

First 'Creating Change' conference in Texas draws 1,200

By TAMMYE NASH

The Dallas Voice

(DALLAS)—Their thoughts dominated by sweeping GOP victories in Congress, more than 1200 gay and lesbian activists gathered here Nov. 11-13 for the seventh annual "Creating Change" conference sponsored by the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Although pessimistic in their assessment of election results which indicated a decidedly conservative swing, the activists expressed a determination to persevere with important gay and AIDS-related initiatives and, ultimately, to win.

The conference, held annually in different cities across the U.S., primarily provides activists and volunteers with nuts-and-bolts training. Dozens of workshops, from fundraising to dealing with the media, were offered to improve organizing skills.

Task Force officials also announced a reorganization of the Washington, D.C.-based gay and lesbian rights organization, which leaders said would make the group more responsive to the needs of grass roots organizers at the state and local level.

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Milk was 'An American Hero,' says librettist of daring new opera

By JAVIER TAMEZ

Houston Voice/Houston

"Harvey Milk's life is something that cried out to be an opera. ...his was an operatic life that was lived in three acts."

So declared Michael Korie, the unassuming librettist who wrote the book for "Harvey Milk," an opera depicting the life of the San Francisco City Supervisor who was assassinated by an unstable and disgruntled colleague in Nov. 1978. "Harvey Milk," with music by Stewart Wallace, is a joint commission of the Houston Grand Opera, the New York City Opera and the San Francisco Opera. The world premier will be held in Houston in Feb. 1995.

Korie, who has been working on this project for upwards of three years, spoke with controlled passion about the opera while on a recent visit to Houston. His devotion to his project seems complete. The meaning and depth which he strives to imbue into his work are persuasively presented by his quiet ardor.

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Michael Korie, librettist of the opera "Harvey Milk" (Photo by Steve J. Sherman)

Evening of Hope, comedy for a worthy 'Coz'



Bering Foundation Board President John Trahan presents appreciation plaque to Bill Cosby (Photo: Gabriel T. Professional Photography)

Social Highlight

The Bering Community Service Foundation's annual Evening of Hope fundraising gala, "An Evening With Bill Cosby," was held last Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Arena Theater. A capacity crowd was welcomed by Master of Ceremonies Wash Allen, as Linda Lorelle and Bill Balleza introduced Channel 2's "own" Bill Cosby.

Master storyteller Cosby led the crowd through two hours of travails detailing the highs and lows of his own life story, with lots of laughs along the way. While the autobiographical journey set off in a low key, the warmth of Cosby's humor soon made the ordi-

nary seem extraordinary, as everyone could relate to his tales of the growing pains of coming of age in America.

The Coz began his concert with a poignant comment about AIDS being "the bullet we cannot retrieve." His unbrushed, sincere attitude seemed to make it easy for the audience to forgive a few gaffes, even Cosby's reference at one point to "innocent victims." Several audience members were visibly touched by the entertainer's stories, including a young man who surprised the crowd, and Cosby, by bounding onto the stage during the performance to ask for an autograph.

The post-concert party, featuring jazz vocalist Kellye Gray, was held at the Stouffer Presidente Hotel. Guests feasted on scrumptious pastries and champagne, looking out on the lights of the city. Frolicking in the crowd were evening co-chair Alison and Rodney Brisco, Saundria and Jerome Gray, and Adair Lewis Gockley; Channel 2's new general manager Steve Wasserman, Lou Gregory, Missy Balleza and others.

Totals were not available at press time, but organizers said the event was "very successful, exceeding all expectations," particularly in the area of community outreach.

The Bering Community Service Foundation is one of Houston's largest HIV/AIDS direct care providers for the financially and medically indigent. Bering serves over 3000 clients annually through its programs, which include the Bering Care Center and Bering Dental Clinic. The first Evening of Hope was held six year ago, chaired by Carolyn Farb.

Lobbyist: Now is not the time to give up

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Houston Voice Editor

Echoing, in large measure, sentiments expressed by national gay and lesbian leaders at last weekend's Creating Change conference in Dallas, the director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas said this week that the need for building coalitions with other minority groups to address civil rights issues is more crucial than ever in the wake of widespread conservative election victories.

Dianne Hardy-Garcia also said that active lobbying must continue to be a priority for gay people all across the state—and that lesbians and gay men should not give up on trying to communicate their positions to the new administration or state legislators.

"This is not a time for us to lie down and feel defeated," Hardy-Garcia said Tuesday. "Now is the time that we need to be more visible than ever."

Her comments followed on the heels of reports that governor-elect George W. Bush had advocated a

"don't ask—don't tell" style approach on the issue of appointment of gays to state boards and commissions. During a press conference in which he announced the appointment of Cameron County Judge Tony Garza as Secretary of State, Bush reportedly said that he would not ask a potential appointee whether they were gay or lesbian because "someone's private life is their private life." However, he noted, he would not appoint someone who was a gay or lesbian activist, which he later defined as someone who "pushed a gay agenda."

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Letters to the Editor

Stop Moping, Get Moving

From **B. ALAN BOURGEOIS**
Houston, Texas

The day after the election, almost all of the gays and lesbians of Texas were moping around wondering what happened. Gov. Ann Richards is now former Governor Ann Richards. A lady who had a 60 percent approval rating was defeated by George Bush, Jr.

The soon to be Governor Bush brings a lot of fear to the gay and lesbian community for they now know that the "good life" under Mrs. Richards is over. The next four years are already considered years of oppression and defeat.

Unlike most of my brothers and sisters, I am saddened about the defeat of Mrs. Richards, but I also have a spark of hope for the gay and lesbian community. Maybe now, you will all get up off your asses and fight for what is rightfully ours. Under Mrs. Richards we did enjoy a bit more freedom, but what little amounts that we enjoyed, were just that, little!

If we want to mope around in sorrow for the next four years, then we are going to receive what is rightfully due us, nothing. It is more important now than ever to shop gay, lesbian and gay friendly stores. We must get the vote out as well.

In 1985, Houston lost an election for equal employment rights. In 1994, Austin lost an election for domestic partnership benefits. On Nov. 8, 1994, Texas lost an election for Ann Richards. All of these losses were due to apathy and self-righteous thoughts as, "It can't happen here," or "They won't vote against us."

If our past has taught us nothing, then we are doomed to the concentration camps as the Jews and other gays and lesbians were during the Hitler's time. You may think this to be a crazy thought, but just go back over the past

ten years and see how things are shaping up, then compare it to Hitler's time. Is it a crazy thought?

As director and founder of Spectrum '95, and executive producer of Gay 90's, I will continue my fight to teach people who we are and not the terrible monster the right wing wishes us to be. I will continue to educate the gay consumer that by participating in Spectrum '95 this will show the rest of the state and America that we are to be reckoned with. That we do deserve to have our God-given rights.

However, I and the people I work with can only do so much. It is time for the closeted gays and lesbians to be counted, for the gay dollars to be spent where gay and lesbian jobs count on it. We must show our strength now as in the past regardless of who is in the Governor's seat or the President's seat. We cannot trust those in politics, simply because they sell out! We must make our strength united and act as one for the common goal of equal rights.

Outrage-Ous Thanks

From **LYNN PANNILL**

Executive Director, PWA Coalition Houston

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the clients, board of directors and staff of the People With AIDS Coalition Houston Inc., I would like to express our sincere thanks to those who attended the annual Outrage party on Oct. 29, 1994.

And to the hosts of Outrage '94, your generosity will be of great help to People With AIDS/HIV in the Houston area. We are extremely honored to have been chosen a beneficiary of this event.

We invite all our friends in the community to attend our open house in observance of World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, 1994, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will give everyone a chance to see our new offices at 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 106.

Thank you again!

Sex, Toys and Videotape

From **BART LOESER**

AFH Education Coordinator

Safer Sex is not just about wearing a condom. It's all about having a great time sexually without the fears and risks that are so prevalent in our community. It's also about options. What choices do you have when Mr. Right (for the night?) walks into your life when you're in the midst of major partying (i.e. under the influence)? How can you avoid the realistic probability that you might "slip" and do something unsafe with a man you love or whose HIV status you don't know.

These are situations that happen to hundreds of gay men in Houston every weekend! So let's get real. We need to acknowledge the fact that many of us are secure with our safer sex expertise until we discover that our partner—current or past—is HIV positive. Then we begin to reevaluate our level of knowledge and become fearful.

Safer sex may mean putting on a con-

dom, but remember: there are right or wrong ways to do it. And there is much more to safer sex that can be learned in a workshop or "house party." These fun and entertaining forums are designed to help you tear down the walls of fear, examine sexual attitudes in our community and discuss the facts. These workshops utilize games and role playing to explore typical sexual situations and the many options for safer eroticism.

AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH) offers these free workshops on a regular basis, on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month (the next is Nov. 22) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the AFH office, 3202 Wesleyan Annex. They are also available in the "Safe Sex House Party" format, where anyone can host a house party for their friends and share valuable information. It costs nothing and there are lots of prizes (and surprises). Please call AFH at (713) 623-6796 for more information. Remember, excuses won't protect you but knowledge and the right attitude can. There is no need to sacrifice safety to have a good time.

LGRL: Texas' gay agenda 'about the same' in '95

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Hardy-Garcia, however, suggested the remarks may have been blown out of proportion by the media and said not all of what Bush had to say was bad news. "He said (sexual orientation) was a private matter...that part of it is good. But the part about pushing an agenda, if he's saying that, with hate crimes going on all over the state, that (appointees) should not support an agenda of protecting gay people's lives, then we have a problem.

"I'm hoping, at this point, that (Bush) was just reacting to a question in the audience...I think maybe some news reporters were trying to provoke a story," she said.

As for LGRL, Hardy-Garcia said the lobby's agenda would remain basically the same as it has been under the new administration, with a few added issues of concentration.

"We will try to do everything basically the way we've been doing it," Hardy-Garcia said, noting that the party and position balance of the Texas Legislature "is about the same" in spite of the national Republican sweep.

"The composition is about the same. There were a couple of districts that changed over," she said. "But I've counted the (likely pro—or anti-gay) votes, and they were almost exactly the same as they were in the last

session."

So, chances are about the same of positive or negative legislation passing, which isn't exactly good news, though it could have been worse?

"We're going to do what we've always done previously," asserted Hardy-Garcia. "We're going to propose non-discrimination legislation and hate crime legislation. We will attempt to build coalitions with other minority groups to work together around discrimination issues. And if (the Bush administration) is going to support discrimination, we will make sure people know."

A March on Austin being planned by LGRL and other organizations will go on as scheduled in early April, 1995, with an intensive Lobby Day and a demonstration on AIDS issues set to coincide, Hardy Garcia said.

"And, we will still try to get qualified people appointed to state boards," she added.

New issues of concern in the coming legislative session include a bill already proposed by Rep. Jane Nelson, (R-Flower Mound), which allow a ballot initiative/referendum process in the state. Such a law, which in Texas would require a constitutional amendment, would allow petitioners to put anti-gay legislation such as the measures defeated in Oregon and Idaho to a statewide vote.

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Brady's Corner



Institution of Lower Learning

By presidential proclamation and by tradition dating back to 1921, this week (Nov. 13-19), is American Education Week. I was re-educated to that fact by coffee-cup capsule editorials in the daily newspapers Monday morning, and again that evening by a flyer from a local business group as I went through my sons' backpacks, the routine prelude to our daily homework ritual.

With these reminders of such a noble annual observance, I felt again the pangs of anxious panic that had kept me awake through the night on Tuesday, Nov. 8, watching an endless stream of televised election analyses playing out over channel after channel.

Before I'm subjected to the charges of whining and sensationalism that is already being used to discredit us remaining admitted liberals by our own community's own right wing, I suppose I should address the fact that many of us learned much we did not know on the week before American Education Week. We Democrats received an education, indeed, from exit poll data published in the Houston Chronicle and the New York Times that indicated up to 40 percent of voters self-identifying as lesbian or gay did not vote Democratic in key races in this election. I personally learned a lot from a conversation with a gay Republican leader who said that the gay and lesbian community can still move its agenda, but must now learn "to talk like" conservatives—even if that means not bringing up the "g" and "l" words. Also enlightening was a post-results chat with columnist Leonard Earl Johnson, who lives in New Orleans. There, Leonard said, he was invited to a pre-election social function by the local Log Cabin chapter—where he wound up feeling a bit like Alice at the Mad Hatter's tea party as he watched the congregants cheering the appearance of Newt Gingrich, enemy of the non-normal people, on a television screen.

Earlier this week, I heard a fast-moving rumor about a televised discussion of cynical, right wing talk show host Rush Limbaugh being considered as a potential running mate for Sen. Phil Gramm's presidential bid. This seemingly far-out prospect,

Voice readers may recall, is the exact premise of a political satire Leonard has been running in his weekly column, "Yours Truly In A Swamp."

Yes, last week, the staunch liberals in the gay and lesbian community got an education. And this week's American Education Week, in my totally subjective opinion, is well placed, because some others in the community are about to.

That said, regardless of anyone's political interpretation of the results, the election held that week changed drastically the perspective and balance of our state and national government and with it, the goals and direction of leadership in many areas of American life. Among the issues most likely to be impacted by a New Agenda in Texas—as across the nation—is education.

Texas as example: by last Wednesday, leaders of the so-called religious right were already boasting that victories by "their" hand picked candidates for the state education board had instituted a working majority that believes in "traditional family values" and will be committed to derailing the state's participation in the Goals 2000 program. The federal program sets goals for public education and participation would bring \$60 million in federal funds for public education into the state.

And who are these new board members to whom we have entrusted Texas' future through the young people being educated in the public schools? Well, at least two—Richard Watson and Randy Stevenson—are advocates of "home schooling" and vouchers for private and parochial education who have elected to remove their own children from the public school environment.

Another, Donna Ballard, is a housewife from the Woodlands. She displaced a 62-year old former teacher from Lufkin on the board in District 8. Ballard's connection to public education consists of protesting health textbooks adopted by the board last year. She says the texts, which had already undergone 300 alterations and deletions proposed by right wing members, promote "homosexual adoptions, anal and oral sex, and legalization of marijuana."

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Letters to the Editor

Trouble Fund Changes

From **JACKIE AGUILERA**

Vice President, Public Service, Colt 45's, Inc.

The Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund originated out of a need to "assist those who did not qualify for other programs." The emergency and temporary financial assistance offered was a literal life saver to those suffering from various incurable diseases. Consequently, as expected "a continuous (client) growth consistent with national predictions" emerged, and the demand for financial assistance greatly increased.

Recently, because of the ever-increasing demand for financial assistance related to client growth and other assistance organizations' funds being depleted, the 45's AIDS Trouble Fund has once more become The John

Wayne of assistance. Yet, because we too have limited funds, the Colt 45's AIDS Fund regretfully has had to limit its services to those afflicted with AIDS only.

Truly, it is our dream one day there will be no need for any type of "trouble" fund. Until then, the Colts shall earnestly help those we can through ATF and other persons and causes through donations from Till Thacker III General Charities when applicable. In addition, Lady Victoria Lust's gracious efforts through the PWA Holiday Fund and the supplemental food assistance provided through the Stone Soup Program enrich many client's lives.

Overall, with continued support from our community, the Colt 45's will ceaselessly assist our challenged brothers and sisters who lack so much of what the rest of us take for granted everyday.

The Houston Voice welcomes well-written, insightful and to-the-point opinion pieces for our editorial page. We also welcome "counterpoint" articles that represent a different view on the issues approached in commentaries that we have run. We reserve the right to edit for length, format and readability, and we will run only one full-length counterpoint to an opinion piece. Shorter responses may run as "letters to the editor" at our discretion.





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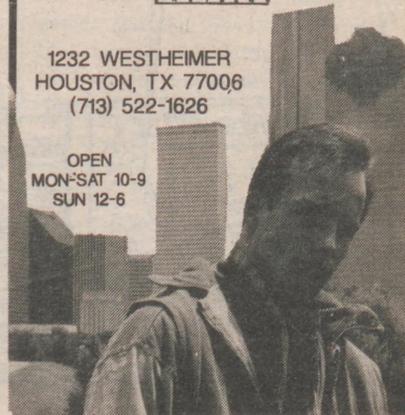


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Gay officials give hopeful message at national conference in Dallas

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At a press event held on the opening day of the conference, leaders recounted wins and losses from the Nov. 8 general election and predicted that the sweep of Republican victories would energize gay and lesbian activists.

Task Force executive director Peri Jude Radevic warned that the gay and lesbian civil rights movement faces a "critical moment" in its history, and a "challenge at the federal level that is unprecedented." In a separate interview preceding the conference, Radevic said the election returns marked a strong conservative shift in national politics and represented key victories for Radical Right organizers.

Others expressed a more moderate viewpoint, including Texas state Rep. Glen Maxey, an Austin Democrat who is the only openly gay member of the state legislature.

Maxey urged gays and lesbians to put disappointments behind them and get on with business. "Over the last several days, it has been a time of mourning," Maxey acknowledged. "But growing up, I was always taught that a good wake lasts three days. Well, the wake is over. It's now time to move forward and go on with our lives."

But Maxey added that the election was a clear indication that the gay and lesbian community must get serious about forming strong, workable coalitions with other groups, such as African Americans and women.

Representatives of state organizations formed to defeat anti-gay ballot measures in Oregon and Idaho said coalition building was a key in their successful campaigns. But Julie Davis, director of Oregon's No On 13 effort, warned that the battle "is not over yet. This is just the start." Davis said sponsors of the anti-gay initiatives would undoubtedly resurrect their efforts in future elections in those, and possibly other, states.

Sheila James Kuehl, a lesbian elected last week to a seat in the California State Assembly, also stressed several important victories in the Nov. 8 balloting.

"We defeated two anti-gay initiatives, and 24 gay or lesbian candidates were either elected or re-elected," Kuehl remarked. "One of

the most important lessons we learned was the power of local work. The Radical Right was not successful in demonizing us in our districts.

Kuehl said she remained hopeful. "The nation is not going to hell in a handbasket," she said. "Whatever we lose, we must go out and take back."

In a concluding meeting on Sunday, Task Force representatives outlined plans to restructure the organization in an effort to deliver services more efficiently.

Melinda Paras, the organization's chief operating officer, said the "internal crises" the Task Force faced this past year "have caused some serious re-examination of what the Task Force is and what it could be."

The Task Force's first priority, she said, is to create a "first rate field operation" which will focus on well-chosen, priority issues, even if some other matters receive less attention in the future.

Officials also plan to invigorate the Task Force's Policy Institute, creating under its banner a "think tank" where research, analysis and training can be centralized and then disseminated to state and local activists.

Task Force planners also said the organization would move aggressively onto the "information super-highway," using the most current computer and electronic technology to enhance its communication ability.

Paras said the Task Force will embrace a concept of team leadership based on the "premise of multiculturalism."

The notoriously anti-gay Kansas minister Fred Phelps, known for picketing at funerals of gays who have died of AIDS, made a brief appearance at the conference on Saturday afternoon after picketing on Friday evening and Sunday morning at Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church, the world's largest gay and lesbian congregation.

Activists and organizers at the conference avoided confronting Phelps due to concerns that a face-off would be a media bonanza for the minister, a disbarred attorney who sported a "Proud to be a Homophobe" T-shirt.

Hawaii lawsuit challenges legality of commission makeup

HONOLULU, Saturday, Nov. 12 (AP)—The rules governing the formation of a state commission to decide what—if any—benefits should be extended to same-sex couples has been challenged in court.

A Catholic businessperson and a Protestant minister have filed a lawsuit claiming the commission violates the U.S. Constitution.

In their lawsuit, Daniel P. McGovern and the Rev. Harold Headrick say the commission discriminates against some religious groups.

Some members of the nine-member commission were specifically chosen from the Catholic, Mormon and Quaker faiths.

The Legislature established the

panel to advise it on what public benefits currently enjoyed by married couples should be extended to same-sex couples who legally cannot marry.

The state has until Nov. 28 to respond to the lawsuit.

"We don't believe it has merit and it's not going to derail the commission's important work," said Deputy Attorney General Steven Michael.

Federal Judge Harold Fong will rule on the case.

Meanwhile, the commission, which is supposed to report to the Legislature when it convenes in January, has met only once. Some members indicated they may need to extend the deadline.

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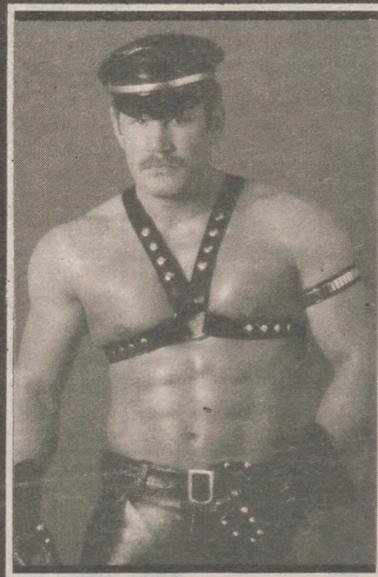


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Business at Laurel, Miss. restaurant down since lesbian rumors

LAUREL, Miss., Thursday, Nov. 10 (AP)—Business isn't that great at the Shoney's Restaurant in Laurel since a rumor surfaced that it had been sold to members of an Overt lesbian retreat, restaurant officials said.

