

## Williamson County reverses on Apple; Texas to get \$80 million project

From HOUSTON STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

In the wake of an avalanche of criticism for deciding last week to deny Apple Computer a tax incentive "on moral grounds" because its benefits policy extends to the domestic partners—same or opposite sex—of company employees, officials of Williamson County in Central Texas on Tuesday changed their minds and offered the deal to the California-based computer giant.

In a 3-2 vote, Williamson County Commissioners reversed their earlier decision, approving \$1 million in tax reimbursements for Apple in return for \$1.5 million in road reimbursements and right-of-way acquisitions by the year 2005.

One week earlier, the commission had voted by the same margin to deny \$750,000 in tax abatements the company had sought for its expansion plan. At the time, one commissioner had said Apple's policy runs counter to "traditional family values" while another said he would not be able to walk into his church if he had voted for the tax break.

The computer maker, one of a growing number of corporations that have extended benefits coverage to partners of gay and lesbian employees, said it was committed to maintaining the policy.

Apple hedged last week on considering compromises proposed by county commissioners, but quickly accepted the new deal, which restores the original break that was denied in commissioners' controversial vote on Nov. 29. The planned \$80 million service center is

expected to open at the site just north of Austin in 1995.

Apple already has 700 workers at three leased sites in Austin, and tentatively plans to transfer those employees to Williamson County. Apple has told the county that if it expands the center, it could create 500 jobs by 1998 and 500 more jobs by 2001. County officials had estimated the indirect impact of construction and the new white collar employees who would be moving in at 4000 jobs.

The flap over the Williamson County had decision reached a national scale. When Apple representatives announced in the heat of the controversy that they would probably not locate in Texas, the company was swamped with offers to build from communities nationwide. Officials in Colorado, Oregon, Arizona, California and other parts of Texas approached the company after the vote, Apple spokespersons said. The dispute had also caused an informal rift in the Texas Republican Party, as many political and business leaders interpreted the rejection as a government entity's attempts to meddle in the affairs of a private corporation.

Apple adopted its policy of extending benefits to domestic partners on July 1. The company offers medical and dental coverage and extended family services such as adoption assistance, sick leave, family leave, a health and fitness program and bereavement leave.

In recent years, an increasing number of companies, including San Francisco-based Levi Strauss, have adopted similar policies.

## Book by Texas photo journalists shows human impact of March on Washington

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

When professional photographers CeCe Cox and Lisa Means began their most recent major assignment, they already knew they would be documenting personal emotional milestones as well as a monumental event. The project—capturing the essence of the April, 1993 March on Washington in still film images—was of their own design.

However, the creation of the book, "One Million Strong: The 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights," turned out to be even more of an exercise in interpreting personal feeling than the team had expected, according to Cox, who said she also had decided in advance what she did not want the book to be.

"The idea came first...we started looking for a publisher in January, and signed with Alyson just before the march. We had a pretty good idea of what we wanted, and a good correspondence with the publisher," Cox said.

"We didn't want this to be a 'Who's Who' book," she said. "We didn't want to focus on (gay and lesbian) celebrities who happened to be there, and we wanted more of a message than just, people were there and a big crowd shot. We made a real effort to show the diver-



CeCe Cox, right, and Lisa Means, left, will be in Houston Saturday to sign copies of "One Million Strong," their photo documentary of the 1993 March on Washington. Shown with them is Lisa Pope, who wrote the book's text

sity, to include different ages, races, classes...and we tried to cover events that, besides being significant, reflected the feelings.

"What we wanted to do, really, was to put a face on the march. To show people there, just doing whatever they were doing, who would represent the diversity of the people who were there, and to show their pride and integrity."

Gay and lesbian community celebrities were by no means excluded from the book, which contains especially moving photographs of Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski, as well as an exhilarated Sgt. Perry Watkins, a penicillin Urvashi Vaid and others. But for the most part, the images are of the "everyday, ordinary" folk whose energies dominated the event.

With over a million people to choose from and caught up themselves in the overwhelming emotion that bound them all together the week of April 23-26, Cox and Means did

a formidable job of reflecting the diversity and intensity of the march and surrounding events. The Dallas-based pair, who collaborated with Los Angeles journalist Lisa Pope on the project, will be in Houston Saturday, Dec. 11, at Inklings, a women's alternative book shop at 1846 Richmond to sign copies of the keepsake photo documentary.

Published by Alyson publications, "One Million Strong" is a 160-page photographic essay that covers four days of march-related activities in Washington, D.C. Beginning on a note of anxious anticipation with organizational representatives in the midst of last-minute logistics planning, the book sweeps its audience from protest and lobbying, to solemn memorial, to emotion-charged reunion, to the heady celebration of the march itself, and back to the seriousness of the post-march Pentagon and health care demonstrations.

The book not only stirs

up powerful memories for those who were there, but records a moving collective portrait of a moment in history for those who could not attend.

For Cox and Means, the project itself contributed to the total experience of the march.

"There were some real surprises.

...some really good surprises, for me on a personal level."

Cox said. "Because of what we were doing, I think we may have gotten more out of it.

"If we had just gone there to take part, I think, well, we would have had a really good time. But because we were doing a documentary, we got to talk to literally hundreds and hundreds of people. We got to see what these events meant to these people, and feel the emotions," she said.

"You can look at the faces in these pictures and see the value of people in our community. When you look at these faces...even the ones that aren't happy, you get the feeling that you are valuable, that you're affirmed."

While in Houston, Cox and Means are also scheduled to present a slide show of other favorite scenes that didn't make it into the book. The signing and presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. at Inklings.

## Advocacy group charges PWA's were beaten, denied treatment in jail

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

A local prisoners rights watchdog group held a press conference Tuesday, alleging that two inmates with AIDS were beaten and denied medical care by officials at the Harris County and Houston municipal jails. The most recent incident happened on Nov. 29, just before the observance of AIDS Awareness Week, according to gay and prisoner's rights advocate Ray Hill and Matt Locklin, chair

of the Harris County Jail Citizen's Medical Advisory Task Force.

The group, organized monitor the health care systems in the city and county jails, also charged that untrained personnel routinely deny proper care to inmates with AIDS, and that serious overcrowding has led to an intolerable problem of new infections with HIV and tuberculosis in the general inmate population. Locklin, the task force's facilitator, said the group's members include health care professionals,

community health advocates, social workers and others concerned about the health and welfare of county inmates.

Jail and police officials later denied the charges, and deputies involved in one of the incidents gave a starkly different version of what had happened to Steven B. Dane, who was charged with "assault by threat" after tangle with jailers over an unauthorized telephone call.

Dane's attorney, Mark Ash, who attended the news conference, said the altercation

began when Dane made a phone call from a telephone in an open cell near a hallway in which he was being held. Deputies grabbed the phone from Dane and hit him across the temple with the receiver, then continued to beat him until he was disoriented, Ash said.

According to Ash, Dane begged the deputies to stop beating him, noting that he had AIDS and was bleeding in hopes of making them stop for fear of contamination by his blood. Deputies then charged him with assault,

and he was subsequently denied his medication on orders of staff members with no medical training, the group said.

However, the two deputies involved, E. Mayfield and R.L. Wingo, claim that Dane became combative with them and threatened to bite Mayfield to infect him with AIDS.

In another case, according to Hill, Andrew Abrego, who also has AIDS, was arrested for outstanding warrants from unpaid tickets while attempting to report a rob-

bery. Abrego, who at the time of his arrest sported two external catheters, was also denied medical treatment for several days, until he was transferred to the prison farm and a jailer there noticed his condition worsening.

Houston Police Department spokesperson Robert Hurst said he could not comment on specific cases, but stated that inmates coming into the city jail facility undergo medical screening by qualified personnel.

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## State attorney general's office investigating Houston AIDS agency

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
Houston Voice Editor

The Texas attorney general's office is investigating a Houston-based AIDS charity in the wake of a lawsuit filed by an AIDS patient who claims the group's director gained his trust, then bilked him of a \$42,000 inheritance and threw him out of her home.

In the lawsuit, AIDS patient Lawrence White charges that Clortis "C.C." Roberts, who heads the Foundation for Women and Children With AIDS, deceived him into allowing her to take over his financial affairs, then spent his money and sold furniture that had been placed in storage. White, who was one of the beneficiaries of his late lover's insurance policy, came to trust Roberts, who he

met through a church care team. According to court documents, he gave her power of attorney and later changed his own will to name Roberts executor. White moved in with Roberts and her husband in January, 1992. In September, 1992, after a disagreement, White claims Robert kicked him out of the house with only a trash bag full of clothing. According to court documents, he is now destitute, living on private donations in an apartment with no furniture. Assistant Attorney General Rose Ann Reeser said Thursday, Dec. 2, the state's probe centers on claims that money intended for use by the foundation instead was used for private benefit. She would not elaborate.

However, the Houston Chronicle

reported last week that the AG's office is looking into allegations made by former board members and a female client of the foundation, who has alleged that she was kicked out of the shelter for HIV-positive women and children run by the agency. Additionally, the article stated, investigators are looking questions about the foundation's handling of its own funds, including whether Roberts improperly stacked the board with supportive votes to purchase, at the agency's expense, an insurance policy for herself and her husband and boost her salary.

White's attorneys, well-known trial lawyer Joel Androphy, former acting U.S. attorney Lawrence Finder, and Kenneth Broughton, are concentrating on the civil suit. But

John Paul Barnich, White's original contact who said he referred White to the team that agreed to take the case for free, said he hopes the District Attorney's office will look into the activities of the charity.

Barnich said local AIDS groups have quietly stopped referring clients to Roberts' agency because of reports of trouble, but most are afraid to go on the record criticizing another service provider. (One AIDS program director, Lucy Reyna of the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans, has publicly stated that she will not do business with Roberts because of an incident with a client she referred to the center.

Roberts, contacted at her southwest Houston office this week, said she

has not been contacted by the attorney general's office. "I saw the (Chronicle) story, but I have yet to be contacted about any investigation," she said. She refused to comment on White's lawsuit, but said the charges stemmed from "a political witch hunt" and accused the Chronicle of not checking facts. "No one seems to have bothered to check out the guy who's making these accusations," she said of White.

The foundation runs Houston's only shelter for women and children with AIDS and receives about \$143,000 annually in federal AIDS money.

(The Associated Press contributed to this report.)

## Does media spotlight require gays and lesbians to be role models?

OPINION By WAYNE BESEN

Gay civil liberties are one of the hottest issues this year. Gays and lesbians are often the leading story on news-casts, paraded around as circus acts on talk shows, and frequently grace the cover of national magazines. The spotlight is shining and all of a sudden it is an enormous responsibility to be openly gay. Like it or not, the prominence of gay issues has thrust all gays and lesbians into the position of being role models. Unfortunately, many lesbians and gay men believe their sexual orientation should not automatically make them one.

This reminds me of the Nike television commercial in which Phoenix Suns Basketball star Charles Barkely says, "I am not a role model," just because he is a famous

basketball player. Barkley's attention is similar to the one gays and lesbians currently face. In both cases the spotlight is shining, thus making an impact on people's lives inevitable. Therefore, Barkely and every gay American are role models.

When Barkely strides down the court and slam dunks the basketball, every eye on the stadium is upon him. Many heterosexuals fixate on openly gay people in much the same way. Often they have never met a gay person before. Instantly, you become the entire movement and every issue that surrounds it. They study every motion, word, value judgment, comparing it to the vicious stereotypes they grew up with and believe. At this point any one of the three things can happen: 1) The

image presented does not correspond with the wicked stereotype and the heterosexual has to question all he was taught. Usually, this results in a change in attitude. 2) The gay person lives up to all expectations and proves to be an abomination in the heterosexuals' eyes. 3) The heterosexual is too obtuse to analyze the situation.

To most people there is only one desired outcome. The problem is there is a fringe element in the gay and lesbian community who believe they have no responsibility to anyone but themselves. They have the attitude, 'I'll do what I want and the rest of the world can go to hell.'

I believe this separatist point view is out of touch with reality. Granted there are many times all of us become frustrated and would like to say 'just

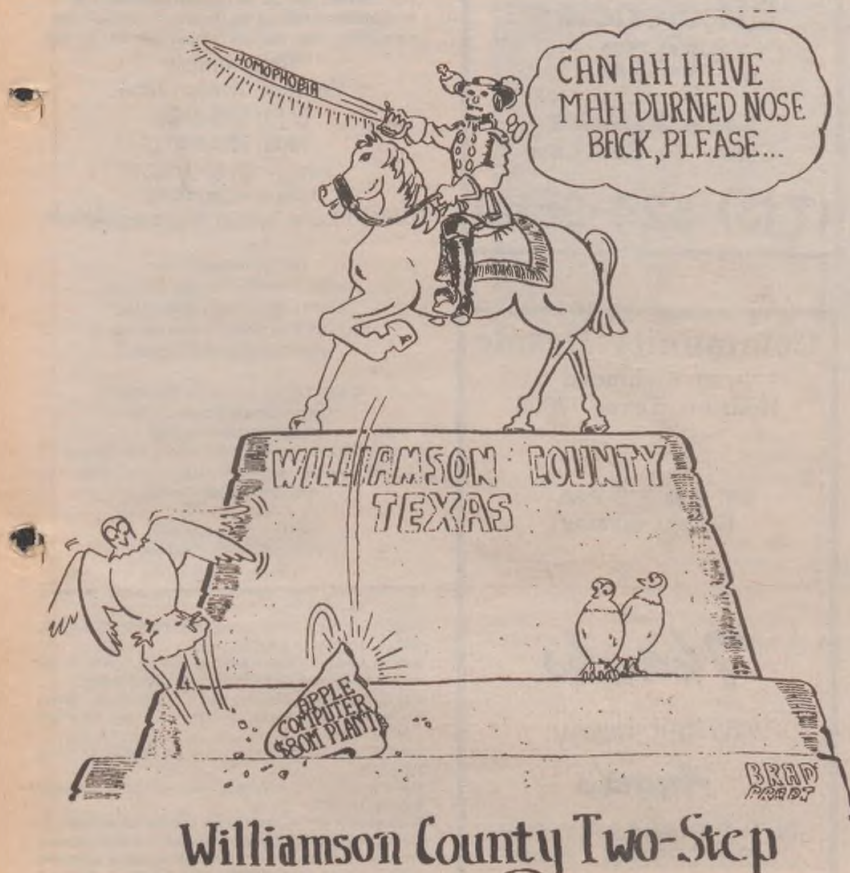
get over it.' But the fact is, most lesbians and gays spend more time each week interacting with heterosexuals than homosexuals. Therefore, it is imperative that gays and lesbians place a premium on being role models and educating their peers rather than alienating them. True gay and lesbian empowerment is the realization that the current state of affairs can be modified by changing the majority's hearts and minds.

Furthermore, gays are still subject to the tyrannical laws and views of the majority. Sodomy laws hang over the heads of gays in several states; In the early eighties, AIDS ravaged the gay community because society didn't care; and today, gay parents are branded unfit and their children are taken away.

We are inextricably linked

with the rest of society and at times hostage to the tide of public opinion. This is why all gays and lesbians have the responsibility to be role models. Perceptions have to be changed and there has never been a better time than the present. Unlike Charles Barkely who can fall back on his million of dollars, the cost of choosing not to be a role model can only cause millions of problems for the gay and lesbian community.

(Editor's Note: Wayne Besen, a television and radio broadcasting graduate from the University of Florida, served as a radio news reporter at KQED-FM in San Francisco. He is currently the Founding Executive Director of Sons & Daughters of America, "A Gay and Lesbian Public Awareness Advertising Campaign.")



Williamson County Two-Step

## Iowa Court of Appeals upholds gay slaying conviction in Des Moines incident

DES MOINES, Iowa, Monday, Nov. 29 (AP)—The Iowa Court of Appeals on Monday upheld the first-degree murder conviction of one of two men charged in a stabbing death after an incident that began in Des Moines' "gay loop."

The court refused to tamper with the conviction of James Michael Green, who was charged with stabbing to death Franklin Eaton in Eaton's apartment.

Dissenters in the 3-2 decision said Green's lawyers had made a strong case that drug and alcohol use at the time of the stabbing rendered him unable to understand what he was doing.

Court records said Green and a companion, Gary Titus, met Eaton in a downtown parking lot popular as a gay gathering spot.

The three returned to Eaton's apartment, where they drank and took drugs. When Eaton suggested sex, a scuffle broke out and Green stabbed the man to death, court records said.

Green's conviction was upheld in an earlier ruling, but he had launched another appeal attacking the instructions given his jury.

