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Scores of candidates seek HGLPC endorsement; 55 get lucky

ELECTION '94

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus endorsed candidates in the March 8 primary elections last Wednesday, Feb. 2, in a relatively quick-moving, smooth running meeting that followed a flurry of candidate speeches and last-minute endorsements. There were a few surprises, and in more than one instance the caucus' selection, after open discussion, varied from the recommendations of committee members who had screened the candidates. However, the group largely avoided non-endorsement positions, declining to endorse in only two races in which candidates completed screening with acceptable scores, and issuing no dual endorsements.

Over 100 candidates, a record number, sought the support of HGLPC for the March 8 Republican and Democratic primaries. The unprecedented response required the expansion of the screening process, which literally continued until the time of the endorsement meeting on Wednesday night, according to GLPC president Gary Van Ooteghem.

Provoking by far the most discussion was the race for United States Congress, District 29, in which the screening committee had recommended endorsing the incumbent, U.S. Rep. Gene Green. The original motion to endorse Green was immediately interrupted with a substitute motion brought by emotional supporters of his challenger, Ben Reyes, a Houston City Council member. Reyes' supporters pointed out that he has a history of working actively on issues with Gay/Lesbian and AIDS organizations as a city official, and the organization



Craig Washington: no debate in District 18

awarded him its annual Humanitarian Award for service to the community just last year.

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The substitute motion was debated with equal fervor, however, by members who questioned Reyes' answers to HIV-related questions during screening and his seemingly contradictory or waffling political positions over the years.

Reyes' screening problems centered around three questions concerning mandatory HIV testing. Committee members say he answered "yes" to questions of whether he favored mandatory testing for health care workers, food handlers and persons accused of rape, and that he reconfirmed the answers on clarification. Reyes later retracted the answers, claiming he was poorly advised by a paid Lesbian/Gay consultant on his campaign staff.

Both the substitute motion to endorse Reyes and the original motion to endorse Green were defeated in very close votes, leaving the caucus card without an endorsement in Congressional Dist. 29.

Selections were less time-consuming in U.S. Congressional Districts 18 and 25. There was almost no discussion prior to endorsing Craig Washington, long-time "correct vote" incumbent in District 18, despite a taut, confident speech delivered by challenger Sheila Jackson Lee.

In Dist. 25, the caucus voted to endorse Harris County Democratic Party chair Ken Bentsen over the screening committee's recommendation of Paul Colbert in that race.

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Candidates Endorsed by HGLPC in March 8 Primary Election

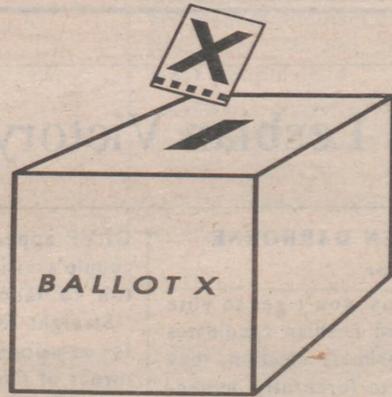
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

US SENATE: Jim Mattox. US House, District 18: Craig Washington; District 25: Ken Bentsen. TX State Treasurer: Grady Yarbrough; TX Land Commissioner: Garry Mauro. TX Agricultural Commissioner: Marvin Gregory.

TX Supreme Court, Place 1: Rene Haas; Place 2, Alice Oliver Parrot; Place 3, Jimmy Carroll. TX Court of Criminal Appeals, Presiding Judge: Charlie Baird; TX Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Poppy Northcutt.

TX Senate, Dist. 6: Yolanda Flores; Dist. 13: Rodney Ellis; Dist. 15: John Whitmire. TX House, Dist. 132: Scott Hochberg; Dist. 134: Bruce Reeves; Dist. 137: Debra Danburg; Dist. 143: Carol Alvarado; Dist. 147: Garnet Coleman.

1st Court of Appeals, Place 1: Gerry Birnberg. 14th Court of Appeals, Place 1: Ben Levy; Place 3, George Ellis; Place 6: Carl Dudensing. 113th District Court (Civil): Patricia Lasher. 180th District Court (Criminal): Susan Spruce. 182nd District Court (Criminal): Laura Ingle. 185th District Court (Criminal): Carl Walker, Jr. 232nd District Court (Criminal): Eric Hagstette. 234th District Court (Civil): Leta Parks.



245th District Court (Family): Michael Hay. 246th District Court (Family): John Peavy, Jr. 248th District Court (Criminal): Woody Densen; 263rd District Court (Criminal): Ruben Guerrero. 281st District Court (Civil): Michael C. Farrow.

308th District Court (Family): Steve Schweitzer. 309th District Court (Family): Sherri Cothrun. 310th District Court (Family): Deborah Wright. 311th District Court (Family): Dinah Bailey. 313th District Court (Family): Ramona John.

Harris County Judge: Vince Ryan. Harris County Civil Court, No. 3: Carolyn Day Hobson. Harris County Criminal Court, No. 9: Glen Rushin; No. 14: Norma Jean Mancha; No. 15: Lee Wilson. Harris County Probate Court, No. 2: Martha Failing; No. 4: Paul J. Smith. Harris County District Clerk: Kevin Newsome. Harris County Clerk: Sheryl Rappolo. Harris County Treasurer: Katy Caldwell. Harris County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Place 2: David Patronella. (Harris County Democratic Party Chair: Mike Charlton; Chair, Pct. 53: Pat Gandy; Chair, Pct. 57, Sherry Griffith).

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

TX Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1: Steve Mansfield. Harris County Civil Court, No. 4: Cynthia Crowe.

New Houston HIV-AIDS Resource Group gets grants, hires director

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

The Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, a newly formed lead administrative agency that is expected to take over management of nearly \$3 million in state and federal AIDS grants this year, has hired Michael J. Springer as its executive director.

The new agency, which dubs itself "The Resource Group" for short, will receive its first new grant this month. A contract has been awarded to the group for about \$70,000 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds from the Texas Department of Health.

The Resource Group was formed to administer all Houston area HIV service funds from TDH, as well as the Pediatric AIDS Demonstration grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Over the next two or three months, as the other TDH and HRSA grants are awarded, the new agency's projected annual budget will approach \$3,000,000, Springer said, with most of those funds then being awarded to local HIV service provider agencies.

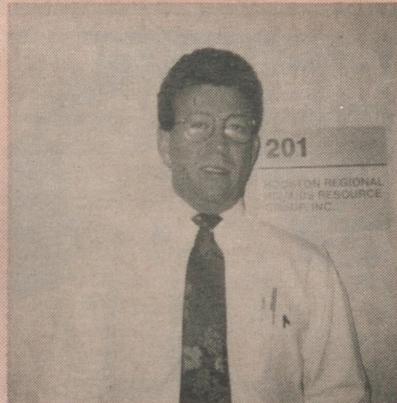
Prior to the announcement this week, Springer had been serving as executive director of the Greater Houston HIV Alliance, a precursor lead agency long

haunted by controversy and internal upheavals. The new Resource Group is located at 811 Westheimer, Suite 201—which had been the Alliance's temporary office space—and most staff members in the offices will be retained.

But Springer and others involved in the new agency are adamant in stressing that the two groups are totally separate entities, and that the transition did not involve a "transfer" of the grants.

"There was no transfer of funds. Legally, it is critical that people understand this," Springer said. TDH's HIV consortium reviewed and voted to award the contracts to the Resource Group after the Alliance formally ceased to administer them; technically, the awards could have been made to another entity, he explained. The changes will not interrupt provision of services, he said.

Although the HIV Alliance had a turbulent history, Springer said he believes the agency was built around "a fantastic



Michael Springer will head new HIV Resource Group

idea," one he still strongly believes in. "A community based agency is, in many ways, better able to manage grants than a government agency, simply because there is not all of the government bureaucracy. I really think community based (administrative agencies) are the way to go," he said.

The former Alliance, in spite of attempts to rejuvenate and break away from past problems, was bogged down in its controversial past as the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance. In some ways, the agency was dogged by its own diligence: among the entanglements that ultimately led to its self-orchestrated demise was an audit commissioned by the Alliance's board. In an attempt to expose mismanagement by former executive director, Sue Cooper, and others, the board members uncovered shoddy record-keeping that led to more problems for the embattled agency itself.

"I think it's unfortunate that some of the things that happened in the past hap-

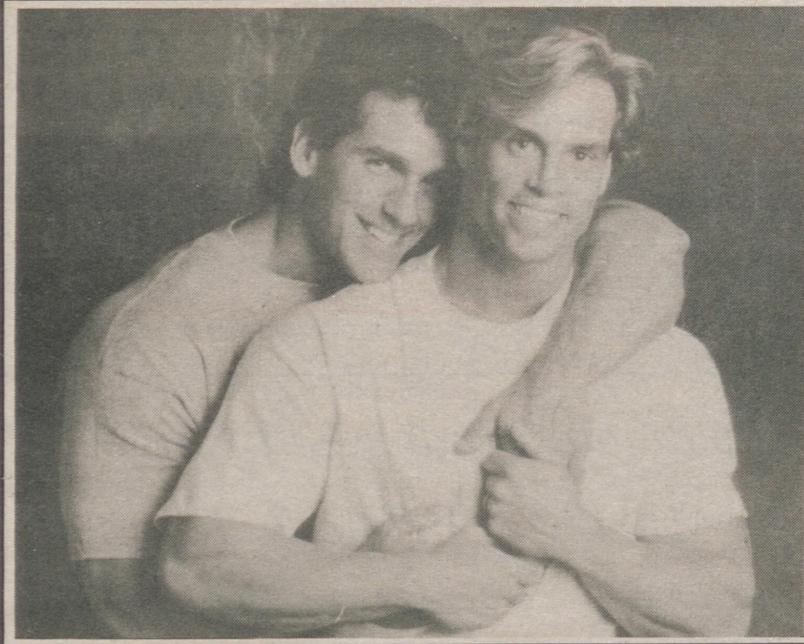
pened here. The way things are now, the money is split (between the community-based agency, the county and city health department), and it just makes it harder to communicate, to avoid duplication of services, and so on."

The basic difference between governmental and community-based agencies, Springer said, "is that C.B. organizations tend to be closer to the affected populations, much more in touch. And often, they are more accessible...and can respond quicker to the needs."

The dual administration that exists in Houston can be confusing, he said, because the two administrators "basically, are funding the exact same services in almost every case," he said.

However, Springer noted, he is hopeful that the infamous administrative animosity between the former Alliance and the county's HIV Services Division will now be laid to rest. "One of my primary goals is to put the past behind us," he said. "I feel that I already have a good working relationship with most of the people at the county, and the with the city. I'm hoping that now, we can all start to cooperate to make these things work. I have a personal goal of trying to facilitate the different funding sources working together."

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Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund hoping to double its Houston membership

By **SHERI COHEN DARBONNE**
Houston Voice Editor

While Houstonians won't get to vote for openly Gay and Lesbian candidates in the upcoming primary election, they will get a chance to forcefully demonstrate their support for the idea of electing Gay people to public office on Feb. 21. A membership drive for the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a national political action committee that supports openly Gay and Lesbian candidates exclusively, will take place that evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum Restaurant and Bar, 1512 West Alabama.

The organization hopes to double its local membership at the event, said Annise Parker, a board member of the Fund for the past six months. The Victory Fund presently has 43 full members and 19 associate members in Houston.

The Houston event will feature Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris as guests of honor. One of the best known Gay male couples in America, Bob and Rod have appeared on "Oprah," "Donahue," and most recently were featured in a cover story in "Out" magazine. The

GLVF appearance coincides with the couple's visit to both Dallas and Houston to launch their autobiography, "Straight From the Heart." The event is co-sponsored by Joe Ramunni, owner of Crossroads Market and Bookstore; Peter Foley and Craig Vollmers, co-owners of the Museum; and Tad Nelson, publisher of the Houston Voice. Parker and Ramunni are coordinating the event.

The Victory Fund, a non-connected PAC, does not lobby or give money directly to candidates, but rather acts as a sort of clearinghouse for information on the candidates, Parker explained. Victory Fund members pledge and donate money directly to the candidates of their choice, although the checks are bundled and cleared through the Fund, she said.

"We are distinctly different from an organization like the Human Rights Campaign Fund in two ways," Parker said. First, the Victory Fund supports only openly Gay candidates, not Gay-supportive candidates. Second, because the money comes from members through GLVF, not directly from

the Fund, contributions to individual candidates are not restricted by limitations that govern connected PACs, Parker said.

Structured similar to Emily's List for women candidates, the Fund is registered as a political action committee, but supports a candidate only once unless there are extenuating circumstances. The Fund has no relationship with the candidate after the election and does not lobby, said William Waybourn, executive director. The organization's focus is on the election and appointment of open lesbians and gay men serving in public roles, "giving us a seat at the table where decisions affecting our community are made," Waybourn said.

The Fund also has stringent guidelines for candidates chosen for support. Besides being openly Gay, these candidates must publicly endorse the Federal Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights Bill and similar state and local anti discrimination laws, advocate aggressive positions on AIDS funding and health care issues, and be politically viable, which includes having access to

money, an organized support system and a fair chance at winning the seat.

The last test, said Parker, would probably have eliminated her own 1991 race from consideration, as candidates who run against incumbents are not considered to have the best chance.

The guidelines have contributed to GLVF's success as a PAC: it is listed among the top 50 political action committees in success (along with HRCF), and over 60 percent of Victory Fund-recommended candidates have won their races.

It takes a contribution of \$100 to join the Fund, and members are also asked to pledge an additional \$200 a year to support Gay and lesbian candidates: a total commitment of \$300 per year, said Parker. There are also associate memberships available at \$35 per year.

At the Houston event, Parker said, new members will get the party, including open bar, free with their initial \$100 contribution to the Fund. People who are already full members may attend for a \$25 donation; for associate members, the donation is \$50.

Reflecting on another year of the AIDS war, and a note of hope for '94

YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

By **LEONARD EARL JOHNSON**
Houston Voice/Houston

The dust has settled on 1993, a long, hard year during which the AIDS crisis repeatedly touched a lot of homes. Two of my close friends died of it, another committed suicide, and a young friend "came down" from a year-long sex binge convinced he had contracted it—gratefully, he tested virus free.

Me, I'm not too young, but I'm not too old either, and three deaths seem a lot for one year. My mother, nearing 80, said it has only been recently that she's had three deaths a year.

Before this year, I had certainly not sat out the AIDS pandemic. I read about it, even wrote about it. I knew a lot about it. I knew names of people fallen in the AIDS war: famous people, friends and peripheral acquaintances. And I regularly took the test.

But I had tested negative in the

early news-filled years. Then AIDS was the not new story. (Even though, then it was merely epidemic; now it is pandemic.) I felt safe and comfy and a few steps removed from the big, scary thing.

Before and since my first terrifying HIV test I lustily violated my Catholic upbringing by practicing gay sex, and safe gay sex at that! I am convinced it is precisely because of ignoring Catholic teachings and accepting two realities—the need for sex, and the need for safe-sex—that I continued testing virus free.

Still, last year, AIDS stepped a lot closer.

A phone call came early in the year announcing the death of a close friend in Chicago. L. was a suburban Chicago sports-writer with the huge Star Newspaper Chain. I sat at my desk after hearing the news remembering nights he and I painted the Windy City.

Once, during a Saint Patrick's



Scene from the New Orleans AIDS war battle field

Day parade we tossed a series of orange carnations into the Chicago River. The River had been died green for the parade. The flowers lined up to from their own parade, a tiny English-Orange flotilla in "The River of Irish-Green."

Burly Chicago cops, each doubtless an Irish cousin of Irish Mayor Richard Daley, chased us into a jazz club named Jazz at Five. There, Penny, a tender soul, hid us in her manager's office and fed us green

beer till the blue—meanies took off in pursuit of other miscreants.

Another time, L. and I were in New Orleans where a black hustler told him, "I be trash, just trash." L. was shocked. He had never before seen so clearly such internalized self hate. He talked about that painful incident often. L. was a racist himself, with that curious but common racist's sexual desire for the object of his disdain. He learned something important that day. That day he learned he shared more with such blacks than a bed. They shared the same self loathing. In L.'s case it stemmed from being queer, and loving what he thought was bad. L. was queer, in both senses of the word.

The other AIDS death was my oldest, dearest, queerest friend. A friend from boyhood, with whom I shared memories so distant that at times I recall them only as smells. My heart still wears the mourner's black band for this one, and probably always will.

The third, the suicide, may not have been AIDS related. When it happened no knew if J. was HIV positive. He always said he did not want to know. For whatever reason, he walked off a friend's front porch in Gulfport, Mississippi. "I'm going to walk along the water's edge," he said. He never turned back. His friend, enfeebled by age and heart, watched him open several pill bottles, turn them up to his mouth and walk out into the Gulf of Mexico. A poetic way to go, I think. I loved him and miss him, but appreciate the flare with which he extinguished himself.

The young friend who tested negative got his results after fretting about it for weeks. He spent much of the morning before his appointment talking to me on the phone. When he hung up I cried. When I stopped crying, I called him back and told him I love him whether or not he had AIDS.

When he called again it was with good news. It has been a sad, hard year. Good news is a good way to start the new one.

Brady's Corner



ABC, Roseanne clash over kiss

LOS ANGELES, Saturday, Feb. 5 (AP)—A kiss is not just a kiss. Not when it involves Roseanne Arnold and Mariel Hemingway.

ABC is refusing to air an episode of Ms. Arnold's hit sitcom "Roseanne" because it shows her and Hemingway exchanging a kiss in a gay bar. The episode was slated to air March 1, said Tom Arnold, Roseanne's husband.

Arnold said he was told by Steve Weiswasser, senior vice president and general counsel of ABC Inc., that the scene "is not the lifestyle that most people lead."

Arnold's remarks were reported Saturday by the Los Angeles Daily News.

ABC spokesperson Sherrie Berger said the network had no comment on the issue.

Dept. of Criminal Justice using stealth tactics in processing gay-bashers' parole

By WILLIAM OGG

Chair, The Association of Victims of Violent Crime

Nancy Rodriguez of Georgia, the mother of gay-bashing victim Paul Broussard, made a phone call on Feb. 3, 1994. Ms. Rodriguez had just received a tip from the office of State Representative Garnet Coleman that the Pardons and Paroles Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (?) was in the process of reviewing for parole several of the felons convicted in connection with the murder of Paul Broussard.

This information took Ms. Rodriguez by complete surprise, as she had notified the Victims Service Section of the Pardons and Paroles Division that she very much desired to be a part of the process of parole determination, as was her "right" accorded under the "Rights of Crime Victims" published by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (?).

Texas Rights of Crime Victims Article 7 states: "If you so request, the right to be notified of parole proceedings by the Board of Pardons and Paroles to participate in the parole process and to be notified of the defendant's release." Article 12 of this same document states: "The right to complete a Victims Impact statement, detailing the emotional, physical and financial impact that the crime has had on you and your family, and to have that statement considered by the judge at sentencing and by the parole board PRIOR to taking ANY parole action."

Ms. Rodriguez was to discover that this review process had actually commenced on Jan. 4, 1994, with a tentative release date for these felons set for July

4, 1994, the third anniversary of the murder. The notification of Ms. Rodriguez was supposed to have been performed by Pardons and Paroles Division, Victims Service Section employee Rebecca Watts (512-406-5200/Fax 512-406-5417). Ms. Watts was not only remiss in contacting Ms. Rodriguez, but once Ms. Rodriguez contacted Ms. Watts, she ran into a virtual stonewall.

Repeated long distance telephone calls placed by Ms. Rodriguez have gone unreturned. Ms. Watts has been continually evasive with Ms. Rodriguez. Excuses by Ms. Watts have included information not being in her computer, her file was not complete (despite the review process being over a month old), and Ms. Rodriguez being too demanding on her time.

When told of the incomplete file, Ms. Rodriguez inquired as to what the file consisted of. Ms. Watts responded, "That's confidential." However, Ms. Watts did request that Ms. Rodriguez fax a copy of her Victims Impact Statement, as the file copy had apparently been lost. After running up a huge telephone bill in attempting to contact Ms. Watts, Ms. Rodriguez was finally provided with a toll free telephone number (800-848-4284).