Shoney's manager Terry Breland said even though the restaurant has not been sold to Camp Sister Spirit, there has been a "substantial" drop in customers over the past two months.

Camp Sister Spirit mem-

bers have nothing to do with the Shoney's Laurel franchise, Breland said.

"We've heard the rumor and it's totally untrue," Breland said.

Camp Sister Spirit members last year bought a former pig farm in rural Jones County with plans of building a retreat for women. The plans have been fought by some members of the community.

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Michael Korie discusses Harvey Milk, the man and the opera

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Korie felt that Milk "was flamboyant in both his personal manner and his political approach" and he readily concedes that "the lens through which we look at Harvey is uniquely operatic," and the combination of the two is well-suited for the larger-than-life characterization which Korie has employed in his depiction of Milk.

While Korie refers to the work as a "biographical opera based on fact and fiction," his artistic license belies his absolute conviction on the heroism of the historical figure of Milk.

"I think he was an American hero. He brought us as a group into the fold of American politics. He did for gays what Martin Luther King did for blacks...he was...a hero dedicated to freedom and the dignity of the individual. He wanted to see these ideas applied to all Americans."

Korie's fervor is no doubt well-founded. In researching the life of Milk, Korie conducted hours of interviews with Milk's lovers, friends and associates. Through this, Korie learned that Milk had written for the Bay Area Reporter. In these columns, wherein Milk expounded his views on the struggle for acceptance and humanity, Korie discovered a recurrent theme: "never be silent." A theme which Korie regards as a precursor to the current call-to-action: "silence equals death."

Korie's vision of Milk's life did undergo some changes. Initially, he was greeted with advice from dramaturgs and artistic consultants from all of the sponsoring opera companies. The leadership of the Opera of Bielefeld, Germany, (which has since withdrawn from the project) "wanted a series of deconstructed images and tableau showing Milk in drag, as a football player, and so on." A Houstonian wanted Milk's story told as "a Christ parable," while still another wanted to include a "Castro clone ballet."

Though he wisely flattered all these ideas, Korie developed his own structural concept. Ultimately, this led Korie to expand from a two-act to a three-act work.

"There was so much information, so much that I wanted to include, as a politician, as a leader, I didn't want to give short shrift to his political life, but neither did I want to omit the significance of his early adulthood or episodes from his childhood."

In its present form, the opera is divided into three titled acts: "The Closet," "The Castro," and "City Hall." Each act reflects a distinct chapter in Milk's life and each ends with an "event."

"The Closet" actually opens in surrealistic fashion. The date, Nov. 27, 1978, the date Milk was murdered, is projected onto the stage. A young Harvey Milk is counselled by his mother against "men who are different." As Mayor-to-be Dianne Feinstein announces to the public the news of Milk's and Mayor George Moscone's deaths, the mother chants the Kad-

dish, the Hebrew prayer for the dead.

Milk's first encounter with gay men, and presumably opera, is fictionalized and based on Korie's own experience. In this second scene, young Harvey "see his first, as it were, opera queens, men in tuxedos who are knowledgeable and use Italian words in their conversations, and asks 'Who Are These Men.'"

The scene switches to a park, where men are cruising each other. A now adult Harvey is entrapped by a plain-clothes policeman and handcuffed. (The arresting officer is played by the same singer/actor who portrays Dan White.) The apparition of Milk's mother appears and cries about the yellow star she was forced to wear and the general plight of Jews in Nazi Germany.

The next scene shows Milk as a New York stockbroker, "who keeps his lovers in a chic walk-in closet." Korie is particularly fascinated by this aspect of Milk's life. "It was an amazing dichotomy. He was a Goldwater Republican who became a gay leader." In near-brilliant fashion, Korie alludes to the shackling which any closeted life must bear, for through the entire scene Milk remains handcuffed.

In a dramatic aria, which serves as a moment of catharsis, Milk "contemplates his outspokenness as a Jew, while remaining, at close to age 40, a closeted gay. As he integrates his gayness and Jewishness the handcuffs chatter." Befitting the self-liberation that Milk has just realized, Act I then ends with the Stonewall Riot, and here again the man who plays Dan White is present as a police officer.

In Act II, "The Castro," the character of Dan White is introduced. A fireman, he complains of the changes that have occurred in the neighborhood since his childhood. This is juxtaposed with a street hooker who laments the same changes.

Milk's rise to power culminates with a gay pride celebration that spills out into the audience, and the staging of this scene raised some concerns locally. Korie explained that he and composer Wallace had received "some complaints from Houston about celebrating the open sexuality of the Castro of the 70s." But the creative team persisted in their vision. Said Korie: "We wanted the act to end with the Castro Street Pride Parade which followed the passage of gay rights legislation in San Francisco. Milk, and by extension the community, had arrived as a political force."

"City Hall" is the third act and it focuses on the murders. The act ends with the candlelight vigil on the night that Milk died, played to the sounds of a requiem.

Korie and Wallace had originally planned to end the opera with the White Night Riots which followed the light sentencing of White. They decided, however "to end the opera with scenes of pride and remembrance in lieu of injustice and fury."

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Philadelphia gay man files sexual harassment complaint against gay boss

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Nov. 11 (AP)—A gay construction worker and waiter says his former manager fondled him and repeatedly pressured him to have sex, in what may be the first gay-on-gay workplace harassment case.

In a sexual harassment and discrimination complaint filed Thursday with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, Warren Swage said he was fired in September after complaining to the president of the two companies he was working for about "Spike Doe."

Filings before the commission are confidential but Swage's attorney, Gavin P. Lentz, provided a copy of the complaint to The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Homosexuals harassing each other at work is actually quite common, Swage told the newspaper, "But I've never known of a situation like the one I had, where it led to me losing a job."

Swage, 21, said he was harassed by his 40-year-old manager, whom he knew only as "Spike." He said it started last summer while he was working a double job, doing renovations on The Inn Philadelphia restaurant during the day and working as a waiter there at night.

The manager, an openly gay man, made daily advances and offensive comments despite Swage's refusals, the complaint alleges. Swage said he stayed on the job because of a "dire need for money."

The restaurant and Swage's other

employer, Creative Remodeling Inc., are also named as defendants, as are three officers of the two related companies: president George Lutz, vice president Phil Orchoski and shareholder Jeffrey Davis.

"It's absolutely not true," Lutz said of the complaint. "If he had brought any complaints to any of us, they would have been addressed forthwith. It is incumbent on any employer to combat sexual harassment in any form."

Lutz said Swage was fired in September "because of his attitude and his performance." A two-sentence reference letter that Lutz wrote for Swage says Swage was discharged "due to organizational changes."

Swage said he complained to Lutz and Orchoski but they did nothing to stop Spike. The company officers never mentioned any attitude problem when they discharged Swage, the waiter said.

The complaint, a necessary first step to filing a federal discrimination suit, seeks a finding that the two companies violated the state's human relations law as well as back pay, damages, reinstatement and attorney's fees.

Swage said in the complaint that he has secured a job at another Center City restaurant that pays \$200 a week less than he earned while working for Lutz's companies.

"I want people to see what's happening out there," Swage said. "I don't think people have the idea that they can stand up and not be pushed."

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AFA targets TV networks, sponsors with homophobic postcard campaign

GLAAD Media Watch

By AL KIELWASSER

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

The American Family Association (AFA)—that ultra-right homophobic media watchdog group—is at it again. The organization's Nov. '94 "Action! Page" (a cheap fundraising gimmick, actually) calls upon AFA sympathizers to "Stop Network TV's Promotion of Homosexuality!"

"This fall, network TV executives will continue to try to promote homosexuality as a normal and acceptable lifestyle" the AFA alert warns, "Because homosexuals cannot 'reproduce' themselves, they are forced to recruit new members. And the target of their recruitment drives are Our Children."

The AFA alert also claims that "a major weapon in all these recruitment efforts is the distortion of truth." The alert further explains: "This distortion states that homosexuals are healthy (why then their fear of AIDS?), happy (why then are they so bitter and angry?), normal (why can't they reproduce like every other species on earth?), and everywhere (that 10 percent of all Americans are 'gay')!"

The "action page" is a litany of such absurdities, and the AFA's claims of distortion are profoundly hypocritical. Declaring that "now the truth is out," for example, the AFA references a new sex survey from the University of Chicago, claiming the study "states that, at most, only 2.6 percent of men and 1.4 percent of women are homosexual." This is, of course, a misrepresentation of the

study (and an affront to basic statistical reasoning!). Moreover, the AFA alert declares: "You probably didn't even hear about the study. Why? Because the liberal media finds (sic) it politically incorrect." In fact, the study was widely publicized by the media—liberal or otherwise—and was even featured on the cover of Time magazine (is it possible that the AFA faithful don't—or can't—read?).

These AFA absurdities would be (almost) laughable were it not the very real role the organization plays in scaring off the sponsors of television programs that include any reference to homosexuality. With this latest "action page," AFA has provided members with three postcards targeting Philip Morris Companies, Inc., McDonald's Corporation, and the Ford Motor Company. "Let these companies know that their support of homosexuality is leading many to unhappiness, sorrow or death," the AFA advises.

The pre-fab "sign and send" AFA postcards call upon each company to "stop your financial support of those programs promoting the homosexual lifestyle." "Consider the overwhelming rejection of the homosexual agenda by the public," the cards warn, I don't think that a boycott of (your company) because you push homosexuality would be difficult to promote."

Contact Chrm. Michael a. Miles, Philip Morris Companies, Inc., 120 Park Ave., New York, NY 10017, tel. (800) 343-0975, fax (212) 878-2167; Chrm. Michael R. Quinlan, McDonald's Corporation, 1 Kroc Dr., Oak Brook, IL 6052, tel. (708) 575-5512; Chrm. Alexander J. Trotman, Ford

Motor Company, P.O. Box 1899, Dearborn, MI 48121, tel. (800) 392-3673. Should you have any desire to contact the AFA, they're based at P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803, tel. (601) 844-5036. Also, be sure to copy correspondence to your favorite talk show or newspaper; suggest that these media take a critical look at the "media critics" of the AFA.

Lifetime Courts Martina

The Lifetime cable network recently broadcast a one-hour documentary on tennis pro Martina Navratilova. Relatively comprehensive in scope, the program followed Navratilova from her childhood in Czechoslovakia to her final competition in this year's Wimbledon. Without recourse to sensationalism, the biography offered a direct, honest treatment of Navratilova's lesbianism as it unfolded within her life and career. Send encouraging feedback to Judy Girard, Senior Vice President of Programming, Lifetime Television, 309 W. 49th St., New York, NY 10019.

Miss. State-ments

The Oct. 21 edition of The Reflector, the Mississippi State University newspaper, printed an Op-Ed piece that brings "higher learning" to a new low. The editorial written by Reflector staff member Jonathan Hall Barlow, asks: "Is Homosexuality Psychologically and Theologically wrong?" According to Barlow, the answer is a resounding "Yes!"

Nearly every line of editorial hangs on a homophobic lie or bigoted superstition. For example, Barlow argues that homosexuality arises out of "a

relational breakdown and a lack of bonding between the young person and the same-sex parent." Homosexuality can be cured by reading the Bible, Barlow also suggests; through the Bible, lesbians and gay men will be "led out from under the guilt, shame and bitterness of this slavery we call homosexuality." Barlow even rehashes the old "what you need is a good man" argument "There also is a large incidence of lesbians who have had hurt inflicted by their fathers or other male relatives," he states (though, "much of the emotional torment is self-inflicted and based on imagined biases," he explains).

Significantly, the editorial is sprinkled with references to "facts" about homosexuality, though no effort is made to provide citations for any of these less-than-credible claims (e.g. "Roughly 80 percent of homosexuals come from homes in which the father was an alcoholic or drug user"). Surely, a university newspaper could aspire to a higher standard of evidence. The right to an opinion does not, after all, imply the right to lie.

Comments can be directed to The Reflector, P.O. Drawer 5407, Mississippi State University, MS 39762, tel. (601) 325-2374, fax (601) 325-8985, e-mail Reflector@RA.MsState.Edu.

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Residential center for PWAs needs volunteers; AGLA to show controversial AIDS science film, 'The Streckler Memorandum'

River Oaks Health Alliance (ROHA), sponsor of the "TLC House," is calling for volunteers for fundraising and community activities. The ROHA TLC house is a 90 day safe haven program for HIV positive males in transition, experiencing health difficulties and facing homelessness.

House founder and current director, Matt Locklin, and the ROHA Board raised the seed money necessary and opened the shelter doors Oct. 3. Located in Montrose, TLC House is open now and helps 24 clients a year through their first project. The ROHA Board would like to open additional shelters for women with HIV, and other under served HIV populations needing shelter assistance in 1995.

"We have to create ongoing funds and volunteers to be able to continue offering the housing assistance," said Locklin.

The River Oaks Health Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization has a board of directors in place already, he explained. What is needed now is community volunteers to step forward, serve on committees and help in the projects, both with time and cash donations. "We also need to be named designated recipients of other groups fundraising efforts. The ROHA TLC group needs your help," he added.

A planning meeting for December events is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at 1414 W. Clay at the ROHA main offices. For additional information or to make a financial donation, contact Matt Locklin at (713) 902-2231 (pager). The main

office phone number is (713) 528-0144.

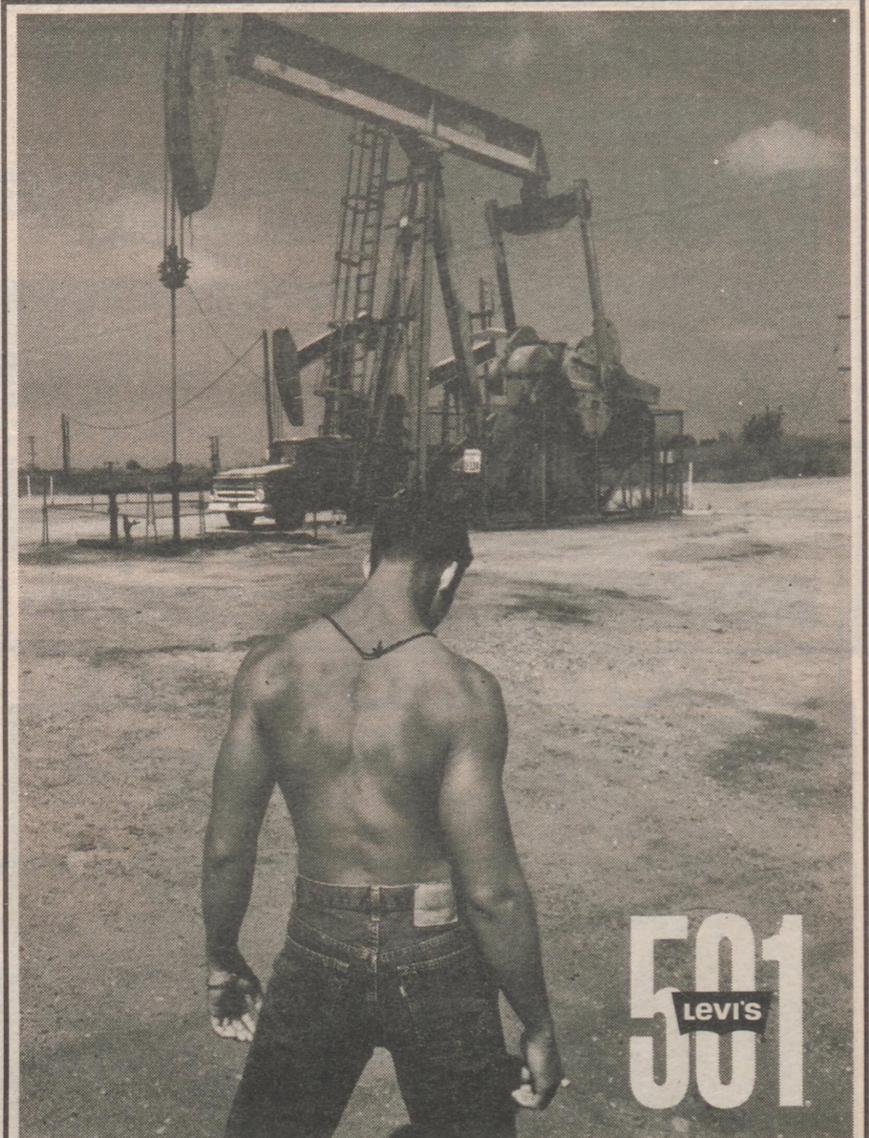
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American Gay and Lesbian Atheists will host a special film screening on Monday, Nov. 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the Upstairs Meeting Room of the Houston Public Library, Montrose Branch, 4100 Montrose Blvd., in Houston. The presentation will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m., as the film, entitled "The Streckler Memorandum" is quite lengthy, the sponsors said.

"The Streckler Memorandum" deals with the likely source of AIDS and how it got into humans. That's just one of the tough questions addressed in this incredible video by Dr. Robert Streckler, who suggests that the AIDS virus may have been deliberately introduced into the human population as a means by which to study human groups for scientific study. Dr. Streckler takes you inside the halls of science to reveal just how possible this is.

The film gives you a easy lesson in what AIDS really is, not what "they" want you to think it is. At the end, while viewers are still reeling from the information, Dr. Streckler holds a riveting Q&A session with several skeptical colleagues.

"The Streckler Memorandum" is being presented to the "free thinking" community of Houston as a courtesy of AGLA, said Don Sanders, national director. Early arrival is encouraged, as the film will run practically the entire time the group has access to the meeting room.



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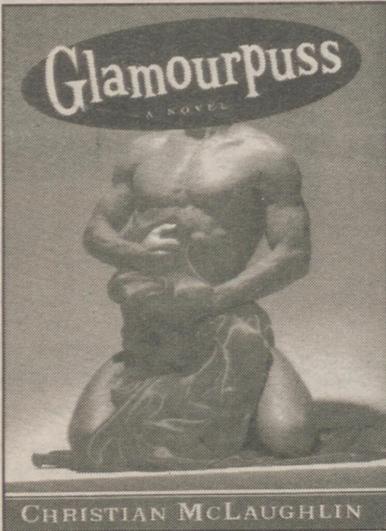
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'Glamourpuss,' a hilarious first novel by a new and exciting voice in gay fiction

By **TAD NELSON**
Houston Voice Publisher

Gay author, Christian McLaughlin, tells the true confessions of Alex Young, a cute, gay twenty-something Hollywood actor with a juicy evil role on a television soap opera, a rapidly expanding viewership, and a first love in Texas he just can't forget.

When a tabloid publishes a photo of Alex kissing another man, his career, and his relationship with an ascerbic pretty boy sitcom-starlet, are jolted by some surprising aftershocks. Suddenly Alex's life becomes a circus of crazed fans, enraged enemies, jealous friends, curious ex-lovers, and the one man he can't have—the one for whom he'd trade every superficial drop of the glitz and glamour that rules his life.

With an accomplished style and fresh voice that bites, Christian McLaughlin creates an unforgettably bizarre cast of characters including a celebrity stalker who claims he's both a wizard and an erotic artist; a man-of-everyone's-dreams saddled with a dumpy whiner; a religious, fanatic, soap opera junkie on a crusade against smutty television; and, of course, a glamourpuss.

Torrid, dishy and outrageously romantic, "Glamourpuss" is both an irresistibly dewy-eyed love story and a satiric skewering of star-studded Hollywood. "It's an entirely fictional romance, much like the Greek Tycoon," says McLaughlin of his first effort.

According to Michael Musto, of the Village Voice, Glamourpuss is... "Breathless, sardonic and sexier than I can take."

Robert Rodi, author of "Fag Hag" and

"Closet Case" says, "Here's a book with everything; lots of unrequited love, even more requited lust, and a truck load of dirt on daytime TV demigods. I found it utterly hilarious and disarmingly sweet."

Who's responsible for this laugh-out-loud gay novel? The author is Christian McLaughlin, a television writer for the new Warner Brothers Network comedy Parent'hood starring Robert Townsend.

According to McLaughlin, when he was a graduate student at the University of Texas he promised himself and his writing partner Valerie Ahern that he would move to LA upon graduation and forego law school if they could find an agent to promote their writing. Sure enough, Valerie, who graduated a semester earlier, headed out to Hollywood and located an agent (who turned out to be a total deadbeat), so out to Hollywood he went.

For two years, nothing notable happened in Christian's life and he was at an extremely low point mentally. Television writing was going nowhere and he was working for a "B-list talent agency that handled television stars from 1979 like Gary Burghoff and Gary Coleman. Late night TV just didn't relieve Christian's boredom so that summer in 1991, he would stay up late at night and type on his new project. It took two sporadic years, but in 1992 when he hit rock bottom (ant's invaded his apartment, his car was totaled by a speeding maniac, he had to have his wisdom teeth out and his job was going nowhere, still) his work on the book picked up and he finished it.