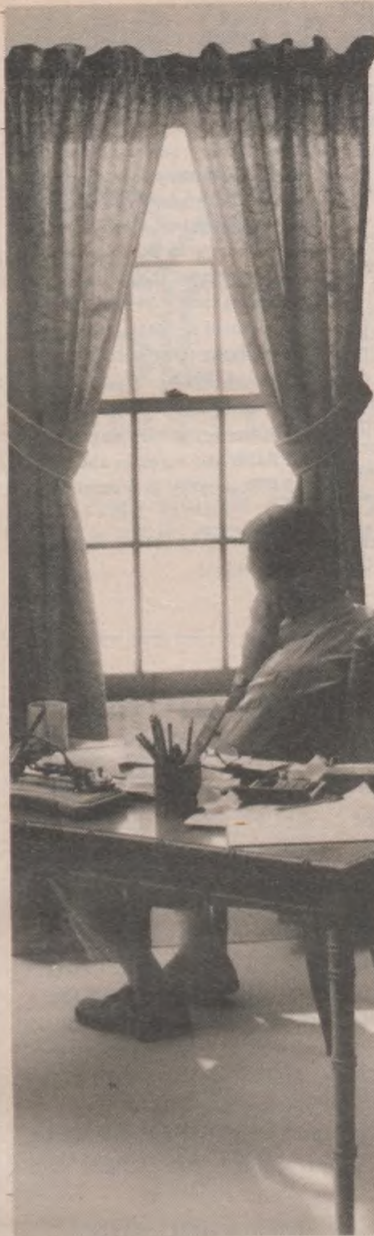
Those instructions didn't make it clear that the jury could convict him of a lesser crime than first-degree mur-

der, Green said.

The court disagreed, noting that Green remembered the events surrounding the stabbing with "extreme clarity."

Judge Rosemary Shaw Sackett argued for a new trial, saying the jury instructions weren't clear. The issue of whether Green was too drunk to understand what he was doing should be left to jurors, she said.

"Green's seasoned trial attorney set up a strong case for Green to be convicted of less than first-degree murder," said Sackett. "The instruction given did not clearly define the law for the jurors."



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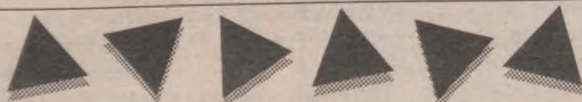
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## Correction

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## Community groups kick off winter holiday celebrations with benefits, gifts

'Tis the season for giving, and local community-based businesses and organizations are leading the way, with food and gift drives and promotions that double as benefits dotting the December calendar.

Mercy Warehouse Cafe and Bar on Westheimer kicked off a holiday food drive for Stone Soup pantry on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, by placing a "Tree of Light" in the window to mark the collection site for non-perishable food items. Restaurant managers also announced that during the "Twelve Days of Christmas," Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) through Jan. 5 (Epiphany Eve), Mercy will double the amount it gives to the Red Ribbon Restaurant Project. As a participating member, Mercy has set aside a dining table from which 10 percent of sales benefit the ongoing project; during these 12 days, the amount will be 20 percent.

### Santa's Faeries

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, Houston is introducing a new breed of elf at its annual benefit auction. The first annual "Santa's Faeries Toy Drive" for underprivileged children is scheduled to kick off this Saturday, Dec. 11, along with the auction at the Brazos River Bottom. Santa's Faeries will be collecting gift donations throughout December for distribution during the Christmas holiday to children at area women's shelters, said Jewel Gray of the Switchboard.

GLSH asks that donated toys be marked for "boy" or "girl" and age group: suggested categories are (A) 0-3 years; (B) 3-6 years; (C) 6-9 years; (D) 9-12 years and (E) 12-15 years. Wrapped gifts may be brought to the BRB from 5:00-9:00 p.m.; the GLSH auction will follow, with a live show provided by Rick Chew and friends. For more information, contact Jewel Gray at 871-9746.

### Hospital Visits

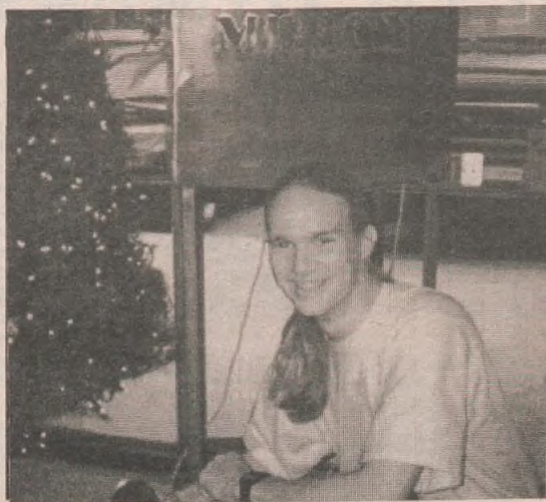
Body Positive Houston's special project for the Christmas/Hanukkah seasons is distributing holiday shopping bags full of goodies to

AIDS patients in various hospitals and care centers around Houston. Volunteers for the organization will be filling stockings and bags with both non-perishable and perishable items. Here is a sample list of items that may be donated:

pears, apples and other hard fruits; chewing gum, candy canes and other candies (factory wrapped); baked goods (cookies, etc.), wrapped two to three per package; white socks (adult sizes); personal sundries (shaving cream, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.); lip balm and similar personal items; note pads, pens, stationery; T-shirts (250 various children/adult sizes needed); pocket books, hand games, playing cards and small stuffed animals. Cash donations are also appreciated to purchase items not donated.

Deliveries of non-perishable items can be made during the week of Dec. 13 through 17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; perishable items can be delivered Friday, Dec. 17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to 1475 West Gray, Room 176. For more information: (713) 524-2374.

### Bach Christmas Oratorio



Lee Carter of Mercy Cafe lights "tree of light" to kick off holiday food drive for Stone Soup

Tuesday, Dec. 14, and Wednesday, Dec. 15. Maestro Christoph Eschenbach is artistic director. Proceeds from the concerts will benefit the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA). Tickets are \$37.50 per concert. To order tickets, call 227-ARTS.

(Concert Schedule: Sunday, Dec. 12, 8:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main; Tuesday, Dec. 14, 8:00 p.m. at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, 11612 Memorial Drive; and Wednesday, Dec. 15, 8:00 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer).

### New Year Benefits

As the winter holidays draw closer, it's never too early to stake out plans for New Year's Eve, when several parties in the planning are also fundraisers for various community groups. Among these:

The People With AIDS Coalition of Houston (PWACH) and the AIDS Equity League are

Join conductor Arthur Weisberg, members of the Houston Symphony Orchestra and the Houston Masterworks Chorus Chamber Choir for a presentation of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" on Sunday, Dec. 12;

hosting a New Year's Eve fund raising gala from 7:00 p.m.—2:00 a.m. Dec. 31 at the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 West Alabama. The event will feature a black tie optional, sit-down dinner and dance in the hotel's Woodway Hall, as well as a silent auction, with all proceeds benefiting PWACH and AEL. Tickets are \$35 per person, \$100 per couple and are limited; the Westin Galleria is also offering discounted rooms for guests of the event. For more information: (713) 522-5428.

Downtown at the Doubletree Hotel, 400 Dallas, hundreds of lesbians and their lesbian and gay friends will be ringing in the New Year at a party sponsored by Lesbians in Business. The event, titled "A New Year's Eve Affair to Remember," will help support LIB's projects in the coming year; tickets are \$20 in advance (available at Inklings and Crossroads Market) or \$25 per person at the door. The hotel is offering a limited room rate of \$59 for event guests.

The Assistance Fund, Bering Community Service Foundation and Houston Clinical Research Network are the beneficiaries of yet another New Year's Eve gala, this one at the Wyndham Warwick Hotel, 9:00 p.m.—1:30 a.m. A black-tie optional event with the theme "Celebrate 1994 New York Style," the party features live entertainment by Less Miserable, dancing and complimentary open bar. Reservations (713) 529-6071; \$65 per person.

### Novel Gift

Voice Choice Award—Most Creative Holiday Special: Local counselor/therapist Sharon Stone has displayed a basic instinct for identifying both a need in the community and a novel way to drum up business. To new clients, she is offering one free session of individual or couples counseling or hypnotherapy at Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 210. For stressed out holiday celebrants or anti-celebrants who find they have less time to take care of themselves when they most need it, this could truly be the gift that keeps on giving.

## Clinton, White House mark world AIDS day with mostly symbolic gestures

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE  
WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 1 (AP)—President Clinton marked World AIDS Day with stamps, speeches and symbolic gestures, visiting AIDS patients in a hospital and pledging to fight an epidemic that has brought out "the best and the worst in America."

Post offices began selling millions of 29-cent stamps showing the red ribbon of AIDS awareness. The White House floodlights were being doused for 15 minutes Wednesday night as a reminder of the disease that has claimed more than 200,000 American lives.

AIDS quilts with mementoes of the dead were hung from the upper floors of the Old Executive Office Building next to the presidential mansion.

Health Secretary Donna Shalala and Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders donned aprons and dished out scrambled eggs and sausages to HIV-infected homeless men in a clinic atop an inner-city shelter. Half the Cabinet marked

the day at other ceremonies.

Clinton began his day jogging in a T-shirt that proclaimed, "Time to Act: World AIDS Day." Later he met with AIDS patients at Georgetown Medical Center and delivered an emotional speech before an audience of doctors, researchers and activists.

A quilt on the wall bore a picture of Dan Bradley, a Clinton friend and former Legal Services Corp. official who died of AIDS in 1988.

"For nearly every American with eyes and ears open, the face of AIDS is no longer the face of a stranger," said the president.

World AIDS Day, he said, is a reminder "our attitudes, behavior and passion should be revved up in the other 364 days of the



President Bill Clinton hosted a breakfast for AIDS service providers and introduced a symbolic proclamation on World AIDS Day

year."

Suddenly, a demonstrator sprinted up the aisle shouting.

"Talk is cheap, and we need action. You're hiding behind the quilts. You are doing nothing," the young man yelled before he was led away.

"It's all right. It's all right," said Clinton as the audience booed the protester.

"Part of my job is to be a lightning rod ... to lift the hopes and aspirations of

the American people," said Clinton, even though "there's no way I can now keep everybody alive who already has AIDS."

At the hospital in Washington, Clinton voiced hope that one of the patients he met, 21-year-old Jenny Dorr, would live "to a ripe old age."

Another patient, Larry Singletary, 38, grabbed the president's hand and said he was hoping "for the best and hoping that you appropriate lots of money

so research can be done."

As a candidate, Clinton often faulted then-President Bush for not doing more to stop the incurable disease and educate the public on ways to prevent its spread. He promised to give AIDS research the urgency of the Manhattan Project, the crash program to

develop the atomic bomb in World War II.

The AIDS research budget has increased 21 percent this year to \$1.3 billion, and the administration and Congress have boosted funds for AIDS service programs by 66 percent to \$579 million. On Tuesday Shalala announced formation of a task force of leaders from government, industry, academia and activist groups to speed the search for breakthrough drugs.

Clinton, in his speech, said, "In a funny way, this whole disease is bringing out the best and the worst in America."

"It's exposing some of our prejudice in ways that are self-defeating, since every family and every child is not at risk," the president said. "And yet, it's also showing us the courage, the self-determination, the incredible capacity of the American people to give and to love."

Clinton told the Georgetown audience his health reform proposal would guarantee health coverage for every American with AIDS.

At the Justice Department, Attorney General Janet Reno declared her "unyielding commitment" to use the Americans with Disabilities Act to protect AIDS patients from discrimination at work and in doctors' and dentists' offices.

"Where cooperation fails ... the department is prepared to kick down the door with firm, fair enforcement actions," said Reno.

## Houston Pops Orchestra presents holiday music & warm Christmas memories

By JOHN REED

Houston Voice Entertainment

Along with Mom's or your partner's favorite Christmas cookies, the music of Christmas is one of the joys of this Holiday season. This past weekend's Houston Pops Concert brightened spirits and lifted voices in a way that feels honest and good.

The pre-concert program was presented by the twelve member Houston Festival Ringers. The ensemble are the finest handbell ringers that this reviewer has heard in many years. Under the artistic direction of Andrew Bowen, the ringers played complex musical scoring with attention to key and time that is seldom heard with bells. A full five octave set (sixty one bells) and a three octave set of choir chimes allow the twelve performers to create music that is with detail, harmony, counterpoint, and above all is very pleasant to

listen to. Mark this young group on your fine arts schedule and attend their next concert as a 'must.'

The Houston Pops Orchestra presented 'The Silver Bells of Christmas,' under the fine direction of Stephen Stein, HSO Conductor in Residence. This is Mr. Stein's second season with the Symphony and hopefully our musical community will be able to keep this very talented and personable conductor in the city for many years. He is one of the most engaging, audience oriented and artistically talented conductors we have had in Houston. I have enjoyed his performances with several musical groups at Jones Hall, Miller Theater, and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. Regardless of the orchestra setting, his conducting is top grade.

The performance began with Bizet's FARANDOLE FROM L'ARLESIE-



ENNE, featuring one of the most melodic flute and piccolo duets. Rapid sixteenth notes in typical Bizet style gave the musicians a technical challenge, and they played with a clarity seldom heard. The PRELUDE TO HAN-

SEL AND GRETEL by Humperdinck includes the well known 'now I lay me down to sleep, fourteen angles 'round me keep' phrase.

The Houston Symphony Chorus joined the Orchestra for Rimsky-Korsakov's, POLONAISE FROM CHRISTMAS EVE. Charles Hausmann has directed this fine choral organization since 1986, and extended Houston's reputation as a multifaceted musical City with recent tours of Mexico and Europe with the Chorus. This evening's performance with the Pops Orchestra demonstrated the great skill in clear phonation, wide dynamic range and a sense of genuine happiness of the artisans in singing as a group.

What would a Christmas Concert be without Handel's, MESSIAH or at least the HALLALUJAH CHORUS from this staple of Western Music's Christmas

time. The oratorio was first performed in March, 1743, and in part because of the more uplifting mood of joyous celebration quickly became a favorite of audiences everywhere.

Following intermission, the second portion of this Holiday Pops Program featured two of my favorite television personalities from Channel 11, KHOU, Clare Casademont and Sylvan Rodriguez reading 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.' Christmas classics such as SILENT NIGHT, SILVER BELLS, JOY TO THE WORLD, JINGLE BELLS, AND SLEIGH RIDE allowed the audience to sing along.

In this world of frequent change, it is nice to know that some things have not changed, such as the Christmas carols of years' past. Oh, that all Holidays would have the wonderful songs of Christmas.

## Gary Laird's 'Christmas Present:' a cute and very gay little holiday treat

HOUSTON LIVE By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

What do you do if you have a friend feeling low over the holidays because he was recently dumped? Well, you buy him a Christmas present of course. And in "Christmas Present," by Gary Laird, the gift turns out to be a fetching, nubile man wearing nothing but a Christmas g-string, in a play that's a cute, little treat for your holiday stocking, even if it's predictable in every way.

Danny Wood (John Tate) is the disconsolate, love-lorn soul, whose heart still belongs to the now-gone Adam. A successful writer, Danny is alone on Christmas Eve decorating a tree even though he is leaving for London the next day.

Jason (Stan Kendall) is the Christmas present, and he's deliciously adorable (and would have been more so had Kendall not been wearing all that ridiculous eye liner).

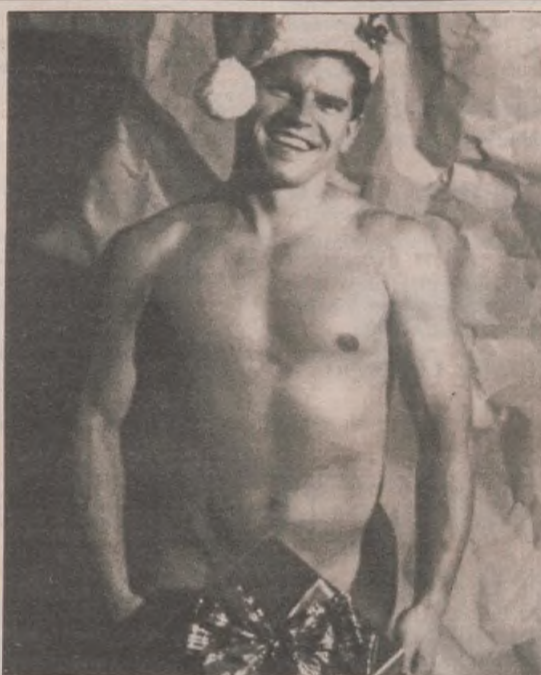
Danny is initially quite put out with Jason and the prank that's disrupted his night of sulking. He waits impatiently for Rick, the gift-giver, to pop-in just long enough to take Jason away, and he indignantly instructs Jason to sit quietly in a corner.

Jason, being an affable sort, just can't do that. He

asks innocent questions and makes innocuous remarks, and slowly but surely Danny warms up to him. Having had a number of scotches and then sharing some holiday brew with his unexpected guest, Danny is soon enjoying himself.

Then who should walk in but Adam (Brent Shockley). Adam and Danny engage in some resentful conversation, and one can't help but wonder what the attraction is, for Adam is a wholly uninteresting character. At one point, in the second act, Adam calls himself a failure. Danny disagrees, of course, but I was inclined to agree with Adam. Their brief conversation is essentially pointless. For Adam it's some stupid good will call to show he still has feelings for Danny; for Danny it allows him a moment to vent, albeit in subdued fashion, and say small, petty things that accomplish nothing except perhaps generating a tad of smug satisfaction. Adam departs and the situation between he and Danny remains unchanged.

Rick (Zach Zippriani) arrives the next morning in a dizzy flight, wearing a blinding fluorescent ensemble with combat boots. He



Stan Kendall as Jason is the "Christmas Present" but this is not a scene from the play. (Photo by Gary Laird)

explains the reason for his gift, and the fact that he never liked Adam (apparently none of Danny's friends did) is purely coincidental.

