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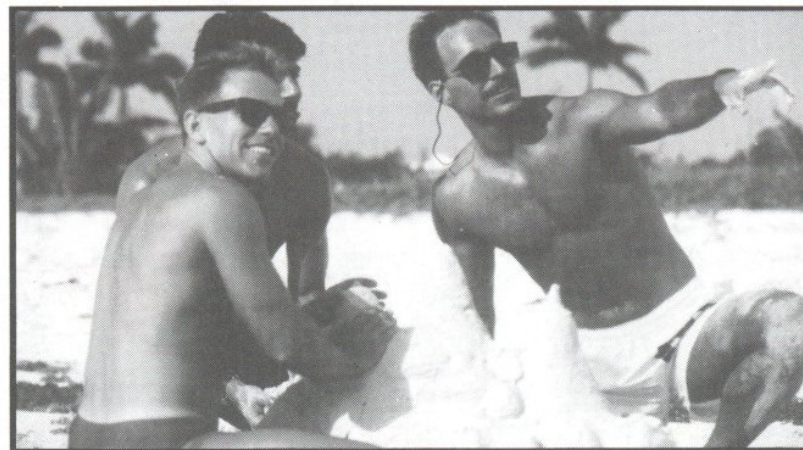
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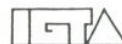
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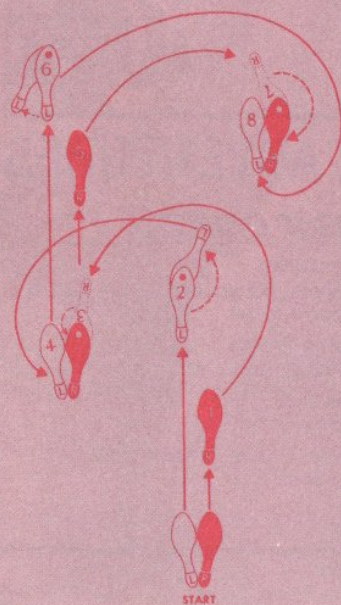
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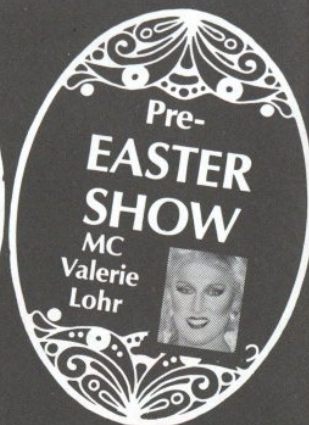
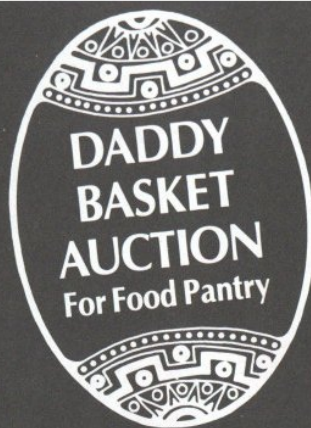
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PART II

The Boy Who Loved Men

*Toyland, Toyland.
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Such is the sentimental lyric in three-quarter time of Victor Herbert's *Babes in Toyland*. Of course, young Dick, as he liked to call himself, had never heard of the melodic Mr. Herbert, and "Toyland" would have made him puke. Instead, the youth would have preferred a more strident beat and these words:

This is the best spot in town for turning tricks.

I get the married men coming out of the First Baptist Church

And the gay ones going into the YMCA.

But one would have a hard time believing the 11-year-old kid, for he insisted that he was well-endowed, and had no difficulty turning several johns a night. Perhaps so, but when this writer was that age, he was small, couldn't find a single pubic hair and believed that a trick was like standing on your head.

But back to the summer of 1960. In the evenings, young men in their late teens and early 20s used to gather outside a hamburger joint two doors down from the church and diagonally across the street from the Y. It was an ideal spot for hustling, not only because of all the men coming and going from the two venerated institutions, but because Ervay Street was one way north and St. Paul was one way south, allowing potential customers to leisurely drive around the block several times to check out the merchandise on

"hustler's row" before stopping to negotiate prices.