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Hyde Park Gallery features new art by Larry Crawford; Dizinger Art Gallery grand opening



Montrose artist Larry Crawford will be featured in one-man show at Hyde Park Gallery

his deep earth tones the work brings the viewer into the total spectrum of the canvas.

Born in Beaumont, Crawford, one of the founders of the Montrose-based gallery, says he started painting at the age of six. This will be his first one-man show, although he has participated in group showings and has exhibited and sold his work through community charity events.

There will be an artist reception on Friday, Nov. 18th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., artist will be present.

Dizinger Art Gallery

Chairperson Hans-Willi Roth-eudt of the Dizinger Foundation announces the opening of the Dizinger Art Gallery at 214 Avondale on Sunday, Nov. 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Governor and Mrs. Mark White head the list of hosts.

Complimentary refreshments will be served. Donations will benefit the Dizinger art programs for people with AIDS.

The gallery is unique in the country—dedicated exclusively to exhibiting art created by individuals living with the AIDS virus. These artists are assisted, regardless of previous artistic experience, by the Dizinger Foundation through its "Positive Power of Art" program.

An outstanding art piece will be presented to the City of Houston as a reminder of AIDS awareness. The corporate underwriters of this gift are: T. Warren Investments, Management Compensation Group/Dulworth, Inc., and Champion International Corporation.

Art Notes

The Hyde Park Gallery will show new paintings by Larry Crawford from Nov. 18 through Dec. 4.

Crawford's approach to his art is in the modern form of today's art movement. He keeps the viewer's mind occupied with an individual subject while presenting two possible views. The subjective is colored by personal involvement and accentuated with emotionalism. The objective view is simple and logical, coolly detached, intellectual and reflective. The image on the canvas is intense with emotion and classical romanticism.

In his paintings, he gives his male figures a direction that is striking and bold, but softened to simplicity by their singular hue. In Crawford's painting titled "Eric," the heritage romanticism that can clearly be seen. He presents his male figures as desirable and with deep emotion, yet

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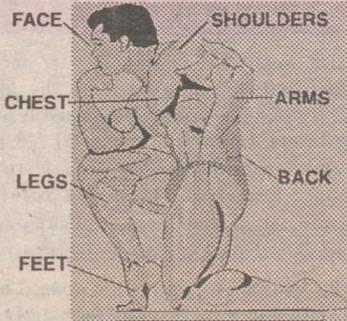
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John Steven Kellet Foundation announces 1994 grants

The John Steven Kellett Foundation recently announced grants to the following organizations for financial support of at least part of the indicated activities in 1994:

—The Agora Educational Foundation, positive depictions in the print media of the Houston gay/lesbian community.—Allen G. Calkin Human Rights Education and Research Fund, general educational activities, particularly during the upcoming Texas legislative session.

—DiverseWorks Artspace, expenses in bringing gay and lesbian programming to the Houston community.

—Gay Men's Chorus of Houston: The production and promotion of their first concert in the Grand 1894 Opera House in Galveston.

—Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.): Publicity and community outreach about H.A.T.C.H. to psychologists, school counselors, business leaders and other professionals.

—Houston Center for Photography: Exhibitions addressing issues of sexual identity and gender. Montrose Counseling Center: Counseling services for low income or indigent gay/lesbian clients.

—Texas Human Rights Foundation: Meetings between the leaders of

Houston's gay/lesbian community and leaders of other minority communities, to improve communications, understanding and development of progressive coalitions.

The John Steven Kellett Foundation, P.O. Box 66574, Houston, TX 77266, is a grant making non-profit private foundation established in 1992 to make funding available to other non-profit organizations directed toward achieving the goals of equal rights for, and the elimination of discrimination against, persons self-identified as sexual minorities, including programs/projects addressing anti-gay/lesbian violence; civil and legal rights issues; and public education. Preference is given to organizations or activities which, because of the nature of their work or constituencies, do not receive support from traditional funding sources.

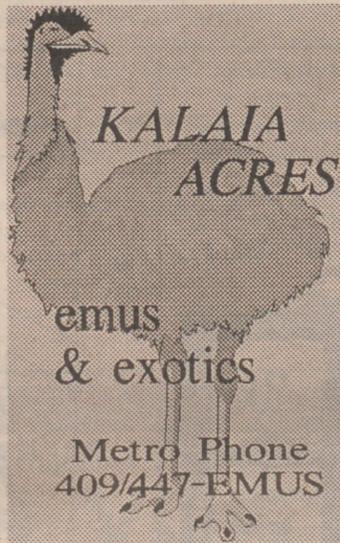
Submission of grant applications is only by invitation from the foundation board, which currently comprises: John Kellett, President/Treasurer; Don Gordon, Vice-President; Donald Skipwith, Secretary; Kathy Hubbard and Denise O'Doherty. The next grants are expected to be made about September, 1995. The foundation encourages others in the community to make similar grants by bequests, or by the creation of similar foundations.

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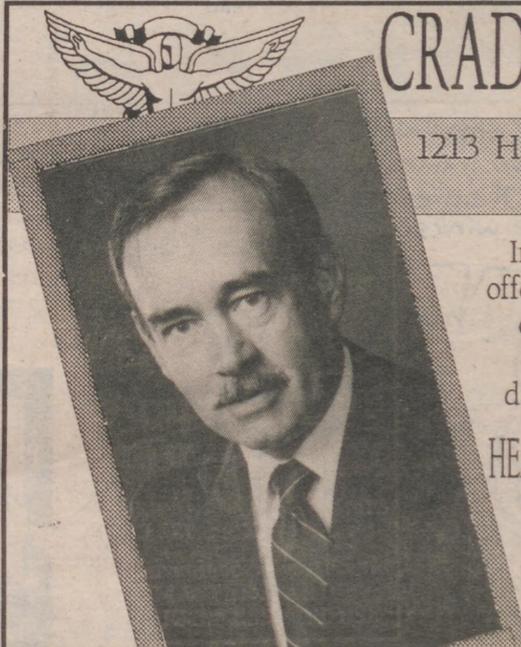
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Discussing the Laurel, Mississippi murders with Michael Petrelis

Yours Truly In A Swamp

By LEONARD EARL JOHNSON

Houston Voice/New Orleans

Michael Petrelis is a youthful 30-something, with handsome Greek/Italian features. His dark eyes and curly black hair echo the Greek invasion of Sicily. He also echoes something of the 1960's racial civil rights struggle.

We met in New Orleans, where Petrelis' dark looks might be described as "touched by the tar brush." But his particular coloring is northern Mediterranean rather than African. His features—combined with a New Jersey accent and in-your-face political activism—suggest sit-ins, freedom riders and outside agitators.

Indeed, Petrelis is a political organizer from Washington, D.C. His exact title is Actions Coordinator for Gay & Lesbian Americans, an organization he founded this year with other queer leaders (he earlier founded ACT UP DC).

"After reading a few lines about the Schindler/Navy murder/cover up," Petrelis says, "In the back pages of the Washington Times, I flew to Japan twice to root around."

Prior to Petrelis' visits, the Navy was satisfied to sweep yet another bothersome fag murder under its bulging rug. Afterwards, the Schindler story shifted to front page, and gay bashing (known to Navy bigots as "homosexual panic") became the issue.

When we met, Petrelis was on his way home from a week in Laurel, Mississippi, "rooting around" the recent murders of Joseph Shoemaker, 24, and Robert Walters, 34. Both were white residents of Laurel, a small town with a population under 20,000, located in Jones County, where the Sheriff—called the High Sheriff—is Maurice Hooks. Hooks is an intense man, who keeps a picture of Jesus labeled "The High Sheriff" hanging in his office. "He doesn't really understand gay

prejudice," Petrelis says with a sigh.

Hooks arrested a third Laurel resident for the murders, a 16 year old black male. The youth has confessed. But the .22 caliber handgun used in the double murder is missing. And doubt always nags when a black confesses to killing whites in Mississippi. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference has begun its own investigation.

Intolerance is a recurring theme in these parts—the blood of the Ku Klux Klan again flows freely along the U.S. Gulf Coast. Laurel is 90 minutes north of the coast, and 15 minutes from Overt, Mississippi, home of the continually harassed Camp Sister Spirit.

In neighboring Louisiana last year, two Mississippi men were misidentified as gay and attacked in new Orleans' French Quarter by young men with shaved heads and knives. The attackers were from Metairie, Louisiana, home district of David Duke, the former KKK head turned besuited politician. One man died at the scene, the other asked his identity be kept a secret. He has stated repeatedly that neither he nor his dead friend were/are gay. It has been more than a year since three of the alleged attackers were arrested, and no one has come to trial.

Michael Petrelis is a man drawn to controversy—he once outed Wisconsin's Republican Representative Steve Gunderson, on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Now he is drawn to danger, Mississippi style.

On this calm Autumn day, walking to our Frenchmen Street restaurant, Petrelis says, "I'd like to retire, move to San Francisco."

"Laurel, Mississippi is a long way from San Francisco," I point out.

Petrelis says, "Exactly my point."

LEJ: "You see GLA's work as beating the bushes to bring attention to matters like the Laurel murders?"

MP: Where Gay and Lesbian Ameri-

cans is right now, is a handful of people doing whatever they want on the local level in the GLA name. It is actively fifty people maximum using the GLA name around the country. My role is to be Michael Petrelis, which is a role!"

LEJ: "Meaning, to be Michael Petrelis is to do in-your-face politics?"

MP: "No, it's to get the job done. I have done my share of in-your-face activism (and) still do. But if I have to put the tie on and a jacket, I'll do it in addition to the in-your-face stuff."

LEJ: "Talk to me about Laurel. What do you think happened?"

MP: "That night in the car, I think it was a combination of dynamics. I think there could have been gay overtones, consensual amongst all those concerned. There was marijuana talked about, but no charges. In a town that small, I expect they all knew each other before that night."

"I don't think robbery was all that big a factor, really. He may have taken loose cash, but this is no street-smart hood, he didn't know how to look for other valuables. No doubt he was scared by what happened and wanted to get away."

"There are a lot of problems with the investigation. The (High) Sheriff is not a gay-sensitive sheriff. He has not entertained even the possibility that this might be a gay crime. Or a gay panic crime, or a combination hate crime and robbery. He just sees it as plain and simple robbery. The black man was out to get the white man's money, that's why he bought the gun."

LEJ: "Do you think the kid did it?"

MP: "Yes. The SCLC representative for that area and the mother of the man charged say he admits it, but in self defense because the gay guys were coming on to him."

LEJ: "As in rape?"

MP: "As in homosexual panic, I don't think there was anything forced. What I'm saying is, (Marvin) McClendon, the suspect, is in the back of the car and he claims that one of the victims makes

him shoot him, then the other man. Then he takes some money, leaves some valuables, and flees in the car, after dumping their bodies."

LEJ: "Anti-sex attitudes are often used in murder cases to build a self-defense argument around the curious notion that sex partners involved in elicit sex have justification for killing each other. Is that the case here?"

MP: "That is one way homophobia works. It may well be the case in Laurel."

We arrive at our restaurant—it is fittingly Italian and delicious. The conversation drifts to JFK, and Orleans Parish District Attorney Jim Garrison's conspiracy charges against World Trade Mart President Clay Shaw.

LEJ: "In New Orleans' lesbian/gay community there exists a popular belief that Shaw couldn't have helped assassinate JFK, because he was a good man, a prosperous man, and a gay man who was oppressed for being gay."

MP: "Shaw was gay, some way that entered into the matter."

LEJ: "It may well. In murder cases, you do not always know exactly what happened. What do you think will happen in Laurel?"

MP: "That the DA and the defense attorney will plea-bargain this thing out. I think there three facts about the case. One, the confession that the police have from McClendon was obtained without him having consulted a lawyer first."

"The second fact is the murder weapon has not been found. The (High) Sheriff has called off the search for the weapon, so you don't have ballistics proof."

"Third fact is there were no witnesses."

LEJ: "Is one of the three men known to have brought the gun to the murder scene?"

MP: "The kid claims he got the gun two days before the murder."

Judge to allow HIV tests of Mississippi murder victims

LAUREL, Miss., Friday, Nov. 11 (AP)—The attorneys for a teen accused of murdering two gay men have been granted their motion to have HIV tests performed on the victims.

Attorneys for Marvin McClendon, 16, asked Judge Billy Joe Landrum to allow the state Crime Lab to perform the tests. McClendon is charged with capital murder in the Oct. 8 slayings Robert Walters, 34, and Joseph

Shoemaker, 24, both of Laurel. Both were shot execution-style.

McClendon pleaded innocent to the charges. His bond was set at \$100,000 during Thursday's arraignment.

Defense attorney J. Ronald Parrish said if either of the victims had HIV, "it would be no different than if they had a loaded weapon and pointed it at an individual."

Parrish has suggested that the teen-

ager was subjected to sexual advances by the two men.

District Attorney Jeannene Pacific said the AIDS issue is, "totally irrelevant. It has no other purpose than to inflame jurors."

Gay-rights advocates agree.

"Calling for an HIV test is AIDS phobia beyond the grave," said Peri Jude Radevic, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task

Force. "I think it is a tactic by the defense to continue to confuse people about the truth behind these murders."

Gay-rights organizations have claimed the murders were a hate crime. They have asked for federal intervention in the case. Jones County authorities have said the motive was robbery.

The trial has been set for Jan. 30.



HIPY announces 1994 greeting card sale; Children's Museum commemorates World AIDS Day

Quick Notes

The Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth, Inc. (HIPY) is excited to introduce its 1994 Holiday Greeting Cards. These cards are hand silk-screened by the youth who will benefit from their sale. This year's cards are printed on 100 percent recycled card stock.

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World AIDS Day at Children's Museum

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These programs are offered free with the price of museum admission, and optional child care will be provided by calling (713) 522-1138 ext. 239. World AIDS Day activities at the museum are made possible through support from the Cultural Arts Council of Houston.

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By Bob Ainsworth

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NOVEMBER 19, 1986 "The Wheel of Fortune" show is not the most intellectual job in the world," muses Vanna White about the challenges of starring on TV's most popular game show, "but I do have to know the letters."

NOVEMBER 20, 1961 Bob Dylan, whom legendary CBS Records executive John Hammond discovered last month playing backup harmonica, begins recording his first album.

NOVEMBER 21, 1789 North Carolina becomes the 12th state to ratify the Constitution of the United States.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963 John Fitzgerald Kennedy, president of the United States was assassinated in Dallas Texas. According to investigators of the Warren Commission, the lone assassin was Lee Harvey Oswald.

NOVEMBER 23, 1942 British merchant sailor Poon Lim begins a four-month odyssey when his ship is torpedoed in the Atlantic and he winds up along on a life raft. Catching fish with a hook fashioned from a flashlight spring, he will spend 133 days adrift until his rescue in April near Salinopolis, Brazil, setting a record for solo survival on a life raft.

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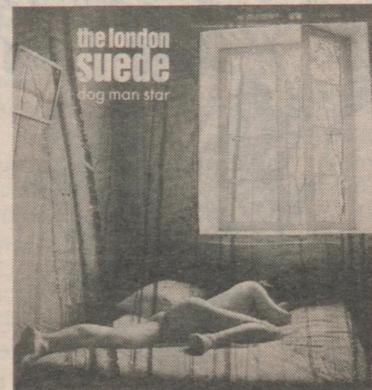
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tunes

by tad



Today's Tunes is by guest reviewer Greg Fasolino. Tad will return next week with a multi-review of the latest Christmas releases.

The London Suede

dog man star
(Columbia)

Whether the Brit-phobic taste of young alternative America swings around to embrace the newly rechristened London Suede or not, it's abundantly clear that they're the best band in the world right now. Chortle if you will, but this second album is so overtly lush, so convinced of its own superiority and so full of enough glorious, over the top angst and technicolor guitar flash, it'll make even the most sober listener toss their dreary Pavement clone vinyls into the trash can. Throughout, recently departed guitarist Bernard Butler waxes virtuosic, the early comparisons to Marr and Ronno surpassed with eloquent, sighing leads and cascading, glittering riffs. His replacement has humongous boots to fill. But it's vocalist Bret Anderson who's come into his own, expertly conjuring the elegantly mystic raunch of Bolan and Ziggy/Aladdin-era Bowie, or letting his voice soar on complex, Beatles-influenced mini-epics like "Daddy's Speeding." When he archly quotes "She walks in beauty like the night," in "Heroin," you know exactly where this band is coming from. Whether cranking out fiercely opulent rock such as "This Hollywood Life" and "We Are the Pigs," or a bevy of haunting ballads, dog man star shines like a citadel of color and romance atop today's sea of grungy mud.

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MARK: Ah-ah-ah-ah. Really, that was what I heard. My boyfriend said he accidentally stopped in one Friday evening to get a pack of cigarettes. He saw all kinds of gay and lesbian erotic magazines, news, books, novels, science fiction, arts and gay and lesbian jewelry. Would you believe he got me a really sexy necklace. I love it!!!

TOM: Well, let's meet there Friday evening at 6:00 p.m.

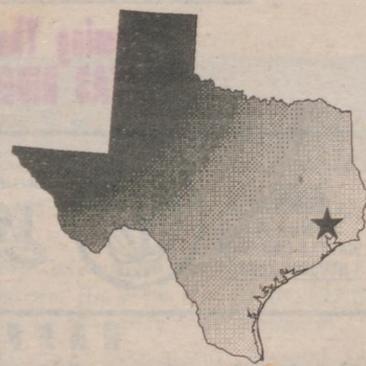
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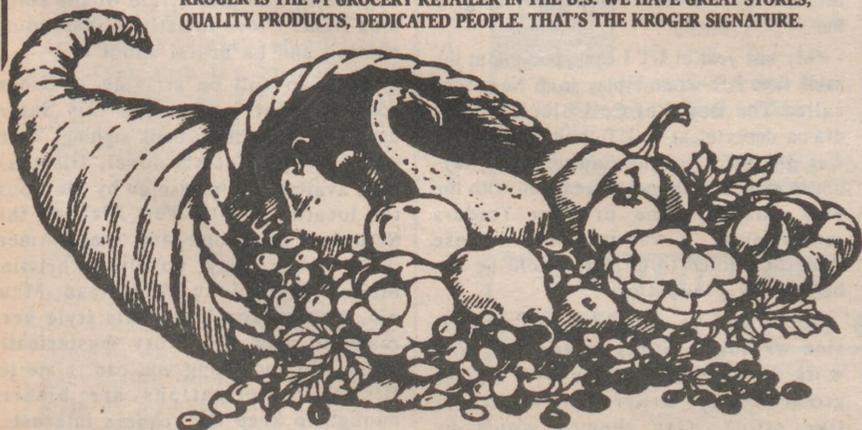
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PERFORMING ARTS NOTES

By John Reed



Cathy Rigby stars as Peter Pan at the Music Hall, Nov. 29-Dec. 18

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Theatre Under The Stars is bringing Cathy Rigby to the stage in a holiday classic, "Peter Pan." The production begins Nov. 29 and will run through Dec. 18 at the Music Hall in Houston. Rigby was recently seen as Nellie Forbush in TUTS' April production of "South Pacific." Tickets range from \$22 to \$43 and are available by calling (800) 766-6048.

The Alley Theatre will present a lively production of "A Christmas Carol—A Ghost Story of Christmas" for the holiday season. The run begins on Thursday, Dec. 1 through Friday Dec. 30. Tickets are currently on sale at the Alley Box Office or by calling (713) 228-8421 and are priced from \$31 to \$40. Special \$15 family tickets for groups of three or more are available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

"Jekyll & Hyde" advance ticket sales are shattering the record set by "Beauty and the Beast." Two weeks following a single newspaper ad announcing tickets available only by mail order, the Gothic horror musical now boasts total advance sales of \$1,231,532, the largest advance sale that either theater has ever had. The show plays Houston's Music Hall Jan. 20 to Feb. 19 and cannot be held over, since it opens the following week at the 5th Avenue Theatre in Seattle, where it runs from Feb. 28 to March 19. A national tour and Broadway run are scheduled after the Seattle run. Tickets to the Music Hall performances are available by mail order only or as part of a subscription package to either the Alley Theatre of TUTS seasons. For more info call (713) 228-8421 or (713) 622-TUTS.

Texas schools and dysfunctional family values

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Overseeing their activities and the rest of the state's affairs will be new Texas Governor George W. Bush, a man who proposed during his campaign that school troublemakers, students with discipline problems or who are otherwise unable to "function in the normal classroom environment" be herded into military style alternative schools—I imagine so that the 'normal' kids can learn without the distraction of those who do not agree. (I might have thought that the mini-boot camps were intended for youths who have shown a propensity for violence...but it seems George is all in favor of Texans packin' heat). If the new board majority succeeds in reinstating school prayer, then teachers, students and parents who are serious about education can only pray that they will be included in the body that decides the definition of "normal."

In places where they have been previously successful in taking over school and education boards, right wing operatives have concentrated not on changes to improve the quality of education in the system, but rather on dictating and limiting what students should be exposed to. Their agenda has not been to improve the learning environment but to control what students are allowed to learn.

