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Mother Nature again declines to rain on our parade!

Rally Climaxes Pride Celebration

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

The quirk of fate that has become a local Pride Week legend struck again this year in a spectacular way, as the menace of a particularly stormy weekend seemed miraculously lift in time for the 1994 Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade. The parade set off under dreary, overcast skies in the early afternoon Sunday, following a morning of intermittent showers and clouds that appeared to threaten the break of a deluge like one that had hit only two days before. But by the time the units began reaching the east end of Westheimer, it was the glaring Houston sun beating down and the city's famous humidity soaking the roadside revelers lining "Gay Main Street."

This year, the unusually long parade (there were reportedly 105 entries), and the observing crowds seemed to get merrier and more enthusiastic in the later half, possibly due to the schedule change (past parades were held later in the afternoon) and possibly because some viewers were initially apprehensive of the weather. At any rate, the delayed crowd swell seemed to help the afternoon rally, held in Buffalo Bayou Park, fulfill its organizer's dream of return to the early days of Houston Pride. The event enjoyed a crowd turnout that has evaded post-parade events here for years, with a steady flow of celebrants scattering over the hills and dips of the sprawling and



Mary's Stonewall recreation won the "Spirit of Montrose" trophy

near perfect edge-of-town site.

At both the parade and rally, the changing face of pride and social politics made itself evident in the crowds that gathered, representing every age, race, size, shape, sexual orientation, type (and/or stereotype) in the spectrum. The proliferation of baby buggies and pockets of punk-attired teens would almost be enough to make some people think they'd

accidentally stumbled into the throngs of the Westheimer Art Festival.

However, anyone with a shred of a doubt that they were at a gay event needed look no further than the overwhelmingly creative entries in the parade—or the jubilant congregants at the aptly named "Nellie Ribbons Party" in the parking of the 811 Westheimer office building (home of the Houston Voice).

An especially—not to mention literally—striking parade entry, in terms of theme interpretation, was the Stonewall Uprising recreation staged by Mary's. The unit included a stone wall representing the New York City gay bar where the American gay and lesbian rights movement was launched some 25 years ago, and depicted drag queens and leathermen bashing a police car with metal rods. The entry, which won the "Spirit of Montrose" trophy for interpretation by a business of this year's theme—HouStonewall 25—drove home with disturbing intensity the reality of the event scheduled to be recognized in a massive march next week.

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Radical Right fulfills predictions, takes over state GOP

From STAFF and WIRE REPORTS

(Fort Worth)—The Radical Right and its very up front effort to take over the Texas Republican Party dominated discussion and speeches at both parties' state conventions, held here over the past two weekends.

The extreme right wing block effectively accomplished its all-or-nothing plans at the GOP state convention that concluded last Saturday, June 11, planting its hand picked state party chair after forcing the withdrawals of two other contenders for the post, and capturing virtually every other leadership position in the state party.

One week earlier, Democratic candidates including Gov. Ann Richards had warned of the faction's impending success in speeches that seemed tailored as an outreach effort to disenchant former Republicans and current Independent voters. In particular, U.S. Senate candidate Richard Fisher seemed to gear his appeals more to Independents and so-called "new Democrats" than the traditional liberal Democrats who still represented a majority of the delegation.

Richards was more direct in her criticism of the newly dom-

inant GOP wing. Her emotional speech at the Dem convention described the self-identified "Christian conservatives" as "mongers of hate" who pose a danger to society overall and who have "a lot more in common with the John Birch Society than the all-American family of 'Leave it to Beaver.'"

Members of the rightist group Christian Coalition immediately responded with indignant rejoinders and criticized Richards as a bigot who despised anyone conservative views and religious convictions.

At the Texas GOP convention, however, the right wing block showed its true colors, going for blood among their own and savaging anyone perceived as not deeply dedicated enough to their agenda. In the course of the convention, they ousted an incumbent party leader who also identified herself as Christian conservative in favor of a field organizer for anti-gay projects; they also declined to pass a largely ceremonial and traditional platform plank honoring Republican U.S. Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison and gubernatorial nominee George W. Bush.

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American Family Association targeting IKEA over gay-positive ad

By SHANE PATRICK BOYLE
For the Houston Voice

The IKEA furniture chain recently attempted to target gay and lesbian consumers, and as a result has found itself the target of the American Family Association's latest boycott. Their effort has already reached into Texas, where the AFA is also currently waging other battles—such as opposing already diluted school textbooks approved by the state board of education last November.

The Tupelo, Mississippi-based Christian organization, founded by Rev. Don Wildmon and formerly known as the Federation for Decency, is boycotting the chain because of an advertisement that depicts a gay male couple sitting at home at a table they purchased at IKEA.

In a flier urging the boycott, the AFA says "IKEA decided that money is more important than morality. The Swedish furniture chain knows that homosexuals have a higher average income

and they want their share of the homosexual business, even if it means exposing our families to the notion that homosexuality is accepted in our society."

Pam Diaconis, an IKEA spokesperson from the home office in Philadelphia, however, claimed the ad was not intended to market specifically to gays and lesbians. She said it is part of a block of 14 ads showing people in a variety of lifestyles, including a retired couple and a couple shopping for baby furniture.

Diaconis said the ad with the gay couple "was not intended to make a political statement," and said the ads are not designated to target consumers who fit the demographics of the people in the ad.

Nevertheless, some gay and lesbian organizations have commended IKEA for their positive portrayal of a gay couple. Ellen Caron, executive director of the New York chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, for example, is quoted in the flier as say-

ing, "There is nothing more ordinary than buying furniture together."

But this matter-of-fact portrayal is exactly what the AFA is angered by. "They are making a political statement that they are in support of homosexual families," said Wyatt Roberts of the Dallas chapter of AFA. "They are attempting to legitimize homosexuality."

Roberts said the risk the company took by targeting the gay community "outweighs the gain."

"If they're going to use the dollars of honest, hard working Americans to support homosexuality, then they're going to pay for it," he added.

Roberts said he believes "homosexuality is a threat to the family," and described it as "unnatural," "dangerous" and "very risky." He also said he believes gays are in more danger of contracting AIDS than promiscuous heterosexuals."

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Midland jury assesses nine-year prison term in gay aggravated robbery

MIDLAND, Texas, Friday, June 10 (AP)—Jurors handed out a nine-year prison sentence Friday to a man charged with capital murder but convicted of aggravated robbery.

Michael Scott Thomas, 20, was the second defendant to be tried in last year's shooting death of 48-year-old Tommy Musick.

Jurors took six hours Thursday to convict Thomas. He faced up to 99 years in prison.

In February, the highly publicized trial of co-defendant Ramsey Blake Harrell centered on his defense that he shot Musick, a homosexual, for making sexual advances toward Thomas. Harrell, 18, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 12 years in prison.

That sentence sparked a protest rally in Midland by gay-rights activists and others.

The state has alleged that Musick was shot April 14, 1993, four times in the back of the head during a botched robbery attempt.

Thomas testified that he didn't know why Harrell shot Musick, but it was not because of any sexual overtures.

Harrell refused to testify this week and was charged with 25 counts of contempt of court.

Defense attorney Glen Aaron said his client feared retaliation, so he helped clean up the blood and dump Musick in a field.

"After the trial in February I expected nothing. This restored some of my faith in the system," said Connie Kyle, the victim's sister.

San Antonio man arrested in park sting commits suicide; new report indicates Texas hotbed of right wing activity

STATE NEWS NOTES

A man who had been arrested and charged with indecent exposure during a May vice roundup at a San Antonio city park hanged himself last week, possibly as the San Antonio Gay Pride Picnic was going on at another park. Benny Hogan, 41, was found hanging from the rafters of his garage on Wednesday, June 8, by a friend who notified police. Hogan, who according to friends had been contemplating leaving town, left a suicide note, according to the police report.

A few weeks prior, Hogan was one of 87 persons arrested and charged with indecent exposure or public lewdness in McAllister Park. The names of those who had been charged with offenses relating to homosexual behavior were subsequently published in the San Antonio Express News.

After the report on the raids appeared in the daily newspaper, letters to the editor denouncing gays and the annual Pride Picnic, held in San Pedro Park on June 5, also were published in the Express News.

Police reports indicated that Hogan had started a new job shortly before his arrest. (-GS)

New Report on Right Wing

A report released last week by the liberal watchdog group People for the American Way identifies Texas and California as two of the Radical Right's biggest battleground states, along with Georgia, Ohio and Virginia. The report also documents significant organizing activity in states with less history as a

fertile ground for the Right, such as Massachusetts and New York.

According to the report, right wing political organizations are intensifying and effectively expanding their activities at the grass roots level. The state-by-state study identifies grassroots activity by Religious Right political groups in every region of the country, focused on public education, elections at all levels, legal activism and anti-gay efforts.

States showing major activity in the south include Florida, Georgia and Virginia; in the midwest, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin; and in the west, California, Colorado, Texas and Washington.

The report details the involvement of Colorado for Family Values in organizing right wing activists in Austin, where a domestic partner benefits policy for city employees was repealed by voters on May 8. It also notes that Michael Brandes, the leader of Concerned Texans, the Austin group which led the repeal effort, is running as an Independent candidate for the House seat vacated by Rep. Jake Pickle (D-TX).

Also documented are the ongoing efforts of conservative groups to influence public education in the state, by fielding candidates in district school board races throughout the state and by dominating hearings at which school textbooks are considered.

According to the report, anti-gay groups in at least 25 states, including Texas, are actively organizing for initiatives and working on legislation. (-scd)

P-FLAG wins Grand Marshal Trophy in HouStonewall 25 parade

The 1994 Grand Marshal Trophy, for best interpretation of the theme by a non-profit organization, went to the multi-part entry of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG).

Other parade winners were:

Rich's, Pride Trophy (best motorized entry other than a float).

Pet Patrol, Unity Trophy, best non-motorized entry.

BRB, Texas Trophy, best professional float.

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, Houston Trophy, best non-professional float.

E/J's, Stonewall Trophy, most original float.

Silver Sabres of Dallas, HouStonewall 25, best out-of-town entry.

This year's participation also flaunted the participation of a record number of outside supporter groups. These included the Houston Grand Opera, who used their entry to promote an upcoming piece focusing

on the life of Harvey Milk, as well as the traditional beer distribution company and radio station supporters.

Gay organizations' parade entries incorporated whimsical creativity and humor to make a point in promoting various social and political causes and events. For example, the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus unit gently mocked ever-present pageant winner entries. The caucus' "queen," a character named "Anita B. Out," rode in a convertible to stress the group's effort to register gay voters for the November election. The Garden Party offered a selection of "Trailer Park" queens, decked out in the tackiest drag imaginable, and a travel trailer float surrounded by pink flamingos and other Lifestyles of Truly Trashy hallmarks to illustrate the 1994 theme of the annual summertime event.

(Editor's note: for more on Houston's Lesbian and Gay Pride Week events, look inside this issue, pages 20, 22 and 23).

Houston Spotlight



CAROLYN MOBLEY

If the Rev. Carolyn Mobley were to script the story of her life, it would probably be a musical. Mobley, the assistant pastor of Houston's Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, is known for stepping up to microphone at various speaking engagements...and breaking into spirited song. Her life would be fodder for a truly colorful ballad, considering Mobley's background ranges from working for the Southern Baptist Convention to being an "out" lesbian and African American activist in the Atlanta during that city's relatively repressed 1970's. Here in Houston, she

continues her work to bring people of all colors to an understanding of the evils of racism and homophobia, as well her ministry through sermon, song and the example of her own life. Dedicated to Jesus Christ, to her church and to her communities Mobley facilitated the founding of MCCR's Coalition of Colors and has participated in numerous local gay/lesbian rallies and demonstrations as well as the 1993 March on Washington. Licensed as UFMCC clergy in 1992, she shares pastoral duties at the local church with pastor John Gill.



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A Requiem for Benny Hogan, and a wake up call for 'well mannered' gay men

COMMENTARY

By **GLENN STEHLE**

San Antonio, Texas

I was greatly saddened to hear of the suicide of Benny Hogan.

As many of us enjoyed ourselves at San Antonio's 12th Annual Gay Pride Picnic, Benny Hogan, 41, was hanging himself from the rafters of his garage.

As the news of his death spread through the gay and lesbian community, the community fragmented into a mosaic of interpretations.

None of my close friends seem to know Benny Hogan, nor for that matter, do they know much about any of the other 86 persons charged with public lewdness or indecent exposure in the city's parks.

Assuming some of these men did engage in overt homosexual behavior as is alleged, many of them evidently kept their behavior completely closeted—living a version of the "don't ask, don't tell" department recently mandated for members of the U.S. armed forces. They didn't participate in gay rights or pride picnics. They didn't attend meetings of the San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus and they didn't lend a helping hand to the AIDS Resource Center of the San Antonio AIDS Foundation.

They didn't participate in any of the numerous gay and lesbian religious, social or professional organizations—organizations one never hears or reads about in the Express News.

Conversely, many of these men pled guilty to charges of activities that are illegal and which many of us consider to be repulsive and distasteful. They seemed to stigmatize all us "nice, well-mannered gay men" and jeopardized our "place at the table."

Some ask, "Why should we be concerned with the plight of these men? They were adults, they broke the law, and now they must face the consequences of their actions."

My response is this: These men are being made to pay a price for their crimes which is far greater than what the law allows. The Express News, exploiting intense anti-gay prejudice, is whipping up a lynch mob to ensure these men pay a very, very dear price for their infractions.

The careers and lives of many of these men have been shattered. And now, Benny Hogan is dead.

The treatment of gays and lesbians in Bexar County is very much like a throwback to the treatment of Blacks in the Old South. Vigilantes could hang a black man for looking at a white woman the wrong way,

and yet white men could violate and defile black women with impunity.

Today Bexar County has a district attorney and at least one District Judge who believe that a homosexual pass is justification for murder.

On New Year's Day, 1990, a Hispanic gay man was brutally beaten to death and robbed of \$40.00 by a marine from a rich, New Jersey family. Eighteen months later the marine testified that he had passed out and when he awoke, he thought the gay man might have sexually assaulted him. The marine then beat the gay man to death.

District Attorney Steve Hilbig and 186th District Court Judge Terry McDonald accepted this defense, reduced the charge from murder to voluntary manslaughter and sentenced the marine to 10 years deferred adjudication—the most lenient form of probation. There will be no mention of the murder on the marine's public record if he stays out of trouble for 10 years. The marine never served a single day in jail and will have no criminal record.

Contrast this to the treatment of Benny Hogan. In a police sting operation, Benny was arrested and charged with indecent exposure.

Indecent exposure has been deemed not to be a terribly

serious offense. Our lawmakers have classified it as a class B misdemeanor, and in order to put this in perspective, I want to list some other Class B misdemeanors. They include: theft of \$20 to \$200, criminal mischief of \$20 to \$200 (like slashing a tire), reckless conduct (like shooting a gun in the air), first time offender prostitution, evading arrest, minor narcotics violations (less than 2 oz. marijuana) and minor assaults. Class B misdemeanors are punishable by a maximum fine of \$1500 fine and/or 180 days in jail.

The management of the Express News, however, decided to extract a greater penalty. In a move that can only be described as vigilantism, they publicly humiliated Benny Hogan and others by publishing their names—not because of the severity of the offenses for which they were charged, but because of intense anti-gay prejudice of the publisher and editors of the Express News. After all, what other Class B misdemeanors do they give so much attention to?

The fact is, in the same sting operation in which Benny was arrested, there were a total of 134 people arrested—including 47 on non-homosexual charges such as narcotics violations, assault, prosti-

tution, disorderly conduct and evading arrest. But the Express News only published the names of the 87 people charged with offenses entailing homosexual behavior.

The Express News must have been aware of the intensity of emotions they were toying with. The litany of hateful, vitriolic "letters to the editor" published in their own paper is testimony to this.

Benny was thus publicly humiliated and made a target of vicious public derision for being charged with a class B misdemeanor. There were many lesbian and gay support organizations that Benny could have turned to, but for reasons unknown to us Benny decided not to do this.

I would therefore ask my fellow gays and lesbians not be too harsh in their judgment of Benny Hogan and others who don't conform to our model of gay behavior.

After all, Benny was not a murderer. He was not a drive-by shooter. He was not a rapist. He didn't get his kicks by denigrating and devaluing other human beings like those at the Tailhook Convention.

Benny did not deserve the treatment that he got, and I for one am profoundly saddened by his death—another victim of a society and the may hostilities it harbors for gay men and lesbian women.

Lesbian ride headed for New York...by way of Vidor?

'Sally' Does The South

By **SHERI COHEN DARBONNE**

Houston Voice Editor

The Lesbian Avengers, a bold and brittle direct action group known for high profile "zaps" and, of recent, a queerly cryptic "What Does Sally Want?" member recruitment effort, has embarked on a "pride ride" to Stonewall 25 in New York city that will take riders through the most notoriously bigoted towns in the South. The route includes Vidor, Texas—where the rid-

ers are tentatively scheduled to conduct one of several impromptu protests—and Overt Mississippi, home of the embattled Camp Sister Spirit.

The Pride Ride was scheduled to officially kick off Thursday morning from Houston's DiverseWorks alternative art and performance space. Visibility actions were planned in Vidor, New Orleans, Overt, Birmingham, Atlanta, Durham, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York City in coalition with local activists.

The ride is the first of its kind in the

South, and will coincide with a simultaneous ride across the northern U.S. The two bus and van caravans are scheduled to meet in Philadelphia to demonstrate together at Independence Hall.

The purpose of the ride, according to organizers from Austin's Lesbian Avenger's chapter, is to call attention to important issues facing lesbians that affect lesbian lives, such as discrimination, health care, child custody, hate crimes and civil rights. The trip will arrive in New York City in time for events commemorating the 25th

anniversary of the Stonewall riots, considered the beginning of the modern gay rights movement. Several hundred L.A. members are expected to participate in various demonstrations in New York.

Houston L.A. member Wendy Brunig said some of the towns on the southern ride route were probably "picked for their general insensitivity."

"We're doing this to show the importance of lesbian visibility," Brunig said, "Obviously, it isn't easy being a lesbian in the south."

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Ron was originally from Illinois. He graduated with a BA from State University of Iowa and, later a BS from Industrial Engineering College of Chicago. He was Honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force in 1960.