The morning mayhem continues and is made complete when Adam arrives again. Under the hovering ears of both Rick and Jason, the former lovers air the grievances that predestined their rela-

tionship to failure. It's all pretty routine stuff.

The real success of this work comes not from the story line but rather from the sharp dialogue that occurs throughout the work. The repartee is at times sidesplittingly funny, as Danny, and later Rick, engage in wry wit.

Playwright Laird has talent, of that there is no doubt.

Unlike "The Doppler Effect," he narrowed the focus of his subject, thereby expounding on character development and revelation. Unfortunately in so doing, he becomes esoteric.

This is not lost on Laird. In the middle of the second act, Rick tells Danny that his references have become too esoteric. However, Laird's admission doesn't make his intent any less of a puzzle. The most obvious example of this is Charlie.

He's never seen and mentioned only twice in the play. The first time, Danny mutters something akin to—just like Charlie—in response to a remark made by Jason. The second time is at the end when Jason is saying good-bye to Danny, but he wishes a good trip to Charlie.

I don't know who Charlie is, but my guess: Danny Wood is the writer's pseudonym. Danny, when he mentions Charlie is lamenting the free-spirited personality he lost when he became Wood. Jason, showing wisdom beyond his years, recognizes that Danny has buried his immediate past (Adam), and maybe rediscovered some of his lost past (Charlie). It's entirely possible the

show is semi-autobiographical and Laird was recalling his own bittersweet past. He's certainly speaking to someone with the line in the program, "I bet you think this play is about you, don't you?"

In any event, the levity of the piece is only slightly diminished by Laird's abstruse meaning.

Tate gives a strong performance. He imbues his character with likable aplomb, and he comfortably reflected his character's pain and longing. Additionally, he delivers his zinging one-liners with flair and fluidity. This show really rides on Tate's shoulders.

Zippriani gives a natural and enjoyable turn, but Shockley is never convincing and Kendall is woefully uneven.

Director Mike Hanks refrained from his usual heavy-handed staging and the lighter touch is clearly evident and is an improvement.

"Christmas Present" has a good deal of heart and a little bit of savvy. It's a fine time at the theater.

What: Christmas Present  
Where: Kuumba Repertory House (by Goat Song Productions)  
When: Through Dec. 18, 1993

## Housing, tolerance made New Jersey city attractive to gays

By CARMEN FLEETWOOD

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

PLAINFIELD, N.J., Friday, Dec. 3 (AP)—Good housing at affordable prices and an atmosphere of tolerance drew many gays to Plainfield in recent years, says John DeMarco, a gay realtor who lives in a large Tudor-style home here.

DeMarco and his real estate company advertised the city's attractions in gay periodicals in the early 1980s, and a local gay organization set up infor-

mation booths at events such as the Christopher Street Parade in New York's Greenwich Village.

One of the attractions was the housing stock—many large Victorian and other homes built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries when railroad service to New York turned Plainfield into a wealthy bedroom community.

Housing prices declined after a 1967 riot prompted many white residents to move to newer suburbs. During the 1980s, many gays purchased and

restored older homes, and DeMarco estimates more than 1,000 gays now live in the city of 46,000 about 23 miles west of New York.

Homosexual residents feel comfortable enough to fly flags outside their homes commemorating Gay Pride Week, and no vandalism has been reported, DeMarco said.

"My mother said that Plainfield is like the 'Ozzie and Harriet' of the gay world," said the 48-year-old DeMarco.

"You're probably not

going to live here if you're prejudiced," said Dan Damon, another real estate broker who refurbished a 21-room house with his partner. He said Plainfield also is a haven for mixed-race straight couples.

Mayor Harold Mitchell said that the city's gay people have blended into the community without any problems.

"We have not treated the gay community different from anyone else," Mitchell said. "They are citizens like anyone else, they pay taxes like anyone

else."

"Plainfield tends to have more of a '60s mentality," said Tricia Guerette, who moved here with her female partner five years ago. "It's more tolerant than other places."

DeMarco said there are also clusters of gay women and men living in Montclair and Maplewood. "We tend to live in older upscale communities, not blue-collar, because most of us aren't tract-house kind of people," he said.

DeMarco said that since

most of the gay men and women who live in Plainfield are couples, the night-life is quite subdued.

A community group for gays, the Central Jersey Alliance, does draw a substantial crowd at some of its weekly meetings at Grace Episcopal Church. The organization holds panel discussions, rap sessions for gay parents, and other events. Organizers say it has a mailing list of about 300 people.

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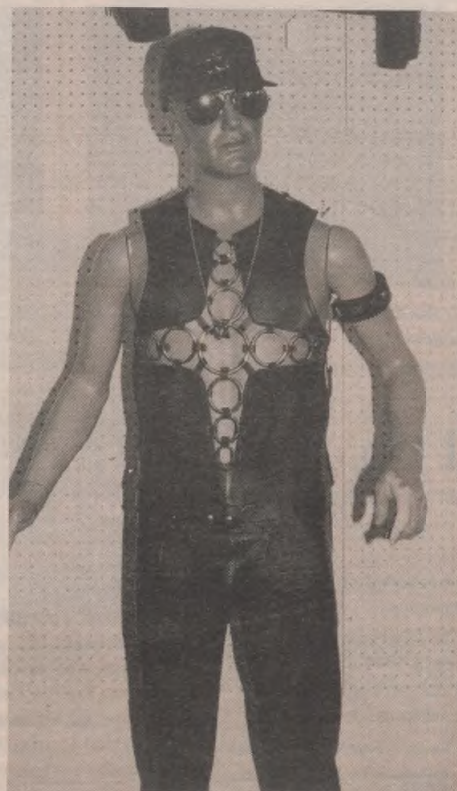


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Wolf Daddy celebrated his birthday at Mary's

## HOUSTON SOAP By TAD NELSON Houston Voice Publisher HELLO HOUSTON!

To begin with, many thanks to our readers for your continued interest and to our advertisers for your support. We'd like to invite you to stay tuned to what we hope will become a newspaper for Houstonians to enjoy and be proud of. We have lot's of good things in store for you like crosswords, horoscopes, a bar guide, restaurant reviews and recipes, arts and entertainment, community news and events, political goings on and voters guides, cartoons, guest opinions, letters to the editor, color printing and much more. Keep watching and reading and look for some big things happening for us in January of 1994!

### Now on with Soap...ABOUT LAST WEEK...

My apologies to Papa Del for not attending the crowning of 1994's Miss Gentry last Sunday night. And the winner was Shanna Roberts! Second runner up was La Wanda Jackson and Black Velvet was Third runner-up. I hope you gurlhs will be at the Mr. Gentry Pageant this Sunday and I will get some pictures of you for posterity.

### HOW ABOUT A LITTLE DIRT!

Del (Gentry) what is this about Boy Toys strutting and tantalizing men in your bar every day of the week?

Sue Ellen (BRB) you slut where's my \$24.95 for the Soap Personals Column. I hear you are NO LONGER sleeping single in a Queen Sized bed. Who are you doin' at the Red Room deary?

Wilma Jean (Mary's) is now Mary's oldest living employee! Well, let's put it this way. Wilma is celebrating her 10th Anniversary of being employed at Mary's this Friday. Go by and give her hell! As if you haven't already.

Sue is back at the C&N Cafe which is

right next door to Barnaby's at 602 Fairview. She has been with C&N for 32 years and they are now open 6 days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 3 pm with breakfast all day and great specials on burgers, sandwiches and steak & fries, etc. Go by and welcome her back to Montrose!

### THIS WEEK IN HOUSTON...

#### THURSDAY:

Holidaze in Hedoland continue at Club Hedonism. Go-go by for the go-go boys and have some good-good drinks at .75 cents all night long.

#### FRIDAY:

Dec. 10th at Rich's the festivities continue when In-Excess and Rich's sponsor a special ladies night of fun.

Dec. 10th at Gentry from 6 pm to 1:00 a.m. is Lady Victoria Lust's First Annual Christmas Culinary Sale offering a variety of homemade goodies that are canned bottled preserved or packaged for gift giving and stocking stuffing. Proceeds go to the Colt 45's Working Fund.

Dec. 10th Lancers Motorcycle Club announces its 16th Anniversary Run to take place beginning at the Venture-N at 9 pm where registration will continue until midnight. That's at the Venture-N at 2923 Main Street. Numerous events are planned for the run including cocktail parties by area clubs, a scavenger hunt, people events and competitions for "Biker Stud," "Biker Bitch" and "Biker Trash." For those not able to register on Friday evening, the run will continue at 11:00 a.m. at Mary's naturally with a light breakfast. Cost of the run is \$15 and includes participation in all events. A light buffet will be provided by the Imperial Court on Friday night from 9 pm until midnight and Saturday's buffet will be provided by Lancers. For more information call (713) 520-8902.

Dec. 10th at Pacific Street, "Porn God" Karl Thomas exhibits his best. go by and see the star of Sexposer II and Basket Fever with no cover from 7 to 9:00 p.m.

#### SATURDAY:

Dec. 11th at BRB from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Lady Victoria Lust's First Annual Christmas Culinary Sale continues—offering a variety of homemade goodies that are canned bottled preserved or packaged for gift giving and stocking stuffing. Proceeds go to the Colt 45's Working Fund.

Party at Pacific Street will feature SuperStud Doug Boyce! No cover for men in leather jock straps or chaps.

Dec. 11th at the Brazos River Bottom, the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard Auction with MC/Auctioneer Chablis Lee Love will be benefiting the Hate Crimes Hotline.

#### SUNDAY:

Each Sunday Mary's will be offering a special Continental Breakfast \$1.75 or Full Breakfast \$3.75 sponsored by the Wolf Pack via Carter & Cooley Deli



Mary's offers Sunday (sitdown) Breakfast

Catering along with happy hour prices beginning (are you ready for this) Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Last week there was quite a crowd for the first of many to come. Be there and enjoy!

Dec. 12th at Rich's, join your friends for a Christmas benefit show to raise money for the Bering Care Center. It will be an evening of fun and laughs for all with special performances by Kelly Lauren, Yolanda and Katherine. Who knows you may even see some of Rich's staff on stage!

Dec. 12th at Mary's from 1 to 6:00 p.m., Lady Victoria Lust's First Annual Christmas Culinary Sale continues some more—offering a variety of homemade goodies that are canned bottled preserved or packaged for gift giving and stocking stuffing. Proceeds go to the Colt 45's Working Fund.

Dec. 12th at Mary's at 6:00 p.m. it's the Annual Montrose

Community Tree Lighting Ceremony. Be there with all your friends for the lighting of three really fabulous trees designed by Will and staff of Mary's. Reverend John Gill of MCCR will be the official tree lighter this year and he may even give Mary's a blessing while he's there. I bet that's been a while! Come enjoy the Spirit of Christmas in our community and join in the caroling and fun.

Dec. 12th immediately following Mary's Tree Lighting—"Eternal Drag" will take place at E/I's with Windy Chicago and a cast of thousands including Patsy Recline, Billy Jean O'Fart and the Briar Patch Girls. Showtime is 10:00 p.m.

Dec. 12th at Gentry is the Mr. Gentry Pageant. Call Val Rodela at 529-8509 for applications or information.

Dec. 12th at Brazos River Bottom, Deb Dillehay, Candidate of Empress X of RSICSS presents "A Variety Show" beginning at 7:00 p.m.

#### MONDAY:

Don't miss Gumbo with Mark at Mary's each monday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mark will make some killer cajun fare for only \$1.75. Proceeds will benefit the Colt 45's Troublefund.

Dec. 13th is Clubbers Night Out at Pacific Street and this week will see a special performance by Evan and Takota. If you are a club or restaurant employee, take a pay stub or where your club t-shirt and get in with no cover charge.

#### THURSDAY:

Dec. 16th at Venture-N is the NLA Christmas Party and Toy Drive. The show will also have an "Educational Leather Show" and the members of NLA will guest bartend from 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.

#### COMING UP IN HOUSTON...

Dec. 17th at Club Houston is the big Christmas House Party with special appearances by Mount-N-Men (Porno Style). There will be free hors d'oeuvres and beverages and lots of fun to be had by all. Damion really knows how to do these parties right, so be there! The Trucker and I will be. See their full page color ad in this issue.

Dec. 17th at Gentry is the 1994 Gay Pride Logo display and preliminary judging from 5 to 8:00 p.m. Go by and see if you can spot the winner.



Victoria Lust's PWA Christmas Show was a hit



The Staff of the Ripcord had a black tie anniversary



John & Cindy donate time behind the bar

## FBI says homosexuality played no role in firing of decorated agent

By BOB EGELKO  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, Dec. 3 (AP)—A decorated 20-year veteran of the FBI was fired because he lied, not because he's homosexual, an agency official testified.

Former agent Frank Buttino is suing to get his job back. His case was also a challenge to an FBI policy that considered homosexuals a security risk.

As the case got under way Thursday, Attorney General Janet Reno changed that pol-

icy and a statement outlining that policy was given to government attorneys in the Buttino case.

Reno said Justice Department policy prohibits using sexual orientation as a reason to deny employment or a security clearance. The Reno statement changes FBI's practices, department spokesperson Carl Stern said Friday, adding that the rest of the department was already following the policy.

The outcome of Buttino's nonjury trial, which began Thursday in U.S. District

Court, could set standards for similar disputes in other law enforcement and military agencies. The impact of the policy reversal was not immediately clear.

In the Buttino case, the Federal Bureau of Investigation denied it automatically barred gay agents or applicants, but said homosexual conduct was a significant negative factor in employment and creates security risks.

Buttino's lawyer, Michael Fitzgerald, called that "a pretext ... to hide discrimina-

tion founded on bigotry and ignorance."

The 48-year-old agent was fired in 1990 after 20 years on the job and many commendations.

The case began in 1988 with an anonymous note to Buttino's FBI supervisors in San Diego saying he was gay. He denied it at first, explaining later that he knew he would be fired if he told the truth.

After acknowledging his homosexuality several weeks later, he was deprived of his security clearance and

later fired.

On the stand Thursday, Deputy Assistant Director Gary Stoops, who decided to fire Buttino, faulted him for not volunteering the name of a homosexual contact with initials similar to those of the letter writer, not disclosing the names of homosexual associates, and using law enforcement files to investigate the source of the letter.

Buttino countered by citing cases of heterosexual agents who kept their jobs despite committing crimes.

U.S. District Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong certified the lawsuit as a class action on behalf of all gay FBI employees and applicants.

The FBI says it banned gays until 1979. The policy described by Justice Department lawyers in court papers categorizes homosexual conduct as a "negative factor" that makes it "significantly more difficult to be hired."

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## Red Ribbon Project, Garrett Foundation to raise funds for outreach groups



MCCR dedicates its new office space at 1909 Decatur

### QUICK NOTES By THE HOUSTON VOICE STAFF

The Houston Red Ribbon Restaurant Project announced Tuesday, Dec. 7, a collaboration with the Larry Garrett Foundation to raise funds for four Houston based AIDS outreach organizations.

The Project, which currently involves 58 area restaurants who donate a portion of sales from a specially designated table to AIDS charities, has added the Garrett Foundation, which produces the annual fundraiser "That's What Friends Are For," as an advisor and will be sheltered under the foundation's 501(c)3 tax-exempt status, explained Guy Yount, Red Ribbon co-chair.

The new beneficiary organizations, as of Jan. 1, are Casa de Esperanza, Pet Patrol, The Assistance Fund and the Montrose Clinic. The organizations will be the beneficiaries for the first six months of 1994, Yount said.

In the second half of the year, funds will be divided between outreach organizations selected at that time and the Houston Clinical Research Network, fulfilling the Project's original dual goal of raising funds for both outreach and research, Yount said.

### New MCCR offices

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection held a dedication ceremony last Sunday, Dec. 5, after the 10:45 a.m. church service for its newly acquired office building at 1909 Decatur. The church congregation was invited to tour the house, located next door to the church, where MCCR will be housed after renovations are completed.

### Art Talk

The West-Mon Art Bar and Theater has announced the birth of a new concept in art presentation. "Art Talk" will kick off on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the theater,

1102 1/2 Westheimer at Waugh.

Local artist Missy Gentile and other Houston artists will display their works and discuss their artistic insights, and will be available to answer questions over wine and coffee at West (equals) Mon's intimate gallery and bar.

The audience will include local artists, aficionados and the just plain curious. The Art Bar's goal is to nurture and promote local artists by providing them a showcase and a chance for exposure in an informal gallery atmosphere, representatives said.

Gentile's current exhibit, "Strength of My Vision," will be featured at Thursday's event. Other artists include Lee Benner (jewelry and sculpture) and Steve Musquiz (wall and ceiling murals).

### HOG events

In November, 13 men and women enjoyed the fall foliage in West

Texas at Lost Maples State Park with the Houston Outdoor Group. Hiking, cooking, and singing by the campfire were the main activities.

Scheduled for December is the group's holiday social (Dec. 11); a day trip to Double Lake for hiking (Dec. 18), and horseback riding (Dec. 11).

Persons interested in joining the HOG for any of these events are urged to dial KAMPOUT for more information. The group welcomes new members.