A pre-election report from People for the American Way, a liberal political action committee that monitors the religious right, details the agenda of school board members who were elected with the support of national right wing groups including the Christian Coalition and a California-

based organization ironically called Citizens for Excellence in Education. Its issues go far beyond their innocuous prayer in the classroom banner: removal of comprehensive sex education (and AIDS prevention education that is not strictly abstinence based); removal of certain books, magazines, school plays and other materials from classrooms and libraries; opposition to ANY mention of homosexuality in class materials, presentations and discussions and to positive portrayals of gays and lesbians in textbooks and library materials.

In Texas, Ballard and the others got into office with the help of a right wing PAC called "Committee for Responsible Education" (CARE). The group's coordinator, Todd Kent, says the organization stands for basic education that does not include textbooks that promote "acceptance of alternative lifestyles rather than teaching health (and other subjects)."

Somehow, I have difficulty entrusting the realization of educational excellence and responsibility to the same groups that once derided liberal professionals, academicians and the media as an "intellectual elite."

In case you are wondering why any of this should concern gay and lesbian people who are not parents, you may recall that The Woodlands, a "planned community" north of Houston, was also home base to the band of teenagers who murdered Paul Broussard in 1991 during an evening of recreational gay bashing in Montrose.

Behold the future.

HIV overshadows other sexually transmitted diseases

By THERESA HUMPHREY

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

DOVER, Del., Sunday, Nov. 13 (AP)—Remember VD? The dreaded venereal diseases—gonorrhea and syphilis—that no one ever wanted to talk about?

The public health community changed the name about a decade ago to sexually transmitted diseases or STDs—a more acceptable term.

Now in this age of AIDS, gonorrhea and syphilis still are shunted into the shadows from the funding agencies and media campaigns.

But the same sexual behaviors that can result in an HIV infection can also lead to gonorrhea and syphilis and the latter two diseases are still being transmitted at rates above the national average in Delaware.

The health care community, however, has gotten so caught up in the AIDS epidemic it has fallen behind on the latest information on other STDs, according to some health officials.

In Delaware, the Division of Public Health is holding a conference Nov. 21 to help health care providers catch up.

"We haven't had a conference on STDs for a long time," said Paul Silverman, chief of the division's health monitoring and program consultation section.

"There's been a lot that's been happening in other STDs in terms of treatment and new understandings of the diseases themselves," he said.

Those who attend the conference will get the 1993 treatment guidelines published by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; they'll discuss prevention; and the long-

term effects of STDs.

"This is an issue that is not going away," said Mary Hayes, senior public health adviser assigned to Delaware by the CDC.

Delaware had 1787 reported cases of gonorrhea in 1992, the equivalent of 268.3 cases per 100,000 residents, according to the CDC. The national rate was 201.6 per 100,000. From 1988 through 1991, the state's rate was even higher; more than 3000 cases reported in each of those years.

The state had 209 reported cases of syphilis in 1992, or a rate of 31.4 per 100,000 residents. The national rate was 13.7 per 100,000.

Ms. Hayes said officials are finding cocaine and crack cocaine users make up a large portion of the gonorrhea and syphilis cases. She also said minorities are disproportionately affected, but officials don't know why.

"What we're trying to do is target communities within the minority populations and do assessments and see how we can best impact and improve health care delivery to those communities," she said.

In 1992, 251 boys and 298 girls ages 15 to 19 had gonorrhea in Delaware. In 1993, it dropped to 173 boys and 287 girls.

For syphilis, there were four cases among boys and three among girls reported in 1992. The following year, there were two cases among boys and four among girls.

Ms. Hayes said the lower numbers for both diseases could be due to a number of factors, such as increased screening for the diseases or the practice of safer sex.



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Gay Christians from six southern states gather in North Carolina

WILMINGTON, N.C., Saturday, Nov. 12 (AP)—The Metropolitan Community Churches, whose membership is predominantly homosexual, has gained a large foothold in the South, including Alabama, the group's founder said.

The Rev. Troy Perry, who established MCC 26 years ago, said that while the Bible Belt might not seem like friendly territory for homosexuals, it has been one of the easiest areas in which to establish MCC churches.

"The South has always been fertile ground," he said.

Perry, who grew up in Alabama and Florida, said the MCC has felt at home in Wilmington.

"We have found your city is very gay-friendly," he said.

As a result, an estimated 500 MCC members from six Southern states gathered this weekend at a Wilmington hotel for their district meeting. Speakers at the meeting included Mayor Don Betz and state Rep. Karen Gottovi, D-New Hanover.

MCC has about 5000 members in Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee. The Christian group claims about 42,000 members in 16 countries, making it the largest

organization that ministers mainly to homosexuals.

Perry said more homosexuals have flocked to the church in recent years because of the AIDS epidemic.

"AIDS has been a double-edged sword," he said. "The church has grown in the middle of this."

Perry said MCC also has had other struggles, including firebombings at 12 of its churches and the murder of an MCC minister in California.

The church has gained strength in the South because Southerners are less prone to subtle discrimination, Perry said.

"Southerners have a sense of fair play: if we don't like you, we tell you," he said. "Having said that, we know how to deal with you. People who are honest with you, you can educate."

An MCC church, St. Jude's, was founded in Wilmington in 1992, said its pastor, Kathi Beall.

Its congregation includes former Pentecostals, Baptists, Presbyterians, Jews, Roman Catholics and Episcopalians, who became disenchanted with those denominations' doctrines and attitudes toward homosexuality, she said.

Author, former Texas Christian McLaughlin discusses first novel

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"I sent two copies out to a literary agent and an editor who I thought were perfect for the book, they also worked with Robert Rodi on his book *Fag Hag*, and I wasn't sure they would even read it. I had expected it to take three months or more, but I heard from them within a week. They had both read the book over the weekend and called me and said they wanted to work with me. It was incredible. It was the first good thing that had happened to me in Los Angeles."

So does he miss Texas? Well he's busy now and working on a new TV show and working on a second effort. He never was a native Texan, but moved to Austin in Junior High, so he considers Austin home. Four years in UT's Radio-TV-Film program allowed him time for many friends that he stays in contact with and portions of *Glamourpuss* take place in Austin. "My friends from Austin are going to find more to relate with in *Glamourpuss* than people in LA. There are a couple of vague recollections of people in LA, but the Austin characters are more direct. I hope they forgive me."

"My last year at UT I came out and at the same time I re-wrote a play from New York called *The Boy's of Cell Block Q*. The drama department at UT thought the play was too lewd, but the Capitol City Playhouse picked it up had a great run with the play. Maybe some of your readers remember it. It was just one of those things I wanted to do that would be fun before my graduation."

According to McLaughlin, television writing is pretty restrictive. You work on what they assign with a large group of other writers in a collaborative effort. Gay themes won't be included in his current project on TV but he is hoping to write a Gay piece for TV sometime in the future. McLaughlin believes that not only is the audience becoming more accepting of shows with Gay or Lesbian themes, but so are

the producers and sponsors and that one day hopefully in a few years Gay TV programming will be accepted.

McLaughlin is currently writing "Sick Ticket" which he says is not a sequel to *Glamourpuss*, but does take place in the same Hollywood universe. The characters are not exactly same, but some of the daytime television shows remain the same as do restaurants, locations and other things to make a sense of community between the two novels.

And about that gorgeous cover model on *Glamourpuss*, don't get too excited. Christian says his name was something like Lance and that he was a jerk to work with. Lance had a real fit when he found out he was going to be on the front of a gay novel and tried to break his modeling contract. So what was Christian's revenge? To put the name of the book across the model's face of course. But what a bod!

How does he feel about the recent election results? McLaughlin says, "At least California gets to keep Diane Feinstein. I'm just afraid of the religious right. I love to satirize them in my writing and be brutal about it."

Christian will be arriving at Crossroads Market in Houston this Saturday at 1:00 pm for a book signing. There will be copies of his novel, *Glamourpuss* available so please go by the Houston location at 610 West Alabama this Saturday afternoon and meet America's newest gay novelist Christian McLaughlin. Like Armistead Maupin, I think you'll find his style very readable and the story hysterically funny and something you can relate to. His characterizations are bizarre enough to keep the readers interest.

By the way, Christian said he is looking for a copy of the GoGo's "Vacation" cd and he would be willing to pay big bucks for it if you bring it in during the book signing this Saturday. See you at Crossroads.

Joining entertainment industry trend, Paramount extends benefits to gay partners

By E. SCOTT RECKARD

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

LOS ANGELES, Friday, Nov. 11 (AP)—Paramount Pictures said Friday that it will extend medical and dental benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of company employees, beginning with the new year.

The decision places Paramount among a growing number of entertainment companies that offer such benefits to gay and lesbian employees.

Paramount Pictures was acquired this year by Viacom Inc., parent company of the MTV, Nickelodeon and Showtime cable networks. Viacom already had a policy of offering medical and dental benefits to same-sex partners of employees.

Universal was the first studio to extend health coverage to same-sex partners of employees, followed by Warner Bros. and, just two months ago, Sony Pictures, which includes the Columbia and Tri-Star studios.

That leaves the Fox and Disney studios as the only major studios yet to offer benefits to the partners of gay employees.

Richard Jennings, executive director of Hollywood Supports, a group that lobbies for workplace rights for homosexuals, said he expects Disney and Fox to soon conform to what has become an industry

standard.

"We know they're both working on it," Jennings said. "I think Disney's getting very close."

Hollywood Supports has provided a model benefits agreement used by 14 companies in the industry so far, Jennings said. Smaller companies to adopt the standard include Ticketmaster and Entertainment Radio Network.

Jennings said he believes entertainment unions also will soon offer such benefits, beginning with the Writers Guild of America.

High-tech companies have been leaders in providing benefits to same-sex domestic partners: Apple Computer, Microsoft, Borland International and Lotus Development are among those doing so.

The cost of providing these benefits typically is low for the more than 160 companies that have made them available. A Stanford University study showed that 0.3 percent to 0.7 percent of a company's employees are likely to elect for the coverage, and Jennings said the percentage in Hollywood is even lower.

Reasons for the low usage include the fact that the benefit is taxable, gay partners typically can get coverage cheaper through their own jobs, and some employees are reluctant to acknowledge their homosexuality.

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MCCR announces Thanksgiving plans, upcoming music events

Quick Notes

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) and its Music Ministry's hand bell choir, HeavenSound, recently attended the Old Town Spring Holiday Festival. HeavenSound performed as an individual group and also as a mass group of all the other hand bell choirs from the HeavenSound was recognized as best dressed group. The theme dress was turn of the century Texas costumes.

The music ministries also have other up coming events. On Dec. 10th they will be performing with the Houston Gay Men's Chorus at the Wortham and on Dec. 18 at 6:00 p.m. they will have "A Christmas Celebration" in conjunction with the Pasada in the old Sixth Ward and a birthday party for Jesus. For more information about these events, directions to MCCR or other activities please call the church at (713) 861-9149.

MCCR Thanksgiving

Next Thursday, MCCR will again host its annual Thanksgiving service and dinner, attended each year by an increasing number of people. Not only do members and friends attend the event, but the community and neighborhood is invited. The Thanksgiving service begins at 11:00 a.m. and the dinner starts at 12:00 noon. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are accepted.

MCCR is located in the historic Sixth Ward, off Washington between Houston Avenue and Studemont/Montrose. The church address is 1919 Decatur. For more upcoming activities or church services, call the church office at (713) 861-9149.

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Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!' (He meant Judas, the son of Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray Him.)"

Jesus offered the last opportunity for Judas to change his mind when he gave him the bread that had been dipped in the dish. This custom was known to be one that represented the deepest of friendship. Even though Jesus knew that Judas did not love Him, He still offered him love and acceptance. Judas did not receive it. We read in John 13:21,26-27 "After Jesus had said this, he was troubled in spirit and testified, 'I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me.' Jesus answered, 'It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.' Then, dipping the piece of bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him."

Further along in the Gospel of John Jesus prays for the disciples in chapter 17. This is what He said concerning Judas. (John 17:11-12) "Holy God, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled."

Judas recognized what he had done and went to the chief priests that he worked with who had paid him 30 silver coins. He returned the money which they did not want back. Judas ended his life by hanging himself. He did this upon hearing the news that Jesus had been condemned. He knew he had been an accomplice to killing innocent blood. What is most important here is that he did not wait around to see how God could bring something redemptive out of this tragedy. So many times we want to end our lives because of a heart breaking situation. In the height of despair Satan would like for us to end it all. If we could but wait three days until the cloud passes over, we would be able to view the resurrection! If Judas had only waited.

Our impatience to wait on God to deliver causes us to be delivered into the hands of the enemy. Our demise is certain and our death imminent. Let us learn from Judas' mistakes to never give in to despair. Remorse only cause us to feel sorry for ourselves and the predicament we have gotten ourselves into. Repentance turns us around to view the One who can change our predicament. God can help any and all of us who will make an about face and walk toward Jesus. Why don't you share this with someone you know who is depressed and in the grips of despair. Let them know that Jesus cares and will wait with them until it passes. As one of my favorite pastors always told me, "This too shall pass!"

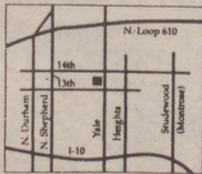
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SFA University vetos student decision to oust gay group

LUFKIN, Texas, Wednesday, Nov. 9 (AP)—The president of Stephen F. Austin State University has vetoed a move by the student government to deny certification and funds to a gay student group.

University president Dan Angel announced the decision on Wednesday, eight days after the 30-26 student vote to withhold university funds from the group after the end of this school year.

Angel said the student government action would violate First Amendment rights of the gay student group.

Leaders of the student effort to decertify the group had argued that the group should be denied official sanction because homosexual conduct by the group's members would violate the Texas sodomy statute.

In a similar case in 1984, a federal court ruled against Texas A&M's denial of university recognition to a gay student group, Angel noted.

The SFA gay group has been officially recognized since it was founded last year.

The student government, Angel said, "is an entity of the state and cannot restrict speech or association just because many or even most, people find opinions of a particular group repugnant."

In September, the student association had slashed the group's funding to \$108, a 65 percent reduction from the previous year. Angel said a cut in funds could be more difficult to challenge because about 40 percent of the school's student groups now get no funding.

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Seattle, Washington

Another initiative is in the works to bar the extension of anti-discrimination laws to homosexuals, an activist says.

Anti-homosexual-rights groups failed to gather enough signatures to put two such measures on this year's Washington state ballot. But they will try again next year, said Robert Larimer Jr., executive director of Washington for Traditional Values.

"One way or another, we will be addressing the issue in '95," he said Friday. "An initiative is in the works."

He said he was unsure whether it would be an initiative to the Legislature, asking lawmakers to act, or to the voters, as Initiatives 608 and 610 were this year.

The measures would have prevented anti-discrimination laws from being extended to homosexuals, and barred schools from presenting homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle. I-610 also would have barred homosexuals from adopting, being foster parents or getting custody of their children in divorces.

Moscow, Idaho

Opponents to Idaho's failed anti-gay initiative held a Moscow demonstration to thank voters, including a fire-eating exhibition.

About 30 marched from Latah County Courthouse to Friendship Square, where they ate fire to show their resolve against any future attempts to pass similar legislation.

"The fire will not consume us, we take it and make it our own," was the chant Wednesday as several members of the Lesbian Avengers extinguished fire in their mouths. The Avengers is an action group focusing on issues relating to lesbians and society.

Proposition 1 would have banned state and local laws prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals.

In Latah County, the initiative was defeated by more than 3,000 votes, with 8065 votes against the measure.

"I'm delighted it failed," said Kathy Sprague. "I just wish there would have been more 'no' votes."

Idaho Citizens Alliance founder Kelly Walton is hopeful some legislator will try to pass a measure this winter to accomplish the same thing as the initiative. Failing that, Walton said he is prepared to push the same idea in the 1996 election.

New Orleans

Women's social groups at Tulane University already are taking action against a fraternity that distributed among its members a manual that included slang names for female body parts and labeled gays "goons."

For the rest of this school year, Zeta Beta Tau won't be included in any joint social activities with Tulane's sororities.

And that may not be the end of the frat's problems: Tulane officials are deciding what action to take for the document entitled "New Initiate

Introduction Manual."

The chapter president of Zeta Beta Tau has apologized to the campus and is taking responsibility for the manual.

"It was a mistake. We're sorry it happened," said president Craig Unterberg.

The fraternity's 60 members have said they will do a community service project that will deal with women's issues or discrimination, Unterberg said.

But the group may face action from campus organizations and the administration.

Ashland, Ky.

A federal judge has dismissed all but one of the 23 defendants from a transsexual prison inmate's \$50 million discrimination lawsuit.

Michelle Murray, 34, of Hackensack, N.J., claimed in a federal lawsuit that he had been subjected to routine harassment, assault and discrimination from employees of the Federal Correctional Institution in Ashland. He filed the suit last November against the Federal Bureau of Prisons and numerous employees.

Murray, who has had breast implants and has been castrated, claims he has been unfairly put in segregation and singled out because of his feminine characteristics. But Judge-Magistrate James Todd ruled that Murray failed to prove that his constitutional rights were violated.

"With regard to the plaintiff's claims of discrimination based on him having to wear a brassiere, and not being permitted to wear a tank-top, and having his associations with other inmates closely scrutinized, the court finds that such actions, under the circumstances, are reasonable in light of the defendants' need to maintain institutional order and security," Todd said in an order filed Nov. 7.

Los Angeles

James Dean biographer William Bast has sued another author for implying he and the late actor were lovers.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in federal court here, accuses Paul Alexander of libel and seeks unspecified damages.

It also seeks a court order for Penguin Books to stop publishing this year's "Boulevard of Broken Dreams: The Life, Times and Legend of James Dean."

No one could be reached for comment Wednesday in after-hours calls to Penguin's New York offices.

Dean, who rose to fame for his roles as troubled loners in "Rebel Without a Cause" and "Giant," was killed in a 1955 car wreck near Salinas, Calif. Like Marilyn Monroe, he has become a posthumous cult idol.

Alexander's book implies that Bast and Dean, who at one point shared a penthouse apartment, had a sexual relationship and portrayed their relationship as an "on-again, off-again love affair, akin to a troubled marriage," wrote Charles Coate, Bast's lawyer.

Bast says in the lawsuit that he never had a sexual relationship with Dean.



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Alachua, Florida voters repeal protection for gays

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Thursday, Nov. 10 (AP)—The repeal of Alachua County's gay-rights ordinance has energized conservative Christians who now plan to take their battle to other Florida communities.

"Our goal is to repeal every gay rights law in Florida, with the possible exception of Key West," said David Caton, president of the Tampa-based Florida chapter of the American Family Association. Key West has long been a mecca for homosexuals, making an assault on the city's ordinance unlikely to succeed.

The group is already preparing for repeal elections in Palm Beach County and Tampa this spring. Later, the group will try to repeal Miami Beach's ordinance, Caton said.

In addition to repealing the ordinance Tuesday, Alachua voters also voted against any future protections based on sexual orientation.

Fifty-seven percent of the county's voters wanted to repeal the ordinance that prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation, and 59 percent voted to prohibit sexual orientation or sexual preference from being introduced as part of any future county laws.

"The people of Alachua County ... believe that one's choice of sexual behavior does not equate to one's characteristic of being black, being female or national origin," said Bob Guyer, a spokesperson for Concerned Citizens of Alachua County. "Therefore the people said no to including a behavioral characteristic in an anti-discrimination

ordinance."

Officials at the No On One Coalition, which opposed repealing the ordinance, said they should've done a better job of informing voters.

"We did our best to educate people that this was the only protection that we would have based on sexual orientation," said spokesperson Georg Ketelhohn. "It is a lack of awareness that federal and state (civil rights) laws do not include sexual orientation.

"The results of the election clearly show we have a lot of educating to do, especially in the rural areas."

A court challenge to the issues is being considered, he said.

The campaign was expensive for both sides. Guyer said Concerned Citizens raised about \$60,000, while Kathy Lawhon with No On One spent about \$50,000.

The issue was hotly debated for almost two years after the Alachua County Commission included the term "sexual orientation" in its anti-discrimination ordinance in 1993.

"It is truly an external imposition of gay rights against a community that has been long established and the community said no to it," Guyer said.

While all Alachua County voters could vote on the referendum, the anti-discrimination ordinance only applied to unincorporated portions of the county and not to Gainesville, Alachua, High Springs, Newberry, Waldo, Archer or Hawthorne. It also applied only to businesses with more than 15 employees.

Record number of openly gay candidates won their races, says GLVF

(WASHINGTON, DC)—Despite what has been interpreted by media pundits as a "voter mandate" that American government move to the right, 12 openly gay and lesbian candidates won election to public office in last Tuesday's brutal election—a 75 percent success rate for candidates supported by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

According to Victory Fund Deputy Director Kathleen DeBold, the following 12 recommended candidates won their races: Will Fitzpatrick, Rhode Island State Senate; Cal Anderson, Washington State Senate; Sheila Kuehl, California State Assembly; Ken Chevront, Arizona House of Representatives; Tim Van Zandt, Missouri House of Representatives; George Eighmey, Oregon House of Representatives; Cynthia Wooten, Oregon House of Representatives; Susan Leal, San Francisco Board of Supervisors; Tom Ammann, San Francisco Board of Supervisors; Bonnie Dumanis, San Diego City Court and Teri Schwartz, Los Angeles Superior Court, and Tom Chiola, Cook County (IL) Court.