Ms. Rodriguez has been placed in a Catch 22 position. When information was requested on the individuals under consideration for release, she was told that the information could not be released without a "TDCJ number" for the convicted felons. The "TDCJ number" for these individuals could not be given to Ms. Rodriguez. Although given the tentative release date of July 4, Ms. Watts told Ms. Rodriguez that the

matter could come up for consideration by the parole board "a couple of months earlier than that." Ms. Watts has refused to be more specific.

Ms. Rodriguez then appealed to Harris County Asst. District Attorney Mike Anderson, the case prosecutor. Mr. Anderson would agree only to send a form letter to Pardons and Paroles Division.

Paul Broussard was executed on the streets of Houston by 10 men who beat and stabbed him to death on the suspicion that he was gay.

When their cases got to court, the District Attorney's Office was ORDERED by the court to enter plea bargain negotiations. This was done over the protests of Nancy Rodriguez. The negotiations resulted in probated sentences for five of those men; the remaining five were sentenced to prison on sentences ranging from 45 to 15 years. Only two of these men have actually reached prison; now, at least three of them are under consideration for release on parole.

The subjects of the intended parole actions are: Javier Aguirre, TDC#653413; Jaime Aguirre, TDC# unknown and Leandro Ramirez, TDC# unknown. All received sentences of 15 years and one day in January, 1993 in the 176th District Court. Ms. Rodriguez also stated that another convicted felon, Paul Dillion, may be being considered also; however, she cannot get the Pardons and Paroles Division to provide her with this information.

The "Rights of Texas Crime Victims" published by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice—Pardons and Paroles Divisions, which have been followed to the letter by Nancy Rodriguez,

now appear not to be worth the paper they were written on. Ms. Rodriguez has run up on a closed door bureaucracy who considers her to be little more than a pest. The conduct of Rebecca Watts in this matter is nothing short of a victimization of Nancy Rodriguez and an insult to the memory of Paul Broussard.

Ms. Rodriguez requests that all concerned citizens contact the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Pardons and Paroles Division to protest the contemplated release of the murderers of Paul Broussard, as well as the treatment she has been subjected to. Letters of protest are also welcome and a petition will be made available to object to the early release of the murderers of Paul Broussard.

Justice will only be achieved when those who are not injured by crime feel as indignant as those who are. "Blessed are those who mourn..."—Matthew 5:5

(Editor's note: William Ogg has been active with victims' advocacy groups since his 15-month old daughter, Meghan Evans, was murdered in 1981. Besides chairing the Association of Victims of Violent Crime, he is a member of the Houston chapter of Parents of Murdered Children. The A.V.V.C., which calls itself "The Voice of the Victim," provides emergency assistance to crime victims and operates a hotline providing both referrals and crisis intervention. The organization does not charge crime victims for assistance, but appreciates donations to help with these services, Ogg said; for more information or to obtain a Paul Broussard petition, call 693-9443 or write to: 901 Twin Oaks, Houston, TX 77076-2806).

HIV-Positive Attorney Kicks Off Portland City Council Race

By DAVID BATTERSON
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

PORTLAND—Attorney Fred Neal, treasurer during 1992's anti-Oregon Citizen's Alliance, No on 9 Campaign, parted with about 500 friends and supporters at his kickoff dinner in late January at the elegant Benson Hotel. Neal is seeking the Portland City Council seat currently held by Earl Blumenauer.

Neal, former director of Intergov-

ernmental Relations for Multnomah County, has also been a board member of the Right To Privacy Political Action Committee (RTP PAC), and the ACLU of Oregon. The openly-gay, 44-year-old Portland lawyer is HIV-positive, but remains asymptomatic of AIDS.

In a previous campaign statement, Neal said that "our primary mission must be to protect our quality of life as a community. The core essentials that define our quality of life are a

healthy and growing economy, a clean environment, safe and livable neighborhoods, and respect and tolerance for others."

"We must also recognize that divisiveness, mistrust and intolerance tear apart the fabric of our community," he said. "We cannot let that happen."

Neal's legal career began in 1976, when he was appointed deputy legislative counsel for the Oregon Legislative Assembly. His other posi-

tions have included executive director of the State Court Finance Action Committee, legal counsel to the League of Oregon Cities, and city prosecutor for the City of Gresham, a Portland suburb.

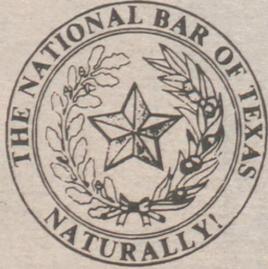
Neal received the ACLU of Oregon's Civil Liberties Award in 1992 for his activism on human rights issues. He served four years on the RTP PAC board; RTP PAC is Oregon's largest and oldest gay/lesbian civil rights organization.

Neal's hobbies include the restoration of his historic home in the Irvington neighborhood of Southeast Portland, which he shares with partner Tim Atkinson. Atkinson, also HIV-positive, is acting campaign manager.

Contact: Families & Friends for Fred Neal Committee, P.O. Box 2518, Portland, OR 97208-2518; (503) 284-6384, FAX: (503) 222-2654.

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Colorado's anti-gay rights measure appealed to high court

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DENVER, Friday, Feb. 4 (AP)—A December decision ruling Amendment 2 unconstitutional will be appealed to the Colorado Supreme Court, Gov. Roy Romer said Friday.

Amendment 2, the state's anti-gay rights measure, was approved by voters in 1992.

On Dec. 14, Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless ruled the measure unconstitutional, saying it would deprive a group access to the political process. Attorney General Gale Norton said at that time that the state would be appealing the decision.

Romer said Friday that the state has given formal notice that Bayless' decision is being appealed to the state's high court.

"I believe the citizens of Colorado want this issue resolved. If necessary, we will appeal this case to the U.S. Supreme Court to answer all of the legal questions involved," he said.

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the House of the Lord for ever.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 7, 1994 at Hyde Park Funeral Chapel with Rev. Carolyn Mobley, Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, officiating.

Pallbearers were Kim Zeeb, Cory Collins, Terry Flood, Larry Ekridge, Rick Lord and J.D. Brown.

Candidates resort to 'homophobia baiting' and members discuss the 'trouble with Vince' at caucus endorsement meeting

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Candidates endorsed by HGLPC receive a wide array of campaign support, including targeted mailings, staff and phone bank support, and financial contributions. In addition, over 50,000 push cards will be distributed to voters known to support the caucus, Van Ooteghem said.

A list of 55 candidates was endorsed by HGLPC at last Wednesday's meeting, two in the Republican Primary and the rest in the Democratic Primary. Because there were no races in which both a Republican and Democratic candidate screened for the same position, there were no races in which an endorsement was made for a candidate in each primary. In other words, only one candidate is endorsed by the caucus in each race, although the organization's rules allow for endorsements to be made in the separate primaries.

The caucus' guidelines prohibit the endorsement of candidates who do not participate in the screening. All candidates are invited to screen with the group.

Candidates who are screened are not "automatically" endorsed if they are the only candidates who screen in a race. Several candidates who screened were not endorsed because of unacceptable scores or other problems. And, in at least one case, a member asked the group to reconsider its endorsement of a candidate running unopposed in the Democratic Pri-



Vince Ryan: endorsed over some protests.

mary who received high screening scores.

Vince Ryan, the Democratic candidate for County Judge, has a controversial history in his relations with the Gay and Lesbian community, primarily because of his role in redrawing city council districts. (The redistricting removed Montrose from the liberal, ethnically diverse District C and added it to the heavily black District D; Ryan, who led negotiations, was accused by activists of retaliating against the Gay community for supporting a Lesbian candidate, Annise Parker, who ran against him in 1991). Ryan, who faces three Republican opponents for Jon Lindsay's post in November and is unopposed in the primary, got the endorsement.

In another curious twist at the endorsement meeting, a candidate who had received low scores in screening successfully used a tactic that can perhaps be described as "gay baiting" in reverse—homophobia baiting—to derail the recommendation of the screening committee in a judicial race. John L. "Jack" Webb, running in the Democratic primary for the 312th Family District Court, circulated a flyer at the meeting claiming, among other things, that opponent Sandra Peebles gave campaign funds to a conservative group and had, according to campaign finance reports, supported a petition-signing party at the United Pentecostal Church. Though supporters of Peebles spoke on her behalf to deny the accusations, the caucus endorsement in that race was scrapped in a 31-33 vote.

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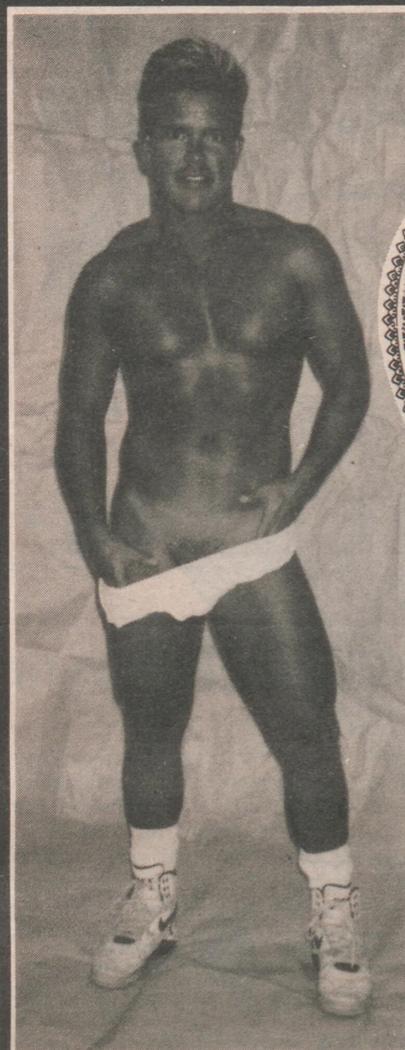
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A killer's motivation is searched in 'Triumph of the Spider Monkey'

HOUSTON LIVE

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

What makes a serial killer? What traumatic events must have occurred in someone's life to drive him over the edge in such extreme fashion?

Well, playwright Joyce Carol Oates has no original answers to these questions, but in "Triumph of the Spider Monkey" the pat answers she employs notwithstanding, Oates at least presents them in an engrossing if not quite gripping fashion.

Oates' anti-hero is Bobbie Goteson (Brian Alan Hill). As the play opens a cacophonous noise, definable as music only if one stretches the definition, fades out and the lights rise on a courtroom scene. The prosecutor (Michael J. Farrand), dressed like a pagan priest in ceremonial garb, rails on the monstrosity of the perpetrated crimes. The counsel for the defense (David Logan Rankin) is a shameless and sleazy publicity hound who dares the court to find the line between sanity and insanity.

Thus the two attorneys begin calling witnesses and tracing the turns of Bobbie's life. And to describe Bobbie's life as traumatic is hugely inadequate.

He was abandoned by his mother as a toddler and left in a Port Authority locker. Psycho-



Brian Hill and David Rankin in "Triumph of the Spider Monkey" at Curtains Theater

logical tests indicated trouble and a series of failed stays in foster homes verified Bobbie as emotionally disturbed.

Bobbie's father (Rankin) turns up and takes custody of the child. The father stokes the resentment Bobbie feels toward his mother and molds it into ruthless misogyny. Then begins homosexual incest between father and son.

An obsession with a guitar and jealousy of hitchhikers leads to further cloudiness in Bobbie's mind, with the latter causing him to walk away from his

father. Bobbie becomes a hustler and eventually gets taken in by an aging actress who casts him in cheesy "B" movies and fuels the steadily building pressure inside Bobbie by belittling him.

Where along the line did Bobbie reach that proverbial point of no return? Which of the incident(s) became the ultimate catalyst?

Oates does not answer these questions directly. She leaves to her audience the decision and speculation. Yet despite this ambiguity, Bobbie is a com-

pletely drawn character. Petulant child, naive youngster, crazed maniac, myopic teen, sinister narrator. These are all manifestations of Bobbie and each is displayed in chilling fashion.

Brian Alan Hill gives a good, strong performance as Bobbie. Though his actions frequently seemed forced this is probably more attributable to his relative inexperience rather than inability. He covers a wide range of emotion and handles all of them with aplomb. Hill is still quite new to professional theater, but this young man has a very

bright future ahead of him. (I just hope all those tatoos aren't real.)

David Logan Rankin gives another slick turn as both the father and the defense attorney. He knows these parts well and performs them well. Of course, I haven't seen him play any other type of character so I don't know how strong he is, but he's got the slimy roles down as second nature.

Michael J. Farrand does well as the prosecutor, imbuing his character with a demonic expression and holy-roller righteousness.

Director Lona McManus keeps the play taut. She resorts to some unnecessary comic relief too many times but that is a common mistake by directors intent on keeping an audience interested.

The set design by Chase Staggs has the action occur on a bleached stage and it matches the all-white costuming of Laura Levy. Lighting by Jyle Noguee and sound by Staggs and David Rankin are professionally managed.

"Triumph of the Spider Monkey" is sharp, thought-provoking theater that will stick in your head long after the lights go down.

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**Support group formed for Gay
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QUICK NOTES

Crossroads, a new support and social group for Gays and Lesbians from all denominations who are currently serving on a church staff or who have in the past, has been formed by a former Southern Baptist minister, Rev. Johnny Peden. Pastors, music directors, counselors, educational and you directors, administrators and other church "professionals" are invited. Also welcome are those currently pursuing their call to the ministry. The group meets the first Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at MCCR, 1919 Decatur. It is hoped that meetings can be scheduled at various locations.

The purpose of the group is not to bring individuals into the ministry of MCCR; it is merely a support group of unconditional love and understanding of where individuals have been or may currently be at the crossroads of their lives, said Peden. Every possible attempt is made to assure anonymity and confidentiality. The group has been meeting for three months and has drawn people from Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Church of God, Baptist, Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Methodist and other denominational backgrounds. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at MCCR. For more information, please contact Rev. Peden at (713) 861-9149.

Legal seminar

A free seminar to provide alternatives and help resolve some of the legal and financial concerns of lesbians and gay men. A few of the hot topics include how

to legalize "living together" and the availability of life insurance for lesbian and gay couples. The seminar will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17, 1994 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the ACACIA Financial Center located at Coastal Tower, 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 3000, Houston. The seminar is being offered by the law firm of Moore & Hunt and Julie Larue, LUTCF.

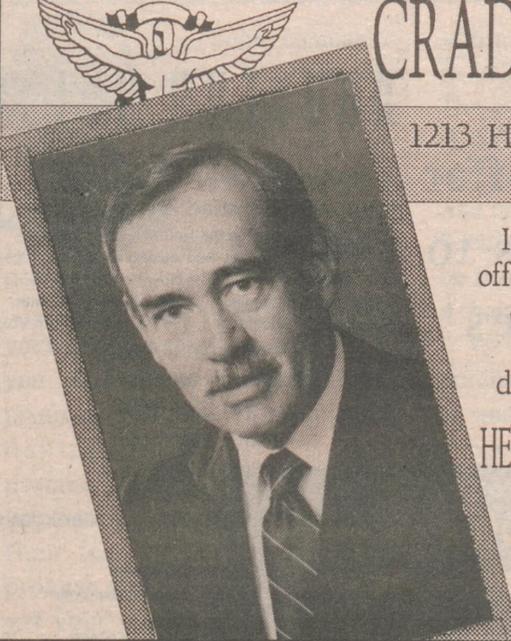
Dizinger roses

On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, members of the Dizinger Foundation will once again venture out into the community bearing a single red rose for AIDS patients in area hospitals and care centers.

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m. at River Cafe located at 3615 Montrose Blvd. We strongly encourage attendance by all those interested in helping Dizinger Foundation in this time honored tradition. Become a part of our growing volunteer team. Should you be unable to attend the meeting but would still like to participate please call our office at (713) 522-8660 and leave a message and we will contact you with details.

Dizinger Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization with offices located at 3701 Montrose Blvd. in Houston, Texas 77006.

Hans-Willi Rotheudt, President and Founder of Dizinger Foundation said he feels "it is important that people with AIDS know that they are neither alone nor forgotten."



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Director hopes new AIDS agency can move beyond turbulent history

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Another goal of the Resource Group, said Springer, will be developing new funding sources—one of the major roles of such an agency and one that has been somewhat neglected in Houston. "I hope to go after some new grant money. It's out there," he said.

Springer, a graduate of Baylor University with a BA in chemistry/biology and a MA in education, has a long history of working with people with HIV. He counseled his first HIV/AIDS patient in 1983 while serving as a hospital chaplain. Following that, he was the first person HIV/AIDS staff person hired by the City of Lubbock; while there, he initiated the HIV testing program on the Texas Tech University Campus and developed the model for the Lubbock Health Department's HIV Clinic. He then served as the regional HIV program manager for the Texas Department of Health, supervising all of TDH's HIV/AIDS work in the Texas Panhandle.

Springer came to Houston in July, 1992 to help care for his twin brother, Patrick, who died on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, 1992. Patrick Springer had been instrumental in the founding of Omega House, the oldest AIDS hospice in Texas, and had served as its house manager until shortly before his death.

In a news release announcing Springer's hiring, the Resource Group describes the agency's mission as consisting of these goals: (1) Provide leadership in coordinating HIV/AIDS related activities in the Houston area; (2) Create an environment where clients, service providers, and government can effectively collaborate and cooperate in all matters related to the HIV/AIDS epidemic; (3) Work in partnership with service providers to promote the most effective use of all available

resources; (4) Continually evaluate the needs of the community and seek ways to meet those needs; (5) Generate new funding sources; (6) Assure that all activities of the corporation comply with all grant requirements; federal and state laws, and generally accepted accounting principles.

The immediate major project for the group will be filling vacant board positions, Springer said. Four positions on the 17 member board will be appointed: two HIV service providers, and one representative each from the Harris County Hospital District and the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services.

Thirteen positions will be elected by the appointed board members; after that the board will be self-perpetuating, Springer said. The Resource group is currently in the process of accepting nominations for

these positions, which include: one local public health representative; three minority representatives; one rural representative (must reside outside of Harris County); three HIV-positive representatives; one physician; one financial advisor, and one legal advisor. Two at-large positions will also be filled.

A letter of nomination must include: a statement of the nominee's willingness to serve, qualifications for serving, explanation of desire to serve, and which board position they are nominated to fill. Self-nomination is acceptable. The letter must also be accompanied by a resume' of the nominee. Nominations must be received by March 1, 1994 and should be addressed to: Jim Anderson, Chair of the Board; Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, 811 Westheimer, Suite 201; Houston, Texas 77006.

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SEATTLE, Wednesday, Feb. 2 (AP)—The Seattle Times this week began offering health-care benefits to the partners of its gay and lesbian employees.

The Times is one of a handful of local employers, including the city of Seattle, Microsoft and Starbucks, to offer such benefits.

Under the newspaper plan, medical and dental coverage and family-leave benefits will be extended to partners of qualified gay and lesbian employees.

The plan does not cover unmarried heterosexual couples. Publisher Frank Blethen said cost concerns prevented the paper from covering all domestic partnerships.

"Companies like Microsoft and us—and I'm sure others—are trying to be very enlightened and progressive, but we're still businesses," Blethen said.

The Boston Globe and The Village Voice in New York are the only newspapers in the country known to offer full domestic-partner benefits.

It could cost the Times \$12,000 to \$28,000 a month to extend the plan beyond gays and lesbians, said Jim Schafer, Times vice president for industrial relations. As it is, the plan could cost \$3,000 to \$7,000 a month, based on current insurance premiums.

In order to qualify for the Times' benefits, the employees and their partners must have lived together for at least six months and must share basic living expenses.

Employees seeking the coverage will have to submit signed statements to that effect but won't be required to submit proof, Schafer said.

The Times opposed the city of Seattle's 1990 decision to offer domestic-partner benefits, largely due to concerns about cost, Blethen said.

Those concerns have since diminished, the publisher said, adding he also has realized he shouldn't judge people based on their lifestyle.