Ron moved to Texas in the mid 1970's and until recently, resided in Brazoria. In Houston, Ron was very active in the community. He was a member of MCCR and Houston Men's Chorus. He volunteered his time with the AIDS Hotline, the AIDS Mastery Workshop and Omega House. He is survived by three children, Kim Thompson of Sargent, Sheila Rosario of Troup and Mark Chesmore of Austin, 4 grandchildren and caretaker, Barbara Baldwin.

Ron has requested no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Omega House or Houston Hospice.



BILLY RAY CRAVENS

Our Dear Friend,

Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and graduated High School in 1962. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1966. He played the tuba and drums while in college.

He moved to New Orleans then to Houston in 1967. Billy worked for the Houstonian and Ritz Carlton as a Food Beverage Manager and Coca Cola accountant. He attended MCCR and a member of the Empowerment group.

Billy passed quietly in his sleep at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, JoAnn and Earl Romero who were at his side as well as his nieces, nephew and grand niece. Preceded in death by his mother, father and brother. Burial will be in Ft Smith, Oklahoma.

Billy, you'll be missed, till we all meet again,
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Happy Valentine's Day!
Ray

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'Doonesbury' strips about same-sex unions anger some Catholic readers

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Friday, June 10 (AP)—Never a comic strip to please everyone, this week's series of "Doonesbury" has angered some Catholics with its suggestion the church once sanctioned same-sex unions.

At least two newspapers refused to run this week's strips by Garry Trudeau, said Alan McDermott, managing editor of Kansas City based Universal Press Syndicate, which distributes "Doonesbury."

This week's series showed Mark, a gay character, telling a Christian fundamentalist that the Catholic church used to sanction homosexual marriages. The strip mentions a book being published later this month by a religious scholar at Yale, John Boswell, whose research includes his discovery of Catholic liturgies for a same-sex ceremony.

"Last week editors called wanting to know if there was really a book that is mentioned in the strip," McDermott said Friday. "This week, we've heard from a couple of dozen irate readers who wonder why Garry Trudeau exists to make their lives

unhappy."

The (Bloomington, Ill.) Pantagraph and the Journal-Star of Peoria, Ill., both refused to run the strips this week.

Instead, the Pantagraph ran a note saying Trudeau "has gone beyond his traditional satire into material we consider religiously offensive for a family newspaper." The Journal-Star said it was not publishing the strip "because we believe it would be grossly offensive to large numbers of our readers."

Both newspapers offered to send copies of the strip to readers who requested them.

"We've had readers say, 'Why is Trudeau picking on the Catholic church?' But if you read the strips, no one is picking on anybody, what he's pointing out is that the Catholic church used to have a different viewpoint on same sex marriages," McDermott said.

In the past, newspapers have refused to publish strips dealing with allegations of drug use by former Vice President Dan Quayle and obscenity in art.

Founder of St. Louis Symphony Chorus dies at 56

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, June 9 (AP)—Funeral arrangements are pending for Thomas Peck, founder and director of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus for the past 18 years.

Peck, 56, died Tuesday at his home of complications from AIDS, symphony officials said Wednesday.

Peck also founded and was the current director of the Grant Park Symphony Chorus in Chicago.

Peck participated in nine commercial recordings, including seven with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and

Chorus. Four were nominated for Grammy Awards.

"I'm deeply saddened by the passing of Tom Peck," said Leonard Slatkin, St. Louis Symphony conductor and music director. "In his 18 years, his unfailing musicianship, humanity and grace touched us all. It is somewhat fortuitous that I will lead the chorus in Grant Park next week, which is where I first met Tom."

The St. Louis Symphony Chorus will perform a concert sometime next season in Peck's memory, Slatkin said.

Peck had no survivors.



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Houston man dies of AIDS before collecting judgment from shelter operator

HOUSTON, Wednesday, June 8 (AP)—An AIDS patient who successfully sued a shelter operator who stole \$55,000 from him has died of complications from the disease.

Lawrence White, 41, was awarded \$180,000 in actual damages last April. He died Tuesday without having seen a dime of the judgment.

A Harris County jury found that Clortis Roberts, head of the Foundation for Women and Children with AIDS, stole \$55,000 from White after winning his trust. Jurors also awarded White \$125,000 in punitive damages.

During the trial, Ms. Roberts admitted spending White's money on clothing, car repairs and getting her jewelry out of hock, but she said the AIDS patient gave her the money.

White, however, said he wanted her to set the cash aside for future medical bills.

White's friends said his desire to fight

Ms. Roberts in court extended his life.

"His doctor made the statement to us on several occasions that he felt Lawrence's determination to see the trial to its conclusion really operated as a very positive feature in his life from a health standpoint, by giving him the will and drive to live," said Ken Broughton, one of White's lawyers who remained friends with him after the trial.

Joel Androphy, another attorney who donated his services to White, said any money collected from Roberts will go to White's estate.

"His death certainly won't stop our work for him," Androphy said.

The state attorney general's office is investigating the mostly taxpayer-funded foundation, which runs a shelter for women and children with AIDS. The inquiry focuses on accusations that Ms. Roberts spent foundation money on herself.

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New 'Christian conservatives' are far from what they claim to be

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From **DAVID RAFFIELD**
 Houston, Texas

I constantly hear right wing fundamentalists, their ministers and clergy and those of their ilk cite and quote certain biblical scriptures. The following are biblical scriptures I think best describe and apply to right wing fundamentalists and their kind:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matt. 7:15); "Ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (Matt. 23:28); "False Christs and false prophets shall raise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect" (Matt. 24:14 and Mark 13:22); "They profess to know God, but in works they deny him, being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed" (Titus 1:16).

I happen to know of many right

wing fundamentalists in numerous cities nationwide who are involved in organized crime, the Ku Klux Klan, White Supremacist, neo-Nazi/fascist, "skinhead" and other such elements. People who are involved with, or who are helping such horrible, corrupt and sinister elements take over the government could not possibly create a situation in which "righteous and true Christians are in authority"—not in a million years.

This is why people of their ilk remain so adamantly opposed to any sort of gun control. This would serve to crimp or halt their big-time criminal activities and their attempt/plot to take over the government.

Most of the people in law enforcement who are supporting and/or pushing for some sort of gun control (as well as those who oppose it) do not want the public to know about the criminal activities and connections of many right-wing fundamentalists. These involve drug selling rings, gun running, huge stockpiles of firearms (for their eventual battle to over-

throw the government?) and even hustling and drug dealing around gay bars and businesses in many cities.

The Brady Bill that was recently passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton will only regulate the sale and possession of most semi-automatics and machine guns (like Uzis, AK-47's, etc.) The weapons are associated with war, assassins and big time criminal activities and behavior rather than hunting. The National Rifle Association (NRA), along with phony Christian right-wingers and conservative Republicans, have been caught red handed defending the weapons of war, assassins and criminals, and hiding behind the Constitution while doing so!

This situation clearly shows that right wingers, the NRA and others of their ilk want and need these type of weapons for THEIR planned criminal activities, overthrow of the government or subversive arsenals.

With the exception of gun control, however, most right wingers, NRA members, con-

servatives and Republicans support most of the tough crime and punishment ideas of law enforcement. This is one reason why law enforcement officials nationwide will not expose the connection.

Most gays, liberals and even moderates adamantly oppose these tough crime and punishment ideas. Most of us do not want our country to become an unconstitutional, racist, homophobic, fascist police state. Most of us do not want to see a repeat of Nazi Germany in the United States.

While watching the television news over the years, I have constantly watched gays, liberals and event moderates who were protesting and breaking the law being violently clubbed, punched, beaten, kicked and dragged away by police. I have also constantly watched right-wing protesters and law breakers being carefully and gently removed by police. This is one of the methods that law enforcement is now using to pay off and protect the radical right.

Because of their ongoing attempt to take over the government, radical right wing

groups and individuals like to refer to themselves as Christian fundamentalists. This is a tactic they use to candy coat their hate agenda. radical right wingers and many Republicans are at war with the individual constitutional rights of all Americans and the laws of the land. At the same time, these radical groups and individuals are using the very Constitution that they hate and are at war with to adamantly criticize and oppose the brady Bill and the abortion clinic protection law.

I am quite sure that these bills will easily survive a constitutional and legal challenge in the Supreme Court from the radical right wingers/The real embarrassment they will have to endure is that several of their justices who were appointed by Reagan and Bush will vote to reject their challenge.

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Retailer says advertising strategy won't change because of boycott

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When asked why the AFA opposed monogamous gay relationships, such as the one depicted in the commercial, he said, "Monogamy is certainly safer," but claimed, "It is very rare within the homosexual community."

"I think the whole homosexual lifestyle is dangerous whether monogamous or not," Roberts added.

"They depict this happy homosexual family, but this image is not based in reality," he added, referring to the ad.

John Gill, pastor of Houston's Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, however, offered an alternative to the "Christian" viewpoint professed by Roberts.

Gay and lesbian Christians and other Christians who are not homophobic should "support the store and ignore (the AFA)," Gill said. There is no point in arguing with the AFA, he said, because "you can't educate bigots."

Gill said deciding how to portray images of the gay and lesbian community is a no-win situation when dealing with groups like the AFA. "The more bizarre the image is, the more pleased they'll be. The more positive or beneficial it is, the more upset they will be," he said.

"The thing that drives them crazy is that (the ad) presents the community as positive and safe."

Gill also said that Christians face a similar dilemma with image, because groups like the AFA often "turn people off" to Christianity. "People need to differentiate between bigoted Christians and Christianity," he said. Convincing people that not all Christians are like the AFA is "the most difficult thing in my ministry," Gill said.

Diaconis said IKEA does not have an exact count of the calls, but said the calls in support of the ad have outweighed the calls echoing the AFA's stance. She also said the ad, which has not yet been

shown in Texas, will continue to run as part of the rotating block of 14 ads. "(The AFA's boycott) has not changed ad strategy," she said.

Other current battles the AFA is engaging in Texas include and ongoing fight to force ABC affiliates to pull the series "NYPD Blue" from their schedules and challenging the health textbooks approved by the state in November. Roberts said the organization has compiled 300 pages of reasons that the AFA opposes the text, such as the books including discussion of gay families and advising students to engage in debate. AFA's list also claims the books list the phone number for the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws and tell kids, "don't put cooking oil on a condom."

Earlier this year, one textbook publisher decided not to distribute its health text in Texas rather than subject the book to extensive revisions imposed by the state's education board under pressure from right wing groups.

Rain doesn't stop Montrose Softball Association's Pride Weekend play

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

The Pride Weekend got off to a rousing start for the Montrose Softball Association as games were played on Saturday and Sunday, even with a little rain.

The Recreational Division games were played first at Lawrence Field. Rich's Prime held on to defeat Travel in Style in a battle for first place. E.J. forfeited to BRB/Bowling 7-0 and The Ripcord lost to BRB/Body Positive. In the last game, J.R.'s defeated Gentry by forfeit 7-0.

The Competitive Division played its last regular season games on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, Venture-N defeated Pacific Street by forfeit 7-0. The Mining Company then beat the Houston Voice 16-2. Briar Patch's bats were hot as they defeated Pacific Street 10-0. In the last game on Saturday, the hot bats continued as the Mining Company beat up on the Hellraisers 18-0. On Sunday, the Mining Company beat Pacific Street and Venture-N 8-0. The Houston Voice narrowly escaped a comeback by Briar Patch to win 9-8. The Venture-N concluded their day of activities by beating the Hellraisers 12-3.

As a result of the last regular season game being played by the Competitive Division, the standings are: Division A—Competitive, Mining Company, 11-2 (Regular season Champions); Venture-N, 10-3; Houston Voice, 7-6 and Briar patch 6-7. In the Division B—Competitive the standings are: Hellraisers 3-9, Pacific Street 1-11.

With two weeks remaining, the Recreation Division standings are: Division C—Recreational, Rich's Prime, 8-1; Travel in Style, 7-2; E.J.'s, 6-3; BRB/Bowling, 4-5; BRB/Body Positive, 4-5; J.R.'s, 3-6; Gentry, 2-7; Ripcord, 2-7.

The action continues Saturday, June 18 at Memorial Fields #4 & #5 with the Competitive Division play-offs: Houston Voice vs. Pacific Street and Briar Patch vs. Hellraisers at 6:30 p.m.; Winner of Game 2 vs. Venture-N and Winner of Game 1 vs. Mining Company at 7:45 p.m.; Loser of Game 2 vs. Game 3 and Loser of Game 1 vs. Game 4 at 9:00 p.m.

On Sunday, June 19 at Memorial Fields #4 & #5, double headers continue: E.J. vs. BRB/Body Positive and Gentry vs. Rich's Prime at 10:00 a.m.; Competitive Playoffs #8 & #7 at 11:00 p.m.; Rich's Prime vs. E.J.'s and BRB/Body Positive vs. Gentry at 12:00 p.m.; J.R.'s vs. BRB/Bowling and Competitive Playoff #9 at 1:00 p.m.; Travel in Style vs. J.R.'s at 2:00 p.m.; BRB/Bowling vs. Ripcord at 3:00 p.m.; Competitive Playoff #10 at 3:15 p.m.; Ripcord vs. Travel in Style at 4:00 p.m.; and Competitive Playoff #11 at 4:45 p.m.

MSA invites the community to join them at Heaven on Friday, June 17 at 8:00 p.m. for "Jocks in Dresses." This is the final fundraiser for the league, and is always great fun for everyone, members said.

For information regarding the Montrose Softball League, call (713) 867-3913.

Billiards Standings

Following are the weekly standings in the Houston Metropolitan Billiards League:

(1) Jackson 5; (2) BRB Ball Busters; (3) Coalition; (4) Crazy 8's; (5) Beau's real balls; (6) BP "Ate" Ballers; (7) E/J's Mess; (8) 611 Sticks; (9) Jo's Sudden Impact; (10) Ripcord Rebels; (11) E/J's Boys; (12) Sioux's Boys; (13) Styx; (14) Oui, Cousins; (15) Dream Team; (16) King's X; (17) Amie's; (18) Rebels Too; (19) Suicide Squad; (20) Bill's Restless Boys; (21) Miner 69'ers; (22) 611 Shooters.

Weekly standings announced for four bowling leagues

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Following are the weekly standings for the Houston gay bowling leagues:

Inner Loop Sunday Nite League—First Place was bowled by Sisters of Dorothy; second place, Sunday Brunch and third place, Lip Service. The High Scratch Game of 258 and Series of 673 was bowled by Rodney Seiler for the men. For the women, the High Scratch game of 202 and series of 515 was bowled by Marla Aizenshtat. for information, call 522-9612.

Thursday Nite Mixers—In this mixed league, first place went to Penetrating Your Galaxy, followed by But UR Blanche UR in second place and Pat &

Company in third. High scratch game of 246 and series of 656 was bowled by Chris Bennett for the men. For the women, Pat Spayde bowled 224 and Andrea Black bowled 588. For league information, call 432-7239.

Montrose Monday Nite Men's League—In first place, Ladies and the Tramp; second place, The Gutter Butter, and third place, Alley trash. High scratch game of 223 and Series of 633 was bowled by Tom O'Dell. For more information, call 641-5424.

Monday nite Women's League—First place, I Can't Bowl Straight; second place, Electric Slide and third place, Maybe-Maybe Not. For further information, call 437-6218.

California voters nominate gay treasurer

By STEVE GEISSINGER
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

SACRAMENTO, Wednesday, June 8 (AP)—Tony Miller, the first openly gay major party candidate for statewide office, won the Democratic nomination for secretary of

state in a surprise victory over Los Angeles political figure Michael Woo.

Miller did not make an issue of his sexual orientation and neither did his opposition.

"I'm not asking anybody to vote for me because I'm gay. I'm

not asking anyone to vote against me because I'm gay. It's not relevant," he said during the campaign. "It has nothing to do with my ability to do this job."

The secretary of state oversees elections and other official state business.

On the Republican side of the secretary of state's race, Assemblyman Bill Jones of Fresno was unopposed.

With 100 percent of precincts reporting—Miller, the acting secretary of state, won the Democratic nomination for secretary of state with 38 per-

cent or 764,267 votes. Woo, a former Los Angeles city councilman who recently ran for Los Angeles mayor, had 32 percent with 636,874 votes; and Assemblywoman Gwen Moore of Culver City, 30 percent, with 613,861 votes.



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Log Cabin leader says right wing hoping to soften its public image

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Support of right wing positions turned out to be the winning edge for arch-conservative Dallas lawyer Tom Pauken, who was elected by acclamation after two opponents withdrew their races. The previous state chair, Fred Meyer, had withdrawn from the race and thrown his support to U.S. Rep. Joe Barton of Ennis prior to the convention.

Barton, who was supported by Sens. Gramm and Hutchison, had been expected to end in a close race with Pauken. But when the district caucus tallied their votes Saturday, it became clear that Barton did not have the support. The other contender, Dolly Madison McKenna, has offered herself as a moderate alternative and was considered a long shot from the beginning.

"At the end, there was nothing that could have been done" to prevent the faction's stranglehold on the convention," said Paul von Wupperfield, state president of the gay organization Log Cabin Republicans.

Curiously, von Wupperfield noted,

some of the more strident anti-gay "hate planks" that characterized the Republican Party platform in 1992 were not included in the platform that emerged at this state convention. "The really awful references in the preamble...those were taken out completely. They (radical right delegates) were more concerned this time with the takeover (than the platform)," he said.

Von Wupperfield said the avoidance of some radical platform was a cosmetic effort on the part of the right wingers, intended to improve their mainstream image and enhance their election chances. "They haven't softened their positions...they just want to soften their image," he said.

Gay and lesbian Democrats had better luck and more recognition at their state convention. At least four were reportedly elected to the State Democratic Executive Committee, including two from gay/lesbian rights activists from Houston, Sue Lovell (Dist. 13) and Pat Gandy (Dist. 17). Lovell defeated an incumbent in her district; Gandy had no opposition.

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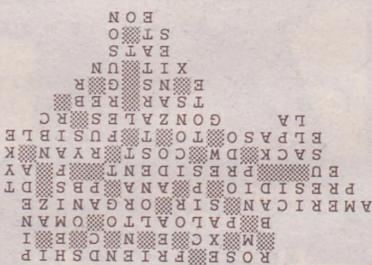
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Unmarried partners gain Portland city health benefits

PORTLAND, Ore., Thursday, June 9 (AP)—Gay and unmarried partners of city employees have won health benefits under a plan approved by the Portland City Council.