### HIPY dinner

The Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth Inc. will hold a Christmas Eve dinner for youth on Dec. 24 at 1:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at HIPY's Montrose Outreach Center, located at 3207 Montrose Boulevard. Donations of food and volunteer time are needed; for more information, contact Randy Krepps at (713) 524-5757.



Jim Walker, Larry Garrett and Candy Anderson announce joint fund raising efforts of Red Ribbon Project and Larry Garrett Foundation

Reader urges gays and lesbians to write letters of support to Apple

FROM RON OZIO  
Houston, Texas

It is important that our community offer support to companies that stand up for human rights. One way we can do that is by sending words of encouragement to Apple Computer for the company's admirable stand in the Williamson County matter.

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## Neighbors want women's group out of Mississippi camp

OVETT, Miss., Monday, Dec. 6 (AP)—Brenda Henson and Wanda Henson say the at-times twisted opposition to their Sister Spirit Camp in this rural Mississippi community ignores their good deeds and focuses on their sexual preference.

The women, who consider themselves to be married, said they bought the defunct 120-acre pig farm west of here in July with plans to use the property as a base to educate people

about issues important to women.

Instead, they claim they are the targets of steady harassment.

Shortly after they moved in, the women found a dead dog with a bullet wound draped over their mailbox.

James Hendry of Ovett said a group of area residents are looking for ways to legally force the women to leave. Hendry said he opposes the camp because he does not want his children exposed to a lesbian

lifestyle.

"This group is seeking out and recruiting women," Hendry said. "They have a sign outside their camp saying, 'No men allowed.' We're not used to that kind of thing around here."

Brenda Henson said all of Hendry's claims are untrue.

Todd Emerson of GL Friendly, a coast group that promotes acceptance of gays and lesbians, called the people opposing Sister Spirit Camp a homophobic

hate group.

Four years ago, the women founded Sister Spirit Inc., a non-profit feminist organization to help senior citizens, food banks and the downtrodden. Last year, Sister Spirit collected 40,000 pounds of food for Twelve Baskets, a coast food bank.

The women, who are both educators, wanted a retreat where they could offer workshops on such topics as anti-Semitism, abuse and other women's

issues.

They said the harassment started when someone stole a copy of a Sister Spirit Inc. newsletter from Henson's mailbox, made thousands of copies and mailed it throughout Jones and neighboring counties. The newsletter mentioned lesbians.

While about 70 percent of Sister Spirit volunteers are lesbian, the work the charity does helps the whole community, Brenda Henson said.

The two said they have been getting threatening phone calls.

Saturday night, two separate groups of men had to be escorted off the property, she said.

"It's just been a nightmare," Henson said. "It's a real scary situation."

Hendry said he does not endorse the scare tactics.

"There's no point in doing those kinds of things," Hendry said. "It's not going to solve problems."

## Oregon group begins drive for new anti-gay rights measures

By BRAD CAIN  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE  
BROOKS, Ore., Thursday, Dec. 2 (AP)—The group that has been fighting the Oregon Citizens Alliance's local anti-gay rights measures says Oregonians should not be fooled by the softened wording of the OCA's new statewide proposal.

Julie Davis of Support Our Communities says the OCA's new measure differs little from Measure 9, the anti-gay rights amendment rejected by Oregon voters a year ago.

"The intent of this initiative is to discriminate against gays and lesbians," Davis said.

On Wednesday, the OCA launched a signature-gathering drive to put the new anti-gay rights plan on the Nov. 1994 statewide ballot.

OCA chairperson Lon Mabon said his group would distribute 75,000 handouts along with petitions explaining the measure to limit state and local governments from giving civil rights protections to homosexuals.

OCA volunteers will hand out the fliers and petitions at shopping malls, churches and other public places throughout Oregon, Mabon said.

The handouts explain that the new measure has been reworded

to be less strident than Measure 9. Mabon said many people told him they would have voted for Measure 9, but felt the wording was too strong.

"We have designed this new initiative to appeal to the middle voter in Oregon," he said.

Mabon also said he was confident the OCA would be able to gather more than the 89,000 signatures needed to force another statewide vote on the gay rights issue next November.

But Davis predicted that gay rights supporters from around the nation will rally against the OCA's measure, just as they did in 1992 when they contributed more

than \$1.5 million to the effort to defeat Measure 9.

"All eyes would be on Oregon again because we would become one of the first states to put into our constitution that it is acceptable to discriminate against people," the Support Our Communities spokesperson said.

The 1992 measure would have declared homosexuality as abnormal and would have required schools to teach that homosexuality was wrong.

The new measure removes that wording but still prohibits government from creating any classifications based on homosexuality or spending public money to pro-

mote homosexuality.

It also says governments cannot teach children that homosexuality equates legally with race or other protected classes.

Mabon said he is heartened by the fact that 15 cities and counties have approved his group's local anti-gay rights measures this year.

"That is a clear indication that people are accepting this new version of Measure 9," Mabon said.

A new law passed by the 1993 Legislature prohibits enforcement of any such measures. However, the OCA has filed a lawsuit challenging that law.

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# 'For the Boys' an awesome benefit performance; toy drive at Desert Hearts



Aaron Davis and Denise Mykels pump you up at UBU

## CORPUS CHRISTI SOAP By SUZETTE LOCKE

*Houston Voice/Corpus Christi*  
 Awesome! Outrageous! Superior! All describe "For the Boys!" An excellent production put together by none other than...Terri! But this time, the entire community came together to raise money for the boys of the Passage House. All 2,098 will go directly to the entertainment and personal item fund, not to administrative. A fantastic show put on by Terri, Empress VII Kay Y. Halsey, Empress VI, Rachel Greenwood, Chi-Chi, Susan, E.Z., Joy, Rita, Rose (welcome back!) and from Houston Lynn Terry! All the tips and cover charge and personal donations including a donation from The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) will go into this specific fund. On behalf of the guys, Chris Anderson, of The Passage, and Frank Iwanski were on hand to enjoy the festivities and contribute to the fund raising. The Hidden Door and Choices also came and joined in the show. It was a very successful evening with great

entertainment!

The sharing season is upon us and Desert Hearts does it again! The "Toys for Tots Drive," benefiting Driscoll Children's Hospital will get underway Dec. 17 at 11:00 p.m. Cover charge will be a toy and/or donation, but on Dec. 16 come party with your favorite bartender as Zondra throws her employees a Christmas Party. The Hidden Door's own Butch will be a guest bartender. So come on, let sister Butch juice it for you!

Babalou's is puttin' on the Ritz! A benefit show for the Metropolitan Community Church, Saturday, Dec. 11 with dinner and a show! On Christmas Day Erika Lynn from San Antonio will put on a production following a scrumptious dinner! Bring your favorite spirits and dance the night away to the hottest Tejano music. Music this side of the border! Meanwhile, back at Corpus Christi's select hip-hop club people were once again partying all week long with the many activities that go on at U.B.U. Wednesday the underwear contest winner was Jeff. Thursdays cash and cocktail balloon drop was another great success! Ms. Aaron Davis of San Antonio with the dynamic dancing talents of Shanna Brooks, Erika Daniels, and Denise Mykels from San Antonio left the crowd breathless. To top it all off, Ms. Corpus Christi USA, Jasmine SX ripped through the crowd again, as did Corpus' favorite Raceine Corde! For lucky customers \$100 cash on Saturday as people danced all night long to the

power mixing of D.J. Cue. Sunday's show spotlighted Rhonda House, Jasmine SX and Malissa Mychaels. U.B.U.'s first anniversary is Dec. 15-19th! See you there!

With Christmas just around the corner, the Hidden Door is doing a non-perishable food drive up until Dec. 20th. Along with T.R.E. bring a non-perishable item, give it to the bartender and receive a well drink or can beer for \$1! All proceeds are going to make Christmas baskets for PLA's, so let's help!



E.Z. does it at Desert Hearts

Also, Hidden Door is preparing for the Annual Christmas Dinner on the 25th at 2:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to bring a covered dish is welcome to do so. Everyone is invited to join for dinner! The Hidden Door employees are having their Christmas Party on Dec. 14. Come and visit the Hidden Door's guest bartender Alan Toves formerly of Choices from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. After dinner the bartenders will visit other clubs and then head back to the Hidden Door to give Alan grief! Come celebrate!

Steak night is still scheduled for Dec. 14.

Anyone still shopping for Christmas needs to shop at Target because they have donated a Christmas tree to the Loving Spoonful Kitchen. Show Target their generosity is appreciated! (Only 14 shopping days left!) P.S. Congratulations to the Hidden Door—Dallas on their 15th year anniversary from Hidden Door—Corpus Christi!

Bowling news (From Amador)—Hello all of you from the Gutter Queen himself! This seasons bowling is almost over. Four more weeks to go. The new season begins Jan. 14th with an organizational meeting on Jan. 7th at 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in bowling needs to show up at this time. Results after 11 weeks of bowling are as follows: 1st—Hidden Door's Fat Boys, 2nd—An Officer & A Gentleman, 3rd—(tie) STC Officers and The Pinheads and in 5th—Lane Scorers. High Scratch Game was bowled by Pat "Tinker" B. (202) High Scratch series was bowled by Scott M. (507). Also, Amador G. and Tinker B. competed in the November Most Valuable

Bowler. Amador tied for first! Now he goes to the M.V.B. final in June! Also final results are in from IGBO mid-year '93 in San Antonio. Ready? In singles Amador G. came in 10th, Tinker—94th, David M. 131st and Scott M. 157th. Congratulations guys Join the fun at Riviera Lanes on Ayers every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Join the '94 season!

Maurice of Choices would like to thank everyone who participated in

her 2nd annual Thanksgiving dinner. Special heartfelt thanks to Dar and her girls. The Hidden Door, Desert Hearts, BALLS, CCMC, TRE and a very special thanks to Kevin Haskell a.k.a. Empress Kay Y. Halsey, Ashley Stratton; Lady of the Court, Cowboy Rick, Richard and his mom: Mrs. Green, Oscar M. and last but not least Choices, of course! Thanks, Kenn—I love you! Happy, happy holiday! Get your pen ready for Choice's events Hot male strippers, Saturday and Sunday. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Happy Hour Hunks! No cover all week long! Tanya and Oprah with Crystal Starr on Fridays at midnight...Oh! oh! oh! I like what you do! Show them yours! Talent night with K.Y. Halsey on Mondays.

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Chris and Frank... "For the Boys" of the Passage

# Nash's '12 Steps' sequel witty, entertaining addition to holiday selection

## HOUSTON LIVE By JAVIER TAMEZ

*Houston Voice/Houston*

"12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional You," a one-man show written and performed by Rob Nash, was the best surprise of Houston theater in 1992, wherein Nash showed spry humor, biting insight and an empathetic touch. He's baaaaaack.

And I can't think of a more enjoyable addition to the holiday theater selection. Nash returns to Curtains Theater with a sequel—"12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional Christmas." This time the members of the Smith family have gathered together to cope with a double tragedy, and in the process they air a delightful assortment of perspectives on the human condition.

The greater part of the first scene is spent (re)introducing the cast of characters. Nash begins with Mildred, the family matriarch. Mildred is relocating to Houston, and in the course of explaining that she has left Harvey, her husband of over 40 years (and whom we never meet), because he could not overcome his drinking problem, Mildred covers enough ground for the audience to meet the members of the extended family.

Fred, Mildred's son, is gay and has AIDS. He has not spoken to his parents in three years because he hates his father. Margot, Mildred's daughter, is a smug, suburban housewife who feels she has done all the "right" things and doesn't understand why all these things keep happening to her. Margot's husband Bill (whom we never meet) has recently started a 12-step recovery program.

Matt, Margot's son, is a cool, play-it-tough teen, who tells his therapist he hates his mother and loves his father. Ashley, Margot's daughter, is a standardized, neurotic teen, who turned here back on English for Valleyspeak. Miriam, Margot's sister, who prefers to go by Windsong, is New Age lesbian who is everybody's friend because she recognizes everyone's feelings as legitimate.



Teresa Mauney

In the first scene we learn that Harvey has died, and before the scene is over Matt and Bill are involved in a car wreck. Matt survives, but Bill is killed, and the family holds a double funeral for Bill and Harvey. Family bonding of varying degrees follows in light and refreshing fashion, including a night out at Rich's for Mildred and Fred; Margot and Windsong sharing sororal commiseration; the entire family making an appearance on "Donahue"; and of course the gathering of all for Christmas Eve and Morning.

Nash's second installment of the dysfunctionally functional doesn't quite have the charm of the first (sequels seldom do). Nonetheless it comes stocked with enough telling observation and comedic bits to make it the most all-around pleasing evening of theater I've seen so far this season.

Nash can be long-winded at times, as when Windsong unceasingly rails at the funeral in a diatribe meant to warn all listeners of the subconscious dangers present in children's games,

but for the most part he dwells just long enough for his characters to make a point and then he moves on.

"12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional Christmas" is very funny. It's the best type of Christmas cheer because it comes right back to you every time you think about it. I loved this show.

What: 12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional Christmas

Where: Curtains Theater

When: Through Dec. 18, 1993

## A Texas Christmas Tale

Houston Skyline Theater will open its holiday musical, "A Texas Christmas Tale," on Friday, Nov. 19. The show runs on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. through Dec. 18. Book is by Charles Girard, with music and lyrics by Teresa Mauney, a well-known personality on the Montrose cabaret circuit. The story revolves around a group of Christmas Eve travelers who take refuge from a snowstorm in a small North Texas cafe, where the magic of the season touches each one's life. Call (713) 759-0701 for information and reservations.

Of particular interest is the casting of Jeff Horny, a singer/actor who is in a wheelchair as a result of an auto accident three years ago. Both in real life and in the role he plays, the actor shows that disability does not mean the end of a career or an active life. He will participate in a physical fight scene, which is being choreographed by film producer Chuck Walker. Walker represented the U.S. in the 1976 Olympics, then became a world rated middleweight boxer in the professional ranks. The multi talented Walker is a writer, actor, dancer and singer. He has taught stage combat on a college level. His MSH Productions is a publicly traded company which has produced three feature films.

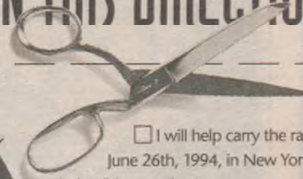
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## Clinton administration in court again to defend anti-gay policies

**By BOB EGELKO**  
 FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Dec. 2 (AP)—The Clinton administration went to court Thursday to defend its dismissal of a decorated 20-year FBI veteran who was fired in 1990 after disclosing he was gay.

Former agent Frank Buttino sued to get his job back in a challenge that also will determine the legality of the FBI policy that considers homosexuals a security risk.

The outcome of the non-jury trial, which began Thursday in U.S. District Court, could set standards for similar disputes involving a variety of law enforcement and military agencies.

In a separate case, the

government Thursday began discharge proceedings in Omaha, Neb., against an Air Force captain who disclosed he was gay in a private letter to his commander last May.

In San Francisco, Buttino's lawyer said in his opening statement that the FBI's policies on gay employees are based on "bigotry and ignorance."

Attorney Michael Fitzgerald said Buttino was "a great agent" who "would not have been fired except for his homosexuality."

The FBI denies that it automatically bars gay agents or applicants, but says homosexual conduct is a significant negative factor in employment and creates security risks.

"Homosexual conduct, in and of itself, has no

security significance," Justice Department attorney Kevin Simpson said. But "an allegation of homosexual conduct will raise security concerns more readily" than an allegation related to heterosexual acts, he said.

Simpson said that despite society's growing acceptance of homosexuality, there are many reasons to conceal it. "These realities do not go unnoticed by hostile intelligence services," he said.

The case began in 1988 with an anonymous note to Buttino's FBI supervisors in San Diego saying he was gay. He denied it at first, explaining later that he knew he would be fired if he told the truth.

After acknowledging his homosexuality several weeks later, he was

deprived of his security clearance and later dismissed.

The FBI says Buttino was fired for being repeatedly deceptive during the investigation. Buttino says he told only one lie, and cites cases of heterosexual agents who kept their jobs despite committing crimes.

U.S. District Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong has certified the lawsuit as a class action on behalf of all gay FBI employees and applicants. That means the judge must assess the FBI's policy on homosexuality even if she decides Buttino was fired for independent reasons.

The FBI says it banned gays until 1979. Its current policy, as described by Justice Department lawyers in court papers,

categorizes homosexual conduct as a "negative factor" that makes it "significantly more difficult to be hired."

In Nebraska, the Air Force recommended a general discharge for Capt. Rich Richenberg, 35, who said he had only recently become aware he was gay and revealed it because, as a military officer, he had to be honest.

During a hearing before a three-member discharge panel, Air Force attorney Capt. Michael Guillory argued that a 1984 regulation banning gays in the Air Force remains in effect despite Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Clinton recently signed into law a policy allowing gays to serve in the military as long as they don't

disclose their homosexuality or engage in homosexual activity.

Air Force officials said the new law does not take effect until February, and the case against Richenberg deals only with the 1984 regulation.

Richenberg's attorneys sought to show that the ban on gays is unconstitutional, violating Richenberg's right of free speech.

At least a half dozen lawsuits are working their way through the courts on behalf of gay servicemen claiming the ban on homosexuals is unconstitutional. Legal experts expect the final ruling may come from the U.S. Supreme Court, not Congress or the White House.