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Newsweek poll shows conflicting views on Gay rights; HRCF rates Congress

NATIONAL NOTES

The majority of Americans continue to oppose legally-sanctioned adoption rights and marriages for homosexuals, despite stated support for gay job and housing rights that remains above 70 percent, according to a new Newsweek Poll.

The poll finds continuing opposition to measures that would legally recognize the gay lifestyle. Sixty-two percent of Americans do not believe there should be legally-sanctioned gay marriages, as compared to 58 percent in a September, 1992 poll. Twenty-nine percent say gay couples should have adoption rights, while nearly two-thirds (65 percent) disagree. The poll appears in Newsweek's Feb. 14 issue (on news stands this week).

According to the poll, 74 percent of all American favor protecting gays from job discrimination and eight in ten of those polled (81 percent) favor equal housing rights for gays. But less than one half (48 percent) of American believe there should be special legislation to guarantee equal rights for gays.

Gay rights activists, however, may have time on their side. Younger Americans are significantly more liberal than their elders on virtually every gay rights issue. Two-thirds of young adults (61 percent) say there should be special legislation to guarantee equal rights for gays, while fewer than half of those aged 30-40 (46 percent) and 50 and older (41 percent) agree.

The poll also presents an argument to homosexuals for "coming out of the closet." People who knew gays were significantly more likely to be supportive of gay rights. Thirty-six percent of those polled who knew someone gay

avored legally sanctioned marriages, as compared to the 29 percent total. Seventy-one percent of those polled who knew someone gay favored inheritance rights for gay spouses—ten percent more than the 61 percent total who agree.

Similarly, 71 percent of those who know someone gay believe homosexuals should be allowed to serve in the armed forces. Only 58 percent of all Americans agree.

For the Newsweek Poll, the Princeton Survey Research Associates interviewed 750 adults by telephone on Feb. 3 and 4, 1994. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Hrcf Report Card

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization has given 100 percent scores to 19 senators for votes taken during the first session of the 103rd Congress.

Both senators from the states of California, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland and New Jersey scored 100 percent for nine votes cast on lesbian and gay issues in the Senate.

The 19 senators with 100 percent voting records are: Senators Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Bill Bradley (D-NJ), Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI), Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ), Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-OH), Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD), Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL), Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), Patty Murray (D-WA), Donald W. Riegle, Jr. (D-MI), Charles S. Robb (D-VA), Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD), Paul Simon (D-IL), and Paul Wellstone (D-

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No Republican senators scored 100 percent, although Senator John H. Chafee (R-RI) scored 89 percent, Senator Jim M. Jeffords (R-VT) scored 88 percent, and Senators Mark O. Hatfield (R-OR), Bob Packwood (R-OR), and Arlen Specter (R-PA) each held a 78 percent record. Only three members of the Senate receive zero scores: Senators Jesse Helms (R-NC), Lauch Faircloth (R-NC), and Malcolm Wallop (R-WY).

Daniel Zingale, the Campaign Fund's Public Party Director, called the session "a watershed for lesbian and gay issues on Capitol Hill" and noted several unprecedented actions. For the first time, the Senate voted to confirm openly lesbian and gay nominees to appointments in the executive branch. Congress passed a record increase in funding for AIDS and women's health research. In addition, the Senate passed the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act, which increased penalties for federal crimes in which a defendant intentionally selects a victim because of race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

This week, the Human Rights Campaign Fund was scheduled to issue its analysis of last year's record of the House of Representatives.

For a copy of the report, please contact the Public Policy Department of the Human Rights Campaign Fund at (202) 628-4160.

Biggest Gay Games ever

With the final deadline still over two months away, the organizers of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival announced they have already received 7776 registrations from around the

world for this June's historical event.

Those numbers exceed Gay Games III, which was the largest athletic event held anywhere in 1990. Gay Games III, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, featured 7250 people in 29 different sporting events at Gay Games III. Participation numbers have doubled each time the Games have been held. Gay Games I in San Francisco in 1982 included 1300 athletes. Gay Games II in 1986, also in San Francisco, had 3500 athletes.

Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival, to be held June 18-25, 1994, is an Olympic-style sporting and cultural event open to all. More than 15,000 athletes are expected to participate in 31 team and individual sports in venues located throughout the New York City Metro area.

Early registration for athletic events close Dec. 31, but applications will be accepted through March 31 in sports with available space. "We're enthusiastic about these numbers" said Jay Hill, Executive Director of Gay Games IV. "We're on target to be the largest athletic event ever held." The 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona had 10,568 athletes.

Gay Games IV will also feature a Cultural Festival, the largest assemblage of lesbian and gay culture ever. The Festival will include world-renowned artists and lesser known performers in a variety of artistic disciplines, including music, theater, film, sculpture, history, architecture, literature, performance art and photography. The deadline for project proposals is March 1. For more information on registering for Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival call (212) 633-9494.



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Houston P-FLAG conference to address question: Can homophobia be healed?

Area professionals in mental health, social work, counseling, education, religion, and law enforcement will meet at the University of Houston Hilton Conference Center, Friday, March 11, 1994, to learn about homophobia. "Healing the Hurt: A Conference on Homophobia," is a first event of its kind to be held in the city. The one-day symposium is being organized and presented by the Houston chapter of P-FLAG, or Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

According to Gail Rickey, president of the Houston chapter of P-FLAG, the conference "is designed to provide basis of understanding for persons in helping professions who touch the lives of countless thousands and others."

"Homophobia diminishes society as a whole," say Rickey, who has a daughter who is lesbian. "Not only are gay men, lesbians and their families affected by an attitude of intolerance toward a sexual minority, but each person in our community suffers from intolerance inflicted on others."

The two featured speakers at the day-long conference are Dr. Diane (Dee) Mosbacher, Regional Medical Chief for Mental Health, San Mateo County, California, and Bruce Hilton, author of *Can Homophobia Be Cured*, Director of the National Center for Bioethics, and a Methodist minister.

Dr. Mosbacher, the daughter of former Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher made national news in late 1991 when she was quoted in major publications as stating that she is lesbian. "I am proud of her for what she is and I hope she feels that way about me," said her father, in response. In her luncheon address, Dr. Mosbacher will share her years of experience in working with gays and lesbians in the mental health area.

Bruce Hilton, married for 41 years, is the husband of a Methodist minister and the father of four sons, one of whom is gay. "What if the real sin is not homosexuality but homo-

phobia—fear and hatred of lesbians and gay men?" he writes in his book on homophobia. "What will the church do with the increasing realization that gays and lesbians are not a 'they' but a 'we,' including devout and dedicated lay people and clergy; our children, sisters, and brothers; and people worshiping beside us in the pew?"

The conference will feature a series of workshops on such subjects as mental health, religion, civil rights/legislation, youth, and families, as well as factual information about homosexuality. More than 20 presenters will lead the 12 workshops, with participants choosing a morning and an afternoon session.

The "early registration" fee (if received by Feb. 11) is \$65 for professionals and the general public, \$55 for groups of five or more, \$35 for full time university and graduate students. The standard rate is \$80 for professionals and the general public, \$65 for groups of five or more, \$45 for university and graduate students. The price includes two keynote addresses, two workshops, continental breakfast, lunch, and CEU (Continuing Education) credits. Registration forms are available by calling P-FLAG Voice Mail Box at (713) 867-9020.

P-FLAG Houston is a member of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a national organization with more than 300 local chapters and contacts. The organization is dedicated to fostering understanding of gay men, lesbians, and their families. The group's mission includes public as well as supporting the families of gays and lesbians.

Co-sponsors of the conference include the City of Houston Health and Human Services Department, Crisis Intervention, Houston Psychological Association (HPA), Houston Police Department, Jewish Family Services, Montrose Counseling Center, National Association of Social Workers, Rice University-Department of Education, and the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work.

Lutheran bishop says writers of sexuality statement didn't agree

MOORHEAD, Minn., Wednesday, Feb. 2 (AP)—Even the framers of a controversial statement on human sexuality by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America were not unanimous, particularly regarding homosexuality, one of the writers says.

The Rev. Lowell Erdahl, one of 17 task force members who wrote the paper, stressed at a forum Tuesday that the statement is just a draft and is "not binding on anybody's conscience."

The draft advocates moving the church toward blessing same-sex unions that are mutually loving and committed. The document, "The Church and Human Sexuality: A Lutheran Perspective," caused a storm of disagreement among Lutherans when it was made public last fall.

Erdahl said he was among those on the task force who favored outlining various points of view regarding homosexuality, without endorsing one over another.

But Erdahl, bishop of the St. Paul synod, also reminded the audience at Concordia College that eight synods of the church

called for the study. It was not "something that was cooked up in Chicago in order to create controversy in the church," he said.

Fred Gaiser, a task force consultant and professor of the Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, said a vote on the draft statement now would divide the church.

On one side, he said, would be those suspicious of church hierarchy. On the other would be "those who think, 'We have the votes to run those liberals out of the church.'"

The only disagreement that would merit bringing the church to a divisive vote, he said, would be one on the question of the Gospel itself.

A consulting panel has been set up to work with the task force in revising the statement. The draft must still undergo a review period and another possible reworking before a decision is made whether to bring it before the national assembly of the ELCA in August 1995, Erdahl said.

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**Washington state
Rep. continues efforts to pass
Lesbian-Gay Civil Rights Bill**

By DAVID BATTERSON
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

SEATTLE—Rep. Cal Anderson, the only openly-gay member of the State of Washington House of Representatives, has determined that he will not stop until House Bill 1443, the Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights Bill, is passed and signed into law.

Dubbed "the bill that will not die," HB 1443 faces another uphill battle and stiff opposition from the radical right. Anderson, Chairperson of the House Committee on State Government, organized a meeting in January at St. Mark's Cathedral at which representatives from the Privacy Fund, Hands Off Washington and other community groups outlined their plans to support the bill.

Anderson said that there has been a similar bill "on the table in Olympia" since 1997, "so it's no surprise that HB 1443 is still around. We need to get moving," he said.

HB 1443 is titled "an Act relating to the jurisdiction of the Washington State Human Rights Commission with regard to the elimination and prevention of discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, credit, insurance, and commercial transactions."

The lengthy bill states in part that "the Legislature hereby finds and declares that practices of discrimination against any of its inhabitants

because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, of the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical handicap are a matter of state concern, that such discrimination threatens not only the rights and proper privileges of its inhabitants but menaces the institutions and foundations of a free democratic state." The term "sexual orientation" is further clarified in the bill, and "includes heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality."

HB 1443 also declares that "the right to be free from discrimination because of race, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation . . . is recognized as and declared to be a civil right. Any person deeming himself injured by any act in violation of this chapter shall have a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin further violations, to recover the actual damages sustained by him, or both, together with the cost of suit including a reasonable attorney's fees or any other remedy authorized by the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Those interested in supporting Rep. Anderson's efforts may write to him at: 401 John L. O'Brien Building, P.O. Box 40685, Olympia, WA 98504-0685; (206) 786-7920, TDD: (800) 635-9993.

(Editor's Note: David Batterson is a free-lance writer based in Portland, Oregon.)

**Attitude adjustment advice from
a former 'Qween of Complaints'**

THE WHOLE PERSPECTIVE

By BRIAN READ

Next time you overhear two people greeting each other listen to see if the conversation opens with some form of complaint. Human beings like to gripe about the weather, their work, the economy or some incident that has happened. Usually, when we want to put our best foot forward, we end up putting it in our mouth.

While it appears that disclosing your complaints to others is a kind of camaraderie, proving how life treats us equally, all you are actually doing is wiping your foot onto them after having stepped in one of the piles life has left you. You are enrolling people into your awful circumstances, engaging pity in the process.

I know, I used to be the queen of complaints. Give me a subject and I could find something within me to match it with a complaint. I was nice, witty and intelligent on the surface, bitter beneath, a bitterness which only distanced people from me.

Complaints perpetuate themselves. My major complaint was about how no one ever called to go do anything with me. By repeating this complaint to the next person, it only convinced them to avoid doing anything with me lest they be complained about as well.

The trouble was, as I continued to dig a rut around me which no one would venture to cross, I never saw myself as the complainer. How do you get off the hamster wheel of life when you only experience in life is that it is a hamster wheel? What I knew to do was to complain, not much else.

What intervened with my being a complainer was a friend who helped me recognize that the energy it takes to complain is the same energy that can be used to do something about my complaints.

On the flip side of every complaint, is a commitment, something you have not fulfilled upon. If, for example, you complain about your weight, it is because you have a commitment to being a certain weight and you are not doing the things congruent to achieving that result. The best way to stop complaining about something is to get into action in fulfilling upon it.

There is another place to ending your complaining, that of recognizing how much you love your complaints. Often, long after you may realize the source of your complaints and what you can do about them, you still elect to keep them in place simply because there is a certain satisfaction of making another person wrong, controlling a situation, or being a victim. In this case, the decision to stop complaining does not depend so much upon you not wanting to complain any longer, but on giving up the power it gives you over others.

I now realize what I wanted out of complaining, about how others never called me, was for people to show they cared for me. How, instead of asking for their support, I was attempting to manipulate support from them.

I also have identified the pain I was feeling when I felt no support, how complaining was my way of sending out a signal for help. My complaints were a long downward spiral on which I felt I could not stop, always fearing that I was going to hit bottom any day. However, the moment I stopped complaining, and started taking actions, the spiral reversed.

Next time you catch yourself or hear someone else complain listen for the commitment behind the complaint. Instead of feeling sympathy, encourage actions which will bring a resolution. This is a much more workable approach than having to check the bottom of your shoes, wondering who stepped in it this time.

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than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." We wrestle most of our lives to get ourselves out of the way. Many of us spend our lives trying to find out who we are—the perpetual search for self!

One of the best ways to find out about yourself is to get in touch with the One who made you. If we can get back to our Creator and connect with the Potter who made this clay, then we can understand more clearly our design and purpose.

Jesus tells us that even if we give a cup of cold water to someone in need, we have done it as unto Christ. Many times a person will begin to find purpose and meaning in life by doing for others. This is not to say that being a humanitarian is the answer. One's motivation must also be assessed. I do not believe that it is within the capabilities of human nature to exude the qualities of Jesus Christ apart from knowing Him in a personal relationship. There will always be some flaw in the motivation.

Being 'Christ-like' is like being a servant. We tend to shy away from such a word or concept because it may seem to be degrading. For you see, a servant never has to worry about their reputation, or maintain a name for themselves—because in the eyes of others, they are really insignificant. They are merely a servant. The world's concept of a servant is one who has no rights, is used by others for their own needs, and is simply an instrument for the convenience of others.

Jesus changed our definition of servanthood. He gained the respect and admiration of those around Him by giving up his rights. Through service to those He met day by day, He gained a tremendous following. The people found unselfishness to be extremely attractive. Before long, Jesus had a following that sent the religious leaders into a frenzy. Jesus demonstrated that becoming a servant of all can free us to go about God's work and in turn have our own needs met. It can bring us peace, joy and satisfaction. It is certainly not the world's way, but then again, God's ways, thoughts and plans are not of this world!!

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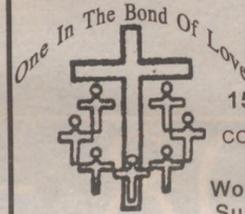


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TUTS' 'The Most Happy Fella' is a warm, sunny treat

By JAVIER TAMEZ
Houston Voice/Houston

Over the past few years, as Broadway has experienced a dearth of original works and producers have chafed at investing millions of dollars into unproven musicals, there has been an increasing tendency to turn to revivals.

One such example is "The Most Happy Fella." The Frank Loesser musical was first produced on Broadway in 1956, when it played for over 18 months to wide critical acclaim. The production being mounted by Theatre Under the Stars was revived on Broadway last season, where it proved to be a smash hit, garnering seven Tony nominations. TUTS has imported the male lead as well as the production sets and costumes from the New York staging and it all looks to be another success for our local musical theater company.

In the story a young, pretty waitress (Teri Hansen) finds a love letter left to her by Tony (Spiro Malas), a customer. In the note, Tony explains since he doesn't know her name, he will call her Rosabella. And he tells her that he loves her.

After exchanging many letters, Tony decides he will propose to Rosabella and bring her to live with him on his vineyard in Napa Valley. But Tony is old and unattractive and he is worried that Rosabella will never agree to marry him if she knows of his looks. Tony thinks he has a solution when his foreman, Joe (Christopher Monteleone), a handsome (and I do mean handsome), robust man informs Tony that he will be leaving his job and moving on. So Tony sends Rosabella a snapshot of Joe claiming that it's him.

Rosabella accepts Tony's proposal,



"Standing on the Corner" with (L-R) Paul Hope, Anna Maria Almaraz, Barry Barrios, Randolph Lacy and (on the ground) Don Stephenson from "The Most Happy Fella"

but when the big day arrives Tony is mortified to discover that Joe is still in town. Not knowing what to do, Tony runs off in his car. Rosabella meets Joe, but of course thinks he's Tony. When she learns the truth, she feels hurt and humiliated, but before she can leave a spark is ignited between she and Joe. Then Tony's friends and employees sweep Rosabella up into their festivities.

The celebration is disrupted, however, when Tony's car is found crashed into a ditch. Tony, wounded, bleeding and gasping for air, insists that the priest marry him to Rosabella immediately. Feeling compassion for Tony and passion for Joe, Rosabella agrees, and the love triangle is set.

The triangle is made slightly more complicated by Marie (Denise Thorson), Tony's possessive sister. Addition-

ally, a tangential love story unfolds between Rosabella's friend, Cleo (Leah Hocking) and Herman (Don Stephenson), a farm hand.

The music is rich and glowing, but on occasion descends

into schmaltziness. Not surprisingly, the big numbers provide the most entertainment. In "Abbondanza" the chefs Pasquale, Ciccio and Giuseppe (Michael Iannucci, Buddy Crutchfield, Bill Nabel) perform an antic juggling routine with flowers dropped from above and food-tossed in from the sides as they prepare the wedding feast.

Pasquale leads the ensemble in "Sposalizio," a big, grand number that signals the celebration. Also, the three chefs take center stage again for "Benvenuta," a rousing welcome for Rosabella.

Not quite as large in scale but equally enjoyable are the farm hands, as they whine of their life of bachelorhood "Standing on the Corner" and Cleo and Herman who prance with excitement when they learn they're both from "Big D."

These snappy tunes are in decided contrast with the title song, which is expectedly, and almost offensively, rosy and "Joey, Joey, Joey," which comes across as a sappy anthem wherein Joe tells of the call of adventure that takes him away from the vineyard. Joe's other solo, "Don't Cry," is even worse, coming laden with lachrymose affectation.

The acting is sound from all involved. Spiro Malas has a beautifully powerful voice (no surprise from a man who has spent most of his career in opera). Malas gives his already strong character added vibrancy and color. Teri Hansen is innocent and starry-eyed as the tired waitress who gets carried away by letters and becomes Rosabella. Chris Monteleone makes a sturdy Joe and Michael Iannucci gives Pasquale's comic exaggeration some credibility.

There are times though when the fluff is really too much to bear. In between the second and third acts, the houselights go up and the three chefs (though in this instance they're more like the Three Stooges) run through a ridiculous comic caper that is tantamount to a circus side show.

Director Susan Rosenstock does a fine job, but plays it very safe. The choreography by Liza Gennaro is brisk and fun to watch. Lighting by Clarke W. Thornton and sound by Jan G. Banker are smooth and glitch-free.

It's not the most exciting show you'll see this year, but "The Most Happy Fella" is a warm sunny treat.

What: "The Most Happy Fella"
Where: The Music Hall (by Theatre Under the Stars)
When: Feb. 1-20

No Tap Candlelight bowling tournament; Valentine skate in the park

SPORTS NOTES

"It's that time of the month again"—time for the No Tap Candlelight Doubles Tournament. Organizers of the bowling event are inviting the community to join them at Fairlanes (Highway 59 at Gessner) on Saturday, Feb. 12 for an evening of fun and No Tap bowling.