"We have broadened the definition of family," City Commissioner Mike Lindberg said Wednesday after the council approved the benefit extension. "We should be doing everything we can to support families and keep them together."

Bill Casey, representing the Traditional Values Coalition, argued that the majority of Oregonians opposed these sorts of measures.

"This is a policy from the political left to put the stamp of approval on the homosexual lifestyle," Casey said.

Mayor Vera Katz said partners of the opposite sex have taken the most advantage of this provision when it has been adopted in other cities.

The \$224,000 annual cost of extending the health benefits will be offset by reductions in other health benefits, including an increase from \$1 to \$5 in the cost of a Kaiser office visit.

The coverage has long been a goal of city workers.

"I want to express my deep gratitude on the part of city employees, represented and unrepresented, as a domestic partner for 21 years and city employee for 12," planner Mike Saba said.

The city of Seattle initiated domestic partner coverage three years ago. Multnomah County approved it in 1992. Metro and King County, Wash., also have similar provisions.

Many large companies in the high-tech and entertainment industries offer domestic partner coverage.

Voters in the city of Austin, Texas, repealed such coverage last month after a campaign by a conservative reverend.

GMCH to present 15th anniversary concert July 1; Town Meeting II planning group holds first meeting

QUICK NOTES

The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, with John-Michael Albert, artistic director, will present its Fifteenth Anniversary Concert on Saturday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m. Traditionally held during Houston's Lesbian/Gay Pride celebration, the annual summer concert was scheduled in July this year to allow time for members of the chorus to prepare for their trip to New York City for Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival and the Stonewall 25 events.

The concert, "To Friends and To Life," will be held at Wortham Center, Cullen Theater.

Tickets are available now (\$10-\$20) from the Wortham Center or Jones Hall box office, or by calling (713) 227-ARTS (discount available for group ticket orders. Special seating is also available for wheelchair access and the hearing impaired at a discounted price of \$10.

Town Meeting Plans

Organizers of Town Meeting II, at their first official meeting, approved bylaws and elected officers. Members of the group selected Alan Bourgeois as president, Kevin White as vice president and Steve Thomas as secretary.

The organizing group also announced a contest for the project's logo design. Anyone interested in submitting a design is encouraged to attend their July 11, meeting at the Montrose Library at 7:00 p.m. The contest rules and prizes will be discussed at that time.

The group also announced the first fundraiser for TM II, to be held at the Museum Restaurant on August 9 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The event envisioned by the organizers is a large-scale community meeting similar to the one held in June, 1978, plus Business Expo and concert, all tentatively scheduled to be held on June 18, 1995.

For more information about Town Meeting II and how to be a part of it, interested persons are urged to call Alan Bourgeois at (713) 949-3119.

Lesbian Battering Seminar

The Houston Area Women's center is offering a free seminar on lesbian battering, "breaking the Silence, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on June 30 at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur. The seminar focuses on the myths, facts and dynamics of lesbian battering. For more information, contact Rev. Carolyn J. Mobley at 861-9149, or Betty Swinners at 528-6798.

Meetings & Events This Week:

MARANATHA FELLOWSHIP MCC is hosting its second anniversary party, June 18, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. A women's softball game will be held at 1:00 p.m. between the "Angels" of MCCR and the "Punkin Seeds" of Maranatha. Meal at 2:30 p.m. will be followed by indoor activities, then another coed softball/volleyball game outdoors. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION has announced a huge yard sale, Friday and Saturday, 2516 Mandell Ave. starting at 8:00 a.m. both days. Many items available.

Strategy meeting to discuss 'AIDS Cure Act'; fundraiser for Vince Ryan campaign

QUICK NOTES

Gay and Lesbian Americans of Houston and ACT UP Gulf Coast will hold a meeting to discuss methods of increasing congressional support for HR 4370. The meeting is scheduled Thursday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at 3400 Montrose Suite 520.

HR 4370, also known as the AIDS Cure Act is a bill recently introduced in Congress by Jerrold Nadler (D-NY). It would assemble a team of researchers from a broad range of fields at a primary location for an all out intensive research effort to find a cure for AIDS. Currently, the bill has six co-sponsors; none are from Texas.

The goal of the strategy session is to develop a plan of action to get Congress members from Houston and Texas to co-sponsor and publicly support HR 4370. "A groundswell of grassroots support is needed to get something as groundbreaking as the AIDS Cure Act through Congress," said GLA local coordinator Michael Crawford.

Ryan Fundraiser

Gay and lesbian supporters of Vince Ryan, the Democratic candidate for Harris County Judge, will hold a fund raising social Tuesday, June 21, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Cody's in the 3400 Montrose building. The event will raise money for Ryan's bid for the office now held by long time County Judge Jon Lindsay, who declined to run for re-election under pressure of an ongoing investigation of alleged criminal activities.

Attorney and AIDS activist John Paul Barnich, one of the event's organizers, called Ryan's campaign, "without a doubt, one of the most important from our perspective," in regards to AIDS. The county is the designated governmental grantee that administers federal HIV/AIDS funds in the greater Houston area.

Barnich said Ryan faces a well-financed Republican opponent, Robert Eckels, whose ideas are similar to Lindsay's, and that the former council member's campaign is "financially strapped."



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Lynn Redgrave's 'Shakespeare for My Father' is touching confessional

THEATER REVIEW

By JAVIER TAMEZ
Houston Voice/Houston

Lynn Redgrave seemed destined to live her life in the shadows. Her father, Sir Michael Redgrave, was one of the greatest actors of all time, on a par with Olivier and Gielgud; her older sister, Vanessa, is acknowledged as one of the finest actresses in the world. Lynn, while a good actress in her own right, was relegated to short-lived TV series and "Weight Watcher" commercials. But now her moment has come.

In "Shakespeare for My Father," a touching confessional being presented at the Alley Theatre's Large Stage through July 3, Lynn Redgrave pays homage to her distant father. This is hardly extraordinary in and of itself. What makes this tribute so very special, is the giant magnanimity displayed by Redgrave, who conceived and wrote the piece. Performing on a nearly bare stage underneath, and frequently speaking to, a projected image of her imperious father, Redgrave whimsically recalls the more ebullient

times and achingly reminisces of the lonely times: the former almost always in the company of friends and colleagues outside the immediate family and the latter invariably tied to her remote father.

Her father was anything but; he was so hugely self-absorbed and took such small interest in his children, that his diary makes no mention whatsoever of Lynn on the day of her birth! Lynn Redgrave, however, chose to recall and honor her father as the grand presence that he was—a brilliant actor of stage and screen—rather than tortuously drawing her audience through some miasma of paternal neglect. She quietly makes reference to Sir Michael's notoriety, such as his closeted homosexuality, because she wasn't interested in a Christina Crawford type of skewering; instead she finds peace with a difficult and withholding man who saved his emotion for his performances. Redgrave, in homey and sometimes irreverent fashion, banishes whatever resentment she may still have harbored toward her father; he is, in



Lynn Redgrave stars in "Shakespeare for My Father"

effect, exonerated for his shortcomings as a parent. (In similarly tactful fashion, Redgrave only gently alludes to her mother's flightiness and her sister's unconventional politics).

Lynn's recollections are interspersed with snippets of Shakespeare which are, more often than not, tools for communicating to Sir Michael the angst and desolation she so often felt. Thus, a pointedly clear and deeper meaning is given to Cordelia's lament and

comfort for Lear, Cleopatra's extolling of Antony, Hamlet's cry to an apparition and solemn self-reflection, and Richard II's profundities.

Though Redgrave's use of Shakespeare is certainly the most interesting aspect of the show and it is adroitly interwoven, it is also the weakest from a performance perspective. Redgrave simply lacks the depth to project the strengths and subtleties of the bard's characters. In the overall picture, however, this makes precious little difference. It is thrilling to witness the manner in which art and life illuminate one another, and because personal revelation accompanies each scene from Shakespeare, Redgrave has probably made his work more accessible to audiences.

Nonetheless, Redgrave is at her best when she is being herself, whatever age from her past she is re-living, and when she presents often hilarious mimicry of colleagues. She does wicked renditions of an aging Dame Edith Evans and a young, sassy Maggie Smith. She gives Tony Richardson his stuffiness and Noel Cow-

ard his fluffiness, but her impressions of Richard Burton and Laurence Olivier were hardly recognizable.

These backstage vignettes are the highlight of the show, and beyond question, are the most audience-pleasing. They exemplify the best of Redgrave as a writer—the anecdotes about life in the theater and in a theatrical family. There is nothing malicious intended, though it's also presented with just the right tang of mischievousness.

Director (and husband) John Clark could have done a better job at smoothing some of the edges: Redgrave frequently dashes around the stage for no good reason, at one point practically skipping. At other times she rummages through a trunk at a frenetic pace and at another is prancing around the stage like a child playing with a cape. But these are small failings indeed.

"Shakespeare for My Father" is an irresistibly endearing tribute to one of the pillars of the theater from, we now know, one of his greatest admirers.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEEKS NOMINATIONS

The Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS) is seeking nominations for persons to serve on the Houston HIV Prevention Community Planning Group. Members will assess existing community activities for HIV prevention and share responsibilities for developing a comprehensive HIV prevention plan.

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To request nomination guidelines and information, contact Barbara Weyland at the HDHHS Bureau of Communicable Disease at (713) 794-9092.

'It's a Queer World, After All!' An insider's view of gay day at Disney

By STEVE WARREN
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

The Fourth Annual Gay & Lesbian Day at Walt Disney World was a win-win situation for just about everyone but David Caton, whose American Family Association, blinded by their hatred of us, picked the wrong target this time. His followers will boycott Disney, a name synonymous with family entertainment for well over half a century, when Catholics obey the pope on abortion and birth control.

The thousands of visible queers who made up less than 20 percent of the crowd in the Magic Kingdom and still less at Epcot and the Disney-MGM Studios were a fabulous public relations tool. Many in the other 80 percent had never seen us before, except on "Oprah." They had a chance to observe us at play, not whining or acting-up, and they could see we're not so different from them.

We were generally well behaved, as are most heterosexuals at Disney World. My lover and I took advantage of the darkness at the beginning of the ride in Epcot's Geosphere for a little "tunnel of love" action; but aside from a little hand-holding, I didn't see anyone doing anything in the street that would scare the mice.

I'm not saying we should act that way everywhere, all the time; but we sent a strong message. People who were expecting to see a bunch of weirdos went away disappointed. If they told their children what vile creatures we are they had no evidence to back it up; and even if the adults could persuade themselves they saw something to reinforce their prejudice, some of their children must have formed their own conclusions.

In reality many didn't even realize

who we were, despite the red t-shirts many of us wore for identification (a tradition in past years, although a rumor had circulated that it was to be discontinued this year), the other t-shirts with various queer messages, the freedom rings, pink triangles and red ribbons.

A sign at the gate offered Disney's disclaimer for the few who stopped to read it. It said the event was not officially sanctioned by Walt Disney World, but that they do not discriminate against anyone. It could be taken both ways. To homophobes it said, "We're sorry, but legally our hands are tied." To us it said, "We have to do something to appease the bastards, but we're really glad you're here."

They should have been glad. I don't know how many of us there were, but I'll bet Disney took in at least a million dollars from us that day for admissions and overpriced food and souvenirs, not counting what those who stayed overnight did for the economy of Orlando.

On the question of coexistence vs. assimilation, we showed both are possible. There were plenty of fag/dyke couples (some with rent-a-kids) trying to "pass," for whatever reason, and perhaps what they saw will give them the courage to come out next year—or next week. Some of them were more obvious than those of us who advertised anyway.

If there were any unpleasant confrontations between gays and straights, I didn't see them. I suppose the handful of protesters outside the main gate had the ugly encounters they were looking for, but all was peaceful inside the park.

The AFA will just have to take their Mickey Mouse tactics somewhere else. As for me, next year, "I'm going to Disney World!"

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One day a year, Utah's gays come out in affirmation

SALT LAKE CITY, Monday, June 13 (AP)—For many Utah gays, Gay Pride Day is their once-a-year affirmation.

"People who come do this—who don't come out in the community any other day—do it because it is an affirmation of who we are," said Antonia De La Guerra, chairperson of the event held Sunday at the Northwest Community Center.

To make her point, she indicates a couple holding hands.

"You might see that in San Francisco or New York," said De La Guerra. "Not in Utah. Not in Utah."

Well, maybe once a year in Utah.

Some 4000 men, women and children gathered at the community center Sunday to slurp Sno-cones and groove to the campy Saliva Sisters. And while every now and then the celebrants might come across a hulking Dame Edna look-alike, replete with fuchsia sequins, feathers and glittering cat-eye glasses that would make Elton John turn his head, shorts and T-shirts were de rigueur at the state's largest gay and lesbian event.

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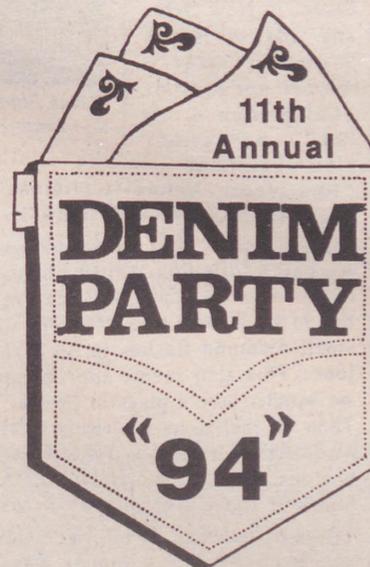
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Judge issues temporary restraining order against Louisiana sodomy law

NEW ORLEANS, Monday, June 13 (AP)—Louisiana officials were forbidden by a district judge from enforcing the state's so-called "sodomy" statute after a group of lesbian and gay citizens filed suit to have it declared unconstitutional.

Judge Robin M. Giarrusso scheduled a hearing June 23 on whether to upgrade her temporary restraining order to a permanent injunction that presumably would stand until the pending litigation is resolved.

The law in question makes it a felony in Louisiana to engage in oral and anal sex with another person or with an animal. The statute is defined as a crime of violence.

The TRO granted Monday by Giarrusso—during a secret hearing in her chambers—was a victory for homosexuals, said attorney John D. Rawls, one of several gay people who opposed the Crime Against Nature

ordinance in court Monday.

"This law is not there to enforce," he said. "It's there to make a nasty statement about lesbian and gay people."

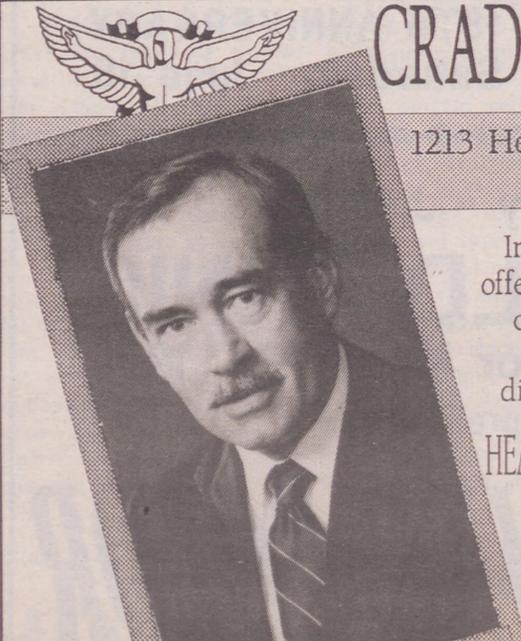
District Attorney Harry Connick objected to the restraining order, but would not say why, Rawls said.

Rawls said that simply admitting one is homosexual is enough to warrant an arrest under the ordinance. "You cannot separate the sodomy statute from lesbian or gay activity," he said.

The statute "is an excuse that is being used to keep lesbians and gay men from having partial custody of their children," and applying for state jobs, he said.

Rawls said that heterosexuals are also fair game for the statute, but that it "will never be used against them."

Twenty-three states still have the statute, said Rawls. Before 1970, all 50 states had the law.



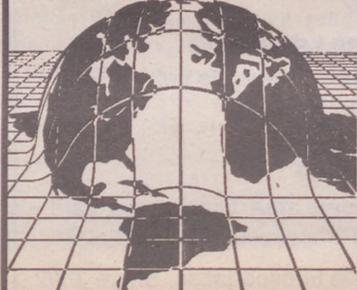
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Glen Maxey—another Texan comes stomping through the Swamp

YOURS TRULY IN A SWAMP

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

Houston Voice/New Orleans

Glen Maxey is a gentle mannered man, with soft features that sometimes belie his 41 years. From his list of social and political achievements, however, it would appear he must have lived even longer.

Maxey is the first openly gay politician elected to the Texas State Legislature. He represents House District 51, "in southeast Travis County." He has since 1991. His district is drawn mostly from a portion of Austin that is in his words, "a majority minority district."

Born and raised in Baytown, Texas, Maxey attended Sam Houston State University where he earned a Masters Degree in Elementary Education and Clinical Reading, in 1976. He taught fifth grade in the Navasota Independent School District, in east Texas.

Maxey has been involved in Democratic Party politics for over two decades, working on the campaigns of local, state and national candidates. In 1981, Maxey became a legislative aide to state Senator Kent Caperton, and in 1982 joined the powerful Senator from

Dallas, Oscar Mauzy, as his chief legislative aide.

Maxey is talking about this as he stands before the speaker's podium, in the Ile de France room of the French owned Le Meridien Hotel on Canal Street in New Orleans. Maxey is the Saturday, after-dinner speaker at "Celebration '94," the nationally acclaimed

"Fourteenth Annual Louisiana State Lesbian and Gay Conference."

Maxey tips his head and we are pleased to see hair a little thin, a fitting human flaw in a man we are hoping will not turn out to be too good to be true. When he turns, a small diamond flashes in his right earlobe. This also seems appropriate, but we wonder how it plays in Central Texas. Then we realize he is already elected, so obviously it plays just fine. And besides, Austin is, after all, Austin, home of the University of Texas.

He tells us when he informed Governor Ann Richards (for whom he was Travis



Texas State Rep. Glen Maxey (Photo by Alan Pogue)

County campaign coordinator) that he was planning a run for a District 51 Seat she advised, "Don't do it, Glen, because you might win."

Maxey goes on to explain that Richards felt he would compromise his work in such areas as AIDS services (he was a founding member of AIDS Services of Austin; co-chaired the Austin AIDS Anti-Discrimination Task Force;

the founder of Texas AIDS network; served on the AIDS Action Council's Public Policy Committee in Washington, D.C.; and AmFAR's Public Policy Grant Program).

