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MONTROSE WEATHER THRU SUNDAY: Partly cloudy and cool, highs near 60, lows near 40. MONDAY: Chance of showers, high 65, low 45.

HGLPC endorses Ann Richards, Ray Hill for primaries

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus held its endorsement meeting for the 1990 elections Wednesday night, Feb. 21, at the Allen Park Inn. The caucus made recommendations in most of the March Democratic primary races, as well as a few Republican races, and voted to accept a "friendly amendment" to endorse one Libertarian candidate by letter for convention purposes.

The meeting concluded the caucus' candidate screening and en-

dorsement process for the March primary elections.

Though the meeting moved relatively smoothly, the process lasted until 1:00 a.m. Thursday because of the unprecedented number of candidates who screened with the caucus, including a large number who addressed the group before the executive session endorsements, asking for support. Most recommendations of the screening panels were swiftly accepted, with the most hotly debated races being those that involved candidates who were also members of the organization.

In the race for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2, the screening panel had given both candidates, Ray Hill and David Patronella, a score of 98 percent and had recommended no endorsement. But several caucus members spoke for a substitute motion to endorse Hill, a long time gay activist who was president of HGLPC in 1989. A supporter of Patronella, who has the endorsement of several caucus-supported politicians including Debra Danburg and Craig Washington,

raised questions of Hill's qualifications and requested a blind ballot. The request was defeated, and the motion to endorse Hill passed soundly.

A race for a Democratic Executive Committee ("Precinct Judge") position also stirred a surprising debate, with two very visible members of the caucus competing for the central Montrose Pct. 34 post. Jim Owens faced incumbent committee member Richard Prawitz, who received the endorsement in a 34-16 vote after several members spoke for both candidates.

In other debated races, which did not include caucus members, Dan Morales received the Democratic primary endorsement for Attorney General over John Odum by a vote of 40-20; Clifton R. "Scrappy" Holmes was endorsed, 41-8 after a substitute motion was introduced and defeated to endorse Bob Gammage for Supreme Court Position 2, and Bob Krueger was endorsed over Clint Hackney for Railroad Commissioner.

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Ray Hill won his bid for endorsement in JP's race



Nikki Van Hightower, endorsed for state treasurer

Artist Keith Haring dies



AP LASERPHOTO

Keith Haring, whose distinctive drawings on subway station walls caught the eye of influential dealers and became the basis for a lucrative business, dies of AIDS Feb. 16 in New York. He was 31.

W.Va. judge says he was trying to get info with AIDS remarks

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (AP)—West Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard Neely has defended a statement he made about AIDS patients before the court.

"What you are trying to do is get the lawyers to tell you these things," Neely told the Fairmont Rotary Club Thursday, Feb. 15.

During a hearing on an employment discrimination case in

Morgantown on Jan. 23, Neely said he would not want to be with in five football fields of anyone who tested positive for the HIV virus.

Neely's comments on the case,

which involves a former Northern Panhandle man who no longer lives in the state and the Orkin Exterminating Co., have generated criticism from AIDS support groups around the state.

Census to count gay couples for first time

QUINCY, Mass. (AP)—Gay couples will be allowed to identify themselves as part of the federal census for the first time in its 200-year history, federal officials say.

In the federal census questionnaire to be distributed this March, the U.S. Census Bureau will allow gay couples to identify their relationship.

"Things change in our society, and we want households in the United States to identify themselves in a way they are comfortable with," said Gary Wilkinson, a spokesperson for the Census Bureau.

On the 1990 form, to be distributed to the nation's 106 million households around March 23, household members are asked to identify their relationship with other residents of the same home. In addition to the traditional categories of

spouse, parent, child, roommate, "unmarried partner" is a new option.

Another question asks participants to identify household members by gender. By comparing the two questions, the Census Bureau will be able to identify unmarried couples, heterosexual and gay.

Some gay rights advocates, including U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass., who is gay, said the questions might be viewed as an intrusion into privacy.

"There's an awful lot of folks living together these days in a great variety of situations which they might just think is nobody's business," Studds said.

Other advocates said they considered the unprecedented move a chance to be counted, the first step towards greater political power.

"This is a great idea," said David Lafontaine of Canton, the lobbying director for the Coalition for

Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights.

"If we're going to pass legislation that extends benefits to these partners, it's important that the government be aware ... there are 10 to 20 million people in this category," he said.

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., dismissed the idea that merely tallying gay couples will give gays more clout, however.

"I don't think it will have any impact on people in terms of people's opinions," said Frank. The Patriot Ledger of Quincy reported Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Those who oppose gay rights, such as state Sen. Edward Kirby, R-Whitman, said they feared it would lend greater legitimacy to the homosexual lifestyle.

"It's one more thing that makes being gay acceptable, which I believe is going to allow more young people to fall into it," said Kirby,

who has led efforts to repeal the state's new gay rights bill.

"This is very offensive," said Nancy Sutton, the executive director of Citizens for Family First, an anti-gay rights group. "This is nothing more than an attempt to undercut the traditional family."

Studds said he was skeptical about the value of the question. Some gay couples would feel pressure not to answer it honestly, although the census is legally bound to keep its information secret for 72 years, he said.

"If you're a gay couple, and, as most are, not feeling that you can be safely yourself and identified as such at work or in the community, you're going to be more than a little upset at the prospect of identifying yourself to the government," Studds said.

AIDS discrimination bill passes in Nebraska

By J.L. SCHMIDT FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Nebraska lawmakers passed a measure Feb. 15 to prohibit discrimination in housing, jobs and education for people with AIDS.

Lawmakers voted 41-0 to approve Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers' LB465, prohibiting discrimination against people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome or AIDS-related illnesses and allowing a person to file a civil action in district court over alleged discrimination.

"A person who is facing a virtual death sentence doesn't need the other problems" brought on by discrimination, Chambers said during debate on the bill last month.

"They are still human beings," he said.

Chambers noted the response of the people in Kenosaw when it was learned that a student in the schools had AIDS because of blood transfusions he had received.

"It brought a small rural community in a state like Nebraska together," Chambers said.

Councilmember Clark: Where does she stand?

By BILLIE DUNCAN The Montrose Voice

Beverly Clark is the wife and a daughter of ministers, calls herself "very, very conservative" and lives in Fort Bend County. When first elected to an at-large position on City Council, she frequently referred to Jesus. A source at City Hall recently called her "very black," indicating perhaps an underlying tendency to be more concerned with issues affecting her own race rather than the city as a whole.

So, is this a valid picture of the person who defeated Jim Westmoreland in the last election? Where does she really stand in relation to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

In many ways, her life story sounds just a tad ideal. Born in a small town and raised in a loving family, she married her high school sweetheart, got a good education, moved to the suburbs, had three sons and seemingly came out of nowhere to win a position on City Council. But under the surface there are details that present a much more complex picture.

Calvert is the small town in which she was born, and its other claim to fame is that it was the home of Mayor Ed Bradley of Los Angeles—not bad for a town of 2000 people. As for her growing up years, she was raised in a housing project, an experience, she said, that made her more sensitive to



Beverly Clark is more than just a new face at city hall

the needs of the poor and homeless.

However, she said, "I didn't really think I was growing up in a housing project. Until I came to Houston, it didn't hit me, because housing projects here are somewhat different. In smaller towns, a lot of people want to live in housing projects who are poor, because they have a decent place to live.

You have carpet on the floor, tile on the floor. You have adequate bathroom facilities. So for a poor person, when I grew up," she laughed, "the projects was uptown."

After successfully completing two degrees (undergraduate in language, master's in psychology) and establishing herself in Houston, she was in a beauty shop one day when a person who knew her

in her childhood tried to place her. "I know you," the woman said. "You used to live in Westside Projects!" Clark laughed at the memory. "The whole room just kind of stood still," she said, "because here 'projects' has a different meaning than it does at home." Still, she thinks her background gives her a particular sensitivity that is needed by an at-large councilmember. "With a history like that, it makes you more empathic to everyone's situation—not just the poor. Before you make a judgment on anyone else, you're willing to hear both sides."

Her attitude about being non-judgmental colors her conversation. "I don't want to tolerate discrimination under any guise," she said. "If it's because of color, if it's because of sexual preference, to me discrimination is a sad thing. If I could do like Elizabeth Montgomery on 'Bewitched' and twitch my nose and do away with it, I would.

"It's sad. It keeps people from communicating. It lowers people's self-esteem, especially those who are discriminated against. Sometimes, it takes a very long time to overcome some of the things you learn as a result of discrimination. To make a long story short, I just will not tolerate discrimination, period. It's not part of my orientation; it's not part of my philosophy."

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Judge Hampton gets \$30,000 in unopposed race

DALLAS (AP)—Although he is unopposed for re-election, District Judge Jack Hampton has received more than \$30,000 from supporters since July—the largest amount for an uncontested judicial race in Dallas County.

Hampton sparked a national uproar 14 months ago when he gave a 30-year sentence to the killer of two gay people. He later explained that he gave the lighter sentence because the victims were gay and had been "out cruising the streets picking up teen-age boys."

The judge's remarks prompted a state investigation that ended in his official censure last year. National gay and civil rights groups denounced the remarks and called for his immediate dismissal.

Hampton has received campaign donations from 323 people. Only two of 81 candidates for judge or justice of the peace in the county have raised more during the same reporting period.

Supporters called Hampton's characterization of the two gay murder victims as "queers" a "minor incident" that hardly blemished his record. Some of the people who donated from \$10 to \$1,000 to Hampton's campaign say they see him as one of the fairest judges on the Dallas County bench.

But Dallas Gay Alliance President William Waybourn disagreed.

"If you were to ask me if there are 300 like-minded bigots in Dallas, I would have to agree with you," Waybourn told the Dallas Times Herald. "Dallas does not tolerate difference very well. That there are this many people willing to keep Jack Hampton in office does not surprise me."

Study shows treatments slowing AIDS

By DEBORAH MESCE FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new government study shows drug treatments are slowing the rate of AIDS cases among homosexual men, but that the new therapies aren't reaching intravenous drug users and others on the poor.

The study shows about 36 percent fewer homosexual men have developed AIDS than had been projected by the Public Health Service. This rate began slowing around the middle of 1987, around the time the anti-AIDS drug AZT and other AIDS treatments came into wide use.

However, the number of intravenous drug users developing AIDS is continuing upward along the same path as projected.

"A good conjecture is they had less access," since IV drug users tend to be poor and underserved by the health care system, said Mitchell H. Gail, a National Cancer Institute epidemiologist who prepared the study with NCI colleagues.

"Although we don't have good data yet, it's a reasonable guess that they are not being treated as intensively as they should be," Gail said.

The study is to be published in the March issue of the Journal of AIDS.

The study confirms early treatment with AZT and drugs such as aerosol pentamidine, which treats opportunistic infections that can kill AIDS patients, can slow progression of the disease.

"This is a significant report since it provides independent evidence that early intervention and treatment for people with HIV infection slows progression of their disease," Dr. James Maslow, assistant secretary for health at the Department of Health and Human Services, said in a statement.

He added, "I am delighted that treatment programs are effective."

Military appeals court overturns marine's conviction

By KIM I. MILLS

WASHINGTON (AP)—A military appeals court has overturned the conviction of a Marine corporal who served 226 days in the brig in 1988 for allegedly having sex with another woman, court documents show.

In an unusual decision, the Court of Military Review in Washington on Thursday, Feb. 22, found that two of the officers serving on the jury at Barbara J. Baum's court martial were biased and that the military judge had allowed uncorroborated testimony.

"I think that her trial was flawed in a number of respects and I am glad that they recognized the errors that they did," said Susan Masling, an attorney with the Washington law firm of Arnold and Porter, which represented Baum at no charge.

"They technically are free to retry her at another court martial. However, as we understand the law, she would not be able to serve any more time in the brig, so the only thing they could get out of another court martial—besides a lot of bad publicity—is perhaps getting her a bad conduct discharge," Masling said.

But Lt. Col. Ron Stokes, a Marine spokesman, said that no decision had been made yet on a new trial.

The appellate court declined to rule on several other arguments raised in the appeal, including that it is unconstitutional to selectively prosecute and punish gay people for sodomy while heterosexuals are not punished for the same actions.

"We didn't actually think we would win on those charges but we did think it was important to start making a record on those issues," Masling said.

Baum, 25, originally from Mishawaka, Ind., but now living in Lakewood, Fla., said Saturday, Feb. 17, she had expected to be exonerated "because I knew it was unfair from the start and I'd said all along it wasn't all over."

The corporal said she will continue to fight to force the govern-

ment to pay the \$14,000 bill from her first lawyer. Although she was not paid while she was in the brig, Baum has not expressed intent to try to recover back pay.

"I refuse to take the answer that you have no claim against the government," Baum said in an interview. "They're going to pay it; it's their own stupid fault."

According to court papers, the three-judge military appeals panel found that two jurors—identified only as Sgt. Major Moore and Col. Nunnally—were not impartial.

Moore had attended Baum's so-called Article 32 investigation, akin to a grand jury, and had listened to the government's key witness.

"Sergeant Major Moore's statement that he attended appellant's Article 32 investigation, moreover, suggested that he had some interest in the outcome of the case," the judges wrote. "The military judge failed to ask him why he attended the hearing, thereby leaving his reasons open to speculation."

The early stages of Baum's trial that he had discussed the investigation of lesbian activities at Parris Island with a Navy investigator.

"Colonel Nunnally appears to have extrajudicial knowledge of the evidence and an interest in the outcome of the litigation," the judges wrote.

Baum was the first of five women charged in a crackdown in 1988 on alleged lesbians at the Marine Corps' Parris Island, S.C., Recruit Depot.

The Defense Department's official policy states that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service. The presence in the military of persons who engage in homosexual conduct... seriously impairs the accomplishment of the military mission."

Baum had been charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice, sodomy, indecent acts, obstruction of justice and communicating a threat.

The woman with whom she allegedly had sex—Lance Cpl. Dianne A. Maldonado—testified against

Baum at the court martial. But the appeals panel found the lack of independent corroboration rendered Maldonado's testimony "insufficient as a matter of law."

Baum was convicted in June 1988, sentenced to a year in prison and a dishonorable discharge. But five months later, her commanding officer, Maj. Gen. Jarvis D. Lynch, granted Baum clemency. She was freed after serving 226 days in the brig at Quantico, Va.

Her dishonorable discharge was upgraded to a bad conduct discharge but Lynch left intact portions of Baum's sentence that reduced her rank to private and required her to forfeit all pay and allowances.

Lynch had been urged by his staff judge advocate to deny clemency even though Baum claimed to have been promised leniency by a military prosecutor in exchange for her cooperation with investigators.

The Marine Corps denied that the prosecuting attorney in the case ever had made a binding promise to Baum.

Gay literature comes out of closet as memoirs proliferate

By DANA KENNEDY

BOSTON (AP)—Homosexual literature, long confined to the back corners of bookstores, has come out of the closet with the emergence of AIDS. Today, more than 200 titles involving AIDS have given the gay lifestyle broad exposure.

"There's been an explosion of these books," said David Groff, an editor at Crown Publishing in New York. "AIDS is the most real and potent metaphor for everything now. It involves every issue of life and death and love."