Entry fee is \$11 and includes three games of bowling plus cash prizes for top scorers. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. and bowling at 8:00 p.m. Bring a partner or come alone and get matched. Share your bounty—if possible, bring an item of pet food for the Pet Patrol.

For more information, call Tom at 522-9612.

Bowling standings

Following are this week's Gay bowling league standings:

MONDAY NITE WOMEN'S LEAGUE—(1st) Maybe, Maybe Not; (2nd) Bedrock Bowlers; (3rd) Can't Bowl Straight. For information call Pat DeCarlo at 437-6218.

HOUSTON THURSDAY NIGHT MIXERS—(1st) Luci's Loosies; (2nd) Cheaper Than Therapy; (3rd) Tops and Bottoms. Men's High Scratch Game, 248, Gardy Harvey; Men's High Scratch Series, 614, Gardy Harvey. Women's High Scratch Game, 246 Andrea Black; Women's High Scratch Series, 636, Andrea Black. For more information call Mace Adams at 432-7239.

MONTROSE MONDAY NITE MEN'S LEAGUE, Division A—(1st) Miss Marks Alot; (2nd) Hard as a Rock and Easy to Nail; (3rd) You Just Go Girl! Division B—(1st) I Can't Believe It's Not Gutter; (2nd) B & W; (3rd) Here, Kitty Kitty II. High Scratch Game, 263, Rodney Seiler. High Scratch Series, 714, Bob Roberts. For more information, call Chris Bennett at 655-7327.

Lambda Rollerskating Club

Gay and Lesbian Skate Nite continues at Hobby Skate World. Lambda Rollerskating Club's next event is Tuesday, Feb. 15 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the rink, located at 6804 Easthaven. To get there, take I-45 South to the Monroe Exit, then go left under the freeway until you reach Easthaven.

Admission is \$5, which includes skates and raffle ticket for a door prize. Skaters are allowed to bring their own skates (in lines are their regular). Bring some friends and "come out" to join the fun; for more information, call Keith at 933-5818.

Lambda Rollerskating Club also holds outdoor skates in Memorial Park every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Enter the park at 100 Picnic Lane and look for the club's banner. The next skate (Feb. 13th) is the club's Valentine Skate and the group will be serving refreshments in the park. For more information on the outdoor events, call Keith at the above number or Ray at 862-4875.

Dallas speech to focus on Homophobia in the Church; 21.06 protest in Austin

AROUND THE STATE

(DALLAS)—Dr. James B. Nelson, Professor of Christian Ethics at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, Minnesota, will speak at Midway Hills Christian Church, 11001 Midway Road, on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. His appearance in Dallas is sponsored by the North Central Texas Chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Affirming Disciples (GLAD) Alliance. The title of Dr. Nelson's presentation will be "Breaking Down the Invisible Walls: Homophobia in the Church."

Dr. Nelson is the author of ten books and more than 100 articles, essays and chapters in other publications. His books include "Embodiment: An Approach to Sexuality and Christian Theology," "Between Two Gardens: Reflections on Sexuality and Religious Experience," "The Intimate Connection: Male Sexuality and Masculine Spirituality," "Body Theology" and the forthcoming "Sexuality and the Sacred: Sources for Theological Reflection." In all of his writing and public speaking on issues of human sexuality, Dr. Nelson affirms sexuality as a gift from God and homosexuality as a normal variation within God's creation. He has served on the Minnesota AIDS Funding Consortium, the State of Minnesota AIDS Materials Review Board, the Board of Directors of the Sex Information and Education Council of the US (SIECUS) and as a theological consultant to the General Assembly Special Committee on Human Sexuality of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Himself an ordained member of the United Church of Christ, Dr. Nelson has been active in shaping that denomination's open and affirming stance toward gay men, lesbians and bisexuals.

Dr. Nelson received his B.A. from MacAlester College, his B.D. from Yale University Divinity School and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University Graduate School. He has been on the faculty of United Theological Seminary since 1963. He has lectured at colleges, universities, seminaries and other institutions in 8 countries, and has been visiting faculty at 12 schools, including the University of Minnesota Medical School, Yale Divinity School and Pacific School of Religion.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Roger Wedell, (214) 946-2184, or Paul Rogers, (214) 357-1660.

Sodomy on the steps

(AUSTIN)—The Texas chapter of the national activist group Gay and Lesbian Americans will hold a press conference on Feb. 14 at 12:00 noon on the steps of the state capitol to demand the immediate repeal of Texas Penal Code statute 21.06, commonly known as the sodomy law. The law criminalizes consensual sex between persons of the same gender.

"The sodomy law is an affront to the dignity of every gay, lesbian and bisexual Texan. It brands us as criminals because of who we choose to love. It also opens us up to extreme...discrimination in employment, housing and other areas," said Michael Crawford, a Houston-based representative of the group. "The state of Texas should repeal 21.06 and keep its nose out of our bedrooms."

The Austin action will coincide with events the national organization is encouraging to take place in cities across the country on Valentine's Day through its growing network of local chapters.

The Texas statute applies solely to lesbians and gay men.



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Plan trip to Mardi Gras Galveston for plentiful party prospects

GALVESTON SOAP

By JERRY STUART
 Houston Voice/Galveston

Hello loyal readers, friends, fans and foes. This is your friendly island reporter signing on to give you the latest happenings here in our beautiful island city. Well, the weather hasn't been so beautiful this past week due to the fog that's been rolling in off the gulf every evening. Although its going to take more than that to keep those die-hard partiers like myself from coming down from all over the country to join in the Mardi Gras festivities that are tak-

ing place here in Galveston. We seemed to have made it through the first weekend without an excessive amount of drama, but I think for most of us we were just getting geared up for this big weekend ahead. Aside from the most popular Silk Stocking Ball we've got the Caribbean Carnival Festival running on the 11th sponsored by Galveston Caribbean Association, fund raiser, calypso, reggae, steel band, Caribbean food, Carnival costumed dancers and it's all free. Did you hear me, free! So if your broke, busted and disgusted or you're just in the mood to party, then come on down and have some fun with us Caribbean style.

Then on Saturday the 12th, the San Luis Mardi Gras Costume Contest will be held at the San Luis Hotel, 53rd and Seawall from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call (409) 744-1500 for information. This event will be co-sponsored by the Daily News and KLDE Oldies 94.5. They will have celebrity judges and lots of prizes. And don't for that evening is the Momus Grand

Night Parade proclaiming "A Greek Odyssey" a dazzling salute featuring 18 magnificent floats depicting "The Odyssey": Helios, Poseidon, Zeus,

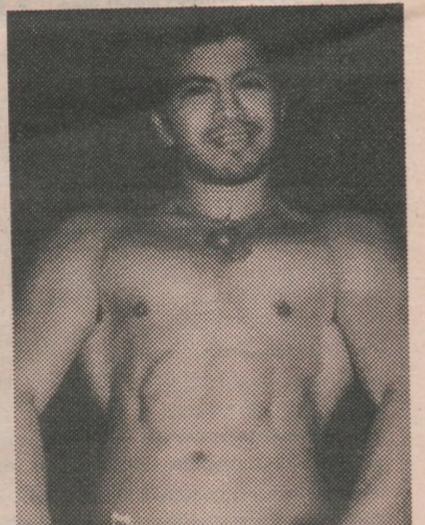


Tommie Ross as Billie Holliday

Athena, Helen of Troy, Circe, Scylla, Calypso, Odysseus and more. There will be 20 marching bands and beads for days. Also, free trip give aways on Continental Airlines. It starts at 6:00 p.m. on the Seawall and goes to the

Strand District along 25th. So Robert's Lafitte would be a great place to catch a buzz and watch the parade. Rumor has it there's going to be a bus coming down from the Ripcord in Houston to Lafitte's. So if you're into leather guys, that's the place to find them. You may also purchase beads from Lafitte's if you are not fortunate enough to get any thrown to you from the passing floats.

This past weekend Garza Productions and the Kon Tiki club was proud to present Tommie Ross to the stage. She performed for a packed house doing her illusions of Billy Holliday, Diana Ross and Whitney Houston. Kofi, Black Velvett and Misty also performed that Saturday evening. Galveston's favorite sex kitten April was also down for the weekend but this time she was here just to party with us so she kept her clothes on and left her whip at home. She said next time she comes to town the girls better watch out, because she is going to let them it. Taylor Kennedy (Miss Central La. at Large) was also on



Johnny at Evolution

stage this past Friday night along with the lovely Lawanda Jackson. Rumor has it that Miss Jackson may be going on tour in Canada. Well, good luck girl and watch out for those Canadians.

Club Evolution really packed them for after hours this past Mardi Gras weekend. The show included Cinnamon, Jessica Lyn, Naomi Warwick and that bubbly gal Diva. Great show girls. I'll see y'all at the ball.



Lawanda and Taylor backstage at the Kon Tiki

Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour to make stop at Houston's Laff Stop

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES

LoneStar Entertainment and the River Oaks Laff Stop are proud to announce the national tour of "The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour." The show is Monday, Feb. 28, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. at the River Oaks Laff Stop located at 1952A West Gray in the River Oaks Shopping Center. Ticket prices are \$8 (advance)

\$10 (day of Show). For ticket information call the Laff Stop at (713) 524-2333.

Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye are two of the hottest nationally touring comedians today. Their two-man comedy show entitled "The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour" is an exclusive sell-out event for the gay community. Scott and Kevin live in Houston and perform at

comedy clubs world-wide as well as major Las Vegas Showrooms. They have worked with other superstars such as Garth Brooks, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Neil Sedaka, David Sanborn, Judy Tenuta, and Richard Jeni.

Traditionally, most gay men and lesbians have avoided clubs because of the main-

stream "gay bashing" jokes that are so prevalent. And how many heterosexual wife and kid jokes can you stand? The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour is a spectacular night of laughter presented by the two hottest gay comics on the national touring circuit. The show is structured for a gay audience and gaining national attention as the "first gay comedy show of its kind."

Community Endowment purchases apartments; After Hours hosts talkline; HRCN enrolls 1,000th patient

QUICK NOTES

The Community Endowment Foundation of Houston recently announced the purchase of its first facility for HIV/AIDS housing. This facility consists of 12 efficiency apartments, purchased through and being rehabilitated under the new H.U.D. program "Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS," to provide low-income housing for independent living. C.E.F. expects to complete the rehab by Sept. 1, 1994 and will begin accepting referrals through working agreements with the Montrose Counseling Center, the Bering Community Service Foundation, the Diocesan AIDS Ministry and the Harris County HIV Case Management System, C.E.F. Chairperson Tim O'Reilly said.

"Its efforts are to concentrate on affordable housing for the infected community. Social and medical services will be provided to its residents through referrals to the existing network of services funded by The Texas Department of Health, the Ryan White Care Act and many hard-working local organizations," he explained.

Culminating two and one half years of volunteer efforts by C.E.F., the organization will be seeking additional financial support through its "Care Images" and other local fund raising events to be announced, O'Reilly said. C.E.F.'s theme for fund-raising will be "Our Hearts Are In Housing," he said.

The "Care Images" are a sheet of 70 perforated stamps, bearing the Red Ribbon Symbol and a brief message about HIV/AIDS. The stamps, like Easter Seals are a wonderful addition, to be used on your correspondence and envelopes, to increase Awareness of AIDS. Share a Message of Love and Support HIV/AIDS Housing. The Foundation suggests a donation of \$5.00 per sheet of 70 stamps and are available at the following local stores: Lobo, Basic Brothers, The Tire Store, Leather by Boots (both the Montrose Store and The Ripcord shop), The Crossroads Market and The Bird Shop—Pet Clinic; or call Tim at (713) 528-0037 for more information.

Radio talkline

The cast and crew of AfterHours, a local Houston radio program, wants to hear from you!

Call the AfterHours TalkLine and express your views and opinions of previous shows or suggest idea's for upcoming shows. The TalkLine number is (713) 867-9448.

AfterHours is heard every Saturday night, midnight to 3:00 a.m. on KPFT 90.1 FM. The talkline is sponsored by The Robert Foundation.

Local research

The Houston Clinical Research Network (HCRN) has enrolled its 1,000th patient in HIV clinical research, director Chris Jimmerson announced this week. "This is a tremendous milestone for HRCN and for HIV affected communities in Houston," Jimmerson said. "Houston is becoming a vital part of the national HIV research effort and is being seen as a scientific resource of national prominence. This bodes well for future prospects of attracting even more research to the Houston area, where increased access to new and experimental AIDS treatments is in great need."

"Still," notes Jimmerson, "We have a long way to go before Houston is where it ought to be in terms of cutting edge HIV research." He points out that in spite of the world-renowned medical complex in Houston, with its academic affiliations, relatively little HIV clinical research has been conducted in the city until fairly recently.

HCRN is a Houston non-profit organization that provides access to HIV-related clinical trials and research. It is funded in part by the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) and the National Institutes of Health, Division of AIDS Treatment Research Initiative (DATRI), as well as by private donations. Since it was founded in late 1989, HCRN has conducted numerous clinical research trials in the Houston area and has received praise for its high quality and efficient patient care and data collection.

Jimmerson said he hopes that HCRN's expanding role in the national research effort will bring in new sources of funding to keep pace with the networks growth. HCRN may be contacted at (713) 520-2083 for more information. For TDD line, call (713) 528-3577.

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HOUSTON SOAP, PART ONE

By TAD NELSON
Houston Voice Publisher
HELLO HOUSTON!

LAST WEEK in Houston. . .

Amie and Bill opened the doors and served the first customers last Friday Feb. 4th at 3:30 p.m. AMIE'S at 403 Westheimer at Taft is Montrose's newest fun place to be. They have beer, wine, draft, and set ups available with dancing, pool and darts. It may look small from the street, but it's very spacious inside. Amie and Bill invite everyone to drop in and check 'em out!

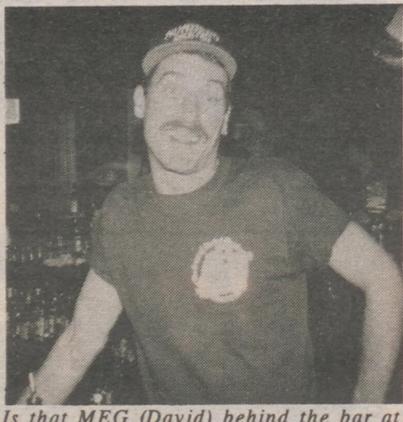
Last Sundays COWBOY BOOGIE presented by TGRA at GENTRY raised \$590 for the BERING CARE CENTER.

You know. . . just when things really get crazy and you think there's trouble on the horizon it's amazing that you can still find that pot of gold through the smoke clearing near the end of the rainbow. Or at least that's how I feel this week. The Trucker and I have our share of ups and downs like any couple and we may have more than our share. I mean, you try to take care of yourself, which some people find hard enough to do. But then throw in paying special attention to your lover to make sure his needs are met. Then try running a business while going to medical school and working two days a week at a doctor's office. On top of that try helping entertain, cook chauffeur and watch out for your lovers 92 year old mother who is staying at your home for six months while still trying to maintain some sort of affectionate relationship and semblance of privacy. It's a tough proposition, I can tell you.

A person could go crazy, right? Well Trucker and I do occasionally and sometimes we take it out on each other. Not an advisable thing to do if you intend to stay together for any length of time.

After we realized what we were doing mentally to each other recently, we decided it was time for one of those road fantasies in the Peterbilt and shed in the back yard. Well, you should see the video. Wow! I never knew those big ball bearings could be such fun!!! And slippery too. They are kind of interesting too when you feel them click together between the layers of axle grease. Woof woof Trucker! And I loved the hot wax from the candles (there's no electricity in the shed).

So here is some Valentine's Day advice from the Trucker and me. If you are beginning to stress out the person you love the most just remember that nobody does it



Is that MEG (David) behind the bar at MARY'S?

better and get a grip on yourself. Communicate communicate communicate and then communicate some more. Then go f--- each others brains out in the cab of your Peterbilt and make it interesting with a lot of grease and some interesting toys. Some of our favorite videos that we show in the cab of the Peterbilt are Erotic Hands, Rough Trade and you know El Paso Wrecking Company is really pretty good. Yes, if you didn't know it we are pre-verted.

After working up a slather, relax in the after glow and hold each other tight. Then get out in the back yard with the water hose and shower each other off with some good heavy duty dish detergent and a tire brush (great for the complexion—and you wonder why I'm always red). Now you can go inside before hitting the leather sheets and have a great Valentine's Day dessert such as Kuntry Kidd's Raspberry Truffle Cake from last weeks paper. Or my favorite, Blue Bell Natural Vanilla Bean ice cream with lots of chocolate syrup on top.

This will work wonders for any relationship. I guarantee it! Why I think I even heard the Trucker woofing last Saturday evening when we were testing it out. Happy Valentine's Day. And Happy Birthday to Trucker Mom who turns 92 on Feb. 11th. I should live so long. I'm now signing up 40 men for my 40th birthday fantasy that happens to take place on top of the pool table at Mary's. See the Trucker of myself for further details and bring your own Crisco. Woof Woof! Of course that will give me a couple of years to find this hunky group and work out all the kinks.

ON WITH SOAP. . .

Tonight! Feb. 10th at THE RANCH/MS. B'S, Houston's favorite Lesbian Comedienne takes control of the microphone once more. She feisty and very talented. She's also worth a listen and look-see. Get by Ms. B's and relax for a while to the comedic talents of NANCY FORD. If you can't get by this Thursday you have another opportunity on Feb. 24th.

Also Tonight! Feb. 10th is E/J'S first CLUB NIGHT! Yes you heard right, the TEXAS RIDERS will be at your service from 8 pm to 2:00 a.m. And also that same night is the ROXIE STARR SHOW.

Friday Feb. 11th is MARDI GRAS WARM UP at PACIFIC STREET—the club where Real Men Still Dance. And you know that must be true, because I read it in Drummer Magazine. You can also according to the ad enjoy the men of CAGED HEAT/MEN BEHIND BARS otherwise known as their shameless strippers. No cover from 7 pm to 9:00 p.m.

JAMES PREUSS is having an artist reception at VENTURE-N this Friday, Feb. 11

beginning at 7:00 p.m. His new art show is entitled BEAUTY & THE BEASTS.

at RICH'S on Feb. 11. . . Houston Scene and Eduardo Bennett have slated another CUPID'S BALL. This benefit includes the hippest and hottest club scene fashions.

This Friday through Sunday at THE RANCH it's SWEETHEARTS IN TEXAS presented by SOUTHERN COUNTRY HOUSTON & AUSTIN Chapters. This is Houston's 2nd annual Hoedown and Austin's 1st. The Ranch as you know has over 50,000 square feet of club space to party in. Registration is Friday night at 6 pm at the Holiday Inn on I-10 and then at 9:30 the partying continues at the BRB with a show and open dancing. All day Saturday the events are happening at THE RANCH. Lots of dance lessons, a Texas Barbecue and Thee Sweethearts Ball. Then on Sunday it's back to the BRB for a lunch buffet, open dancing, and a farewell party. Should be a great time! Congratulations to the men and women of SOUTHERN COUNTRY!

The RIPCORD is sponsoring an EXCURSION TO MARDI GRAS (GALVESTON) on this Saturday Feb. 12th. Advance sale tickets are \$25 and they go really fast so don't wait. The bus will depart Ripcord at 11:00 a.m. and return from Galveston after the parade. Call the bar for more details or ticket reservations.

E/J's SATURDAY SUPER SHOW this week is starring Miss Brittany Paige and her special guests NIKKI COLLINS, CATIA, BLACK VELVET and more. The showtime is 11 pm sharp. Next week direct from La Cage in Las Vegas is LAWANDA JACKSON.

Saturday Feb. 12th at THE CLUB HOUSTON at 2205 Fannin is the HONEY I LOVE YOU BUT I'VE GONE TO THE TUBS VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY from 10 pm till ? Door prizes will be given away hourly. There will be a great big Valentine Buffet along with Party Beverages and a Continental Breakfast in the A.M. And it all comes with the price of admission. Give your sweetheart an on site Massage by Jeffery (TX LIC # 3236) for only \$6.00 only during the party on the 12th.