# AIDS Awareness in Galveston, Dickens weekend and fun with Dick and Chad



April cracks her whip at the Kon Tiki



Chad Colby at Evolution

## GALVESTON SOAP By JERRY STUART

Houston Voice/Galveston

This past week was AIDS Awareness Week around the country and Dec. 1st was the official World AIDS Awareness Day. The AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas sponsored the Time to Act Ceremony at the court house last week. They had guest speakers, singers and a lighting of the candles ceremony. The event was edu-

cational as well as very emotional. Even though you, yourself, may not have AIDS or HIV, you may probably know someone, whether it be a relative, friend or just an acquaintance who does. This horrible disease effects all of us so it's indeed time to get the facts and educate ourselves. For information on volunteering, education or services, please contact the A.C.C.T. at (409)763—AIDS or stop in their office located at 1419 Tremont (23rd

Street) here in Galveston. Last week was also a holiday for the Island City, it being Dickens weekend. Everything seemed to go over without a hitch. The weather was great for walking around the Historical Strand district and shopping at all the little shops and booths. The smell of food and the sound of music filled the air and tourist by the thousands as well as locals filled the streets. I heard that the shops along the Strand did remarkably well this year, and I know just from being there that the clubs didn't do bad either.

There was one small mishap at Club Evolution. Seems that the local chapter of the TABC. was out in force Friday night. While making a sweep of the downtown clubs, they found some naughty goings-on at Evolution. Though I wasn't there to witness the dirty doings, sources told me that Chad Colby, the porno star, hopped off his assigned dance box to receive a tip from a so called customer. Well! After he received the tip he turned around and backed his perfectly round little buttock to the customer and proceeded to grind it into his crotch. I know to most of you readers out there that this sort of thing is perfectly innocent and all in fun. And oh!, what fun I could

have had with...Anyway back to the crime story. Yes, to the T.A.B.C. and the local authorities this was a crime. They hauled that cute little guy off to jail without passing go and \$200 dollars. Chad did return to the club that evening to join Dick Donovan and to finish the show. And yes, the show still went on. Dick Donovan (Catalina adult video star) entertained the crowd with his good looks and his 11 inch you know what. In all my days I've never seen such a little guy so incredibly gifted. Anyway, people when your out in the clubs it's O-kay to tip the dancers and entertainers, that's how they make their money. Just be careful where you put your hands as well as other body parts. You never know when the long arm of the law is lurking and watching for such going-on.

Meanwhile over at the Kon Tiki, the place was really STARTED filling up about 10:00 o'clock. By the time the show started there was standing room only and it was limited. They had Lex Baldwin the Video Superstar in the show that evening along with Javier and Lex from Muscles in Action. The show also had such stars as Tommy Ross, Kofi, Misty and last but not least, that sexy vixen, April. I could see the smile on the lesbians faces and a couple of them even broke out in a sweat when April



Lex Baldwin at the Kon Tiki

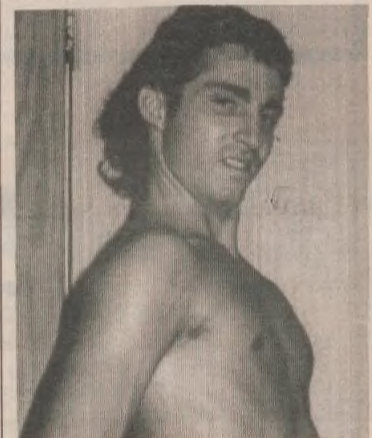
cracked her long black leather whip on the stage. I don't know about the rest of the crowd, but it scared me.

Before I go I would like to mention some upcoming events. There is going to be an amateur strip contest at Evolution as well as a Miss Evolution Pageant. For information contact David the Mouth at (409)762-0095 or at the club.

I've really got to go so until next week have lots of SAFE fun. This has been your friendly Island Reporter now signing off.



Thousands converge on Dickens On The Strand



Dick Donovan at Evolution

## Austin businessperson leaves major bequest to Texas Human Rights Foundation

The Texas Human Rights Foundation has announced that it has received a \$12,000 contribution from the bequest of Dave Miller, an Austin businessperson who died last February of AIDS complications.

The donation, which represents the largest individual gift the foundation has ever received will be

divided between THRF's two largest programs. Seven thousand dollars of the bequest will be allocated to support THRF's lawsuit challenging 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code (the anti-sodomy law.) The lawsuit, Morales et al. vs. the State of Texas, has resulted in two lower court decisions declaring the statute unconstitutional and is pending before the United States Supreme

Court. Suzy Wagers, THRF executive director, said, "We are overwhelmed by the magnitude of this gift. With these funds, we will be able to provide crucial legal services to many individuals who could not otherwise afford them. In a non-profit setting where funding is always need, this goes a long way."

Mary Patierno of New York, Miller's sister, observed, "I am thrilled to help THRF in this way. David was very supportive of their work, particularly overturning the anti-sodomy law. Given the tenuous nature of civil rights of gays and lesbian Texans right now, I would hope that this gift inspires other to get involved and give both their time and money."

The Texas Human Rights Foundation is a statewide, non-profit organization that seeks to end discrimination against lesbians, gay men, and those living with HIV through litigation, education, and attorney referrals. THRF is a membership organization. For more information, write P.O. Box 49740, Austin, Texas 78765 or call (512) 479-THRF.

## Gay Republican group pans Williamson County officials over flap with Apple

The Log Cabin Republicans of Texas has added its name to the roster of organizations that have publicly expressed anger and disappointment with Williamson County in the wake of its governing commission's dispute with Apple Computer. Commissioners in the county, located north of Austin, voted last week to deny Apple tax incentives to locate a major facility in the Round Rock area because of Apple's policy of providing domestic partnership benefits to its employees.

Apple had planned to build an \$80 million service center, which would have employed about 1700 people, in Texas before the commission rejected the tax abatement "on moral grounds." Although Williamson officials later proposed compromise incentives, Apple representatives rejected the offers, saying the overall atmosphere would not be comfortable for the company's gay and lesbian employees.

Log Cabin, a statewide organization of people working for gay

and lesbian rights and representation within the Republican Party, countered previously stated support for the area's Republican commissioners by party officials. The decision on Apple was not only wrong, said the group in a statement, but contrary to Republican thinking.

According to Paul von Wupperfeld, Log Cabin's state president, "This vote was a clear case of a few individuals trying to impose their narrow minded religious agenda onto the community. The

three commissioners who voted not to welcome Apple Computer because of that company's internal personnel policies obviously care less about the economic well-being of Central Texas than they do about forcing their religious views onto others," he said.

"The cornerstone of Republican conservatism is limited government interference in private industry," von Wupperfeld said. "Discrimination such as this is not only morally wrong, it is bad for our economy and decidedly un-

Republican. If these commissioners cannot put their personal religious ideology aside for the economic good of the community they were elected to serve, that community should think about finding representatives who can."

Domestic partnership involves the registration of a relationship between two persons unrelated by marriage or blood who share significant emotional and financial ties.

**▼▼▼ IN MEMORY OF  
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Luis was well known in the community. He never met a stranger and will be remembered always for his big smile.

At his request his body was cremated and the ashes returned to his home town for services. He is survived by numerous relatives in that area.

A special thanks to Lindy and the staff at Bering Care Center for all of their help and assistance in making the last year of Luis' life more comfortable.

Adios' mi companero, idescansa en paz!

**TERRY J. TURNER**

Terry J. Turner, 30, of Houston, died on December 2, 1993 at the Omega House due to complications from AIDS. Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 11, 1993 at Rothko Chapel. Contributions may be made to the Omega House, 602 Branard, Houston, Texas 77006 or Stone Soup Pantry.

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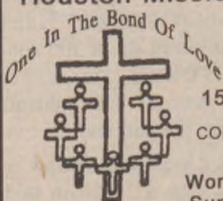
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**Q: "How do you explain lust? Does it only have to do with sex or the desire for sex? How does pornography fit into lust or sinning?"**

**A:** In the ethical sense lust is used to express sinful desire. Lust is sinful because it is being directed toward forbidden objects (something you can't or shouldn't have). It is sinful because it is such a strong desire that it violently overcomes self-control. Lust can be of a sensuous or spiritual nature. The scripture that comes to mind is Exodus 20:17 which is one of the Ten Commandments: "You must not want to take your

neighbor's house. You must not want their spouse or their male or female slaves, or their ox or their donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." The scripture does not necessarily point to any definite object of lust, but the longing for them that gets out of control. The Apostle Paul gives us an example of how we realize that we are out of control. The Laws of God (the Ten Commandments, moral laws, dietary laws, governing laws, religious laws) were given as a guide to show the people how to live. The Laws also confirmed to the people that they were unable to keep them apart from the help of God. It is the Laws of God that tell us what is right. The Laws become a standard by which to measure our lives. We would not know how to act or treat one another according to God unless we had been given the Laws. The Laws bring us to Jesus Christ. How? God tells us that if we break one of the Laws, it is as if we have broken them all (sinned). No one has ever been able to keep all of the Laws. We come to Jesus Christ who has provided forgiveness for our sins. How else can I control a behavior that is beyond my self-control unless I turn my life over to God who can help me with my weaknesses? Every lust is a product of sin which compels us to obey the lusts of the body. The body has natural and healthy appetites. But we know that any appetite can get out of control and become perverted by our sinful desires which is referred to as lust. Some people battle food, others battle drinking, and still some are overcome by an insatiable sex appetite. Pornography is another way of feeding the sexual appetite that can lead to uncontrolled sexual desires. Some people have a lust for exercise, or power, or control. When we live a life under our own control, we tend to get out of balance. No human being has ever been able to achieve a life of moderation in all things under their own power. Show me a person who says they have achieved this on their own and I will show you a person who is probably a compulsive obsessive individual--another lust of the flesh. It is not easy to keep our appetites under control. We must first recognize that we have a problem and seek help to control it. My suggestion is to introduce you to Jesus Christ who promises to come to your side and give you strength when you are weak. It is a process that begins by faith. Jesus is reaching out to you. It's up to you to take the first step.

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# Pre-holiday bustle, coming attractions almost too much for this Valley girl

## RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP By ALICIA LUGO

*Houston Voice/Rio Grande Valley*

Well, I've accomplished the impossible! I have all of my Christmas shopping done, and it's only the first week of December too. Now that I'm thoroughly exhausted from all the hustle and bustle, I'll sit here quietly and cry (cause I spent too much)! But through misty eyes I'll try and write out this week's article.

We'll start out at Just Tery's this week where tonight (Friday 10th) they will be holding this year's Teryland Homecoming. Who will be this year's Homecoming King and Queen? That's Queen like in royalty, not drag. Oh well, a queen is a queen, is a queen, right? Also don't forget to say hello to



JR is back!

J.R. who is back at Just Tery's spinning your favorite dance music this Saturday. He has all the new remixed disco music. Remember on Saturday there will no longer be country or tejano music played. But not to worry! On Wednesday come out to Just Tery's for all the country and tejano you can handle with .50 cent drinks from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Don't forget that Just Tery's is sponsoring a food drive for the Valley AIDS Council, so you can either pay a \$2 cover or bring non-perishable foods, paper products or toiletries.

At P.B.D.'s this week the New Hope Congregation is sponsoring an Angel Tree to purchase gifts for the pediatric clients of the Valley AIDS Council. So come out and participate and make Christmas a little brighter for these kids who really deserve it.

Over at 10th Avenue tonight (Dec. 10th) direct from La Cage they will be presenting LaWanda Jackson and Poison Alexander. It's gonna be a great show so don't miss it. This Sunday come out to 10th Avenue for the first Sumo Wrestling competition. I don't want to miss that. No don't get any ideas. I'm not competing. Next Friday 10th will have the stud muf-

fins from Muscles In Action. Come and watch them gyrate their torsos for your viewing satisfaction. The drink specials on Wednesday and Thursday are complimentary Rum and coke and draft beer from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday all well drinks are .75 cents from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and complimentary draft beer.

In Harlingen at Zippers be sure



Velma, live

and catch the Amateur strippers who will be performing tonight. Then tomorrow night (Saturday) come in for Zipper's beer bust from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. There are lots of new changes coming at Zippers, check them out.

Friday, Dec. 10th (tonight) the Planet presents it's first monthly mega show starring Coco, Miss Gay Texas USA, plus special guest Paulina Mercedes Lane and

Miss Gay Rio Grande Valley. Paulina was a big hit at the benefit held on Nov. 28th, singing Bette Midler's "Wind Beneath My Wings." This will be Coco's first appearance at the Planet. Saturday, happy hour from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and \$1 off sex drinks all night long. Also on Sunday, the Planet will hold it's bi-monthly amateur drag contest with a \$100 cash prize for the winner.

This event will be a sight to see! Two step Tuesday gets started with happy hour from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Beer, wine and bar drinks are \$1.25. After 10:00 p.m. beer and bar drinks are \$2. Kick up your heels to the hottest country and tejano in the Rio Grande Valley with a touch of top 40 and disco. Be sure to pick up your free pass Friday and Saturday night for two step

Tuesday. Wednesdays are wet n' wild at the Planet. A \$4 cover charge get you .25 cent draft beer all night long. Also, enjoy \$4 Planet punch all night as you dance to the hottest dance music this side of San Antonio.

Thunderground is the theme on Thursday night with your turntable technician D.J. Loop Z, jamming an underground mix of Euro Techno, acid, trance and more. If your 21 and over enjoy no cover charge all night long. Happy hour



Stephanie Mills

goes from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with \$1.25 beer, wine and bar drinks. The Planet is gearing up for the Christmas holidays with it's window display and an erotic Christmas Fantasy Show on Christmas Eve. You'll never think of Santa the same way again! The Planet brings in the New Year with the valley's grandest party. Dress to impress for a gala extravaganza performance by Plaz and Mangos Boutique plus complimentary party favors and a midnight champagne toast.

The Valley Voice will meet at Creasey's in Harlingen this Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. for a short important meeting before a fun night of bowling. Well, that wraps it up for this week. Catch ya on the flip side. Bye!

## DIFFA announces Houston date for national celebrity fashion art tour

The Houston chapter of the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA) will host a one-of-a-kind fashion art show at the George R. Brown Convention Center this spring. "The DIFFA Collection" makes its local stop Saturday, March 12, 1994, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

"The DIFFA Collection" is a national tour and fund-raising auction of special celebrity-designed Levi's denim jackets that have been transformed into original, one-of-a-kind "wearable works of art" by stars in the fields of fashion, jewelry and interior design, movies, television, theater, music and sports.

For the national tour more than

800 jackets will be embellished by celebrities such as fashion designers Calvin Klein, Donna Karan, Gianni Versace, Claude Montana, Norma Kamali, and Anna Sui; jewelry designers Paloma Picasso and Robert Lee Morris; actresses Elizabeth Taylor, Whoopi Goldberg, Lily Tomlin and Tess Harper and sports great Nolan Ryan.

In each city, 100 jackets (25 from the celebrity collection and 75 locally designed) will appear in a spectacular runway fashion show being produced and directed by international model Jan Strimple. One of the highlights of the show will be the "Calendar Girls" scene, which is reminiscent of the famous Ziegfeld Follies musical in which

each model represents a month of the year. Academy Awards costume designer Ret Turner, Emmy Award-winning designer Daniel Orlandi (who designs for stars as magician David Copperfield, Richard Gere and Whoopi Goldberg), and New York designers Byron Lars and Christian Francis Roth are among those who have been asked to create complete, head-to-toe costumes to showcase the jackets appearing in that scene.

According to DIFFA/Houston chair Kathleen Johnston, "The DIFFA Collection will be our largest and most elaborate fund raising project for 1994. Our goal is to raise over \$500,000 with cost effectiveness an equally important

objective. Historically, DIFFA/Houston has been able to give, through its grant making process, approximately 93 cents of every dollar raised directly to Houston AIDS care, research and educational programs."

DIFFA's Dallas Chapter first introduced this event on a local level five years ago. Since then it has raised more than \$650,000 for Dallas AIDS service organizations, with individual jackets selling for up to \$7,500. The huge success of the annual Dallas event prompted DIFFA to take their show on the road.

"Part of the appeal of this tour is that the money raised in each city remains in that city," said Steve

Burrus, National Tour Producer. "By getting involved at a grassroots level, we're hoping to send a message that, through organizations such as ours, it's possible to make a difference in the lives of those in need in one's own community."

Long-time DIFFA supporters Neiman Marcus and Levi Strauss & Co. are National Presenting Sponsors of the Tour. Delta Air Lines, Absolut Vodka and the Curtis Group are Tour Sponsors.

Chairmen for "The DIFFA Collection" in Houston are Susan and Jack Mayfield and Bobbie and John Nau. Individual ticket prices are \$250, \$150, and \$50. For more information, contact the DIFFA office at (713) 523-5350.

## Atlanta schools ban teen newspaper over gay article

JONESBORO, Ga., Thursday, Dec. 2 (AP)—Parental complaints about an article on gay lifestyles led Clayton County schools to ban a new newspaper produced by and for Atlanta-area teen-agers.

VOX, a free, not-for-profit publication, has produced two issues and has attracted 27 mentors from media outlets, along with sponsors such as Georgia Power Co. and BellSouth Corp.

