perpetual Street Excavation.

Only last summer, Gregory's sheltered the lovely Holly Woodlawn, cross-dresser to the ages, in her drunken pursuit of lunch in Susan Spicer's delicious but not-open-so-early Rayona Restaurant across the Rue at 430 Dauphine.

For some warmth and succor, an unscientific study found old fashioned pin-

ball in two old, friendly watering holes: the Mississippi River Bottom (515 Saint Philip) where preparations are underway for the Krewe of Petronius' Christmas bash, and Jewels (1207 Decatur). Ah, Jewels. They do not make holes like that anymore. The pinball is the real kind, not those TV-screened play-pretend games.

Charlene's and its "Over C's," cleverly named upstairs bar at 940 Elysian Fields march on as the city's pre-eminent ladies bar. Not too friendly to the male race but, men can always stroll the wide lanes and neutral grounds to The Phoenix (941 Elysian Fields) where the blue-jeans-and-leather boys now frolic in their own upstairs play room. Check it out!

Meanwhile, on the great Blue Rue, Tex Knight, manager of the fire-damaged Bourbon Pub and its upstairs disco The Parade (801 Bourbon) was himself wielding a paint brush towards an early reopening of the sorely missed clubs. And FLASH! Yes, the downstairs pub has reopened! Now all the twinkies can come home.

The Country Club (634 Louisa) is reputed to be sheltering what twinkies can be squeezed around their swimming pool on a warm day. The Country Club is also rumored to be offering shelter for a "Heterosexual Dance Night." Management is uncharacteristically tight lipped about this "Hets' Night Out."

Brian Scheel has taken over as manager at The Mint (504 Esplanade). Two

new members of his staff are Clifton Lively and Allan Pope, The Mint continues its incredibly generous offerings of free coffee and croissants to patrons who have become a club within a club. Along with the refreshments, bar owner Father Al lays out the Times Picayune and The New Voice for the cognizants.

Ricky Gouner is tending to the 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. bar patrons at the new Big Daddy's Bar (2513 Rue Royal). Big Daddy's was a cafe by the same name and before that the Honeysuckle Cafe. It no longer serves food, only nectar of the gods. Cheers!

(Bar tenders, owners, etc. who wish items in this column may send information to Leonard Earl Johnson, P.O. Box 72002, New Orleans, La. 70172).

▼▼▼ DATELINE HOUSTON

# Caucus officers don't think mayor's race will split gay-lesbian vote

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
TNV Editor

To the chagrin of the leadership of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, reports of a possible crack in the gay bloc vote in the Houston mayoral election are surfacing. After a few gay and lesbian activists declared last weekend they were not supporting the caucus' endorsed candidate, Sylvester Turner, caucus officers scrambled to reinforce the endorsement to reporters covering a national conference being hosted by the organization.

The rumors of a split are particularly disturbing to the officers now, because they come at a time when the gay/lesbian vote is once again a "prize" increasingly sought by candidates for public office.

This week, caucus board chair Chris Bacon responded to an article that appeared in the Houston Chronicle on Monday, suggesting a rift between HGLPC and the direct action group Queer Nation. Bacon said the headline—"Conflict could split gay vote during mayoral runoff"—and the opening paragraph of the story by R.A. Dyer was misleading.

"It makes it look like (the gay/lesbian community) will be split right down the middle, and that just isn't the case," said Bacon. "I don't think we're going to see a

divided situation, that is, like we had with the Whitmire/Hofheinz race two years ago. It won't happen," he said.

Bacon said that he was "probably exaggerating" when he was quoted claiming the dissenters' influence extended to only about five percent of the gay and lesbian community.

In the article, Tracy Brown, a member of Queer Nation, acknowledged members of the group met with mayoral candidate Bob Lanier on Wednesday, Nov. 20, to discuss gay/lesbian issues and called HGLPC "just one small voice ... (in) a very diverse community." Another member of the group, Brian Bradley, said he was convinced at that meeting to support Lanier.

But Bacon said the group was discounting Turner on the basis of his not meeting with them, and added that "the reason (Turner) won't meet with them ... is because of their tactics. They are too confrontational. You can't just demand what you want ... you have to compromise."

All candidates endorsed by the caucus must submit to a detailed screening process, Bacon said. During that process, the screening committee had given Turner much higher scores than Lanier on answers to questions dealing with gay and

lesbian issues.

Bacon said he didn't want to give the impression that the two groups were in conflict, and noted that the meeting with Lanier was "a good thing ... because if nothing else, it proved that both of the candidates are interested in (gay and lesbian) support."

However, he protested what he called an unfair criticism by Queer Nation of the caucus' concentration on structure.

"They seem to have the view that if there is structure (within an organization), there is a hierarchy. That is completely different ... they've accused (HGLPC) of being secretive, but in fact, the caucus endorsement process is completely open. The meeting with Lanier, that might be called secretive," he said.

Bradley, however, said the Nov. 20 meeting included activists who were not with Queer Nation, and that the same people who met with Lanier also requested a meeting with Turner, but got no response.

Turner has since agreed to meet with the group.

He added that he and others met with Lanier as individuals, not as members of Queer Nation, and that his decision to support Lanier "as an individual" was based on the positions expressed by the candi-

date during the discussion, not on Turner's evasion of the group.

"(Lanier) has admitted, I think sincerely, that he does not know everything there is to know about lesbian and gay issues. He has also shown a willingness to learn ... from what he said, he is committed to (consolidating) the city and county health departments and doing something about the state of health care in this city," Bradley said.

Toni Knight, caucus president, has repeatedly affirmed the endorsement of Turner and the importance of the gay/lesbian community's bloc vote. She said it particularly angered her that groups which claim to be non-political have attempted to exert influence politically.

Knight said that contrary to the Chronicle report, Queer Nation and HGLPC were not in conflict. "We simply have different roles in the community," she said.

Bacon and Knight introduced Turner at the HGLPC's annual awards ceremony last Saturday as "the next mayor of Houston" to resounding applause.

Privately, however, even some caucus members—including a former president and a former chair of the board—concede their vote is still undecided in this race.

▼▼▼ DATELINE SAN ANTONIO

## San Antonio's first 'Walk for Life' raises over \$12,000

By ESHCOL RICHARD WRIGHT  
TNV San Antonio

San Antonio held its first AIDS pledge walk on Sunday, Nov. 24. The "Walk for Life" was held to raise funds for the Bexar County HIV/AIDS Consortium and the San Antonio AIDS Foundation. Over \$12,000 has been counted and more is expected, according to coordinators of the event. The names of individuals who raised the most

money were not available at press time.

More than 400 people walked the 2.5 miles on Houston, Bowie and Commerce Streets. The participants included San Antonio Mayor Nelson Wolff. Participants received a free "Walk for Life" T-shirt.

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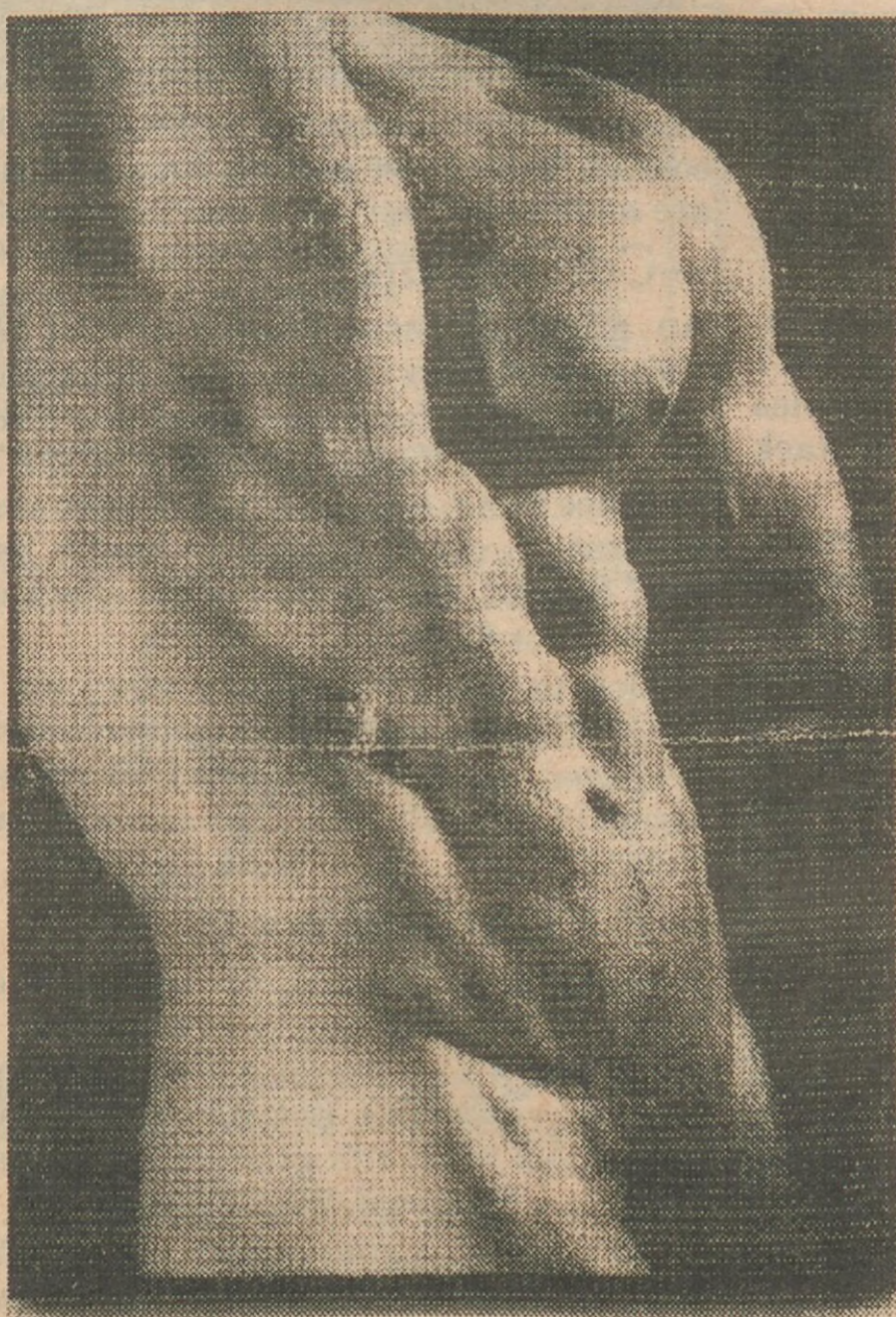
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## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

# Gays seek Mormon Church endorsement of Utah hate crimes bill

SALT LAKE CITY, Sunday, Nov. 24 (AP)—The leader of a Utah gay and lesbian group has asked Mormon Church leaders to endorse protection for homosexuals in a hate crimes bill being considered by a legislative committee.

David Nelson of Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats said Thursday that he met about four weeks ago with Stuart Reid of the church's public affairs office.

Nelson said that as a result, church leaders are "seriously considering endorsing the bills as written."

But church spokesperson Don LeFevre said Friday it is doubtful the church will take a position either way.

"He asked for a church endorsement but there hasn't been any so far," LeFevre said, adding that church leaders "very rarely" adopts a stance on pending legislation.

The Legislature's interim judiciary committee is to discuss two hate crime bills on Dec. 4.

One calls for maintaining statistics on Utah hate crimes and the second heightens criminal penalties on hate crimes based on

a person's "race, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnicity or sexual orientation."

Some lawmakers oppose inclusion of "sexual orientation" in the bill.

Nelson said Thursday he believes opposition to the disputed wording so far has stemmed from legislators' personal morals rather than any possible position or action by the Mormon Church, the predominant religion in Utah and the Legislature.

The church considers homosexuality to be a sin. The church on Friday issued a public statement on moral behavior, but a

spokesperson said it was not related to Nelson's request.

"The Lord's standard of moral conduct is abstinence outside of lawful marriage and fidelity within marriage," said the statement from the faith's governing First Presidency.

"Any other sexual contact, including fornication, adultery, and homosexual and lesbian behavior, is sinful," the leaders said. "These sins, though portrayed as acceptable and even normal by many in the world, are grievous in the sight of God."

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: HOUSTON

# 'Star-studded' show at the Tower to benefit Colt 45's Troublefund

Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Charlie Pride, Ray Price, Mickey Gilley, Freddie Fender, Fats Domino, Jerry Lee Lewis, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley, Robert Goulet, Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Lou Rawls, Ray Charles, Louie Armstrong and many, many more—all in the person of Alan Dryman—are joining in the fight against AIDS.

When Dryman walks on stage Dec. 13 at the Tower Theatre, music fans will witness the return of a phenomenal entertainer. Dryman's electrifying new show, "American Legends," is an energetic tribute to the entertainment legends of pop, country, rock and rhythm 'n' blues. Dryman recently previewed "American Legends" at the Wisconsin State Fair, where he had the audience on their feet. He has chosen Houston to launch his "American Legends" show to benefit the Colt 45's AIDS Troublefund.

From Las Vegas to Nashville and many stops in between, Dryman has performed before "standing room only audiences," with a repertoire of over 100 impersonations. Dryman has some-



Celebrity impersonator Alan Dryman brings his new show "American Legends" to the Tower Theatre Dec. 13 as a benefit for the Colt 45's AIDS Troublefund

thing for everyone, with a vocal range of four octaves and the ability to effectively deliver the varying musical styles. In the late 70's and early 80's, Dryman performed in Houston, Dallas, New Orleans, Vegas and Nashville (where he appeared a number of times on the Grand Old Opry). He once hosted his own television show in Houston and has played concerts across the country.

Dryman stopped performing before live audiences in 1977 after marrying former Houston Judy Webb, and devoted his time to his Dallas-based advertising agency and raising a family. "American Legends" is his stage comeback.

Show time is 8:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. General admission tickets are \$10 and are available through Ticketmaster or at the Tower Theatre Box Office on the day of the show. For more information or to charge by phone, call (713) 629-3700.

The AIDS Troublefund, one of the many ongoing programs of Houston's Colt 45's, provides temporary and emergency financial aid to AIDS patients in the form of payments for utilities, transportation and other necessities.

## ▼▼▼ HOUSTON QUICK NOTES

# Ray Hill, Patrick Wiseman honored by ACLU at 'Liberty Gala'

Long time Houston gay rights, prison reform and freedom of speech advocate Ray Hill was among the honorees at the 20th annual "Liberty Gala" of the Houston chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and the chapters endowment, the Clark Reed Foundation. Also honored at the event were attorneys J. Patrick Wiseman (formerly of Houston, now residing in Austin challenge to Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code; Anthony Griffin, a Galveston attorney, for his practice of civil rights law for black and feminist clients on behalf of ACLU and for his own clients; and another non-lawyer, Margie Harris, for her free speech case, won after she was fired after commenting on the aim of a would-be assassin of President Reagan. Hill was included among those declared "Champions of the Bill of Rights" by the chapter for his four civil rights cases, all against the City of Houston.

This year's ACLU "Liberty Gala" also marked the 20th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. The featured speaker at the event was U.S. Rep. Craig Washington, who gave a passionate appeal for commitment to human and civil rights. Entertainment was provided by comic Tim Line-man, whose jokes related to politics, liberalism and the relative ill health of civil liberties; and folk singer Don Sanders, who premiered a new composition warning of the dangers of anti-drug mania, titled "The Dogs Run Through the Airport."