Other openly gay candidates who won election included Maine State Senator Dale McCormick and Minnesota State representative Karen Clark.

New York State Attorney general candidate Karen Burstein and California Secretary of State Candidate Tony Miller lost close race to their GOP opponents. Although Burstein won more votes than defeated three term Democratic Governor Mario Cuomo, the combination of the Republican sweep and vicious gay baiting by supporters of her opponent pushed the seat just out of her grasp.

DeBold noted that the 75 percent success rate for openly gay candidates is especially significant in light of the campaigns of gaybaiting that were waged against them by their opponents and because of the overall conservative swing of the electorate nationwide. "Each of our candidates won TWO races," she said, "One against their opponents; the other against the Radical Right's distorted image of gay men and lesbians."

DeBold believes the election results send a clear message that extremist viewpoints that lead to hate campaigns and gay-baiting are out of step with mainstream America. "Our openly gay candidates won because their personal and community values are consistent with those of the average American family—values like hard work, responsibility, and respect for others."

Former 'Dobie Gillis' star becomes California's first openly gay state legislator

By DEBORAH HASTINGS

FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Wednesday, Nov. 9 (AP)—In an election that packed a surprisingly conservative punch, a former television actress nonetheless became California's first openly gay legislator.

"I don't understand it," said Sheila James Kuehl, best-known to baby boomers as brainy Zelda on "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis," which ran from 1959 to 1963. "There was an awful lot of anti-Clinton voting, which is very difficult to understand because that's where I've made my stand."

Liberal, Democratic, against Proposition 187 and not a fan of GOP Gov. Pete Wilson, Kuehl, 53, is decidedly opposite a majority of California voters who on Tuesday overwhelmingly endorsed conservative politics and politicians.

"I can't stand the man," she said of Wilson, who defeated Democratic challenger Kathleen Brown to win his second gubernatorial term. "I think he's homophobic and I think I've got my work cut out for me."

To the crowd of gay and lesbian community leaders who packed her living room Tuesday night, Kuehl joked, "This gives new meaning to the saying 'Be careful what you ask for, you just might get it.'"

"It's my privilege to be going there for you," she told her supporters, including Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg. "And I thank you for it."

Kuehl's paramount concerns in Sacramento will be the economy, college tuition costs and family law issues. She has been lobbying and drafting legislation on the latter for the past

15 years as a public law attorney.

She also teaches gender law at Loyola Marymount University and the University of California, Los Angeles.

Kuehl declared victory shortly before midnight, with a comfortable lead over her Republican opponent, Michael Meehan, a 28-year-old law student and former pupil of Kuehl's.

Acting Secretary of State Tony Miller didn't share her luck. He failed in his efforts to become the first openly gay major-party candidate to be elected to a statewide office. Republican Assemblyman Bill Jones defeated him 3393,835 votes to 3349,993 votes. With 100 percent of the vote counted, both men received 45 percent of the vote.

In all of her campaigning, Kuehl said she received only one piece of negative mail. Her Westside 41st Assembly district cuts from Santa Monica through Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and portions of the San Fernando Valley—many, but not all, are Democratic strongholds.

A Los Angeles native, she gave up acting in the 1960s after getting a taste of homophobia. Hollywood, it seemed, considered her too "butch," she said.

She went to college, graduated and eventually rose to the rank of associate dean of students at UCLA. She went on to law school at Harvard University and became active in legal issues that protect women, children and homosexuals.

Being gay and being a former TV star help, not hinder, she says.

"I think it works for me," she said. "Being an actress makes me a familiar face. People who know someone who is gay tend to be more favorable toward them."



CUERVOLYN'S CALENDAR



If you would like an event listed in this section, please feel free to call me at 529-8490 or fax the facts to me at 529-9531.

11/17 * NLA:H's "All You Can Eat" spaghetti dinner at the Venture-N.

11/17 * Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Support Group meet tonight at the Montrose Library at 7:00 p.m. Call Pam at 980-7995 or Gordon at 861-0885 for info.

11/17 * "Eating Right for the Holidays" workshop by AFH. Call 623-6796 for info and location.

11/18 * Alpha 2 Omega fundraiser at Ovatons.

11/18 * "AIDS and The Law"—Free seminar. Call Mitchell at 981-9595 for info.

11/18 * "Star Trek-Generations" opens at local theaters.

11/18 * Full Moon "Buzz" Birthday party at the Venture-N.

11/19 * Dignity/Houston's support group for Gay and Lesbian Catholics. Call 880-2872 for info.

11/19 * Houston Wrestling Club practices at the Multi-Purpose Center. Call Larry at 453-7406 for info.

11/19 * "Ms. Houston Leather 1994" contest. For info, call FIST at 522-4533.

11/19 * Art Exhibit at the Crystal Dolphin, 3400 W. Lamar.

11/19 * Houston Outdoor Group's (HOG) monthly "Check Us Out" social at 315 Travis. Call KAMPOUT for info.

11/19 * "Demo" by the Brotherhood of Pain at the Ripcord. 10:00 p.m.

11/20 * Grand Opening of the Dizinger Art Gallery at 214 Avondale.

11/20 * RSICSS Variety show at Gentry.

11/20 * "Turkey of a Show" at the Ranch.

11/21 * Lambda Skate night at the Dairy Ashford Skate Rink. Call Keith at 933-5818 for info and directions.

11/21 * Coalition of Colors and White People Healing Racism at MCCR. Call 861-9149 for info.

11/22 * Names Project Volunteer meeting at 7:00 p.m. at 2410 Woodhead. Call 52-NAMES for info.

11/22 * "Coming Out Group for Men" support group at the Montrose Counseling Center. \$25. Call 529-0037 for info and times.

11/22 * "Erotic Choices in Safer Sex"—AFH workshop. Call 623-6797 for info.

11/23 * Women's Network—a support group at the Montrose Counseling Center. \$3 to \$5 donation requested, but not required. Call Sue at 529-0037 for info.

11/24 * Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) meets tonight. Call KAMPOUT for more info.

11/24 * "Safer Sex in the Lesbian Community"—Seminar by AFH in conjunction with Nancy Ford's Com-

edy Act at Miss B's.

11/25 * Act-Up Gulf Coast's general meeting at 7:00 p.m. at 3400 Montrose, Suite 520. Call 529-9199 for info.

11/25 to 27 * Texas Riders' Fall Round-Up 7. Call 439-0434 for info.

11/25 * NLA:H's Kick-off "Toy Drive" for Kids with AIDS Benefit.

11/26 * Dignity/Houston's support group for Gay and Lesbian Catholics. Call 880-2872 for more info.

11/26 * the "Waterlillies" perform at Rich's.

11/27 * Winterfest '95 fashion show at Gentry.

11/27 * Nocturnal, a flashlight/undergear party at Heaven.

11/28 * "Fellowship Friday" at MCCR. Games and fun! 6:30 p.m. Call 861-9149 for info.

11/30 * "Jewish Community Center Observes World AIDS Day" at the JCC. Call 729-3200, ext. 3281 for info.

11/30 * Bear of the Month contest at the Montrose Mining Company.

12/01 * The first flashlight and undergear party at E/J's.

12/01 * "Clash of the Tierras" at Chances.

12/02 * Lady Victoria Lust's PWA Christmas.

12/03 * NAMES Project Dedication Ceremony at the Menil. For info, call 52-NAMES.

12/04 * "Miss Gentry" pageant.

12/04 * Holiday Party for the Montrose Counseling Center. RSVP to 529-0037.

12/08 * Seminar hosted by NLA:H: "SM and the Law." For more info call 527-9666.

12/11 * "Mister Gentry" contest.

12/14 to 16 * Ms. Gulf Coast Leather Weekend sponsored by FIST. Call 522-4533 for registration and general information.

12/15 * Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents (HGLP) General Meeting at the Montrose Library. 7:00 p.m. Call 980-7995 for info.

12/15 * L.i.B. Holiday Party at the Penthouse. 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

12/16 * The Bar Association for Human Rights (BAHR) annual Holiday Party at Kim Son. Call Gary at 622-1320 for info and reservations.

12/18 * Gentry's Annual Christmas Show.

12/21 * Benefit for the Pet Patrol at the Venture-N.

12/31 * L.i.B.'s New Year's Eve Party at the Double Tree. Call 759-0202 to get your reservation in early!

01/19 * Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents (HGLP) General Meeting at the Montrose Library. 7:00 p.m. Call 980-7995 for info.

01/21 * "Night in Black Leather"—a benefit for the Bering Care Center hosted by Don Gill and Soiree Aubergine at the Venture-N, 9:00 p.m.

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HMBL packs 611 for end-of-season awards party

Sports Notes

The 611 was decorated to the hilt last Sunday in celebration of the Houston Metropolitan Billiards League's end-of-season awards party. A huge crowd, consisting of league players, sponsors and "pool groupies" dined on grilled steak and baked potatoes, salads and tons of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres—no puny pickings for this bunch! The beer and liquor flowed smoothly and the awards, jackets, trophies and plaques were the best ever, according to the members.

HMBL was formed in 1988 and has been a staple of the Houston gay community sports scene ever since. First registration for the league's coming season will be held Dec. 4, 12:00 noon at the BRB. A Scotch Doubles tournament will also be held that day, with winning teams entitled to forego either all or half their season dues. The second registration will be held at 7:00 p.m. Dec. 13 at Gentry. HMBL's Christmas tournament will be held Dec. 18 at the 611; registration is at noon and play starts at 1:00 p.m. The organizational meeting for the league is Jan. 8, 2:00 p.m. at Jo's Outpost. The first



Chip—Five break and run patches! Congrats

night of play is Jan. 10.

Anyone with an interest in billiards, fun and friendship is invited to come out and join the league for the upcoming season. It's a great way to meet new people and have a good time every Tuesday night. HMBL is always looking for new players, and if you don't want to commit to every week, you can still sign up as a substitute player. For more information, call 622-0727. See you around the table, and remember: "Rack 'em tight!"

sh Candlelight bowling

All bowlers, league members or otherwise, are invited to the No Tap Candlelight Doubles Tournament this Saturday, Nov. 19 at 8:00 p.m. Bowling is at Palace Lanes, on Bellaire Blvd., just inside Loop 610. Entry Fee is \$11 with registration beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Tom at (713) 522-9612.

LRC Skate Nite

Lambda Rollerskating Club will hold their next "Skate Nite" on Monday, Nov. 21 at the Dairy Ashford Skating Rink. Skate time is 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. "Everybody Welcome" \$5 admission includes skates or you may bring your own skates (in-line skates welcome). For more information call (713) 933-5818.



The Jackson 5, HMBL's first place team: James, Ed, Bob, Allen and Dan, at awards party

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Military Party-ers going AWOL...

Houston Soap, Part 1

By CAROLYN LARSON
Houston Voice/Houston

Last Week

This past weekend was definitely a weekend of "Military Madness!" Tons of hot men descended on Rich's for the Four Season's Military Ball. The party was a huge success! The show was fabulous! Thanks to everyone for the bags of food and supplies and of course the cash! Yes, Sir! Job well done, Sir! After the Ball, Hal Rocklin performed on the and showed everyone a few non-military maneuvers.

The "Dons" buzzed hair at the Ripcord this past Saturday night. This was a benefit in conjunction with the Four Seasons Military Party for Stone Soup. Don (Schnauzer) and Don (Mr. Everything) Gill raised \$279. Yes, Sir! Job well done, Sir!

Adult video star Kris Lord showed the crowd at Heaven why he is known as the BIGGEST star in the business.

The "From the Heart" benefit show at Gentry last Sunday raised \$400 for the LVL PWA Holiday Fund. Congrats to Empress XI candidate Crystal Rae Lee Love for organizing a flawless show!

The 611 Hyde Park Pub was packed to the rafters for the HMBL awards banquet this past Sunday! Congrats to all the winners!

Friday, 11/18

The Hyde Park Gallery is proudly presenting "Erotic Art" by Larry Crawford. There will be an artist's reception tonight from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Hyde Park Gallery is located at 711 Hyde Park. You can also enter thru the door on the patio of Pacific Street.

Tonight and tomorrow night, Mysti Day will be on stage at the Penthouse. The show is from 10:00 p.m. until midnight both nights. Be sure to get there early and enjoy dinner, which is served nightly until 10:30 p.m.

Meet the judges and contestants for the Miss Houston Leather 1994 contest tonight in the Leather Loft at Pacific Street tonight at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, 11/19

FIST (Females In Search Of Trouble) are proud to announce our first contest.



DJ Mark gets a military buzz at the Ripcord, thanks to Don Gill

Tonight, 10:00 p.m., at the Venture-N, Ms. Houston Leather 1994 will be chosen. This is a benefit for the Houston Area Women's Center/Shelter. Please, in lieu of an entrance fee, bring a non-perishable food item. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

The Saturday Super Show at E/J's tonight features the talents of Tranae Chardon, Vanessa Rae, and Misty Valdez. The lovely Brittany Paige is your hostess. The show starts promptly at 11:00 p.m.

The patio of Mary's is full of beef this afternoon. At 3:00 p.m., Scotty fires up the grill to make the 12 oz. T-bones sizzle. This and all the fixin's are only \$5.75. Plus, the usual Saturday afternoon Beer Bust from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The buy-in \$1, with refills only 25 c. And one more thing to complete your evening, they show movies on the back patio bar. Get all this? Dinner, cheap beer and a movie...now all you need is a date!

Tonight the walls of Rich's are displaying the works of local artist Kermit Eisenhut. The doors open up at 9:00 p.m. Also, if you have not gotten your Seal ticket, Rich's will be raffling some off tonight. This is courtesy of Pace Concerts and Jerry Vann.

There is an auction at the Brazos River Bottom tonight presented by and benefiting the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard! There will be a variety of items auctioned off. What a great way to start your holiday shopping and help a worthy cause at the same time!

The Krewe of Olympus takes over the Briar Patch tonight at Happy Hour to accept new members and have a snack with you! The Briar Patch has promised to bring out the goodies and you won't want to miss being with one of Houston's finest groups...The Krewe of Olympus!

Tonight at the Gold Miners, a new crown will be given away! Miss Gold Miner 1994 will be crowned. Stop in and see the show! MC Miss Anita Dick takes the stage at 9:30 p.m.

Houston United Gay Bar Drag Talent Show is tonight at Chances! Lady Victoria Lust and Susan Masar will MC this fundraiser. The proceeds will go to Stone Soup. The show starts at 9:00 p.m.

Cheap Booze at Gentry today! That is all I'm gonna say!

Sunday, 11/20

The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star presents "Turkey of a Show" tonight at the Ranch. This is a benefit for the Women and Lesbian Health Crisis Center. Your hosts are Jerel McNeil and Anita Mann. Show time is 9:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. There will be special appearances by: Nancy (Bite Me!) Ford, Deb Dillehay, Regina Dane, Brittany Paige, Crystal Rae Lee Love, Tanya Seville, Jennifer Ellsworth, and David Martin, just to name a few.

The Wolf Pack is Brunch-ing it this morning at Mary's, naturally. This weeks menu is honey baked ham, sweet potato casserole, green beans and biscuits, all for only \$5.75, which includes real china, real silverware, and a linen napkin. Brunch is from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Tonight at the Brazos River Bottom, Tanya Seville, candidate for Empress XI presents "Horney a Plenty." This is a fundraiser for the Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Fund. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., but git there early to take advantage of steak night on the patio!

There will be a variety show tonight at

Gentry tonight "RSICSS/PSICSS II" (Reece's Pieces II) will start at 9:00 p.m. Be sure to get there early if you want to get in on the Eight Ball tournament. The pool balls are racked starting at 5:00 p.m. It might be kinda hard to keep your mind on the game because the Boy Toy dancers have longer sticks and bouncier balls!

The Venture-N features Hal and Jim's Yea! Buffet today. This week's menu is: BBQ beef and pork ribs, cole slaw, baked beans and of course, their world famous bread! Hal and Jim donate their culinary talents while the Venture-N donates all the food! All they ask you to do is donate to the Colt 45's Troublefund box!

Monday, 11/21

The Monday night Pool Tournament at the Montrose Mining Company is going strong. Come out and see what some of Houston's Hottest are able to do with a big stick. You know what they say about a man with a quick cue...

Every Monday at The Club Houston, the price of a locker is slashed to only \$5. That means you can have full use of their facilities for next to nothing, which, by the way, is what most of the customers are wearing!

Tuesday, 11/22

Heaven opens tonight for Kofi's "Holiday Send Off." Kofi is going to compete in the Miss Gay America Pageant and some of Houston's finest entertainers will perform at her official send off. Special guests include Lindsay Love, Dyan Michaels, Lauren Brach, Nancy Taylor, Cookie LaCooke and more. The show will start promptly at 10:30 p.m., so don't be late for a night full of fun!

Burgers are back! Lucy (of E/J's fame) grills up hot beef for you from 11:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Only \$1 gets you a burger and the trimmings, and for 2 bits more, you can put some cheese on your bun!

Maria! I just met a girl named Maria! She has a cantina! She loves Cuervo just as much as I do! I'll be meeting her at Mary's this afternoon for cheap Cuervo shots!

Damion is taking it off! Well, at least half way! It is half-price day at The Club Houston. This means you can get a locker for only \$5, a regular room for only \$7.50, and the deluxe room for only \$10. Such a deal! Leave to Damion to make it "worth" your while to visit The Cub Houston!

Wednesday, 11/23

Lucy just couldn't stay away. She is back on the patio of E/J's for her version on hot meat on the grill. Yes, steak night with Lucy starts at 6:00 p.m. and the grill stays lit as long as you do!

The sensational sounds of Sass fills the Penthouse tonight. The lovely women of Sass start their jazzy sounds at 9:00 p.m. The Penthouse also offers a complimentary buffet or you can enjoy a wonderful full service menu!

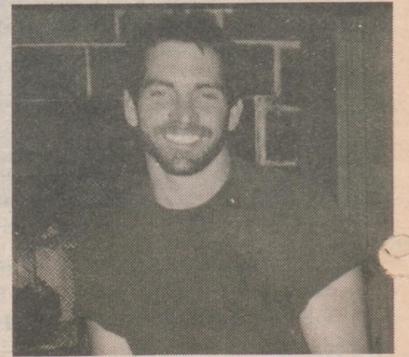
Defrost your bird, then head to Gentry. They are once again forcing Miss Dyan Michaels to make the boys take their clothes off. She unwillingly puts on an evening gown and pressures these cute boys to take their clothes off. Poor thing! I'm going to have to check this out for myself. I'll see you there at 10:30 p.m.

It's a Turkey Shoot! Leave it to Pacific Street to give you turkey! They are offering \$3 Wild Turkey drinks and shooters. The doors open at 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, 11/24

Gobble Gobble! Thursday's at Heaven are Amateur Strip night with hostess and Fiesta spokesmodel Lindsay Love. Miss Lindsay models the latest in Fiesta fashions while performing the latest in Whitney and Aretha as some of Houston's hottest young men strip to their unmentionables, competing for \$200 in cash!

Looking for a place to eat turkey



Handsome new face at the BRB. Hello—Gary!

today? E/J's is having a big Thanksgiving day buffet starting at 6:00 p.m.

The cowboys of the Brazos River Bottom are cooking up a Thanksgiving Day Buffet today at 3:00 p.m. The Brazos River Bottom offers you a place to meet up with your friends and enjoy a free all-you-can-stuff-in-you-face buffet!

So you stuffed your face today! I know a place you can go and un(family)wind and enjoy a great view of our fair city. The Penthouse will open tonight at 8:00 p.m.

Gentry is having a Thanksgiving "Over it" party today with \$1.50 well and longnecks until 8:00 p.m.

Pacific Street is serving dessert! \$1.25 Hot Apple Pie shots all night long! There is also no cover with your out-of-state ID.

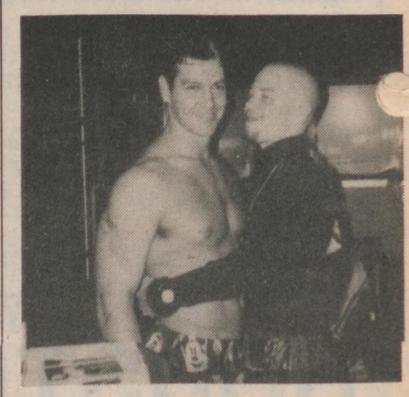
Other Important Stuff

Be sure to stop in the patio and say Hi! to their new bartender and previous Bear of the Month Club winner "Daddy" Ed!

Did you know that starting March 1, 1996, good old Ma Bell is going to require us to dial 3 more numbers to make a local call? So get ready when you are resetting up your new trick cards! My number at the Houston Voice will be 713-529-8490 or 281-529-8490.