Most of the books revolve around those universal themes, and the hardship of living under the threat of a modern-day plague. Because AIDS has pervaded the gay world, most current gay literature touches on the subject.

Homosexual or bisexual men account for 60 percent of the cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome reported in the United States since 1981.

The biggest seller among AIDS-oriented books is still Randy Shilts' 1987 chronicle of the AIDS epidemic, "And the Band Played On." But novels or memoirs involving AIDS have become critical and financial successes.

Armistead Maupin's "Sure of You," a fictional account about a troubled married couple and the husband's gay business partner, was on the New York Times best-seller list in December. Paul Monette's 1988 book "Borrowed Time," a biography of the author's lover, who died of AIDS, was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award.

Robert Ferro's 1988 novel, "Second Son," the story of two men with AIDS who become lovers, sold tens of thousands of copies.

As a result, customers browsing through major mainstream bookstores such as Bardenheer's in Boston come upon two shelves of gay-oriented books displayed prominently.

The irony of the new legitimacy surrounding such books is not lost on sellers of homosexual literature.

"AIDS has brought the gay lifestyle into the mainstream but I think it's sad that it's taken something like this to do it," said Buzz Bryan, editor of the Lambda Book Report in Washington, associated with Lambda Rising, one of the nation's largest gay bookstores.

Before the emergence of AIDS in 1981, most bookstores would not have considered displaying novels dealing solely, and intimately, with gay life on the same shelves as mainstream fiction.

Sasha Alyson, owner of Alyson Publishing, a small gay book house in Boston, said his imprint was the first to issue a book touching on AIDS. Called "The Advocate's Guide to Gay Health," the 1982 book had almost gone to press when a chapter on AIDS was added.

Since then, Alyson said, unsolicited AIDS memoirs have flooded his office.

"A lot of them are very good and it's hard to turn them down," Alyson said. "Especially the ones written by parents."

A free book called "You Can Do Something About AIDS" was published by Alyson two years ago. It is a collection of essays, many by celebrities such as Elizabeth Taylor, and over a million copies have been distributed at bookstores.

Michael Denny, senior editor at St. Martin's Press in New York, said he believes AIDS was the final step in the public's acceptance of homosexuality. The proliferation of AIDS-related books was a natural progression, he said.

"It was already happening somewhat with gay books hitting the mainstream," he said. "Now bookstores are more willing to accept them."

Denny also credits a new candor about homosexuality among publishing houses. Groff and Denny are the founding members of the Publishing Triangle, a 700-member group of gay and lesbian editors in the publishing industry.

"Ten years ago, only three of us identified ourselves as gay," said Denny. "When we formed the Triangle, I was flabbergasted to find out how many people joined."

HGLPC endorses Ann Richards, Ray Hill for primaries

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In the race for Texas governor, Ann Richards was endorsed in the Democratic primary over Jim Mattox and Mark White, who did not screen or submit a written questionnaire. Chair and HGLPC president Dennis Spencer reported that, while Mattox had sent a campaign letter detailing his record on AIDS issues and a letter of recommendation from an Austin supporter, he did not follow the required procedures for an endorsement. White, Spencer noted, chose not to respond to the screening request at all.



Candidates mixed with members at HGLPC endorsement meeting, seeking support before, during and after

The caucus voted to recommend "no vote" in the Republican primary for governor due to allegedly hostile positions of the candidates toward issues of concern to the caucus. The members also accepted a request to draft a letter of endorsement for Jeff Daell, who is running for governor on the Libertarian ticket, but stipulated that Daell's name will not appear on the endorsement push cards.

The final endorsements of the caucus were as follows: U.S. House of Representatives, Dist. 18, Craig Washington (D); governor of Texas, Ann Richards (D); lieutenant governor, Bob Bullock (D); attor-

ney general, Dan Morales (D); state treasurer, Nikki Van Hightower (D); commissioner of the General Land Office, Gary Mauro (D); commissioner of agriculture, Jim Hightower (D); railroad commissioner, Bob Krueger (D). In the Texas Supreme Court: justice, Place 2, Clifton Lee

Holmes (D); justice, Place 1, Fred Biery (D) and no vote (R). Texas Criminal Court of Appeals: judge, Place 1, Morris Overstreet (D); judge, Place 3, Patrick D. Barber (D); judge, Place 4, Charles E. Baird (D).

In state senate races: Dist. 11, Chet Brooks (D) and Dist. 13, Rod-

ney Ellis (D). State representative races: Dist. 137, Debra Danburg (D); Dist. 138, Edd Blackwood (D); Dist. 139, Sylvester Turner (D); Dist. 145, Phyllis Tucker (D); Dist. 146, Sam Jackson (D) and Dist. 149, no endorsement.

In judicial races: justice, 14th Court of Appeals, Ben Levy (D); County Judge, Ray Hardy (D); judge, County Civil Court At Law No. 1, Ed Landry (R); No. 3, Carolyn Day Hobson (D); judge, County Criminal Court No. 4, Lee Wilson (D) and James Anderson (R); No. 11, David Mendoza (D); No. 12, Joe Terracina (D) and No. 13, no endorsement. District clerk, Hank Husky (D); county treasurer, Katy Caldwell (D); County Commissioner, Precinct 4, Eleanor Tinsley (D). Justice of the peace, Precinct 1, Place 2, Ray Hill (D); Precinct 5, Place 2, Randy Plotkin (D); judges, district courts: 55th, Kathy Stone (D) and Richard Tinsley (R); 113th, Geraldine Tennant (D); 157th, Carolyn Garcia (D); 182nd, Donald Shipley (D); 185th, Carl Walker Jr. (D); 190th, Wyatt Herald (D); 209th, Michael McSpadden, (R); 234th, Matthew Plummer (D); judge, Family Court 314, John Paul Barnich (D). Harris County Democratic Chair, Mike Charlton.

Executive committee members, Harris County Democratic Party: Precinct 016, John David Deever; Dist. 032, Scott Harbers; 034 Richard Prawitz; 037, Pat Gandy; 039, Brian Keever; 060, Annise Parker; 070, Mary Kay Green; 215, Steve Umoff; 218, Michael Hollier; 252, Kevin McGuire and 570, Richard Arduengo. Executive committee member, Harris County Republican Party, Precinct 034, Curtis Wright.

In other action Wednesday, the caucus voted to sponsor the third annual "A Tisket, a Tasket" pre-Easter donations drive for Stone Soup food pantry. The group also voted to send a letter of condolences to the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance in recognition of the loss of long time activist Bill Nelson, and to make a memorial contribution in Nelson's honor to the clinic bearing his name.

Phyllis Frye introduced a proposed amendment to the caucus bylaws, changing the organization name to the Gay, Lesbian and Transgenderal Political Caucus (GLTPC). The amendment will be formally proposed and discussed at the next regular caucus meeting, scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center.

AIDS decoy molecule binds to virus, appears non-toxic

By A.J. HOSTETLER

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A genetically engineered decoy molecule that binds to the AIDS virus before it infects new cells is non-toxic and may provide a new approach to fighting the disease, according to two reports published Thursday, Feb. 15.

Treatment using the decoy molecule, called recombinant CD4, blocks the AIDS virus from attaching to certain white blood cells and infecting them, according to the reports in the Annals of Internal Medicine by two separate multi-center trials.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Edmund Tramont of the Walter Reed

Army Institute of Research described the treatment as an "intriguing first step" in targeting the AIDS virus, or HIV.

Researchers believe that HIV works by attaching itself to CD4, a molecule on the white blood cells. By adding recombinant CD4 to the body's immunological system, the drug may work as a sponge, soaking up the AIDS virus and preventing it from infecting new cells.

CD4 looks promising, said Tramont, but researchers need to develop approaches to target the virus by first preventing infection of new cells and then by ridding the cells of the virus.

One of the reports described a study of 40 men and two women

with AIDS or AIDS-related complex who were treated with the CD4 drug by researchers at the San Francisco General Hospital and New England Deaconess Hospital.

Dr. James Kahn of the San Francisco General Hospital said the results showed CD4 was both safe and easy to administer.

The second study, at Massachusetts General Hospital, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles and Stanford University, found that the CD4 therapy was well-tolerated in the subjects. 25 men, two-thirds with AIDS and one-third with ARC.

"The bottom line is, we established safety," said Dr. Robert Schooley of Massachusetts General. The group is now trying to establish

the best dosage of CD4 to have a measurable effect on the virus.

Both studies found that several subjects developed antibodies to the CD4 therapy, which further depresses the immune system already fighting off the AIDS virus, but the subjects showed no immunological problems.

The studies confirmed earlier reports that sustaining the level of recombinant CD4 was difficult, but Kahn said the researchers are now testing a second generation CD4 drug that may sustain the level for a longer time.

Tramont said the real advance in CD4 treatment may come if it can be used as a successful carrier molecule to direct other substances to the

AIDS virus itself.

Alone, the CD4 molecule probably is not going to be that effective, Tramont said, while the carrier approach may prove a powerful strategy against the AIDS virus.

Schooley said that theory would have to wait until the researchers discover what effects the drug has and whether those effects can be sustained.

Only one drug—AZT, or zidovudine—is approved by the Food and Drug Administration to combat the AIDS virus directly.

More than 117,781 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS and more than 70,000 have died, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

HRCF calls vote on hate crimes bill 'major victory'

The U.S. Senate, in a major setback for Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), on Feb. 7 overwhelmingly passed the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, including a provision requiring the Justice Department to collect statistics on anti-gay violence. Only three senators, William Armstrong (R-OK), Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) and Trent Lott (R-Miss.) voted with Helms to oppose the bill. Lobbyists for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, called the vote a "major victory" for the lesbian and gay community.

People for the American Way and scores of civil rights and religious groups can take joint satisfaction in the Senate's decisive vote," he said.

Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.) and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Ut.) led the fight for passage of the bill in the Senate.

"Hate crimes against homosexuals are disgusting and outrageous," Hatch stated early in the debate. "We are not going to put up with hate crimes anymore."

Lesbian and gay activists expressed surprise at the strong bipartisan support shown for the bill, as well as the overwhelming (19-77) defeat for an anti-gay amendment proposed by Helms. The amendment, which among other provisions would have urged states to enforce their sodomy laws, was opposed by the bill managers and the Minority Leader, Sen.

Robert Dole (R-KS). Throughout the Senate debate, the North Carolina legislator was the only senator to speak against the bill from the senate floor. "This bill is the flagship of the homosexual and lesbian legislative agenda," Helms stated. To defeat the bill, Helms pointed out that HRCF had "admitted" that the bill was an important part of the gay movement's political agenda.

Last June, the House of Representatives passed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act by a landslide vote of 368 to 47, without hostile amendments. The bill, which should soon go to the President for his signature, requires the Justice Department to collect and study comprehensive national data on crimes of prejudice committed because of race, religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity.

Incidents of hate crimes against gays and lesbians rose dramatical-

ly during the 1980's, McFeely said. An October, 1987 report on hate violence solicited by the Department of Justice stated that "homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims" of hate crimes.

"(The Senate) vote is an important step toward ending the tide of violence and harassment against lesbians and gays," McFeely said.

—Post card campaign

A massive post card campaign to increase support for the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill in the U.S. Congress has been launched by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGITF). The campaign, part of the organization's commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the introduction of the gay rights bill, is targeted at virtually every member of the House and Senate.

NGITF has printed a first run of 40,000 post cards, half for the

House and half for the Senate. Participants fill in the name of their Congress persons, their own name and address, then write a personal message, sign the card and mail it to the pre-printed address. Cards require 15 cent stamps.

The campaign, which will run through June 1990, is part of an overall NGITF lobbying effort, which includes letters, National Lobby Days in June and other events.

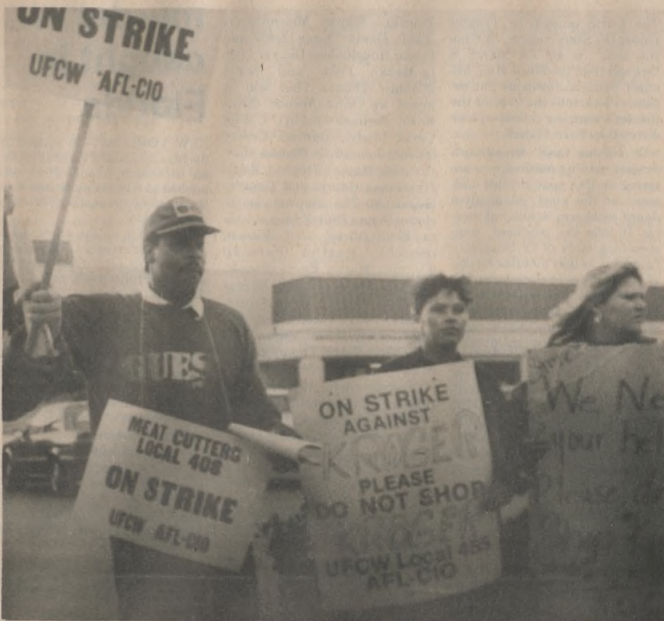
The bill, officially known as the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1990 (847 in the Senate and HR656 in the House) would prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation in areas of housing, employment, credit, public accommodations and federally assisted programs.

To obtain post cards and more information, write NGITF Post Card Lobbying Campaign, 1517 U. St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009 or call (202) 332-6483.

National Gay Community Notes

Kroger manager claims little effect in Montrose from strike

In Memory of



Union employees walk picket lines at the Kroger store at 3300 Montrose. Workers represented by Locals 455 and 408 are striking 73 Kroger stores

As striking union workers continued their noisy protest outside the Montrose Kroger, the store manager stated the strike was "not really affecting" either business or working conditions at the store. Both the picketers and Pat Garver, manager of Kroger No. 243 at 3300 Montrose, took a "see for yourself" approach to queries about the strike's effect on sales and service at the store.

Meanwhile, like most other area Kroger stores, the Montrose store was hiring temporary replacements for the striking meat cutters and clerks. Signs offering \$4 to \$10.26 per hour for the temporary workers were posted at the entrances.

Union workers, represented by

United Food locals 455 and 408, went on strike after the expiration of their contract last Saturday night. Local 455 represents about 7000 stockers, clerks and cashiers, while Local 408 represents about 1750 meat cutters, wrappers and seafood clerks. The union is asking for a 12 percent, across the board wage increase for full time employees, and increased contributions by the company to the workers' health plan. The workers say they are only asking for a partial recovery of cutbacks in both pay and benefits that have occurred over the past three years, and that they will not accept a contract with no recovery.

The union employees are picketing 73 Kroger stores from Austin to the Louisiana border, including

all of the Houston area stores. Some of the stores, the picketers claim, were left with only five or six employees on the job when workers walked out at about 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18.

A higher percentage—20 to 25 percent—of workers stayed on the job at the Montrose store, which has a total of about 120 employees. Garver said most of those still on the job were union workers.

Garver pointed to smoothly moving checkout lines and a relatively well-staffed (in contrast to reports about other Houston Kroger stores) operation. In turn, the picketers pointed to cars entering or beginning to enter the parking lot, then turning around.

"They're leaving because of us,"

said one of the picketers. "We're sending them somewhere else. People are turning around all the time. I wish I could see a sales report...they won't give us one!"