Then on Sunday at E/J'S don't miss the MISS SWEETHEART E/J'S PAGEANT with emcees Brittany Paige and Sivi Ross along with special guests Paivi, B.J. Williams & Marilyn Marx, Miss Sweetheart E/J's 93. Showtime is 9:00 p.m.

TRI ANGLE VIDEO PRODUCTIONS OF HOUSTON, in cooperation with the Houston Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays (P-FLAG) will present the



TOMAS is lookin' good at the LEATHER BY BOOTS at the RIPCORD

world premiere of a new educational video, "Always My Kid" on Feb. 18th at 7:00 p.m. This showing at RICH's is designed as a family guide to understanding Gay and Lesbian people. The video offers information for the mainstream on topics including "Coming Out," religious issues and homophobia.

On Sunday Feb. 13th CHABLIS LEE LOVE, will present LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE Country Style at the BRB. This benefit show for the Colt 45 AIDS Trouble Fund will begin at 7:30 p.m.

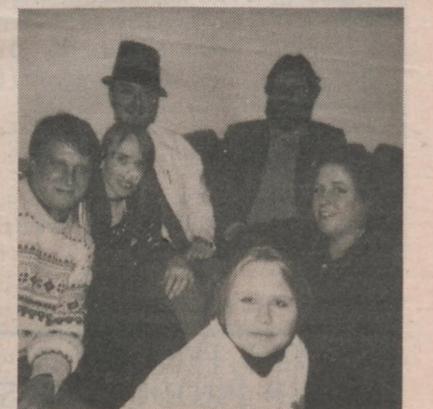
This Sunday night at GENTRY the RSCISS presents LOVE TO LOVE YOU BABY, A Variety Show benefiting BERING CARE CENTER.

Also this Sunday at MARY'S LOUNGE is a special Valentine's Brunch for only \$3.75. The entree for the brunch sponsored by Wolf Pack is BEEF WELLINGTON! Carter and Cooley Deli is out doing themselves this time. Later that same afternoon is the RIVER OF DREAMS BENEFIT SHOW presented by DON GILL who is a candidate for MR. PRIME CHOICE. This show full of talented performers will be emceed by the Voice's own DON DOWDEN and MAUDE of COUSIN'S. Be there to support Don in his candidacy. He certainly is Prime!

Sunday Feb. 13 beginning at 5 pm is the AQUARIAN CELEBRATION at the VENTURE-N. This is the 17th Annual event of its kind and will feature Hal & Jim's Unparty Buffet. All proceeds go to the Colt 45s Trouble Fund.

Sunday Feb. 13 at GENTRY is the IMPERIAL COURTS VALENTINES SHOW for Bering Care Center entitled LOVE TO LOVE YOU BABY. The variety show begins at 9 pm sharp.

MARDI GRAS Parties are happening at RICH'S starting Sunday the 13th. Join a week of fund with Drag, Beads, Men and Decadance! Thursday CLUB HEDONISM turns to HEDO GRAS with show, dancers and even queens throwing beads from a float. . . Friday is the World Premier of the P-FLAG DOCUMENTARY produced by TRI-ANGLES PRODUCTIONS "Always My Kid." Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Then Sunday the 20th the frenzy culminates at RICH'S hosts the SHOW US WHAT'S LEFT Party. Enjoy more MARDI GRAS fun, beads, dancers and men. And yes it's true! DEBORAH HARRY hits the RICH'S stage Sunday Feb. 27th. A show you won't want to miss.



Jack, Ed, Bunny, Palomino, Al and Barbie are part of P.E.P. who invited the trucker and I to see the KODO Drummers with them

Gay rights demonstrators picket Tacoma seminar by opposition group

TACOMA, Sunday, Feb. 6 (AP)—About 35 gay rights demonstrators carried signs outside a seminar by a group that has opposed covering homosexuals under laws banning discrimination.

City police watched the peaceful protest Saturday outside Cov-

enant Celebration Church, where more than 800 people attended a day-long seminar held by leaders of Focus on The Family, based in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Focus on Your Own Damn Family," said a sign carried by Susan

Peterson-Thompson of Seattle.

"These guys are just a bunch of carbetbaggers, and they don't belong in this state," she said.

Focus on the Family was one of the groups that helped pass Amendment 2, which would have banned

laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination but was ruled unconstitutional.

Petitions for two anti-gay rights initiatives are being circulated in Washington state, but Alan Crippen, a spokesperson for Focus on the Family, said the

group had no plans to support either measure.

Crippen, one of two speakers at the seminar, said the purpose of the gathering was to help Christians be better citizens and become better informed.

Valentine's Day Happenings; Mardi Gras Warm Up; Coming Up in Houston

HOUSTON SOAP, PART TWO

By TAD NELSON
Houston Voice Publisher
Happening VALENTINES DAY.

Get a Heart On early this Valentine's Day with JERRY JONES at MARY'S...naturally!

Valentines is LULU'S Birthday and E/J's invites you to come by and say hi and have a cocktail or two with the old gurhl. Lulu turns 49 again I'm told.

LOVE HURTS: A JOHN BOBBITT VALENTINES. The ultimate Valentine's Day Party is happening at PACIFIC STREET. It has been inspired by the man who made the ultimate sacrifice! Pick your own meat from the Bobbitt on a Sword Appetizers. Enjoy a game of Pin The Macho on the Man. Or for the more athletic, try your luck at the WENNIE TOSS. Win cash and prizes. You might even walk away with a cutlery set (for the bedroom). There will be party favors, and our usual low, low drink prices for this one of a kind Valentines event. Doors open at 9 pm with NO COVER for bar and restaurant personnel and local gay club members in colors.

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KEN, those are really small curlers in your hair!



CATIA taming TIM at TGRA's event at GENTRY last Sunday night



TIM exceed TGRA's Cowboy Boogie at GENTRY



CHARLES, JERIAL and DAMION of the CLUB HOUSTON in front of art panels created by Damion at THE CLUB

or other special occasions.

If you and your Valentine are looking for the place to be this Valentine's Night you will want to head over to JR'S for LINDSY LOVE'S SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY STRIP CONTEST. The show will start at 11 pm and if you don't have a Valentine this will be the place to find one.

On the other side of the street—The MONTROSE MINING COMPANY's Monday Night Pool Tournament keep getting better and bigger. Mine Manager Clay Harper is always on hand to make sure that the ;"Sharks" have a good time.

MORE in Houston.

Tuesday Feb. 15th is Fat Tuesday. Don't miss Houston's Largest, Hardest, Most Outrageous Mardi Gras Blowout Celebration at PACIFIC STREET.

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The MINE'S own Bear-oness-Emperess BRIAN KEEVER will be back this month to host the Bear of the Month Contest, which this month as always is sponsored by Leather Forever with a \$50.00 Gift Certificate. This month's contest is scheduled for Wednesday Feb. 16th.

HEAVEN has made a good thing even better transforming DISCO INFERNO into MONDO BIZZARO WEDNESDAY'S. The new night features all the best of Disco Retro and Funk with the Grove Master DJ Michael DeGrace.

you never know what you will find at this new scandalous weekly party. We do know that on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd you will find CANDY J better known as SWEET PUSSY PAULINE on MONDO BIZ-



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Sundays...enjoy the MONTROSE MINING COMPANY'S "MINE SHAFT BEER BUST" on the patio gets EVEN better. New in 1994 is \$1.00 buy in and a .25 cent refill of Miller Lite Draft Beer with extended hours from 4:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. The patio will surely get hotter as the men enjoy Houston's biggest beer bust.

Sunday at PACIFIC STREET is MANDANCE, Monster-T-Dance with the doors opening at 7 pm and no cover from 7 to 9. When the weather is nice outside the crowd overflows onto the patio so there's always room for more.

The gang at the BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM is offering HAPPY HOUR all day each Monday. That's from 7:00 a.m. till 2:00 a.m. WOW! With \$1.50 cocktails and \$1.75 longnecks.

Tuesdays don't miss "Houston's Largest Weeknight Party" at JR'S with Men In Skirts, four of the hottest male dancers that will work up a sweat for you in and out of Kilt Fashions by Basic Brothers. There's also a CK Strip Contest and a Grab For Cash at Midnight. You can win a Kilt from Basic Brothers if you're the lucky winner of the Midnight drawing.

Wednesday is HOT HUMP NIGHT at PACIFIC STREET with the doors opening at 9:00 p.m. Victor Toledo plays this weeks current Billboard Hit Videos. And there's no cover if you been in previously and received a free admission from your favorite bartender.

The Wednesday night MALE STRIP CONTEST at GENTRY really sizzles as MISS GAY TEXAS, DYAN MICHAELS whips the hunky contestants and the crowd into a frenzy.

Thursdays over at the BRB the have Happy Hours till 11 pm and if you get hungry around dinner time they have HAMBURGER NIGHT out on the patio with ANIMAL. Hamburgers are .75 cents and cheeseburgers are only

\$1.00. COMING UP In Houston.

at GENTRY on Friday Feb. 18 SOIREE AUBERGINE SILENT AUCTION begins. A complimentary hors d'oeuvre buffet will be served.

MIDTOWNE SPA is inviting you to attend their VALENTINES/MARDI GRAS WEEK-END PARTY on Saturday Feb. 19th from 9 pm till ?. They promise J/O dancers, door prizes, food and punch with guaranteed fun for all. They are now taking reservations. See their ad ;in this issue of the Houston Voice Blue Pages.

at GENTRY on Saturday Feb. 19 is a LUEY Cocktail Party beginning at 2:30 p.m.

at GENTRY on Sunday Feb. 20 is the "BERING IT ALL" STRIP TEASE SPECTACULAR. benefiting the Bering Care Center.

at GENTRY on Friday Feb. 25th is the reception for the Bering Community Service Foundation with complimentary hors d' oeuvres buffet at 6:00 p.m. The SOIREE AUBERGINE SILENT AUCTION closes at midnight.

at GENTRY on Saturday Feb. 26th, SOIREE AUBERGINE presents CREME DE LA CREME 94 at 10:00 p.m. at GENTRY on Sunday Feb. 27th at 5 pm is SOIREE AUBERGINE'S GRAND FINALE PARTY with live music and comedy entertainment.

And finally speaking of comedy. ...at THE LAFF STOP is having a great night of Gay Comedy called the GAY COMEDY FREEDOM JAM with entertainers Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye who just happen to be lovers and Gay comedians on the local scene. This special showing is approximately one hour and forty five minutes long and is \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door and happens to be on a Monday night Feb. 28th. This is a special evening of Gaye comedy being put on by the Laff Stop and I think if you aren't involved with a team event such as pool or bowling, you ought to give up Murphy Brown for one night and spend the time laughing your asses off at the Laff Stop.

BYE FOR NOW!

Idaho HIV numbers down, but data could prove misleading

BOISE, Idaho, Tuesday, Feb. 8 (AP)—The number of Idahoans diagnosed with the virus that causes AIDS dropped 16 percent last year, preliminary state figures show.

In 1993, 56 people were diagnosed as HIV positive, compared with 67 in 1992.

But public health officials cautioned against concluding that AIDS is waning in Idaho. The raw data could prove misleading, they said Monday.

"We need to spend the next couple of weeks figuring it out," John Glaza, AIDS program supervisor for the state Department of Health

and Welfare, said. "I think it's critical that we know."

The federal government last year loosened its definition of the fatal illness. That was done to counter criticism that federal officials were ignoring AIDS symptoms peculiar to women and intravenous drug users.

Because of the change, some HIV-positive Idahoans—including some who may have tested positive years ago—suddenly had an AIDS diagnosis.

The number of new AIDS cases in Idaho reflects that change—65 in 1993, compared with 36 in 1992.

Glaza said a detailed look at Idaho's numbers is likely to show some decrease in the rate of new HIV cases, although maybe not as much as a 16 percent drop.

If the spread is slowing, Glaza hopes it's "because people are getting the message."

Asians and Friends of Houston celebrates 'Chinese New Year' Saturday

ORGANIZATIONS

Asians and Friends of Houston, a non-profit organization for gay and lesbian Asians and anyone interested in increasing their understanding of the rich cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands, will be celebrating the New Lunar year with a pot luck party this Saturday evening, Feb. 12.

The Lunar New Year, while known to most people as the "Chinese New Year," is actually a tradition in many countries that celebrates the year's first full moon, according to David Chan, a member of the local group.

"In reality, every Asian country holds a similar celebration," explained Chan in a recent interview. "In Vietnam, the Lunar New Year celebration is called Tet."

The first full moon of 1994 will occur on Feb. 10. This weekend's event is not strictly for members, but for anyone interested in the purposes and goals of the group. The celebration will offer a chance for those interested in Asian cultures to learn more about their beliefs and traditions.

Preparations for the new year, in Asian countries, begin at least one month before the holiday, said Chan. "People usually dust and clean everything in their house. They polish pots and pans and even whitewash their houses. Everyone wants to part with the old and welcome in the new

year," he said.

"The new year is also considered the starting point for good luck and good fortune. On New Year's Eve, Asian people also stay up late to see the old year out and to welcome in the new year. Firecrackers are used to scare away evil spirits."

Chan said that in many parts of China, people often decorate their houses by pasting paper cuttings of various flowers onto their windows for good luck, or by putting poetry or rhymes on their door frames. A common practice is to write the Chinese character "happiness" on a piece of red paper and hang it deliberately upside down on the door frame. In Chinese, Chan explained, the upside down character is pronounced "daofu"—which means, "happiness comes to the door."

"There are also rules regarding what people should or should not do or say during the holiday," he said. "For example, people are not supposed to sweep the hulls or shells of sunflower seeds or peanuts off the floor during the holiday season because it is believed that doing so will make them less productive and have less sons. People also avoid saying things that may be considered bad luck, such as the word 'death.'"

Chan added that the Chinese also exchange gifts and buy lots of things for the new year, including huge amounts of food. "The Chinese culture focuses so much on eating, it is sometimes called the

eating culture," he said. "The new year is obviously a time to satisfy one's appetite." Foods eaten during the celebration often have symbolism attached. On New Year's Eve, people often have dumplings to symbolize family union and eat sticky rice cakes for longevity, because the Chinese pronunciation for sticky rice is "niangao," which sounds like "year after year." Fish is served at dinner, as the pronunciation for fish is exactly the same as the words for "abundance," "plenty" or "surplus."

"This year, we shall celebrate the Year of the Dog. No, this is not a reference to my ex-boyfriend or my last date!" Chan joked. "The dog symbolizes honesty, loyalty and a deep sense of duty." There is however, some symbolism that Gays may find intriguing in this turn of the Chinese horoscope. "They are the champions of justice and freedom. The dog is by nature a liberal animal, so one could see a greater acceptance of 'alternative' lifestyles from persons born in the year of the dog," he said.

"The Chinese horoscope is many thousands of years old and some believe it is even older than its western namesake. According to tradition, as the Lord Buddha was about to leave the earth, he invited the animals to see him one last time. Only twelve animals came. In gratitude, the Buddha rewarded them by naming each year after one of the animals according to their respective characteristics."

Asians and Friends of Houston currently has almost 100 members, according to Kurt von Richthofen, co-founder and president of the group. Asians and Friends organizations can be found in most major cities across the United States, Canada, England, Australia, and most recently, in Paris and the Netherlands, von Richthofen said.

The organization is more than a "party group," he said. "We are also educational and service-oriented. We have available AIDS education and prevention materials in Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai and Tagalog (the main language of the Philippines). We also sponsor a hearing impaired orphan in Vietnam through the Pearl S. Buck Foundation and, most recently, we have begun discussion group sessions to better address and understand issues which are of concern to our members."

These issues include being gay AND Asian (some cultures deny homosexuality ever existed and others portray Gays as physical or mental defectives), coping with prejudice and racism, and dealing with cultural differences, von Richthofen said.

Asians and Friends of Houston has also begun publishing a bimonthly newsletter, "Texasians." For more information about Asians and Friends or its activities, call (713) 772-3757 or write Post Office Box 740346, Houston, TX 77242-0346.

Clinton budget to trim troop strength, rein AIDS prevention

By ALAN FRAM

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 4 (AP)—President Clinton's 1995 budget will trim the Pentagon's military and civilian workforce by 181,000—saving \$4 billion—and hold the line on the government's AIDS prevention efforts, admin-

istration officials and documents reveal.

His spending plan, which he will ship to Congress on Monday, will also cut a program that helps prepare low-income youths for the workforce, while boosting aid to elementary and secondary schools.

As new details of the \$1.5 trillion spend-

ing plan emerged, administration officials continued their effort to portray themselves as tough budget-cutters.

Administration officials said Clinton will propose killing 115 programs for a savings for \$3.25 billion. Terminated programs would include the Air Force's F-16 fighter, public library construc-

tion and a shark research center.

Ultimately, they predicted, a reluctant Congress will accept their proposals.

"I anticipate that we'll be successful in the process, but ... there'll probably be a lot of blood on the floor by the time we finish," said Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen.

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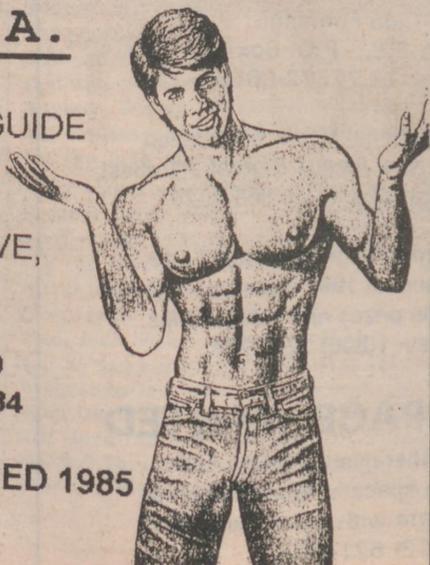
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Love and romance in the air this Valentine's weekend at Nexus, Wild Club

SAN ANTONIO SOAP

By LEFTY TAYLOR

Houston Voice/San Antonio

Well, it's about time we had some really nice weather. This weekend really was the tea. I hope everyone got to sit out and enjoy this while it lasts. I have a strange feeling that we will have another couple of cold spells before its all over with. 'Tis the season for love and romance and no I didn't mean to imply that Victoria is so desperate for a man last week that she keeps her neighbors up at night banging her head on the wall. But if romance comes in spurts, I'm prepared with my towel. Send it on!

At Nexus this weekend, Saturday they are going to have a Valentine Sweetheart Dance. There will be special surprise door prizes given out and you can have your Valentine picture taken there with that special loved one. On Sunday, Feb. 20th, Debbie Garris with Musket and Wave will be singing live at 7:00 p.m. Volleyball is coming soon. March is just around the corner so you had better be getting your teams set and ready. The volleyball season will start with a tournament and then will lead on into regular league season. For more information, call Nexus at 341-2818.

Happy Birthday to Raphael at the Papermoon. He's 29 and still looks pretty. I just wish they had told me and I would have baked a casserole. At the Papermoon on Fridays and Saturdays there are male danc-

ers all night long with no cover till 11:00 p.m. and after hours. On Friday the 18th, the Papermoon will host the Miss Gay San Antonio America Pageant with special guest Dyan Michaels, Janice Dumont, Sweet Savage and Denise Fairchild. On Wednesday the 16th, its the Papermoon switch night. You can see your favorite PM and Silver Dollar employees dressed up in their finest polyester for this once in a year event. On Sunday the 13th, Sassy St. James will join Tandi, Shady, Pauletta and Denise Fairchilds on the Sunday show.

The El Jardin hosted an MCC benefit to help bring the Flirtations to town this last weekend. Among the entertainers were the Hardly Girls, Tommy Manhattan, Greta Garbage and TK. As always, the show was a surprise not only to the patrons, but to the cast themselves. Far and beyond the technical difficulties, the show was a success and raised over \$280. Special thanks to Leo and Jose for their kind and generous donation. Another surprise during the show was the auctioning off of Tommy Manhattan. The poor things own husband wouldn't even purchase him. He said why should I, I get it at home for free. Anyway, Tommy was auctioned off for \$41 and now has to wash clothes and clean house for the luck individuals.