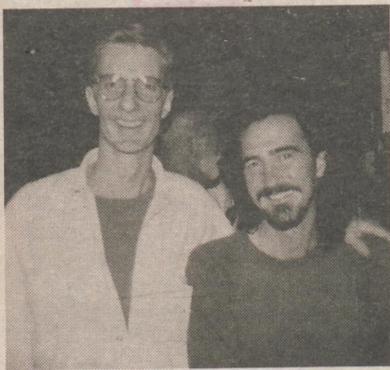
Penthouse Playmates! Tuesday! Penthouse Playmates! Thursday! Penthouse Playmates! Friday! Penthouse Playmates! Saturday! Penthouse Playmates!

The River Oaks Health Alliance (ROHA), sponsor of the "TLC House," is calling for volunteers for fund raising and community activities. The ROHA's TLC House is a 90 day safe haven program for HIV+ males in transition, experiencing health difficulties and facing homelessness. House Founder and current Director Matt Locklin and the ROHA Board raised the seed money necessary and opened the shelter doors on Oct. 30, 1994. Located in Montrose, TLC House is open now and helps 24+ clients a year through their first project. The ROHA Board would like to open additional shelters for women with HIV, and other under served, infected populations needing shelter assistance in 1995. There will be a planning meeting on Nov. 19, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. at 1414 W. Clay. For additional information or to donate time or money, please call Matt at 902-2231.



Kris Lord hugs Michael Parks at Heaven

More of what's new; birthday corner; this week's dirty dirt; new contest?



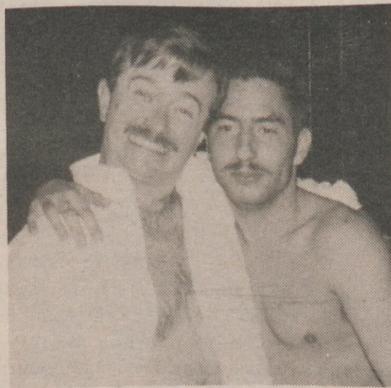
D'Artagnan and Roy, partying at Mary's, naturally

Houston Soap, Part 2

The Briar Patch does it nightly! They play everything that Broadway ever wrote and you can select your very own favorite. The Briar Patch has been around longer than any other club in Houston... there must be a reason! Go by and see for yourself what a good time they have. It is kinda off the beaten path, but once you get there, you might not want to leave!

There is a new business in town! Alternative Visions is Texas's 1st Gay and Lesbian Video introduction service. They have been serving the Dallas area since 1992, and will be opening a new office in Houston on or before Dec. 15th. They offer a unique way of matching you to your "dream date," and also offer "Relationship Counseling" by a licensed counselor. They must be pretty good 'cause the owners Trudi and Wendi have been together over 4 years! If you are looking for someone to fulfill your life, call and set up an interview. The phone number is 526-8223, and tell them Carolyn sent you!

NLA:H (National Leather Association: Houston) announces three new officers: Mike Geinzer as President; Orlin Cullever as VP; and Randy Weaver as At-Large position #1. Congrats! Also, the fourth annual Toy Drive for Kids will be getting underway this weekend as collection jars for monies donated and collection boxes for toys and baby supplies go out to area bars, restaurants and retail establishments. The money and toys will be donated to Casa de Esperanza, a



Smile for the birdy!

501 (c)(3) center which specializes in children in crisis, whether from HIV/AIDS or abuse or neglect. If you would like further info, please call the NLA:H hotline at 527-9666.

Bar Hoppers, a new social club for gays and lesbians who like to party at Houston's hottest clubs has been formed! They meet every Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at an inner-loop area restaurant, then head off to a pre-selected Montrose area club! This is a great way to meet new people. Call Jimmy at 395-2126 for info!

Birthday Corner

Happy B-days to Richard Mendez and David Synder of the Montrose Mining Company fame. Bill Farrar is getting a little older this week!

Happy Birthday to a dear friend: Jess, aka Daddy-Do, that is because Daddy will do just about anything!

Buzz Davis ((NLA:H):) is getting a little older this week. Hope you survive your birthday party at the Venture-N!



And then he said what?

Kim from A Man's Resale is getting another wrinkle on the 18th! Happy BD Honey!!

Dirt, Lies And Trash

The usual disclaimer is in force. You know the drill! Lies, gossip and things I scrape up off of Ratrat's cage! If there is someone you wish to make a "victim" out of, you can call me at 529-8490, fax it to 529-9531 or hunt me down in any bar that serves Cuervo!

Erica Lane (Lazy J): I understand you had a "captive" audience for your last performance! Don't those cute little video cameras that HPD has installed make you look lovely!

Larry Crawford: Yes, you do look almost "butch" in that last group of photos! Funny how a camera can lie!

Clay (Penthouse): Don't forget to congratulate Bill (mine) on his HMBL "Most Improved Player" award!

Del (Gentry): How come you will run a \$3.75 Skyy special every day just for Miss Keever and don't run a Thursday afternoon Cuervo special just for little ol' me? I drink more than her!

NOT!

Linda and Marcia sitting in a tree, K-i-s-s-ing, first comes love, then marriage.. oh, looks like you got it right! Congrats on your upcoming nuptials!

John (BRB): You and I both know that the plunger and coat hanger were used for rescuing my pager, but it really looked like you had opened up a quickie abortion center in the Ladies room of the BRB! That is what people are saying to me... asking me how I feel after my operation! You did good, honey, cause I didn't feel a thing! Maybe the "real" clinics should use Cuervo instead of the Demerol. And I do like your idea of making pagers waterproof and "glow in the dark."

Susan Masar: Someone told me your singing was, and I quote "Absolut-

NOTE TO ALL OF CUERVOLYN'S FANS

In Issue 702 (April 8, 1994), Carolyn Larson began an infamous career writing the Houston Soap column. Although her first anniversary has yet to approach, it's time to give her back some of the rat droppings she has reaped among us all.

So, during the month of December, the Houston Voice will publish some of your dirt, lies, etc., which most of you have on the Cuervo 'girl.'

Fax your entries to (713) 660-6808 and we promise she won't have access to be able to edit your entries, but please keep them clean enough to print. Prizes will be available to the best entry each week as judged by the staff of the Houston Voice (with the exception of Cuervolyn, of course.)

ely orgasmic." I thought your would like to know!

Devin (Mary's): Chances is going to rain on you! Pay backs are forever. ...

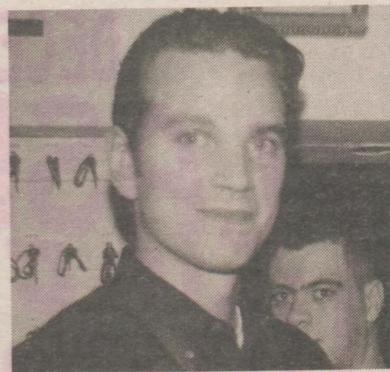
Kody (Chances): I understand you had a little "zipper" trouble in the bathroom at Mary's. Care to tell me the "hole" story?

Linda (Chances): I heard you found Pickles with her pants down, asleep in the little girls room!

Vanna (Gentry): Heard you did your impersonation of a "sweet transvestite." It is kinda scary to think about you, a t-back and your legs wrapped around your neck up on stage for everyone to see!

Rainbow: Mama Jo may need a new dishwasher, but I don't think she wanted you!

Ken (BBHOL): SO you have tri-focals! Does that mean you will try every-



Damion, keep your paws off both of my young husbands

thing? What level do you finally notice your tricks at?

Ken (Penthouse): Jim's (Voice) overtime bill now has reached 2 hours worth of Bourbon and waters! And don't forget our next deadline will be the same day you read this!

Rita Charles: why did you pull Rene's panties down and t-shirt up, then flop her over and decide that is not what you wanted!

Lois (Family Connection): Who is this red headed Hawaiian you are seeing?

AJ LaCoste: So you are running a home for wayward boys? It must be kinda scary with all those house guests!

Sissy (VN): How did you get that perfectly placed hole in your jeans?

Brucella: I did not know that you and Damion (CLUB) used to be roommates. Thanks for all the dirt on him. Damion...be afraid, be very afraid!!

Rodd Lindsey: Rodney missed you too! He is ready to go dancing anytime!

Well, I'm sure by now everyone is "turkey-ed out." This time of the year makes me thankful that I am a vegetarian, and do not have to suffer through turkey and dressing, turkey sandwiches, turkey tetrazini, turkey pancakes, turkey stroganoff, turkey lasagne, turkey pot pie, turkey a la king, basic turkey casserole, turkey and dumplings, turkey loaf, turkey teriyaki, turkey soup, turkey hash, and my least favorite, going "cold turkey!" Huggs and stuff-ing
Cuervolyn



Brucella, we hope you enjoyed your visit!

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Oregon measure's defeat doesn't make homosexuals feel safe

By **JEFF BARNARD**
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

PORTLAND, Ore., Thursday, Nov. 10 (AP)—Supporters of a failed statewide anti-gay-rights measure were mostly middle-income people who did not attend college, according to exit poll data.

The second attempt by the Oregon Citizens Alliance to implement a statewide policy to deal with homosexuality failed Tuesday by a margin of 53 percent to 47 percent.

Supporters also tended to be Republicans who oppose abortion and physician-assisted suicide. The measure was favored by a majority of voters who felt Sen. Bob Packwood should not resign in light of sexual misconduct allegations against him, and by 76 percent of those identifying themselves as members of the religious right.

The exit poll was based on about 1000 interviews outside voting places around the state conducted by Voter News Service, a cooperative of the four television networks and The Associated Press.

Measure 13 would have amended the constitution so that homosexuals could not be protected as a minority. Most of the votes to defeat it came from Portland and other cities. The measure passed in 21 counties, most of them rural.

Francis Drake says he has received death threats over Measure 13, despite living in the same southern Oregon farm house in Medford for 15 years. Homosexuals can feel secure that

they can't be fired from a job or thrown out of an apartment for their sexual orientation, Drake said.

"But that still doesn't mean there are not going to be kooks such as skinheads who will take it upon themselves to try to make your life as miserable as theirs is," he added.

Meanwhile, local versions of the OCA's anti-gay-rights measure passed in Lake County and Grants Pass. That brought to 26 the number of local measures that have been adopted around the state, despite legislation making them moot.

"I think there will probably be a temporary swell of feeling that we were supported by the electorate," said Kathy Burkey, chairperson of the Josephine County Human Rights Alliance. "Then the reality will hit. Lon Mabon has already said he will be back in '96."

"When you live in a community with a 60-40 kind of split, you know the majority of your neighbors have a strong feeling about you," Burkey added. "These people are voting on my rights. They get to vote on who I am. They get to vote on my rights. Nobody else is subjected to that. We don't vote about black American rights. We don't vote about Jewish rights. Those things are in the past. For gays and lesbians, they are very much the present."

The OCA, of which Mabon is executive director, has vowed to try a third time to amend the constitution to limit the rights of gay men and lesbians.

Pedro Zamora, AIDS activist featured on MTV dies

By **KAREN TESTA**
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

MIAMI, Friday, Nov. 11 (AP)—Pedro Zamora, who educated the public about AIDS by discussing his life with the disease on MTV's "Real World," died Friday, hours after his farewell appearance was broadcast on the show's season finale. He was 22.

Zamora was sick but still active in June when he filmed the closing episode of the program, which documents the real lives of a group of young roommates.

"That's where the real tragedy, the real mystery of the disease lies," said Doug Herzog, MTV executive vice president of programming and production in New York. "He leaves the house a healthy man, or seemingly healthy. Four short months later, we're saying our goodbyes to him."

Zamora learned he had the AIDS virus when he was 17. Handsome, trim, dark-eyed and a gifted speaker, he went on a lecture tour, telling audiences at high schools and other organizations that he was infected through unprotected sex.

He testified before Congress, showing that "AIDS is a disease with a human face," President Clinton said Friday.

"If you want to reach me as a young gay man, especially a young gay man of color, then you need to give me information in a language and vocabulary I can understand and relate to," Zamora said at a congressional hearing July 12, arguing for more explicit AIDS educational programs.

He also was a member of the AIDS Action Council, a lobbying group for AIDS legislation, research and funding.

This year, Zamora appeared on the MTV program, in which a camera crew follows the unscripted activities of

real people who were chosen to live together.

In the final episode, shown Thursday, they said goodbye to each other as they moved out of the house.

"The message was, 'Look at me: I'm 22 years old. I look healthy, I look vibrant ... but there's a killer lurking inside of me and it can come up and grab me at any moment. And we have to think of a way to stop it,'" Herzog said.

When he joined the program, Zamora did not initially tell his housemates he was HIV-positive. Instead, he showed them a scrapbook of photographs and newspaper clippings of his life as an AIDS educator.

Most cast members ultimately accepted the situation, and several became his close friends. Two of them, Judd Winick and Pamela Ling, were at the hospital Friday and had been filmed with Zamora when his doctors called to tell him he had developed full-blown AIDS.

More recently, Zamora developed a severe neurological disorder, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy or PML, found in about 5 percent of people with AIDS.

In recent weeks, an ailing Zamora was reunited with three brothers and a sister he had left behind in Cuba when he came here at age 8 in the Mariel boatlift. They flew to Miami to be with him. He was one of seven children.

"I'd like to say I am not afraid, but that's not so," Zamora once said. "I don't fear death itself, because death is something very natural. What I fear is the process of illness, the preamble for which we're not prepared."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Zamora's family established the Pedro Zamora Memorial Fund at the AIDS Action Foundation, 1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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'Images in the Dark' uncovers gay and lesbian contribution to cinema

New Books

By DENI KASREL

For the Houston Voice

Two years ago, Raymond Murray, President of TLA Video, a chain of video stores in Pennsylvania, decided to develop a handy reference guide on gay and lesbian videos available in the U.S. He knew customers would welcome it, and besides, being that he is a gay cinephile, he had a personal interest in the topic.

To begin the project, Murray, 39, turned to copious files of notes and programs compiled first-hand from all the film festivals he'd attended and programmed (when he was part owner of a repertory movie house) since the mid-70-'s. This gave him a good start, but he identified a few holes in his coverage. When he went digging to fill the gaps, Murray soon discovered that the information he sought didn't exist in any published source.

Now it does. "Images in the Dark: An Encyclopedia of Gay and Lesbian Film and Video" (TLA Publications), written by Raymond Murray, is a comprehensive reference on gays and lesbians in the cinema. "Other books in the field take a narrow point of view, or are very specifically themed. This book is highly inclusive. Everything from the independent films of Mexico to Hollywood's newest offerings," says the author.

Unique in format, "Images in the Dark" breaks from the standard A-Z encyclopedia style "that's boring and daunting to read," according to Murray. Initial chapters focus on personalities and their movies, grouping them in the classifications of directors, actors and artists. Additional chapters list film by genre, with reviews in the separate

categories of queer, lesbian, gay male, transgender, camp and honorable & dishonorable mentions.

The sheer talents and breadth of the gay and lesbian actors, directors, writers and artists included on the pages of "Images in the Dark" is astounding. "The full influence of gays and lesbians in the film world has never truly been documented," notes Murray. "So with this book, even for gays and for those people who are experts in the field, there will be surprises. And for the casual filmgoer there will be even greater surprises. Some people know about the artier side of gay cinema or that Rock Hudson was gay," continued Murray, "But few people know that gay men directed movies like 'The Philadelphia Story,' 'Dirty Dancing,' 'The China Syndrome' or 'Marathon Man.' Also, not many people are aware that one of the pioneers for women in the entertainment industry, Dorothy Arzner (who directed the likes of Katherine Hepburn, Lucille Ball, Ginger Rogers and Fredric March), was an 'out' lesbian in the 1930's!"

Murray contends, however, that sometimes the thing that surprises people the most about the book is not specific information contained in it, but how much information there is. Murray says that when he tells people the book is 600 pages long, with 200 actor/director/artist bios, 400 photographs and 3000 film reviews, they often respond that they didn't know there was so much homosexuality in the movies. "And that," Murray says, "is exactly why I wrote the book."

(Deni Kasrel has written for "Jazz Times" and "The Philadelphia Inquirer," among other publications).

AIDS auction goods stolen in Phoenix

PHOENIX, Saturday, Nov. 12 (AP)—Thieves who smeared excrement outside the Community AIDS Council office window they broke stolen much of the goods the organization had gathered for a fund-raising auction.

"I was horrified," said Beth Meyer, council chairperson. "The money we'd have gotten from the stolen gifts would have helped us to reach more people, help more people, do more good."

The council is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of and education about acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"We also provide vitamin supple-

ments for people infected with AIDS. This is work that just has to go forward," Meyer said Friday.

Celebrity items were chief among the 15 articles taken. They included an autographed photo of Bette Midler, sheet music to Midler's song "Friends," CDs autographed by singer Celine Dion and movie posters signed by Whoopie Goldberg and Robin Williams.

"It's a bad loss," Meyer said. "But we're not giving up. Not at all. We got on the phone and, for instance, Whoopie Goldberg's publicity office said, 'How can we help?' There was no hesitation."

The auction is scheduled for Nov. 19.

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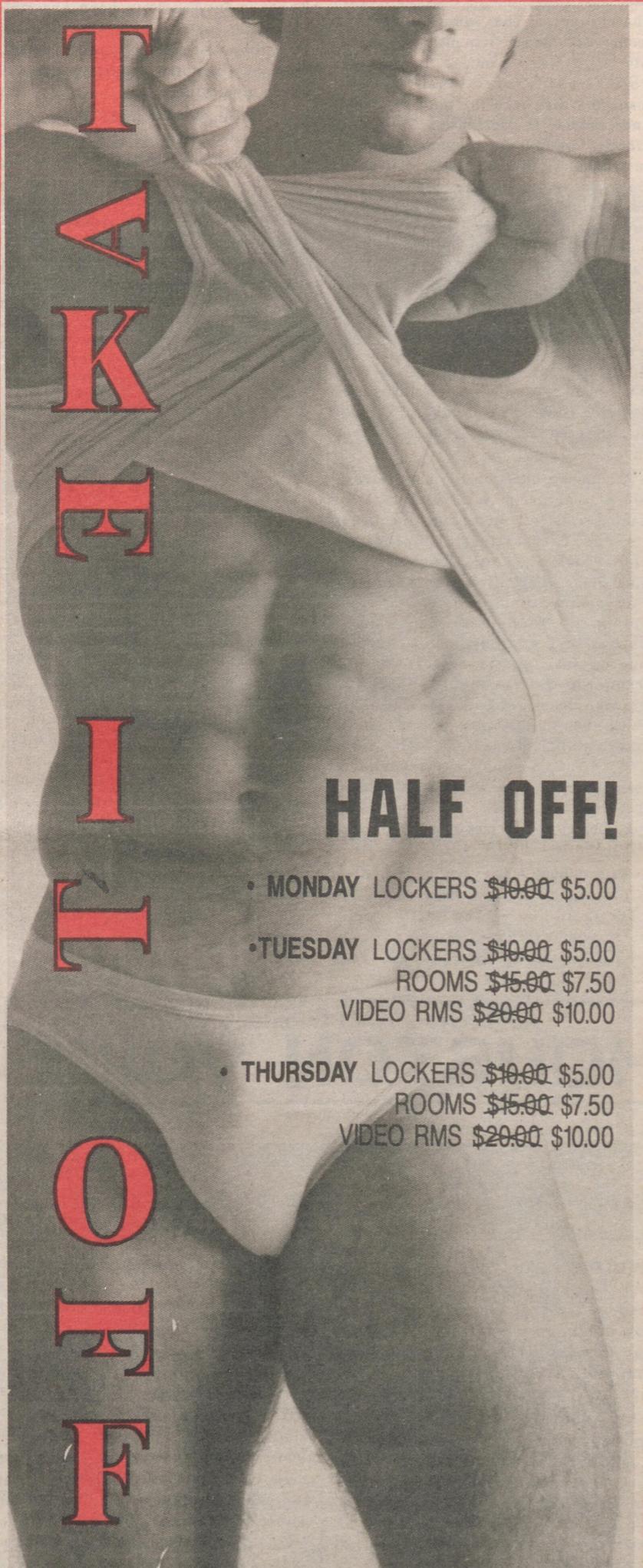
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What is a Mutual Fund?

Money Talk

By SAM C. TAMBORELLO
FOR THE HOUSTON VOICE

Simply put, a mutual fund is a company that makes investments on behalf of its shareholders. The fund pools your money with money from many other people who have similar investment objectives. Professional money managers then take the pool of money and invest in securities, such as stocks, bonds, and money market instruments. Mutual funds can make money for you in two ways. One, they can pay dividends earned from the funds' investments. And two, if a security held by a fund is sold at a profit, the fund can pay capital gains. As a shareholder, you own a proportionate share of the fund. Each share represents ownership in all the funds underlying securities. Funds pay dividends and capital gains in proportion to the number of fund shares owned. Thus, if you invest \$1,000, you'll get the same rate of return as if you invest \$10,000.