About 20,000 copies of the bimonthly paper are distributed at dozens of high schools, youth centers, homeless shelters and hospitals in metropoli-

tan Atlanta. It has run into no problems in any other high schools.

VOX's student writers have tackled teen-age homosexuality, gang violence and child sexual abuse with guidance from their adult mentors.

The Clayton County complaints centered on an article about gay teen-agers learning to cope with their sexual identity. The county Board of Education has a policy prohibiting homosexuality from being presented as an acceptable lifestyle.

"The story is not explicit,"

said Rachel Alterman, adult director of the newspaper. "It doesn't advocate any lifestyle."

She said the ban is a blow to the paper's writers. "These kids are committed to very high standards. We don't want to be underhanded or underground," she said.

"It's not an issue of censorship; it's an issue of responsibility," said David Gregory, a spokesperson for the county's school system. "We are scrutinized very carefully on what kinds of information we offer our students. It's a matter of,

where do you draw the line?"

Jonesboro High School Principal Grady Kilman described the newspaper's articles as biased and slanted and on topics that are not suitable.

"I don't have time to justify or defend articles that show up in a newspaper that I have no control over," said Kilman, who does not allow outside publications to be distributed at his school.

Candie Stiles, a 17-year-old VOX reporter and a student at Jonesboro High, took exception to the decision.

"Why don't they just cut out

our tongues?" she said.

"I guess they just want to put teen-agers in a hole so when we get 50 and our ideas have developed into what they think they should be, then they can drag us out into the world again," she said.

In Cobb County, Lassiter High School Principal James Wilson allowed about 300 copies of VOX in his school because one of his students writes for the publication.

"I took a look at it and saw no problem with it," Wilson said. "We didn't get any complaints."

## Industria opens on Riverwalk this weekend; Hardly Girls at Nexus Friday

**SAN ANTONIO SOAP** By LEFTY TAYLOR

*Houston Voice/San Antonio*

In case you missed some of the exciting things that have happened around here lately, I'm going to give you a brief synopsis of what's going on here. World AIDS Day came and went Dec. 1st. The theme for 1993 was "Time to Act!" The message is very clear that it is now the time for individuals, communities, states and nations to take action. According to the World Health Organization, HIV/AIDS has infected 14 million people world wide. On that day, the Postal Service has issued the first AIDS Awareness Stamp. A "Die In" ceremony was held at the Convention Center. All of these and many more went to make a very memorable World AIDS Day.

Now on to bar news. Industria is opening on the Riverwalk this weekend. I must apologize as I wasn't informed in time, but the benefit show to be held on Saturday has been canceled, but the place will be open. On Friday, at about 6:00 p.m. Its been a long time

since we've had a gay bar on the river and very few people remember when there was. Now there's one here and it is nice! It will be one of the truly nicest places to go in town. Of course the owners are pretty decent, too.

At Nexus this Friday night at 10:00 p.m., the Hardly Girls will be showing some things that got Adam and Eve thrown out of the Garden of Eden. Of course its going to be one of the truly raunchy and tasteless shows of the season. Its not a show to be missed. Congratulations to Jennifer for winning the Wednesday night Karate challenge. That girl can make Jell-O stiff with her voice. Good luck to you during the finals.

The TOGA Farina Cook off is coming to the 2015 Dec. 15th. Competition will begin at 3:00 p.m. and there will be a show at 5:00 p.m. The 2015 also has steak night on Tuesday nights. For five bucks you get your meat, salad, vegetable and a roll. It goes on until 10:00 p.m.

Hot Chocolate is coming to the Papermoon Dec. 28.

Hot Chocolate is the first drag queen I ever saw. I was fourteen years old and sneaking into the Red Garter in Pensacola, Florida, when I saw Hot Chocolate bite a mans lip and he had to get stitches. That was a great show, though not for him. That's been ten years and I hear that she hasn't changed a bit. She will be in a special post Christmas show with Tandi Andrews, Shady Lady, and Amanda Hall. This Sunday, along with Tandi, Shady and Pauletta, Denise Fairchild and

fifty cent draft all day and night.

I hear word that Miriam's on General Krueger will be open sooner than all those old gossips want. ha! Here it comes. At Memories on Fridays and Saturdays, you can get any drink in the house for \$2.00! That's is the best deal in town, and there's no cover or buy in to get it! Also if you drop by between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., you can join Miriam for her Happy Hour and gossip session proven to be the high light of your day.



Bambette and friend

test drag catching in town with Amber Nixx at the Wild Club. On Thursdays, Aaron Davis hosts the best of the new talent in town. Sunday night, the absolutely gorgeous and beautiful Victoria West host the hottest show in town with hot disco music afterwards and after hours. I hear coming soon to the Wild Club is the Mountain Men.

If you noticed anything different at the El Jardin this last week, you noticed that Billy was gone. He finally put himself away and they released him as too crazy to hold. Leo and Jose are saving him from becoming a street person. I thought that he was finally going to have that tummy tucked, but Sam said no, he was finally going to give birth to those twins he's been holding all these years. The Christmas Follies show is coming up Dec. 18th with all your favorite performers. The show will start at 11:00 p.m. sharp.

Ken Bradshaw has been busier than a priest at tax time. I still can't catch him with a few minutes to spare. But Christmas time is here and what better pace to spend it than in your new home. Value Housing (210)653-7711.

There are always new people to meet out at Sparks. Now when you go to Windsor Park Mall to go shopping and your greeted by a helper from the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, you can also remember to

drop by out at Sparks and miss that awful traffic before you go home. Of course there are good reasons to stay. There are dancers every night and there's hot oil wrestling on Tuesday night. Happy hour is daily from 3:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.

One of my snakes died. I'm not having any luck with those Albinos. Now I don't think I will get any more. Losing one and the death of another are just too much to handle at this time. Now, Jim and I are alone here with the dogs and snakes. Sean has moved next door with Maxee and took the cats and its much quieter around the house now. The tree is up and presents are beginning to appear under the tree. My mother wants to get me a Barcolounger and all I want is a pair of Leather pants. What a list, huh? Time is changing and as Christmas gets nearer, I get more nostalgic. Now we are looking for a new puppy and Jim had the nerve to look at me and say let's get a pig. After all I went through to get one before and he wouldn't let me have one, now he wants one. Oh well, that's life with a drag queen! Chow!

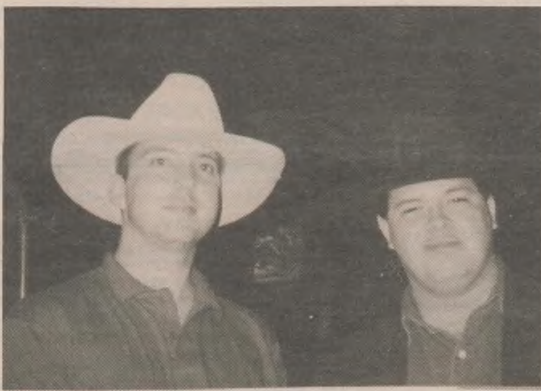


Stripper at Memories

Janice Dumont will be appearing.

At the Silver Dollar this Wednesday will be an all night fundraising drag a thon starting at 10:00 p.m. That Thursday, there will be a special of \$1.50 well from 2:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. On Wednesdays, Waylon Payne sings live! And is he cute! And to be so little, he sure can fill out a pair of Wranglers. Also on Wednesday is steak night with \$1.50 well and longnecks and

Coming Thursday, Dec. 16th, the Wild Country... "It's a Merry Mary Christmas..." featuring a cast of thousands. This is a city wide benefit show sponsored by Alamo Area Resource Center and the Wild Country to help with "Direct Client Assistance" such as bills, food and clothing. The show will start at 10:00 p.m. sharp and if you plan on being in it, bring your own music and you will also be asked for a \$5.00 donation at the door. Monday nights are the hot-



Brian and Victor at Wild Country

## FBI policy change on homosexuals criticized as too limited

By CAROLYN SKORNECK

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE  
WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 3 (AP)—A lawyer suing the FBI over treatment of homosexuals says Attorney General Janet Reno made no real change in ordering the bureau to discard a policy making it difficult for gays to be hired.

Under the new policy written by Reno, the bureau will forbid discrimination based on sexual orientation. Until 1979, the FBI had banned homosexuals. Since then its policy was that homosexual behavior would make it "significantly more difficult to be hired."

Richard Gayer, attorney for former agent Frank Buttino, a 48-year-old gay man, said Friday that the FBI repeatedly has claimed during the law suit that it

does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation but rather on the basis of homosexual conduct.

"This statement from the attorney general says nothing about conduct," he said, claiming the statement "was issued for the purposes of deception, to derail the class-action aspect of Buttino vs. FBI."

Reno's statement—issued Thursday as Buttino's case began in San Francisco—prohibits all kinds of discrimination, including bias on the basis of sexual orientation, throughout the Justice Department.

The order was a restatement of existing policy for most of the department, but the language concerning sexual orientation produced a major change for the FBI, spokesperson Carl Stern said.

The bureau issued its own statement Friday:

"The FBI, like the attorney general, is committed to ensuring that applicants and employees are judged on the merits of their qualifications."

Buttino, a decorated 20-year veteran, who was fired in 1990, two years after his supervisors in San Diego received an anonymous note saying he was gay. Buttino denied it at first, explaining later that he knew he would be fired if he told the truth. Several weeks later, he acknowledged his homosexuality and lost his security clearance and then his job.

The FBI says he was fired because he lied, not because he is homosexual.

Earlier in Buttino's case, U.S. District Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong questioned "the rationality of a

policy that punishes gay employees for being less than candid about their homosexuality, when it is undisputed that until at least very recently ... the FBI would clearly have purged any employee for being candid about his homosexuality."

Stern said there is "no doubt" that Reno issued her statement to show the judge that the policy has changed.

But Gayer questioned the value of Reno's statement because it says it was "not intended to create any enforceable legal rights in any person."

According to Gayer, that means any Justice Department agency "can violate this statement with respect to sexual orientation with impunity" because sexual orientation is the only category of discrimination Reno mentioned which is

not already protected by federal law.

But one FBI agent, who declined to be identified by name, said that under the new policy a job applicant's chances will no longer be ruined simply because someone interviewed during a background check says the applicant is homosexual when asked about "conduct that would make the person unreliable."

Homosexuality alone would not disqualify applicants, but going to gay bathhouses every night might, just as "if a heterosexual is going to singles bars every night, you could make the case that could compromise the person," said this agent.

"To the extent that you have somebody engaged in questionable sexual activity, it doesn't matter if it's heterosexual or otherwise," he said.

Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., a former FBI agent who chairs the House Judiciary subcommittee that oversees the FBI, said, "It's something that should have come a long time ago."

Edwards said there is no proof that agents can be blackmailed over their homosexuality.

Reno said that in deciding whether an employee gets security clearances "the department may investigate and consider any matter that would reasonably subject the applicant or employee to coercion."

However, she prohibited inferring someone was subject to coercion "solely on the basis of the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or sexual orientation."

# Kansas City districts debate the fate of books about gay teens

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Monday, Dec. 6 (AP)—Area school districts are reviewing whether to keep two books that address adolescent homosexuality on their library shelves.

The books, "Annie On My Mind" by Nancy Garden and "All-American Boys" by Frank Mosca, were given to 42 area high schools in September by Project 21. The group hopes to give young adults unbiased information about homosexuality, and see the issue addressed in public schools.

The books are getting mixed reviews from school officials. Both tell a fictional story of teen-

agers exploring and accepting their homosexuality. Neither discusses explicit sex acts.

The American Library Association has cited "Annie On My Mind" as an outstanding book and it is already was on the shelves of many area high schools.

A review committee of the Kansas City district has recommended that both books be available to students.

Shawnee Mission School District officials came to the same conclusion, but a hearing is scheduled for Dec. 14 because two patrons filed formal complaints.

"I just don't believe the values that are in these books should be in our schools," said G. Gordon Thomas, of Leawood, who filed a complaint.

The Liberty and North Kansas City school districts decided to keep "Annie On My Mind" but will not add "All-American Boys."

An Olathe review committee reached the same conclusion, but school board members are reading the book, and will make the final decision.

A patron in Liberty filed a complaint against "Annie On My Mind." A committee of parents and district staff will review the

book and make a recommendation, said Superintendent Ron Anderson.

Lee's Summit Superintendent Gail Williams removed a copy of "Annie On My Mind" that the district had in its high school libraries for three years.

"We felt the book was not being used as a reference or as a resource material in any of our classes," she said. She said the book had never been checked out.

Williams said she also decided not to add "All-American Boys."

Several administrators said they rejected "All-American Boys" because it is poorly written.

Robert Birle, Kansas City-based regional coordinator for Project 21, said he was searching for a better book to substitute for it.

Birle said teen-agers, especially those who might think they are gay, might read the book in the library without checking it out because they fear harassment.

Garden called the pulling of her books from high school shelves "appalling" and "very frightening."

In October, demonstrators burned Garden's book in a pile outside the offices of the Kansas City School District.

# Psychological association asks court to allow lesbian custody

By LAURAN NEER-GAARD  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE  
WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 3 (AP)—The world's largest psychological association is asking a Virginia court to allow a lesbian to retain custody of her son, saying research shows sexual orientation does not affect parenting abilities.

The American Psychological Association, in a brief filed with the Virginia Court of Appeals, also argued that removing

the 2-year-old from his mother was not in the child's best interest.

"Sexual orientation should not be a sole or primary factor in deciding any aspect of parental rights," the APA's Clinton Anderson said Friday. "Our hope is good information based on empirical research, not bias, has an impact on the court."

A Henrico County Circuit judge in September awarded custody of Tyler Doustou to his grandmother, Kay Bottoms,

because his mother, Sharon Bottoms, was a lesbian.

Kay Bottoms, 42, argued that the boy could grow up not knowing the difference between men and women if he lives with his mother and her lover, April Wade.

Sharon Bottoms, 23, testified that she herself was harmed by years of sexual abuse by her mother's live-in boyfriend.

But Judge Buford Parsons called Sharon Bot-

toms an unfit mother whose "conduct is immoral." She has appealed.

The psychologists' association reviewed studies on parenting abilities of lesbian mothers compared with heterosexual mothers, and on children of gays and lesbians compared with other children.

"There are no significant differences in psychological adjustment or mental health," Anderson said.

In fact, the latest study on lesbian mothers shows they score significantly higher than heterosexuals on the Parent Awareness Skills Survey, which measures sensitivity to common childhood problems, the association reported.

Joining the APA in the brief were the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the National Association of Social Workers.

The brief also cited the testimony of Dr. Rochelle L. Klinger, a psychiatrist

at the Medical College of Virginia, who testified during the trial that the women were "a healthy, well-functioning couple" and disputed suggestions that a lesbian relationship might not be a good environment for the child.

The brief also said studies show taking children away from a parent with whom they are close does significant harm, while any teasing the boy might receive about his mother would do little harm.