Hill won all four of his civil liberties suits: two challenging a city ordinance against "interrupting a police officer," ultimately successful before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1987; one challenging an ordinance requiring "proof of identification," successful in Federal District Court in 1981; and one challenging an ordinance criminalizing "blocking passage on a public sidewalk," successful in Federal District Court in 1984.

Harris was fired by 1st Precinct Constable Walter Rankin after making the comment about Reagan, but she was reinstated with back pay after winning her case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The THRF suit against 21.06 resulted in the state sodomy law being overturned by a district court judge in Austin, but that ruling is only effective in Travis County. Wiseman and the plaintiffs are hoping the decision, appealed by Attorney General Dan Morales, will be upheld by an appeals court in order to have statewide impact.

### —Pride Week logo contest

The Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week committee officially adopted the national gay/lesbian pride slogan, "Power Equals Pride," at the last general meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Co-chairs Carol Clark and Jack Valinski also announced the official rules of the HLGWP 1992 logo design contest.

The logo contest is open to anyone who would like to enter. More than one entry may be submitted. Participants must live in the Greater Houston area (Zip Codes 77001 to 77599).

General information: (1) Designs may be subtle or obvious. It may be a graphic design, abstract, pictorial, symbolic, typographical—any style, as long as it is original. (2) The logo design must be reproducible in one-color and two-color versions. (3) The logo must be based on the theme "Power (equals) Pride" or Power Equals Pride" and "Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '92 (or 1992). The theme must appear as copy on the design with the order and size determined by the artist. (4) Considerations when designing the logo—the winning logo design will be transposed in various sizes; it will be used on all publications, advertising and merchandising, i.e. T-shirts, buttons, letterhead, billboard, etc. (5) The logo contest will be conducted as a blind contest with a preliminary and

final judging. Entrants are encouraged to attend a reception during these judging periods. (6) For information or clarification contact Jack Valinski at (713) 529-6979.

Specifications: Logos must be presented in a black and white version and a two-color version. Each version must show on an 8 1/2-by-11 inch background. Both must be centered on an 18-by-24 inch vertical matte board, the color version on top and the black and white version on bottom. Securely attach a copy of the entry form to the back of the artwork with tape.

All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9 at Printex Plus, 1617 West Alabama—no exceptions. All entries must be made to the attention of Jack Valinski.

Preliminary judging will be held Friday, Dec. 13 at Gentry's 2303 Richmond, at 7:00 p.m. Only entries received by the deadline will be eligible. Entries will be judged by a panel of seven individuals, including five design professionals and the HLGWP '92 co-chairs. The judges will select the top five designs, which will be presented at the general business meeting.

Final judging will be held at the next general business meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center. The decision will be made by voting members only. Entries will be judged on the basis of originality of concept, interpretation of theme, appropriate use of color, typography and suitability for marketing.

Prizes: winner will receive a cash prize of \$300, will be invited to ride in the parade and given recognition in The New Voice, This Week in Texas and the Pride Guide. The winning artist will also receive one of each item of HLGWP '92 merchandise, and will have input into decision making on advertising and color selection. At the preliminary judging, all entries will be acknowledged with a certificate and the five

finalists will be recognized with a ribbon.

### —Skate night

On Tuesday, Dec. 3 the Lesbian and Gay Skate Night will benefit the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection. Skate Nights are held every first and third Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Carousel Skating Rink, 9190 Old Katy Road, between Campbell and Blalock. The cost of \$5 includes skates; Beer and wine are available.

### —Corrections

An article in issue No. 578 of The New Voice about Wigs On Fire Inc.'s donation to the assistance fund contained two errors. First, Harold Rains, president of the Assistance Fund, estimated the donation will generate "over \$1 million in health benefits." Second, the amount of the check was \$7,607, not \$7,067.

Also in issue No. 578, a story on the AIDS Alliance states that epidemiologists projected an increase in AIDS cases to about 17,000 by "1985." The correct year is "1995."

### —P-FLAG moves

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Houston has a new mailing address and a new meeting place. The mailing address is P.O. Box 692444, Houston, TX. 77269-2444; the group now meets at Intracare Hospital, 7601 Fannin.

P-FLAG is a community organization that provides a support system for families and friends of lesbians and gay men, promoting acceptance, understanding, love and pride. Its members include lesbians, gay men, and their parents, brothers and sisters, and friends. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month. When the first Sunday is part of a holiday weekend, the meeting moves to the second Sunday. For more information, call (713) 721-0788.

▼ ▼ ▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Attorney wants judge removed from AIDS disclosure case

BALDWIN, Mich., Saturday, Nov. 23 (AP)—The attorney representing an alleged AIDS carrier accused of not informing a sexual partner of his infection said he will seek to have the judge hearing the case removed.

Attorney James Catchick said 51st Circuit Court Judge Richard Cooper has decided the case against Jeffrey Hanlon before the trial, set to begin Jan. 28.

Catchick made the charge after Cooper refused to accept a plea agreement worked out in pretrial conference between Catchick and the prosecutor. The agreement would have ended the case short of trial.

Hanlon is the first person charged un-

der a 1988 Michigan law that requires AIDS sufferers to disclose the disease to lovers. Hanlon was extradited from New York and has remained in jail since mid-June. His alleged victim is a Battle Creek man.

Catchick declined to discuss details of the plea agreement. Cooper could not be reached for comment Saturday.

"Frankly, neither myself nor the prosecutor is interested in a trial," Catchick told the Traverse City Record-Eagle.

Lake County Prosecutor Michael Riley said he's not interested in a trial for the sake of notoriety. He said there are few guidelines set to determine an appropriate disposition in Hanlon's

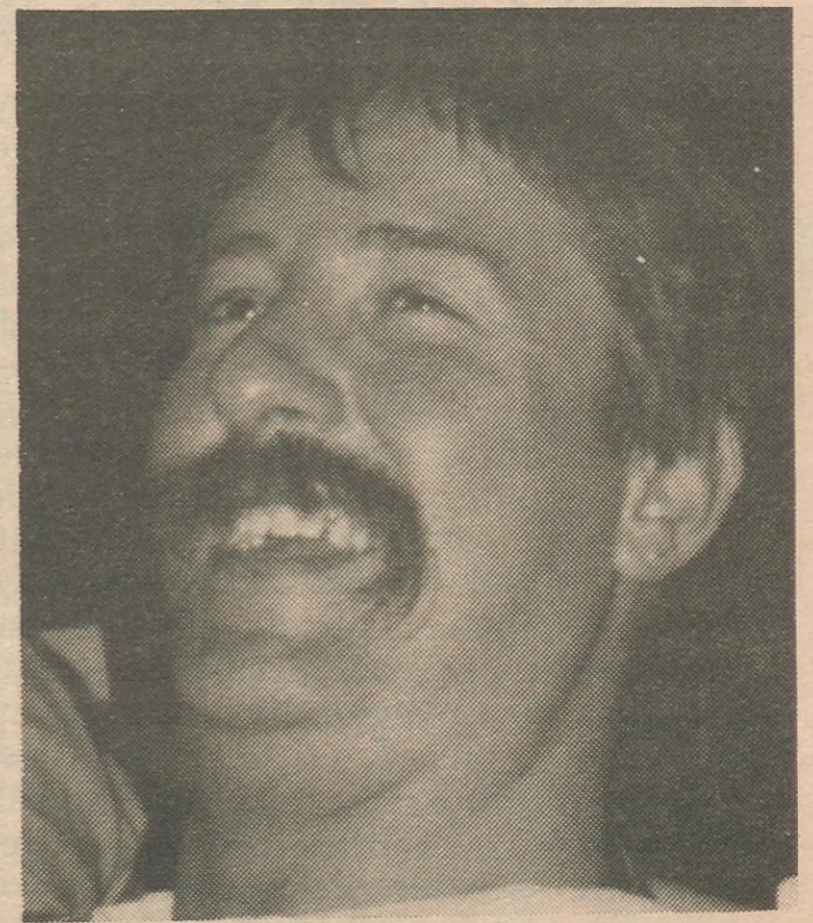
case since it is a first.

Catchick said he will file a motion next week asking Cooper to step down voluntarily. If Cooper chooses not to step down, Catchick said he will ask the state Court Administrator's office for a hearing.

Catchick took the case as a volunteer on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU opposes Michigan's disclosure law as an invasion of privacy, saying criminal prosecutions of AIDS sufferers will only drive them underground.

The Michigan law makes it a felony to fail to notify a sexual partner of one's AIDS infection. The crime is punishable by up to four years' imprisonment.

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Friends may call at Heights Funeral Home, 1317 Heights Blvd.; in state for viewing Thursday evening, 5:00-9:00 p.m. A service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29 at Heights Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions for the Billy Nail Burial Fund and flowers may be sent to the Heights Funeral Home.

## Massachusetts men ordered to stop harassing their gay neighbor

BOSTON, Tuesday, Nov. 26 (AP)—Five Quincy men have been ordered to stop harassing a 19-year-old man whom they allegedly intimidated because of his sexual preference, Attorney General Scott Harshbarger said.

The group has been charged with subjecting Steven Wood, also of Quincy, to

threats, intimidation and anti-gay slurs since 1988.

The defendants are Michael Spaur, 17, James Fidler, 19, Brian Clifford, 17, Troy Price, 18 and Jeffrey Calligan, 19.

"I will continue to use the full authority of my office to ensure against hate motivated acts," Harshbarger said Tues-

day. "Citizens of this Commonwealth are guaranteed the right to live safely without fear of being threatened or harassed because of their race, religion or sexual orientation."

The defendants face a fine of \$5,000 and a prison term of 2 1/2 years if they violate the order.

## Suspect held in Florida shooting of Liberace's former lover

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Wednesday, Nov. 27 (AP)—An arrest warrant has been issued for a man wanted in the Nov. 20 shooting of the lover of the late entertainer Liberace.

The suspect, Melvin Jerome Owen, 25, has a felony record dating back to 1987 ranging from a forgery arrest to convic-

tions for possessing and selling crack.

The victim, Scott Thorson, was listed in critical condition today in a Jacksonville hospital. Thorson also is known as Jess Marlow.

Witnesses identified Owen as the man they saw running from a Howard John-

son's motel after the shooting, the warrant said. Witnesses also told police that Owen had talked about committing the offense, according to the warrant.

Thorson, 32, gained notoriety in 1982 when he filed a \$12 million palimony suit against Liberace, who died in 1987 of an AIDS-related illness.

## Bush again stresses 'behavior' in stopping AIDS

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 20 (AP)—President Bush defended his administration's efforts Wednesday in the fight against AIDS and stressed that "behavior is important" in stopping its spread.

"Stop doing those things that brings AIDS upon you," Bush said in a televi-

sion interview.

"We are spending a tremendous amount of money on AIDS (research) ... and we're making pretty good strides," the president told WRC-TV of Washington.

"We also are going forward in an educational sense, trying to teach people

that AIDS can be controlled—sometimes, not always, by behavior," he said.

In a separate interview with WMAQ in Chicago, Bush said he would oppose any federal "clean needle program ... (or) a federal condom distribution program" to stop the spread of the disease.

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## ▼▼▼ AUSTIN QUICK NOTES

## THRF AIDS Legal Resource Project recommends anonymous testing

The AIDS Legal Resource Project (ALRP) of the Texas Human Rights Foundation recognizes that in light of Magic Johnson's revelation of his HIV status, more people are making the difficult decision of evaluating past behavior and deciding whether to be tested. Legal coordinator Patricia Presley lauded that decision-making process and encouraged persons who have engaged in high-risk behavior to be tested. However, she said she recommends that those deciding to be tested go to a facility offering anonymous testing and pre/post test counseling or, if using a private physician, that they request the testing information not be placed in their patient files.

"Why an anonymous testing facility? If you are tested at a confidential testing site, even if the test results are negative, disclosure of the information that you took the test will lead to future discrimination in insurance coverage," Presley charged.

"If you use a confidential testing site, your name is likely to be entered into a medical database, along with your test results—positive or negative. When applying for new insurance, that information would be available to anyone accessing that data base," she continued. "Imagine this scenario: because of Magic's announcement, you take the test and you are negative. Next year you apply for insurance or your employer changes insurance companies. Information about your test would be available to that prospective insurer. The insurer would use this information—that you were at risk for HIV exposure—to evaluate whether or not they should insure you or your group, and would either reject coverage or raise premiums to a prohibitive rate. It can and does happen," Presley said.

According to Presley, the ALRP receives at least three to four telephone calls per

week from around the state dealing with questions on this issue. The THRF AIDS Legal Resource Project provides indigent Texans access to legal counseling and attorney referrals.

"We are thankful that Magic Johnson's announcement will lead to an increase in testing. We just want to make sure that people know the difference between anonymous and confidential, and the ramifications of utilizing a confidential site," Presley said.

## —CCMC Christmas concert

The Capital City Men's Chorus will present "Celebrate! The Sounds of the Season" at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. The 60-member chorus will perform Christmas traditionals and other seasonal favorites.

The Capital City Men's Chorus is now in its third season. Regular rehearsal time is Mondays, 7:15-9:45 p.m. at Muchison Jr. High Community School, 3700 North Hills drive. The group will also be rehearsing for the concert on Dec. 5 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church.

The chorus has also committed to participating in GALA Festival IV in Denver, Colo. from June 28 through July 4, 1992, an international conference of choruses. In order to send the entire chorus to Denver, CCMC will sponsor several fundraising events over the next several months, representatives said.

For more information concerning CCMC's activities, or for tickets to the holiday concert, call (512) 477-SING.

## —LGRL seeks fundraising coordinator

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas is seeking a fund raiser—development coordinator. All applicants must have expe-

rience in fund raising for non-profit organizations, good connections in the lesbian/gay and progressive communities, a reliable car and Macintosh skills. Applicants must also be personable, professional, articulate, able to write well and available for extensive travel. Good office skills such as typing and filing are essential. This position will be part time for the first three months and then increase to full time. Full time salary is \$30,000/year.

Whether or not the job will require the fund raiser to live in Austin and work in LGRL's offices is at this point negotiable, according to LGRL executive director Laurie Eiserloh.

The job's duties include fund raising for LGRL and grant writing for the Allen G. Calkin Human Rights, Education and Research Fund (the 501c3 arm of the Lobby). This individual would be responsible for organizing special events, increasing sustaining membership in the Lobby, finding new members, establishing contacts for person-to-person solicitation of funds and designing and implementing direct mail projects. The development coordinator must also prepare budget materials and a projected fund raising schedule for the LGRL board. Working with the press and helping with LGRL's quarterly newsletter will also be part of the job, Eiserloh said. The individual will be evaluated on the net amount of money raised for the organization during the a six-month evaluation period, and possibly on other factors.

Interested persons are asked to submit application/resumes to the attention of Laurie Eiserloh, Executive Director, P.O. Box 2579, Austin, TX 78768. All applications must be postmarked no later than Dec. 30, 1991. Interviews will be conducted at the LGRL board meeting on Jan. 11; the fund raiser—development coordinator

could join the LGRL staff on or about Feb. 1, 1992.