"Does it look like we're having a real problem?" said a smiling Garver at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday. "We have plenty of people to work. I don't think (the strike) has had a really significant impact on either the business or conditions at this store. Everything's stocked, and everyone's being taken care of," he said.

Garver said he didn't know if the strikers were causing Kroger customers to go "somewhere else."

The "somewhere else," in this case, was usually the AppleFree Market at 3803 Dunlavy, which the picketers admitted may have the same problem fairly soon. The striking unions' contract with AppleFree stores also expired Saturday, Feb. 17, but workers have not struck those stores. Union officials said this is because they wanted to deal with the much larger Kroger company before moving on the regionally based AppleFree chain.

One of the picketers at the Montrose store on Tuesday claimed she not only had not had a raise in six years, but had accepted a pay cut three years ago with the understanding that some of the pay would be restored "when things got better."

The picketers, who braved cold wind Monday and rain on Wednesday, said they are asking only for fair treatment.

"We took a pay cut, we've given up overtime, we've given up benefits, and we've never gotten anything back," the picketer said. "They (Kroger company officials) say they gave us profit sharing...but that (profit sharing) affected maybe 30 employees at this store. And of those 30 out of 120 employees, 15 of them got about \$1200 and the other 15, maybe \$600. That really isn't much considering all we've given up. And the rest of us got absolutely nothing."

But Uranthus Webb, a union worker at the Montrose store who chose to remain on the job, said the information workers are getting from both sides is confusing.

"The union, you know, keeps telling us that Kroger wants us to take a step backward...but I haven't heard anything specific about what those backward steps are. The company might just be trying to make some things possible. I'd have to know all the facts, what the reasons are," said Webb.

"Besides, the union has also promised a lot of things, to me and a lot of other employees, and we haven't gotten it yet. My wife is unemployed right now, and, well, somebody has to keep something coming in to pay the bills."

Webb said though the negative reaction from his fellow union workers was disturbing, it wasn't enough to make him risk his family's income. "I've been called everything but the child of God since this happened," he said. "But it's not the first time, and it won't be the last."

Lisa Davidson, a regular customer of the store who crossed the line to buy groceries Tuesday, said she empathized with the picketers but probably wouldn't shop elsewhere unless conditions got worse at Kroger.

"I'm used to this store, I know my way around it. I was here Sunday, and the lines were slower than usual, but it wasn't terrible. I guess if it got real bad, I'd go somewhere else," Davidson said. "I certainly understand what they're doing, though...I'm sure they deserve what they're asking for," she said of the picketers.

Carmen Pate, a Houston based public relations representative for the company, on Wednesday reiterated a previous statement by Kroger officials that a long and protracted strike could affect Kroger's cash flow and debt payment schedule, forcing the company to consider withdrawing from the Houston market. She added, however, that negotiations between union and company officials resumed at 1:00 p.m. that day, and that she hoped a resolution was forthcoming. "As long as they're talking, there's hope," Pate said.

"I was very pleased today. I heard reports that a lot of employees are crossing the line and going back to work at many of the stores," she added.



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Private companies buy insurance policies of terminally ill

By PAUL GEITNER
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

NEW YORK (AP)—Tom had AIDS, and he was sinking fast.

He lost his job, and the monthly checks the 34-year-old Boston man was getting from Social Security didn't begin to cover his rent, food, medical expenses and other bills. A former real-estate salesman, he was in real danger of losing his home.

Then he heard about an upstart company that buys the life insurance policies of terminally ill patients at a discount, cashing in when they die.

Tom sold his \$100,000 policy for about \$53,000. "I think it's a great idea. It benefits the person who is suffering," he said.

"We've had a few people (who) say this is ghoulish," said Rob T. Worley Sr., who founded Living Benefits Inc. with his son, Rob Jr. "But once they think about it, they change their mind."

Living Benefits of Albuquerque, N.M., requires prospective clients to provide evidence that they have 18 months or less to live.

The company usually pays 55 to 80 percent of a policy's face value, depending on factors such as how long a person is expected to live and prevailing interest rates. In return, the customer lists Living

Benefits as his or her sole beneficiary.

Since the Worleys bought their first policy last April, at least two other for-profit companies have opened their doors: American Life Resources Corp. in Miami and Beat the Grim Reaper International in Brooklyn.

"I don't think there's anything as guaranteed as this is (for) getting a return," said Herman H. Silverman, a high school English teacher who started BGR last fall as a part-time business in his home.

"As long as they're going right now anyway, there's a service that I can provide for people who want to have their money right now."

The life insurance industry recently has begun offering its own version of living benefits.

Prudential announced last month a plan that would let policyholders with six months or less to live get the bulk of their life insurance proceeds before they die. However, the plan is currently available in only 10 states.

Other companies have taken steps toward living benefits, but they usually allow policyholders to withdraw no more than half of the face value, and then often only in monthly installments.

As might be expected, the industry is ambivalent about entrepreneurs venturing onto their turf.

"We recognize there's a desperate need. The high cost of dying just goes up every year," said Robert Waldron, spokesperson for the American Council of Life Insurance. "On the other hand, this gives a third party who's not family an economic interest in a policyholder's death. As a concept, that is dangerous."

He has heard no complaints about the companies currently operating, but says he worries about shady characters who might enter the field looking to make a quick buck.

If more insurance companies follow Prudential's lead, Waldron said he expects "that those private companies would very swiftly lose their market."

But the private companies don't think so.

American Life Resources started accepting applications last fall and bought its first policy last month.

"It would be my great pleasure to take the shingle off the door," said president Steven Simon.

But he tells about how, as a volunteer with an AIDS buddy program, the first person he was sent

to visit was sleeping on a bare floor. He had been forced to sell his bed and mattress.

"This is a story that's being told every day in every part of this country," he said. "People in the prime of their lives are having every dignity that you and I take for granted just robbed from them."

Worley says his company has saved at least six homes from foreclosure since they began operations.

All three companies say most of the people who get in touch with them have been people with AIDS, mainly because AIDS groups have a well-developed national information network.

Simon and Worley say they do no advertising. Silverman has advertised in the classified section of a New York-based gay newsmagazine.

He also distributed flyers once at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in Manhattan, "and the administration over there went into a panic...."

"Inside of about a day or two they managed to collect all of my stuff and called to inform me they had thrown it out," he said. "These people just have an aversion to dealing with the financial aspect of terminal illness."

A hospital spokesperson said she could not confirm the story and could not comment.

The three entrepreneurs admit they are wandering into mostly uncharted legal waters. New Mexico is the only state to have regulated this new industry, adopting for the most part the policies the Worleys developed in 2 1/2 years of researching the concept of living benefits.

"We wanted to be regulated," Worley said. "All states need to regulate this just to be sure that people are not being taken advantage of."

Fred Bodner, chief of the health and life policy bureau in New York State's insurance department, said his office had only recently begun considering regulations.

"There's nothing that specifically addresses this type of an operation in insurance law," he said.

Still, it is a godsend to many. Fred, 59, of San Diego, has cancer. He sold his \$250,000 policy to Living Benefits for about 65 cents on the dollar and is using some of the proceeds to build a new house for his wife.

"It's like having your cake and eating it too," said Fred. "As far as I'm concerned, I'm going to keep living."

Gay students gather at Boston University

BOSTON (AP)—Activists called for strong leaders to represent the gay community in the new decade during a weekend conference of gay and lesbian college students at Boston University.

"The 1990s will be a pivotal decade for gay and lesbian people's struggle for full equality in American society," said Jeff Nickel, president of BU's Lesbian/Gay Alliance. "Today's gay and lesbian college students are tomorrow's leaders of the gay civil rights movement."

Billed as the seventh annual Northeast Lesbian and Gay Student Union Conference, the event began Friday, Feb. 16. An estimated 600 students from about 85 college and universities from across the country, as well as Mexico and Canada, attended Sunday, Feb. 18's events.

The conference, which included workshops and entertainment, was designed as a forum for the exchange of ideas and inspiration among gay rights activists.

Conference leaders planned to

end the conference with a rally at BU to protest what they called BU President John Silber's "role in fostering homophobia and anti-gay prejudice on and off-campus." They also plan to protest Silber's gubernatorial candidacy.

The weekend schedule included more than 100 workshops on gay and lesbian social and political activism, anti-gay harassment, lesbian music, homosexuality and the media, fund raising, leadership development and the history of gay and lesbian politics.

Speakers at the conference included

Laurence Tribe, a professor of constitutional law at Harvard University; Svend Robinson, an openly gay member of the Canadian House of Commons; Adrienne Rich, a lesbian poet and author; and Boston City Councilor David Scordras.

Scheduled entertainment included a concert with lesbian comedienne/musician Lynn Lavner and Canadian vocalist David Sereda, as well as a dance. Both those events were slated to take place at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge.

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'Private Lives' at the Alley; cast announced for 'Chorus Line'

Houston Live by the staff of the Montrose Voice

The Alley Theater's production of Noel Coward's "Private Lives," directed by Tony winner Vivian Matalon, was scheduled to open Thursday and will run through Sunday, March 25 on the Alley's large stages. August Wilson's play "Fences" continues to run through March 4 on the Neuhaus Arena stage.

"Private Lives" is a wickedly witty play and Coward's most successful. In its original production in 1930, the comedy was noted for its daring departure from the accepted rules of the period. Of its premiere, a critic remarked, "Mr. Coward has the courage of his cunning. He concedes nothing to the old rules of playmaking...he trusts his wit and wins." The play turns on Coward's celebrated wit and features two estranged lovers who meet while each is honeymooning with a new spouse. Behind the mask of a comic repartee stands a classic dramatic conflict. Coward remarked, "It's the lightest of light comedies, based on a serious situation which is two people who love each other too much."

The production will be directed by Vivian Matalon, who directed Coward in his last stage appearance, "Suite in Three Keys," which co-starred Lilli Palmer and Irene Worth in the London production. This is the first time Matalon has



Theater Under the Stars presents "A Chorus Line" March 6-18 at the Houston Music Hall

directed "Private Lives," and he has invited for his cast James Brennan as Elyot, Ellen Laurel as Amanda, David Brooks Ford as

Victor, Mari Nelson as Sybil and Connie Roderick as Louise. —"A Chorus Line"

The fourth musical in Theater Under the Stars' season, "A Chorus Line," is set for March 6 through 18 in the Music Hall. Michael Bennett's intimate but explosive look into the lives of the theater's dancing chorus will be directed by Patti D'Beck.

"A Chorus Line," Broadway's longest running musical, now entering its 15th year, is filled with some of the most imaginative dance sequences in musical theater. It tells the poignant, soul-searching story of 28 Broadway "gypsies" as they audition for one of eight places in the chorus line of a musical. The show was the concept of Bennett, who also served as its original director and choreographer. The memorable score, with music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Edward Kleban, includes such well-known favorites as "One," "The Music and the Mirror," and "What I did for Love." "A Chorus Line" opened on Broadway Oct. 19, 1975 at the Shubert Theater and swept the year's awards, including the 1975 Pulitzer Prize for drama, nine Tony awards and the New York Drama Critics' Circle award for best musical.

Several cast members of the TUTS production are veterans of the Broadway company of "A Chorus Line," including Cheryl Clark (Cassie), Donna Drake (Maggie), Mitzi Hamilton

(Sheila), Wayne Melendrandri (Paul), David Thome (Zach) and former Houstonians DeLyse Lively-Mekka (Val) and Nikki D'Amico (Diana). They will be joined by Chris Atwood (Roy), Kevin Bernard (Bobby), Caitlin Carter (Judy), Darlesia Cearcy (Susie), Johnathan Charles (Larry), Jack Hayes (Gregory), Eddie Hirschman (Mark) and Timothy Hogan (Al). The company also includes Donna Hull (Kristine), Laura Keys (Vicki), Jeff Kniman (Butch), Martha Parshall (Connie), Martin Reyes (Frank), Patricia Salvo (Tricia), Marcus Sherman (Richie), Mary Starnes (Hilary), Seth Swoboda (Don), Michael Tapley (Mike), Jason Thomas (Tom), Rachel Thompson (Lois) and Angie Wheeler (Bebe).

Director/choreographer Patti D'Beck was involved with the Broadway production of "A Chorus Line" for more than four years.

—Auditions

Houston Skyline Theater, 1617 Fannin, will hold open auditions for "Rashomon," an Oriental play about truth and a rape, at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. The 1959 Broadway play was written by Fay and Michael Kanin.

Director Bonnie McFerrin is seeking to fill roles for three women and six men. For additional information, call 759-0701.

Suspect in murder caught in Florida

NEW YORK (AP)—A suspect in the bias killing of a Vietnam veteran in Staten Island, N.Y., was nabbed in Florida as he spoke on the telephone to another Staten Island resident.

The person on the other end of the line, whom police did not identify, notified authorities after the suspect, Philip Sarlo, called Sunday, Feb. 18.

When Sarlo called again an hour and a half later, police were listening in, said police spokesperson Sgt. Mary Wrensen. Sarlo revealed where he was calling from—a Burger King restaurant in Ocala, Fla.—and Staten Island police called Ocala police, who arrested him.

Ocala police were holding Sarlo, 26, on a warrant for the Jan. 22 killing of James Zappalorti, a mentally ill Vietnam veteran whose attackers stabbed him to death because they believed he was a homosexual.

Staten Island detectives were to go to Ocala, in north central Florida, to bring back Sarlo, of Staten Island.

Another Staten Island man, Michael Taylor, 20, previously was charged in the slaying of Zappalorti.

Sarlo and Taylor allegedly followed and killed Zappalorti, a 41-year-old neighbor, because they believed he was a homosexual.

After they killed Zappalorti, the two men allegedly used his house keys to ransack his home in the isolated Charleston area, police said.

Zappalorti's body was found by his brother on a strip of sand near his house.

The veteran had numerous stab wounds to his chest and neck and his throat had been slashed.

The killing drew protests from civil rights and homosexual groups and vows from politicians that bias crimes would not be tolerated in New York.

Costner, Quinn & Kirkland give notable performances in 'Revenge'

Film Review by JAVIER TAMEZ
The Montrose Voice

Kevin Costner reaffirms his status as one of the darlings of American film in his latest in his latest outing, "Revenge." As Cochran, a recently retired Naval pilot, he brings a searing vitality to the role of a man torn between passion and loyalty. Costner, who has had a string of winning films ("Silverado," "The Untouchables," "No Way Out," "Bull Durham," "Field of Dreams") leads a powerful cast in overcoming relatively weak directing.

Invited down to Mexico City by an old friend, Tiburon (Anthony Quinn), Cochran finds himself compellingly attracted to his host's wife, Miryca (Madeleine Stowe). Their desires are realized, but they are discovered by Tiburon (which means shark in Spanish), and revenge begets revenge.

Two-time Oscar winner Anthony Quinn is first rate as the ruthless power broker who carries the burden of his actions in his soulful expressions. The Mexican-born Quinn flows with ease from one facet of Tiburon to another: the dotting husband showing genuine concern, the obnoxious patron reveling in the admiration of his followers, the sincere friend enjoying the companionship of someone not indebted to him, the anguished husband/friend feeling the sting of betrayal, the vindictive kingpin meting out his own justice.