The action never stops at Miriam's. Its another place where you never can tell what's going to happen. This weekend during the Maxee/Tica surprise show, the SAFD made a house call to remove one of poor Guido's most devoted fans. Sharon Tate, Jodie Foster, and you. Miriam's also had an amateur graffiti artist decorate the bathrooms last week, too. It was really cute. Did I mention before that I have actually seen the San Antonio Dart League checks? They exist this year and there is an account. What a change. The checks say

'The Gay San Antonio Dart League...We're pegged forever. On this Friday, Miriam's will host a special benefit show for ARC with Divine Mike and Courtney. The show will start at 10:30 p.m. On Sunday, Sara will host an early Sunday Valentine's show with special guests. The show will start at 7:30 p.m.

Its a special sweetheart weekend at the Wild Club. On Saturday night, the Wild Club welcomes adult porn star Chase Hunter and Tony DiAngelo. On Sunday night, there will be a special Miss Stupid Cupid Pageant with MC Jimmy James. Everyone is welcome to pick out there favorite Valentine numbers and get them ready. There will be cash prizes of first place

\$96.69 and second place \$69.96. I will be there in my spandex body suit to help ring in Valentine's Day. I just saw the calendar for the Wild Club and the show roster for the next couple of months is very full. Not only are there special guests like China Blue and Obsession going to join the Sunday Show with Victoria West, but there will be a bevy of porn stars and in just a few weeks down the road, we can welcome back to the

Wild Club, Chi Chi Larue and Marco Rossi with another entertaining show. I hope he has learned a few other ways to open a beer bottle. That last one was kind of nasty.

The Wild Country hosts game night on Wednesday night with cash prizes for darts and pool winners. Wednesday is also happy hour and you can get \$1.50 long-necks and well drinks all night long. There are many surprises at the Wild Country. Even the employees don't know what's going to happen from one day to the next. And that's good. It helps keep things lively. The patio will obviously be very popular in warmer weather. I think it should also be use during the day as a place to lay out and get some sun. All they need is a few lawn chairs.



Miffy and Maxee at El Jardin

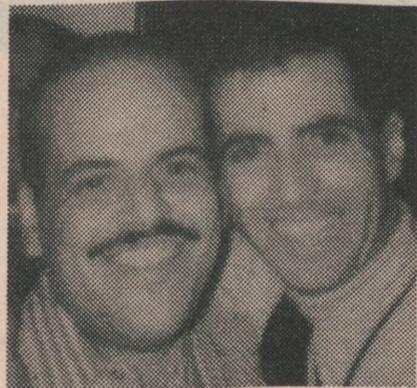
I took my friend Jimmy to Sparks this week twice in one day and he had the best time of his life. I think he fell in love at least ten times. Especially little Jay. He is cute. Of all times to take him, I took Jimmy to Karaoke Night. The crowd was young and hot, but I hate to say this, the singing was bad. There's nothing like a bunch of drunk, rowdy, good looking boys joining together to sing a batch of Prince songs. It just makes my heart jump. Sparks has hot oil wrestling on Tuesday night. I can't wait until my dart team plays them on a Thursday night. We'll probably lose for lack of attention.

The warm weather has made me want to pack up and move. Of course I will probably pick another apartment and not do the smart thing and call Ken Bradshaw to see about owning my own home. He can be reached at 653-7711.

The amount of gossip ad rumors has risen along with warm weather like tampons on a full moon. What do you say when you hear seven or eight different versions of the same rumor? Who cares! Most of the time I spread them myself (especially when I am there when it happens). My snakes are coming out to enjoy the sun and I'll be glad when I can take them out to play with again. Of course, I also look forward to the awful shedding a Chow does during the spring. Time to get a new vacuum cleaner. I'm gone. Chow!



The Terrible Twosome



Spotted in the Wild Country Sunday crowd

'Planet Spivey' showcases best sketches of late Houston playwright

HOUSTON LIVE

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

When Kenny Joe Spivey founded Dream Katz Productions in 1987 he made no secret of the fact that his purpose was to provide an outlet for creative theatrical talent, primarily his own. Fortunately this was more than just ego at work. Unlike so many small production companies founded to promote the works of the founders, Spivey had talent, and lots of it.

An angry man with ebullient energy, Spivey recognized that the type of off-the-wall, left-of-center and cutting-edge humor he wanted to present would not always be so welcome in established theaters. Not willing to compromise his artistic integrity, he established Dream Katz. And Houston, and especially Montrose, have been better off for it.

"Planet Spivey" is a collection of comic skits and musical numbers that display Spivey's terrific musical talent as well as his predilection for putting eerie fetishes in the spotlight. The vignettes range in scope from the brutally angry to the whimsically light, and they cover an equally wide range of perversions.

The show begins and ends with musical numbers, featuring the entire cast, that express anger and disbelief with this world in which we live. The opening number is a jolt. "Bring Out Your Dead" is a deeply morbid eulogy that seethes with ire. Though not originally intended to be reflective of the frustration felt by so many AIDS victims and their loved ones (it was taken from a work about the Black Plague), the number is nonetheless an unapologetic demand for answers. Spivey easily adapted the work for the AIDS crisis and then presented it with searing fury.

The closing tune, "Scandal," is more comedic; a "dark" song, which proclaims a universal life of love and sound while rhetorically asking how one pur-



(L-R) Keith Woods, Joe Weaver, Whitney Porter and Cheryl Warek in "Vegetable of the Day" from "Planet Spivey"

sues harmony when one hears of the dubious exploits of the likes of Dahmer, Bobbitt, Menendez, Tyson, Flowers and similar ilk. With somewhat foreboding fanfare, Spivey, like so many other comic talents, has us laughing at the grim headlines we see all too often.

In between the opening and closing musical numbers are an array of sketches that, with only one exception, examine some of the seamier past times in which people might indulge. But in each case, Spivey imbued the sketch with enough levity to make the bizarre seem only eccentric.

"Vegetable of the Day" is about a brain dead man who is mercilessly abused by his closest relatives. His wife, Lorraine (Whitney Porter), ignores him except to provoke the most fundamental of reactions (i.e. erections). His brother, Bergstrom (Keith Woods), is a bitter, vindictive soul who is determined to take custody of his brother only to be able to humiliate him in a myriad of ways. It's deadpan

humor that seriously indicts treatment of the mentally ill.

"Disturbed" is probably the most recognizable of the situations presented. The age old conflict of mother/daughter is shown here in all its "tempest-in-a-teapot" glory. Babette (Debbie Pasha Green) is your typical rebellious teen who takes a punk rock pose for the world. She wears a glitter tube top, wraps a bra around one of her legs and sports green lips. Her mother (Ramona Floyd) is white trash come to life. With high water pants that barely reach mid-calf and a pot belly that could balance a vase, she's a delirious parody of a polyester mama. As usual with mother/daughter disagreements, Babette and her mother argue about Babette's choice of boyfriends. The comic exaggeration here is stretched even further with the appearance of Victor (Woods), a friend of the mother, who brings new meaning to the term "queen." Wearing this kind of shawl

thing with sleeves, Victor is nothing more than a drag queen without the rouge. Problem is this kind of parody gets old real quick.

"Bed 1" and "Bed 2" are the first and second half of the sketch that surrounds intermission. Here Catherine (T. Oscar) is falling in love with a perfect man, Robert (Joe Weaver), or so she thinks. Much to her chagrin, another woman (Whitney Porter) appears from under the bed, urging Catherine to get away while she still can. Robert is a malicious sadist who will keep Catherine in bondage and servitude. Spivey wasn't so much denigrating sadism (though that would have been a noble exercise), as he was exemplifying the extremes of sacrifice that will be made in the name of love.

The only genuinely light piece, which was also my favorite, was "Midnight Drain." The sketch takes place in an aquarium. Lamonte (Weaver), an octopus, is feeling poorly, but he can't get the attention of the "breather" on the other side of the tank. His pal, Stanley (Steve McMillan), a fish, is much more interested in diversion on the inside of the tank. Together they sing the praises and the travails of life in the tank. Given Spivey's inclination to include substance beneath the surface, the sketch probably serves to remind pet owners everywhere that their animals need attention too. Whatever, Spivey's subtextual meaning, "Midnight Drain" is a frothy delight.

The sketches are bound together by scene changes performed by all the cast members as they dance, weave and sashay around the stage, removing and replacing props with a charming flair. "Planet Spivey" is scads of laughs and an unbeatable way to start off a weekend night of fun.

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'Seasons' not as riveting as other Houston Symphony performances

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By JOHN REED

Houston Voice/Houston

Houston Symphony patrons were treated to Franz Joseph Haydn's THE SEASONS this past weekend as part of the winter's classic series. This infrequently performed choral masterwork was composed between 1799 and 1801 after Haydn had been living in England and being influenced by George Handel. Readers are likely more familiar with the other two choral works that Haydn composed during this late eighteenth century time period, eg. THE SEVEN LAST WORDS and THE CREATION. With this background you should be able to anticipate the strengths and weakness of THE SEASONS. Haydn was a true master of classical music art form, especially of Church music. His Mass in F, Military Symphony, and the London Symphonies are perhaps his best known.

As expected, the orchestration of THE SEASONS is usually with great interest, wonderful harmony, and easy to enjoy by itself. His-

tory records that during the early nineteenth century, the popularity of THE SEASONS equaled Handel's MESSIAH. This seems improbable as we compare the two pieces at this time in history, because of twentieth century's interest in the more dramatic and contrasting character of the MESSIAH. THE SEASONS suffers from a relative lack of compelling dramatic core. Modern audiences may grow tired well before this long (nearly two and one half hours in length) oratorio ends.

The length is due to trying to accommodate the very wordy libretto by Baron von Swieten. The author condensed into about five



hundred lines, an original poem in blank verse by George Thompson that was an epic of over 5500 lines. It seems plausible that when one severely cuts a work of art by ninety percent, changes the language from English to German, and moves from one art form to another; problems may occur. And this is the major weakness of the performance. The fine orchestration can not

over come the trite, overly long, and almost without modern relevancy. The Houston Symphony Chorus under the very skilled preparation of Charles Hausmann performs in a first class manner with fine diction and enunciation. The Chorus is to be greatly commended on their superb performance. I have never

heard Sarah Caldwell with the Boston Grand Opera Company perform better. The Houston Symphony under the guest direction of Nicholas McGegan did well, but after two hours of this performance I frankly became restless. The famous drinking song that concludes the 'Autumn' section was eagerly anticipated, but when it was played I wished that the drinking song from 'The Student Prince' had been heard instead. THE SEASONS was the only selection on that evening's program which was understandable due to the length of the four parts, Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. Fortunately there are not any other seasons around. The Jones Hall staff wisely have lengthened the intermission to twenty five minutes to allow for adequate rest room time. The design problems of Jones Hall have only been partially corrected with the recent renovations. The one public elevator is still very slow, and the multiple levels make it a difficult place for the physically challenged patron. I have extra copies of THE SEASONS' libretto for any interested readers.

Spoof of Miss USA at Zippers; dance and party at the Planet



Kris and Lisa

RIO GRANDE VALLEY SOAP

By JOSHUA ST. MICHAEL & TOOTSIE WOMELDORF

Houston Voice/Rio Grande Valley

Ok, it Friday night again, but this is no ordinary Friday in the Rio Grande Valley. The '94 Miss U.S.A. Pageant is being telecast live from the Convention Center on sunny Padre Island. Hope to see all of you who purchased tickets live on the air. We'll be watching on TV at Club Zippers. After the telecast Club Zippers will have a spin off with the 1st Annual Ms/Mr. Slut U.S.A. Pageant. Each contestant will be representing a "state" such as the state of "shock," state of "confusion" or the state of "drunkenness" just to name a few. Max tells us there will be a surprise guest appearance by—; oops, it's a surprise. The winner of this comical event will win a free night stay for two at the Upper Deck on South Padre Island.

The fun doesn't stop there. It continues on Saturday night with those hot studs from Monterrey. The Special Collection Dancer, they will be performing two

shows. One at 10:30 p.m. and the other at 12:30 a.m.

Tommi Ross made her first debut at The Planet last Sunday night, with Lady Laura and Caprice Devereaux. The crowd love the show. They went wild as Tommi Ross closed her show with her Diana Ross number.

This Friday and Saturday night is dance and party night at The Planet. Remember there is never a cover till 10:00 p.m. On Saturday at The Planet, Valley Voice members will be helping you celebrate Valentine's by taking sweet heart pictures (polaroids), and selling roses and carnations. (Valley Voice member will be at Just Tery's also). Proceeds will go to Ryan White Pediatric Task Force (children afflicted with AIDS) and to Valley Voice. Please show your support.

On Sunday The Planet will get hot with the Lone Star Male Review and Fantasy Girls. John and Kim want to invite you to The Planet, Monday. That's correct, they will be open Valentine's Day with a sweetheart party. Don't forget Sunday, Feb. 20th they will have the amateur Drag contest with a cash prize of \$75, so sign up at The Planet.

Up at P.B.D.'s in McAllen, Chuck and the gang ar still getting ready for the 10th anniversary party. Make sure you read next week's issue when we'll have all the details, so mark your calendars for Feb. 19th and join Drew, Jose, Don and Chuck for the celebration.

Over at 10th Avenue last Friday night everyone packed the club to celebrate Takisha More's birthday. This weekend Muscles In Action will be dancing and showing their hot bodies for your enjoyment.

Just Tery's was busy with Peggy tending bar while Terry...Oh that's right, Terry was off in Corpus Christi partying. Anyone interesting?? This weekend bring your sweetheart and party at Just Tery's. Valley Voice will be taking pictures (polaroids), selling roses and carnations, to celebrate Valentine's Day on Saturday night. As mentioned before proceeds will go to the Ryan White Pediatric Task Force go towards outings with the children and towards funeral expenses. Please show your support. Sunday night at Just Tery's there will be a



Guess Who?

Valentine's Day show with Jacqui Fabiane, Lady Laura, Jalisso Landro and Margot Landro. Coming soon to Just Tery's, Victoria West.

Last week we told you a little about the Upper Deck, the only gay guest house in the Rio Grande Valley! The Upper Deck is having a Valentine Special for you and your honey. You can enjoy a two night stay and a free complimentary bottle of champagne for only \$75 plus tax. Call for your reservation now and mention you saw it in the Houston Voice, (210) 761-5953. (we would like to apologize for the misprint of the phone number in last weeks article.

Tootsie and I know everyone will be out partying this weekend, celebrating Valentine's Day. Have a great time, But remember friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Valley Voice will meet Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. in Harlingen, 2313 E. Crockett. For more information about Valley Voice call (210) 428-6800 and leave a message.

To my better half—Tootsie: Happy Valentine's Day—Plan a special evening for two!



Eddie



Rick, Homer and Mandro

Sponsors put up money for Idaho anti-gay rights initiative

BOISE, Idaho, Thursday, Feb. 3 (AP)—Walton, Inc., a Heyburn construction company, is financing most of the drive to get an anti-gay rights initiative on the November general election ballot, campaign finance reports show.

The Stop Special Rights committee, an arm of the Idaho Citizens Alliance, on Wednesday reported 1993 contributions of \$83,499, spending of \$77,662 and a balance of \$5,836 at the end of the year.

But all except about \$16,000 came from Walton, Inc., in the form of loans, cash and in-kind contributions for such things as office space and a vehicle allowance, said Kelly Walton. He's founder of the Idaho Citizens Alliance and heads the construction company.

The alliance is circulating petitions and needs about 32,000 signatures to put an anti-gay rights measure before voters in the November general election. The deadline for ballot petitions is July.

Walton wouldn't say Thursday how many signatures he has collected. "It's looking good. We'll be on (the ballot)," he said.

Much of the spending report said only that the money went to Walton, Inc. Penny Ysursa, election supervisor, said at her request, Walton is preparing an amended report to show specifically where the money went.

Walton said the construction company has taken out a \$31,000 loan for the petition drive, and will be seeking repayment from the Idaho Citizens Alliance.

"If we have an excellent fund-raising year, we probably will be paid back. It depends on how it goes," he said. If insufficient money is raised to repay the loan, the company probably will declare it a gift to the campaign, he said.

The Stop Special Rights Committee listed \$4,572 in donations under \$50 and \$11,596 in larger amounts, Walton said.

An opposing group, Don't Sign On, reported earlier it raised \$11,225, spent \$3,143 and had \$8,082 in the bank as of Jan. 1.



Beautiful music, understated sets mark HGO's 'Lucia Di Lammermoor'

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By JOHN REED

Houston Voice/Houston

Composer Gaetano Donizetti's greatest opera, LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR, is the current Houston Grand Opera production at the Wortham Center. Based upon Sir Walter Scott's novel, THE BRIDE OF LAMMERMOOR, this work reminds modern audiences of the great changes that reasons for marriage have undergone in the last one hundred years.

The plot centers around a young Scottish woman, Lucia, who initially allows her brother to arrange a union for political and financial reason to benefit her Clan, and then chooses to fall in love with a rival Clan member. Killing her husband (Arturo) on the marriage night, and thereby

saving her virtue for her personal chosen intended (Edgardo), Lucia reflects the early nineteenth century changes in woman/man relationships.

It is difficult for us to realize the tolerance our ancestors had for arranged marriages, when considerations other than love were foremost in the designs of parents for their children. Admittedly, for those of us having gone through one or more divorces and numerous same gender rela-

Lucia di Lammermoor

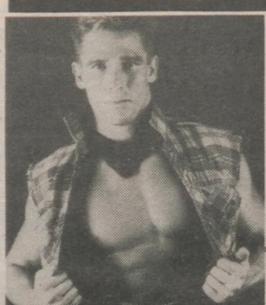


tionships, you may argue effectively for a return to the former pre-arranged system. It is this change in gender freedoms and ability for young people to openly select their mates that makes the scenario of LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR difficult to fully appreciate how it may have presented to the Naples, Italy, audiences in the 1850's.

The HGO production in three acts is warmly played by the Orchestra under the direction of Croatian born Conductor

Vjekoslav Sutej. I have enjoyed multiple of his performances in Houston and enjoy the obvious pleasure that he projects in directing the Orchestra. Nothing like seeing a person in action who clearly knows and understands the music, and also is happy in conducting fine music.

The beautiful harp solo in Act I is a classic in its own right. Act II features the fine quartet aria between Lucia, Enrico, Arturo and Raimondo. The Sets are muted in color and seem to rely upon lighting for dramatic effect. Their sparse design has become a feature of many HGO productions in the last several years. The fine singing by principals, chorus, and the excellent playing of Donizetti's score made the evening most pleasant. The performance last slightly over two and one half hours and is heartily recommended.