A common question by many investors is what are the main advantages of having a mutual fund. The advantages include diversification, professional management, convenience, and flexibility. Your best protection against risk is diversification—spreading your investment across dozens of securities instead of just one. Mutual funds provide an assortment of investment options. They offer growth, income, or both. They also provide the opportunity to invest in international markets as well as the U.S. A fund's portfolio manager typically invests as many as 50 to 200 or more different securities. In effect, they put your money in many baskets instead of just one.

With mutual funds, you have built-in professional money managers who base their buying and selling decisions on extensive, ongoing economic research. After analyzing

stock market conditions, interest rates, inflation, and the financial performances of individual companies, these managers select investments that best match the fund's objectives. Professional money management has long been available to large institutions and wealthy investors, but mutual funds make this type of financial expertise accessible to everyone.

Mutual funds have made it incredibly easy for people to invest in them. They are available through all brokerage firms and they have many types of funds that you can choose from. A word of caution to investors. It is crucial to your investment program that you place your money in funds that match your objectives. I strongly suggest finding an investment professional that you feel comfortable working with to help advise you. You can get your investment of \$50.00. Investors always have easy access to their money, making the mutual fund a very liquid asset. You can redeem all or part of your shares any day the New York Stock Exchange is open and receive the current value of the investment, which may be more or less than the original cost.

Unlike individual stocks, mutual funds offer various features that allow you to stay in control of your investment. For example, most mutual funds allow you to automatically reinvest your dividends and capital gains in the purchase of additional fund shares at no extra cost. Over time, the power of compounding can significantly increase the value of your assets. In addition, within a family of funds you can exchange portions of your investment into other funds with different objectives as your financial needs change.

Happy investing!

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MR. VENTURE-N '94 TUCSON

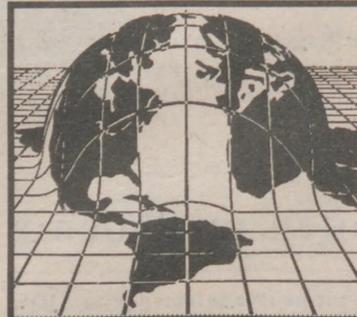
MR. VENTURE-N '94 Tucson, Phil Holding hosted a kick off fund raiser for INTERNATIONAL MISTER LEATHER, Chicago, May 1995. The fund raiser, a HOT OIL massage raffle, Beer and Soda Bust was held at the TOOL SHED in Palm Springs, California, October 29th. It was a huge success. HOT OIL winner received his massage at mid-night on a covered pool table lined with candles.

MR. VENTURE-N '94 is a Desert Leathermen member, EMPIRE Leather/Levi associate member, and well as an associate member to PS/LOD. Phil is also a member of TEAM ARIZONA, and DESERT VOICES.

Phil was featured in P.A.C.T. September/October 1993 newsletter for his volunteer delivery of Saturday and Sunday meals for FOOD FOR LIFE. Phil was FFL first driver, volunteering before the program started. He also has raised and contributed money to FOOD FOR LIFE. FOOD FOR LIFE is his personal passion. FFL provides home prepared meals delivered to the clients front door. Phil said "It has been a great way to meet and make new friends".

You may contract Phil thru the VENTURE-N, any Desert Leathermen, or by writing to him at PO BOX 2364, Tucson, Arizona 85702, for fund raising events providing services to people living with AIDS, or personal appearances to show support in the community.

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Idaho Citizens Alliance assessing narrow defeat

BURLEY, Idaho, Saturday, Nov. 12 (AP)—Idaho Citizens Alliance leaders are still assessing their narrow defeat on the anti-gay initiative, but founder Kelly Walton indicated they will likely pursue a new initiative for 1996.

Although Tuesday's balloting catapulted a number of conservative Republicans into the state Legislature and left Democrats with their smallest minority in 65 years, Walton said he would not be counting on lawmakers to approve legislation achieving the failed initiative's aim.

"We intend to follow our course, and if they want to step in that's fine," Walton said. "But we're not counting on that."

The hotly debated initiative that was opposed by nearly every civic and political leader in the state failed by just 3098 votes of more than 408,000 cast, according to the final unofficial tally.

Walton blamed the narrow loss on confusion among supporters over what a "no" vote meant and his apparently faulty assumption that the real battle would be fought in the more mod-

erate western and northern parts of the state—the 1st Congressional District. The other drawing card to the 1st District was the chance to help conservative Helen Chenoweth defeat incumbent Democratic Congressman Larry LaRocco. Chenoweth was one of only three major candidates to endorse Proposition One.

"We thought we'd get two for one there with Helen and the initiative," Walton said. "I thought the 2nd District would take care of itself."

He also lamented the alliance's lack of cash for yard signs that he believes could have significantly helped dispel confusion over what "yes" and "no" votes meant. The much better financed opposition made heavy use of yard signs that boldly declared "No One One."

"A lot of people have been calling in tears after figuring out that they had voted the wrong way," he said.

Results from Tuesday's balloting seemed to bear out Walton's analysis even though 23 of the 44 counties voted for the proposal. The results also indicate how critical to the final outcome was the proposition's 2,700-vote defeat in Ada County, where the head-

quarters of the opposition was located and where the campaign against the initiative was strongest.

Walton's effort with Chenoweth in western and northern Idaho paid off. Outside Ada County, parts of which lie in both congressional districts, Chenoweth won 14 of the 18 counties and the initiative was approved in 12 of those, often with almost the same number of votes Chenoweth captured.

The biggest margin of victory was in Canyon County, a center for the many fundamentalist churches that backed the alliance. The initiative passed by 9500 votes there, getting 21,736. Chenoweth won with 21,361 votes.

That pattern was repeated throughout the district so that overall, the 1st District outside Ada County passed the initiative by a margin of over 12,000 votes.

The initiative polled 80,752 votes and Chenoweth got 79,300. LaRocco got 66,751 votes and opposition to the initiative totaled 68,357.

But in the 2nd District, where the landslide re-election of incumbent

Republican Michael Crapo was a foregone conclusion and the alliance was banking on an historically conservative bent, the initiative failed by just under 13,000 votes. Heavily Democratic Bannock County handed opponents their biggest margin at about 5,000 votes.

But the No On One coalition also saw the initiative turned down, albeit by narrow margins, in conservative rural counties like Franklin, Madison, Butte and Fremont, all heavily Mormon areas.

Exit polling showed that about 23 percent of those voting on the issue statewide were Mormon, most in the southern and eastern parts of the state, and they split just about down the middle for and against the initiative.

The final margin was 1000 votes or more in just 11 counties outside Ada. Opponents built up a 16,000 vote cushion with those kinds of margins in Bannock, Bonneville, Bingham, Latah, Nez Perce and Blaine counties while the alliance had a cushion of over 15,000 votes out of Canyon, Kootenai, Gem, Idaho and Payette counties.

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HOUSTON PERSONALS

BY MANFINDER

Houston **HUSBAND MATERIAL ONLY:** Scott - 24 latin male 165 5'10 med skin short black hair, must seeking monog rel, older than me- intimate, fun, sensual and understanding- ☐7136

Houston **PREPPIE PUPPY,** 5'10, 145, med bld, dk/brn attr hisp 22 int U of H, int in 18-24 preppie, looking for the same but not neces, movies dining out, clubbing, var of int- ☐10323

Houston **CRUISE DIRECTOR,** new to area, 25, 6' 200, lkg for someone to be friends, poss rel, like to get out and see Houston life- ☐12731

Houston **BLONDES HAVE MORE FUN,** Kevin 5'9, 126, blu, short blond hair, smooth, feminine ☐12762

Houston **LOOKING FOR FUN,** Austin, 22, 5'10 150 brn/hzl, looking for guys 18-28 for fun friendship or whatever- ☐13054

Houston **NEW FRIENDS,** Robert attr Hisp 24, new in town, looking for new friends, poss Mr. Right, I'm 5'7, 155, blk/blk, like to meet mature GWM or GHM for movies, long walks, all around togetherness- ☐13068

Houston **NO STRINGS FUN!!** Are you tired of ads that scream honesty in relationship?: good safe fun! w/♂ strings, friend dating-what a concept! 39 GWM 5'10 180, dk/brn beard, med build, hairy body, ub 25-35, pref a GWM dk hair/lt eyes, hairy a + ☐13083

Houston **GREENWAY PLAZA AREA:** Dave, 29 WM 5'7 135 brn/grn, lkg to get together fo fun or other activities, hope to hear from you soon- ☐13113

Houston **MASCULINE MUSCULAR,** Mike, 6' brn/blu, 170, GWM looking for a GHM, 18-35 smooth slim musc masc into some good safe fun- like to hear from give me a call- ☐13172

Houston **LOCAL GUYS ONLY,** GHM 23, 5'9, 175 looking to meet someone in the area- ☐13362

Houston **WEST CHASE AREA,** BM 6', 200, like to go to gym work out, dk cxion, int give me a call- ☐13373

Houston **CHEEKS AND CHAPS,** Dallen, 36 grad student UH, 6'4, 195, brn/brn leather into leather bars, like to meet guys who like to have fun, play around, all that good stuff give me a call if UR interested, ☐13400

Houston **FREDERICK,** 26 BM: looking for masc men of any race, like to have fun eat out, movies and some sports- ☐13504

Houston **CARAMEL LOVER,** Chocolate's too rich, vanilla's too plain, but caramel drives me mad! David 34 5'10, 185 attr intell like to have a good time brn/brn lkg for attr intell GHM tall beefy guys, romant aggr tops, in the area best- ☐13486

Houston **LOOKING FOR DOMINANT,** Mike looking for some guys to have fun

maybe date, 31, 5'10, brn/hzl, and I'm also passive, int in GWM same age or younger, int in meeting, give a call for more info- ☐13639

Houston **THREE OR MORE,** GWC 34 & 32: 6' 170 blk/green, hairy, 5'9, 165, swimmers build, brn/brn looking for other gay couples or males for fun- ☐13704

Houston **HOBBY AIRPORT AREA,** Ricky, 5'10, 150, med bld, dk hair/brn hisp 22 student, JR's type, preppy, don't like to go out much, ISO same, not ser rel, 18-24 ht/wt prop who likes going out once in a while things besides clubs- ☐10323

Houston **JEFF,** gdlkg wm looking for someone to get together with, young, give me a call- ☐13747

Houston **BEAR MAN,** GM 31, 5'11 200 brn/blu hairy looking for bi or gay male - age/race not imp- ☐13881

Houston **ROOM SERVICE,** Hunter, UH student, in hotel mgmt, like movies, theatre, dance, like musci, inti in good personality, like to hear from you- ☐14057

Houston **MALE BONDING,** Ray, 41 BM iso a strong bonding & close friendships with males 18-30 w/ musc build, if ur 200-300 lbs of rock hard muscle, powerlifter w/a football players bld, gve me a call-any race, or size- ☐14068

Houston **THE BEST WOMAN,** Sean 32, str wm 5'10 140, strb blond green lkg for 18-35 TV or TS to help me be the best woman for company and pleasure- ☐14223

Houston **STUDENT SEEKING SAME,** 22, 5'10, 145, med bld, hisp, dk/brn, attr student, iso my age 18-22 var int, like to go dancing, not really into clubs- ☐10323

Houston **HISPANICS ONLY-**, Kurt 35 5'7 150 blond/blu beard int in hisp guys only-give me a call- ☐14545

Houston **EROTIC EVENINGS,** GWM looking for GBM u should be musc to slim, smooth, into alot of good safe fun, erotic fun filled eves @ home 6' brn/blu 170, gdlkg, give me a call- ☐14570

Houston **MANLY BOTTOM,** Eric 22, top BM iso a nice manly btm, if ur interested, lv your name and number race not imp- ☐14850

Houston **ATTN: BODYBUILDERS,** Mark 5'7 165 musc masc BM iso same, Body builders's esp, for friendship poss rel if ur attr lv a message- ☐14794

Houston **IDEAL GUY FOR ME,** iso masc dark top safe person, liek coffeehouses books, age race ht, not imp- honestly describe yourself ☐15114

Houston **A GOOD START,** Jason, 22, 6'3, 190, energeti outgoing, good sense of humor, looking for 18-25 someone to start as friends, poss rel- ☐15210

Houston **HOWDY, NEIGHBOR,** Russ, 29, iso someone 18-21, Spring Branch area, lv your # and I will give you a call back-slender built-like to go have fun movies, bowling, fishing- likes to try diff things, give me a call- ☐15226

Houston **ANY TOP WILL DO-**, Stuart iso top men age/race not imp WM 5'6 36w iso someone interested give me a call- ☐15270

Houston **FIT AND TRIM,** George Asian, 26 5'10 145 movies dining out iso someone under 35 not overweight give me a call- ☐15372

Houston **LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE-**, Eddie, 26, cuban/white iso hisp men only 18-30 for friendship poss rel, enjoy spanish musi talking, drinking coffee- ☐15404

Houston **SOUTHWEST AREA-** GWM btm seeking bodybuilder buddy and more, ☐10624

Houston **POLITICALLY CORRECT:** David, 5'11, 170, blond/blu, like 2 meet 18-35, I'm 35, movies, beach-like 2 meet

Houston **JOHN** 24, hisp male, 5'8, 154, give me a call- ☐11278

Houston **SPOT ME, WILL YA?** David, like to get together with some White, Hisp or Asian males, blond/blue 5'11 170, like to work out with you, alot of int, hope you do too- ☐10669

Houston **YOUNG HISPANIC:** 5'8, 21, want to have fun with same age, outgoing, and masculine- like to dance and have fun- ☐11335

Houston **A GOOD TIGHT END:** Ray, 41 BM like to hear from males 18-30 awesome musc build, football player, any race or nationality- ☐15597

Houston **DOOKIE?** Chris, 20, 5'10 210, musc, brn/brn, listen 2 tapes & CDs & local music shows, play guitar, Morrissey, Green Day stuff U hear on Ktrve- looking 4 intell person, kinda honest & shy, if it works out maybe a rel- ☐11422

Houston **LEE,** looking for new friends only- 6'1 bm 162 Swimmers build, give me a call- ☐4701

Houston **JOHN,** 23, 5'11, btm take charg, like wrestling, masc good body non smoker looking 4 WM or HM masc acting & looking w/ a good body, 6'+ 20-45 lkg 4 a good time, look forward to meeting new people- ☐11788

Houston **YODELAHEOO!** bi wm, self employed, prof'l btm looking for a handsome masculine discreet top 35-50 to be a real stable friend, if ur that type of person give me a holler ☐12020

Houston **IF I KNEW YOU WERE COMING I'D HAVE BAKED A CAKE:** David, 6' 145, brn/blu, like quiet nights, reading, cooking, and spending time w' friends, like to get to know and be a friend poss more- ☐12044

Houston **GALLERIA AREA:** attr GAM 28 5'8 145, into health and fitness prof'l swimmer, musc, looking for attr or GHM, GAM or GWM for friendship poss ☐12244

Houston **NO ATTITUDE!** Lee, GBM iso a nice young gm for friendship 23-27 pref a nice build good pers, masc not arrogant or rude- ☐12262

Houston **..AND OPPOSABLE THUMBS:** James, WM blk curly hair, dk eyes, looking for someone who's 18-25 nice body mature manly, likes to have fun, stand on two feet looking for long term rel- ☐12395

Houston **LYNN** looking for a BM who's int in music quiet times, exercising, and enjoys theatre as well-lkg for 25-45- ☐12458

Houston **JEREMY** 20 looking for GHM 20-30 to tame me, like to go out and have fun, poss rel - ☐12623

Houston **JIM,** looking for someone to get together and party with, gdlkg, 165, 6' smooth looking for sim, who works out and likes to have a good time- ☐12660

Houston **LOOKING FOR A BARE BEAR:** James, 28 hisp male, very gdlkg, want to meet other hisp or white guys

should be hairy, active and masc and attr- ☐12673

Houston **OK, BUT TAKE OFF THE MOUSE EARS:** Ross, 42, under 35, lv your name and phone number- want someone who will appreciate you, give me a call- bowl, fish, like Disney World, things like that give me a call- ☐2460

Houston **GHM** 32, 5'11, 190, good shape, looking to meet in my area- ☐3970

Houston **SIDE STROKE:** Joe, 27, 5'10 145, GAM like movies, dining out, football, swimming, 20-35 swimmers build- give me a call- ☐8673

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Houston **SOUTHEASTERN AREA:** Daniel, looking to meet other guys in the area 32, 6', 195 blk/brn clean shaven- ☐9406

Houston **USE MY IMAGINATION:** Mike, 6' 200, real new at this, looking for someone to show me the way, willing to try anything- ☐9430

Houston **BOY TOY:** Mike, musc fit, daddy, looking for a boy (18+) to play with, leave me a message- what you're interested in- ☐9446

Houston **NEW TO HOUSTON** 29 GWM looking for men in the area to have good times with, like to get into all kinds of stuff- like black tops! ☐9448

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someone who feels we can make a difference, white hisp or asian, like to meet a buddy-w/sim values- ☐10669

Houston **RUB TWO STICKS TOGETHER-James,** 6', brn/blu must hairy body 30, 160 btm looking to have a hot time w/somebody- ☐10728

Houston **MONTROSE AREA-** 42, med hairy, clean shaven, 5'9 170, gdlkg prof'l WM like good long sex, clean honest and interested, give me a call- ☐10794

Houston **A HOUSE, BUT NOT A HOME:** 55 y/o BM 5'9, 162, devout prt, masc indiv pref the same, masc only, travel homeowner, non smoker, pref the same- pref 5'10 6'6 wt proportionate to height- ☐10815

Houston **ATTN ALL DELINQUENTS:** Hi, Mike, int in boys that need correction, 5'7 work out w/weights, fit into dom and spanking, looking for boys 18-35 who want to play- ☐10896

Houston **HONEST** and sincere guy, new in town from Kansas City, looking for rel are you out there? 40 slim like to cuddle, strictly oral looking for slim WM 32-42 honesty and sincerity, if this sounds good, give me a call- ☐11139

Houston **I MISS THE PRETZELS!** Andy, 24, Asian, nice looking, very smooth body, just want to get to know someone, new to area, from Philly, live near Astrodome area, educated, looking for someone similar- ☐11152

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New Mexico nurse says she's being discharged because she's lesbian

ALBUQUERQUE, Thursday, Nov. 10 (AP)—A nurse who says she's being discharged from the New Mexico National Guard because she's a lesbian plans to appeal to federal district court in Albuquerque, her attorney says.

Ruth Cohen, attorney for Lt. Jesse Holloway, said federal courts thus far have not found the military's reasons for banning homosexuals constitutional.

"Until the U.S. Supreme Court decides something, each (judicial)

circuit can decide which way to go with it," Cohen said.

National Guard officials in Albuquerque confirmed that a board from the 5th Army, based in San Antonio, Texas, recommended to the 5th Army commander that Holloway be discharged. The commander has not taken action, but usually accepts the board's recommendation, said Tom Koch, a spokesperson for the New Mexico Army National Guard.

Holloway, 38, would be the first New

Mexican discharged under President Clinton's policy on homosexuals in the military, the Guard said. The policy allows them to serve, if they don't engage in homosexual sexual activity and keep quiet about their sexual preference. Department of Defense officials said that since the policy went into effect 13 months ago, at least 427 people have been discharged because they are homosexuals.

About 1 1/2 years after disclosing she is a lesbian, Holloway, of Alberquer-

que, faced the Army board which recommended her discharge.

Holloway said the Army told her the decision was based solely on her statement she is a lesbian.

"I'm just upset that my record didn't speak for itself," Holloway said.

She said her military evaluations all have been perfect, but said, "My honesty and integrity didn't matter. ... I'm upset with the unjustness of the law; it needs to be changed. This is America."

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GHM, 37, br/br, 6'1", 180lbs., w/h proportionate, professional, affectionate, smoker, light drinker. Enjoy bicycling, outdoors, sports, movies, dining in, quiet evenings at home and various other interests. Not into living at the bars. Seeks sincere GWM, emotionally stable, kind heart, not into game playing and a sense of humor for friendship and possible relationship. Ad 25655

GALVESTON: LOOKING FOR SEXUAL BUDDIES

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

LESBIAN GWF COUPLE, MID 30'S

Looking for a single person or couple for friendship, no sex, going to movies and evenings on the town. Ad 25641

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GWM, 33, br/br, 5'11", 175#, well built, smooth body, very healthy, HIV+, non-smoker, shy at first, passionate, great sense of humor, Montrose homeowner seeking stable and sincere, hairy GM, 18 to mid 30's for great times, friendship and possible relationship. Ad 25746

SEEKING YOUNG MAN

If you are an affectionate young GAM, GWM or GHM, boyish looking, slender and smooth this appreciative older GWM business executive wants to meet you - object safe and discreet play. I want to please you. Ad 25635.

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP

GM, Asian college student. Very cute, quiet and shy, likes to travel. Looking for handsome, sexy, educated, successful 18+ male for long term monogamous relationship. Please respond to Ad 25654

WANTED:

part-time houseboy/servant who knows how to be of service. Master is 44, 5'9", 180lbs, demanding, lives in Montrose. Ad 25134

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

MARRIED MEN

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

WANTED! HOT TOP!