Richards told him, Maxey said, "Any time someone's pet project fails, you will be criticized for being a single issue man."

Maxey was first elected to the House of Representatives in a special short-term election. His forty-five percent Hispanic constituency re-elected him to serve a full term in 1991.

"By that campaign," Maxey tells us,

"I had learned to read the physical signs as I went from door to door seeking voter support. If there was a tricycle in the yard I knew I needed to talk about better schools. If there was a rainbow flag on a car in the driveway I'd think, 'This one's mine!'"

"At this one house, I came up to a barbecue pit the size of a Volkswagen and a VFW sticker on the front door." Maxey might have been forgiven had he turned away, but he did not. "When I rang the doorbell, a man of about eighty looked out through the glass. I said, 'Hi, my name's Glen Maxey and I'd like to ask for vote in the coming election.'"

"The man said, 'I know who you are.' I thought, I might as well leave. Then the man said, 'You got my vote, son, for voting against that god damn bingo tax!' Laughing he adds, "A major VFW activity in Texas."

Maxey told the New Orleans crowd, "Like a lot of lesbians and gays, when I grew up I thought I was the only one like me. I now know that was not true." He points a finger towards a large table of young people from the youth outreach program at the local Lesbian and Gay Community Center and says, "Don't you youngsters ever think that. You are not alone. And there is nothing you can't achieve."

Three gay couples married in Brazil

SALVADOR, Brazil, Friday, June 10 (AP)—In what was billed as Latin America's first collective gay wedding, three homosexual couples were married in this northeastern city.

More than 300 people

attended Wednesday's wedding ceremony for two male homosexual couples and one lesbian couple at the headquarters of the Bahia Bank Workers' Union, said Nilton Dias Ribeiro, vice-president of the Salvador Gay

Group, in a telephone interview Friday.

They were married by evangelical pastor Onaldo Pereira who belongs to a German-based denomination called the Christian Pacifist Community, Ribeiro

said. He did not know whether or not the pastor was gay.

Although such marriages are not officially recognized, Ribeiro said, "More and more homosexual marriages are taking place as a way to pressure society and the govern-

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Brazil is a predominantly Roman Catholic country in which homosexuals face difficulties gaining acceptance.

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Rome scholar, quoted in Newsweek, repudiates book's claims that early church sanctioned same-sex marriages

NATIONAL NEWS NOTES

(New York)—A spokesperson for one of the political academies in Rome has repudiated the thesis of a controversial new book, by medieval scholar John Boswell, which argues that the early church sanctioned and even blessed same-sex marriages. In the June 20 issue of Newsweek (on newsstands Monday, June 13) Jesuit scholar Robert F. Taft, of the Pontifical Oriental Institute says, "Boswell has discovered nothing. What is new—and I think false—is his interpretation of this ritual.

The Institute, which specializes in the christian church of the Byzantine era, is one of several which serves the Papacy. "In light of the Byzantine attitudes toward homosexuality, "Taft goes on to explain, "which was punishable in church law by two or three years of penance, and in civil law by torture, castration and even execution, it is ridiculous to claim that the Orthodox church had an official rite sanctioning homosexual unions."

The book, Same-Sex Unions in Pre-modern Europe (Villard books, a division of Random House, \$25) explores the history of marriage from ancient Greece and

Rome to the late Middle Ages. One part of Boswell's argument is that, for pre-modern Europeans, marriage was an arrangement between families, having little to do with sexual attraction or love, but more with property deals, dynastic advantage or progeny. According to Newsweek's Religion Editor Kenneth Woodward, the author's implication is that only same-sex lovers were likely to be romantic in the modern sense. In the most controversial sections of the book, Boswell's claims that the Christian veneration of certain same-sex pairs of saints indicates a ritual acceptance of homosexual attraction if not gay sex.

AIDS TV Special

(New York)—"In A New Light '94," ABC Television's third annual AIDS outreach and entertainment special, will air on ABC July 9.

Hosted by Barbara Walters, "In A New Light '94" features appearances by President Clinton and a number of leading performers, actors and other celebrities, who contribute to the show both musically and in the form of personal interviews. The show includes guest appearances by Bill

Cosby, Rosie Perez, Whoopi Goldberg, Chaka Khan, Rosie O'Donnell, Gloria Estefan, Luke Perry, Patti LaBelle, Clint Black, Kathy Mattea, Lou Reed, Liza Minelli, Savion Glover and the cast of "Stomp," Bebe Neuwirth, Christy Turlington, Veronica Webb, Debbie Harry, Michael Feinstein, Susan Lucci, Liz Smith, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Dr. Joyce Brothers, and others.

NGLTF Call-in Day

(Washington, D.C.)—The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) will sponsor "Health Care Reform Call-In Day" on Tuesday, June 28—the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. As many health reform bills work their way through various Congressional committees in June, the one-day lobby action is intended to focus federal legislator's attention the demand for health care that is affordable, comprehensive and cannot be taken away.

Constituents are encouraged to call their legislators through the Capitol Switch board, (202) 224-3121. Activists can also call the NGLTF Health Care Reform Hot-Line at (202) 332-6483 ext 3410 for updates on health reform bills.

Counter-protesters overwhelm anti-gay demonstration in Boulder

BOULDER, Colo., Thursday, June 9 (AP)—Seven anti-gay protesters representing a Kansas Baptist minister were overwhelmed by counter-protesters here who told the group, "Go back to Kansas."

Toting signs that read "Fear God Not Fags" and "God's Hate is Great," the women sang hymns and traded barbs Wednesday

with more than 200 people who drowned them out with taunts for putting their children in the crossfire.

The women are all daughters of the Rev. Fred Phelps, founder of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, a congregation of about 50 that consists mainly of 11 of his 13 children, their offspring and in-laws.

Phelps' agenda is anti-gay. His preferred stage is funerals. He picketed the funeral of gay journalist Randy Shilts and the funeral of President Bill Clinton's mother, because he said Clinton is sympathetic to gays. The Kansas Legislature in 1992 passed a law against picketing funerals because of his disruptive demonstrations.

When Boulder gays heard that Phelps was coming, they set up a sound system and a barbecue in a vacant lot near the demonstration site. The Phelps representatives waded right into the festival and headed to the corner to present their signs to rush-hour traffic. Gays swarmed them.

The women said they believe gays are evil. "Ours is a mes-

sage from the scriptures to the public streets," Margie Phelps said.

She said her father is in Hawaii to protest a gay rights case now in the state supreme court there.

After 25 minutes, police and protesters escorted the Phelps to the Basemar Shopping Center where they got into a mini-van with Kansas plates and drove off.

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Two for the road: Oscar-winning gay filmmakers discover America



Jeffrey Friedman (left) and Robert Epstein (photo by Steve Warren)

their minds the next day and came all the way out. ("Fuck it—I'm out!" you'll hear one say, if your local station doesn't bleep it.)

Epstein mentions an interesting side-light that doesn't appear in the film: "The gay marines were talking about feeling betrayed by gays in San Francisco who were marching against the war.

...Jeffrey and I had been in the march."

"We almost didn't leave Jackson-

ville," Friedman says. "We talked about staying and making a whole film there."

A 75-minute theatrical version of "Where Are We?" played a few cities last year. That gave the filmmakers an advantage when they had to cut it to fit PBS's 60-minute format," Friedman says. "We had the chance to watch it with audiences to see what didn't work, and then we had the luxury of finessing it. ...The two versions are different in ways other than length."

He goes on to describe their thinking in making the film: "We wanted to do something less structured, more improvised than we'd ever done before. The theory was that everybody has a story. The challenge was getting that story out of them when we only spent ten or 20 minutes with each person."

That's a switch from their previous in-depth technique. "'Common Threads' was based on 'Harvey Milk,' which was based on 'Word Is Out,'" Epstein says. "We spent a lot of time in research...establishing relationships with each person." Being co-directors doubles their chances of attaining rapport with subjects. "Only one of us interviews a given person," Friedman says, "depending on who made the best connection." They also share producing credit, so both are always busy. Epstein says their system works better for a nonfiction film than it would with a set and crew, where one person has to be in charge. "If and when" they move on to dramatic films, "we'll see."

They've optioned a book, "The Whistling Song" by Stephen Beahy, that could become their first fictional feature. "It's about a young boy who's orphaned and takes to the road in Reagan America," Epstein explains. The boy happens to be gay, but it's not a coming-out story.

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TELEVISION PREVIEW

By STEVE WARREN

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

"To the extent our gayness defines who we are, it's a gay film," Jeffrey Friedman says of his latest collaboration with Rob Epstein, "Where Are We?: Our Trip through America." Part of a trilogy commissioned by PBS on the theme "Rediscovering America," "Where Are We?" is a collection of human snapshots the gay couple made during 18 days of traveling across the southern U.S. in May 1991. It airs nationally on June 22 at 10:30 p.m., but check your local listing.

"I think less in terms of gay film than a gay sensibility," Epstein explains in their San Francisco office, noting that their sensibility even informed three vignettes they made for the Playboy Channel, and that their Oscar-winning "Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt" and his own "The Times of Harvey Milk" didn't deal exclusively with gay people. "But if someone else had made 'Harvey,' it might have been more like 'The Dan White Story.'"

While "Where Are We?" wasn't intended as a gay film per se, Epstein says, "we wanted the film to have specific gay content, more than us." They consulted historian Allan Berube, who told them about Friends Lounge in Jacksonville, North Carolina, a hangout for gay and lesbian marines from Camp Lejeune.

They went there on the first Friday night of their trip. "We couldn't believe our eyes," Friedman says. "We walked into the bar and it was full of 19—and 20-year-old marines!"

"They had just come back from the Persian Gulf," Epstein adds, "so they were still on a high from that." There they met Gary, who was due to be discharged in August and so wasn't worried about being out on camera. Others asked to be photographed in silhouette in the bar, but changed

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Next project for gay pair: film version of Russo's 'The Celluloid Closet'

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In the meantime they're working on the film version of Vito Russo's "The Celluloid Closet," a critical look at screen images of lesbians and gays. We all know those images have rarely been what we've wanted to see; but, Friedman says, "we hope to treat it in a much more complicated way than just a harangue."

"It won't serve anyone's purposes if they can just dismiss it as agit-prop," Epstein adds. "We're taking our cue from Vito. This man had such a profound respect for the art of movie making that his analysis commands respect."

Much of the film will be made up of clips from movies that have depicted us through the years as everything from swishy stereotypes to self-loathing suicides to serial killers—and a few positive images too. Friedman points out that gay and lesbian characters who would be totally unacceptable today can be appreciated in context: "It's exciting to see a character who's recognizable as gay in a movie that's almost a hundred years old...and even 'The Boys in the Band' can be seen as a period piece

today."

Getting permission to use those old clips was a major obstacle, but once one major studio agreed, the others fell in line. "The studios are all on board now," Friedman reports. "We're getting ready to start shooting interviews." Some funding for "The Celluloid Closet" was provided by PBS and Britain's Channel Four; more was raised in an appeal based around a letter from Lily Tomlin, who was a friend of Russo's. "We had a very generous donation from Hugh Hefner," Friedman adds. "Playboy has been very generous over the years with gay causes." They're hoping HBO will agree to provide completion funding and air "The Celluloid Closet" next year.

Epstein and Friedman are surprisingly reticent about discussing their private life together. "We're shy about this human interest stuff," Friedman admits. Epstein insists that everyone they've worked for, from HBO to the Playboy Channel, has known they were a couple; but after 12 years as friends and seven as professional and personal partners, they have no desire to be labeled the Rosanne and Tom Arnold of gay cinema.

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Judge strikes down Minneapolis' benefits plan for employees' gay partners

MINNEAPOLIS, Sunday, June 5 (AP)—The city can't offer health care benefits to partners of its gay and lesbian employees, a judge ruled.

State law does not recognize same-sex partners as dependents or spouses, and City Council acted beyond its authority when it adopted the domestic partners ordinance in August, Hennepin County District Judge Deborah Hedlund said Friday.

She ruled in a lawsuit led by a taxpayer, James A. Lilly. The suit argued that the city had no legal authority to extend health insurance benefits to same-sex partners, and that the domestic partners ordinance violated state public policy "favoring marriage of heterosexual couples."

Lilly said earlier that he felt city-funded health benefits for partners of gay and lesbian employees was bad

social policy.

"I have no vendetta against homosexuals," he said.

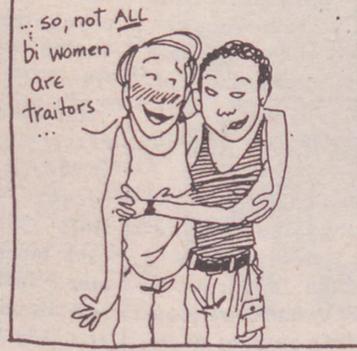
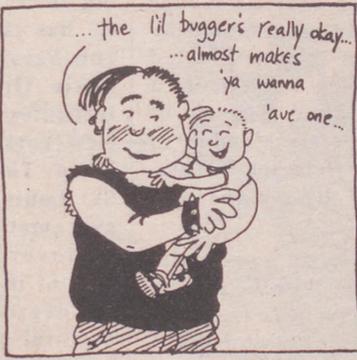
There was no additional comment from Lilly on Sunday; he did not immediately reply to a message left on his answering machine.

Hedlund denied a motion by three women who intervened in the lawsuit to leave the ordinance in place.

One of them, Jane Anglin, called the decision "a big step backwards for civil rights."

"It's amazing that we can struggle for seven years and it can all be undone in a couple months," said Anglin, a library employee who began the legal battle that led to the ordinance in July 1987.

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A: The book of Revelation which is the last book of the New Testament is an apocalyptic book. It is dealing with the end times. Many believe that John, the Apostle, was the author of this book. The purpose of the book of Revelation was to encourage the faithful in Christ to resist the demands of emperor worship. John informs his readers that the final showdown between God and Satan is imminent. Satan will increase the persecution of believers, but they must stand fast, even to death. They are sealed against any spiri-

tual harm and will soon be vindicated when Christ returns. And when Christ returns, the wicked are forever destroyed and God's people enter an eternity of glory and blessedness.

The question regarding the 144,000 is found in Revelation, Chapter 7. Here an angel of destruction is being held back until the 144,000 servants of God are sealed on their forehead. John has allegorized the twelve tribes of Israel to signify the Christians, composed of every people and nation, who are the true Israel. More specifically, they symbolize the whole company of martyrs.

The writer is not talking in literal terms, but in symbolic terms. The actual tribes of Israel had been scattered to distant lands and never restored. It is possible that the writer is referring to representations from every Christian faith who would be sealed. In the Greek, "taken out of" or "taken from" the tribe meant that there would be those who would be sealed: 1. not because they belonged to any particular external organization; 2. not because they failed to belong to any one organization; but 3. because they had the true spirit of Christ. The writer indicates that there would be no partiality or favoritism given to anyone.

God promised to preserve the church through the tribulation, or the final war between God and Satan. Our position in Christ is sealed by the Holy Spirit. We have our salvation given to us as a gift. We cannot earn it or expect to receive it on good behavior. It is a gift of God. We have no set number given to us as to how many people will be saved. Let us remember that God desires that no one perish, but that all would have everlasting life. We must not take our faith for granted, but stand firm in our faith until the end, or when Christ calls us home.

Jesus said, "In this world you will have tribulation, but fear not, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Heaven is not full. The Holy Spirit is being poured out on all people in the latter days. God is bringing in the harvest before Christ's return. Let us not grow weary in this work of love to share Christ with all we meet. Heaven will not be full until the Great Commission is completed and we hear those words of our Savior: "Come home! Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your God!"

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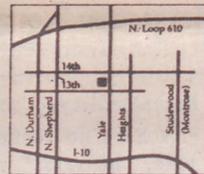


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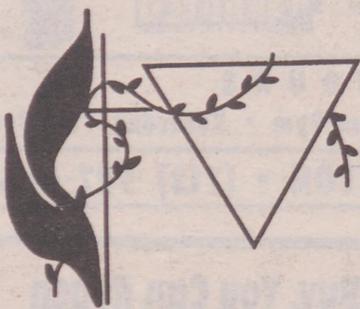
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United Church of Christ minister to lead MCCR Abundant Life class

QUICK NOTES

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) announced that its Abundant Life Bible Study program for the four Wednesdays in July will be led by Rev. Dr. Charles Perroncel, a minister in the United Church of Christ and an Associate Member of MCCR. The topic will be the Revolutionary Epistles: Ephesians and the Pastorals.

These Epistles were powerfully influential in the church at two crossroads. The first was the radical change in theology which was necessary to move into the second century when the End Times envisioned by Paul didn't come. The second was the sixteenth century Reformation of the Church led by Martin Luther with its emphasis on faith and grace.

Participants will learn how the times shaped theology and how theology shaped the times. They will discover an approach to a revolutionary faith for the twenty first century in these timeless ancient docu-

ments.

Dr. Perroncel, a newcomer to Houston, has for many years practiced clinical pastoral counseling in New York and Connecticut. He has taught and supervised psychotherapists at the Blanton—Peale Graduate Institute of the Institutes of Religion and Health in New York City. He was educated at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis where he specialized in systematic theology, and at Andover Newton Theological School in Boston, where he earned the degree of Doctor of Ministry in pastoral psychology. He served a three year residency in pastoral psychology at the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry.

Abundant Life Bible study meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. at MCCR, 1919 Decatur and White Streets. Everyone is welcome. Holy Communion is celebrated at each meeting and is open to all. For more information, other programs and directions call the Church Office at (713) 861-9149.

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England's Prince Edward 'plagued by rumors that he is gay'

GLAAD MEDIA WATCH

By AL KIELWASSER

For the Houston Voice

A feature article in People magazine (April 11) devotes three pages to defending the heterosexuality of England's Prince Edward. The authors "Edward Falls in Love" show nothing but contempt for rumors about Edward, as if homosexuality couldn't be anything but insulting. These rumors are "malicious gossip" according to feature writers Cynthia Sanz, Terry Smith and Margaret White. Invoking the image of someone battling a horrible disease, they describe Edward as a man "plagued by rumors that he is gay."