Applications should include a cover letter, a resume with references, a one-page, single spaced writing sample on any topic of importance to the lesbian/gay community (topic should be narrow enough to be developed in one page). Writing samples will be considered primarily on style and organization with some emphasis on content.

## —"Night Without Light"

Austin will join San Francisco, Chicago, Miami and New York City in this year's observance of "Night Without Light" commemorating World AIDS Day/Day Without Art this Sunday, Dec. 1.

Visual AIDS, a non-profit organization of arts professionals concerned about the AIDS crisis and the creators of "Day Without Art" will sponsor the observance in the five cities from 7:45 to 8:00 p.m. Building in the participating cities will turn off or dim their lights at that time in honor of those who have died of AIDS and people living with AIDS. Residents of Austin concerned about AIDS are also urged to turn off their residential lights to join in the observance, organizers said.

## —"Day Without Art"

Also in honor of "Day Without Art," a performance piece recognizing the impact of AIDS on the cultural life of our country will take place on the south steps of the Capitol at 7:45 p.m., followed by the "People of Color Celebration of Life," featuring Kenneth Brown's Resurrection Choir, poet Ana Siset and dancers Jimmy Turner, Tony Bravo and Earth People. The performances are free and open to the public.

A "DW/OA After Party" will be held at Chances, beginning 10:00 p.m. Austin musician Lilian Stanfield will perform.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: LOUISIANA

## Health officials say AIDS cases on the rise in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, Tuesday, Nov. 26 (AP)—The number of AIDS cases in Louisiana is on the rise, said Louise McFarland, epidemiologist for the Department of Health and Hospitals.

There were 75 new cases of AIDS reported in just over a month this fall, McFarland said in a press release today.

As of Nov. 25, Louisiana had 2940 reported cases of AIDS, compared with 2865 on Oct. 8. A total of 1887 AIDS related death were reported in 1991.

Metro New Orleans had the most reported cases with 1843, statistics at the Office of Public Health show. Other cas-

es were spread throughout the state.

The Epidemiology Section of OPH monitors the trends in AIDS to plan health care resources. The numbers are equally important because they affect federal funding.

In 1991, Louisiana received approxi-

mately \$1.2 million in a Ryan White Title II formula grant which was based on the number of AIDS cases reported during the previous 12-month period.

Louisiana could lose about \$2,000 in federal funding of AIDS support services for every unreported AIDS case, McFarland said.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Quayle aide apologizes for lesbian joke--Or does he?

WASHINGTON, Friday, Nov. 22 (AP)—Vice President Dan Quayle's press secretary apologized today for a lesbian joke he told on the heels of another such joke related by Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, a Democratic presidential hopeful.

"My attempt to do a favor to Bob Kerrey by distracting attention from his predicament has obviously failed," Da-

vid Beckwith said in an interview today. "So I'm retracting my joke. It wasn't very funny anyway."

Beckwith told the joke Wednesday night at a fund-raiser for Quayle and President Bush. Referring to Kerrey's faux pas, Beckwith said, "The good news is that the lesbians are upset with Kerrey. The bad news is that they'll be

coming our way to support us."

Kerrey, who has since apologized, related his joke in a private conversation at a political roast last week. It was picked up by a television microphone but never broadcast.

Beckwith's comment incensed gay activists, some of whom sought intervention from Rep. Bill Green, R-N.Y. Green,

who has long supported gay rights, said he was circulating a letter to GOP colleagues asking Quayle to prevail on his aide to make public amends.

Beckwith, in a telephone conversation, said his gay and lesbian friends hadn't found his remark particularly humorous. Later, he called back to add: "It was not my intent to offend anyone and if I offended anyone, I apologize."

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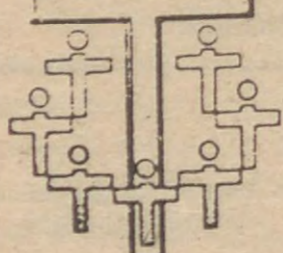
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**THE NEW VOICE**  
**Your Good Fortune**  
 Friday, Nov. 29 thru Thursday, Dec. 5, 1991

**Aries:** With a lot of will and determination, you could do a good bit of self-improvement now; with the rest of your life in good order, you can turn your attention to a part of yourself that needs taking care of. Be your own therapist and friend.

**Taurus:** You're going to have to bend with the wind a bit in order to keep future plans on course. So don't get locked into anything so tightly that you can't move around. Reserve some elbow room, and listen to what an older man has to say to you.

**Gemini:** You're learning about the law of give and take right now. It won't be a hard way to learn the lesson, since things between you and your lover or other close person have never been easier. But then for you, learning the simplest things is always a wonderful surprise.

**Cancer:** The ability to stick to it and with it is yours. When the going gets tough, the tough get going, or something to that effect. You're also able to be serious when that's called for and have fun when you want to. Steady as you go.

**Leo:** If fantasies from the past didn't overwhelm you and leave you stranded wondering about the future, the present could be a fine and lovely place. Your friends are right there and very supportive, but you're lost in fantasyland. Come home!

**Virgo:** "Come live with me and be my love" is what you've been saying. Since you've been through some heavy times of late and need someone with a kind spirit and a light touch, you're looking for a lifemate. A group of people with ideas you share is where to find this individual.

**Libra:** Passion! Need I say more? I'm not talking about having sex, making love, getting in, all that stuff. The possibility for you right now is total immersion, a kind of baptism by fire that certainly isn't the run of the mill thing. Don't miss out on this one!

**Scorpio:** Truth and illusion continue to be the overriding concerns. An older woman may be helpful. Younger men may not be so good. Lots of people fill your life these days, but the merry-go-round is slowing down, so don't jump off before the music is over.

**Sagittarius:** Enjoy playing matchmaker? This could turn into serious business when friends with serious problems turn to you for help. Your ability to bring people together has to be used wisely now. Listen to both sides of the question before you decide what's right.

**Capricorn:** Eager, ready, anxious to go. Sound right? The usual hassles and problems are out of the way. The target is in sight, and you're moving. With this kind of purposefulness, your only problem is yourself. Trust all your hunches, inspiration and seemingly wild, crazy ideas.

**Aquarius:** It's a good thing you've got someone in your life that you can really talk to. Your recent tendencies toward manipulation are obliterated by one more gentle than you. You'll learn something special about how to be with others.

**Pisces:** This passion that's burning so hot and long is, of course, turning your life around. The air is clear, the birds are singing, you see yourself in a bright new way. It feels so good to get up in the morning! Almost as good as it does to go to bed at night!

**The New Voice recommends in Austin ...**

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

● **FRIDAY, NOV. 29**

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

Happy hour buffet 5pm, Marilyn's  
 Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's  
 Lone Star Male Review 5-9pm, Charlie's  
 Happy hour buffet 6-8pm, 'Bout Time

● **SATURDAY, NOV. 30**

Guest DJ Robert Garcia, Chain Drive

● **SUNDAY, DEC. 1**

Day Without Art after-party, Lilian Stanfield 10pm, Chances

Air hockey tourney 9pm, San Fran Cisco's



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●MONDAY, DEC. 2

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Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's

●TUESDAY, DEC. 3

Dart tourney, Auntie Mame's

●WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

C&W dance lessons 7:30pm, Nexus

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's

Happy hour buffet, 'Bout Time

●THURSDAY, DEC. 5

Happy hour buffet 5-8pm, Oil Can Harry's

●FRIDAY, DEC. 6

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

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Texas Riders Fall Round-Up '91

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

\$1 schnapps & \$1.75 Cuervo 7am-noon, Ripcord

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

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

No cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street

Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 6pm-2am, Gentry

No cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street dance bar

Classic Chassis Car Club Coupe d'Event from 8pm, Venture-N

Texas Riders Fall Round-Up registration from 9pm, Venture-N

"Taggots" upstairs 9pm, Venture-N

Little Bit of Texas band, 9:30pm BRB

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

Rainbo de Klown's All Male Review 11pm, E/J's

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

●SATURDAY, NOV. 30

Texas Riders Fall Round-Up '91

\$1 schnapps & \$1.75 Cuervo 7am-noon, Ripcord

Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's

Poolside BBQ 1-3pm, Club Body Center

Beer bust 1-6pm, Mary's

BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa

Well drinks \$1.25 4-7pm, Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's

Beer bash 4pm-2am, Montrose Mining Co.

Cash pool tourney 5pm, Venture-N

"Leather & Flesh" 9pm-2am, Pacific Street dance bar

9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time

Movies 9pm, Midtowne Spa

Maude's talent showcase 10pm, Gentry

Piano bar 9pm-1am, Charlie's

"A Bit out of Texas" with Christian Contruer, 10:30pm E/J's

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

●SUNDAY, DEC. 1

Texas Riders Fall Round-Up '91

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

Poolside BBQ 1-3pm, Club Body Center

Leather day and beer bust on patio 1-6pm,

steak night 5pm, Mary's

BBQ 3pm, Midtowne Spa

Memorial for Billy Nail, 4-6pm Mary's & 7pm E/J's

Beer bash 4-11pm, Montrose Mine

Chili dogs 5pm, blue light specials,

Venture-N

\$1 schnapps 4-8pm, pool tourney 6pm, Juliet's Place

Steak-n-tater 5pm, Gentry

Yogi Baird & Texa-Cajuns 8pm, BRB

Miss Gentry Pageant 8pm, Gentry

"Mandance" 5pm, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street dance bar

Happy hour prices to 11pm, Ripcord

Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's

After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

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**MONDAY, DEC. 2**

\$1 margaritas 7am-2am, Ripcord  
 Slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's  
 Cricket dart tournament 7pm, Venture-N  
 Oiler football on TV 8pm, Gentry, E/J's, Mary's, Ripcord  
 "Boys Night Out" 9pm, 75¢ well, Pacific Street  
 Male strip contest 10:30pm, Gentry  
 Half price admission with Stone Soup donation, Midtowne Spa  
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

**TUESDAY, DEC. 3**

Pool league play 8pm, many clubs  
 Happy hour prices 7am-2am, 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 6:30pm, Gentry  
 Chili night & \$1.50 beer, Juliet's Place  
 C&W dance lessons, 10pm BRB  
 Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.  
 Talent contest 10:30pm, MC Giovanni, E/J's  
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4**

Pool league play 8pm, many clubs  
 \$2 domestic beer 7am-2am, Ripcord  
 Half price lockers for 6-mo. members 10am-midnight, Midtowne Spa  
 \$1.50 vodka 7am-noon, slop shot pool tourney 11:30am, Mary's  
 "The Bear Club for Men," Montrose Mining Co.  
 Wet Jockeys Contest 10pm, Gentry  
 No cover with out-town-ID, 75¢ well, Pacific Street  
 Steak night 6pm, Lee Chardon & the Uptown Boys 10:30pm, E/J's  
 Slop shot pool tourney 7pm, Learn to Clog 7-8:30pm, BRB  
 Bare Chest Night, Venture-N  
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

**THURSDAY, DEC. 5**

\$2 well 7am-2am, 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.  
 Beginners dance lessons 7:30pm, advanced dance lessons 9pm, \$1.50 longnecks all night, BRB  
 \$1 vodka, dart tournament, Juliet's Place  
 Dart tourney 8pm, Past Time  
 Rolling Rock \$1 to 11pm, Venture-N  
 Video classic 9pm, Gentry  
 Dance show 9pm, Midtowne Spa  
 Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's  
 Brittany Paige & Co. 10:30pm, E/J's  
 After-hours Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

**FRIDAY, DEC. 6**

Happy hour 7am-2am, 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.  
 Movie and pizza night 7pm, Midtowne Spa  
 Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, male dancers 10pm-2am, Gentry  
 "Taggots" upstairs 8pm, Venture-N  
 Piano bar entertainment 9pm-1am, Charlie's  
 Beer bash 4pm-2am, Muscles in Action dancers, Montrose Mining Co.  
 Rainbo de Clown's All Male Review 11pm, E/J's  
 After-hours Mary's, Ripcord, Club Body Center, Midtowne Spa

**LATER**

Dec. 7: Christmas ornament contest, Mary's  
 Dec. 8: Annual Christmas tree lighting, Mary's  
 Dec. 8: Mr. Gentry Pageant, 8pm  
 Dec. 9: Celebration IX 9pm-2am, Ripcord  
 Dec. 10: Grandma shower for Diane Dwyer 7:30pm, Gentry  
 Dec. 13: Preliminary judging Lesbian/Gay Pride Week logo contest, 7pm Gentry  
 Dec. 15: Christmas show 8pm, Gentry  
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**WEDNESDAYS**



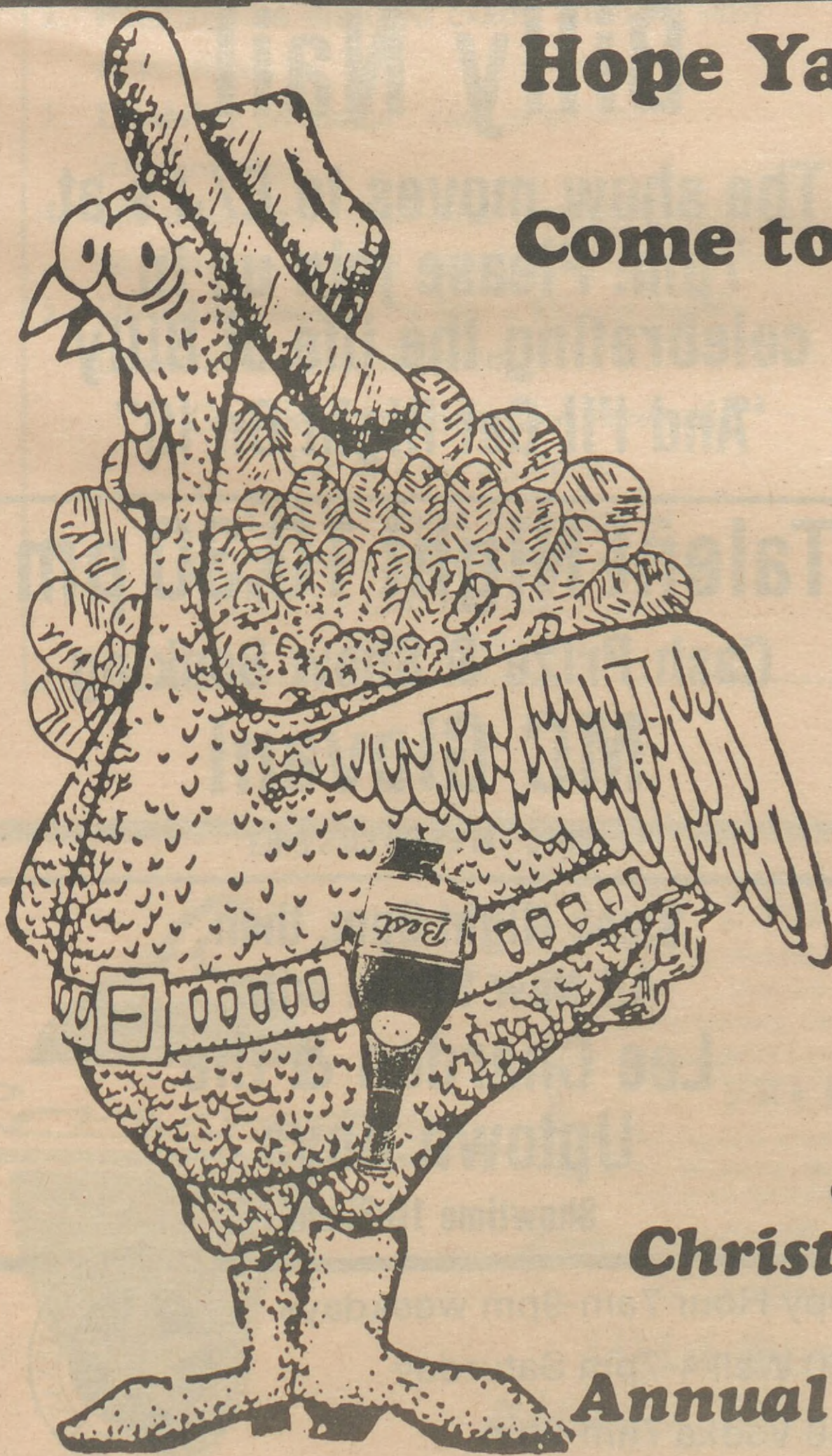
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## The New Voice recommends in San Antonio ...