Who is healthy, vers., hairy, well endowed, over 30 for safe fun; tit action & blindfold. I'm a WM, 5'10", 180#, 41, Galleria Area. New to Houston. 3 comes A+. Ad 25797

LOOKING FOR YOU

GWM, young 39, live in Bay City area. I'm attractive, masculine, honest and sincere, 6', 165lbs, br. eyes/salt-pepper hair, HIV+, healthy and in good shape. Into laughing, caring for someone, romance, camping, movies, exercise, playing pool. Not into bar scene except on occasion. Mild to moderate drinker. Looking for good times and possibly more. If I had my choice you would be 30-45 WM, smooth, masculine and mostly bottom. If you might be interested in pursuing this further please respond to Ad 25669.

TALL BOOTS, MOTORCYCLE, POLICEMEN, AGGIES, COWBOYS

This attractive, educated, discreet leg man fantasizes that yours are covered with 18 inches of leather. I am 43, 6'1", 155, DDF, romantic, moral, relationship minded. I like old-fashioned dating. You are attractive, DDF, slim or muscular, non-smoker, discreet, any race. Movies, dinner, theater, music, working out, nature, outdoors. Ad 25659

LOOKING FOR NO BANKERS HOURS

Me: GWM, 37, 6'2", 180lbs, br/br. Work from 3:00 p.m. till midnight and looking for somebody with similar work hours, hospitality, business for monogamous relationship. Ad 25662

WELL ENDOWED, HEALTHY, MASCULINE CUTE GWM

outgoing, DDF/NS wants to meet other(s) the same for friendship and safe fun. If you are well-endowed, masculine, attractive, under 45 years of age, weight in proportion height, outgoing, not into S & M, DDF/NS, and want to meet the same respond to Ad 25749.

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I'M LOOKING FOR BOT-TOMS, ALL KINDS

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ROMANTIC

Professional, adventurous, very attractive, fun, very masculine, in very good shape, 5'10", young 39, 180#, very dark hair and blue eyes, interested in a relationship with another man of quality and serious about a relationship. Stable and secure, monogamous, with a good direction in life and appreciation for all it has to offer including love that endures. Ad 25670

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before someone else does because I'm ready to be caught! Me: GWM, 6'2", 175, 36, professionally employed, healthy, well adjusted, reasonably sincere, mainstream guy with no baggage. You: GWM, 30's to 40's, stocky but not fat, relationship oriented, happy, sane, healthy, with a conservative/conventional appearance. C'mon, try and catch me! Ad 25716

THE COWBOY WAY

WM, 28, passive, adventurous, boy/slave looking for a masculine cowboy Daddy who competes in rodeos. Looking for bull riders, steer wrestlers, bare back bronc riders, calf and steer ropers. Ad 25668

LOOKING FOR MEN OF COLOR

Great-looking, muscular, sexy GWM, 30, 6 ft. tall, 185lbs., smooth body seeking hot, safe fun with Black, Hispanic or Asian men (21-40). No relationships wanted. Action and pleasure expected. You won't be disappointed! Ad 25531.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT LOVE IS?

Caring, sharing, a best friend, no games. Honestly, I know you're out there. I'm a GBM, 41, w/h proportionate, affectionate and honest. HIV+, but healthy. Interested in guys who "know what love is" and looking in all the wrong places. How about a quite evening at home!!! Ad 25758

QUEER WHITE BOY

GWM, 39, 5'11", 160lbs., wants to meet straight acting GW/HM liberal Democrat for companionship and maybe more. I'm blue collar, very straight acting, laid back, lean, muscular, fearless. I enjoy the outdoors, animals, drinking beer, rock and roll, quality smokes, partying with friends, occasional bar hopping and quiet evenings at home. Ad 25651

LOOKING FOR FRIEND IN WEST HOUSTON

GWM, 44, 5'5", 175lbs, DDF, looking for friends in West Houston/Bear Creek area. Professional, stable guy looking for other professionals. 30's to 40's, also DDF for friendship, fun, possible relationship. I like animals, cooking, movies and quiet evenings at home. Smoker, light drinker not into heavy bar scene. If interested in a short hairy guy please respond to Ad 25671.

LOOKING FOR LIKE/ PROF. FOR LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP

Looking for a fellow professional with a strong work ethic. Interested in a long term relationship with someone who enjoys nice quiet weekday nights, followed by busy weekends. I'm 36, 6'1" and 175lbs., DDF. You should be between 28 and 38, established in your career, DDF and proportionately built. Life is good and I would like it to get better with the right man. Ad 25656

NO GAMES, NO PAIN, NO EX'S!

Me: GWF, soft butch, small build, musician, nurturing, strong, independent, patient, witty, loves intimacy, N/S. You: Feminine, preferably fluff, sorta shy, patient, intimate. Absolutely no rebounds or emotional baggage. Ad 25553.

EXTREMELY HANDSOME, HEALTHY, DISCREET PROFESSIONAL

GWM, 6', 185lbs, br/br, mentally and physically secure. One who enjoys the quality things in life, art, music, antiques, quiet dinners by candle light for two. In search of attractive, healthy, clean cut, GWM 30's -45 possibly married (to a woman) wanting a meaningful relationship or a full time monogamous relationship with an incredible guy. Ad 25645

INCURABLE ROMANTIC

Dependable, faithful, honest and open with a sense of humor. I love the outdoors, music, dancing and movies. In search of a fem soft butch 30-45 with same interests. No mind games or rebounds. Ad 25672

NEED DADDY YOU NEVER REALLY HAD?

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

HIV+ HISPANIC MALE

Mid 30's, professional, healthy, sincere, good sense of humor. Seeking other HIV+ men for friendship but I'm primarily interested in entering a serious relationship with an honest, caring and loving man. Ad 25632

MIDDLE-AGE CRAZY

Country boy seeks well hung ranch hands to plow my south 40. Me -late 30's, good body, masculine, hairy, bearded, (red or blue hanky versatile) You -single or couple, 30's to 60's, masculine. Facial hair a plus. Bears, leather clones or hippie-dick a special treat! Not looking for relationship, just nasty fun times. Ad 4070

WINTER IS COMING

GWM, 27, 5'5", 140lbs, blond hair. Enjoy working out, bike riding, movies, cooking and cuddling. Looking for someone with a good sense of humor and a funny personality. If your looking for someone to cuddle for the winter I'm the one. If your between the ages of 29-40 please respond. Ad 25666

35 y/o, 5'5", 130lbs male endowed, bubble butt, 28 inch waist looking for long-term relationship. I am DDF, a great cuddler, lover, nurturer. I want to kiss, cuddle, caress, hold and sweep you off your feet. You'll be glad you called. Let me love you. I stable and secure. Ad 25652

GWM, 45, bl/green eyes, professional, attractive, DDF. Looking for a friend 30-55, DDF. Prefer a professional with a friendship as a goal. Looks and race not important but attitude is. No strings attached. Ad 25663

NEED A FRIEND?

GWM 30, goodlooking, sincere, honest. Looking for a friend or more to talk, laugh, cry and share moments of joy. Most of my close friends have passed over. I need a healthy friend like myself, 7 plus years, asymptomatic and very healthy, no medications. For unconditional love respond to Ad. 25640

Bi-senior, close to 70. Still capable and active, would like to meet other old guys. Any description, for fun. Not looking for any special relationship. No objection to younger men who have no objection to older men. Ad 25667

HOUSTON VOICE PERSONALS

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Write out your ad using up to six (6) words in a bold headline and up to fifty (50) words in regular type. Then mail it with your check for \$24.95 to the Houston Voice, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006. Please enclose your name, mailing address and telephone number where you can be reached during the daytime. We will mail back to you an 800 toll-free number, your personal 5-digit ad number and your secret 4-digit personal identification number (PIN). Call the 800 number and follow the verbal instructions to record, in your actual voice, your ad. You can change both your voice and written ad as often as desired but you must phone or write us every four (4) weeks to keep your ads running.

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Call 1-900-454-3576. Listen to the verbal instructions. A charge of \$1.49 per minute will appear on your telephone bill. You can respond verbally, leaving your name and phone number, to as many personal advertisers as you wish. You can browse through all the personal advertisers until you hear someone that interests you. As the individual advertisers periodically check their incoming verbal mailboxes, they will retrieve your response. Call (713) 529-8490 (Houston) or (800) 729-8490 (Nationwide) for more information about this service or to obtain information about a pre-paid toll-free answering account. You must be 18+ to use this service.

• To RESPOND to a Personal Ad by Mail:

Place your written response inside a blank sealed envelope and write the 5-digit ad number on the envelope. Place this envelope along with \$2.00 inside another envelope and mail to the Houston Voice Personals, 811 Westheimer, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77006. Your response will be forwarded to the advertiser the same day received by first class mail. You may mail multiple responses in the same envelope, but enclose \$2.00 for each response mailed. Responses received without fees will not be forwarded nor returned. Call (713) 529-8490 in Houston or (800) 729-8490 Nationwide for information about this service or to obtain information about a toll-free answering account. You must be 18+ to use this service.

• To RECEIVE Responses to Your Personal Ad:

We will forward to you daily, unopened, at no charge, all responses received by mail. To see if you have any verbal messages waiting, call the 800 toll-free number we gave you when you placed your ad. If the recording says you have verbal responses waiting, have your 5-digit code and secret 4-digit PIN handy and call 1-900-454-3576 to retrieve your verbal messages. A charge of \$1.49 a minute will appear on your phone bill. Call (713) 529-8490 in Houston or (800) 729-8490 Nationwide for information about this service or to obtain information about a toll-free answering account. You must be 18+ to use this service.

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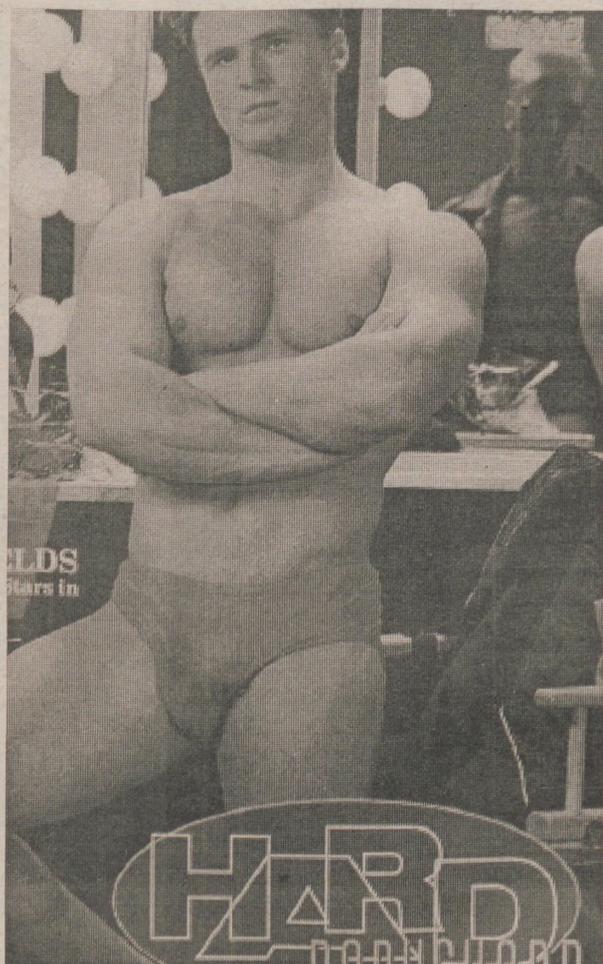
To take advantage of this \$24.95-per-year offer, you are required to participate in the "live voice" aspect of our Personal Ads by calling the special 800 toll-free number you will receive when you place your ad. You must record, in your own voice, your personal ad. If you do not participate in this "live voice aspect" your ad may be discontinued after the first week without reimbursement. If you do not desire to participate, you may instead purchase a personal ad at the rate of 55¢ per word weekly. Additionally all ads, both in print and voice should not contain references to sexual acts or organs. All ads should be "positive", that is describing only those people or traits desired. People or traits not desired should not be listed.

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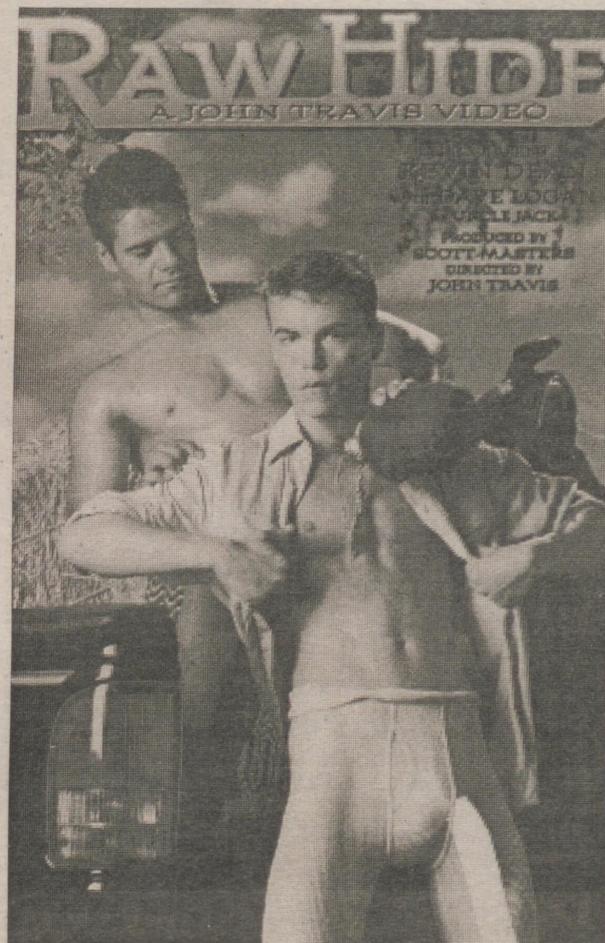


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LOGO CONTEST

Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995

Pride Committee, Houston
P.O. Box 66071
Houston, TX 77266-6071

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(713) 529-6979

Official Logo Contest Rules And Specifications

General Information

The logo contest is open to anyone. You may submit one or more entries. All entries will be accepted which meet the five specifications described below.

The contest consists of a preliminary and a final judging. Local professionals with design, advertising, and/or marketing backgrounds will vote at the preliminary judging. During the judging, entries will be identified to the judges by number only. Entries selected from the preliminary judging will advance to the final judging. Final judging will be made by voting members of the 1995 Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Committee. Entrants to the contest are encouraged to attend receptions held during these judgments.

Entries are not restricted to any particular style. They may be subtle or obvious. They may be graphic, abstract, pictorial, symbolic, or typographic.

In designing your entry, take into consideration that the winning logo will be reproduced in various ways. It will be used on all publications and advertising, as well as on merchandising, i.e. T-shirts, buttons, letterhead, billboards, etc. Entries which will not transpose well into these formats are less likely to be chosen.

In producing the presentation versions of the logo, remember that well-presented work is more likely to express the strength of the design. For the black and white version, ensure that the black is dark and the white is clean. For color, choose a medium which accurately represents your color choices.

Specifications

- The logo must be the artist's original work.
- The logo must be based on the theme and "Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995". This year's theme, "Silence to Celebration", and the words "Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995" must appear in the design.
- Two versions of each logo must be submitted. The first version must be black and white. The second must be in color. The color version must be reproducible using standard two- or three-color printing methods.
- For presentation, each logo must be shown on an 8" x 11" white background. The two must be centered on an 18" x 24" black or gray vertical matte board, separated from each other by an inch. Correct placement leaves a 3.5" border at the edges of the board. The color version must be on top and the black and white version below.
- A copy of the entry form must be attached to the back of each entry in the lower, left-hand corner.

Entry Form Artist's name _____
 Address/City/State/Zip _____
 Day phone/Night phone _____
 If my design wins the logo contest, I will complete the requirements of the winner as specified in the Official Contest Rules and Specifications.
 signature _____ Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995
 P.O. Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071, 713/529-6709

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RECIPES BY THE KUNTRY KIDD

Only about two weeks before the big bird goes into the oven. I had thought about fixing an Emu this year, but since they don't have a breast, I didn't know how I could stuff it, so I guess I'll have to settle for turkey. Besides, I don't have a platter that an Emu would fit on.

CRANBERRY MOLD

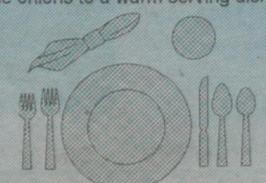
Dissolve 1 pkg. gelatin (unflavored) in 3 tbsp. cold water. Boil 2 C whole berries in 1 C boiling water until skins pop. Strain. Add 1/2 C sugar and 1/4 tsp. salt. Return to pan and cook 5 minutes longer. Add gelatin. When about to set, fold in 1/2 C chopped nuts, 2 tbsp. grated orange rind and 2/3 C diced celery. Turn mixture into mold and chill until set.

CREAMED ONIONS

18 small white onions
 3 tsp. butter or margarine
 3 tsp. all purpose flour
 1 - 1/2 C milk
 1/4 tsp. salt
 1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 2 tbsp. snipped parsley
 1/4 tsp. paprika

In a medium saucepan, cook the onions in their skins in boiling water, about 20 minutes or until tender; Drain. Cool slightly. Peel the onions by popping them out of their skins.
 In a saucepan, melt the butter or margarine. Add the flour to the butter and stir with a wire whisk until blended.
 Meanwhile, in another saucepan, bring the milk to boiling and add the salt and Worcestershire sauce. Add the milk mixture all at once to the butter-flour mixture, stirring vigorously with the whisk until the sauce is smooth and thickened.
 Add the onions to the sauce and heat through. Transfer the onions to a warm serving dish. Sprinkle with the parsley and paprika.
 Makes 6 servings.

UNTIL NEXT WE EAT!
 KUNTRY KIDD



by Scotty T.



the SPOT

We climax spontaneously
 Fiddling miscellaneously.
 It's not heretical,
 Just energetical—
 Several simultaneously.

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A HOUSTON VOICE EXCLUSIVE

HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18 - 24, 1994

HOUSTON VOICE readers born this week, if left to their own freedoms, will finally develop and experience acceptance by the majority of the people - as the compositions of composer Benjamin Britten, born in England in 1913, attest.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Happiness is yours, almost for the asking, in the next two weeks. I am not sure as to the time sequence for everyone, but some readers will see a great decrease in inner tension and competition. Others will have long awaited checks arrive. Main thing is to enjoy the moment, fleeting as it is. And then to dream of the future parties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21) Bringing order to your confusion at home as well as at the office is one of the best things that you can do this week. There may be some old "trick's" telephone number or address that will surprise you under all of that piled high paper at your work stations. Dressing in a colorful manner with help get you noticed properly.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20) Your smile and easy going personality are two of your strong points. Make them even more obvious this week and then next. You can have the sense of honesty in your smile and expression if you believe in what you are being asked to promote. If you are in sales, this honesty business is often at a hypocritical basis.

AQUARIUS (Jan 23 - Feb 19) This week will be a great time to host a small 'thank you party' for friends who have kindly included you into their social events during the year. You should be in an upbeat, happy mood and this will come across when you meet people. Be on the lookout for a person who maybe of help to you in job placement in the future.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Your desire to fall into love is still very strong and maybe getting in the way as you meet people and come across, interested or not, to them. If you are as sexual as I am, then it will be very difficult for you not to have strong sexual over tones in your greetings. "Twinkies" will definitely have a problem with your strong mannerisms.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Paying attention to your personal appearance will give extra dividend as your boss notices you. The clothing does not have to be new, expensive or elaborate, but rather appropriate, clean and neat. Iron those shirts and blouses. Wearing of the brighter colors will benefit you. This look of yours will be hard to compete with.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Hand ball express was working to great lengths this weekend to bring a smile to your face, and to tickle your tonsils from the reverse end. Red, especially as a hankie in your left pocket, looks great for yourself. It was a party to remember. No more missionary position for me.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Your assignments are going well, and this gives you a bit of extra confidence in your job as a number of others depend upon your business sense. Space and freedom for private times are so important to you. Your multiple personalities take hold in a strong manner this week and next. Try to be a bit more relaxed and laid back this month.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Happiness and a sense of freedom from worry are yours as you get your financial business into order and begin paying down the credit cards. Try to put away all but one card in future purchases. Your checking account needs to double the current balance to cover outstanding checks. Be careful about adding new bills for the next four weeks.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 22) Be careful about signing up other people's projects as it is most important that you take care of your personal needs up front. There will be a bit of frustration if you do not satisfy your needs. Schedule time each day for your wants. And this includes sexual time for yourself. Play out your fantasies. The frustrations adds to the level of hyper excitability.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 23) Assume that lust and not love will be your fortune until next year. Hone in your home making interests until then. Enjoy new friendships, keeping the names of those people who are most interesting. When you are at ease, you are more attractive to others. Intensity of personality is sometimes too strong for you and others to handle. Get a mirror and see how sincere your smile may look to them.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) Happiness is yours this week as no new problems will come up. Being at ease and more laid back than usual will take some of the pressure off. Be sure to thank people for being nice to you. You tend to forget how important others are to the smooth running of your world. When things go well for you, it is usually because of your friends doing a great deal of background work.