The May 1994 issue of Ebony magazine demonstrates the same homophobic bias. In her cover story on "The Undying Rumor," Muriel Whetstone attempts to reassure her readers that singer Toni Braxton is not a lesbian. Throughout the article, Whetstone describes rumors about Braxton's sexuality in the most disparaging terms. The suggestion that Braxton might be a lesbian is "scuttlebutt sneaking through the grapevine," "a stinging, hurtful rumor," "nasty innuendo," and a "ball and chain...hung persistently around the young star's ankle."

Toni Braxton's heterosexuality is also "defended" in the May 29 issue of Parade magazine. In a letter to the "Personality Parade" column, a reader asks: "I heard a rumor that Grammy Award winner Toni Braxton announced she was gay. Please say it ain't so!" Columnist Walter Scott answers: "It ain't so—though it is the kind of unfounded, pernicious rumor that frequently swirls around young and beautiful black female pop stars nowadays."

Each of these articles panders to the notion that being lesbian or gay is an occasion for shame (similar articles are not written about celebrities "rumored to be homophobic.") They portray Prince Edward and Toni Braxton as the victims of "malicious gossip when, in fact, they are victims of homophobia. Ultimately, these writers defend heterosexuality as if homosexuality were a crime.

Send you comments to Jason McMa-

nus, Editor-in Chief, People magazine, Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY, 10020, John H. Johnson, Publisher and CEO, Ebony, Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., 820 South Michigan Ave., Chicago IL 60605, tel.(312) 322-9200; Larry Smith, Managing Editor, Parade magazine, 711 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017; Walter Scott, Box 5001, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163-5001.

Good Advice

In a recent letter to advice columnist "Dear Abby," a reader asked: "My 2-year old granddaughter is being allowed overnight visits with a young lesbian. Would you or your experts allow a beautiful little girl overnight visits with a lesbian?" Abby responded: "Your granddaughter is in no greater danger with a lesbian sitter than she would be with a heterosexual baby-sitter. Homosexuality and pedophilia are not synonymous!" Abby also cited recent research indicating that most child molesters are heterosexual, often the partner of a relative of the molested child. Comments may be sent to "Dear Abby" at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069

Computer bulletin board systems (BBS) continue to be attacked in the latest campaign to "save our children" from homosexuality. In particular, bigots are urging America On Line (AOL) to restrict or censor lesbian and gay subjects in order to "protect" young computer users. Protests also have been lodged against AOL of "allowing homosexuals to freely enter the (chat) rooms" and gain "access to children." AOL's "Teen Chat" service—which sometimes includes discussion of sexual orientation—has been condemned as hunting ground for pedophiles.

For young lesbians and gays, BBS systems can provide a rare opportunity to access accurate information, engage in peer contact, and discover hope in a homophobic world. If you are an AOL subscriber, post a message in the "President's Roundtable" area supporting the continuation of and open access to the teen issues areas. Otherwise, express your concern to America On-Line at (800) 827-6364.

Seattle church votes to hire gay couple

SEATTLE, Monday, June 13 (AP)—Members of University Congregational Church have voted to hire a gay couple to share a job as associate minister.

Of the 624 members who cast ballots, 76 percent voted to hire Peter Ilgenfritz, 32, and David Shull, 35, church members were told Sunday.

A two-thirds affirmative vote was the minimum required to hire the two.

Some said they did not believe homosexuals should be ministers.

"I'm not a born-again Christian, but from what I've been brought up to

believe, the Bible says it's wrong," said David Bivins.

But Alice Oehler voted for the two "because we're an open and affirming church, and we should practice what we preach."

Some opponents said they wanted the church to fill a vacant senior minister position before filling the associate minister position.

Paul Sherry, president of church headquarters in Cleveland, sent a letter pronouncing Ilgenfritz and Shull "outstanding candidates." Both hold master's degrees.



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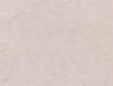
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Plug pulled on Time Inc.'s gay project; first issues of new mag POZ show promise

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By TODD SIMMONS
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

No one's ever accused me of having a problem with making a buck. If there weren't at least a few dollars attached to this column, it's a pretty good bet I'd find something else to do with my time.

So I can't entirely fault Time Inc. Ventures for its recent decision to shelve the launch of TRIBE, a glitzy gay-oriented mag that Time brass didn't project would "make two or three million dollars a year," as Ventures President Robert Miller told the New York Times.

But I can tell you the story behind another publisher aiming to reach a mostly gay audience. You can decide which one has your interests at heart.

Sean Strub is a New York-based direct marketing guru. He also has AIDS. An insatiable news addict, Strub long ago realized that neither his information needs regarding the epidemic nor those of others like him were being met by the general or the gay media.

He envisioned "a magazine that could simultaneously provoke, inform and entertain in the vast arena that is AIDS." POZ is the result.

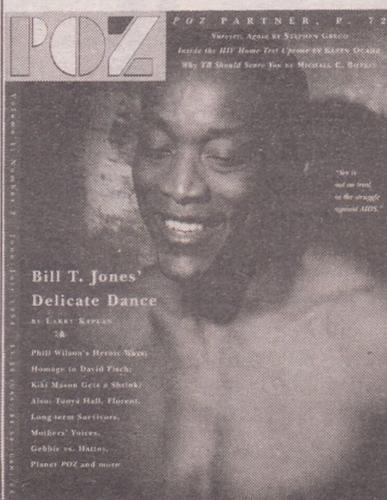
And what a result it is. For anyone who thought a publication revolving around AIDS would be the last thing anyone might

want to read, POZ is the definitive rebuttal. From a riveting cover story on dancer/choreographer Bill T. Jones to a shockingly frank interview with HIV-positive Clinton aide Bob Hattoy to an insightful piece on how the media cover AIDS, POZ's first two issues have grandly fulfilled Strub's vision.

Part of the reason is the talent Strub has recruited for this venture. The debut cover feature on Ty Ross (the gay, HIV-positive grandson of conservative legend Barry Goldwater) was written by Kevin Sessums and was on newstands at the same time a Sessums piece on Tom Hanks graced the cover of VANITY FAIR. The Hattoy interview was done by THE VILLAGE VOICE's Donna Minkowitz. And Brendan Lemon of THE NEW YORKER serves as editor-at-large.

Advertising support is thin for most new launches, and POZ is no exception. But it's heartening to see full page buys from Perrier and Calistoga mineral waters as well as a beautiful two-page Benetton spread mixed in among the pharmacy promos and ads from companies offering to purchase PWA's life insurance policies.

Perhaps the mags most valuable contribution is "POZ Partner," several pages of



POZ: first two issues grandly fulfilled publisher's vision

"ideas and resources for survival" that will be a staple feature each issue. Included are detailed descriptions of standard treatments for different AIDS-related illnesses, phone numbers of pharmaceutical companies offering various AIDS drugs free to needy patients and listings of various national AIDS service organizations.

In the latest POZ Partner, Strub even had the results of his own bloodwork analyzed and explained by a group of top AIDS docs. My lover has AIDS, and I can attest to the service Strub has provided anyone who's ever tried to decipher these complex, confusing and

sometimes scary printouts.

One might suspect that Strub, anticipating some magnificent windfall to be made selling AIDS info to people who are literally dying for it, dipped into his direct marketing coffers and bankrolled POZ.

Hardly. Remember those ads I referenced a few paragraphs back—the ones that buy life insurance from the terminally ill? Strub sold his policies, and through POZ, has made tens of thousands of PWA's across the country his beneficiaries.

I doubt if POZ will ever net "two or three million dollars a year." Like most small new publications, it will be fortunate if it ever turns much of a profit at all. If it does, Strub—who recently recovered from a bout with pneumonia—may not be around to see it.

I suppose it was too much to hope that the gazillions of dollars Time hauls in year after year, much of it from gay and lesbian consumers, the corporate mega-giant might cough up a few hundred thousand to bankroll TRIBE. After all, we're talking bottom line here, and if stockholders can't be shown a seven figure return on investment, who can blame Time from walking away from the deal?

But Time exec Miller must have believed in the project at some point. His company sank

around \$75,000 and several months of research into examining TRIBE's viability before finally pulling the plug. He even claimed to be still "intrigued" with the magazine's concept.

Was Time serious about serving gay and lesbian readers? Or could this be just another example of—dare I say it?—a bloodsucking corporate entity only interested in how much cash it could extract from our community.

If Miller is interested, I understand there are alternate funding sources for new mag launches—especially for publishers truly committed to their readers. Perhaps he has an insurance policy to sell? maybe Strub can give him a referral.

Postscript: Sources say the real reason Time abandoned the project was because the rabidly far right American Family Association was complaining—though Time, of course, denies it. My sympathies to Maer Roshan of the now-defunct gay mag OW. TRIBE is his idea, and its a shame he had the misfortune to have gotten involved with Time in this fiasco. May he find a backer for a mag that truly deserves a shot.

(Todd Simmons lives and works in Tampa, Fla.)

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New Las Vegas hotel contract would protect gays, lesbians

LAS VEGAS, Tuesday, June 7 (AP)—A new contract being backed by the Culinary Union includes language protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination.

The union is proposing that the words "sexual orientation" appear in the nondiscrimination clause of all future collective bargaining agreements between the Culinary and Las Vegas hotels.

Culinary Local 226 is currently negotiating new contracts with 34 hotels. Five-year contracts between

the union and the hotels expired May 31.

Culinary Secretary-Treasurer Jim Arnold said the language is "long overdue."

"If it has to be in the contract to get people the rights they deserve, it should be in there," Arnold said.

The union proposal would add sexual orientation to the protected classes of race, religion, color, sex, age and national origin now listed in the union contract under the heading, "Prohibited Discrimination."

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'The Phantom of the Opera': It's everything you've heard

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

Hype is a nasty little thing. Legitimate praise from critics and excited word-of-mouth reports from patrons inevitably get amplified in the promotional onslaught that precedes traveling productions of musical theater. Such is the case with "The Phantom of the Opera," quite possibly the most universally anticipated production to ever go on tour.

Fortunately for regular theater-goers everywhere, as well as for the legion of sporadic patrons who venture out only for this type of spectacle, "The Phantom of the Opera" comes surprisingly close to matching all its advance publicity. The show, which is being presented in Jones Hall through July 16 as the highlight of the 1993-94 NationsBank Houston Broadway Series, represents the most massive theatrical undertaking ever to cross the nation.

And for anyone familiar with Andrew Lloyd Webber, the sheer enormity of this production will come as no surprise. As the composer and chief driving force behind "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Jesus Christ Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Evita," "Cats," and most recently "Sunset Boulevard," Webber long ago established a reputation for lavish and beautiful productions that were accessible (many would read that "pop") but still retained a grand air with stately staging.

The musical is based on the

well-known turn-of-the-century, Gothic novel by Gaston Leroux about a horribly disfigured man living in the recesses of the Paris Opera House, who falls in love with a beautiful woman and transforms her from a simple wardrobe waif into the diva of the opera. However, as with the majority of his other

works, Webber molded the story to fit the images he had already developed for his music. In this adaptation, by Webber and co-librettist Richard Stilgoe, the story begins with a somber auction of dusty props found in the opera house. A wheel-chair ridden man, the Vicomte Raoul de Chagny (John Schroeder), is captivated by an odd music box, which is topped by a toy monkey playing the cymbals. Staring at the box with hollow eyes, Raoul drifts back to a time many years before, to the year 1911, and with a bellowing flourish, the auctioneer brings Raoul's memory to life.

Rehearsal is underway for "Hannibal" and the opera company is busy with the multitude of details in preparation for the grand opening. In the midst of rehearsal, Messrs. Firmin and André (David Cryer and Roger E. DeWitt) are introduced as the new owners of the opera. The two men offer flowery accolades to the company



Grant Norman as The Phantom and Adrienne McKeown as Christine in a scene from the third national touring production of "The Phantom of the Opera" (Photo by Joan Marcus)

and crew and graciously request that Carlotta Giudicelli (Geena L. Jeffries) the opera's reigning soprano, sing one of her pieces for them. But the Phantom (Grant Norman) disrupts the scene, causing panic among the company members. Carlotta indignantly announces that she will not perform until the Phantom is removed from the opera house once and for all.

Faced with the prospect of an opening without a star, the new owners heed the recommendation of one of the chorus girls and ask Christine Daaé (Adrienne McEwan) to sing for them. Christine's golden voice removes all worries about the imminent production, and plans for the show continue. More importantly, a friend of the new proprietors, a young man named Raoul is convinced that he knows Christine from their childhood, and the pangs of love stir anew in him.

Christine is taken aback, but nonetheless charmed,

by Raoul's forthright declaration of affection. Christine, however is already somewhat involved. She is already quite familiar with the Phantom. She loves him, for it is he who has taught her to sing, but she is also wary of him, and doesn't understand why he hides behind a mask.

The love triangle thus unfolds and is relayed with melodramatic music,

heart-touching lyrics and unequivocally gorgeous sets. The songs have all the rich and flavorful variety one would hope for and expect. The lovely "Angel of Music," the soothing hypnosis of "Little Lotte/The Mirror," the haunting melody of "The Music of the Night," the whimsical lightness of "Notes/Prima Donna" and of course the show-stopping title song are just some of the musical pleasures found in "Phantom," and these are all in Act One!

The talent of the thespians matches that of the composer and lyricist. Grant Norman, in the title role, is a and lyricist. Grant Norman, in the title role, is a sturdy, sinister, yet still somehow, reassuring presence. His voice comes from the gut as does his portrayal. Adrienne McEwan is ravishing and her touch to a song makes it so incomparably harmonious you'd think celestial intervention was partly responsible.

John Schroeder also does

well, but he sings with such total ardor that it makes his characterization border on the melodramatic. David Cryer and Roger E. DeWitt offer enticingly light fair in their number and each has a jaunty kick to his delivery, that somewhat belies the coin-counting worries of the opera owners, and Geena L. Jeffries was just perfect as the conceited songbird, Carlotta.

The sets are everything you've heard. A 1000-pound chandelier that seems to fall directly on the audience, the myriad of candles that rise from the stage floor to give the appearance of the subterranean lake, the magnificently Baroque proscenium arch that symbolizes all the grandiloquence that is the opera, the grand staircase used for the masquerade ball, and the breathtaking scenery for each of the three "operas" that is being staged by the opera company, including a mechanical elephant, are all stunning in scale and an absolute joy to behold. The only thing that comes close to matching the sets are the costumes. Rich in detail and in a fantastic variety, the garbs and garments are sensational. High praise to Maria Björnson for her outstanding work; it will leave you gaping. Her outstanding work; it will leave you gaping.

Director Harold Prince has combined all the right flair for his actors to keep them afloat and noticeable in the grandeur of this production. Prince is royalty among contemporary directors of musical theater.

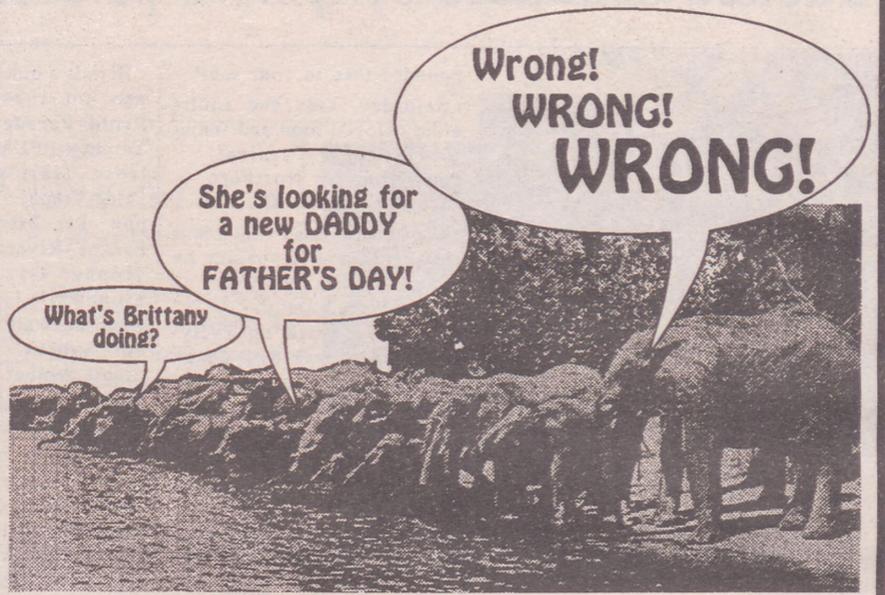
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Evolution has a brand new show; Kon Tiki gets a new MC



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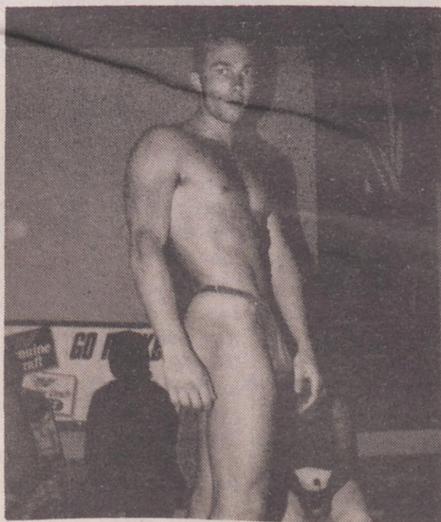
GALVESTON SOAP

By JOSH DAVIS

Houston Voice/Galveston

Yes, it's true, Evolution is hosting a new show. The show will be on Fridays in the upstairs-bar (formerly Greta's). Shows are to include live female dancers, live singers, comedians, and special guests from time to time. So next time you stop in Evo's, run upstairs and check it out.

And speaking of shows, sources report that Miss Cinnamon, the MC at Evo's for their delirious drag show, has left the show and is now working over at the Kon Tiki club, as, you guessed it, the new show director. My question is... where is Misty Valdez, the Island Diva? And what did she say when she found out? I'm sure glad I wasn't around when she did find out. I'm sure it was not pretty. I smell scandal! Nonetheless, the show must go on and you can now catch Miss Cinnamon over at KT, Friday thru Sunday. Meanwhile, over at Evo's, the ever so comical, Miss Diva has taken over mc'ing the shows temporarily until a suitable replacement is found. Miss Diva has assured me there will be no interruptions in performances and shows will continue every Sunday as scheduled. She also wanted



Miguel at the Kon Tiki

me to remind the girls that the third Sunday in every month is amateur night at Evolution. If you can sing, dance, hop, skip, or trick, give Miss Diva a call. Cash prizes and bar tabs are awarded to the winners. I even think Miss Diva has a few surprises of her own. So don't miss out on the fun, come by and see!