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### ●FRIDAY, NOV. 29

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

All drinks \$2, Memories

Adults no cover to 10pm, 75¢ well & draft, male & female strippers 11pm, after-hours, Bonham Exchange

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

### ●SATURDAY, NOV. 30

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

Gong with the Wind Gong Show, Hardhat

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

After hours, Nexus

### ●SUNDAY, DEC. 1

50¢ draft, pool tourney 8pm, Nexus

Cowboys in Action, 50¢ draft, Silver Dollar

Liquor rush 8-11pm, Wild & Wicked Sunday Show, Wild Club

\$1.75 Cuervo, Memories

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

"That's What Friends are For," Memories

\$1.75 Cuervo, Memories

Super Sunday Show, Paper Moon

Bartender tag team hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

### ●MONDAY, DEC. 2

#### Veterans Day

Lone Star Male Review, Hardhat

Mad Money Mondays, Wild Club

\$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories

Talent contest & square dancing, no cover, Bonham Exchange

### ●TUESDAY, DEC. 3

Happy hour 10am-10pm, El Jardin

Happy hour all night, Nexus

Amateur male strip, 50¢ draft, Wild Club

Steak night, happy hour to 9pm, Memories

No cover, Bonham Exchange

Male dancers, Hardhat

### ●WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

50¢ draft, country night, Nexus

Strip dancers, Wild Club

Line dancing & \$1 longnecks to 11pm, Memories

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

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

### ●THURSDAY, DEC. 5

Steak night 7pm, Nexus

Tandi's Talent Search, Wild Club

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

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

Hot oil wrestling, Hardhat

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

### ●FRIDAY, DEC. 6

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

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

All drinks \$2, Memories

Rosario's serves Mexican food to 2am

### ●SATURDAY, DEC. 7

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

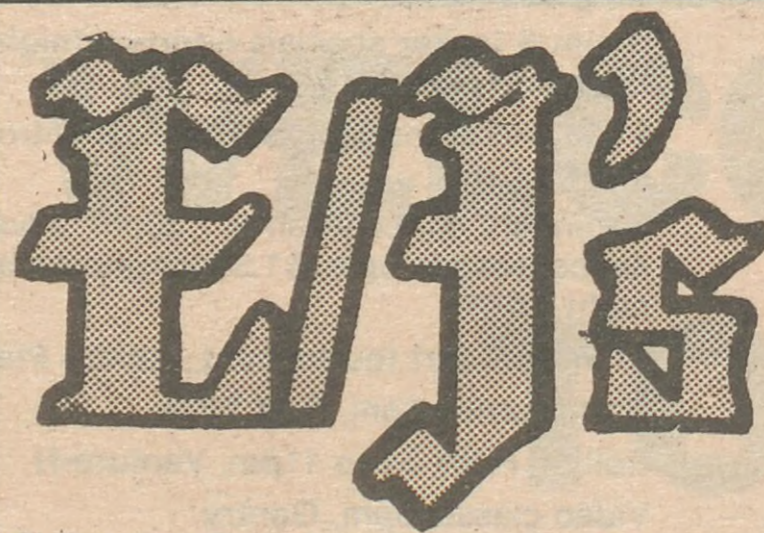
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# Man loses suit against insurance firm for AIDS test, policy denial

By LAURIE ASSEO

FOR THE NEW VOICE

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Nov. 26 (AP)—A Washington man lost his bid for damages from an insurance company that he said violated his wishes, and the law, by testing him for the AIDS virus and denying a policy when the result was positive.

A civil jury decided Monday that First Colony Life Insurance Co. did not break the law in its handling of the 1988 application by John M. Mele III.

Mele had been seeking \$25 million in damages for emotional distress, contending the company violated District of Columbia law at the time. The law, since repealed, barred insurance companies from requiring an AIDS test or refusing to issue a policy to anyone who carried the AIDS virus.

Mele appeared stunned after the six-member U.S. District Court jury announced its verdict.

"I don't think there's anything more we could have done," Mele said. His attorney, Calvin Steinmetz, said an appeal would be considered.

The insurance company's lawyer, G.H. Gromel Jr., told the jury earlier Monday, "His (Mele's) grief and anger is not as the result of being turned down for life insurance ... It's because of his own lifestyle. He told you he was in a high-risk group." Mele had testified that he was a homosexual.

Mele said last week he was devastated when he found he had been tested for the AIDS virus—after asking not to be tested—and that he was found to carry the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS.

His lawsuit contended that Lynchburg, Va.-based First Colony tried to circumvent the law by asking him to sign policy application forms outside the District of Columbia and having his physical exam performed in Maryland.

Mele said he found out he had been tested for HIV after the insurance company told him his application had been rejected.

"He chose not to be tested and he was tested and he was damaged by it," Steinmetz told the jury in closing arguments earlier Monday.

Gromel told the jury the district law did not apply to insurance applications taken outside the district.

He said Mele took the physical in connection with his previous application to another insurance company, and that a First Colony form was accidentally substituted. Al-

so, Gromel said Mele signed a form authorizing the HIV test.

Noting that the jury did not give a reason for its verdict, Gromel said afterward, "All we know is that they found there was no practice to circumvent the law ... This is a complete vindication as far as we're concerned."

First Colony had filed a cross-claim against the independent insurance agent who handled the application, Frederick V. McNair III. Had the jury found the insurance company liable for damages, the insurance company planned to try to force McNair to pay them.

Mele has settled separate claims against McNair and others connected with the insurance policy application and physical exam.

## Circuit judge's ruling puts Florida gay rights law in question

TAMPA, Fla., Saturday, Nov. 23 (AP)—A Tampa gay rights law faces a serious challenge after a judge ruled that city officials improperly blocked an effort to set a repeal referendum on the law earlier this year.

Circuit Judge Guy Spicola ruled Friday that Hillsborough Elections Supervisor Robin Krivanek and City Clerk Frances Henriquez improperly disqualified more than 400 people who want to put a repeal referendum on a city ballot. The judge found they were improperly disqualified because they hadn't voted for two years or because their names were printed instead of signed.

Since the petition drive failed by only 180 votes, the ruling virtually assured there will be enough valid signatures to force a

referendum.

The judge said Krivanek breached her legal duty to verify signatures on the petition calling for a city-wide vote on repealing the law. He also said Ms. Henriquez failed to comply with her duties when she didn't give Krivanek some signatures to verify.

The Take Back Tampa Political Committee, which wants to repeal ordinances adopted by the city and the county at a marathon public hearing May 28, hailed the ruling.

David Caton, who heads the American Family Association and is a spokesperson for Take Back Tampa, issued a statement saying, "This is a victory for the rights of voters."

But Maurice Rosas, a member of a group

supporting the ordinance, said if the issue does come to a vote, the residents of Tampa will vote against discrimination.

"I think the referendum is very far off, but I feel the support will be there," he said.

Take Back Tampa will ask the city council to repeal the ordinance and, if that fails, the group will form a committee to campaign for passage of a referendum.

The group also plans a petition drive to change Hillsborough's charter and thus repeal the county's version of the ordinance that prohibits discrimination against homosexuals.

As part of the campaign, Take Back Tampa also will oppose City Council members who supported the anti-discrimination provision.

Caton said in an interview he's confident his group's voice will be heard. He said the petition drive garnered about 4,200 signatures in the district represented by City Councilman Rudy Fernandez, one of four council members who voted to amend Tampa's human rights ordinance to protect homosexuals. Fernandez won his seat with 3861 votes in March.

"I don't think we have to put the pressure on," Caton said. "The pressure's been on."

But council member Scott Paine, who also voted for the amendment, said "I have no intention of changing my position and am willing to ... champion the cause. This is fundamentally an issue of rights, and that's the issue that has been lost on Take Back Tampa. But I don't think it's been lost on the rest of the community."

## Study: New drug provides alternative for AIDS-related pneumonia

BOSTON, Wednesday, Nov. 27 (AP)—An experimental antibiotic is effective against a form of pneumonia that frequently afflicts people with AIDS, according to a study.

The drug, called 566C80, can relieve pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, the most common dangerous infection among people with AIDS-ravaged immune systems. The medicine appears to be less toxic than two other drugs used to

treat this infection.

In their report, the researchers described the medicine as "safe, effective and well-tolerated" for mild to moderate pneumocystis.

The study was conducted by Dr. Judith Falloon and colleagues from the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. It was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

The medicine was developed to treat malaria. Its maker, Burroughs Wellcome Co., recently received approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to give 566C80 to people who cannot use other treatments for this form of pneumonia.

More than 80 percent of people with AIDS get pneumocystis, and it is a major cause of death. The standard treatments are pentamidine and trimethoprim-

sulfamethoxazole.

In the study, doctors treated 34 patients with 566C80, and 27 responded favorably. Only four had to stop using the medicine because of side effects.

"This new drug shows great promise as a therapy for this deadly pneumonia," Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said in a statement.

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**GWM, 36**

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lar build, clean-cut & weight in proportion to height. For friendship & fun. Ad 25925

**HANDSOME GUY**

GWM, 34, 6', 160, brown/green, Irish with good looks, looking for sincere guy 22-40 to have fun & games with or possible relationship. I like all sports, the arts, etc. HIV neg., non-smoking/light drinker, & have a very healthy romantic & sexual appetite. I'm especially interested in Hispanic, ethnic, "natural" & well-built partners. I'm tired of bars & want to meet some interesting & fun guys. Answer ad 25895 & let's meet!!

**HANDSOME GWM PROFESSIONAL:**

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**HAPPY HEALTHY HORNY HIV POS.**

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**HOT GM COUPLE**

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**HOT HANDSOME INSATIABLE & VERY INTELLIGENT**

GWM, 32, smoker, 6', slim, blond dark hair/ eyes seeks similar (pref. younger) dark GWM, GHM or GBM to share pleasurable pursuits. I like champagne, candlelight, leather, flowers, sweat, silk underwear & coffee with Bugs Bunny on Saturday mornings. Let 's let flesh instruct the mind. Ad 25355

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**LESBIAN WANTED!**

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cated companion, 25-35, for fun, friendship & romance. Smoking & obesity are personal turn-offs, but gourmet cooking & lacy lingerie are short-cuts to my heart. No racial preference or prejudice. Written responses only; enclose recent photo. Ad 566-L

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Professional GWM, 36, 6', 168 lbs, brown hair & eyes. I am looking for that someone special 25-45 for a monogamous, loving relation-

ship. 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

**MASTER SEEKS SUBMISSIVE**

between 21-45 who are ready to learn the leather lifestyle. I am a GWM, 40, 175, brown hair, blue eyes, stable, willing to teach & train the right person in this lifestyle. Reply with detailed description about yourself. Ad 25946

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

**PROFESSIONAL GWM LOOKING FOR SAME**

Masculine, upper 20s, 6' plus, 220, seeks tall, husky (not obese), average looking, masculine professional who enjoys reading, movies, quiet times, nature, is clean-cut & is into honesty & trust. I am a non-smoker, non-drug user & value the same attributes in others. Ad 25937

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**SEEKING CONSIDERATE HIV-NEG. GWM/GHM TOP**

GBM seeks affectionate GWM/GHM under age 43 & under 170 for continuous weekend pleasures. This HIV-neg, GBM, 31, 141, seeks a truly considerate slim or muscular GWM/GHM top who can verbally express his feelings. Hairy a plus. Drug-free expected. Ad 25009

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who perhaps speaks another language & is slim to moderate build. I am a discreet well-educated professional GWM, 6'2, 240, 45. I love good conversation, sharing experiences with friend, European travel, films, taking long walks, autumn, sensual experiences in the arts. I love experiencing life. Ad 25213

**SEEKING WOMAN WHO MAKES MY HEART SING**

GWF, 37, 5'2", 118, attractive, light olive complexion, androgynous, intense brn. eyes, witty, educated, artistically in-

clined, spiritual, compassionate, incredibly romantic about love & life, seeking feminine GHF or GWF, 28-40, cultured, physically fit, non-smoker, social drinker, intelligent, affectionate, romantic, honest, financially secure, monogamous. Ad 25183

**SEEKING**

Young, attractive GW couple seeking unattached or attached erotic GF or gay couple. Ad 25149

**SEEKS GUYS OVER 40**

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**SERIOUS BODY HAIR**

GWM 30s, blue eyes, dark hair & beard. Goodlooking, masculine, stocky & versatile. Smoking & drinking ok. Seeking to meet another stable, hunky HIV+ for dating & mating. Please send DOB with reply. Ad 25162

**SHORT GUYS**

GWM, 52, tall, slender, long hair. Seeks submissive short guys, 5'7 & under. Wearing tight bulging jock straps, briefs, while watching X-rated videos. Enjoy giving & receiving French. Respond with your fantasies, vital statistics, phone. Ad 25950

**SIGN YOUR NAME ACROSS MY HEART**

GWF seeking GF. I am a professional romantic, butch, 5'11, Pisces, 22, no racial hang ups. I smoke & drink a little. I enjoy clubs, beaches, music, animals, dancing, art, & quiet times. Love to hear from you ... Blessed Be. Ad 25349

**SMALL BUT MUSCULAR & CUTE**

GWM, 5'4, 155, 29, attractive, non smoker, non-druggie, occasional glass of wine, HIV+, work out regularly, hairy, well equipped, mustached. Hoping to meet someone 30-35 with similar qualities, only taller. I am very affectionate, Italian with variety of interests, but hoping to find someone honest & real for a change, that's ready to settle down with someone that is the same. Ad 25983

**SON SEEKS MASTER**

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

**SORRY, I CAN'T GO ...**

out with you Friday night. I've got to wash my hair. Tired of those dates from hell? Problem solved! I'm an upbeat, fun GWM, 31, 150, 5'9", sold, slim/muscular build. Enjoy cuddling, wrestling, intelligent conversation. Seeks one similar monogamous GWM/GHM 25-40 HIV neg. Ad 25122

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**SUNDAY KIND OF LOVE**

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**TAUT, TANGLING BODIES**

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**TEXAS SOUTHERN STUDENTS**

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**TIME, LOVE & TENDERNESS**

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**TIRED OF BARS ... MIND GAMES?**