Madeleine Stowe at times comes across a bit stiff as the young and beautiful Miryca, but she gives a laudable performance overall. She



Cochran (Kevin Costner, left) incurs the wrath of his friend Tiburon (Anthony Quinn), a ruthless Mexican power broker, when he falls in love with his wife Miryca (Madeleine Stowe) in the explosive drama "Revenge"

is mysterious and alluring and realizes some of the screen potential that was evident in her feature film debut, "Stakeout."

Sally Kirkland gives the most enjoyable performance in the film as Tiburon's mistress, Cochran encounters Tomas Milian, as Tiburon's stone-faced right hand man Cesar, and James Gammon as a "good-old-boy" Texan are also notable.

Director Tony Scott, more accustomed and (if this film is any indication) better suited to fast paced action, as evidenced in his previous works "Top Gun" and "Beverly Hills Cop II," allows the film to drag at some points. There are seemingly lengthy and almost unnecessary passages, showing Cochran's departure from the Navy, a small dinner party at Tiburon's palatial estate, and a male bonding between Cochran and two men who also have scores to settle with Tiburon.

Scott, however, did know his setting. Under his guide, photography director Jeffrey Kimball takes full advantage of the on-location shooting. Spectacular scenery, from the placid beaches of Puerto Vallarta to the rugged terrain of Sierra Madre, is captured throughout the film. Added to this are some exceptional scenes—Costner standing in the rain, an old woman working her mystical cures and later appearing content behind a pair of sunglasses, which look oddly out of place on her worn face, Costner and Stowe getting steamy on a moving jeep—and it makes for wonderful cinematography.

"Revenge" is a good movie and I give it three stars.

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Candidate condemned by AIDS activists for public remarks

MIDDLETOWN, N.Y. (AP)—AIDS activists said a state Assembly candidate should himself be quarantined after the candidate suggested AIDS sufferers should be reported to the government and quarantined.

"I think he should be quarantined," Gale McGovern, a former chairperson of the Orange County AIDS Task Force, said of Republican John Bonacic.

In a debate before the editorial board of The Middletown Times

Herald-Record Thursday, Feb. 15, Bonacic said a law allowing the quarantine of people with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome "would be a step in the right direction."

Bonacic is vying to represent a

district that covers much of Orange County and one town in Rockland County. Republicans outnumber Democrats about 24,000 to 20,000, and Bonacic is viewed as having a good chance in election.

Activists contended that educating people about how the disease spreads and increasing funds for research makes more sense, and questioned Bonacic's reasoning.

First AIDS patient to legally smoke grass dies

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The first AIDS patient to be allowed to smoke marijuana in his treatment was buried with full military honors Wednesday, Feb. 14, two months after receiving the drug.

The 33-year-old Vietnam veteran named Steve, who asked that his last name be withheld to protect his privacy, died Monday, Feb. 12, at Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital. He was buried at Fort San Houston National Cemetery.

In December, the Food and Drug Administration approved Steve's use of marijuana as "an investigational new drug." Steve said he had been trying for 2 1/2 years to get marijuana legally. He was arrested last March on a

charge of aggravated possession of the drug. His trial was scheduled for later this month.

Steve was the first acquired immune deficiency syndrome patient to obtain legal, medically supervised access to marijuana.

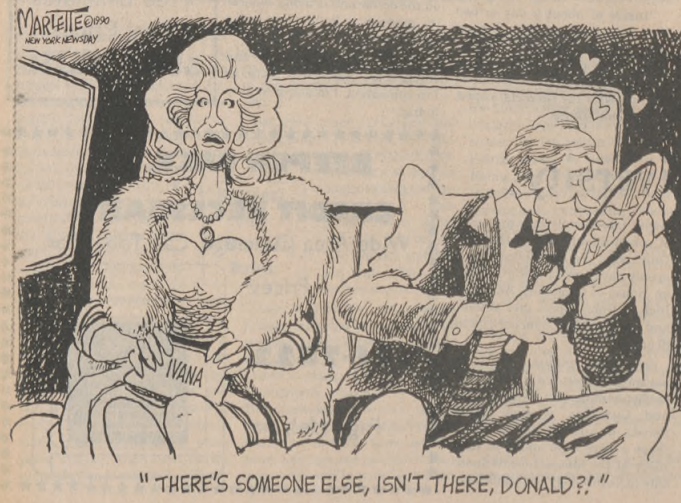
Nationwide, five cancer or glaucoma patients are receiving supplies of federally grown, tested and rolled marijuana cigarettes from North Carolina, records show.

Steve, who suffered from AIDS for more than 30 months, sought the drug to control pain, nausea, and weight loss. He also had histoplasmosis, a painful infection attacking his bone marrow.

In mid-January, he was taking AZT, or zidovudine, a drug used to slow the progress of AIDS.

"My doctor agreed with me that the only other medication I need is marijuana to control the nausea and vomiting so I can deal with other problems," he said then. "Marijuana also helps the pain without making me hallucinatory."

In 1988, the administrative law judge of the DEA reported that evidence "clearly shows that marijuana has been accepted as capable of relieving the distress of great numbers of very ill people, and doing so with safety under medical supervision."



Hartung's timing is off with 'record stickering' proposal

Commentary by SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Montrose Voice Editor

Houston city council member Christin Hartung (Dist. G) is spearheading an effort to require to require warning labels on recorded music that contains lyrics "describing or advocating" a variety of sexual activities, violence and the use of drugs or alcohol. An aide in Hartung's office confirmed Wednesday that the council member had asked the city legal department to research the "record stickering" issue, and is hoping to propose an ordinance calling for fines of up to \$200 for failing to affix the "For Adults Only" warnings to the recordings. The aide said the matter was "still in the research stages" and would not be brought before council this week.

But Hartung, who missed Wednesday's council meeting and was scheduled to leave town for a week

that evening (Feb. 21), couldn't be reached for comment. Her office workers said she was out ill. Maybe she was bitten by that 24 hour bug that's been getting everybody the past couple of weeks... or maybe it was something she listened to after supper the night before.

The suggested ordinance would apply to "lyrics describing or advocating suicide, sodomy, incest, bestiality, sadomasochism, adultery or any form of sexual activity in a violent context, or advocating or encouraging murder, violent racism, religious violence, morbid violence or the illegal use of drugs or alcohol."

Honestly, you'd think a good ole' suburban "country" gal like Christin would have the heart to wait until after the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to propose an ordinance that would declare almost the entire realm of country-western music unfit for the ears of

anyone under 18 (or is it 21)? Or maybe, deep down inside, she realizes the aggressive, wasteful and silly stickering campaign, suggested and rejected in two California cities last year, wouldn't really have much of an impact on the kids who listen to "offensive" music. Or even their parents, who seem quite willing these days to tote them along to hear those dreaded references to alcohol and adultery that some criminals against morality cleverly mixed in with the fun and pageantry of one of this city's most famous and best-loved events.

On a serious note, there are certain lyrics that even I, or almost anyone, would find offensive. (References to suicide or violence against any minority group, in my opinion, have no right to be reproduced for millions to hear). Most people I know exercise their personal freedom to keep things that

are offensive to them out of their own homes, and have the common sense to decide for themselves and their families.

Much of the national recording industry is already attempting to regulate itself by affixing its own stickers, but according to Hartung's office, "you can barely see them."

What I can see, much more clearly, is that Hartung's proposal is something she knows is attractive to the conservative core of constituents she feels reelected her in November, and imposing yet another form of censorship on the entire city of Houston is a small price to pay to keep the sheep warm, whether it really does anything or not. The frightening thing about the wording of the ordinance is its generality. Who is going to decide which songs fit into any of the black listed categories? And who is going to

decide what it means to "advocate" any of the activities?

I recall hearing an example in a story about one of the California sticker proponents' list of popular groups whose lyrics were "offensive." A hit song, an airy ballad by a very popular folk-rock group, contained the line "Ask me, and I'll say I'm gay." Because of this, the zealots decided all of that group's records should be labeled!

Perhaps this is also appealing to Hartung, whose flock was just slightly ruffled in the last election by a challenge from that courageous "sodomite" and "advocate," Bruce Reeves. In spite of his loss, Reeves got more than a wink and a wave in that race, against a powerful and well-established incumbent.

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East German gays form interest group

EAST BERLIN (AP)—East German gay people on Sunday, Feb. 18, formed their own interest group to fight for equal rights, including to adopt children and have partner-

ships with the legal force of marriage, news reports said.

The Gay Association in East Germany, with headquarters in Leipzig,

also will fight for reparations for persecution of lesbians and gay men during the Nazi dictatorship, the official news agency ADN said.

The Nazis persecuted homosexuals and put them in concentration camps along with Jews, communists, Gypsies and other groups.

The Jews, who lost the most peo-

ple in the camps, have received billions of dollars in reparations from the West German government.

ADN did not say how many members the new group had.

Frank denies allegation by former employee Gobie

By W. DALE NELSON
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., says he told a group of Marines to stop taunting gay men and lesbians in a restaurant, but did not report them to their superiors as reported by male prostitute Stephen Gobie in a magazine article.

Frank also denies Penthouse magazine's report that he offered Gobie \$10,000 to \$12,000 to help him get a new start in Florida after they quarreled about the man's activities in Frank's rented townhouse.

Meanwhile, a campaign finance report released by Frank's office shows that he drew hefty contributions from individuals outside his district and political action committees while coping with a House ethics committee investigation of his relationship with Gobie.

Frank, an acknowledged homosexual, said Monday, Feb. 5, "Yeah, I was in Mr. Henry's on Capitol Hill when some Marines were hassling some guys and I went over and identified myself and told them to stop."

"But I never gave their names to the Marine Corps, because it was right after the Lebanon bombing and I figured they were upset and I'd give them a pass on it," he said.

A Marine Corps barracks in Lebanon was bombed on Oct. 23, 1983, and 241 servicemen were killed.

Gobie is quoted in the latest issue of Penthouse as saying, "One day, at a restaurant, Barney stood up to a bunch of Marines razzing a table of gays. They were sashaying around with limp wrists and laughing. So Barney says, 'My name's Congressman Barney Frank. Do you guys have a problem? Were you harassing these men because they are gay?' He got their commanding officer's name and reported them."

Outside of the account of his encounter at the restaurant, which he said was partially correct, Frank said virtually everything else about him that was attributed to Gobie in the article was untrue.

Gobie is quoted as saying that he and Frank argued after the congressman's landlord learned Gobie was operating a sex-for-hire business in Frank's Capitol Hill townhouse.

"I told him I needed \$2,000 or \$3,000 to move to Florida," the authors quote Gobie as telling them. "I thought Washington had tapped out for me. Barney offered me \$10,000 to \$12,000, but I said, 'I don't need that much.'"

The article does not say whether Gobie said he received any money. He has remained in Washington.

Frank said the report was "totally bizarre... as is virtually all of the new information" in the article. Of the planned Florida venture, he said, "It's the first time I ever heard of it."

The ethics committee is investigating an allegation that Frank knew Gobie was operating a prostitution business from his home. Frank has denied the allegation.

The congressman, 49, has acknowledged paying \$80 to Gobie, 33, for an initial sexual encounter. He says that after that they became friends and he gave Gobie a job as a personal aide, housekeeper and driver, firing him after learning Gobie was using his home as a business base.

Frank's financial report showed he raised \$103,476 in 1989, including \$45,800 from PACs and about half of that coming after Gobie's allegations surfaced in August. Of 46 individual contributors, only nine live in Frank's district.

Gay activist Bill Nelson dies at 40

DALLAS (AP)—William H. Nelson, former president of the Dallas Gay Alliance and a nationally prominent gay activist, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, of complications from AIDS, officials said. He was 40.

Nelson, who served as alliance president from 1984 to 1987, died at his home at 9:48 a.m. His mother and friends were present.

Nelson is credited with transforming the organization from a political group into a broad-based community service provider with a budget of more than \$750,000.

Nelson was part-owner of Crossroads Market, an area book store, and twice ran unsuccessfully for Dallas City Council positions.

The Texas Senate honored Nel-

son in 1989 with a resolution citing his accomplishments as a community activist. He also received the Texas Human Rights Foundation's Robert Schwab Award for community service and the United Our Way Humanitarian Award.

Nelson received bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Methodist University and had taught American literature, stagecraft, humanities and athletics during a 10-year teaching career.

He is survived by his mother, Jean Nelson, and his sister, Sheila Overby of Houston.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dallas Gay Alliance. Funeral services are pending.

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AIDS patients will be welcome at Mother Teresa's mission

DENVER (AP)—Mother Teresa's mission in Denver, operated by the Missionary Sisters of Charity, soon will begin caring for as many as 20 people with AIDS who cannot care for themselves.

"The sisters hope to provide a loving home for the sick where the simple needs of the people for food and shelter can be met," said Sister Anawim, superior of the Seton House mission, in a written statement.

The four sisters at the convent want people with AIDS to "feel at home, loved and cared for," she said.

Seton House will be the third non-medical facility in the Denver metropolitan area to provide such housing for AIDS patients.

In an attempt to assure residents that their privacy will be protected, the sisters also have decided to refuse all media interview requests, said Robert Feeney, spokesperson for the Archdiocese of Denver.

Mother Teresa, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, stunned some 16,000 people attending an ecumenical prayer services in Denver in May 1989, by announcing she would open a Denver mission.

The sisters moved into their new home late in December. Renovations on the three-story, 24-room facility were to be completed in about three weeks, but it is not known when people with AIDS will move into Seton House, Feeney said.

Suit settled with dismissed Fla. official

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP)—A Coral Springs, Fla., man who says he was fired for having AIDS has settled his lawsuit against Glenleigh Hospital.

Tim, who doesn't want his full name used, told The Miami Herald the settlement will provide him and his family with lifetime financial security.

As part of the settlement of the \$15 million Broward County lawsuit, both sides agreed not to disclose terms.

Attorney Paul B. Erickson of Palm Beach, representing Glenleigh, said the settlement was not an admission of any wrongdoing on the hospital's part.

Glenleigh reiterated in a statement that it does not engage in the illegal practice of testing employees for acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Tim's wife Lynne became infected with AIDS virus in 1985 as the result of a blood transfusion given during the Caesarean birth of their daughter, Elizabeth. Lynne transmitted the virus to her husband, who first became sick in the fall of 1988, shortly after he became marketing director at Glenleigh Hospital in Palm Beach.

He was later dismissed from his job.

Elizabeth, now 4, isn't infected with the virus.

Tim said after his story was publicized recently, he received many expressions of support and even donations for medical bills from neighbors and officials in his home city of Coral Springs and elsewhere.

Insurance bill advances to Wis. governor's office

By JULIE AICHER FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE
MADISON, Wis. (AP)—A bill barring health care providers and insurers in Wisconsin from discriminating against AIDS patients won final legislative passage and was forwarded to Gov. Tommy G. Thompson.

"This bill requires that AIDS be treated just as every other medical condition," said Rep. David Clarenbach, D-Madison, sponsor of the bill. "You can no longer exclude people with AIDS."

The measure, which received final Assembly approval Thursday, Feb. 8, demands that doctors, nurses, hospitals and nursing homes provide

equal care to victims of acquired immune deficiency syndrome and carriers of the HIV virus, which causes AIDS.