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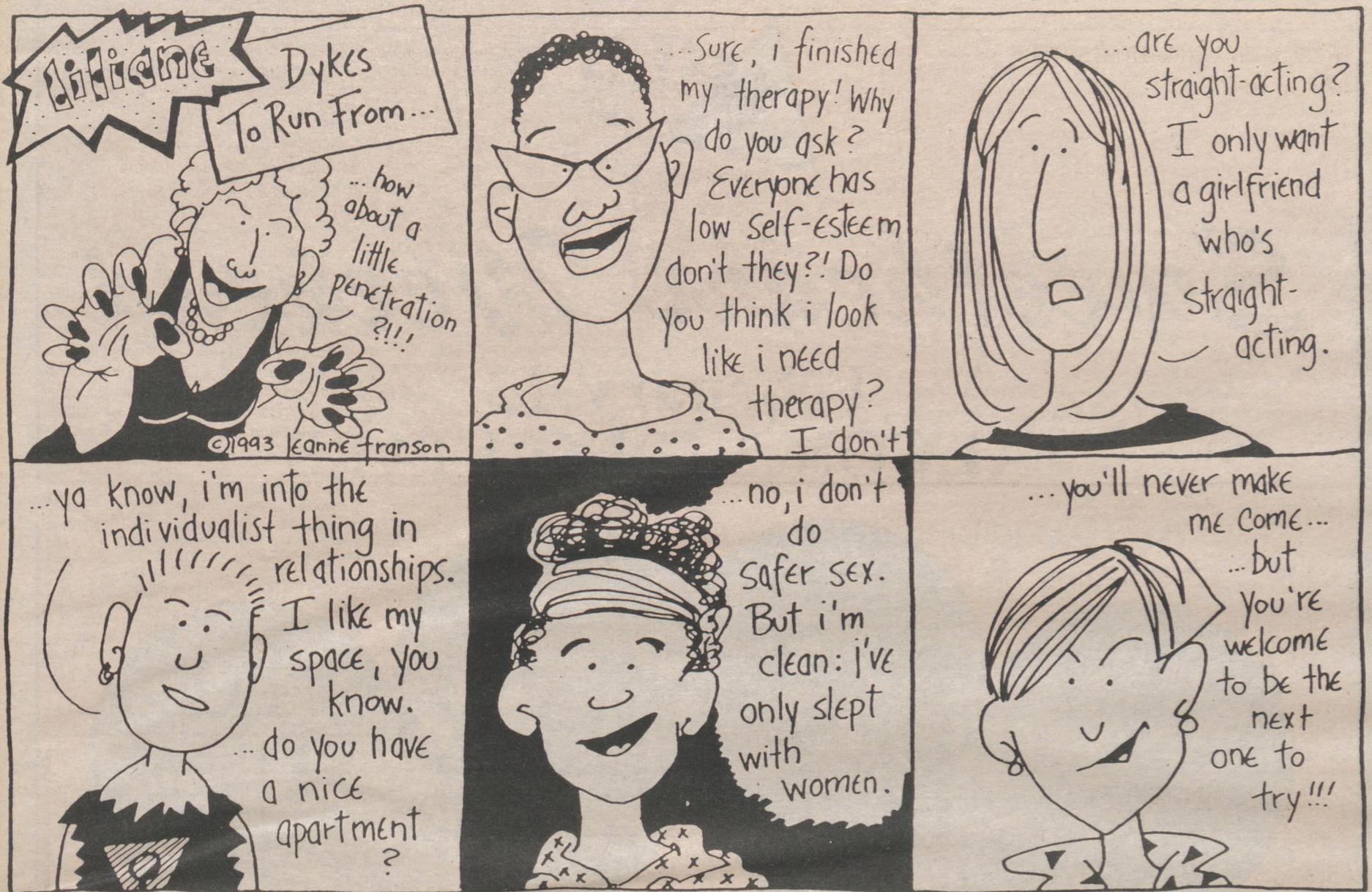
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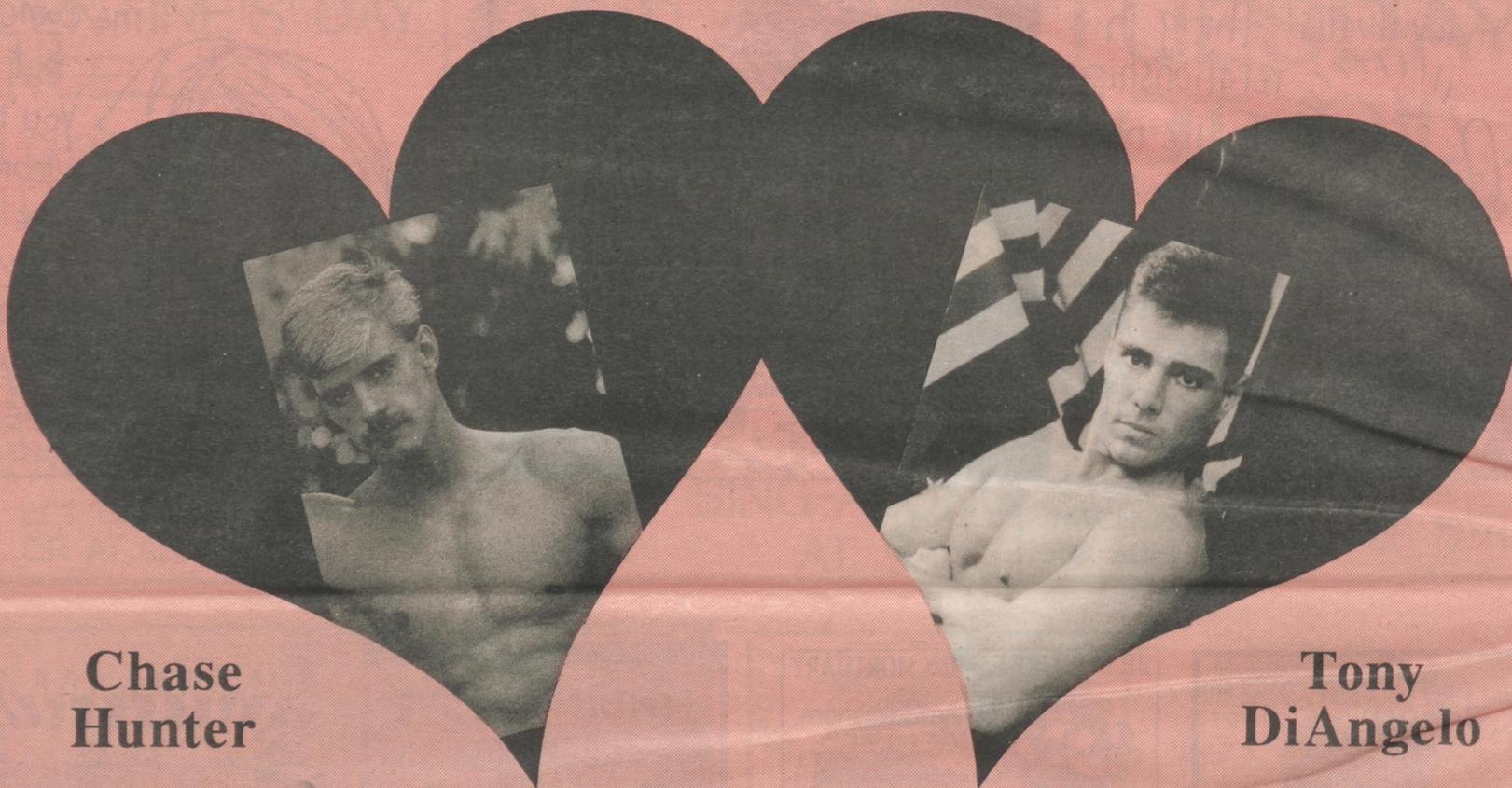
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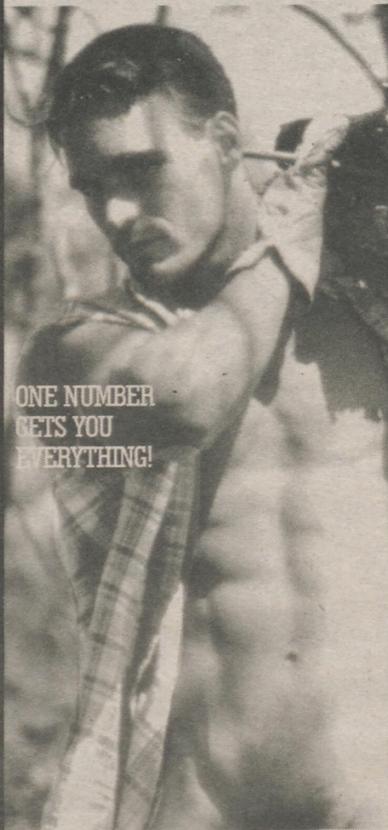


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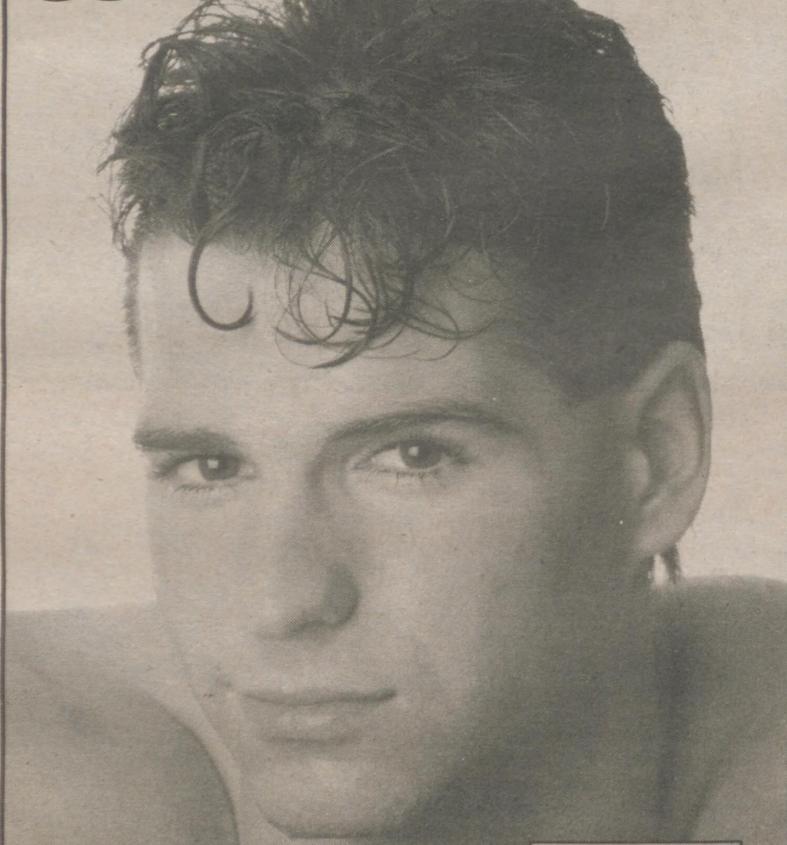
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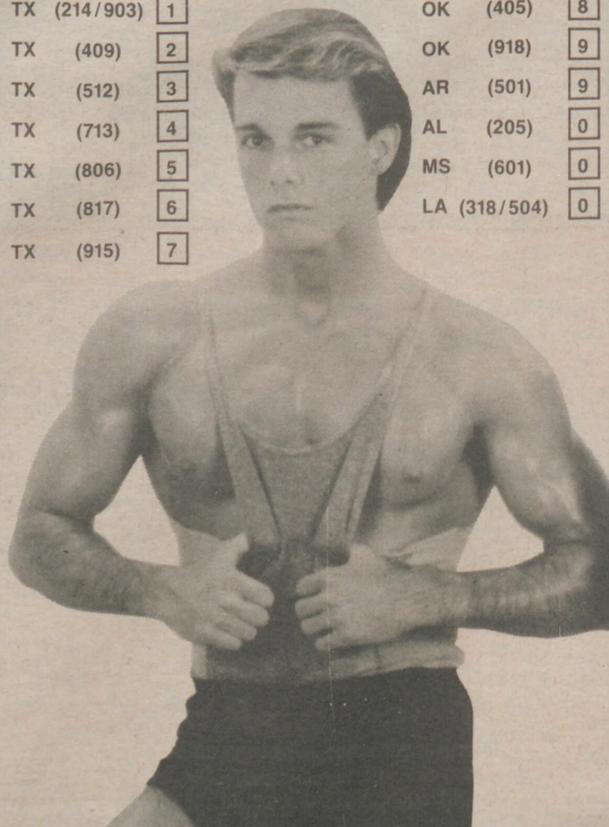


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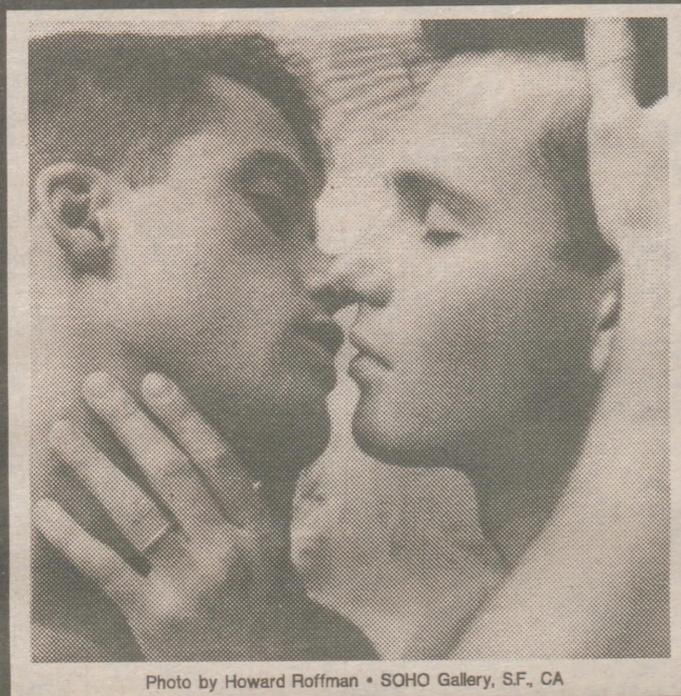


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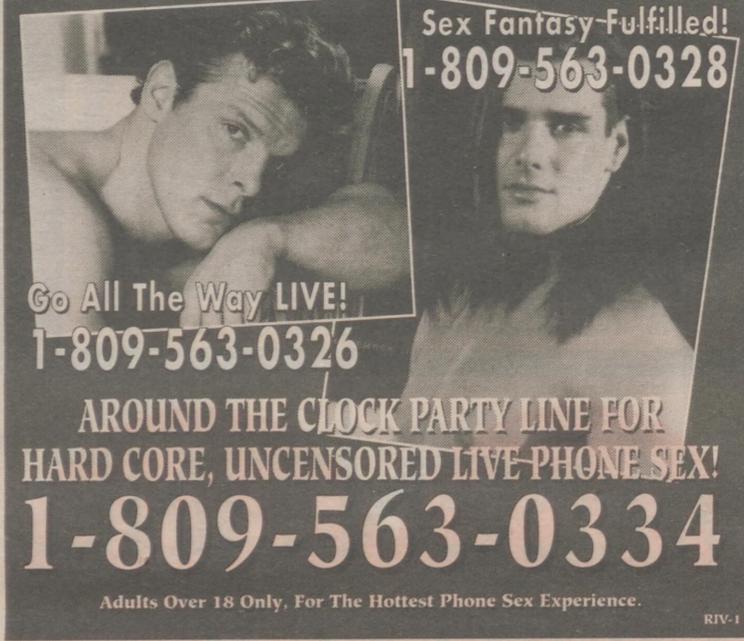
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Intensely handsome, intriguing, articulate professional, masculine, successful, young, dark hair and blue eyes, 5'10", 175, in great shape, secure, romantic, intense yet relaxed... Ad 25762

DO YOU WANT WHAT I WANT?

I want someone who, like me, is good looking, fit, muscular, intelligent and is a good conversationalist. If that is what you want too, then you have found it. (P.S. I am 42, GWM). Box 25298

EPITOME OF FEMININITY!

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

FRIENDSHIP IS WORTH THE EFFORT

Two GWM's, 35-52, HIV+, healthy, Houston Heights, seeks other couples or singles for friendship. Interest 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

LONDON, PARIS, SYDNEY, NEW YORK CITY

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

SOUTH AMERICAN COUPLE WANTS A BOY!

We 25/34 y.o., white, nice looking. You: 18-22 y.o., white, cute, boyish good looks, slim, DDF who likes an intimate cozy friendship. Social drinking and smoking okay and must like pets. Ad 25747

GHF

GHF, 28, professional, NS, lives for dancing, dining and romancing; cute cuddly and kind; enjoys all sports and honest conversations; divine sense of humor; seeks GHF or GWF under 40 who loves dancing, hates mind games and leans toward the feminine side. Ad#25143

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.

PASSIVE SEEKS ACTIVE

Passive GWM, 41, 5'9", 140#, br/br, HIV+, in a +/- relationship. Seeking active GWM 30-50 for mutual hot times with no commitment just satisfaction. Active must not mind a "small" passive and the possibility of a third person present during activity. Smoking, light drinking environment. Ad#25904

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

"If you know the wonder of being joining in you heart to a man and share commitment, devotion and fun, let's talk. I'm 43, 5'10", 185, HIV+ and always searching in life. Ad 25571

LARGE TOOL WANTED!

GWM, 29, above average looks and tool. Work out often. Looking for fun or a serious companion for long term. You must be masculine GWM or GH to preferred. You need to know how to use your tool. You won't be disappointed. Good looking strong tools need only reply. Ad 25270

GWF SEEKS GWF 25-35!

AND MUST BE CLEAN, NO STEREOTYPING, WILLING TO PUT MY HEART AWAY FOR SAFE KEEPING - MONOGAMOUS RELATIONSHIP - ONLY SERIOUS RESPONSES WILL GET MY REPLY. Ad 25967

GALVESTON: LOOKING FOR SEXUAL BUDDIES

I'm 43, married, 5'10, 160lbs., average looks, DDF, clean, no drugs, married-top-cut-discreet. Ad 25598

MARRIED MEN

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

I'M THE GIN... ARE YOU THE TONIC??

Man to man, let's connect!! Well adjusted, high-spirited, good-looking, masculine, "well built", GM, 36, 6', 170lbs., gr/br, DDF, non-smoker/medium drinker looking for same to date/sleep with/be in a relationship with. I'm through with bars and attitude; Let's treat ourselves to a little intimacy, honesty, and adventure. I have multi-various interests...we have a lot to talk about... Please respond for more details. Ad 25759

GENTLE TOP SEEKS BOTTOM

GWM, 48, 6'2", ht/wt proportionate, balding/blue, hairy body, physically fit, DDF, NS, lite alcohol, professional, educated, mature, masculine, honest, sincere, enjoy arts, movies, gym, outdoors, cuddler, active, sensitive, caring, nice guy. Seeking GM alive, fun, physically fit, smart, masculine, DDF, NS, bottom, smoother the better, employed, career minded for dating maybe monogamous relationship. Ad#25726

COLLEGE BOUND?

GWM, 37, 5'11", 150, bl/bl, very healthy, athletic, successful businessman, just out into film, art, kayaking, tennis. Seeks healthy, intelligent, handsome, masculine, Bl/GWM, 18-32. I help you through college, you make me proud of you and we have some great times on the way exploring the world. Serious inquiries only. Ad 25751

HANDSOME BOY NEXT DOOR TYPE

Straight acting GWM, 6', 175lbs, clean shaven with endowed, mostly smooth, good looking body for handsome in shape to well built, endowed, definitely straight/looking/acting WM for fun and maybe even more. I'm a very young looking 38 and DDF. Interest include Caribbean, Florida, sailing, cool music, partying and bicycling. Ad 25763.

SLEEPLESS IN BRENHAM! (ONE HOUR TO HOUSTON)

Sooner or later I won't have to remind myself to wake up in the morning or breath in and out. If you feel like this then maybe we can make magic. I'm a GWF looking for someone who is also sleepless. I can't meet you on the Empire State Building but I can meet you anywhere else. Ad 25721.

GAY SWEEPSTAKES!!! YOU MAY WIN!!!

Me: GWM, 42, 5'11", 175, dark hair, blue eyes, professional, discreet, stable, DDF, non-smoker, handsome, endowed and "natural." You: GWM, 20-30, honest and good looking. To enter: Please respond by describing yourself and why I should choose you to take to dinner. Extra credit awarded for certain attributes!! Ad 25738

STABLE PROFESSIONAL WITH HIDDEN WILD STREAK!

Me: GWM, 32, brown hair/eyes, smooth, 6', 185#, masculine, very healthy, HIV+, Montrose homeowner. You: 20's to 30's, very hairy, masculine, very healthy. You and I: Very financially secure yet very down to earth, looking for an intensely passionate emotional/sexual relationship without financial entanglements or required cohabitation. Ad 25746

LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT MAN

25-45, masculine, neat in appearance and at home, DDF, NS, (light drinker) who wants to share apartment in a peaceful, quiet, very luxurious atmosphere, with a mature person. Must be financially responsible and able to afford \$400 monthly for his part of rent and utilities. Ad 25700

WANTED: HAIRY CHESTED YOUNG STUB FOR COMPANIONSHIP

GWM, 35, bl/gr, 5'9", 200lbs, DDF, seeks muscular male 20-39 for companionship. Enjoy movies, leather, evenings at home and dining out. Must be self-employed and own your own transportation, male stripper or swimmer's build and DDF. Nipple rings, black/blonde hairy chested a plus. I live in San Antonio but would like to receive responses from the Houston area. Ad 25744

SAGITTARIUS

GWM, youthful 50 y.o., bid/green, moustache, 175#, 6', DDF, nice looking, low key, professional, interest in the Arts, all music, dancing, old movies and quiet evenings with you. Like to find that true, healthy man ready to settle down and committed to a monogamous and growing relationship. Ad 25767

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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

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.