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

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**WANTED**

Professional GBM 30-40 for companionship. I am professional GWM, 33, top, HIV+, in good health. I like romantic dinners at home. TV, video's, movies, or just spending the day driving through city with that special someone. Ad 25941

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**LOOKING FOR A LIFEMATE**

GWM, 29, 6', 200#, Blu/ brown, beard. I bowl, workout, go to movies, theater, concerts, & out occasionally. Like playing cards with friends, & quiet evenings at home. Navy hankie left pocket, light blue right. Prefer men of color with food build. Leather a plus, Call or write AD25934

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**TIRED OF BARS, LONELY**

GWM, 31, 5'5, 125, brn/ brn, moustache, masculine, built. Enjoy jogging, working out, cooking, sports, basketball, flea markets, quiet evenings at home, cuddling. Looking for that special someone so write & we could meet & hopefully develop a relationship. Just remember that when you're down in the dumps, I will always be there to hold you. Ad 25352

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# Show at Chances with Phranc, 2 Nice Girls; Day Without Art

By CHRIS LUTHER  
TNV Austin

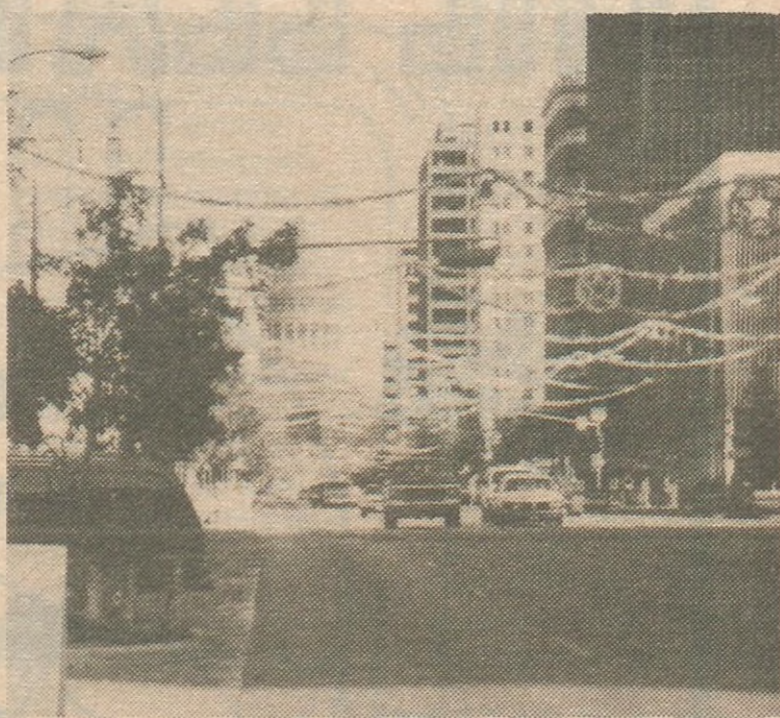
It was an earring circus at Chances this past Saturday night as two large tents engulfed this tiny club. These massive tents, completely covering the parking lot and the volleyball court, were needed to accommodate the large crowd that came to see one of the best shows to hit Austin's club scene this year. This show, featuring Miss Fun, 2 Nice Girls and the fabulous Phranc, was a benefit for the Texas Abortion Rights Action League, a statewide lobbying organization.

Although Phranc was the evening's headliner, many in the audience came specifically to see Austin's own 2 Nice Girls. "They always put on a killer show," said a woman in the audience named Susie. "They are the best band ever to come out in Austin...I see them whenever I get the chance."

2NG have been scarce on the Austin scene since their most recent release, "Chloe liked Olivia," hit it big. Last summer, when I was in San Francisco, 2 Nice Girls fashion T's were the rave. San Francisco Chronicle has christened them the "Lesbian Beatles," and their song "(I spent my last ten dollars on) Birth Control and Beer" has nearly become an anthem at college campuses around the country. So far this year they have been touring the U.S. extensively, having played over 110 dates.

The show was also the 30-something birthday of 2NG (I dare not abbreviate this band as "Girls") lead singer Kathy Kornloff. Kathy, affectionately called Corn by her cohearts (sic), has been with this band since its inception five years ago. The audience joined the band members in singing "Happy Birthday" to her. Her eyes seemed to swell at this "spontaneous celebration." It might have been the flowers.

they followed all this with an hour of hard hitting, melodically joyful rock and roll. Although the space under the big top was tight, the audience found room to dance as the band began to play "A Logical Mind." They ran through many of their hits, including the fun



Downtown Austin, all made up for the holidays

cover of "Go Speed Racer" from their "Like a Version" album.

Before her set, Phranc told The New Voice that she jumped at the opportunity to come back to Austin when Corn, a personal friend, told her about the gig. "Other than this, I've just been taking a hiatus from performing," Phranc confided. She said that a rest was needed to recharge her batteries after recently completing a three-month American tour opening for British techno-punker Morisey.

The tour brought Phranc through Austin earlier this summer, although she was prevented from sharing her music at that time by Morisey's paranoid ego. That show, scheduled last June at the City Coliseum, was canceled at the last minute because by Morisey's paranoia because of "security" concerns. When asked her opinion of the whole affair Phranc just shrugged her shoulders, "I was

there ready to play." She obviously did not wish to go into the specifics of the mess, but later expressed her disappointment because that performance would have exposed a whole new audience to her music. "This (the Chances audience) is my audience...they are my family. Morisey's audience was a stretch for me."



Robert and Fred relaxing at the Crossing



Phranc, "your average Jewish lesbian folk singer," clowning around with Connie Grauep and Kim Zick of Miss Fun

She was correct about the audience being hers. After leading off by sharing a song with 2 Nice Girls she asked the audience to sit down in the volleyball court/auditorium's sand. "That's our last song, now we're going to get into the coffee house groove." Phranc went on to perform a fabulous set that left a memorable impression on more than a few.

This coming week will be a week of remembrances. By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will have passed. Many will have been fortunate enough to have a home and family to spend time with.

However, many in our community are removed from their family, either physically and emotionally. The American Family Association would have you believe that gay people are "anti-family," but I have yet to come across a story of a gay man or lesbian kicking their mother or father out of the house. Yet stories of young lesbians or gays being disowned by their family are so common as to become trite to retell. Several local taverns surely would become second homes and extended families on Thursday, when they opened their doors to serve a free Thanksgiving dinner for their customers and employees. The area bars included Nexus, Marilyn's, The Crossing,



Deb and Jim enjoying the show

'Bout Time and Charlie's. Think of these businesses, managers and owners as you send your holiday cards. Remembering the devastating loss of my family and friends that AIDS has visited on our community, Sunday, Dec. 1 has been declared by artists and AIDS activists as the "Day Without Art."

Initiated in New York four years ago by the arts activist organization Visual AIDS, Day Without Art is a national action to draw attention to the effect the AIDS crisis has had on the cultural life of our country. The Austin area organizer, Sandra Goldman said, "This year Austin will join with major cities in the US to make Day Without Art and important and visible event."

Museums, galleries and area restaurants will cover their artwork with black shrouds. The Patrick Media Group will shroud three billboards that were recently covered with artwork as part of their "Art At Large" competition. Additionally, the Art In Public Places program of the City of Austin will tie black ribbons around public sculpture.

Several events are timed to coincide on Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. Between 7:45 at 8:00 the Capitol Dome and UT Tower will join several buildings in the UT area and downtown in turning off their lights. While the downtown is in darkness, performance artist Sally Jacques will orchestrate "Body Count" on the south steps of the Capitol grounds. In "Body Count," the tragedy that is AIDS is illustrated as row after row of bodies fall silently to the ground.

Area clubs, both gay and non-gay, will join in the evening's ceremony by silencing the music that drives the city at 10:00 p.m.; 6th Street will, for a few moments, be eerily quiet. Following this moment of silence, Austin musician Lilian Stanfield will open up the DW/OA after-party at Chances.

(Note: we regret the incorrect identification of two photos, one of Drew and Reggie of Charlie's staff and the other of Daddy Wayne and David Green, that ran with last week's column. Oh well, we know who you really are!)



Brian, Kelly, Adam, Ken arrived early at Chances TARAL benefit to get a good view of Phranc and 2 Nice Girls



Chances owner Sandra with Keith "Sound" and Kathy Kornloff of 2NG

▼▼▼ NEW ORLEANS QUICK NOTES

## Krewe of Petronius holds annual Christmas buffet and auction

The Krewe of Petronius is holding its annual "traditional Christmas buffet and auction," Dec. 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Mississippi River Bottom, 515 Rue Saint Philip.

The cost? "All you can eat for only five bucks!" exclaimed Krewe Captain Mickey Gil, adding, "the food at our buffet is always tops."

Items to be auctioned include a one-week vacation in a luxury condominium on the Gulf Shores. The condo will accommodate up to eight people. Also to be auctioned: art

work, antiques, silver, crystal, gift certificates and jewelry. "This traditional Christmas function is our last of the year," Gil said.

### —World AIDS Day

Lorelei Dickey of NO/AIDS Task Force is planning local activities for World AIDS Day 1991, Dec. 1. Dickey is inviting input from people interested in offering suggestion, resources or willing to share time. She may be reached by phone at (504) 945-4000.

The 1991 theme in "Sharing the Chal-

lenge." As in past years the overall objective is to "expand and strengthen the worldwide effort to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS, open channels of communication, promote exchange of information and experience and improve social tolerance."

### —Arts Against AIDS

Arts Against AIDS, the annual fundraiser in support of United Services for AIDS Foundation Inc. and its 32 member organizations in New Orleans, will take place Nov. 29 and 30 at the Contemporary Art

Center, 748 Camp Street. The exhibit and sale will include ornaments for Christmas trees and other decorative items such as hair ornaments, jewelry, ties and scarves. Toys have also been added this year.

A preview of Arts against AIDS was held Friday, Nov. 29 followed by a \$50-a-ticket Patron Party. All proceeds went to benefit USAIDS.

On Saturday, Nov. 30, all items went on sale to the general public and will remain on display and sale at the CAC, daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART ONE

# Coming: Fall Round Up, classic car show, Ripcord's Celebration 9

By TAD NELSON  
TNV Houston

Hello Houston! It was another full moon from hell last weekend for me. I'm not sure is the rest of you experienced that lunar tug at your wits and nerves, but this was the worst this year for moi-self. Of course being that I have no wit and only one last gay nerve, which is worked regularly, it wasn't hard for everything to get to me.

Most of my situations were self-inflicted, as always, but have you ever noticed (how could you not) that drivers on the street go insane during a full moon. Yeah, that's right. Rodney D. Young has five times as many insurance commercials during full moon, too! You bet he's noticed.

I'm really surprised that some pharmaceutical company hasn't come out with a mild, over-the-counter sedative called Lunar Ease for those heavy full moon days. Wouldn't that be great, and for people who react to later stages of a moon cycle, they could have a second drug called Final Phase. I think it's a great idea—let's write to Burroughs-Wellcome or Johnson and Johnson! Oh well, back to earth.

Around town this weekend, the Texas Riders are having their Fall Round Up '91 which should be wild and wacky. Each Thanksgiving, levi/leather/social club members from all over Texas and even far away places gather in Houston for this event. There is a fee to be a part of the gathering—but it guarantees a full weekend of fun, food, bar hopping and partying.. Contact the Texas Riders or a Venture-N bartender for information. The fun begins at the VN Friday night. Congratulations to the Texas Riders from all the staff at the Voice.

And while on the VN, the Classic Chassis Car Club is holding their "Coupe D'Event" exhibition with great classic cars from all around the state Friday night from 8:00 p.m. in the parking across from the bar. Drive by and see some of the best of the best.

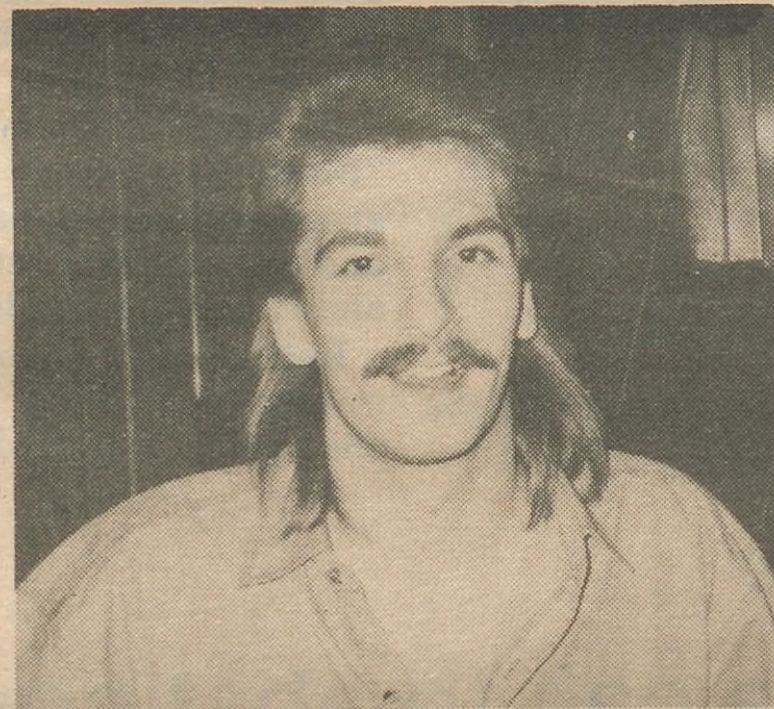
And the National Leather Association would like for you to be a part of their first annual toy drive for kids with AIDS. Please buy a new toy for a child and take it by one of the drop boxes at Bacchus II,



Lady Victoria, seen here sittin' pretty before the big show at Charlie's

BRB, E/J's, Leather By Boots, Pacific Street (the club) or the VN. Help bring a little joy into the possible short lives of PWA children by donating a stuffed animal, toy, doll, etc. 'Tis the season!

Friday at E/J's, its Rainbo de Klown's All Male Revue and THE RAGE is back. Christian Contreur (who does one hell of a number as Reba, "Fancy") will present "A Bite Out of Texas" with special guests. And Sunday, the staff of E/J's and many, many friends of Billy Nail who passed away suddenly last Sunday afternoon are holding the second half of a Celebration of Life in his memory.



Randy—the new yummy doorman at Gentry. Woof!

Billy was a truly unique individual who worked at various clubs around town including the Montrose Mine for nine or so years, the 611, the Venture-N, Atrium, Mary's and E/J's. He also helped out whenever asked at benefits and charity events using the name "Fantasy Star." Go help celebrate this fine man's life



Maude (the pretty one, of course) with contestants at Gentry's Talent Showcase, each Saturday at 10:00 p.m.

and memory. Sister, you'll be truly missed.

Mary's is holding the first half of the above mentioned Celebration of Life on Sunday, Dec. 1, 4:00-6:00 p.m., with a star-filled show emceed by Pickles and Brucella De'Valle.

Don't forget the following weekend is the annual Christmas ornament contest and tree lighting at Mary's, naturally! Go watch the Montrose oldest annual tree lighting on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 6:00 p.m.

This Sunday, Dec. 1, at Gentry it's the Miss Gentry pageant at 8:00 p.m. and I've been told there are ten contestants. There are also special guests which include Dyan Michaels and Tina Renee. The following Sunday is the Mr. Gentry Pageant which should be loads of fun. Del, can I be guest stripper for the evening? It worked once. Uh-oh, we'll have to ask Dwight if it's okay this time.