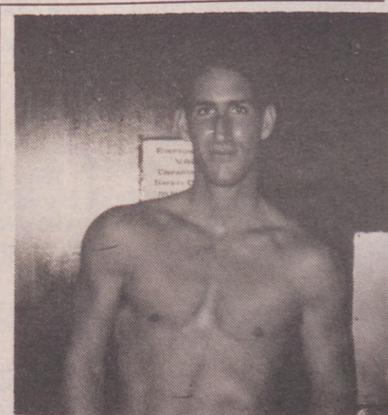
Busy weekends in Galveston have once again become the norm as tourists from all over the state flock to the Island city for fun in the sun. You would think with all the Lesbian and Gay Pride festivities going on in Houston, it would have been slow. Not so, in fact the beach this past weekend was loaded with sisters showing their pride. I think some of them showed a little too much "pride." Oh, and by the way Craig, how did you burn your backside like that hmmm? Surely you weren't naked? Nooooo, not you! (Bitch, I'm jealous). After the beach, the clubs were just as festive if not more so. Robert's Lafitte's had quite an interest-

ing crowd this past weekend. Why if I hadn't been working, I might have stayed for that "extra cocktail" with Rick (or Ray, I don't remember). Oh well, next! Over at the Kon Tiki, Miss Cinnamon made her debut MC. While there were a few technical problems, the show in itself was definitely an eye full. Miss Lawanda Jackson was in town and put on quite a show, not to mention the performance by Miguel, with Muscles in Action. Miguel is the kind of dancer that leaves that saucy taste in your mouth when he's finished! (of course, I would not know personally!) Meanwhile, Evolution had a delicious dancer, even if he did have a bad dye job. (Really girl! Miss Clairol is not that expensive) But, besides that, he was quite edible looking. However, Toby is still looking for a few good men to fill those last dancing positions. (Ooooh!) For info call (409) 763-4212. References a plus.

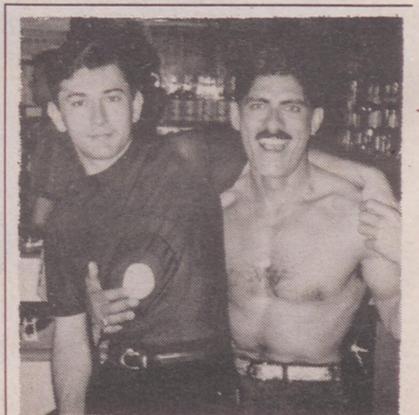
Well, on Sunday, a group of sisters and I made the trip to Houston to show a little of our Pride Galveston Style. I, myself missed last years parade, so I was

quite happy to get to see it this year. Seeing so many queens celebrating there fairness was the tea. There was quite a collage boys, there were boys on parade, boys in skirts, boys in leather, boys in drag, you name it and there was a boy in it! (no pun intended). Making the rounds, we visited Heaven, J.R.'s, the Mine and of course the Ripcord! The only bad side to the event was the lack of space with so many queens out all at once. The girls were packed in like sardines (no relation to fish intended). But all in all, we had a blast.

And last, but not least, there's always room for a little dirt. Remember that new gay beach over on Bolivar Peninsula I mentioned. Well I can report, while slow, there is some extracurricular activities occurring over there. It's not a really secluded spot, so you really can't do too much. But, if you like chicken from the closet, it is the place to be. Remember, when your out in the sun, cover your head(s), we don't want any of you girls getting a sun stroke. (or something close to it!) Until next week!! See Ya!



Boy on patio at Heaven



Boys will be boys!

Packed schedule of festive pride events kept me jumping this week!



Pride Week staff with Carolyn Farb at "Pumped Up on Art"

HOUSTON SOAP, PART 1

By CAROLYN LARSON
Houston Voice/Houston

WOW!! What a week!! There was way too much going on for even me to keep up with.

Wednesday up at the HILL, Ann and the gang raised \$115 during an Karaoke show to benefit the Pride week!!

Thursday, June 9, I attended "Pumped Up on Art." It was held at the Museum Restaurant and Bar. For those who don't know, this event centered around an auction of shoes that donated by celebrities and "Pumped Up" to become art. The list of donors was long and distinguished...names like Ann Richards, Lily Tomlin, Shara Fryer, Carolyn Farb, Laura Sakowitz, Elyse Lanier... the list continues. It was a delightful evening and raised needed funds for Bering, The Dizinger Foundation, and Pride Week.

Jerry Halliday was a huge hit at J.R.'s this past Thursday night. He performed with his sassy camp diva alter ego Lola and world premiered his new Joan Rivers puppet. Joan had quite a lot to say, including an entire routine comparing Houston's own Kofi to Madonna in "who's a bigger whore contest." You guess who won—whoever it was, she was not on the 800 Pacific Street float in the Pride Parade!!

Friday night at the Venture-N, Texas Leather and Lace held their Third Annual Mistress Auction. After Nelda poured three cuervo's down my throat, they railroaded me into entering! Luckily, I was the first contestant. The new Mistress of Texas Leather and Lace is TIGER of F.I.S.T. You can catch her act at XTC on the weekends, and at the Ripcord on Monday and Tuesday. Congrats, Tiger!!

The Pride Week Volunteers Party at Pacific Street was also Friday night. It was your chance to say thanks!! to all the hard workers that make our annual event such a success!

Over at Rich's, The floor was packed as the sounds of trash disco

pounded thru to your soul!

Saturday, kids and adults alike enjoyed food and fun at the Rainbow Carnival sponsored by Northern Lights Alternatives.

One of the events I went to was the Leather Symposium on Electricity Play. Wes introduced various devices to spark up everyone's love making. Thank you, Wes, for an enlightening afternoon!

Saturday afternoon I found myself in OZ. The sign at the door said "Bell Out of Order, Please Knock." The yellow brick road started in the patio of the Montrose Mining Company and lead you out the door to the middle of Pacific Street. I followed it over to J.R.'s Bar. They did a fantastic job decorating the bar for this weekend!! I especially liked the giant Godzilla hanging from the ceiling.

I was cruising down Westheimer and saw a well toned group of athletes. Basic Brothers and Bally's Power Team are quite a match. The aerobic outfits looked great on this group!

Midtowne Spa's Gay Pride Extravaganza was a smashing success! The house was packed with hot and sweaty men as they watched Tranae Chardon perform. When Midtowne throws a party, they really do it right!

The Pre Parade Party this year was held after the parade!! The Ven-

ture-N was the place to be after the parade! Food was donated for Stone Soup, and the monies raised are earmarked for a new dental chair for Bering Dental Clinic!!

The Guys at 800 Pacific Street were a real crowd pleaser with their float celebrating Stonewall 25. Miss Lindsay Love jetted in from an appearance in Big D just in time to be on the float in a bikini that was a real show stopper. Miss Lindsay and newly medaled "Mr. Gay Houston" Randy rushed over to 800 Pacific Street after the parade and had a couple \$1.00 long necks at Heaven. Later Adult Video star Ty Russell wowed the crowds with his dancing and autograph signing session!

Here is a quick list of trophy winners for 1994 Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade: Grand Marshal: Trophy: PFLAG, Spirit of Montrose: Mary's (Naturally), Pride Trophy: Rich's, Unity Trophy: Pet Patrol, Texas Trophy: Brazos River Bottom, Houston Trophy: Gay Men's Chorus, Stonewall Trophy: E/J's, and Houstonewall 25 to Dallas' Silver Sabres. Congratulations to all winners and participants of this year's parade.

The winners of the Life Today Sweetheart contest are: Miss Paivi Lee Love, 1st runner up Sivi Ross and 2nd runner up Leah Hostin. The "celebrity" judges for this contest were Brian Bradley, Julie Siska, Ms. BRB and Ms. Travis County. Brittany Paige and Matt Locklin would like to thank E/J's and all the others that made this a successful event!

Free, Gay, and Happy was the theme at Rich's after the parade. The Nellie Ribbons were still waving as Sabrina Johnston took the stage.

Thursday, June 16

Tonight at the 611 Hyde Park Pub is a GIGANTIC Male strip contest. The contest begins at 10:00 p.m. The 611 is dishing out big bucks for the winner!! Don't forget to get their early for Steak night. The hot meat off the grill is from 6:00 pm to 9:00 p.m.

guest stars: Regina Dane, Trixie Truxstop, and direct from Mary's (Naturally) Rita Charles. Bookstore tokens are encouraged!! Show time is 11:00 pm sharp!

Naturally, at Mary's the 13 Hour Band will be rocking the rafters. It will be a Cajun Day of music. The Wolf Pack is serving Crab Legs, and Sundance Cattle Company is cooking up a batch of Cajun Chicken. The Food and fun starts at 1:00 and just keeps on going!

Tonight at the Venture-N, The reining Mr. Prime Choice Don Gill and retired Mr. Prime Choice Don Dowden will be giving "Leatherman's" haircuts from 10:00 pm until Midnight. The \$8 donation is going directly to Bering Dental Center.

Sunday June 19

AIDS Talk Houston TV spotlights AIDS advocate Matt Locklin, with guest Lane Lewis, President of the AIDS Equity League, and Tom Schnorr, long time League member and local I.V. home pharmacist. Among the subjects discussed include an update in federal action being taken against Castle Dental Center on discrimination against people with HIV, and the outcome of



Michel Coll spins the rainbow wheel at the Rainbow Carnival Saturday

ested in signing their business up for referrals, signing up as volunteers or just to find out what GLSH is all about!

Mr. and Miss E/J's present "Open Arms," a benefit for the Stevens House. If you would like to participate, contact Brittany Paige or call E/J's 527-9071.

The Venture-N invites you and your Daddy to a special Yea! Buffet! starting at 3:00 pm

Mary's (Naturally) is hosting the annual Daddy of Montrose Contest!! This is an event not to be missed!! I'm wondering if that means the winner has to sleep with the Mother of Montrose Lady Victoria Lust or with the retiring Daddy of Montrose Don Gill!! The contest starts at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday June 21

It is Boys Night Out at Midtowne Spa. A free locker to any man between the ages of 18 to 22! Such a deal!!

It is week #2 for the E/J's Amateur Talent Night. The show starts at 10:30 p.m.

Where am I every Tuesday? Why at Mary's (naturally) for ice cold shots of cuervo! You all know they keep the cuervo chilled for me!! It is only \$2.00 a shot!

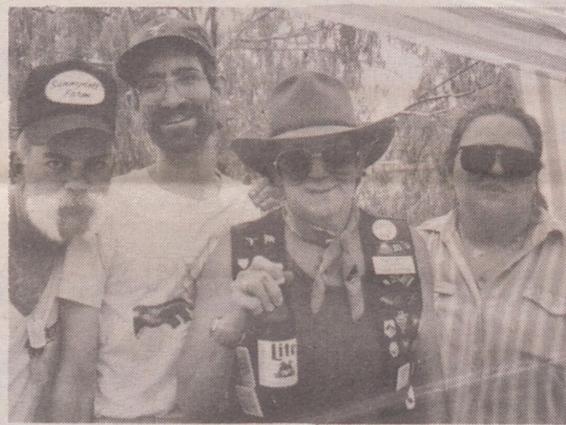
Wednesday, June 22

It is Steak night on the Patio at the Club. Damion will grill the piece of meat of your choice for only \$3.00. That also includes all the usual trimmings! The dinner bell rings at 6:00 p.m.

Tonight at the Black Labrador Restaurant (4100 Montrose) is a benefit for Pet Patrol. A Silent Auction featuring over 100 items including watches, jewelry, dinners, trips, hotel, art work, pet supplies and products. They are also including a Celebrity Auction, featuring autographed photos of more than 50 celebs along with signed baseballs, CD's and special celebrity memorabilia. The admission is Dog/Cat food and pet supplies. The event is from 5:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.



Some of the Pride Week volunteers



Sundance cattle Co. provides the cool drinks on the roof of Mary's

Mary's has a slop shot pool tournament every Thursday!! Call the bar for details!

It is Men with Muscles night at Pacific Street. The doors open at 9:00 pm and they STILL have the lowest drink prices in town!!

Friday, June 17

Don't forget that Heaven opens at 7:30 tonight for the Montrose Softball league's outlandish, outrageous night of a thousand stars or better known as Jocks in Dresses. Show time is 8:00 pm, so don't be late for this once a year chance to see your favorite MSL players in full drag and help the league raise some money!!

It is Weekend Warm Up at Pacific Street. The doors open early at 7:00 pm and they have NO cover until 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

Git down to the Brazos River Bottom to help the COLT 45's celebrate their 18th anniversary. The Colts are a pillar of our community!!

There is a Pool Party every Saturday and Sunday at The Club 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. It is a great place to work on your tanning your buns!

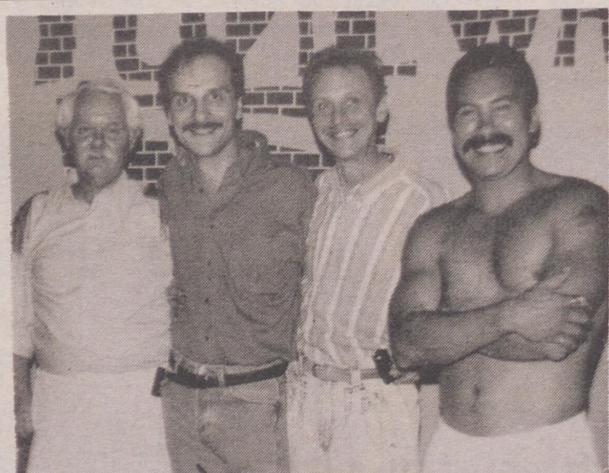
This Saturday the Imperial Court sponsoring a car wash at Gentry's from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Super Show at E/J's this week is titled "Eastside Trash." Brittany Paige presents her list of

action taken against the Texas Department of Public Safety. Air time is 1:00 pm and again Monday, June 20, at 8:00 a.m.

Denim Party Registration is Today at the Brazos River Bottom from 3:00 pm to 6:00 p.m. At 7:30 Gerald Ennis (Candidate for Mr. TGRA 1995) takes the stage to entertain you. The show is titled "In Living Color, Phase III." The performance will benefit Pet Patrol!

Please join Mr. TGRA Candidate, Virgil Burke at Gentry's at 9:00 pm for a show benefiting The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Houston. An information booth will be set up from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm for anyone inter-



Gene, Mark, Glen and patron, Daniel, at Saturday's Midtowne spa Pride Extravaganza



Mary's parade trophy (Naturally)!

Coming events & all the dirt that's fit to print (and even some that isn't)



Hey, Good Looking...

HOUSTON SOAP PART 2

By CAROLYN LARSON

Houston Voice/Houston

Gentry's has Houston's Hottest Boy Toy dancers tonight 6:00 pm to 10:00 p.m. They will warm you up for the Male Strip show, hosted by Miss Gay Texas Dyan Michaels. The clothes start hitting the floor at 10:30 p.m.

It is Hot Hump night at Pacific Street. Check out the sounds of Adrian and the laser wizardry the Hottest Laser Wizard in Houston!! They sure know how to keep it hot sand humping!!

Other Important Stuff!

Basic Brothers is starting its summer sale early this year. In-season savings of 20% to 40% off regular ticket prices start June 16th. My favorite four letter word is SALE!!

Free Referrals for persons living with HIV/AIDS at 902-2231. Business, Medical, Social Services, Homecare, Financial and Insurance Transactions. Save time and energy by calling this hot line for free advice and information.

You can catch the Rockets NBA championship games on the video monitors at Gentry's.

The National Leather Association: Houston has a 24 hour info line: 434-2417

The Doors of the 611 Hyde Park Pub open every day at 7:00 a.m. You can go and visit with Rita Boulevard for \$1.00 vodka drinks and 50 cent draft beer until noon!!

You could hear the screams of celebration in the streets at 800 Pacific on Sunday as the Rockets won their game. J.R.'s is televising all of the Rockets championship games on their giant video wall. You can watch the games the games Friday and Saturday with all of your friends at J.R.'s and enjoy special Happy Hour drink prices extended until 11:00 pm

STUDZ Adult Magazine, and Video store is having a sale!! Go to 1201 Richmond and check out the gigan-



Gay Pride Show with Ty Russell at Heaven Sunday (smiling Scott at right)

tic remodeling sale!!

Q-Patrol has a info line: 526-6313.

Leather By Boots is having a sale on Leather Jackets. 20% off all jackets in the store. I know it is hot outside, but this is the time to start thinking about your fall and winter leather attire. LBB Also doing a clearance sale on LA Roxx and C. Coatney merchandise (that is rubber, plastic and lycra stuff)

Coming Events

If you would like a mention in this section, please call 529-8490 or fax 529-9531 the info as soon as possible!

June 25* The Ball Busters Ball at Pacific Street.

June 25* Break out and join the Men of the Mine when jail house rocks in celebration of Stonewall 25. The Mine stays open until 4:00 a.m. for this party that promises to be the hottest Stonewall celebration outside of NYC.

July 2* "To Friends and to Life" at the Wortham Theater. The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston would like to invite you to their 15th year anniversary concert. Tickets available by calling 227-ARTS.

July 2* Accessing Medicare—

ble!

Dirt And More Dirt!

Well, it is time to air our dirty laundry. I don't have as much from this past week, my sources were all real busy getting ready for the festivities. The usual disclaimer is in effect, i.e. lies, gossip, bathroom wall stuff, and stuff I just feel like making up!!

Steve T and John E.: How was the corn from the ranch?

Vera (BRB): Why did you pee on the slide? No wonder they kicked you out of Day School. The sandbox works better!!

Pickles: I hope you did not hurt your self too much when you toppled off the Mary's float!! That driver should have been more careful...all of yaw'll are precious cargo!!

Charlie (*****): I hear you have a new nickname.. something like Linda's "Whipping Boy." How did you acquire this one!!



"I'm prettier than you" contest

"got it"!

Meg (Mary's): So the tile is in, but I hear you have ordered a moving sidewalk to help you make it thru the tunnel on Bomar!!

A special Belated Birthday to Miss Gaye Yancy!! You sure don't LOOK that old!!

A reliable source has leaked to me a new Girl's bar soon to be opened down on Richmond!! More scoop as I hear about it!

The new bartender Mike at the Venture-N is something truly worth looking at!! Go and say HI to their newest hunk!!