Group and individual health insurance companies would be prohibited from excluding or limiting coverage for patients with the AIDS virus or treating the disease differently from any other disease.

The insurers also would be required to cover payments for experimental drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The Assembly also sent to the governor a bill that would require all local school districts to offer AIDS prevention programs to middle and high school students.

Designer of pride logo wins Art Fest contest

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Montrose Voice Editor
David Bennett—whose entry was selected as the official Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1990 logo in November—said he's gaining "a little more confidence" in his designing ability now that he's won his third design competition. Bennett, who uses a Macintosh computer to refine and finalize his graphic creations, won first place in the spring poster contest for the Westheimer Art Festival. His design will be featured in the official promotional poster for the festival, which has the theme "All That Jazz."



David Bennett is a little more confident since his designs were chosen for both the 1990 pride week logo and the spring Westheimer Art Festival poster.

Bennett's first taste of creative competition came only a few months ago, when the Art Institute of Houston, where he works as director of publications, entered one of his creations in the Art Institute International's annual design competition. "Out of all the entries, mine did win," said Bennett. "That kind of gave me a renewed confidence in my abilities as a designer."

Bennett said he was not very sure of those abilities before then because several years in the "basically managerial" position of director of visual communications left him with little opportunity to be creative. When he became director of publications, which he described as a more creative job, he was able to experiment a little more with graphics and design.

At about the same time (around a year ago), Bennett discovered the Macintosh, which he said changed his way of looking at design. "It really changed everything," he said. "The designs still begin in my head, and I always do several thumbnails first. But with the computer, you can make changes (in the design) so much faster. You can move images around and actually see what they look like."

Bennett said many of the art festival's winning posters have been produced at the Art Institute, but most of the designs are created by students. Though several instructors have entered—and some won—

through the years, this year marked Bennett's first attempt at the semi-annual competition. At least half of the 92 entries in the spring contest were from the Institute.

Bennett said when he first completed his design, he had a "good feeling" about it. "I'd had a similar feeling when I finished the (Lesbian/Gay Pride Week) logo. Both times, I said to myself, 'this could be a winner.' He finished the design two days before the submission deadline.

But after seeing some of the student designs, shown in a special exhibit at the school, he lost a little of that confidence. "I saw several designs for the poster by the students in (art instructor) Leslie Benoit's class. They were all just so good...there were several student posters I saw that I thought were as good as mine, if not better. There was

a whole range of posters that stuck out...I had my personal favorites," Bennett recalled.

Professional artists, as well as students and instructors of art schools, compete evenly in the contest, sponsored by the Westheimer Colony Association, which also puts on the festival. The spring poster contest reflected a new, more progressive approach to the festival that the Association is taking, according to festival director Gayle Mueller. For the first time, the participants were allowed to use a full range of colors for the poster designs. The addition of a theme for the show is also a first.

The art festival will be held April 21-22 at 3317 Montrose. Copies of the poster will be available and the design will be featured on the event's official T-shirt.

Bennett called his winning design a departure from his usual work,

which he described as "hard line graphics." The poster features a saxophone, an artist's paint palette, a piano keyboard and strings, all in neon fluorescent colors against a black background, with the shapes suspended against the background and swirling around each other.

"It was very different from anything I had ever done before," said Bennett. "That made it even more interesting to work on, because I saw it as a personal challenge as well as the competition."

The second place winner was a first year student from the Institute, Rodrigo Esudero, while third place went to another student, G. Herrerra. Bennett received \$500 for his first place entry while the second and third place winners received \$100 and \$50 respectively.

At press time, the posters were still being printed, so no picture of the winning design was available. Mueller said Bennett also said he did not have a copy of the final design on his computer. Posters and postcards featuring the design were scheduled to be completed by Monday, Feb. 26.

Though the pride week and art festival competitions are the first he has entered outside of the school network, Bennett's designing talents should already be familiar to many in the community. An active member of the Diana Foundation, he designs the program for the annual Diana Awards (a satire of the Academy Awards) and well known fund raising event each year. He also produced the program for the recent benefit "Heart Strings," sponsored in Houston by DIFFA and the Bering Services Foundation. In his job at AIH, he produces brochures, newsletters, posters and other promotional material for the school.

Bennett said his immediate plans are to catch up with his work at the Institute, but he's not ruling out the possibility of entering another contest if the chance presents itself.

"I have been winning," he said, a touch of his stated uncertainty still evident in his voice, "so I guess I am good at it."

Mich. man takes AIDS prevention message to midwest bars

By JUDY BRADFORD

South Bend Tribune
SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)—It's 9:40 p.m. and people are starting to filter into The Seahorse II Cabaret, a gay bar on South Bend's west side, for the live show that begins in 20 minutes.

Craig Covey strides in with a big cardboard box, shakes a few hands and starts to unload his goods onto the table nearest the door. A huge candy jar appears out of nowhere, filled with condoms. Soon, the bar is tittering.

"Hey, how about some condoms? We want to practice safe sex," yells a woman sitting in the upper deck with three of her friends, all giggling.

As someone digs into the jar and hands a few condoms to them, Covey explains that some lesbian women, although at minimal risk of contracting AIDS themselves, give the condoms to their brothers or friends. "Or, they might be bisexual. I don't ask questions. I just normally put the stuff out."

Covey, president of the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, doesn't mind the jokes. He is dead serious about his reason for being here on a Saturday night as a guest of the Seahorse and the Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College.

Like a religious zealot hitting street corners, Covey, 32, of Ferndale, Mich., goes "where the people are" in his mission to distribute information about safe sex. His organization, based in

Ferndale, sponsors projects in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

"This is where the gay community can be reached," he says. "On any Saturday night, I can reach hundreds of gay men and bisexual men."

But his outreach is not limited to the gay population. He also goes to straight bars and college campuses—and when they will let him in—to adult bookstores.

"They don't always let me in. But I try to talk my way in because we need to go where there are people who need this information."

Covey's message is: "It's not who you are or what you are, but what you do."

Statistics may show that gay men have the highest risk group in contracting AIDS, but their percentages of total AIDS cases are creeping downward. AIDS is entering the general population at faster rates than in the past through intravenous drug use, bisexuality and heterosexual activity.

Covey says he could preach abstinence, "but it hasn't worked in 200 years and never will." He could talk about monogamous relationships for heterosexuals and homosexuals, but there still will be people who sleep with someone they don't know very well.

So, Covey hands out condoms. Blue ones, green ones, yellow, red and orange ones. Condoms that come in clever packages like gold foil coins or matchbook covers. Japanese-made, ultra-thins. Even

mint-flavored ones.

"It's all marketing," he sighs, as one of the entertainers in Saturday night's drag-queen show takes a condom.

Covey later is introduced to the crowd, along with announcements about the new AIDS hotline in town, which many bar patrons will staff. Initially, the crowd is passing the table display but Covey doesn't seem to mind.

He knows the tone will grow more serious. Throughout the night, people slowly shed their shyness and start picking up the brochures, which are published by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the American College Health Association.

"When I first come in, people are shy about coming up and talking. But as the night goes on, they've had a few drinks and start approaching the table," Covey said.

Covey claims that people are hungry for this information about acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"What we need to do is build awareness and knowledge, and then internalize that and look at our own behaviors and activities."

"It's interesting, you know—once you get past the body parts and where things go and what people do to each other, everyone is still interested in the same thing—how to communicate, how to date. We use sex every day. It's in the way we dress, it's on TV, but we don't talk about it."

When Covey visits college cam-

pus to speak to heterosexual groups, he often engages the students in play acting. By practicing what they will say when they meet someone new, students are forced to think about sexual etiquette in the context of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

"What's scary is, we're going to see the effects of today's behavior in 1995. Instead of finding out what's new about the disease, we need to give information on how to prevent it."

While the gay community seems to be heeding the message, other groups, including bisexual men, are not, according to Covey.

"I've already buried seven friends with AIDS and I can name 15 others who have the virus," said Covey, a homosexual who has tested negative four times for the virus.

Although no one in the area is disseminating AIDS information or condoms in quite the same way, public health departments and some school systems have their own programs.

Condoms are available through some health departments, according to Beth Kellogg, an HIV counselor at the St. Joseph County facility.

"We'd rather give them condoms than have them come up here with some disease," she said.

"We tell them that the absolute, sure-fire way to prevent these diseases is through abstinence. But if they're going to (have sex) anyway, they need to use a condom," said Kellogg.

Wash. House adds gays to anti-discrimination law

By DAVID AMMONS

FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE
OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—The Washington House narrowly voted Monday, Feb. 12, to extend state anti-discrimination protection to homosexuals.

Backers invoked the name of freed South African civil-rights leader Nelson Mandela during debate, saying his spirit of breaking down barriers should apply the all people, including gay men and women.

Foes objected to providing what they see as special protections to a class of people who choose the homosexual lifestyle.

The bill passed 51-47, with four Republican moderates joining a bloc of 47 Democrats to provide the winning edge. Sixteen Democrats voted with most of the Republicans in opposition.

The measure now goes to the conservative Senate, where HB2072 is likely to languish.

It's the first time a gay-rights bill has cleared a full house, despite a campaign of more than a decade, said Rep. Cal Anderson, D-Seattle.

"This is extremely exciting," he squeaked after the measure passed through. "The battle begins now."

Anderson, the Legislature's only openly homosexual, said he hadn't known for sure whether the measure would pass.

"This bill isn't designed to decide if homosexuality is good or bad, or to confer extra benefits to anyone," he said in debate before an unusually hushed House. "It is to say society does not tolerate this form of discrimination."

The measure would extend the state's anti-discrimination laws to lesbians and gay men, allowing the Human Rights Commission to investigate any complaints about discrimination against gay people in credit, housing, employment, insurance or public accommoda-

tions.

Seattle has such an ordinance. Tacoma adopted one last spring, but voters narrowly overturned it in November.

Gov. Booth Gardner, who has endorsed the bill, issued an executive order several years ago barring discrimination in state government based on sexual orientation.

Anderson told the House he's an example of a gay man who has achieved a great deal, as a decorated Vietnam veteran, House member and secretary of the state Democratic Party.

But he recited stories of discrimination that were related during earlier committee hearings, including one about a youth who was driven to the brink of suicide.

"Just because my discrimination has been more subtle doesn't detract from the fact that there are incredible problems out there," he said in an interview. "I have a loving, supportive family. I have a partner who is a real pillar for me

and his family is supportive, too.

"That doesn't erase that a lot of people are being hurt on a daily basis."

Rep. Jesse Wineberry, D-Seattle, the House's only black member, said the sense of rejoicing over the release of Mandela in South Africa should spill over to the legislation to free homosexuals from discrimination and harassment.

"This is a law for all of us," he said.

"Washington state has a record on civil rights unequalled by few other states, or anywhere else in the world," said Rep. Jennifer Belcher, D-Olympia. "This bill does not extend special rights or special privileges to anyone. It says everyone will have the same rights."

Rep. Mike Heavey, D-Seattle, asked his colleagues, "How many of you choose to be heterosexual? You don't choose to be gay. You don't choose your race. You don't choose your age."

Three lawmakers spoke against the bill.

Rep. Jim Hargrove, a conservative Democrat from Hoquiam, said he had no malice against Anderson, but that he opposed giving any special rights to gay people.

"If a church hires a Sunday-school teacher and finds he's a homosexual, they couldn't fire him," Hargrove said. "We believe you teach by lifestyle and example, not just by what you say. There is no fundamental right for homosexuals under our constitution."

Rep. Steve Fuhrman, R-Kettle Falls, who has sponsored anti-homosexual bills in recent sessions, ranked at "setting aside a self-declared group of people for special rights." It's wrong, Right now, homosexuals have identical legal rights."

Rep. Dick Schoon, R-Federal Way, called homosexuality "a preference that is selected by people" and said government has no business legislating on the issue.

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On sports, and being a good one

Commentary
By JAVIER TAMEZ
The Montrose Voice

There are many aspects to sports, not the least of which is the emotion created in the heat of an event, which can be so integral to a team's (or individual's) success or failure. Competition and rivalry are good. They are the unifying foundation on which the camaraderie of a group of men or/and women will be built. A natural outgrowth of this should be fair-mindedness, simple etiquette, and plain decency. It is this topic I now address.

At a recent pool match between teams representing popular establishments, held as a scheduled match for one of the local billiards leagues, there was an altercation. It seems one of the individuals involved refused to shake hands with his opponent after the match. The opponent became upset, and also chose to make an issue of it. The result was that tempers flared on both sides, as each player's team mates were drawn into the dispute.

The league board had to meet with both teams, but fearing the worst, arranged for the two teams to meet with board representatives at separate locations. Very depressing.

The individual who refused to shake hands was wrong—plain and simple. His actions displayed pettiness, immaturity, and utter disdain for accepted norms of courtesy. If the person felt he had justification for not shaking hands, then it should have been justification enough to object to playing the game at all. To accept his opponent, play the game, and then refuse to acknowledge a game well-played is stupid.

As for his opponent, nothing so marks a sportsman as his ability to accept the shortcomings of a lesser person. The offended opponent should have brought his grievances to the appropriate authorities of the league. By choosing to have a confrontation, which reportedly caused damage to the host establishment, the opponent weakened his position. More importantly, by taking out his frustrations on the host establishment, which was not affiliated with either team, the opponent showed an unacceptable disregard for others' property and for the league's good name. The opponent's reaction was also wrong.

Sports should be fun, and those who cannot abide by the accepted rules of good sportsmanship and conduct should get out of the game.

Volleyball association prepares for tournaments

Montrose Sports
By JAVIER TAMEZ
The Montrose Voice

The Lone Star Volleyball Association is making preparations for two upcoming tournaments, both of which will pit the Houston players against teams from all over the country.

The Lone Star Volleyball Classics II will be held in Houston April 13-15. So far, 24 teams nationwide have indicated they will be participating in the tournament, which is considered a warm-up for the national championships. Tournament play will be held at the University of St. Thomas, Rice University and the University of Houston.

Plans are also moving ahead to send at least four teams from the Houston area to the North American Gay Volleyball Championships, scheduled to take place May 24-28 in Chicago. Last year, Houston teams took first place in the men's "C" division in the national championships. There are six divisions of play.

Locally, the power division of the Lone Star Volleyball Association has completed its season. The final standings are: first, Houston Terrorists; second, Houston Heifers and third, Mother's. Play continues in the recreational division.

Team Houston update
Team Houston held a general meeting Sunday, Feb. 18 at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center. During the meeting, several topics of concern to the planners, and to people planning to attend the gay games in Vancouver this summer were covered.

Logistics committee chair Jaime Ballesteros reported that it would not be possible to reserve a



Some of the officers and committee leaders of Team Houston are (seated, from left): Becky Burt, Debbie Perry, Felix Garcia, Jim Wunrow; and (standing) Mark Brownfield, Jaime Ballesteros, Steven Bradley and Bobby Miller

block of hotel rooms and airline tickets because of the large deposits required and the deadline for submitting deposits. As an alternative, the group decided to use travel agents from the Vancouver area to secure the hotel accommodations, and agencies from both Houston and Vancouver for the flights. It was also announced that the committee would begin tracking the number of expected spectators and guests from the Houston area, as well as athletic and cultural participants.