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### Galveston, Sunday, Dec. 12

Happy hour noon-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 2-8pm, Kon-Tiki; \$1.00 well drinks, draft & Schnapps 4pm-2am, Evolution; Beer Bonanza, 1st draft \$1 refills 10¢ 5-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Show with Buffie Galore & Muffin 8pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy hour 4-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Cabaret 10:30pm sharp, Kon-Tiki

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### Galveston, Wednesday, Dec. 15

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### Galveston, Thursday, Dec. 16

Happy hour 10am-9pm, Robert's LaFitte; Happy Hour, well \$1.50, longnecks, \$1.50, mega mugs \$1.25 4-8pm, Kon-Tiki; Happy hour 8-10pm, Evolution; Recession Busters, well \$1.75, longnecks, \$1.75, mega mugs \$1.25 8-10pm, Kon-Tiki; Lottery drawing 10:30pm, 11:30pm, 12:30am & 1:30am, Kon-Tiki

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**San Antonio, Saturday, Dec. 11**  
 \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; Happy hour 2-8pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; Drink specials all night, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; \$2 drinks, Memories; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Shady Lady hosts The Wild Club Dancers, Wild Club; Adults no cover to 10pm, Bonham Exchange; \$1.75 drinks 8-11pm, Bonham Exchange; 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Sweet Savage hosts Muscles-in-Action midnight, Paper Moon; After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon; After hours, Wild Club; After-hours 2-4am, Bonham Exchange

**San Antonio, Sunday, Dec. 12**  
 Sunday Tea Dance with early male dancers, Sparks; \$1.00 bloody marys & screws noon-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks noon-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.50 well & longnecks; 50¢ draft 2-11pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; 50¢ draft 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Tea Dance 4-9pm, Silver Dollar Saloon; \$1.75 Cuervo Ole, Memories; \$3.00 cover, 50¢ well & draft, Bonham Exchange; The Wild & Wicked Sunday Show, Wild Club; \$1 well drinks 9-11pm; Wild Club; \$1.50 well & 50¢ draft 9-11pm, Paper Moon; Sassy's Variety Show 9:30pm, Memories; Dancers at 10:30pm, 2015; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Super Show; no cover 11:30pm, Bamboleo's; Male & Female strippers 11:30pm, Bonham Exchange; Super Sunday Show midnight, Paper Moon; After-hours 2am, Wild Club; After hours 2-4am, Paper Moon

**San Antonio, Monday, Dec. 13**  
 \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; Happy hour 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta Hour All day, all night, Bamboleo's; \$1.75 frozen margaritas, Memories; Pool tourney, Memories; Talent contest & square dancing & no cover, Bonham Exchange; \$1.50 well, 50¢ draft & \$2 longnecks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; \$1.75 well drinks, \$1.75 longnecks & 50¢ draft all night, Wild Club; The Shady Lady Show, Wild

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**San Antonio, Tuesday, Dec. 14**  
 \$1.00 bloody marys & screws 10am-3pm, El Jardin; Happy hour, \$1.75 well drinks 10am-10pm, El Jardin; Happy hour 2-8pm, 2015; Happy hour 2-8pm, Country Club; \$1.75 well & longnecks 2pm-2am, 2015; \$1.75 well drinks 2pm-2am, Country Club; Fiesta hours 4-9pm, Bamboleo's; Happy hour 10-9pm, Memories; \$1.75 well drinks, 75¢ draft & \$2 frozen drinks, Wild Club; Dance all night, Wild Club; No cover, Bonham Exchange; \$1.50 Well drinks, \$1.75 dom. beer, 75¢ Schnapps 9pm-2am, Bamboleo's; \$2 well & longnecks 9pm-2am, Paper Moon; Dancers 11pm, Sparks; Hot oil wrestling 11pm, Sparks; Pauletta's Talent Night 11:30pm, Paper Moon

**San Antonio, Wednesday, Dec. 15**  
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**San Antonio, Thursday, Dec. 16**  
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## Houston Club Events

Houston, Friday, Dec. 10

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy hour till 10pm, Mother's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Buffet 4-8pm, Brazos River Bottom; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; TGI Friday party, no cover 7-9pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 8 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; Pool tournament with cash prizes 8pm, E/J's; Lee Denning, D.J., Venture-N; Strip contest with Paivi 11pm, E/J's; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Saturday, Dec. 11

Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-7pm, Mary's; Happy hour 7am-8pm, Ripcord; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Mug club 9am-noon, E/J's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Beer blast

on the patio 2pm till, Mary's; Well drinks \$1.50 4-7pm, E/J's; Mug Club 4-10pm, E/J's; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.25 well vodka 6-11pm, Mother's; Dart tournament 7pm, E/J's; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 9 Ball Pool Tournament 8pm, Past Time; 9-ball tourney 8pm, Past Time; Lee Denning, D.J., Venture-N; Leather & Flesh, no cover for men in leather 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Super Saturday Show starring Brittany Paige 11pm, E/J's; After-hours 2-4am, Ripcord; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Sunday, Dec. 12

Bloody Bulls, \$1.25 Noon-5pm, Venture-N; Blue light specials noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour noon-5pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-5pm, Ripcord; Beer blast on patio Noon-6pm, Mary's; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; \$1.50 vodka noon-8pm, Mother's; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all day, E/J's; Trash Disco 4-7pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour noon-11pm, Past Time; Blue light specials 5pm til, Venture-N; Beach Party, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Free buffet 5pm-?, Venture-N; Steak night 5-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Dart tournament 6pm, Venture-N; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub;

Man Dance/T Dance 7pm, Pacific Street; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; \$3.75 pitchers & \$1.25 mugs all night, E/J's; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Monday, Dec. 13

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$2.50 pitchers, 75¢ mug Miller Lite 7am-2am, Mother's; Happy hour all day & night, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Lockers 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Spaggggggetti nights, \$2.00 5pm-?, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; 8 ball slopsnot pool tournament 8pm, Brazos River Bottom; "Clubbers Night", no cover for men wearing colors 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Male Strippers with B.J. Williams, M.C. 10:30pm, E/J's; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

Houston, Tuesday, Dec. 14

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom;

Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 6 month membership special (1/2 price locker) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Hot Dog night 5pm til, Past Time; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; 1/2-price rooms & lockers with food donation to Stone Soup, Midtowne Spa; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Southern Country C&W Dance Lessons 8-10pm, The Ranch; Young executive night, no cover with personalized business card 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; C&W dance lessons 10pm, Brazos River Bottom; Talent night with Giovanni 10:30pm, E/J's

Houston, Wednesday, Dec. 15

Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Blue light specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy hour, \$1.00 Margaritas 7am-11pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; 6 month membership special (1/2 price room) noon-11:45pm, Midtowne Spa; Happy hour 1pm-2am, Ripcord;

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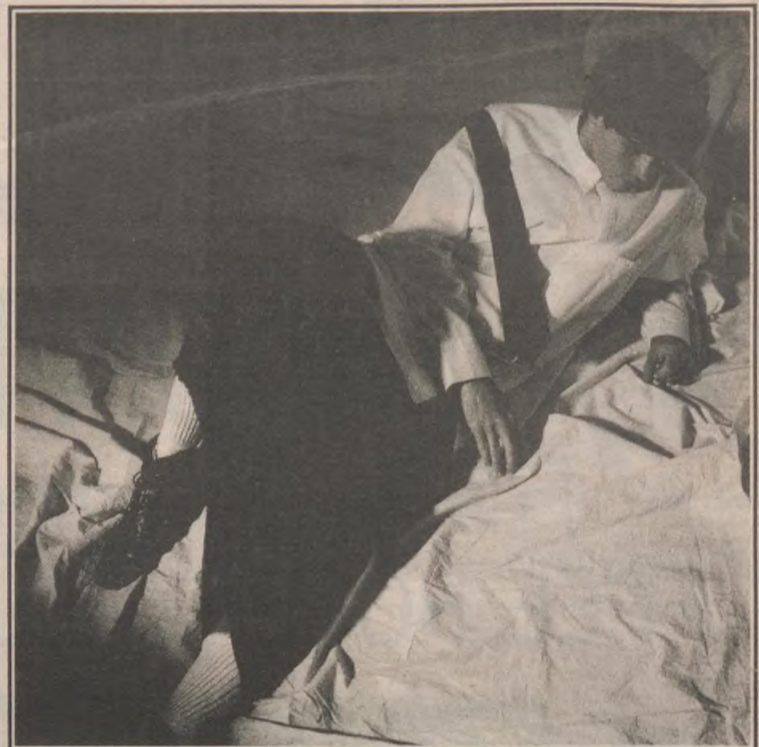


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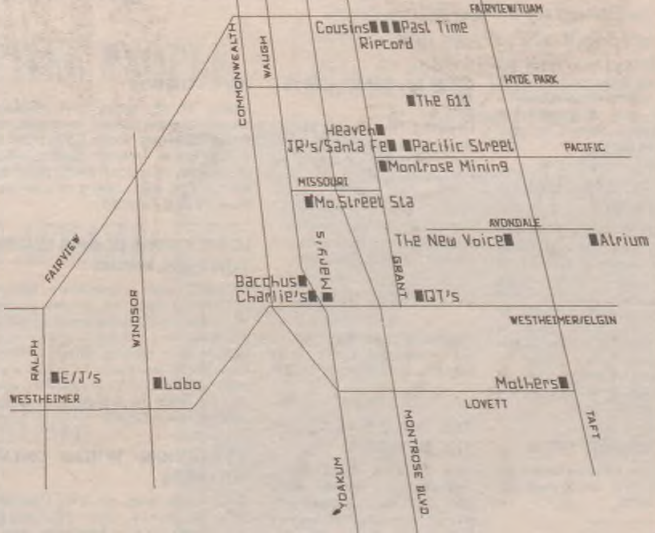
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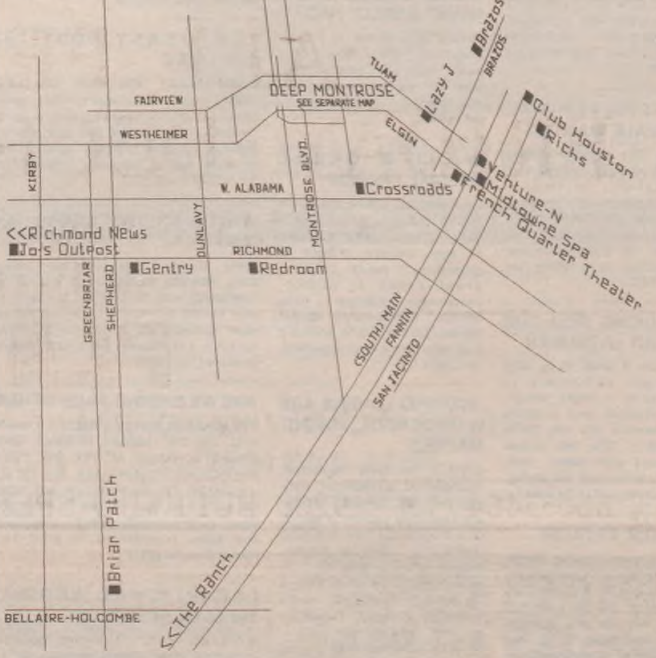
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**Houston, Thursday, Dec. 16**  
Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Longnecks \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; \$1 Schnapps shots 7am-2am, Mother's; \$1.50 longnecks all day & all night, Brazos River Bottom; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Rooms & lockers half price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Slop shot pool tourney 1pm, Mary's; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks and beer 5-9pm, Mary's; Burger's at Animal's House 6-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Longnecks & well drinks \$2.00 6-9pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Club night, Colors gets you happy hour prices til 11pm, Venture-N; Dance lessons 8:30pm, Brazos River Bottom; Tan Line Night, \$3 cover, 90¢ well, \$1.50 longnecks, \$1 Schnapps 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

**Houston, Friday, Dec. 17**  
Happy hour \$1.75 well drinks 7am-1pm, Mary's; Bluelight specials 7am-6pm, Brazos River Bottom; Well \$1.75 opening-8pm, Past Time; Happy hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Bottom; Happy hour 7am-9pm, E/J's; Happy hour till 10pm, Mother's; Happy Hour \$1.75 well, beer & wine noon-5pm, Venture-N; Happy hour, longnecks and well drinks \$1.50 Noon-6pm, The 611 Hyde Park Pub; Buffet 4-

# Houston Gay Personals

All ads in this category should be strictly individual to individual. No commercial offerings. Nothing for sale. No promotions.

## HUG, SQUEEZE & PLEASE

GWM 37, 5'10", 185, brown/ brown, med. bill, moustache, contact/glasses. Enjoy going out on occasion, the outdoors, jogging, quiet evenings, cooking, cuddle up, kiss, etc. I'm SE inside the loop, also occasionally out to Cypress/Cy Fair area. I'm passive looking for get togethers. Nothing serious for now. Ad 25612

## DOMINANT GWM

40, 145, 5'9" seeks GWMs into S/M -B/D Limits respected. Ad 25336.

## PECKS AND PENCIL ERASERS!

Bl-WM, 39, 5'11", 163, non-smoker, DDF, into exercise. Enjoy riding mountain bikes among other things. Seeking well-toned totally smooth person who enjoys physical activities. I'm in the 59 North area. Please respond to Ad 25322.

## FEISTY, FEMINE FEMALE WANTED!

You: very feminine, small/medium build, uninhibited, playful, intimate, conversationalist, positive attitude. Me: GWF, 105lbs, 5'3", long blonde hair, blue eyes, soft butch, assertive, flirtatious, likes having fun. Ad 25553.

## LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT LATIN MAN

If you a GWM 18-35, with weight definitely in proportion to height, smooth, masculine and a little adventurous let's talk. I'm a GWM, 6', 30's, 165, (above average good looks), well built, erotic and fun loving. Please respond to Ad 25435.

## BLACK ATTACK!

Very good-looking GWM, crazy about experiencing black guys. I'm 6 ft. tall, well-muscled, trendy, work out regularly. I'm safe, disease-free and ready to go. Not interested in relationships - just hot fun. You gotta respond to this! Let's go! Ad 25531.

## MARRIED MEN

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

## ROCKET MAN IN CLEAR LAKE

GWM (27, 5'8", 150 lbs, DDF, NS), masculine and attractive, looking to meet a caring man for possible monogamous relationship (dating first). I'm looking for a professional GWM or GHM (23-35) who is masculine, reasonably attractive, emotionally stable, physically fit, sincere, and has a sense of humor. Turn ons: romance, short hair, and hairy legs. Ad#25155

## GWM 54, SEEKS GM 18-35

Looking for that special someone, must be drug free. I am 6'1", br/blu eyes. Interests include dining out, movies, astrology, numerology and other new age subjects. Want someone to love, caress, appreciate you? To depend on? Please respond to Ad#25984.

## INTERESTED IN KINK?

I'm 44, 5'9", 180, hairy, aggressive, demanding. If you're open minded and your tastes go beyond plain vanilla, let's talk. Ad 25134

## THE MORE MASCULINE THE BETTER

34 yr. old, GBM, 6', 200, beard, handsome, non-smoker seeks GM, 30-40, for friendship with possible romance. This degreed professional enjoys volleyball, bicycling, baseball, music, movies and dining. Women find me attractive but I don't return the favor to them. Ad 25162

## NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

Mature, professional, very hairy body/hairy chest, Edwardian beard, (sign of Cancer). You, mentally mature, non-smoker, into safe fun. Please respond to Ad 25916.

## WANT A GREAT SPECIAL FRIEND?

I am and you will be masculine acting and sounding, GWM/GHM, attractive, under 45 years of age, sincere, weight in proportion to height, possess a great sense of humor, reasonably intelligent, non-smoker, non-substance abuser, not into bars or S & M, and have free time for safe get-togethers. Ad 25011.

## SCORPIO LOVERS ARE WONDERFUL MAGIC MAKERS

GWM, 6', 190, br/br, handsome, distinguished, professional, well-educated, and traveled, socially and financially secure, in search of a drug/smoke free masculine GWM 30+. Healthy, happy, honest, sincere, romantic, fun-loving guy. One who enjoys dining by candlelight, quite evenings at home, "black-tie affairs," old movies, opera, theater. Most important loving and being loved and wanting a long term monogamous relationship. Ad 25275

## SMALL TOWN TEXAN SURVIVING IN CITY

HIV-, 38 yr old GWM, 6', 170lbs, br/br who enjoys bicycling, football, basketball, tennis, camping, hiking, fishing, junk stores, C&W music, movies, television, Nintendo, small towns and travel seeks monogamous relationship with GM 25-40 with same interests. Ad 25288

## DADDY, SON, BOY, BOOT-BOY, SLAVE

Do any of these or similar terms interest you? I am 40, fit, attractive, and muscular and looking for a well toned muscular GWM for some experimentation (nothing too heavy or serious). Ad 25298

## HIV+ COWBOY

Healthy, 34, 6'2, 180lbs, br/bl, moustache, masculine, professionally employed, non-smoker, drug free. Enjoys C&W music and dancing, leather, uniforms, camping, cooking and sports. You: GWM 30-45, hairy chest and similar interests looking for someone to share life with. Ad 25364

## LONELY BIWM ROOKIE LEANING TOWARDS MALES

I'm 5'6", weight proportionate, DDF/NS/LD, average looks, 44, sincere, discreet, masculine, likes sports, reading, movies, dining out and intimate evenings plus a BIGWM with same qualities as above. Experienced, average looks, height/weight proportionate 30-50, DDF/NS/LD equals safe fun times - no strings, let's talk. Let's meet and talk. Ad 25378

## ATTENTION: WHITE CALVIN WEARERS

GWM, Daddy bear, 43, 5'6", moustache, balding, hunky, HIV-. Successful professional with a dry sense of humor and a lot of energy. Not looking for love, relationship, or anything serious - just someone who wants to play and who likes to cuddle after. If you are 23-35, straight, bi, or gay, athletic, and look hot in white calvins, why not give it a try? Attorneys, architects, doctors a plus. Ad 25387

## TEMPORARY POSITION AVAILABLE

GWM, 41, 5'9", 140#, br/br, HIV+, seeks GWM, 30-50, who doesn't mind "small" benefits. MUST possess ability to be "active" in his field for this open position. MUST also be able to perform duties in front of other board member. Smoker/light drinker okay. Ad#25994

## WHITE KNIGHT SEEKS MR. RIGHT!

GWM, 32, green eyes, blond hair, medium build, versatile! Looking for a one on one relationship with no games! I am HIV+ but very healthy and active. I love life and just want someone to share it with! Please sincere responses only, all replies answered. Ad 25910

## ARE WE SEEKING EACH OTHER?

Why should we both be lonely? I'm a mid-50, br/bl, 250, 5'8", bearded, PASSIVE, GWM, seeking a younger ACTIVE GM. You're physical attributes/race are totally unimportant. I'm sincere/honest and expect the same from you. I'd love to share good times, quiet moments, dreams, enjoyment, and allow friendships to grow to a relationship. Ad 25911.

## EXCEPTIONAL ERUDITE ECLECTIC IN ESCROW

BIWM, 35, 5'7", 155, college graduate, attractive, interesting, romantic. Hobbies include film, art, tennis and politics. Looking for athletic, masculine acting/looking man to share a monogamous, honest, mature relationship with, built on friendship and similar interests. Ad 25925

## LOOKING FOR A MAN!

Not too much to ask, is it? Me: GWM, 34, br/bl, 5'9", 168lbs, moustache and goatee, DDF, professional with strong libido. Likes top 40 to C&W, dancing, movies, sports, or just plain mindless fun. Seeks stable GWM between 25-45, a masculine "regular guy" with a strong personality, a sense of humor, and no emotional baggage. Willing to explore friendship, relationship or ...? I'm easy. Ad#25926

## INTERESTED IN CARS?

Join our car oriented social club. We meet monthly for club functions and happy hours. You don't have to own an old car, just have an interest. Classic chassis car club. Write to P.O. Box 981102, Houston, Tx. 77098-1102. Or call for details Ad 25931.