BRB boys show off their "Best Professional Float" trophy



Tiger and Sally perform at Texas Leather and Lace Mistress Auction

Mark (Redroom): The rumor mill advised me you are on a little extended vacation!! I'm still waiting for my free Cadillac and keys to the mansion!

Tim Watson: I have been told you have found a type of toilet paper.. But isn't your new idea just a bit expensive!!

There were 3 virgins on the roof of Mary's watching the parade!! Nancy Ellis, Shirley (LBB) and Cuervolyn. For the past many years, the three of us "worked" the parade. It was a real treat to watch the parade!!

(Note/disclaimer: the following Urgent Last Minute Update to the dirt was received from Carolyn's colleagues in the advertising department:

Carolyn: Have you seen or licked any rings lately while you were bragging on who was riding on P.S.' float?

Shirley: how does it feel to watch another woman beat your man...Lee said, at least I made her eat first)?

Well, it is cuervo time for this Cuervolyn!!

Clay (Mine): So, your new hubby is out of commission for how long?? Look out guys, Clay can't go "without" for to long.. keep a close eye on your own "daddys" in Clay is in your vicinity!

Norman (VN): I hear you are ready for your annual Mental Heath Exam!! Good Luck to the doctors. No one knows just what it is that makes you tick.could it be cuervo??

Wiggles: So you like to play strip poker? Next time, remember that when you lay that game deck of cards is not optional...like your clothes!

Robb: (Mary's): I'm still looking for some good dirt on you!!

A few Happy Birthdays to David Johnson, the limo driver from hell, and Lisa Eunice Broomasbox (Laff Stop).

Lex Harral: (Dancer) We sure did enjoy your "show" at the Mine this weekend!! Keep it up!!

Cody: Why were you so surprised to find me yanking up my panty hose in the ladies room of the Mine. After all it IS the LADIES room!

Buddy wants everyone to know he is looking for a new dress for Pitty Pat!!

David Green: Are you still farting blue flames?

Josie (FIST): It was sure fun whipping you on stage! It is nice to see I still



Gaye and her year's supply of eye liner

'Five Guys Named Moe' celebrates music of legendary Louis Jourdan

HOUSTON LIVE

By JAVIER TAMEZ
Houston Voice/Houston

A foot-stompin', finger-snappin' and toe-tappin' treat is coming to the Brown Theater of the Wortham Center. "Five Guys Named Moe," a musical salute to the genius of jazz legend, musician, song-writer Louis Jourdan, will be presented June 21-26 as part of the 1993-94 NationsBank Houston Broadway Series.

Louis Jourdan, an alto saxophonist who died in 1975 at the age of 66, was the pivotal figure in the development of rhythm & blues. Working with a band called the Timpani Five, Jourdan created a lean, emphatic beat that was known as "jump blues." Jourdan's style, labeled "jump boogie" by some critics, became wildly popular and led to a string of platinum hits in the 1940s. From 1944 to 1951, Jourdan had 57 songs released as singles. Of those, 55 made the rhythm & blues top ten, with 18 that went to No. 1—a record still unequaled today.

In addition to its astounding popularity, Jourdan's music received universal critical acclaim. Musicologists and historians credit him with successfully bridging the gap between R&B and rock'n'roll. He transformed music by showing how a Big Band could be pared down to a wailing, tight, small-combo blues sound without losing power. His style was a cornerstone of rhythm & blues and jazz, with elements of boogie-woogie, jump calypso and ballads. Jourdan's music reflected circumstances of everyday life—from food to farm animals—and tapped in to the rhythm of his listeners' lives and thoughts.

"Five Guys Named Moe" features such hits as "Let the Good Times Roll," "Caldonia," "Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Baby" and "Safe, Sane and Single," and is a rousing and raucous musical celebration. The show opened in London in 1990 and received two Olivier Awards: Outstanding Entertainment of the Year and Best Choreography. It opened on Broadway in 1992 and was subsequently nominated for a Tony Award as Best Musical on Broadway.

The story links the musical numbers in an ingenuous way, with a young man, Nomax, mourning his lost love as he sings to a torch song on the radio. In a sudden flash, "Five Guys Named Moe" appear and proceed to give Nomax advice and consolation



Clockwise from front: Keith Tyrone, Milton Craig Nealy, Doug Eskew, Kevyn Brackett and Jeffrey Polk are "Five Guys Named Moe"

through Jourdan's more familiar songs.

Jeffrey Polk, who plays Little Moe (the other characters are Big Moe, Eat Moe, No Moe and Four-Eyed Moe) refers to the production as a "revusical."

"It's a celebration of Louis Jourdan's music, but it also has a story; everyone really enjoys it," Polk said.

The young actor/singer affably discussed his impression of the production. His largest appreciation comes from the "Americana knowledge that's in the show."

Polk takes justifiable pride in expanding the exposure of Jourdan's music to a more general audience.

"He was the father of rap and rock. Artists like Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis were inspired by Jourdan's style."

A fitting but understated tribute, for Jourdan put his stamp on such a wide range of music, with a style so rich it can still be found in current releases, that he deserves the label "legend." "Five Guys Named Moe" will show you why.

Company Seeks Members

Goat Song, a theater group, is currently seeking prospective company members to interview and audition for its second season. The company is most recently noted for a successful run of "The Doppler Effect," authored by Beaumont writer Gary Laird. The group is looking for performers, writers, technical support and directors with practical experience, and all with a willingness to work.

The innovative company is based in Montrose and currently is firming up plans for late summer and fall productions. Interested persons should contact Mike Hanks at 439-1825 for more information and appointment.

Mainstream firm releases research data on gay and lesbian market

TRENDS WORTH TRACKING

Yankelovich Partners Inc., a leading market research firm, last week released research findings on the gay and lesbian population that could significantly affect how marketers and advertisers address this group in the future. The data is an offshoot of the Yankelovich Monitor, the firm's ongoing research effort that has collected and interpreted a broad range of consumer data annually since 1971. Yankelovich compiled this information to produce the first Yankelovich Monitor: Gay/Lesbian Report.

The firm has also provided the data to author/business consultant Grant Lukenbill, whose upcoming book, *Untold Millions: The Gay and Lesbian Consumer Revolution in America*, integrates the research. The book will be published by HarperCollins.

The research profiles the attitudes, values, perceptions and demographics of gay and lesbian Americans. Watts Wacker, resident futurist and managing partner at Yankelovich, comments, "The research represents one of the first nationally representative portraits of self-identified gay and lesbian Americans. We believe it has important ramifications for businesses that currently market or plan to market to this segment of the population."

A core finding is that gay and lesbian Americans are increasingly looking for products marketed by companies that address and serve their needs. "The study validates that there is a real need and a tremendous opportunity for companies to market directly to the gay and lesbian population, as some have begun to do," says Rex Briggs, project director for the Yankelovich Monitor: Gay/Lesbian Report. "The key to building strong relationships with gay and lesbian Americans is to learn about them as consumers, understand and fulfill their marketplace needs and effectively communicate to them."

Additional findings include:

Demographics—Approximately 6 percent of the U.S. population identify themselves as gay/lesbian. The distribution of this group mirrors that of the heterosexual population with regard to gender, ethnicity and age; Gay/lesbian Americans are twice as likely as heterosexuals to have attended graduate school (14 percent of the gay/lesbian population compared to 7 percent of heterosexuals); Personal income of gay/lesbian Americans is roughly equivalent to that of heterosexuals; Eighteen percent of gay/lesbian Americans are self-employed, compared with 11 percent of heterosexuals; Political affiliations of the gay/lesbian population mirror those of the heterosexual population. However, a higher proportion

of the gay/lesbian population (28 percent compared with 17 percent of heterosexuals) holds a liberal point of view; The gay/lesbian population has fewer Protestants compared with the heterosexual population (46 percent compared with 56 percent). Other religious affiliations are represented in similar proportion in the gay/lesbian population as in the heterosexual population; Forty-two percent of gay/lesbian Americans indicate that they consider themselves married, compared with 54 percent of heterosexuals; Lesbians are nearly as likely as heterosexual women to have children. Fifty percent of the gay/lesbian population are parents (compared with 66 percent of heterosexuals); 25 percent have children under 18 in the household (compared with 32 percent of heterosexuals); The gay/lesbian population is more highly concentrated in the 25 most populated metropolitan counties (56 percent of gay/lesbian Americans live in the top 25 counties compared with 38 percent of heterosexuals); they are under represented in the South (25 percent compared with 35 percent of heterosexuals) and over represented in the North Central census region (32 percent compared with 23 percent of heterosexuals).

Social issues—The heterosexual population's unaccepting attitudes towards the gay/lesbian population have decreased significantly over the last 10 years; Gay/lesbian Americans feel much higher levels of stress regarding financial security, employment, personal life and parents than do heterosexuals.

The Yankelovich gay/lesbian sample was defined through a confidentially disclosed, self-identified item within the 1993 Monitor questionnaire. Respondents were asked to review a list of 53 self-descriptors and choose those terms that best described or represented them. One of the self-describing terms was "gay/homosexual/lesbian." Their responses to the full survey were compiled as the Yankelovich Monitor: Gay/Lesbian Report.

Lukenbill notes, "The Yankelovich findings are not only the first of their kind, but they confirm that numerous presumptions and stereotypes about gay and lesbian Americans are incorrect, particularly those regarding individual values, income, education and political affiliations." Lukenbill's book will explore the ramifications of the data in greater detail.

Yankelovich Partners, headquartered in Westport, Conn., maintains a network of offices and associates that provide research capabilities in more than 80 countries.

New York lesbian couple sues Popular Photography magazine for 'outing' them

NEW YORK, Friday, June 10 (AP)—Two lesbians are suing a magazine for \$17 million for publishing a photo they say revealed their relationship without permission.

Valerie Merriwether and Rosetta Ford filed suit Wednesday over a photograph in

the June issue of Popular Photography showing them snuggling in a limousine in formal clothes en route to their wedding-like "commitment ceremony."

The caption reads: "Lesbian couple: Light from the limo sunroof illuminates two

women on the way to their commitment ceremony in a church in Greenwich Village."

Merriwether and Ford, both postal employees, said neither their families nor their co-workers had been aware of the relationship.

The photograph was shot by

the limo driver, Kathy Shorr, in 1988.

Merriwether said she denied Shorr's request to allow the photo to be published, telling Shorr that she and Ford come from religious families who would be heartsick about their relationship.

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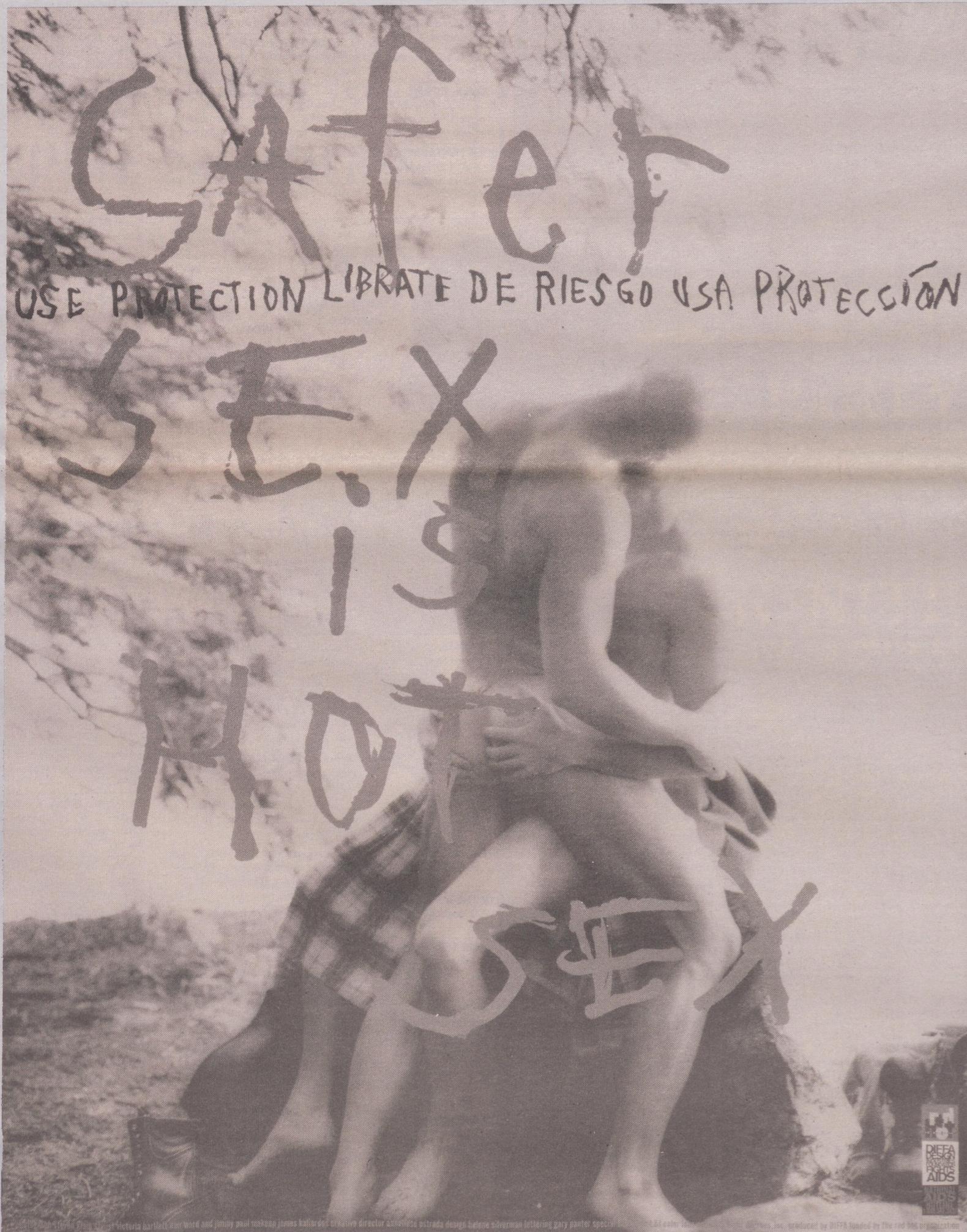
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Austin, **ROCK MY WORLD:** GWM, 29, new to area, 5'9", 180. Casual dresser/drinker/smoker seeks an outgoing loving cuddler for LTR. #26436

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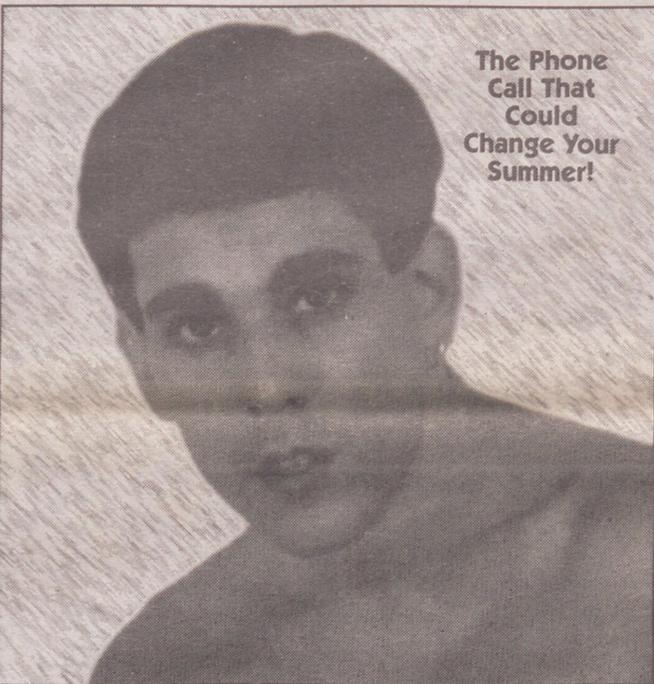
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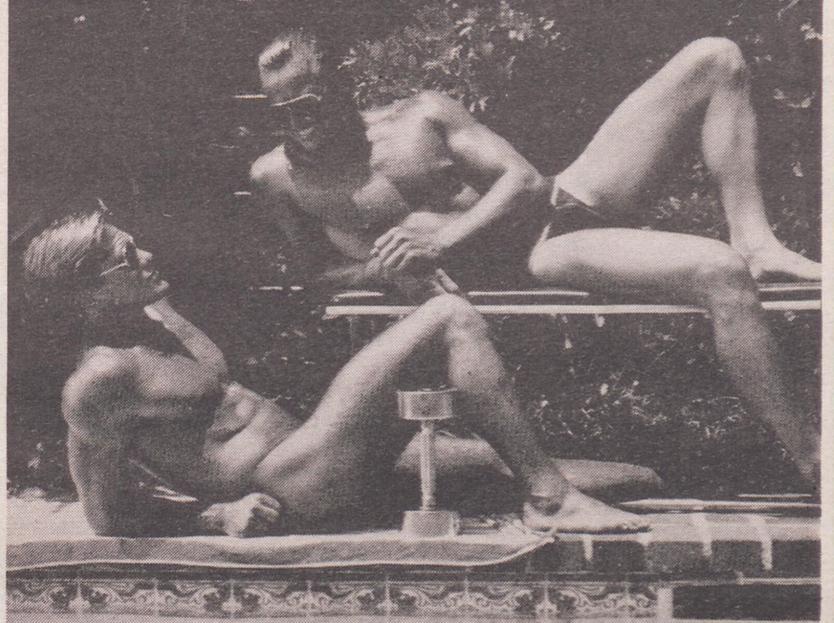
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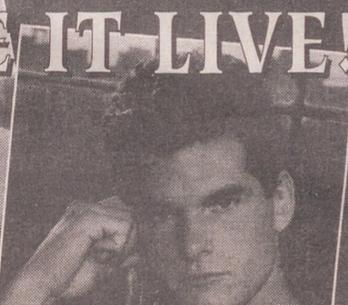
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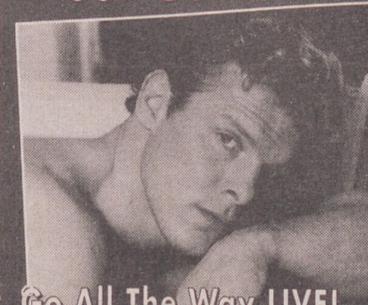


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Louisiana law against oral sex under attack

GRETNALa., Thursday, June 9 (AP)—A state law that critics claim could restrict certain sex acts in the privacy of bedrooms is being challenged in a Jefferson Parish courtroom.