There are approximately 160 participants from the Houston area registered so far, the committee reported. Sports which will include competitors from Team Houston are billiards, bowling, darts, diving, marathon swim-

ming, and track and field. Tentative participation by Team Houston members is also slated for racquetball, soccer, men's and women's slow pitch softball, women's touch football and wrestling. An effort is underway to organize a men's touch football team as well. Other sports to be played are badminton, basketball, cycling, equestrian, fast pitch softball, golf, ice hockey, martial arts, physique (posing), power lifting, race walking, squash, tennis, triathlon, volleyball and water polo.

To raise money to assist Team Houston members on the road to Vancouver, the organization is using a variety of fund raising activities. T-shirts bearing the Team Houston logo are now available.

Prices are \$12 for white and \$15 for color T-shirts, and \$20 for sweatshirts.

An Aerobics Roundup marathon will be held at Miss Kitty's this Saturday (Feb. 25) beginning at 3:00 p.m. and continuing for three hours. The "aerobithon" is led by six instructors from local physical fitness organizations. Pledges are being committed (by the minute) and may be targeted to a particular group. The event is open to non-members and pledge sheets can be picked up at Miss Kitty's or Inklings.

Other events scheduled are a merchandise auction on Thursday, March 1 at Missouri Street Station, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Among the items up for auction

are a ride for two on the Good Year Blimp, a weekend for two at Lyle's Deck on South Padre Island, two Marilyn Monroe prints by Andy Warhol, two tickets to the coming production of "Cats," tickets to the ballet, the symphony and an Alley Theater production and dinners for two at several local restaurants.

A car wash and bake sale will be held in the parking lot of Heaven from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3.

Also at the meeting, it was announced that sponsorship logos will be available to any organization. The organization's logo would appear on the Team Houston T-shirts in lettering one-half the size of the team name.

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 p.m. on March 25. For more information, call 520-TEAM.

—Billiard leagues

The standings remained the same for the Greater Houston Pocket Billiards League, as each of the top five teams won their respective matches. The team records are 1) Past Time, 16-1; 2) Bacchus I, 16-3; 3) Briar Patch, 15-4; 4) C and N Men, 12-5 and 5) Rainbow Ranchers, 12-5. Position rounds will be held in the next week of play.

The Houston Metropolitan Billiard League standings were shaken up a bit as E/M's upset the previously undefeated BRB Ballers, breaking them from first to fourth place in the standings. Based on the actual number of games won the rankings are 1) 611 Prime, 2) Past Time Precision, 3) Briar Patch, 4) BRB Ballers and 5) Miss Kitty's Stray Cats. Miss Kitty's Gunslingers were knocked from the top five after losing to the Briar Patch.

Safe sex messages nationwide get more creative

By LINDA ASHTON

FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE
NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The Minnesota Department of Health works with tribal medicine men and provides bowls of condoms at pow wows to teach American Indians about AIDS.

In Michigan, a computer software tax brings in \$4 million to \$5 million a year for AIDS and public health education.

In Dallas, pocket-sized packages containing a bright red condom, instructions and an AIDS information telephone number are distributed as safe-sex street kits.

And in California, white cocktail napkins are printed with the warning: "Before you pick up a hot number, pick up a condom."

State and local health agencies around the country are getting creative to teach people how AIDS is contracted and how to prevent transmission of the disease.

Some 250 people working with AIDS education and information programs met in New Orleans at a Centers for Disease Control-spon-

sored seminar to learn how different agencies are best getting the safe-sex message across.

"People working at the various state and local levels recognize common problems," said Fred Kroger, a spokesperson for the CDC's National Information and Education Program.

"They're raising issues to the CDC and other folks that still beg for solution."

The number of AIDS programs around the country has swelled, and the workshop was the second CDC effort to coordinate activities and share information among the states.

Along with several guest speakers and panel discussions, most states set up AIDS campaign displays of posters, pamphlets and other material.

The messages about a disease that is often transmitted sexually are sometimes graphic.

A West Virginia health department poster shows photographs of six people's behinds, all clothed, for example, in an evening gown

or a pair of blue jeans. Above the photographs, the large black type says, "No ifs, ands or butts..."

Below the photographs, the admonition, "Medical evidence PROVES that having anal sex is the easiest way to infect your male or female partner with the AIDS virus."

A health department poster from rainy Oregon shows a good-looking man, apparently naked under a bright yellow slicker and a pair of yellow rain boots. "Good boys always wear their rubbers," it says.

New Jersey uses rock and rap stars to promote cautious behavior.

Are the campaigns effective and what works best?

Simple, explicit messages are best, several of the state representatives said. But few states have been in the anti-AIDS business long enough to have much hard data on effectiveness.

In Michigan, health officials are pleased with the results of the well-financed program so far, said Jan

Ruff, deputy chief for the Center for Health Promotions in Lansing.

"Extensive evaluations indicate that 31 percent could identify components of the AIDS campaign," she said.

The department uses a lot of television ads to promote condom use and cleaning needles with bleach for intravenous drug users, a high-risk group. Slogans include phrases like, "Are you a big enough man to wear a condom?"

"It doesn't mine yours," Ruff said. "There are always people who don't like it."

But the street outreach program for IV drug users, called "Teach and Bleach," is working well, she said.

Minnesota's culturally sensitive work with American Indians is entering its second year, so the success rate hasn't been determined, said Roy Nelson, an information specialist with the AIDS-Sexually Transmitted Diseases Services Section in Minneapolis.

"We're very optimistic," he said.

The department works with tribal medicine men and healers, focusing on tradition and heritage.

"They have a certain way of saying things," he said. One theme is "Teaching our children well is the Indian way. Talk to them about AIDS."

Another program uses urban black teen-agers to teach other black teens about AIDS, Nelson said. The popular medium for the message is rap music, he said.

The state of Maryland combines old medicine and new science to get people to protect themselves. Above a rainbow array of condoms, one health department ad says, "In 1984, we discovered the AIDS virus. In 1850, we discovered a way to stop it."

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome is caused by a virus that damages the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to infections and cancer. As of the end of January, the CDC reported a cumulative total of 117,781 cases of AIDS in the United States with 70,313 deaths.

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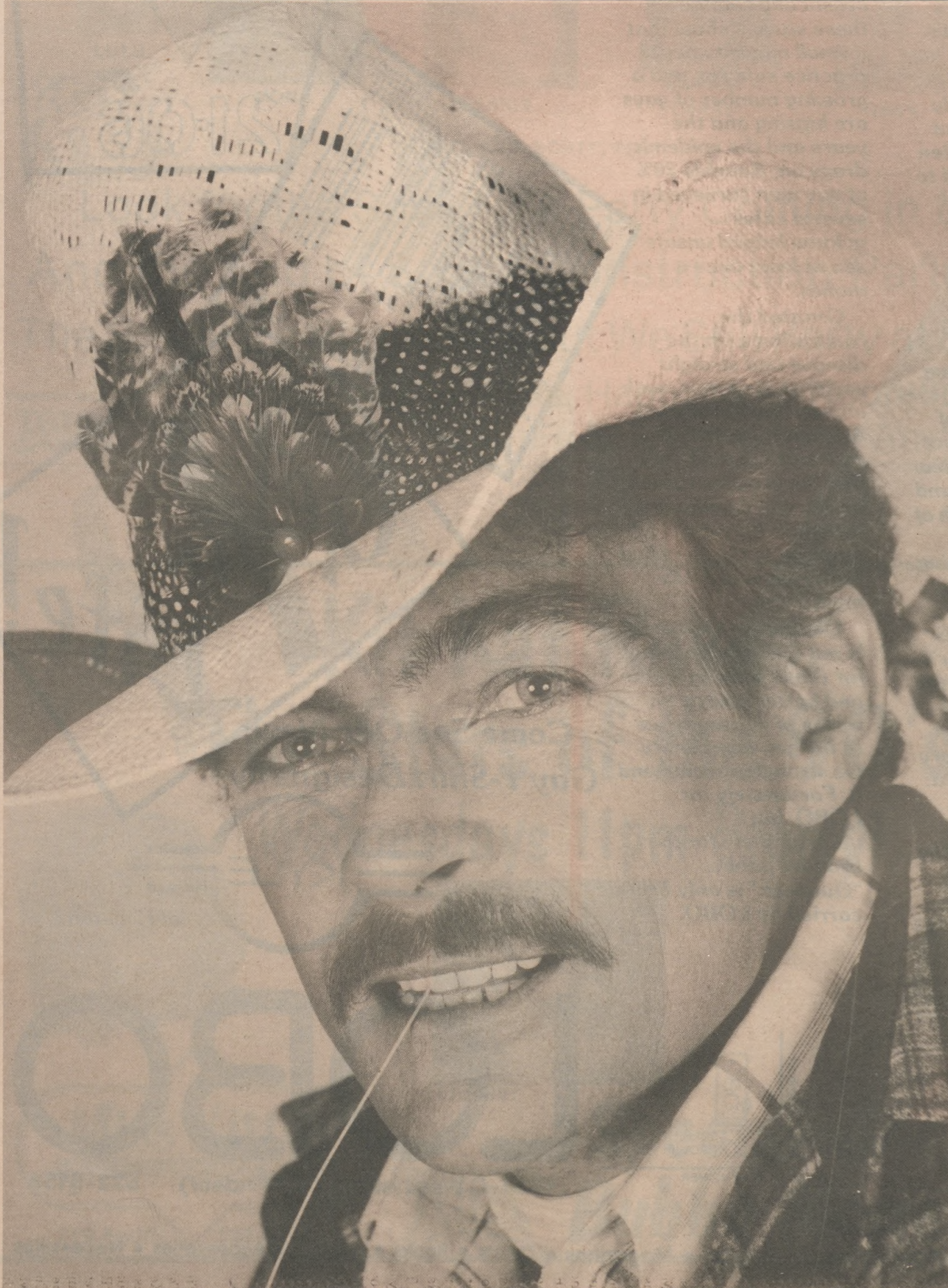
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The Fox has returned. This week he's Larry Hillman, 44, a Scorpio who works as a bartender at Cousins. Hobbies include pool, pinball, jogging and partying. And, oh yes, bar-hopping, particularly at Cousins, Mary's, Venture-N, BRB and The 611.

PHOTO BY VERNON EVETT

We have always been ready to castigate the press, including the gay press, when frustrated by weak or even pseudo journalism. Now it's time to cast a few laurels in the direction of an up and coming publication, "Outweek, New York's Lesbian and Gay News Magazine."

As its name states, "Outweek" is primarily New York oriented but the reporting most often deals with issues vital to a broader gay community. And, high praise indeed, "Outweek" is quoted almost weekly in the straight press.

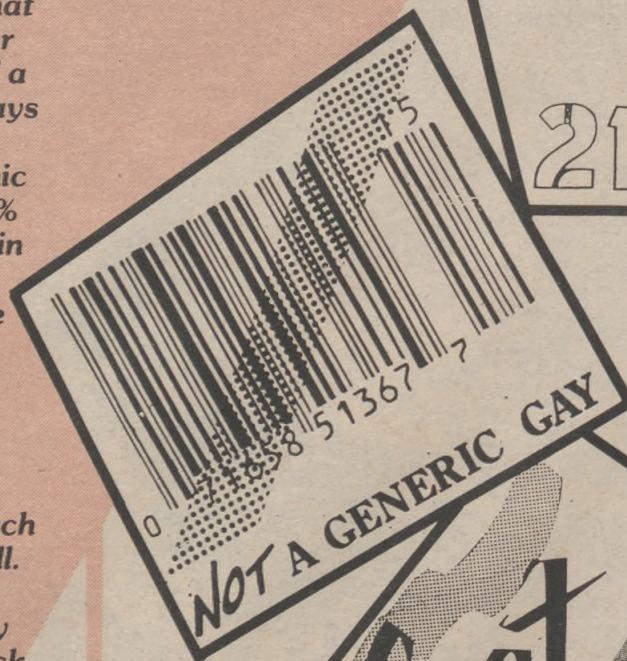
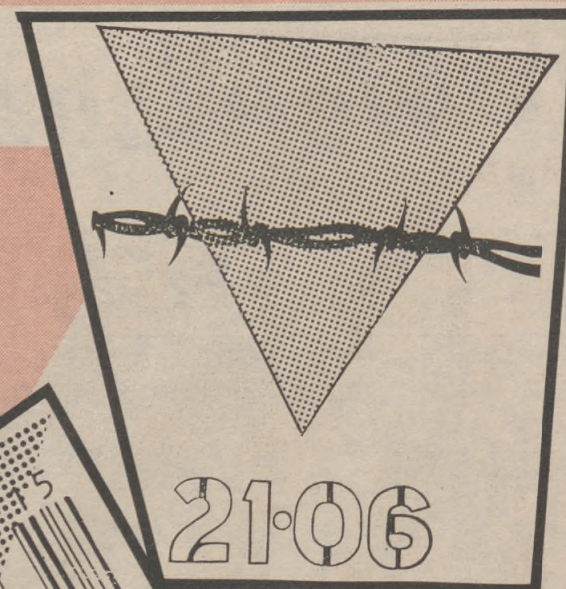
An example of its range, this week's issue contains the best account we've read of the Senate's passage of the hate crimes bill; New York Mayor Dinkins and the hate related death of a gay man; more on Andy Rooney—meaning more than reported by "The Advocate"; "Lesbians in the AIDS Crisis"; Larry Kramer's monthly column; and the inside story on Cher's lesbian daughter.

This week's cover story is the real selling point: George De Stefano's "Are Gay Men Really Having Safer Sex?" The straight press finds it next to impossible to actually discuss safe sex and gay men. De Stefano

notes that a number of studies, primarily city by city, have been done on the subject. While establishing what the gay community has known—that the lifestyle of the vast majority of gay men is drastically changed—these studies show that a small minority never practice safe sex and a growing number of gays are lapsing and the years and the epidemic drags on. Roughly 20% of gay men surveyed in several cities acknowledged unsafe sex at least once a month.

Granted the frustration with the disease and straight society's response, such lapses can literally kill. And such a trend, if continued, would only fuel the growing attack on the gay community based on the new strategy of the so-called "heterosexual AIDS myth."

Obviously "Outweek" is not for everyone, but for those seeking a new and better source on issues of consequence to the gay community we strongly recommend it. Fortunately for LOBO, but unfortunately for the broader public, "Outweek" is only being carried by LOBO.