## FRIENDSHIP IS WORTH THE EFFORT

Two GWM's, 35-52, HIV+, healthy, Houston Heights, seeks other couples or singles for friendship. Interests include movies, dinners, games, travel and good companionship. Prefer non-smokers. If you sincerely interested in finding friends we would love to hear from you. We know you are out there. Don't be afraid to reach out. Ad 25934

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

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

## ARE YOU A LITTLE NERVOUS?

about experimenting with gay fun? Are you new to the gay scene? I understand and was that way myself at first. If you are young, slim, healthy, free from drugs/alcohol and would enjoy being with a 52 y.o. professional who will respect your shyness, yet introduce you to gay fun times please contact me. I am a sincere, sensitive, and caring professional whom you can trust. Ad 25947.

## YOAKUM, HALLETTSVILLE, CUERO, SCHULENBURG, SHINER, VICTORIA

38yr old, 6', 175, DDF, motivated, GWM with wide range of interests. I have recently moved to this area from the city, but travel regularly. If you are a masculine, enthusiastic, good-hearted regular guy 35+ GM or BIGM and either live in or have reason to visit this area I'd like to hear from you. Ad 25993

## BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP TAKES NATURAL LOVE!

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Travel companion wanted for traveling around the USA and the world. Travel agent needs reliable and responsible GM to accompany him to split cost at discounted prices. Must be non-smoker and drug free. Prefer light drinker to non-drinker. Passport required. Possible relationship. Ad 25972

## SANE EXPRESSIVE COMPANION

Sought by GBM, 5'10", 195#, healthy, HIV+, drug/alcohol/smoke free. I am affectionate, sincere, realistic, spontaneous, honest and enjoy the company of men who have like qualities. Prefer ages 30-45, w/h proportion, facial hair, tall, but not required. Interest include but not limited to movies, music, theater and life outside the bars. Friendship encouraged, relationship possible. Respond to Ad 25974.

## SEEKING AFFECTIONATE, FUN, GENEROUS, FRIENDLY GENTLEMAN

I'm tall, athletic, healthy, hairy, handsome, sensual, affectionate, fun, friendly, sincere, blond, 30's, professional, homeowner. You fit, weight/height proportionate, affluent, generous gentleman, capable of giving time, affection, friskiness, contributions, gifts, travel etc. Relationship: casual to serious. Privacy, discretion, friendship, companionship assured. Let's spoil and pamper one another. Ad 25978

## LOOKING FOR FRIEND

Attractive, well-built 29 yr. old GWM seeks GBM. I am athletic, my favorite sports are biking and running. If you are looking for a warm, sincere person and you are muscular and attractive, please respond to Ad 25979.

## HIV+ HISPANIC MALE

Mid 30's, professional, healthy, sincere, good sense of humor. Seeking other HIV+ men for friendship, but I'm primarily interested in entering a serious relationship with an honest, caring, and loving man. Ad 25987

## I WANNA FEEL WHAT LOVE IS,

I know you can show me, I am a professionally employed homeowner, 40's, DDF, bl/bl, hairy chest, moustache, 5'11", weight in proportion, non-smoker, enjoy movies, dining out, bicycling and travel. Quiet evenings around the fireplace also makes me happy. Want sincere, affectionate man for dating and possible relationship. Ad 25988

## WALLER AREA

GWM, 140lbs, 31 y.o., HIV+, would like to meet others in like circumstances in this area. Not sure what I'm looking for but friendship would be a nice start. Ad 25703

## GBM WHO DARES TO BE DIFFERENT!

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## LOOKING FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES

We are in our late 30's looking for singles and/or couples for safe fun. We are both DDF. Serious replies only. Ad#25709

## SLIM, AUSTIN - GWM

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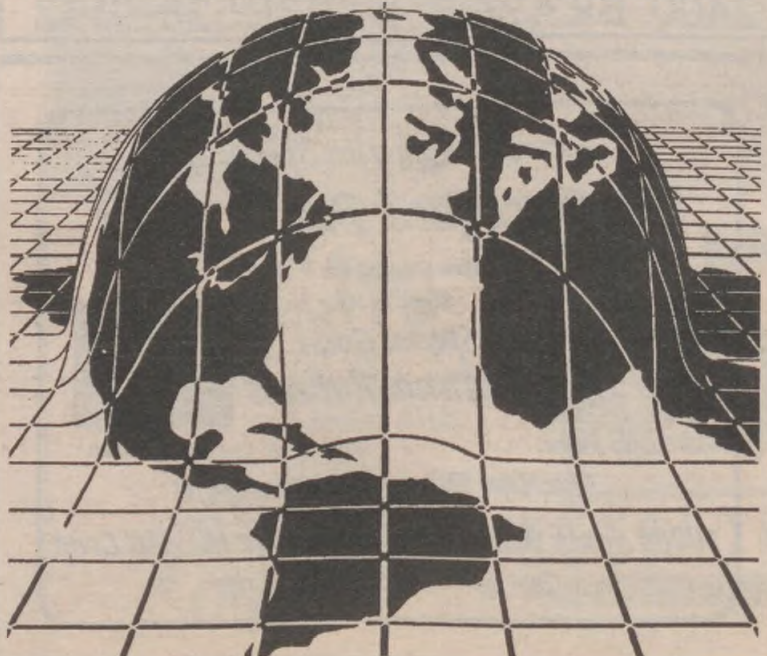
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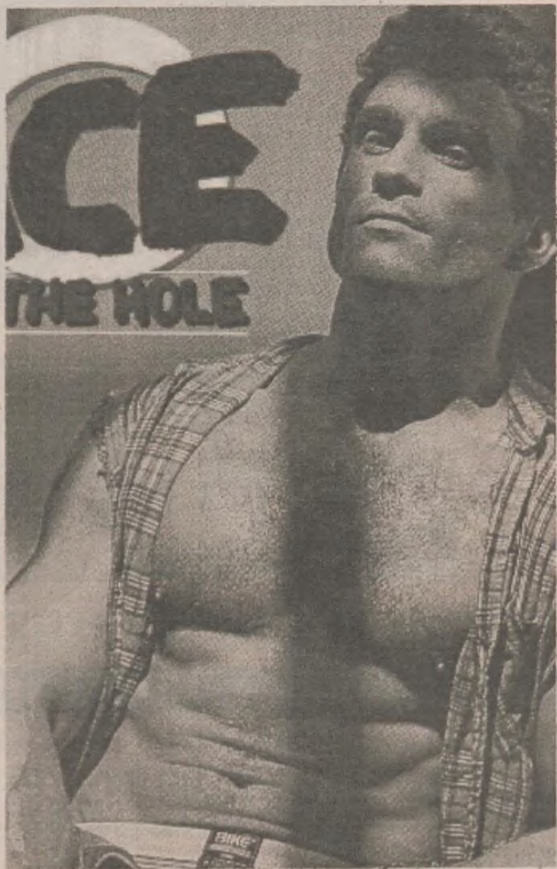
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## New York activists blast NYPD for slowing gay stalker probe

NEW YORK, Tuesday, Nov. 30 (AP)—Gay activists are criticizing the Police Department for pulling detectives off an investigation into the possible serial killings of at least three homosexuals.

The reassignment last week of three detectives to their former units "sends a clear message about the negligible priority it places on the lives of gay men," Bea Hanson, director for the New York Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, said Tuesday.

The detectives had been teamed with investigators from several other agencies in Rockland County, where the dismembered body of a man last seen in a Manhattan bar was discovered in August.

But as the leads dried up, so did the workload, authorities said.

"To be quite frank, we didn't need them," Rockland County District Attorney Kenneth Grietz said of the detectives.

"The bottom line right now is that we need a break in this case."

Police still believe that three gay men who were found dismembered over the past two years likely were victims of a

serial killer who stalks homosexuals in New York City bars.

The most recent victim, Michael Sakara Jr., 54, was discovered in suburban Rockland County, his body parts packed in plastic bags and stuffed in a trash can. Sakara was last seen in a Greenwich Village piano bar, authorities said.

In two slayings last year, the victims were found in New Jersey. They also were last seen in New York City, authorities said.

Officials also are investigating a similar slaying in upstate New York, as well as the death of a Philadelphia banker last seen at a New York bar.

At a news conference in front of the piano bar Tuesday, gay activists charged that the Police Department's decision to reassign detectives reflects a history of neglect toward violent crimes against gays.

But police officials defended the move, insisting that at least one investigator will continue to make the case a priority, and that others will join in as needed.

"We are still cooperating with the investigation," said Lt. Ray O'Donnell, a police spokesperson. "We are not off the case."

## Gay teens urge approval of anti-discrimination bill

By JONATHAN YENKIN  
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

BOSTON, Tuesday, Nov. 30 (AP)—After enduring death threats, thoughts of suicide and frequent harassment, gay teen-agers hope Massachusetts will soon have a law barring discrimination against them.

About 50 students rallied at the Statehouse on Tuesday in support of a bill that would make it illegal to discriminate against gay students in public schools or interfere with their studies based on their sexual orientation.

"Right now, most public schools are not safe places for gay and lesbian youth," said Sarah Lonberg-Lew, 17, of Brookline.

David LaFontaine, political director of the state Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, said Massachusetts would set a national precedent by enacting the law,

although about 20 school systems across the state already have adopted similar policies.

LaFontaine said gay students need protection from harassment, which he said can lead to dropouts and suicide.

"We are not just talking about a piece of legislation," he said. "We are talking about a piece of lifesaving legislation."

Proponents of the bill cite a study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that said 28 percent of gay teens drop out of school because of harassment. LaFontaine also said gay suicides account for 30 percent of all suicides by teen-agers.

Massachusetts in 1989 became the second state, after Wisconsin, to enact a gay rights law. But activists said it does not cover adolescents or the school setting.

LaFontaine said

enacting the gay student rights law in Massachusetts will give teen-agers ammunition to pressure schools to take action to end harassment.

The bill has passed the House and awaits final action in the Senate.

Sen. Robert Havern, D-Arlington, a cosponsor of the bill, said he expected the bill to be taken up in the Senate on Wednesday.

That news brought cheers from the students. Among them was Chris Hannon, 16, of Boston, who said he left his high school after receiving repeated threats, such as "Burn Faggot Burn."

"My grades started dropping," Hannon said. "My whole life started going downhill."

Hannon said he considered suicide and "came very close several times." But he said he received help from a support group and his friends and learned to

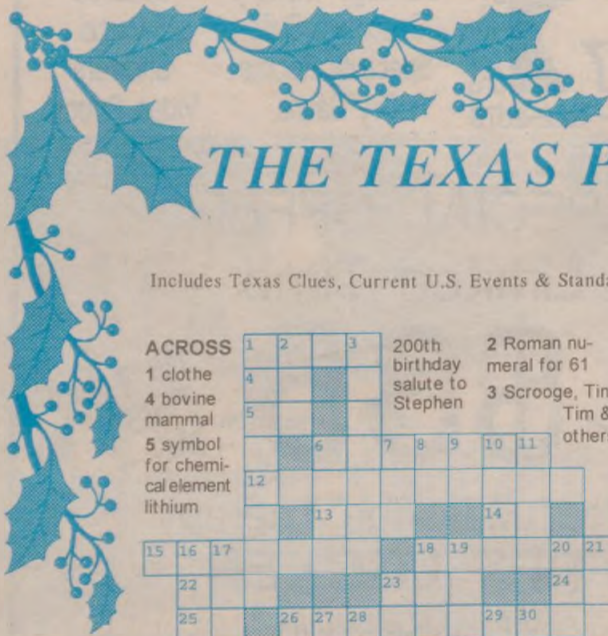
take more pride in himself.

Mark DeLellis, 17, of Belmont, said he kept his gay identity a secret until high school. But even before then he said he was abused by students who suspected he was homosexual.

In one instance, in middle school, when he was on the soccer team, "People gathered around me and shouted 'Faggot,' 'Homo,'" DeLellis said. "They spit on me and they threw animal droppings on me."

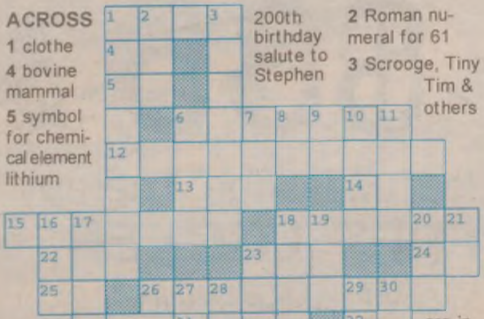
DeLellis said his problems continued into high school, where he went through bouts of depression last year and stayed away from school, feeling nervous about how he would be treated.

"People just pick on people who are different," he said. "I hope this (bill) helps to stop that, not just for gay and lesbian and bisexual students but for anyone who is different from their peers."



## THE TEXAS PUZZLE

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- ACROSS**
- 1 clothe
  - 4 bovine mammal
  - 5 symbol for chemical element lithium
  - 6 Japanese art of arranging flowers
  - 12 lessening the intensity of
  - 13 direction Texas City to Port Arthur, abbrev.
  - 14 state with Hartford as capital, abbrev.
  - 15 Mexican President Carlos
  - 18 1994 will be San Antonio's 103rd time
  - 22 fluffy scarf
  - 23 snakelike fish
  - 24 verb suffix, cause to be
  - 25 verb suffix used to form past participles
  - 26 Texas 1st colonial capital had
  - 27 U.S. 1st Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton, initials ("Real firmness is good for anything; strut is good for nothing.")
  - 28 Cornhusker State, abbrev.
  - 29 state with mock orange as official flower, abbrev.
  - 30 symbol for ratio of circumference of circle to its diameter
  - 34 Southern Calif.'s late-Oct. '93 curse
  - 36 1st solo transatlantic air flyer, initials ("The improvement of our way of life is more important than the spreading of it. If we make it satisfactory enough, it will spread automatically. If we do not, no strength of arms can permanently oppose it.")
- DOWN**
- 1 space shuttle that just completed record 14-day scientific mission
  - 2 Roman numeral for 61
  - 3 Scrooge, Tiny Tim & others
  - 6 Lou Costello's straight man, initials
  - 9 positioned
  - 10 fastidious
  - 11 small social insects
  - 16 Lincoln's first name
  - 17 ore deposit
  - 18 terminal leg parts
  - 19 evil
  - 20 golf ball peg
  - 21 version of indefinite article used before a vowel sound
  - 23 result



## HOROSCOPE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10 - 16, 1993

Sagittarians born between December 10-17 need to remain committed to previously made plans. You will be tempted to stray by emotion and fancy. Your friends will be impressed if you are dependable.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 20)** Christmas finds you the 'life of the party' and you love it. Splurge on a new tie or dress for the season, you will look great. Spreading happiness and joy to friends will make this one the best Holiday seasons for you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 21 - Jan 19)** Leadership opportunities will surprise you this month. Others will look to you for direction. Watch out for being self righteous, as you have done your share of sinning of late. It was done unconsciously so do not feel bad about it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 19)** If you get through the next month without falling in love it will be a miracle. Watch that the new relationship is an honest and valid one. You are entering into a high energy period of time. Try a new hair style or color to go with your social activity.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)** Career change or at least greater employment advancement is on the horizon, my friend. Your skills have been noticed more than you had thought. Do not look back, but accept the new assignment. Your smile is a real advantage that you possess.

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** Like your AQUARIUS friend, the next thirty days will be with high social and romantic activities. Lust rather than love will be your goal, be careful about making a commitment as your social energies will be much greater than your new friend's.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)** Increased communications skills at work will aid with your professional advancement opportunities. Accept speaking and presentation assignments to further your career. Consider purchasing a 'power' color tie or styled suit.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)** The next ten days are with high energy especially in your social/sexual life. Beware of the good qualities in your current partner and give that person some space and privacy, you could be 'a bit to much to handle at times'.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 22)** Be very careful about scams and fake business opportunities. Do not play the victim role unless you want to be hurt. This will be one of the dependency periods of the year for you in the next two weeks. Caution is the watch word.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)** Follow your own intuitions as they will be more correct than outside influences. One or two co-workers will try to influence you for their benefit. Enjoy your private moments and get in touch with your sensitivities of which will have more than usual in the next two weeks.

**VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22)** Friends will notice a romantic 'you' during this Holiday season. Enjoy this warm/fuzzy feeling as an end in itself rather than to believe that it means you should fall in love. Wearing red, mauve and medium green colors will look particularly good on you.

**LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22)** Increased physical energy allows you to have the cleanest home in town for wonderful Holiday parties. No flower arrangement is to difficult for you to style. Pull out your cookbooks with the most complex recipes, no one will be able to touch your cooking skills at this time.

**SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 22)** This Holiday season shows off the power side of your wonderful personality. The colors of black, red and medium blue will look especially good on you. You will over take some of your more gentle friends, not on purpose, so date your stronger acquaintances.

The solution appears elsewhere in this issue  
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