Since 1805, Louisiana has forbidden what it calls "crimes against nature," which police, prosecutors and judges have long interpreted to mean oral sex. In 1805, the penalty for the crime was life in prison.

The crime is still on the books, although the maximum penalty is now five years at hard labor.

For years, the constitutionality of the law has been unsuccessfully challenged. The statute has traditionally been enforced against prostitutes. Further, homosexuals

caught in consensual relations or soliciting sex from undercover officers—but not for money—have also been charged under the law.

The courts have ruled that the state has an interest in preventing such public solicitations.

However, a state district judge was asked Wednesday to dismiss the charge against a Metairie woman, arrested in a case not involving prostitution.

Defense attorney Randell Hafner said the case before Judge Clarence McManus is different because it involves two consenting adults and there is no allegation that money changed hands.

Hafner said his client, Chris-

tine Morello, 39, was observed by Jefferson Parish sheriff's deputies performing oral sex on a man she was with in a pickup truck last October.

She and the man, Grayson Crespo, 27, of River Ridge, were arrested and charged with crime against nature.

Assistant District Attorney Kim McElwee said that Morello and her companion were arrested in a vehicle on a public street.

The police report says that at the time, Crespo was driving near East Jefferson High School just before a football game was to begin and that the couple's activities could be seen from the sidewalks.

Crespo was also booked with

obscenity by exposure. McElwee said he has not shown up for court and an arrest warrant has been issued for him.

Hafner said, however, the law forbids a certain type of sex no matter where it is performed, even in the privacy of the home. In written arguments to the judge, he said the crime against nature statute is discriminatory, out of date and unconstitutional.

He said sex therapy experts have testified that the practices forbidden by the law are commonly performed by most adults and that sex therapists frequently recommend the acts to couples dealing with sexual problems.

Denise LeBoeuf, an American Civil Liberties Union

attorney, said that in addition to the law's violation of the explicit right to privacy in the Louisiana Constitution, the discriminatory aspects of its enforcement against certain classes of people make it unconstitutional.

While the law does not make allowances for private acts behind closed doors, even between married couples, prosecutors say adults need not fear the law will be used to violate the privacy of their bedrooms.

"We're not going to see the vice squad or the 'crime against nature police' come knocking against doors," said Zully Jimenez, spokesperson for the Orleans Parish district attorney. "That just doesn't happen."

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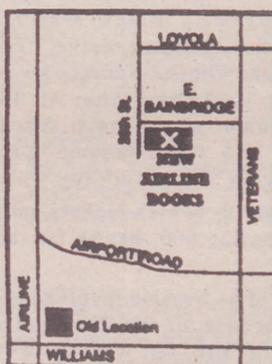
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ATTENTION - NUDIST

GWM, 45, 5'6", 142#, br/hazel with salt and pepper beard, DDF, smoker and a nudist. This nudist would like to get together for social non-sexual encounters. Just the enjoyment of viewing each other's bodies. Ad 25772

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

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

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YOU MUST BE SINCERE FOR ...

consideration by this attractive, 43 y.o., hirsute, GWM, 6'2", 185lbs, br/hzl. I'm educated, professionally employed, good sense of humor. Enjoy home life, good friends, music, dinner in/out and occasional travel. You are 30-45 y.o., handsome, masculine, GWM, HWP, NS, DDF, employed, affectionate, relationship oriented, sense of humor, kind heart and sincere! Ad 25769

YOU'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS TOO?

Have a partner -but want to play around safely with others (singles or couples). I'm a GWM, great-looking, athletic, 6ft. tall, 190lbs., muscular, healthy. Not interested in relationships -just fun. Will consider guys 21-40, any ethnicity. What are you waiting for -this is what you've thought about too! Ad 25531.

GWM physician, 41, looks 35, feels 21, 5'10", 170lbs, attractive and in search of a special young man 18-30. Interested in a long term, monogamous relationship. Must be sincere, stable guy who knows what he wants. Enjoy movies, plays, travel, quiet evenings, eating out, etc. Prefer a non-smoker. If you're the right person, I've got a lot to offer. Ad 25796

I WANT MORE!

Single GWM seeks singles and couples for safe fun. I am blonde/green, 5'7", 135lbs, good looking and well-endowed. If interested, please respond now. Ad 25754

ATTENTION: WHITE CALVIN WEARERS

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WANTED: LESBIAN FRIENDS

GBF 41, independent, stable, sincere, seeking friendship with other GF's who find it difficult to meet anyone in the bars. If you are reading this ad you might be having the same problem. So why not call me! We could both gain a new friend. Ad 25974

Paul Simon concert in Dallas benefits AIDS research

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

DALLAS, Friday, June 10 (AP)—Singer/songwriter Paul Simon brought his African rhythmic sound to Dallas in a concert to raise money for AIDS research.

"People have a responsibility to contribute to the community they live in ... especially if you have the ability to have some kind of impact," Simon said at a news conference Thursday. "I think that's a responsibility you carry with you."

Proceeds from "Paul Simon in Concert" will be donated to the American Foundation for AIDS Research and several Dallas/Fort Worth organi-

zations dedicated to AIDS research and providing care and services to those with HIV and AIDS.

The concert, at 8:00 p.m. at Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, included the South African cappella group Ladysmith Black Mambazo, who worked with Simon on the "Graceland" album; Phoebe Snow, who sang on Simon's "Still Crazy After All These Years" album; saxophonist Michael Brecker; and the Alabama gospel group Mighty Clouds of Joy.

The show, for which tickets ranged from \$25 to \$25,000, has so far raised \$900,000.

Simon said he became involved in the benefit because of his "respect and admiration for Dr. (Mathilde)

Krim." Krim, a founder of the American Foundation for AIDS Research and chairperson of its board, and Simon met about 10 years ago.

Since its inception in 1985, AmFAR has provided more than \$69 million to about 1400 research teams, Krim said. A nonprofit organization, AmFAR funds basic and clinical AIDS research, prevention education and the development of sound AIDS-related public policy.

"There's no difficulty in doing work for AIDS research because it's one of the most pressing problems we face," said Simon, whose principal charity has been pediatric care for homeless children and the poor.

With the exception of the Dallas con-

cert and a concert in his hometown of Montauk, N.Y., Simon said he is not planning any other performances this year. He instead will concentrate on writing and is working on a musical for Broadway that he said should be completed in about a year.

The Dallas visit was a return home for Simon's wife, former New Bohemians lead singer Edie Brickell. Simon said he and Brickell have visited some of her old hangouts, including the eclectic entertainment strip known as Deep Ellum.

He said the trip was also a good opportunity to "get the grandparents to baby-sit." He and Brickell have a 17-month-old son. Her parents live in the Dallas area.

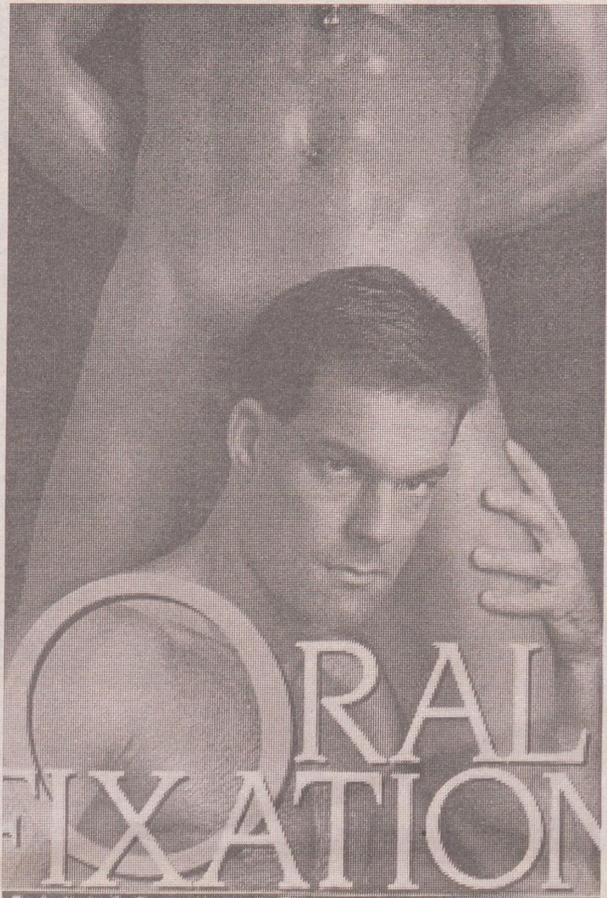
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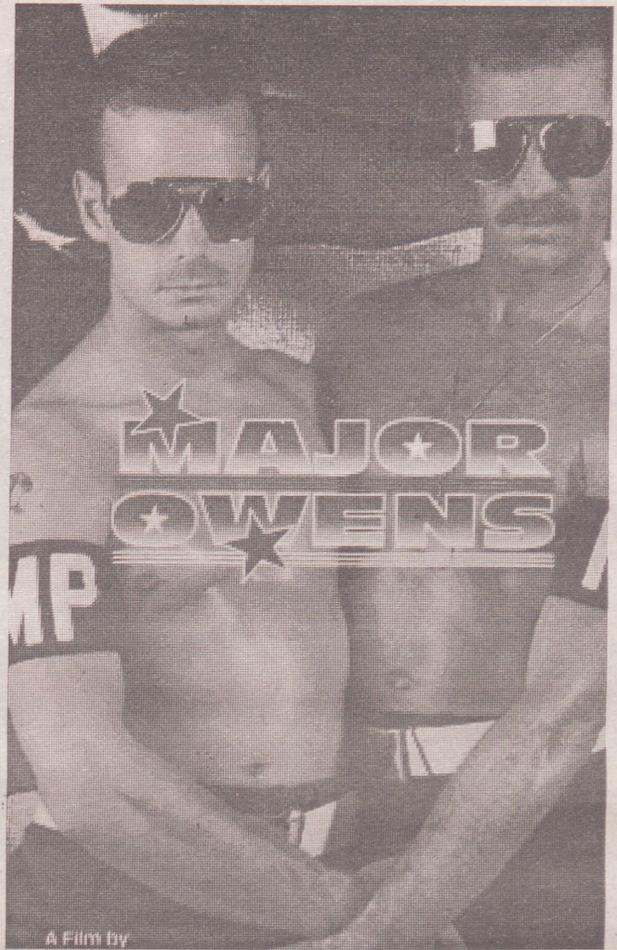


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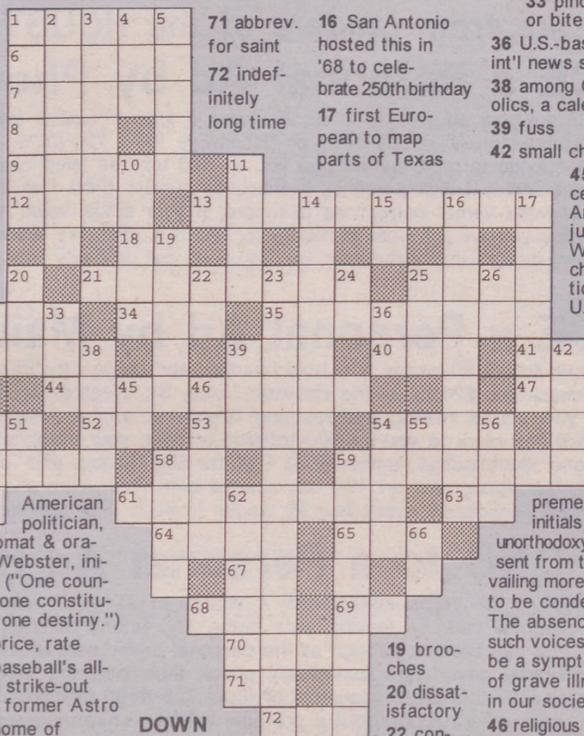
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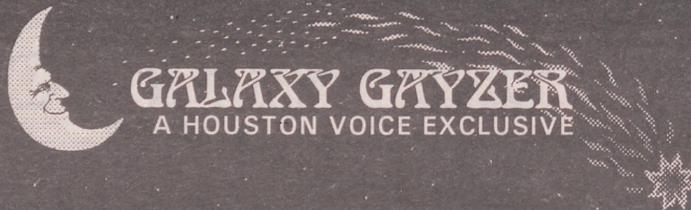
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- 25 Asian country
- 27 Ft. Worth-based major airline
- 34 call handle for a knight
- 35 arrange
- 37 Texas county with Marfa as seat
- 39 collection of misc. info on a subject
- 40 broadcast TV network showing Sesame Street
- 41 New York magnate Trump, initials
- 43 rare-earth element europium, used as a laser additive, abbrev.
- 44 in 1836, Sam Houston became this, of Texas
- 47 an affirmative vote, one spelling version
- 48 bag
- 52 19th century

- diplomat & orator Webster, initials ("One country, one constitution, one destiny.")
- 53 price, rate
- 54 baseball's all-time strike-out king, former Astro
- 57 home of the Sun Bowl
- 58 until a stipulated time
- 59 capable of being fused
- 60 state with Baton Rouge as capital, abbrev.
- 61 first official battle of the Texas Revolution
- 63 cola soft drink
- 64 ruler of Russia
- 65 informal name for Confederate soldier in Civil War
- 67 14th letters of the alphabet
- 68 once largest ranch in the United States
- 69 prefix for 'not'
- 70 consumes

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- 3 young man of physical beauty
- 4 fasten by stitches of thread
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- 10 Southwest Conference turned Big 12 university at Austin
- 11 space for something
- 14 one who goes into
- 15 type of electricity, abbrev.
- 16 San Antonio hosted this in '68 to celebrate 250th birthday
- 17 first European to map parts of Texas
- 19 brooches
- 20 dissatisfactory
- 22 conjunction
- 23 Texas' nickname, 3 words
- 24 Officer of the Guard, abbrev.
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- 26 state with Phoenix as capital, abbrev.
- 28 in the army, police
- 29 before
- 30 use again

- 31 exists
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- 38 among Catholics, a calendar
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- 42 small child
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HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18 - JUNE 24, 1994



Houston Voice Readers born this week share with actor Errol Flynn. What a surprise to most people when the news broke that the greatest of Hollywood womanizers also slept with men. Flynn of course, made his reputation on his body and on his magnificent Black Irish looks.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) Plan out your activities this coming week. Your high energy will best be used if you organize, prioritize, and criticize your recent past events and your list of things to do at this time. It maybe wise to operate independently unless your co-workers and friends can match your whirlwind level of activity. You may make them nervous and ill at ease. Be sure to thank those who planned a Birthday party for you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) As with your Gemini friend, this week spells energy with a capital 'E'. Enjoy the Pride feeling this week with new confidence in who you are socially and sexually. Be careful with large purchase temptations as the moon is not in the correct phase to wisely spend more than two hundred dollars during the next two weeks. Look forward as to the true need of any purchase and how this item will fit into my plans six months from now.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) This week will be a great week to meet new friends but only if you get out and about. 'Sitting alone in your room' is not going to do the trick. Be more interested in meeting people and falling in lust, than in love. You tend to go head over heels too quickly when you meet someone interesting. Be careful about falling in love with a person who lives out of the City. Long distant romances are difficult.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) You looked great at the Pride parade, no one looked as beautiful or handsome as you did. Take advantage of having many people observe you, and be around town this week and watch carefully who seems to be interested in you. You have a problem in choosing friends who do not meet your needs in the long run. Be honest with yourself as to whom you really find interesting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) Maintain your living space in a neat manner as any trick worth while is going to notice if your home is in order. You tend to keep items at hand not knowing if you will return to former interests and clothing preferences. It is very unlikely that you will repeat you past, as you have grown significantly in the last two years, and things that satisfied you then are no longer of interest to you now. And this includes friends and dates.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) I told Boots that you would be over to look at some items to spruce up your wardrobe. Appearing to be more direct, in charge and assertive will help you at the Office and at home. Do not let others down play your worth as a person. Feel comfortable about spending time alone with yourself, to enjoy you as a fine person. Renting a movie, preparing a bowl of popcorn, and munching on a box of Junior Mints are wonderful ways to enjoy an evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) These summer evenings are great times to be out of doors, think about buying a bicycle or a pair of roller skates. This form of exercise is a good way to decrease your stress level. You may meet new friends which is some thing that you want to do this season. Try the Kuntry Kidd's recipe on this page. This would be a perfect way to impress your next date.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Continue to be selective in your spending habits, as with you Cancer friend above. Ask yourself if the item will fit into your plans six months from now. There are going to be other important items to consider for purchase in the near future. Colors that will work well for you this summer include medium red, light blue, and black.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Your high energy weeks of earlier this Spring are being brought down to a more reasonable level. This summer will be a more mellow time for you, and happiness will come from a quieter paced life. Watch out for and guard against a high sugar intake at this time. No more than fifty grams of raw sugar in twenty four hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) You have found excitement in trying new foods, clothing styles, and sexual events. That is wonderful. The smile and happiness in your expression carries over to your days' activities making you a more interesting person at work. Write those long over due letters to family and friends, and that will get that chore behind you. Try a bouquet of fresh flowers for the dining table for happiness.

ARIES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Be selective about your closest friends and watch out for those who simply wish to use you. This will be a great summer for you, in meeting new people, one of whom may become a special friend of yours. Probably not a lover, but more of a confidant. But you must be careful about whom you confide your plans and dreams to. Spend extra hours out of doors this summer, as the sun light and warm weather will make you feel very positive about yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20) Thank you for working so hard on the wonderful party that you are planning for a special friend. Travel is in your plans later this month, and the new Cities visited will be a wonderful time for you. There is a real sense of loose ends finally coming together for you, after concerns of the past. It is wonderful to know that you are loved as you are.

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Hey, ya'll! A few weeks back, I gave you a recipe for bar-b-que sauce that I told you was a little work but worth the effort. Well, I must confess that I really blew it! The recipe I gave you was incorrect, and I even made the same one myself. That sauce you could baste with, and it certainly wasn't difficult to make. Please accept my apologies! Here is the one that I had intended to give you.

BAR-B-QUE SAUCE

- 1 medium onion
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon red sauce (Tabasco)
- 2 tablespoons butter (to sauté onion)
- 6 tablespoons lemon juice (You can use Real Lemon)
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley (chopped)
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 can beef bouillon (1 cup)
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon comino (cumin)

Sauté onion in butter until translucent. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for about 3 hours. Remember, this is used on the side and is not intended for basting. Serve room temperature, warm or chilled.

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!

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