Also contributing to the location's desirability was an old, withered and kind-hearted queen whose peekaboo bleached hair covered one eye. She was known as Veronica Lake and worked the evening and night shifts in the hamburger joint. Whenever the police cruised by, the boys would merely saunter into the place where Veronica would quickly place a cup of coffee in front of them. This provided the boys of the night with a legitimate reason for being there.

Unlike the well-educated and well-dressed hustlers who worked the Baker and Adolphus hotels, the hamburger hustlers were throwaway kids from dysfunctional families. Kids with no money, no education and no job skills. The only thing they had were their youthful good looks and ample anatomy. And they desperately hoped that somehow they could get by, at least for a few years, with just that. Some even dreamed of wealth, very certain that someday they would meet a rich, benevolent john who would support them for life!

The going rate in those days was \$25 a load, or fifty bucks for a night. However, as the evening grew late, the price dropped dramatically. Sometimes a boy would settle for nothing more than a good dinner, a place to sleep and a few bucks to get by on. From the 13th floor terrace, Y residents could look down and see the boys, one by one, negotiate, get into a car and disappear into the dark. By midnight, they were all gone. All, that is, except young Dick.

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Gentlemen may prefer young hustlers, but not that young. My heart ached to see the little boy trying so hard to be a big boy and mimicking them by leaning against a wall, pants partially unbuttoned, a thumb hooked into a pocket and a small finger pointing towards his only source of income. But what could I do? How could I help?

It was my habit to read until midnight, then close my book, take the elevator down 13 floors and cross the street to engage in a nightly ritual. "Hey, man, buy me a hamburger," the youth would say. Of course I would. It was the least I could do. Then he would ask me to take him to my room. I countered that he should come to the Y to play basketball, not to sell himself. Then he would counter-counter, "Oh shit, man!"

Hamburgers finished, I drove the youth to the place where he "stayed," a housing project in west Dallas. On the way there, I couldn't lecture him; he'd stop me with a short "Oh shit, man." But I could listen to his story. In short, he didn't know who his father was, he hated his mother and school, and was always in need of a "loan." Which he didn't get. Not from me.

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Oh, I had all the questions; I just didn't have the answers. But then, neither did the directors of the YMCA and the First Baptist Church, who either didn't know of the problem right under their noses or chose to ignore it.

In time, the First Baptist Church bought both the restaurant property as well as the YMCA and put them to other uses. But that didn't solve the hustler problem. It just moved it out of sight—to the Greyhound bus station.

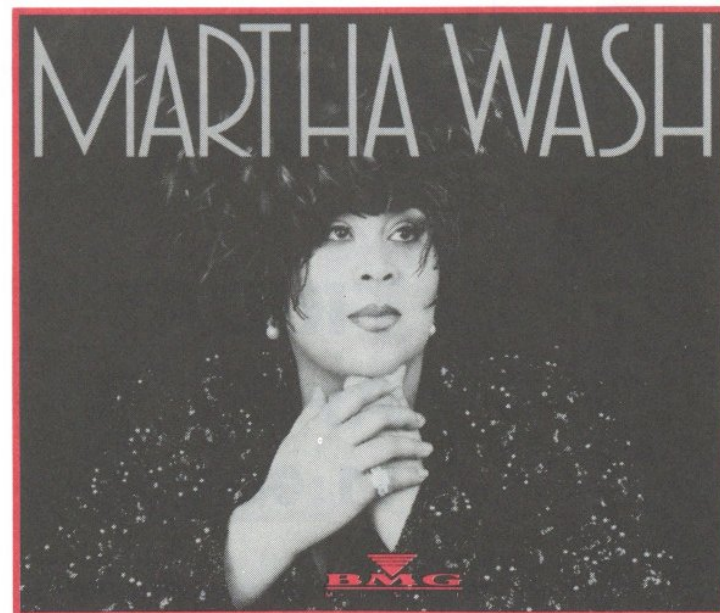
Years later, I stopped at the Greyhound to enjoy a midnight snack. Seated in my booth, I heard a rich, warm voice say, "Hey man, buy me a hamburger?" I looked up into a handsome face. It was him! "Of course I will." I was so glad to see him. "I'll also buy you a cup of coffee, french fries and apple pie. Sit down. Tell me, whatever happened to you? I've often wondered."