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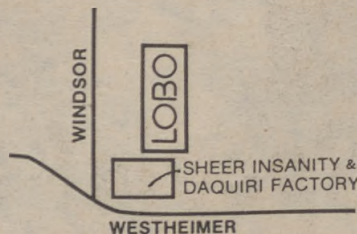


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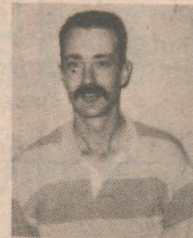
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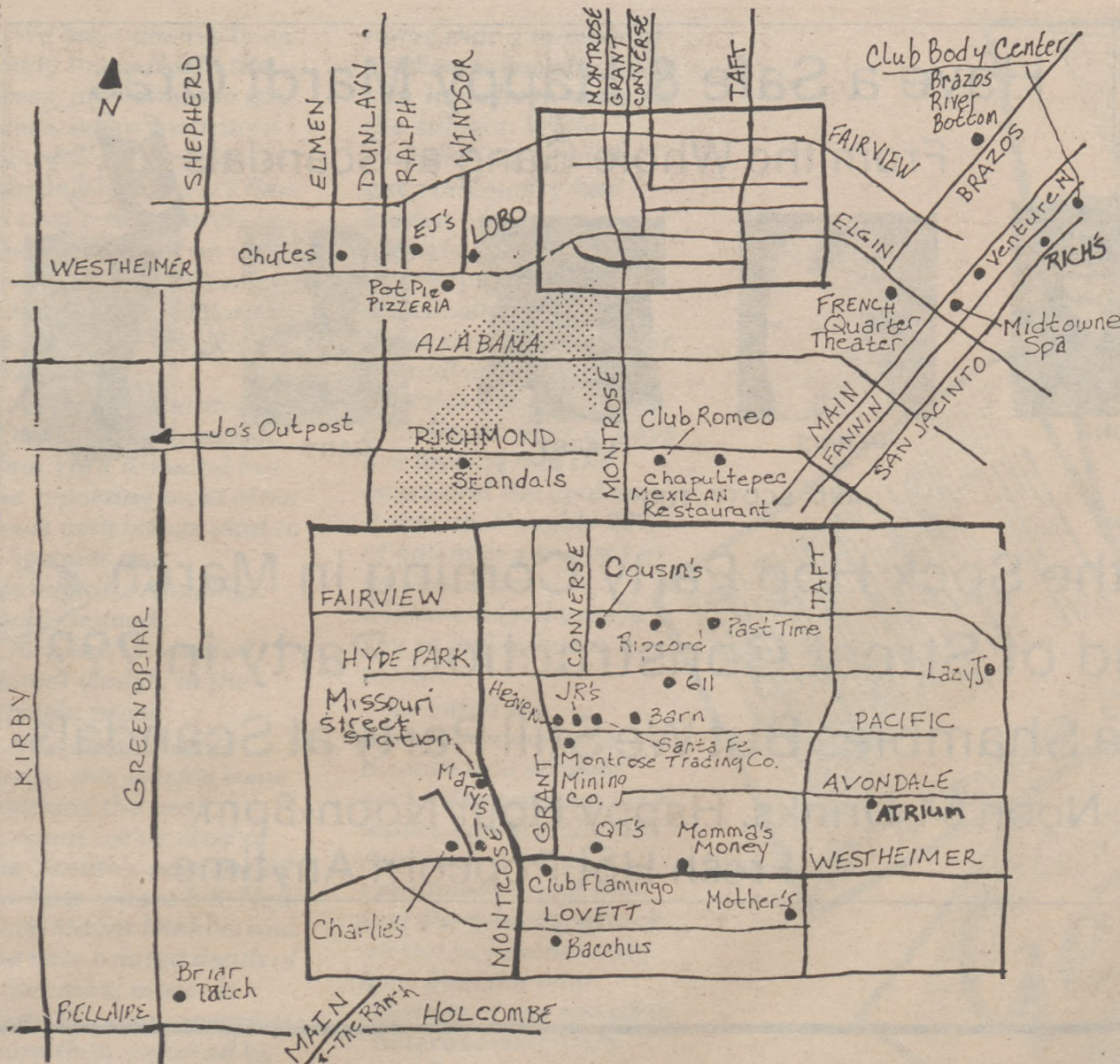


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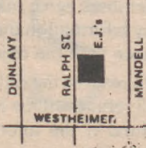
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Option 1: Contact information written below will be given out to members matching up with your profile. Contact information should include your first name and a phone number or some contact address. Work numbers and home address are discouraged!

(please print) _____

Disclaimer

By signing I agree that neither the computer dating service nor its agents has any liability and cannot be held responsible for any actions of its members as a result of the release of the authorized contact information indicated above. I also state that I am of legal age.

Signature _____ Date _____

- Geographical Area**
- YES OK NO Dallas/214 call area
 - YES OK NO Ft. Worth/817 call area
 - YES OK NO Houston/713/409 areas
 - YES OK NO Corpus Christi/south 512
 - YES OK NO San Antonio/central 512
 - YES OK NO Austin/northern 512 area
 - YES OK NO Abilene/Midland/915
 - YES OK NO Amarillo/Lubbock/806

- Type of Relationship**
- YES OK NO Lover (monogamous)
 - YES OK NO Lover (nonmonogamous)
 - YES OK NO Buddy (sexual)
 - YES OK NO Buddy (platonic)
 - YES OK NO One night stand
 - YES OK NO Romantic fling
 - YES OK NO Affair
 - YES OK NO Pen-pal

- Age Range**
- YES OK NO 18-21
 - YES OK NO 21-25
 - YES OK NO 25-30
 - YES OK NO 30-35
 - YES OK NO 35-40
 - YES OK NO 40-50
 - YES OK NO 50+

- Build**
- YES OK NO Bodybuilder
 - YES OK NO Muscular
 - YES OK NO Average
 - YES OK NO Slim
 - YES OK NO Stocky
 - YES OK NO Heavy
 - YES OK NO Very Heavy

- Height**
- YES OK NO 5'6" or less
 - YES OK NO 5'6" - 5'9"
 - YES OK NO 5'9" - 6'
 - YES OK NO 6' - 6'3"
 - YES OK NO 6'3" or taller

- Hair**
- YES OK NO Black
 - YES OK NO Dark Brown
 - YES OK NO Light Brown
 - YES OK NO Auburn
 - YES OK NO Red
 - YES OK NO Strawberry Blond
 - YES OK NO Blond
 - YES OK NO White gray
 - YES OK NO Bald

- Eyes**
- YES OK NO Blue
 - YES OK NO Green
 - YES OK NO Gray
 - YES OK NO Hazel
 - YES OK NO Brown
 - YES OK NO Black

- Facial/Body Hair**
- YES OK NO Smooth
 - YES OK NO Clean Shaven
 - YES OK NO Mustache
 - YES OK NO Beard
 - YES OK NO No body hair
 - YES OK NO Smooth chest
 - YES OK NO Hairy chest
 - YES OK NO Very Hairy

- Race**
- YES OK NO Caucasian
 - YES OK NO Asian oriental
 - YES OK NO Black
 - YES OK NO Latin
 - YES OK NO East Indian

- General Appearance**
- YES OK NO Very goodlooking
 - YES OK NO Attractive
 - YES OK NO Average
 - YES OK NO Below average
 - YES OK NO Yuppie preppie
 - YES OK NO Young executive
 - YES OK NO Mature executive
 - YES OK NO Trendy
 - YES OK NO Collegiate jock

- Dress**
- YES OK NO Casual (t-shirt, jeans)
 - YES OK NO Sometimes sloppy
 - YES OK NO High fashion
 - YES OK NO Semi-formal
 - YES OK NO Drag

- Occupation**
- YES OK NO Financially independent
 - YES OK NO Self-supporting
 - YES OK NO Nonsell-supporting
 - YES OK NO Unemployed
 - YES OK NO Student
 - YES OK NO Office clerical
 - YES OK NO Service hospitality
 - YES OK NO Sales
 - YES OK NO Construction
 - YES OK NO Technical
 - YES OK NO Self-employed entrepreneur
 - YES OK NO Managerial
 - YES OK NO Professional
 - YES OK NO Health Care
 - YES OK NO Entertainment arts

- Substance Use**
- YES OK NO Smoker
 - YES OK NO Non-smoker
 - YES OK NO Heavy drinker
 - YES OK NO Social drinker
 - YES OK NO Non-drinker
 - YES OK NO Non-drug user
 - YES OK NO Light drug user

- Personality**
- YES OK NO Assertive
 - YES OK NO Easy-going
 - YES OK NO Outgoing
 - YES OK NO Publicly affectionate
 - YES OK NO Not publicly affectionate
 - YES OK NO Shy reserved
 - YES OK NO Very masculine
 - YES OK NO Fairly masculine
 - YES OK NO Somewhat feminine
 - YES OK NO Very feminine
 - YES OK NO Closeted

- YES OK NO Doorway
- YES OK NO Openly gay

- Social Activities**
- YES OK NO Spectator sports
 - YES OK NO Working out
 - YES OK NO Movies
 - YES OK NO Live theatre
 - YES OK NO TV video
 - YES OK NO Concerts
 - YES OK NO Arts events
 - YES OK NO Dining out
 - YES OK NO Parties
 - YES OK NO Bars dancing
 - YES OK NO Cooking
 - YES OK NO Travel
 - YES OK NO Camping hiking
 - YES OK NO Surfing surfing
 - YES OK NO Skiing
 - YES OK NO Tennis racquetball
 - YES OK NO Swimming
 - YES OK NO Cycling
 - YES OK NO Music
 - YES OK NO Photographer
 - YES OK NO Painting art

- Beliefs**
- YES OK NO Catholic
 - YES OK NO Protestant
 - YES OK NO Jewish
 - YES OK NO New-age
 - YES OK NO MCC
 - YES OK NO Very religious
 - YES OK NO Somewhat religious
 - YES OK NO Not religious
 - YES OK NO Politically liberal
 - YES OK NO Conservative
 - YES OK NO Social democrat

- Sexual Preferences**
- YES OK NO Kissing
 - YES OK NO Cuddling
 - YES OK NO J O
 - YES OK NO French active

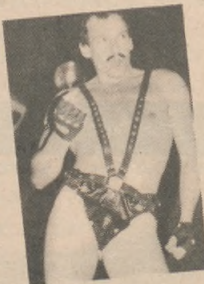
- YES OK NO French passive
- YES OK NO Greek active
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- YES OK NO SAFE SEX
- YES OK NO Toys
- YES OK NO Leather
- YES OK NO S/M top
- YES OK NO S/M bottom
- YES OK NO Heavy S/M
- YES OK NO Experimental
- YES OK NO Three-ways
- YES OK NO Group sex
- YES OK NO Very experienced
- YES OK NO Average experience
- YES OK NO Inexperienced
- YES OK NO Virginal
- YES OK NO Small to average endowment
- YES OK NO Average to large
- YES OK NO Very large endowment
- YES OK NO Cut
- YES OK NO Uncut

- Special Considerations**
- YES OK NO Sensory speech handicap
 - YES OK NO Movement handicap
 - YES OK NO Have no privacy
 - YES OK NO Have no transportation
 - YES OK NO HIV negative
 - YES OK NO Bisexual
 - YES OK NO Transsexual



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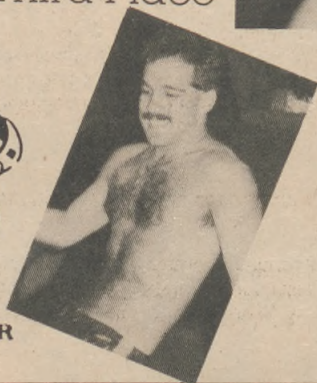
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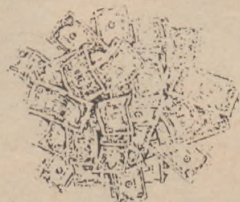
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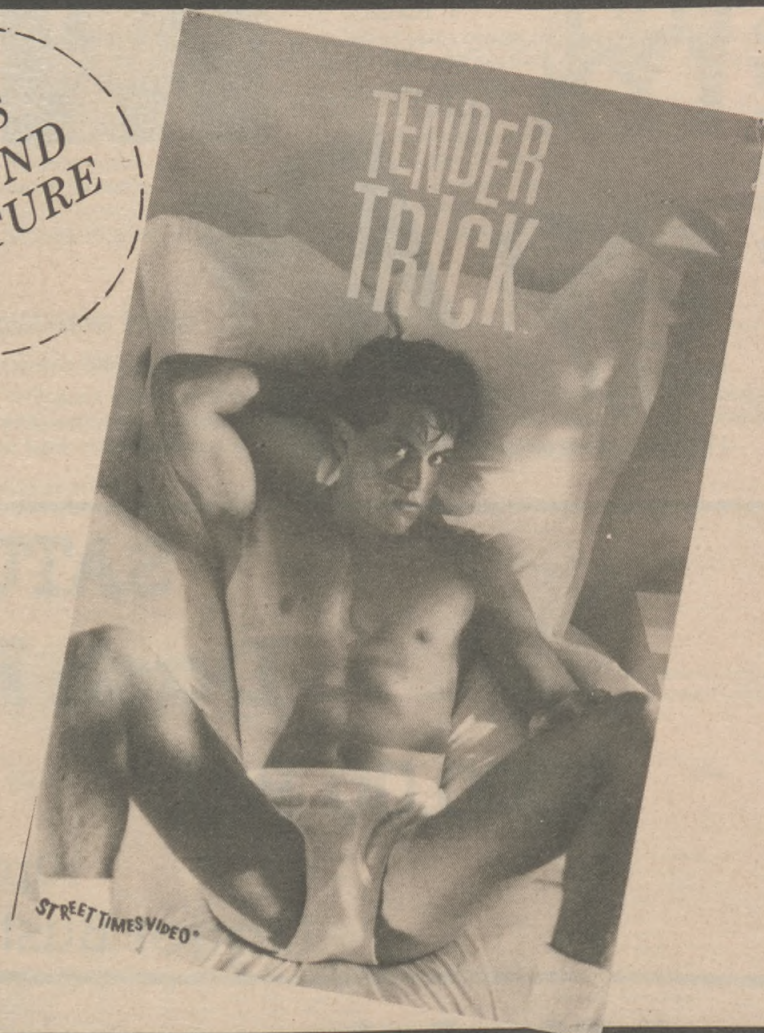
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Montrose Soap: People and Places

It's Mardi Gras time again, and if you're not headed for New Orleans, then consider the fun and parties in Galveston, where it's always a great time. If you're not in the mood to drive down, there are two buses each going from the BRB and the Ripcord. Both leave at 11:00 a.m. Contact the bartenders for tickets.

This Saturday night, Miss Kitty's will host a Mardi Gras in Rio party, with a totally new look in the dance hall. It sounds like a lot of fun, so check it out. Next Saturday, they have scheduled a "Fantasy in Flesh" party.

Mark's birthday party at Bacchus came off with a bang, but contrary to public opinion, it was only his 30th. And that certainly was an interesting shape birthday cake.

Pickles (Chutes) "Nightmare on EImen" party, scheduled for next weekend, is shaping into a very festive event.

After this weekend's Mardi Gras celebration comes next weekend's



Little Bit of Texas plays every Thursday night at Bacchus, some Sunday nights at BRB



It's definitely rodeo time at the BRB. But Walter and Vera carried it to extremes



Everyone (especially Karen and Bruce) has a good time at the Ranch's TGRA contestant fundraiser Sunday

"Let Us Entertain You" Weekend hosted by the Houston Council of Clubs. For only a \$10 registration fee you get to participate in a fun-packed weekend of friends, food and cocktail parties plus a special show. Registration begins at Mary's Friday, 9:00 p.m. to midnight, and again Saturday morning starting at 11:00 a.m. From there it's off on a bar hop to Cousin's,

E/J's, Venture-N and Brazos River Bottom. The party winds down on Sunday with a brunch at noon at BRB, followed by a special show starting at 1:00 p.m. It's definitely well worth the registration fee, so mark your calendar.