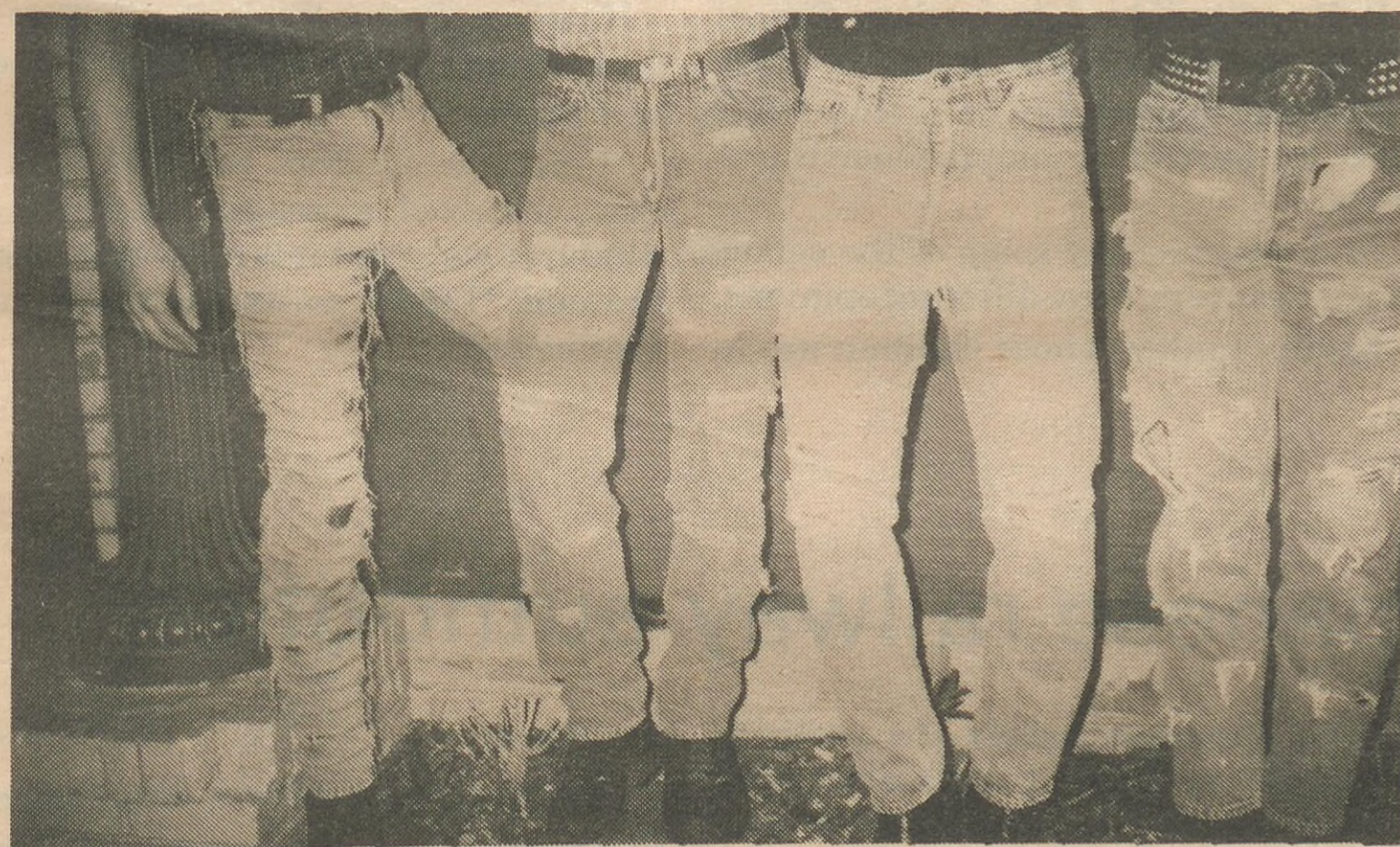
From Pacific Street (the club), I hear

Monday Night/Clubbers Nights are beginning to take off with a bang and that free cover is also extended to leather clubs and other clubs who wear their club colors. At press time, I still haven't heard who the stud in the P.S. ad is, but I hope to find out soon. Hot body! Woof-woof!

Saturday is now Leather and Flesh night at P.S. with no cover for men in chaps and leather jock straps. And then Sunday it's ManDance with no cover before 7:00 p.m. and drink specials all night. Elroy and Jay—what's this about roasted wienies? I can't believe they really light it and then dance? Not in this dress!

Gary from the Ripcord tells me that Celebration 9—a black tie/black leather affair will be held at the Ripcord Monday, Dec. 9 from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. And he's asking interested persons to join in celebration of nine years of service to the leather, levi and uniform community. Sounds gay to me. By the way—short Gary promises he's back for a while, go by and see his smiling face behind the bar again.

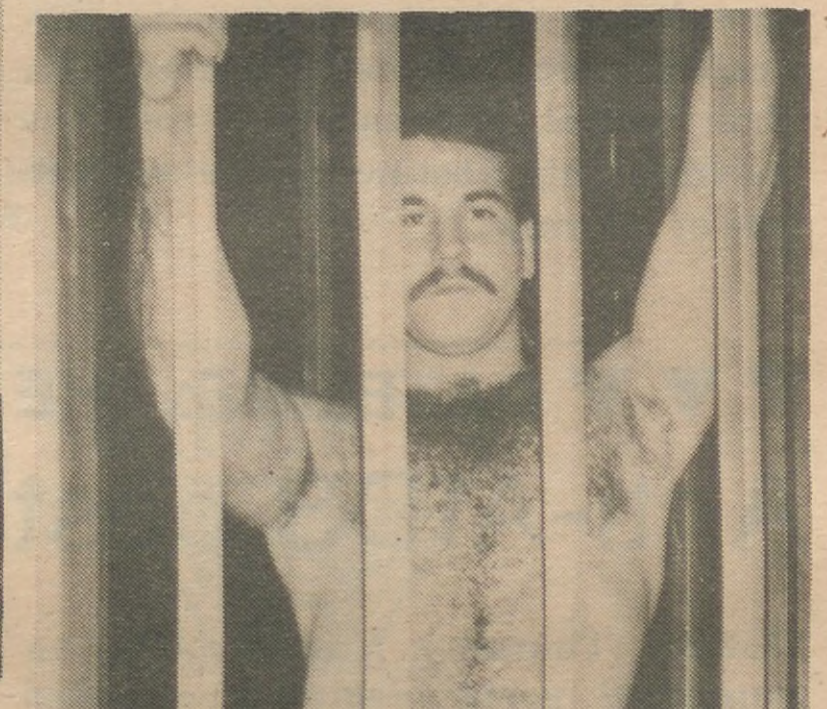
Friday at the BRB it's Little Bit of Texas, the ever popular C and W band, beginning at 9:30, and Sunday it's Yogi Baird and the Texa-Cajuns beginning at 8:00 p.m. For those who don't know, Yogi is the fiddle playing contortionist. Joe, I always did like the old saying you're using again, "Get Hot or Get Out!" Yee-haw!



Some Torn Levi contestants at the Montrose Mine



Lee Chardon and B.J. Williams at E/J's—Lee's the one that looks like a famous Jackson and I don't mean Andrew



One of Pacific Street's (the club) finest dancers, Bret

▼▼▼ DATELINE: AUSTIN

## Texas doctors want continuing study on patient notification of AIDS

By PEGGY FIKAC  
FOR THE NEW VOICE

AUSTIN, Saturday, Nov. 16 (AP)—Texas Medical Association policy-makers Saturday declined to back a proposed directive that doctors infected with the AIDS virus notify patients before performing certain procedures.

They instead ordered continuing study of TMA guidelines.

But the association's House of Delegates said that patients who know they are infected should be obliged to tell health care workers, if there is a risk of transmission—and that physicians should be allowed to order patient testing for the AIDS virus.

"Physicians should never compromise a patient. Hopefully, patients don't compromise physicians or other health care workers," said Dr. Laurance Nickey, who heads TMA's Council on Public Health.

Nickey, director of the El Paso City-County Health Unit, said that on the doctor-disclosure requirement, the House of Delegates simply wanted to ensure that any new policy was carefully crafted for the protection of health care workers and patients.

He and others said that Texas doctors would follow a new state law requiring disclosure by health care workers before they perform "exposure-prone, invasive procedures" on patients.

Some who opposed including the requirement in the association's policy said there is no scientific evidence showing a real risk that health care workers who follow proper procedures will pass on to patients the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Dr. Nick Curry, managing director of the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Health Department, said that the risk of a physi-

cian who practices reasonable precautions transmitting the virus to a patient is "infinitesimally small."

Doctors noted that public opinion has been driven by the highly publicized case of a Florida dentist, several of whose patients were infected with the AIDS virus. It has not been determined how the transmission occurred.

The House of Delegates reaffirmed TMA's 1990 guidelines for health care workers, turning down recommended amendments by an association panel.

Those guidelines say, in part, that a health care worker with the AIDS virus who performs invasive medical procedures should request that a special committee of health professionals determine which activities that worker can continue to do without risk to patients.

The House of Delegates said that its board of councilors should continue to study the guidelines. The board is com-

posed of people nominated by district medical societies and approved by the delegates.

The policy-makers also approved a resolution saying that people who know they have the AIDS virus should be required to notify health care workers when contact could result in transmission.

The resolution says that doctors should be allowed to order AIDS testing for patients who they believe might have the virus, or who are scheduled for procedures in which there is a risk of transmission.

Doctors said that health care workers can be exposed to the AIDS virus, for example, in the emergency room.

"There are definitely documented cases of transmission from infected patients to physicians," Curry said. He said that routine testing has been done for other sexually-transmitted diseases.

▼▼▼ HOUSTON SOAP PART TWO

A kick at Juliet's Place, lights on Pacific, Black Out at Heaven

By TAD NELSON  
TNV Houston

And lest we forget our friendly neighborhood women's bar, Juliet's Place, they have specials galore. The nice ladies ordered some Barenjager (that honey liqueur of 800 Patric fame) and boy does it have a kick. Thank you, Bette. They also have \$1 vodka specials on Monday and Thursday, Cuervo specials on Monday, and Tuesday night is chili night with bowls of chili and \$1.50 beer ... and they don't mid serving virgin drinks if you're so inclined. A fun little place—Juliet's Place!

Over at 800 Pacific (Heaven, J.R.'s, Mine), the Christmas Lights went on Thanksgiving Night and it looks like a



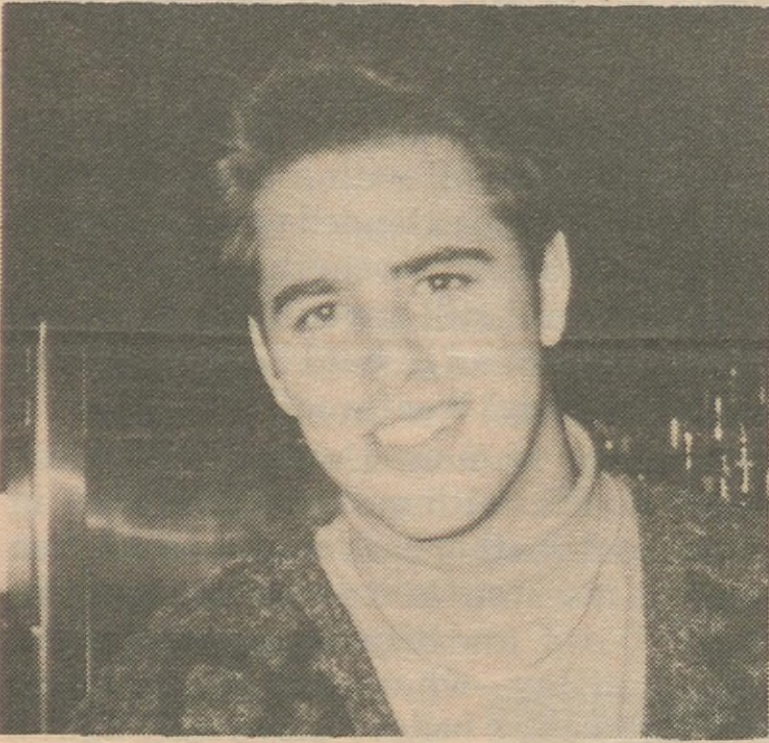
Joe and Drake were caught by our camera last weekend at Heaven



Meet Jay Moody, who works for Leather By Boots at the Ripcord, seen here with a bear friend



It's P.S.'s burnt wienie man! Jay you can't be serious.



Marty—one of the newest friendly bartenders at Heaven. Go by and say hi.



Tony Larsen and John Han are two of the new wait staff at the Pot Pie

winter wonderland (or an HL&P stockholder's dream). But Charles and the gang have been sprucing up for your enjoyment! Charles also has a new neighborhood campaign started called "Because We Care" and all his bartenders from the 800 group clubs scour the neighborhood once a week to pick up trash and bottles etc. in an effort to be a better neighbor. Yea, Charles!

At Heaven this Saturday night it's the "Black Out Party" with Siros. Special guest—vid star Ryan Idol—will be there and requests that attendees wear leather and chains for a reduced special cover.

Kofi of J.R.'s reminds us about her upcoming Wednesday weigh-ins, but says she's going to Little Rock for the holiday.

(Guess the South didn't need as much ballast with so much turkey around town!)

Oops! That sounded like it slipped right out of Vera's mouth. But no— here she goes!

Duke, is it true Tom has taught you to plat Steve Wright's hair?

Is it true Walter has installed new congoeum in Kevin and Albert's office?

Woody—licking noses? Please!

Bye for now, Houston! Happy belated Turkey and on to Christmas.

P.S.: There are only 27 shopping days left—so hurry and buy my presents.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: LOUISIANA

"Preach all you want, but a call to abstinence won't be followed"

SHREVEPORT, La., Friday, Nov. 22 (AP)—"The fact is, no matter how much we preach abstinence, teen-agers aren't going to practice it," said Dr. Wayne Otterson, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport.

Otterson referred to the Caddo Parish School Board's decision Wednesday to immediately scrap its sex education curriculum, which included information on birth control, and replace it with one teaching only abstinence—no sex outside of marriage.

"We're on the road to continued disaster," Otterson said Thursday.

Shreveport, the largest city in the parish, has the fourth-highest rate of teenage pregnancy among the nation's 120 largest cities.

Norman Dolch, a sociologist at LSU-Shreveport, said the message of abstinence alone will fail to change sexual behavior.

"It seems to me that what we need to develop in young people is the ability to evaluate choices," Dolch said. "This new approach appears extremely narrow."

Those who work directly with Caddo Parish teen-agers who have become pregnant argue that abstinence ought to be the primary goal of any sex education curriculum—but not the only one.

Margaret Brown, who teaches at the J.B. Harville School Away From School where pregnant girls are sent, said, "Teaching them to say no is fine, but it must be part of a comprehensive program . . ."

And parents, like some of the school board members, have differing opinions.

Kevin Nunley, whose children are in

elementary schools, said, "It's a stick-your-head-in-the-sand mentality."

"Everything I've seen shows that if kids know about birth control, they're going to take better care of themselves," he said.

However, Cathy Work, the mother of three children in school, likes the new curriculum.