He was 25 and about to be married despite the fact that he had no money, no education and no skills. I thought, "All these years, and he's still a dreamer. But don't tell him that. That's all he has." So I asked if all the man-boy relationships he'd had over the past 14 years had turned him gay.

"Oh, shit no, man. I like women." He smiled. But what about the men who had bought him; did he hate them?

He was silent for several moments, his eyes cast downward. When he spoke, it was in a soft, almost reverent, voice. He said, "Phil (after all those years, he remembered my name), most of the men I went with were like you. They cared about me, not just the sex. I loved them." 

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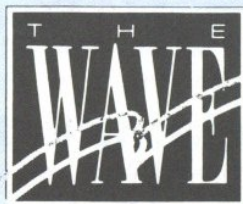
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Make Gay-Bashers Pay— Keep Them Behind Bars

BY HUGH CALLAWAY

With any great social change, blood is shed. That pain and grief is a condition of human social evolution that moves progress forward, but only if those who have been struck down are remembered and justice is sought for their sacrifice. To forget our casualties—whether they be innocent victims of random violence against our cause, or leaders within our cause such as Harvey Milk was—is to abandon our cause. What I am speaking about is justice.

The plea bargain agreement has been so often used to bash us, even after a terribly cruel death. We have cried out against these injustices when they have happened, yet when deals are cut in the back rooms of the courthouse and a gay basher gets a slap on the wrist, we have often failed to follow through. I'd like to tell you about one way of getting involved.

Gay bashers usually come up for parole after serving only a short portion of their sentences. This is where you can make a difference: Write the Board of Pardons and Paroles demanding that the person up for parole be kept behind bars, and request that your letter be made a permanent part of the inmate's parole file.

Petitions can also have a lot of influence. The Board of Pardons and Paroles is very sensitive to public reaction to what they do, since they know that politics determines much within their agency.

Most people remember Judge Jack Hampton and what he did in Dallas, but few remember the names of the gay basher, Richard Bednarski, and his victims, Tommy Lee Trimble and John Lloyd Griffin. Trimble and Griffin were lured to a park, forced to kneel down and then shot in the head. There was great outrage when Hampton gave Bednarski 20 years for the two premeditated murders—crimes for which he cannot be tried again.

So what has been done to keep Bednarski in prison for the time to which he was sentenced? Nothing, that's what. While we must never forget Judge Hampton's blatantly homophobic ruling in the case, it is even more important to remember Bednarski and his victims.

My reasons for writing this article are personal: My late lover, Thanh Nguyen, and I were victims of gay basher Fredrick Eugene Kirby. Thanh and I were tortured, stood against a wall and shot execution-style. Because of a plea bargain agreement, Kirby received 20 years, while his accomplice, Corey Burley, received a capital murder life sentence. Kirby never assisted the prosecution, he just agreed not to ask for a trial. He gave nothing and still received an excellent deal. Thanh is sentenced to death and executed, and his murderer gets 20 years?

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You have the right to contact the Board of Pardons and Paroles and request that your letter be placed in a convict's parole file. By law, the convict can never see what is in his parole file, so your privacy is protected. Parole is not a legal right and is granted at the sole discretion of the parole board.

There are two things readers need to know if they wish to write the Board of Pardons and Paroles: the inmate's name and Texas Department of Corrections [TDC] prisoner number. The prisoner's name may be obtained from news articles, or by contacting gay organizations. Then you can call TDC at 1-800-535-0283 and ask for the Office of Public Information. Tell them that you want to protest a parole of the prisoner in question and that you need his TDC number. They will supply you with the information. Once you have that information, write to: Victims' Services, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, P.O. Box 13401, Austin, TX 78711.

For practice, start with Fredrick Eugene Kirby, TDC 630375, and Richard Lee Bednarski, TDC 503259.

Both of these men got 20 years for giving someone else a death sentence. Put yourself in my place and pick up a pen. Do it for yourself. Do it for the cause. Do it for the victims, their friends and families. What if someone you loved were sadistically and brutally struck down for sport simply because of who or what they were? Never say, "It won't ever happen to me."