OUTGOING, ATTRACTIVE, MASCULINE, PROFESSIONAL

seeks some GWM/BlWM for special friend. I and respondent will have a great sense of humor, weight in proportion to height (or thin), healthy, under 45 years old, clean shaven (moustache okay), non-smoker, non-user of drugs, not into bars or S & M, safe fun only, like movies, entertaining, outdoors, and have time to spend with new friend. Please respond to Ad 25011.

SUBMISSIVE MEN!

are sought by Houston man (44, 5'9", 180, hairy, aggressive, demanding). Seeking 21-48, masculine, any race. I travel on business so out-of-town replies are welcome. Ad 25134

IN THE ARMS OF LOVE, FRIENDS ...

Professional, GBM, 40ish, height/weight proportionate, HIV+ with a positive attitude and good health. No mind games, just honesty. Enjoy walks, music, movies and quiet times at home. You: GSM, GHM or GWM, honest first, sensitive, warm and emotionally strong. Let's see what happens! Ad 25758

YOUR LOVE ROMANCE, BEAUTY AND HARMONY

You're a warm, kind, considerate, intelligent GH/GWM. Take my hand and speak the truth of your deepest feeling. I'll support you emotionally and appreciate your nurturing me. I'm clean shaven, trim & smooth, br/br, 165lb. We're both NS, DDF, slim, 39-45 and genuinely want a real, loving relationship. Ad 25745

ENDOWED HEALTHY, ATTRACTIVE OUTGOING PROFESSIONAL

GWM wants to meet other(s) the same for friendship and safe fun. If you are endowed, attractive, non-smoker/non-substance abuser, under 45 years of age, professional, weight in proportion to height or thin, friendly, outgoing, not into S & M, and want to meet the same please respond to Ad 25749.

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

GWF SEEKS GF/GM FOR ROOMMATE

GWF, 32, looking for GF or GM to share 3/2 house in Meyerland area. Must be neat, responsible, considerate and a non-smoker preferred. \$450 a month plus half utilities. Ad 25756

I KNOW YOUR OUT THERE!

Professional, GWM, DDF, healthy, sincere and romantic. 39yrs old, 6', slim build. Brown eyes, glasses, and thinning brown hair. Into movies, sports, tennis, bicycling, hiking and camping. Seeking a monogamous relationship with GM 21-30yrs. old with same qualities. Non-smoker preferred and not into the bar scene. Ad 25288

LET'S START '94 OUT RIGHT TOGETHER!

30+ GWF who is mature, outgoing, positive minded, completely unattached, financially secure and is a firm believer that weekends were made for fun and traveling. We'll never know if there is a future for us unless you respond. Ad 25748

OLD FRIENDS ARE GOLD NEW FRIENDS ARE SILVER!

GWM, 30 something, out going, seeks new friends to do lunch, movies and theatre. Ad 9050

WE WANT MORE!

Couple seeks singles and couples for safe fun. Male number one is a GWM, blonde, green, 5'7", 135lbs. Male number two is a GHM, 5'6", 140lbs. Both are good looking and well-endowed. If interested, please respond now. Ad 25754

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL LADY!

GWF, 29, attractive soft butch who is kind, gentle, sincere, caring and sensitive. I enjoy a wide variety of activities. I am seeking a 25-40 feminine woman who walks and talks, laughs and learn about ourselves and each other. She must be attractive, slim / medium build, honest, confident and playful. Let's meet and talk. Ad 25736

BABY WANTED BY GWM!

Me: Handsome, stable, self-employed. You: attractive GHF/GWF who desires no contact with infant. I would agree to having two children -1 for each if you also desire parenthood. Also if you have or know of anyone unable to care for an infant (preferably male) please contact me. Ad 25766

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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

GALVESTON: LOOKING FOR A FEW MASCULINE FRIENDS

I'm a 35 yr. old attractive WM, 6', long br/br eyes, moustache and beard, HIV+. Like working on my own car, camping, four wheeling, rafting, rock-n-roll and safe fun times. Not necessarily in that order, I'm looking for friends with similar interests. Ad 25719

FIT, FUN, HANDSOME, SEEKS B & D BUDDY!

Healthy, 33, bl/bl, 5'10", 165lbs., HIV+ seeks buddy or dad for imaginative fun. Likes working out, movies, hiking and biking, restaurants, B & D, humiliation, toys and more. Am open minded and fun to be with. Age or race are unimportant. Ad 25750

LOOKING FOR MASCULINE ROOMMATE - POOL OUTBACK!

Looking for GWM or GHM to share rent at house in Sharpstown. Nice in ground swimming pool in backyard. Private surroundings. House has living room, sun room, large kitchen, two baths, 3 bedrooms. Also looking for masculine friends. Reference please. Men need only. Sharpstown Home. Ad 25770

GWM, 24, 5'10", very attractive, seeks good looking in shape man, 5'10" or taller who is under 35. I'm originally from the midwest and live in New York. I want to get to know a sincere, masculine gay man. Ad 25752

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HEY, I KNOW YOU!

You're a GWM 30's to 40's, smart, stable, secure, masculine and healthy. You have integrity, wit, optimism and charm. This GWM, 36, 6'2", 175, br/bl is all the above plus compassionate, comfortable to be around, upbeat, adventurous and an extrovert. If you're who I think you are, respond today! Ad 25716

SPANKINGS NEEDED

W/M, 33, needs older white gentleman (mid 50's late 60's) to help me correct my behavior by administering spankings. Must be safe, sane and want to help me grow as a person via meaningful discipline. Ad 25734

SAN ANTONIO: LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT!

34 yr. old effeminate female impersonator seeks masculine, neat in appearance male of any race between 30-45. If you are masculine looking for someone to date and perhaps develop a relationship, let me hear from you. Ad 25761

DOMINANT GWM

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

SMALL TOWN GUY/HAIRY, FRENCH, SAFE

Attractive Latin guy 32, 5'9", 165lbs, muscular, travels to San Antonio/Houston. Like to meet healthy GHM/GWM for friendship and safe times. Prefer in shape hairy blonde with similar attributes. Above average endowment/circumference -DDF. Ad 25760

DOWN TO EARTH NICE MAN

GWM, professional, masculine, attractive (27, 5'8", 150lbs., bl/blue, NS). Looking to meet a nice GW-HM (23-37) for possible relationship/friendship. I'm romantic, funny, dependable, physically fit, quiet but outgoing, looking for same. I'm in Clear Lake, prefer someone within 30 miles (includes inside the loop). Ad#25155

MALE COUPLE SEEKING HOT PLAYMATE!

GWM couple, mid 50's and 20's, both bearded (5'8", 250-6', 185). Seeking young hung, hot, hard, hairy, multi-organic, GWM/GBM/GHM for a top position and french action. Bare upper torso/swimsuit photo or any photo appreciated. Ideal for a young top seeking fun times. Voice box 25911 detailing your interest.

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Young professional married bi-sexual seeks discreet female for one on only interludes and lasting friendship. Age unimportant. Sincerity and discretion is of utmost importance. Ad#25729

SEEKING A GHM

Latino, 20-35, masculine a must, LD, DDF, interested in long term relationship. More Hispanic, Latino the better. I'm a WM, 31, 6'1", 200lbs, seek a long term relationship. Ad 25764

WANTED: SOMEONE TO KEEP MY TOES WARM!

I'm a passionate, attractive Italian Scorpio. GWF is with long dark brown hair and light brown eyes. Just re-entering the dating scene after 6 years of being corralled. I'm looking for someone who is intelligent, pretty, feminine, affectionate and employed to come out and play. DDF, light drinking okay. Ad 25755

LOOKING FOR BUDDY/GOOD TIMES

GWM, 155, bl/bl, medium build, attractive, HIV+, healthy 8 years. Smoke/no drink. Very oral. Homebody, T.V., movies, music, two dogs, yard. Looking for similar, steady buddy, same age or older for fun times. Prefer hairy/ endowed. Ad 25757

I am a White Hispanic, DDF, 32 yr. old bottom, looking for a dark Hispanic or an African American top under 36 yrs. old able to work it out as a friend all the way into a special relationship. I love independence, social events, joyful moments and honest individuals. Ad 25765

TICKLISH?

Attention: Kinky men with a taste for the unusual who crave excitement and adventure. Sleeping endorphins awake! Unwind as you never have before. Attractive WM, born day before yesterday, seeks ticklish men for ticklish times. Comfortable bondage, no sex required, satisfaction guaranteed. Ad 25768

I'M WAITING FOR YOU!

Mature, professional GWM, seeks a young, decent, masculine gay male who is healthy, slim, alcohol and drug free. If you like to have fun like I do, what are you waiting for? Talk to me. Ad 25947.

CUTE ATTRACTIVE, AFFECTIONATE SEEKING SAME!

GWM, 30, 5'9", medium build, HIV+, attractive, enjoys movies, dining out and dancing. Also passive, seeking GWM 30 and under who is DF, optimistic and would enjoy sharing life with me. Ad#25923

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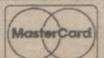
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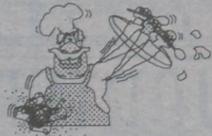
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HEY! HERE'S A RECIPE THAT ANYONE CAN DO. THE INGREDIENTS ARE PRETTY BASIC, AND IF NOT ALREADY ON HAND, CAN BE PURCHASED EASILY AT THE GROCER. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE "DOROTHY" AND BE ABLE TO CLICK YOUR RUBY SLIPPERS TO HAVE THIS ONE TURN OUT!

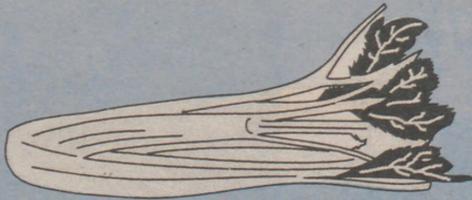
FAR EAST CELERY CASSEROLE

- 4 CUPS CELERY
- 1 CUP CONDENSED CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP
- 1 CUP SLICED WATER CHESTNUTS - DRAINED
- BREADCRUMBS - SOAKED IN A LITTLE BUTTER
- SALT & PEPPER TO TASTE

CUT CELERY INTO 1 INCH PIECES AND BOIL IN SALTED WATER FOR 8 MINUTES. DRAIN WELL. COMBINE CELERY, SOUP AND WATER CHESTNUTS AND PUT IN CASSEROLE. PUT BREADCRUMBS ON TOP. INSTEAD OF BREADCRUMBS, I LIKE TO USE ITALIAN BREADCRUMBS. BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 35 MINUTES.

BE CREATIVE! YOU COULD ADD A CAN OF ARTICHOKE HEARTS (DRAINED), MUSHROOMS, PIMENTOS, ETC. OF COURSE WHEN YOU ADD SOMETHING OF MUCH BULK, TAKE AWAY SOME OF THE CELERY. THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH SOUP TO COAT AND KEEP TOO MUCH EXCESS MOIST, OR ADD ANOTHER CAN OF SOUP.

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!
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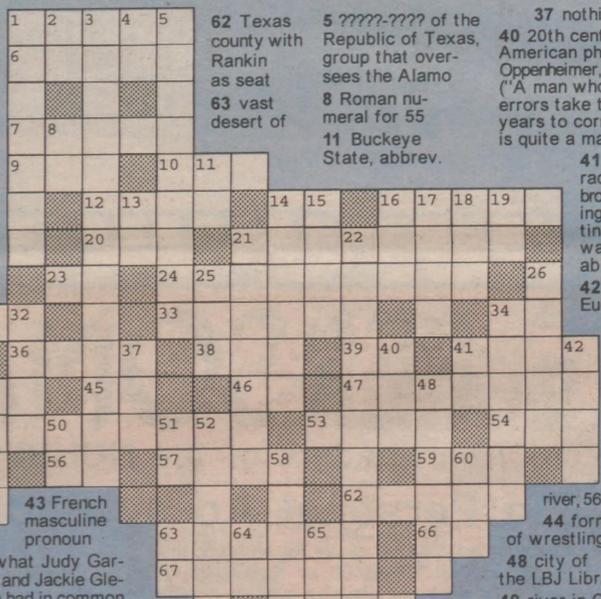


THE HOUSTON VOICE SPECIAL PUZZLE

Includes Clues About Montrose, Texas Clues, Standard Crossword Clues

ACROSS

- 1 abhorred
- 6 end of something
- 7 nonstandard vocabulary
- 9 several televisions
- 10 ???-nob, to associate on friendly terms
- 12 solemn pledge
- 14 20th century American author, lecturer Keller, initials



("It is not possible for civilization to flow backwards while there is youth in the world.")

- 16 contemptibly limited
- 20 application
- 21 full of misfortune
- 23 state with Little Rock as capital, abbrev.
- 24 comes forth again
- 27 Texas river running through Goodrick, Liberty & Moss Bluff
- 33 Texas river running through Bon Wier, Deweyville & Orange
- 34 state with Augusta as capital, abbrev.
- 35 20th century American author Haley, "Roots"
- 36 not shut
- 38 American-born English critic & author Eliot, initials ("This is the way the world ends ... Not with a bang but with a whimper.")
- 39 state with purple violet as official flower, abbrev.
- 41 the coconut palm

- 43 French masculine pronoun
- 44 what Judy Garland and Jackie Gleason had in common
- 45 Roman numeral for 11
- 46 26th U.S. President, soldier Roosevelt, initials ("I want to see you shoot the way you shout.")
- 47 how they say crayfish or crawfish west of the Brazos
- 49 Texas river running through New Braunfels, Gonzales & Victoria
- 53 old way English spelling of Chinese name Zhou, as in Chinese statesman Zhou Enlai
- 54 direction Midland to Tarkenton, abbrev.
- 55 dissatisfactory 56 exists
- 57 law officer policing narcotic trafficking
- 59 15th-16th century English colonizer Raleigh, initials ("No man is esteemed for gay garments but by fools and women.")
- 61 nay

- 62 Texas county with Rankin as seat
- 63 vast desert of
- 64 what Judy Garland and Jackie Gleason had in common
- 65 Roman numeral for 55
- 66 state with Boise as capital, abbrev.
- 67 one who chews on
- 68 agrees with
- 69 nickname for Montrose Mining Co.
- 70 one that uses
- 71 American essayist Thoreau's 1st & middle names, initials ("If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.")

- 5 ?????-???? of the Republic of Texas, group that oversees the Alamo
- 8 Roman numeral for 55
- 11 Buckeye State, abbrev.
- 13 because
- 14 intimate in nature
- 15 mentally alert
- 16 obnoxious little creature
- 17 margarine
- 18 19th century Scottish essayist Stevenson, initials ("Politics is perhaps the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary.")
- 19 Empire State, abbrev.
- 21 18th-19th century American lexicographer Noah
- 22 Houston all male theater, 2 words
- 25 consume food
- 26 Texas state tree
- 28 symbol for chemical element radium
- 29 evil
- 30 previously
- 31 Roman nu-

- meral for 9
- 32 system of exercises
- 34 recent
- 37 nothing
- 40 20th century American physicist Oppenheimer, initials ("A man whose errors take ten years to correct is quite a man.")
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Houston Club Events

Houston, Friday, Feb. 11

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, Feb. 12

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, Feb. 13

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; 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 till, Venture-N; Beach Party, no cover 5-7pm, Pacific Street; Power hour \$1.00 well, beer & wine 5-7pm, Venture-N; Free buffet 5pm-7, 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, Feb. 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, 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; Spagggggggetti nights, \$2.00 5pm-7, 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 slops 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, Feb. 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, 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; Lockers & rooms 1/2 price noon-midnight, Club Houston; Happy hour 4-8pm, Ripcord; Hot Dog night 5pm till, 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, Feb. 16

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; Tex-Mex Buffet 5pm, 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; 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; Bare chest/harness night-Extended Happy Hour till 11pm, Venture-N; 90¢ well all night, Pacific Street; Karaoke night with Bill Sansom 8:00pm, E/J's; Southern Country Group C&W Dance Lessons 8:30pm-10pm, Brazos River Bottom; White Hot Wednesday, DJ/VJ Victor Toledo plays top hits 9pm-2am, Pacific Street; Pretty Boys 10pm, Mother's; Open all night, Club Houston; Open all night, Midtowne Spa

HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 12 - Feb 18, 1994

Aquarians born during this week share the excitement of life with comedian Billy De Wolfe, b. 1907, and played fussy, and often prissy characters.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 19) Look into a mirror and see the wonderful person that you truly are, and trust in your own initiative. In part because of jealousy, others may tend to put you down and try to minimize your accomplishments. Try to choose friends who are likely to support your ideas and goals, and leave the 'turkeys' on the poultry farm until next Thanksgiving.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Your sensitive and decorative side to your personality is especially strong this week. Be careful about wearing your heart on your sleeve, and yet try to enjoy feeling and being the wonderful you that you are. There is little reason to have feelings if you can not enjoy them. The high sense of style you will have during the next two weeks makes your clothing choices very attractive.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Playing the love making field still makes sense for you as a highly social and sexual you drags home dates faster than our weather changes. Make sure that you have extra munchies in your house to host these gals/guys with. It is necessary to get out of your system this high energy before any serious commitment maybe confidently made.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Real progress has been made in communications. Congratulations. Attention to details is very important as a way of succeeding. Saw your new ties and boots, look great. You could ride my horse any day looking as good as you do. Upcoming vacation will be a wonderful time in new lands. Travel is stimulating for you and a chance to learn how other cultures handle similar needs as ours.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Try not to over schedule your self, in your often compulsive mood. Your interest in detail attention sometimes takes up more time and energy than allowed. Glad that you are trying out new clothing ideas, find a person, ?Taurus, who has good style ideas and learn from them. Physical activity is an excellent way to lower stress levels along with shaping up your body to look extra good.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Take advantage of your comfortable and good looking quarters now that you have been decorating and invite some one who you wish to impress home for dessert or a meal. The other person is hoping for fun and games rather than a meal, but you are still overly cautious and fear rejection of your social advances. Try being a top during the next two weeks and you will probably like it.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22) Your extra strong body language may not be noticeable to you, but is definitely present at this time and may be scarring off others whom you wish to attract. Wearing more muted colors will help to soften your body stance and make others feel more comfortable about you. Being seen in black leather would be a powerful statement for you this week. Tell Boots that I sent you over to seek him.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Begin putting together your '93 tax forms this coming week, as you tend to drag on this task, remember the last two years and their delays? This review of your finances will also be an eye opener as to how you spend you money. Clean up your car, especially the inside to impress someone special who may think of you as 'just too casual'.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Continue to be cautious in saying 'yes' every time you are asked for something. Friends will respect you far more if you will say 'no' when appropriate. You are more talented than you are willing to agree to. The domestic side to your personality wants to show itself during the next two weeks. Work on making you quarters more organized and neat.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 22) Pumping iron was one of the best things that you have done for your self recently. Watch the body shape and firm up. This will cause a welcomed increase in self esteem which is something many of us secretly long for. The social quality of working out in a gym is much more pleasant to you than lifting weights at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 20) The sense of accomplishment from having a clean home and car, along with your work space at the Office is very important during the next two weeks. Buy your glass cleaner in the extra large size to make sure that all of the finger prints are off of the glass. Touching up your blouses/shirts with an iron will give to you an edge at the Office over co-workers in appearances.

CAPRICORN (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Being confident in your vocational skills gives you that extra edge of turning out work high in quality and quantity, especially if you pay attention to detail. Please dot all of the I's and cross all of your T's so that your work will really stand out. The moon phase is still in your favor. Your job may seem dull at times, but the excitement of doing your very best each day will change your attitude.