"I believe children respond best to clear, unmixed messages, and will do whatever we as parents request of them," she said. "I think we need to teach them abstinence."

▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

Anti-AIDS poster rejected by Japanese railway authorities

TOKYO, Thursday, Nov. 21 (AP)—An anti-AIDS poster depicting a naked woman standing inside a huge condom is not fit for public display, Japanese railway authorities said today.

The poster was designed by the Japanese Foundation for AIDS Prevention to encourage the use of condoms to help

prevent the spread of AIDS.

The foundation hoped to place the public-service message in train stations, but Takeo Hasegawa of East Japan Railways said the poster was rejected as "unsuitable."

"I don't know about foreign countries,

but for Japanese society the poster is shocking," he said. "I think discussing AIDS is an excellent thing, but the poster itself was a problem."

A counselor at the AIDS foundation who refused to give her name said the poster's design was chosen after less-visible means failed to increase AIDS

awareness.

"We wanted to make a direct appeal that condoms are the best means of prevention," she said.

She said the poster was an attempt to stress that condoms protect women from being infected with the AIDS virus.

▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

Clemson Student Senate recognizes Lambda Society, gay campus group

CLEMSON, S.C., Tuesday, Nov. 19 (AP)—The Clemson Student Senate has officially recognized a homosexual student group despite vehement opposition.

"The group is very pleased," said Susan Cahn, faculty adviser of the group calling itself the Lambda Society. "We are glad the senators did not succumb to the scare tactics of the College Republicans."

The Clemson College Republicans strongly disagrees with the recognition.

The senate cast 36 votes for and 15 against in a roll call vote Monday, granting recognition to the Lambda Society. Five senators abstained from the vote.

Last week, Clemson College Republicans president Phillip Bradley said his

organization planned to buy ads in the campus newspaper, The Tiger. He said they would print the names of the charter members of the Lambda Society as well as the names of student senators who voted to recognize the group.

However, the paper refused to print the ads.

"Recognizing this group would be an endorsement of homosexual activity, which is against the law in South Carolina and against university policy," said Jim Burns, a student senator and a member of the Clemson College Republicans.

"This makes me sick," said Marci Fuentes, who voted in favor of the group. "To those of you who are arguing the legalities let me tell you this: in this state,

premarital sex is against the law, oral sex is against the law, sex with the lights on or sex in any position besides the missionary position is against the law.

"How many of you have broken the law?" Ms. Fuentes asked.

Legal arguments also centered on the constitutional right of assembly. Rejecting the Lambda Society's request may have resulted in a lawsuit against the Student Senate.

The American Civil Liberties Union successfully brought a suit against the University of South Carolina in 1983 after that school withheld official recognition of the Gay Student Association.

"If you are ready to be a defendant in a lawsuit over constitutional rights, then vote against this group," Student Senate

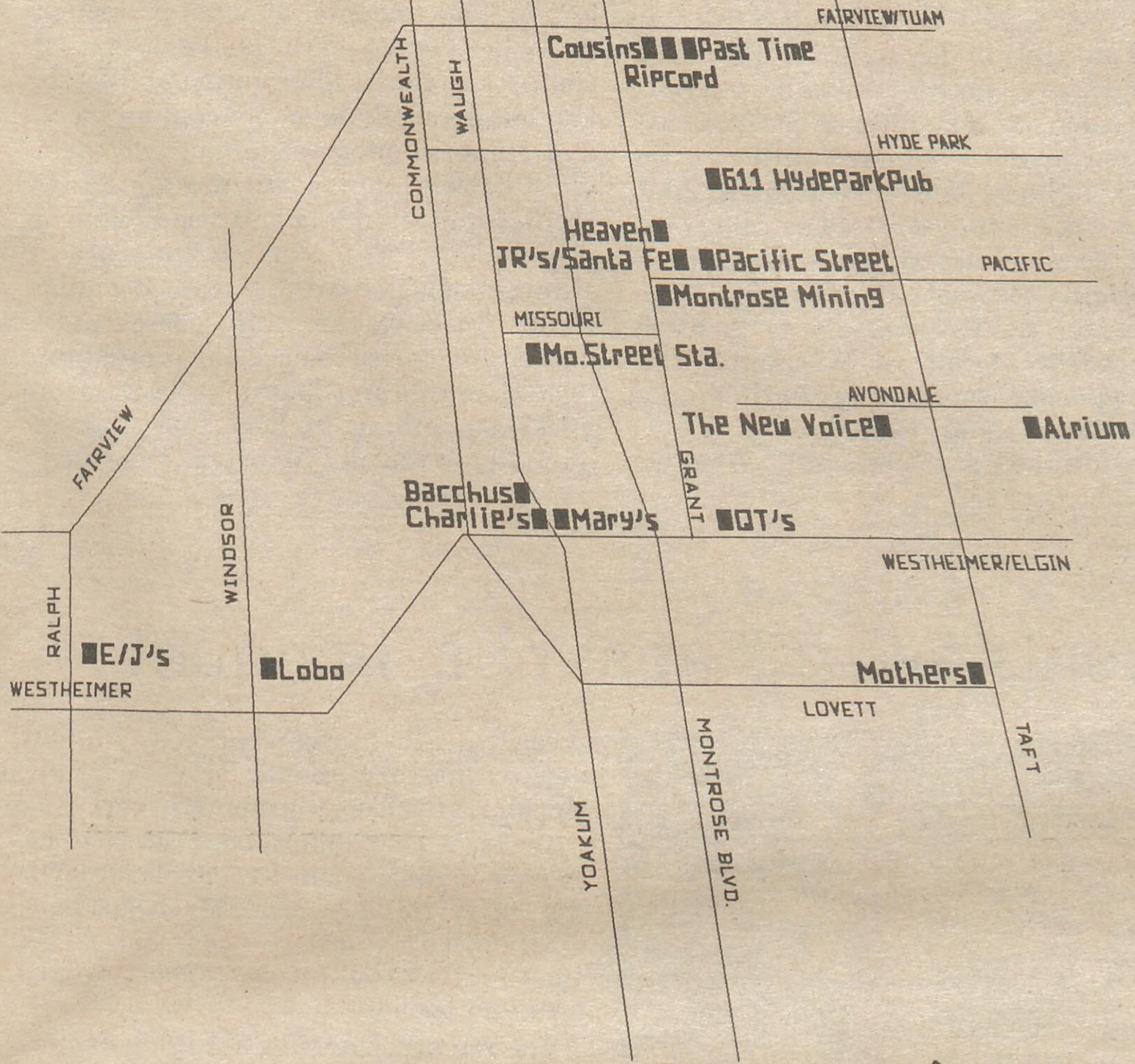
President Pro Tempore Tom Gressette told the senate.

"If people disagree with the purposes of any organization on campus, they have the right not to participate, but others have the same right to organize," said Steve Bates, executive director of the South Carolina ACLU. "It boils down to the constitutional right of assembly."

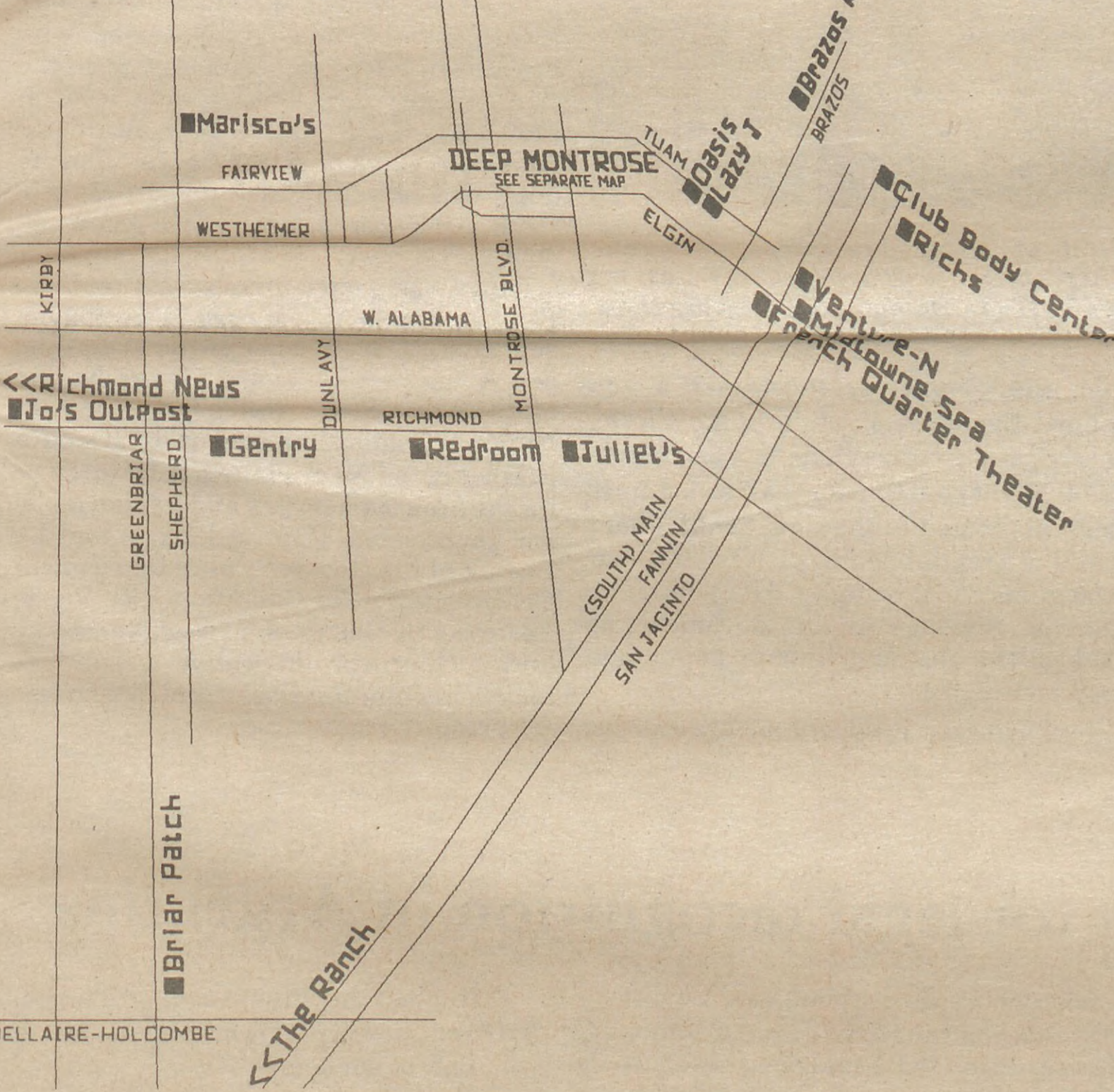
The Lambda Society requested a non-funded recognized status. They will be allowed to meet on campus and participate in the annual Organization Day at the beginning of the fall semester when student groups set up tables to recruit new members.

"This group will promote AIDS," said Scott Dampier, a senator opposing recognition of the Lambda Society.