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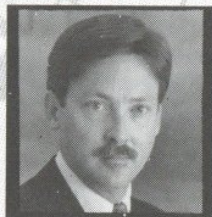
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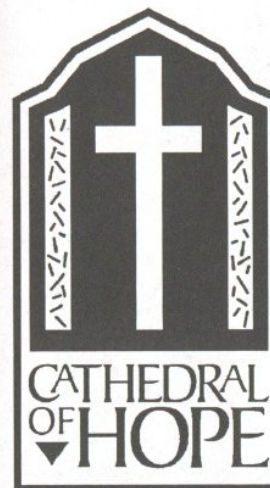
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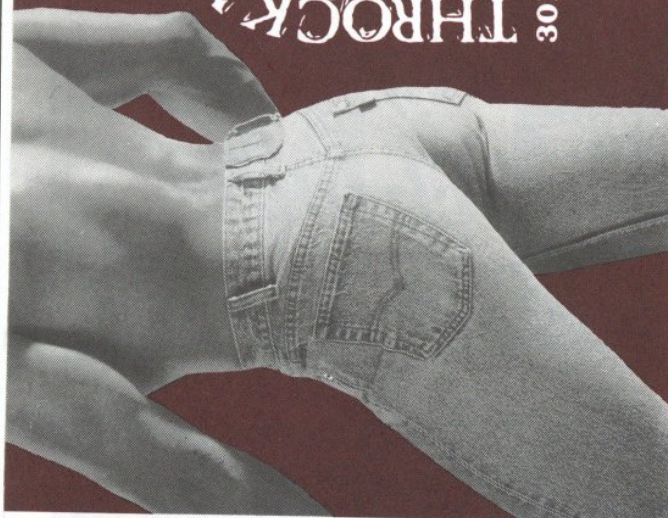
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The following report on the medical treatment of PWAs incarcerated in the Texas prison system was written by inmate Donald P. Young. An addendum by prisoner rights activist Ray Hill of Houston follows.

Headlines throughout the world daily report the devastation that AIDS has wrought on the population of this planet. There is not a single ethnic, socioeconomic or sexual-preference group that has not fallen victim to the deadly HIV virus. However, there is one group affected by AIDS that receives little public or media attention: prisoners.

At age nine, Robert saw his father shot to death, murdered by his uncle. At age 16, after years of mental, physical and sexual abuse at the hands of his stepfather, and disgusted at seeing his mother beaten, Robert interceded by threatening the man with a shotgun. The stepfather grabbed the weapon, and it discharged, killing him instantly. Robert said it was self-defense. The state claimed it was murder, and a jury agreed. Robert received a 25-year sentence in the Texas Department of Corrections, now known as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division (TDCJ-ID).

Although he is bisexual, in the early years of his incarceration, Robert fought off the sexual advances of the older, stronger inmates. After years without love or affection, he met a man who treated him with respect and provided affection. A sex-

ual relationship eventually ensued. Robert had read about AIDS and seen reports about it on television, but the thought of acquiring the HIV virus never occurred to him. The relationship ended a year later when Robert's lover was granted a parole. Neither had any idea the man was HIV-positive.

At age 27, Robert had an HIV blood test performed. The blood screening revealed that he had acquired the deadly virus. In less than two years, the lack of adequate health care in the penitentiary contributed to his development of full-blown AIDS.

The medical attention given to HIV and AIDS patients in the TDCJ-ID is suspect, at best. There are two sources of medical treatment for inmates in the TDCJ-ID—the individual unit infirmaries, and the contracted services provided by the staff of John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

In order to receive medical attention at the unit level, the inmate must submit a "Sick Call Request" to the infirmary. Usually within 24 hours, the inmate is examined by a licensed vocational nurse or a registered nurse. Vital signs are monitored and the nurse—not a doctor—makes a diagnosis of the patient's condition.

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symptoms warrant a doctor's appointment, one is made, usually for the next day. Emergency care is available, but to receive immediate treatment, the inmate must have a severe wound or a life-threatening medical problem. The inmate must, in short, make an appointment to be ill. With the plethora of ailments that an HIV or AIDS patient develops, the sick call request system does not adequately address their needs in a timely manner.