Notable words of wisdom from Ron of Mary's: "One man's drunk is another man's trick."

Tink (BRB): Is it hard to clean up pizza on Monday night at the BRB? Ask JR and Tommy for details.

Randy (Mary's) Ben Gay goes on those other muscles. No wonder you were chasing people with meat cleavers.

We understand that Miss Dee and Jerry Reid (E/J's) partied so hard this week that Dee didn't even get supper when he got home. It must have something to do with those shots he's still doing.

It seems that Vera has installed a new rotating blue light in her quiet bar at BRB to announce her drink specials. Reminds us of another

place as well. By the way, Vera, what's this about finding tokens in your quarters?

Will (Mary's): We hear you were bouncing off the floor Tuesday night. Jerry Reid says he left one zoo and entered another.

Chutes' slave auction is scheduled for March 17 with the top slaves winning a leather vest and harness courtesy of Falcon Leather. The auction will benefit Stone Soup, so be sure and take plenty of canned foods. Each can of food will give you \$100 in slave purchasing power. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Rumor has it that the infamous David Wilson has been staying home to babysit recent new arrivals. We understand that he's more nervous than the mother. No wonder some bar sales have been down.

Congratulations to B.J. Sommers and Chris on a very successful Shine for AIDS last Sunday at Mary's. They topped all previous shine amounts raised.



Trasha (Mark) looking ever so lovely and holding up the pole again



Mark and Miss Chara at Mark's recent B-day party

Fortunes by Tycho

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Aries

Recent recollections and revelations have brought you and your partner closer. Shared resources now highlight your lives. You're interested in combining what you have and finding what can be done with the sum of the parts. Move forward with restrained urgency.

Taurus

You and your mate are doing a lot of planning, and while your methods and approaches for dealing with it are very different, you both pay attention to its eventualities. Serious questions are best considered with a playful spirit.

Gemini

The questions grow to include more than simply what, where and how. "Why" surfaces as a concern. The overall problem of causes and meanings makes your investigative journey more intriguing. The end of the month will be full of riddles and answers.

Cancer

Wherever travels have taken you, enlightenment waited. A seed was planted. Imagination was whet-

ted. From that, you can create something very special and important to you. This creation can then lead you to even more adventures of travel-of the mind.

Leo

You have little patience with a mysterious stranger, since all you want are the facts. Your direct, sometimes abrupt approach may put some off; tired of the veils and illusions, you're speaking your mind with your noble flair. At least pause to wait for a reply.

Virgo

The space you and your partner allowed each other recently defined the amount of light that shone on your relationship. Intense confrontation still clouds the picture. Your definition of intimacy may be at the center of the conflict. It's a time of testing.

Libra

Your decision to go after what struck your fancy is a first step, but you may be confused about getting it. The old-fashioned and the radical can both be helpful. Combine, and do what needs to be done. Follow that dream!

Scorpio

Clearer focus, now a constant in your life, finds its proper expression. You find yourself tapping a reservoir of compassion. Working with and perhaps directing others in an organization or brotherhood

may be one direction to follow; drawing from shared experience is another.

Sagittarius

Planning a move? That's likely, but you may settle for thoughts of redoing or remodeling. Now that you know where your heart is (your home), you're moved to make it as nice as can be. Combining the practical with the dreamy leads to good results.

Capricorn

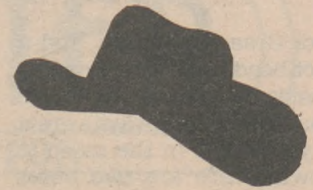
You may find yourself in the middle of an argument between friends. You have the sensitivity and earthiness that will help them; while they squabble about trifles and petty problems, tune in and let them see the larger picture.

Aquarius

You're speeding right down the road you want to be travelling on, but you're about to run into the same old problem of wanting too much too soon. Slow down, or financial considerations will get in the way of the right decisions.

Pisces

Attractive surfaces could fool you. What looks and feels so right may not be right at all! Take time to look for the deeper truth beyond what seems apparent; a little scratch will tell you if it's 24 karat or gold plate. A Scorpio friend can help.



Brazos River Bottom ... Your Montrose Rodeo Headquarters!!!



Show your rodeo ticket stub and you will get free admission to enjoy-

Brazos River Band Friday & Saturday

Beginning 9:30pm and
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March 2, 3 & 4

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Let Us Entertain You Weekend is coming—

Registration at Mary's—Sundance Club Room

Friday, March 2—9pm-Midnight, Saturday, March 3 11am-?

\$10 for in town guests; Out-of-Towners Free

FRIDAY:

Count Down to the Weekend—5 Minute Specials with Tad

SATURDAY:

Leather Night with John & Robin

SUNDAY:

S.S.S. (See your bartenders for Details) Steak Night begins at 5pm

MONDAY:

Mary's Bloody Monday with Terry, \$1 Bloodys

TUESDAY:

Hamburgers with Gaye (Noon-2pm) and \$1.50 Cuervo Tuesday

WEDNESDAY:

Coupon Clipper's Day—We'll honor other bar's advertised specials with clipped ad

THURSDAY:

Hamburgers with Gaye (Noon-2pm)

Boot Shines by Chris available daily 4pm-Midnight

Imelda thanks those who turned out for Shine For AIDS



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2am to closing Friday thru Sunday
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\$1.50 Well & Domestic Beer

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Personals (individual)

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

Gay female looking for someone to share quiet moments and long walks, and a life long relationship. 999-2202.

Attractive GWM looking for one on one relationship. Have lots to TLC for right person. Reply to Box 485-S, c/ o Montrose Voice.

GBF looking for someone who is sincere and enjoys a positive lifestyle. If this is you, please call 739-7928.

SLAVES

I seek men who derive satisfaction from being of service. Write: Ed, 6632 S. Main #155, 77030.

Top cop in black leather—make your fantasy come true. Reply to box 485-K, c/ o Montrose Voice.

Attractive GWM, late 20's, 5'11", trim long blond hair, smooth, stable, creative, sincere, affectionate, good listener. Enjoys dining out, quiet moments and exciting times. Understated to dramatic in appearance. No drugs, 528-6245.

Intellectual blue collar worker tired of meeting nelly neurotics. GWM, 24, 5'10", 150# enjoys reading, movies (River Oaks type) and weight lifting. Seeking versatile G?M under 30. No Republicans. What're your favorite movies, books, etc.? Reply to Box 487-D, c/ o Montrose Voice.

GBF couple interested in meeting other gay couples for friendship. Race and sex not important. 713-729-7354 after 6pm

GWM looking for friend or possible relationship. I'm 19, 5'10", 150 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, above average looks. I'm looking for serious one on one relationship or just friends. 18-30. 713-354-4861. Ask for Terry, or leave message.

Very handsome college student in Dallas travels to Houston. Gem quality. (214) 521-6333.

The Personals

FOR OUR REGULAR CLASSIFIED ADS, SEE THE "MONTROSE CLASSIFIED," IN THE BACK OF THE MAIN SECTION OF THE MONTROSE VOICE

Personals (commercial)

UNLIMITED MALE

THE UNLIMITED magazine is now working on their 1991 calendar. If you or the one you love would like to be a man of the day please send a black and white photo (signed on the back) and in 15 words or less something about you, along with a check or money order for \$25 to The Unlimited, 13 Woodlake Square Suite 180, Houston, Tx. 77063. Deadline for entry is June 1, 1990. 385 pictures will be chosen.

EROTIC MEN

Joseph Kramer and Matthew Simmons invite you to a sacred sex seminar. You will experiment with erotic rituals based on Tautric, Doaist and Native American traditions. You will relearn sex as sacred, playful, non-compulsive and non-stop. March, 17-18, 9am-6pm, cost: \$195, for information call Dipam at 520-6853 or Body Electric School at 415-653-1594.

GAY MALES WANTED

Gay males wanted to participate in research to create a national public service campaign. Fee will be paid for 1/ 2 hour interview. Confidentiality assured. Call collect 919-544-5448, 2pm-6pm, Monday-Friday, ask for Mike.

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Svelte 30 year old, nice hands, hot body, in/ out. 963-9969 Carl D.

Full body sessions by gay Hispanic male, 5'6", black hair, brown eyes, moustache. 521-2740.

5'7", 125 lbs., dark brown eyes and hair, 34B-26-32, ultimate experience in full stress relief by an attractive transsexual. Ana-ee 529-3714.

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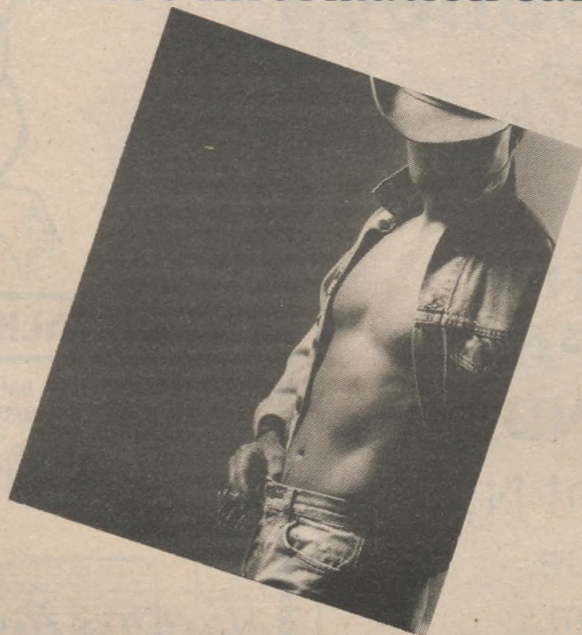
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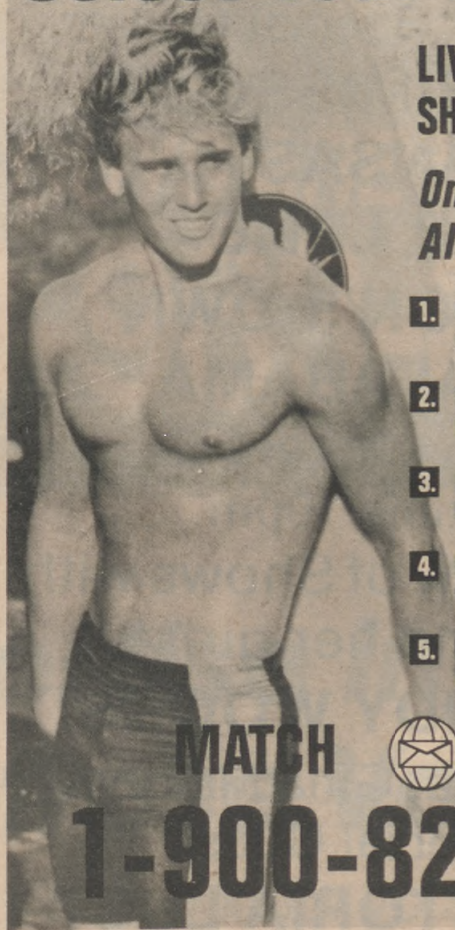
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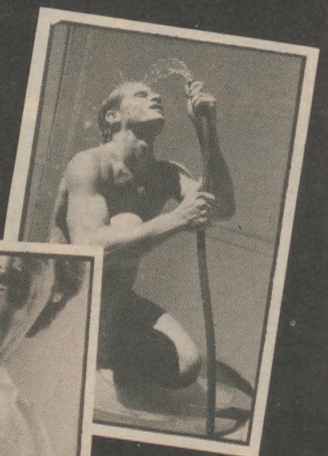
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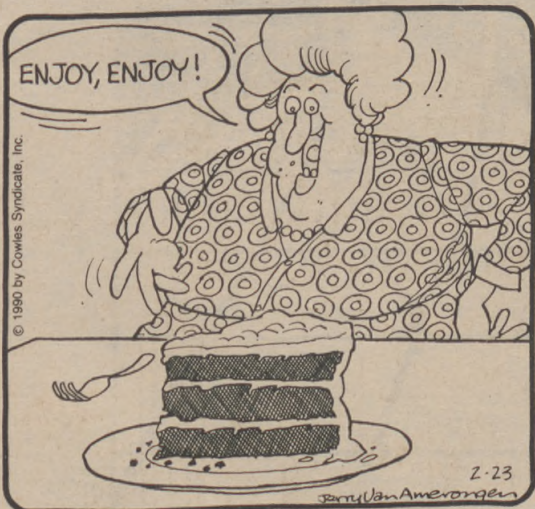
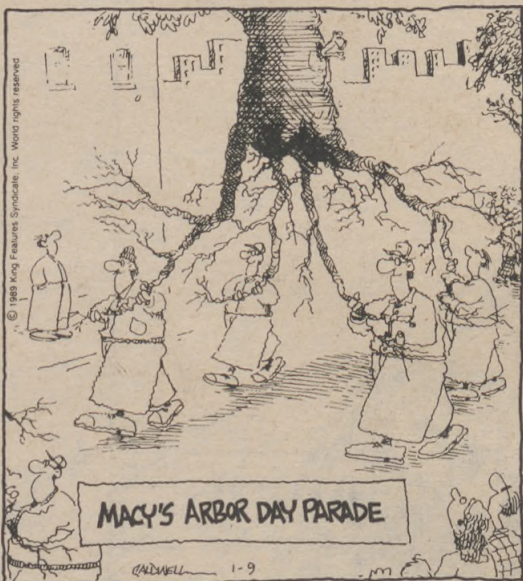
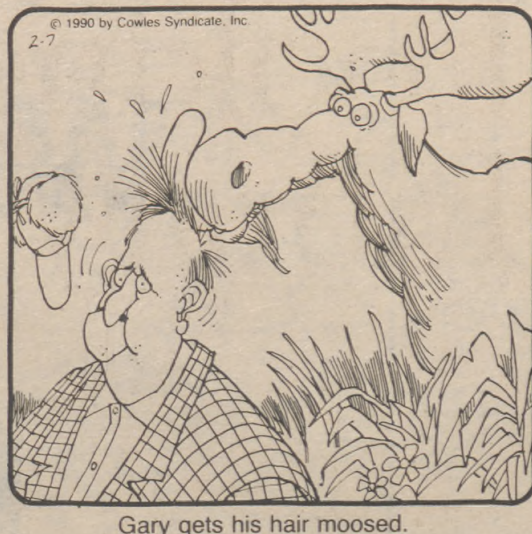
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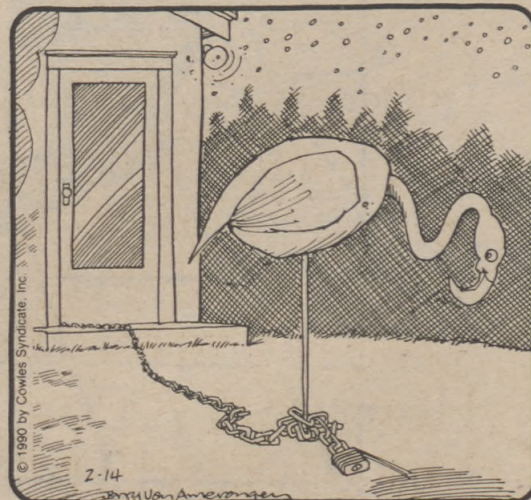
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