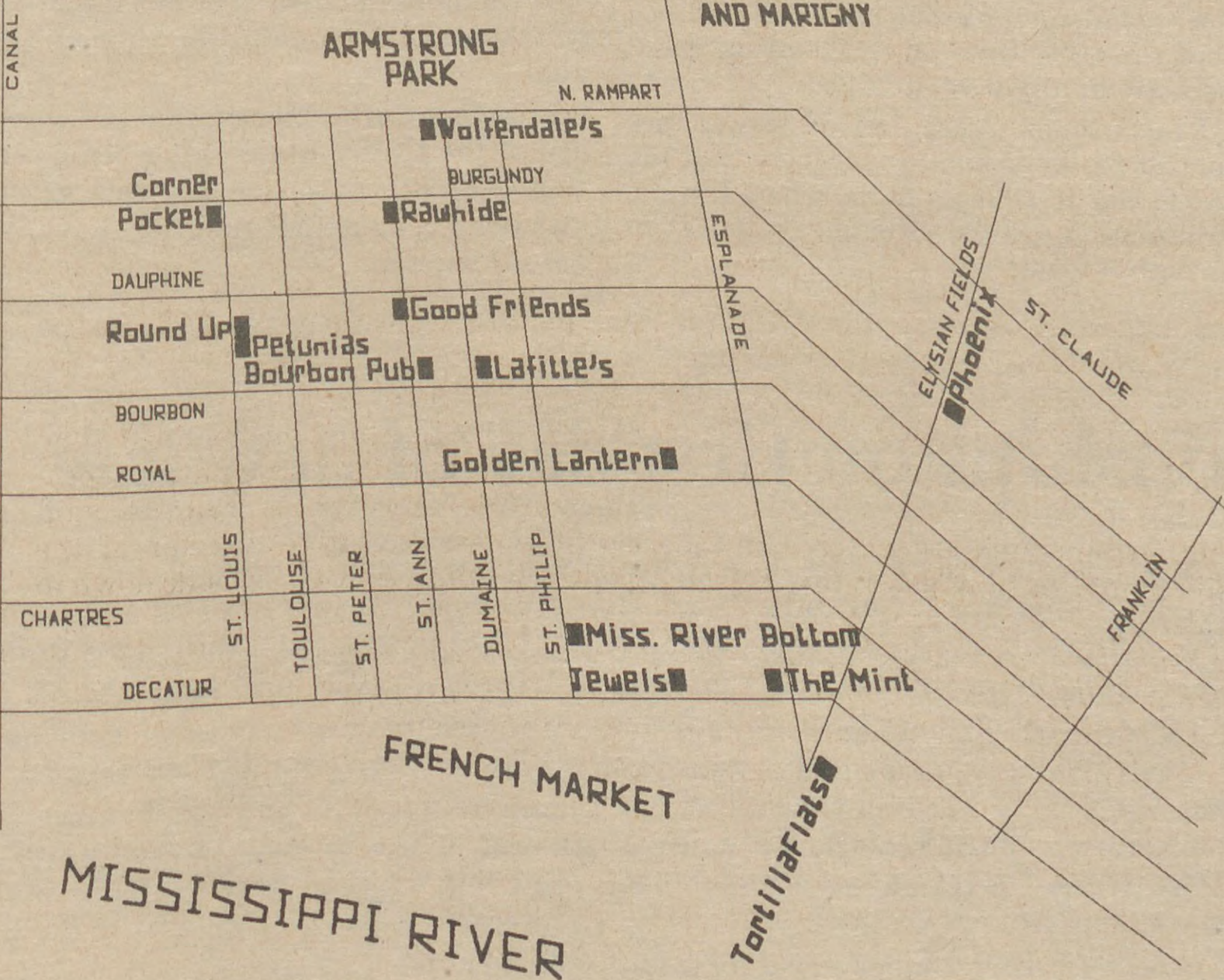
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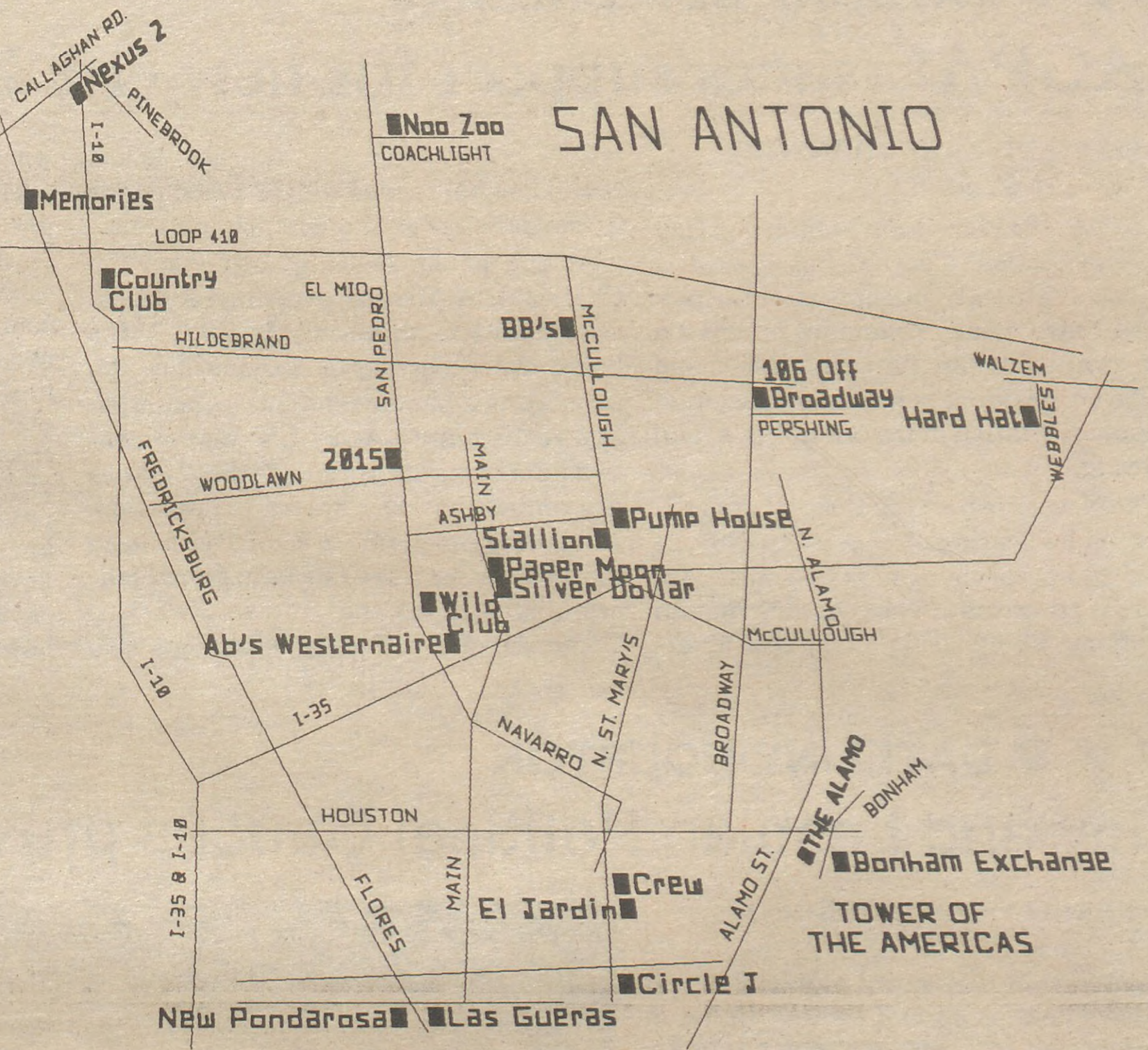
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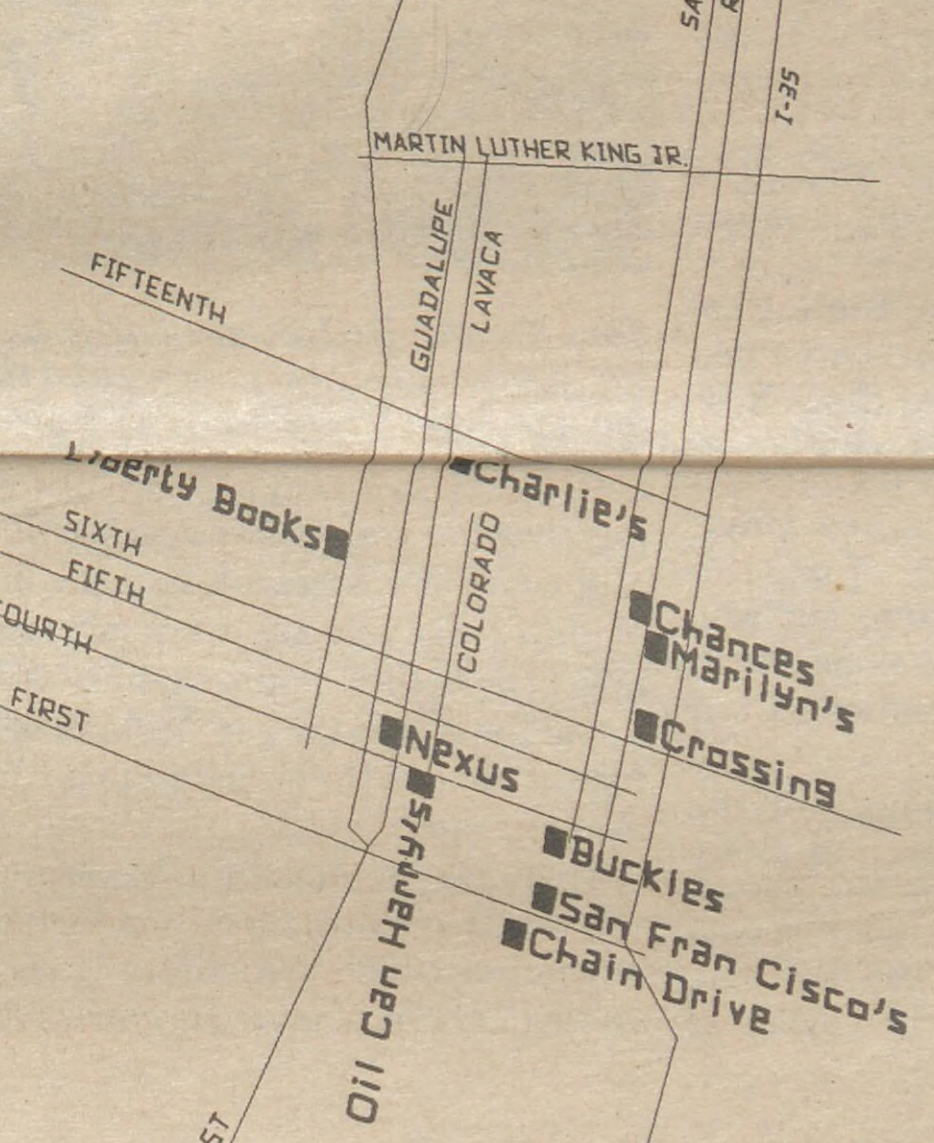
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## ▼▼▼ DATELINE NEW ORLEANS

## LAGPAC states support for new city Human Relations Commission

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON  
TNV New Orleans

LAGPAC, the Louisiana Lesbian and Gay Political Action Caucus, has issued a statement strongly in support of the proposed New Orleans ordinance creating a new Human Relations Commission and going on record opposing commission of sexual orientation in the ordinance's final drafting.

The New Orleans City Council conducted a public hearing on Thursday, Nov. 21 on a proposal by Councilmember Joe Giarusso to create a "New Orleans Human Relations Commission." Giarusso's pro-

posal, cosponsored by all six fellow councilmembers, was seen by LAGPAC as a "partial answer to a complex problem."

At the public hearing, LAGPAC Co-Chair Jim Wiltberger presented a resolution passed unanimously by LAGPAC's board at its meeting on Sunday, Nov. 17, supporting a human relations commission and reaffirming LAGPAC's commitment to a human rights ordinance that outlaws discrimination for sexual orientation. About 25 people came to council chambers for the hearing. Three spoke in favor of the establishment of the Human Relations Commissions, including Wiltberger. No

one spoke in opposition.

The proposed commission will have two parts: (1) a paid executive director and staff probably under the office of the mayor and (2) a volunteer 18-member advisory committee on human relations. The commission would be charged with nine duties: (1) Study and collect information about discrimination based on color, race, creed, religion, culture, ancestry or national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical condition or disability. (2) Study and collect information concerning legal developments constituting discrimination or denial of equal protection of the laws based on the above classes. (3) Appraise

the laws and policies of the federal, state and city governments with respect to discrimination or denial of equal protection of the laws based on the above classes. (4) Collect and report information and establish forums for dialogue concerning social and economic progress and development of all citizens of New Orleans. (5) Foster mutual understanding and respect among all economic, social, religious, cultural and ethnic groups in the city. (6) Protect voting rights. (7) Cooperate with federal, state and city agencies to curb discrimination. (8) Seek grants and donations for the commission's funding. (9) Report its progress annually to the city council and mayor.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE HOUSTON

## Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus presents awards at annual banquet

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
TNV Editor

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus held its annual awards dinner in conjunction with last weekend's International Conference of Openly Gay and Lesbian Elected and Appointed Officials.

The dinner was attended by several local and state public officials, who were provided a chance to mix and mingle with the gay/lesbian politicians attending the conference at a social before the banquet and immediately following a wrap-up session for the day-long ICOGLEAO workshop series Saturday evening, Nov. 23. Bill Scott, recently appointed to the Texas Board of Health by Gov. Ann Richards, gave the keynote speech.

Among those attending were HGLPC's endorsed candidate for Houston mayor, State Rep. Sylvester Turner; State Rep. Debra Danburg (D-Houston); State Rep. Glen Maxey of Austin (who also attended the conference); newly elected State Rep. Garnet Coleman (D-Houston); and Houston City Councilmembers Sheila Jackson Lee and Eleanor Tinsley. U.S. Rep. Craig Washington showed up for the ICOGLEAO/HGLPC reception, but was unable to stay for the dinner as he due to speak at a simultaneous American Civil Liberties Union event.

In his address, Scott, founder of the Montrose Counseling Center and Body Positive/Houston, focused on the devastating effects of society's failure to provide parents, educators, and the general community with appropriate knowledge of



Toni Knight, HGLPC president, welcomes officials at combined reception for the caucus' annual award ceremony and the ICOGLEAO conference. U.S. Rep. Craig Washington and state representatives Garnet Coleman and Debra Danburg were among those attending

gay/lesbian issues. Scott, a social worker and counselor, stressed that the majority of psychology/social work professionals now believe that homosexuality is a genetic trait, and that the gay/lesbian personality develops in the period from birth to four years of age.

Therefore, Scott said, gay men and lesbians are disadvantaged by a lack of early education which sometimes leads to psychological problems. To correct this, he

said, the community must take action against the omission of "that (gay/lesbian) chapter" in education. As a glaring example, Scott said that he has learned since being appointed to the state health board that a referential health plan for the year 2000 exists and is being used for policy projections. Nowhere in this document, he said, is the gay and lesbian population even mentioned.

Toni Knight, president of the caucus,

presented the organization's annual awards for exceptional service to the Houston gay/lesbian community.

Texas Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock received the group's highest honor for a public official, the Harvey Milk Award. This award honors the official who the caucus believes has shown great courage in support of gay men and lesbians.

The Bayard Rustin Civil Rights Award, presented annually to a person who has struggled for the civil rights of gay men and women, this year went to Houston City Councilmember Beverley Clark.

The Don Hrachovy Life achievement Award, given to an HGLPC member who has shown a life long commitment to the rights of gay men and lesbians, went to Pat Hall, and a special new award for long-term support of the caucus and its goals was presented to—and named for—Dennis Spencer, a former HGLPC president.

Other recipients: Barbara Cigainero Volunteer of the Year Award, Kevin Davidson; HGLPC Newcomer of the Year, Duncan Allen. Service awards: Queer Nation and Diverse Works, recognizing the 1991 National Coming Out Day party; Barbara Bowser of the MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour for the broadcast on gay and lesbian activism in Houston; Capt. Adamson and Lt. Buenik of the Houston Police Department Central Patrol for Operation Vice Versa; Lesbians in Business, new organization; and Democratic Executive Committee members John Bourgault and Jim Owens for precinct organizing.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: THE WORLD

## Homosexuals lose bid before high court for legal recognition in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Tuesday, Nov. 26 (AP)—Argentina's largest homosexual group said Tuesday it will ask the InterAmerican Commission on Human Rights to support its bid to be legally recognized here following a rejection by the Supreme Court.

The court denied legal status to the Argentine Homosexual Community on Monday on the ground the group's intent was to promote public acceptance of a sexual conduct that "harms nature and human dignity."

The community's president, Rafael Freda, said the 7-2 vote "endorsed inequality before the law" and that his group will

appeal to world opinion.

Justice Rodolfo Barra, who voted with the majority, said in an interview Tuesday with Radio America that legal recognition is a "social credential" that confers legitimacy, and the government is within its rights to deny that to a group whose views it does not favor.

Roman Catholicism is officially the state religion in this nation of about 32.3 million people and by law the president and vice president must profess that faith.

A bishops' letter last year stated homosexuality "injures principles of natural law and the catholic ethic." At lower levels of the legal case, the church made known its

opposition to the community's request.

The Argentine Homosexual Community was set up in 1984. Legal recognition would allow it to buy property, accept donations, set up bank accounts and conduct other proceedings in the name of the group instead of its individual members.

Barra said lack of formal recognition does not mean the group must disband, nor that the constitutional rights of its members are in any way abridged.

The Buenos Aires Herald newspaper quoted Freda as saying, however that his group was in a "legal limbo where the discrimination against us is not evident even though it exists."

Activities the group supports include AIDS education programs and the free distribution of condoms.

The Supreme Court upheld a decision by the inspector-general of justice that recognition "would make possible the legal promotion of a third hybrid gender."

The majority stated, "The defense of homosexuality harms nature and human dignity."

President Carlos Menem said two weeks ago in the United States, after being confronted by a homosexual advocacy group, "It seems to us perfect that they have" legal recognition.

## ▼▼▼ DATELINE: GAY AMERICA

## Two lesbian couples register relationships on first day of new law

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Thursday, Nov. 21 (AP)—Two lesbian couples "registered" their relationships on the first day of a new city law intended to provide recognition for couples who can't marry.

"We see it as a first step in a process to gaining other privileges and benefits that heterosexual married couples get," said Jayne Miller, who registered with Christina McCown on Wednesday.

"We're going to have a celebration,

kind of like a wedding reception I guess you could say," she said.

Registration confers no legal benefits, but the ordinance, approved by the City Council on Nov. 4, is seen by advocates as a step toward affirming gay-lesbian relationships.

Ann Arbor is the first city in Michigan and the 18th in the nation to pass such a law, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Registration costs \$20 for Ann Arbor residents and \$25 for out-of-towners; a termination of the partnership also is available. Unmarried heterosexual couples who live together also may register.

The first couple to register in Ann Arbor were Sally M. Johnson and Nona McKenna, said City Clerk Winifred Northcross. The telephone at their home went unanswered Wednesday.

About 12 other couples asked for infor-

mation, Northcross said.

Miller, who helped draft the ordinance, said the law was important to gay rights advocates.

"We see the gay rights movement as a movement that's happening across the country," she said. "We felt that passing this at a local level ... hopefully it will grow into a larger movement, that state and federal governments will do the same thing."