As an example of the inept medical care HIV/AIDS patients receive in the TDCJ-ID at the unit level, one merely has to observe an inmate's trip to John Sealy Hospital for his monthly check-up. The inmate is awakened at 2:30 a.m. and informed that he is going to John Sealy Hospital that day. He is allowed approximately 20 minutes for breakfast and then taken to a holding area until transportation arrives.

The inmate is transported to John Sealy in a small bus (smaller than a school bus) that usually arrives around 7 a.m. The inmate has now waited for four hours, sitting on hard wooden benches, outside, exposed to the elements. The bus ride is about an hour long.

Upon arrival, the inmate is strip-searched, then placed in a holding room consisting of concrete floors, walls and benches. He will be in this area for most of the day.

The professional treatment the inmate receives at John Sealy Hospital is completely different from what he gets at the unit level. Inmates are treated as any nonincarcerated patient entering the hospital would be. The John Sealy staff are dedicated professionals who do not hold biases against the inmates because they are felons. Inmates receive the most up-to-date health care available at John Sealy.

Once the examination is over, the inmate is returned to the holding room. Around 5 p.m., the inmates board a bus for the return trip to their respective units, and usually arrive at their units between 10 p.m. and midnight. They must go to their individual assigned work duties the next day. This is very detrimental to the average HIV/AIDS patient because the ordeal of going to the hospital, sitting on a hard, concrete bench for most of the day and returning to his cell after a lengthy bus ride late in the evening wears him out.

Once the inmate has returned to his assigned unit, the medical staff of the unit infirmary is supposed to review the medical records of the inmate and comply with

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any orders given by John Sealy Hospital physicians. This review usually takes several days, and medical treatment ordered by a John Sealy doctor is often ignored until the inmate brings it to the infirmary administrator's attention by filing an inmate grievance form.

Robert is currently waiting for a slot to open in Texas House, a halfway house in Houston. Texas House is one of only two in the state that accept HIV/AIDS parolees. He has been eligible for parole for over eight months, but the lack of space in the halfway house has forced him to remain behind bars, dying a little bit each day. He has fought off pneumonia twice, suffers from extreme skin rashes, has chronic diarrhea and chronic fever, and has developed a fungal infection in his esophagus which causes him to regurgitate the majority of what he eats. Robert's physical condition is typical of that of many inmates in the TDCJ-ID who suffer from HIV/AIDS.

There is a continual outcry by the media and the public over the early release of parolees onto the streets of Texas cities. Nevertheless, this problem is going to continue because of the chronic problem with overcrowding in Texas prisons. The public should be concerned with the medical condition many of these parolees are in when they are released from the TDCJ-ID. Who is going to provide the necessary medical treatment for these individuals? An overburdened public health care system will have to attempt to deal with their illness. If the TDCJ-ID would provide immediate and complete medical care on the unit level of the kind that is provided at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, parolees would be better able physically to support themselves upon their release. This would help ease the troubled and overworked county health care systems throughout the state.

With the prevalence of HIV in the world today, it should be noted that the TDCJ-ID does not routinely screen for the virus unless an inmate specifically requests the test. The only communicable disease that receives adequate screening and treatment is tuberculosis. Why doesn't the TDCJ-ID test inmates for the HIV virus when they undergo the standard complete physical examination upon entering the prison system? This author has asked that very question and was told that it is "none of my concern." It certainly is my concern, and it should be every citizen's concern.



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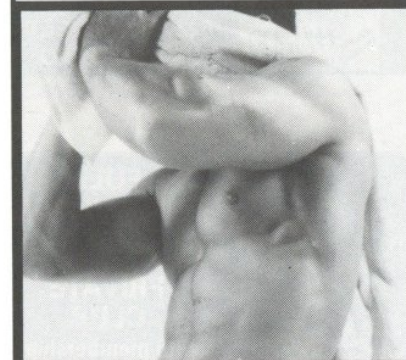
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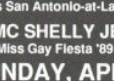
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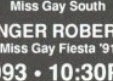
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The description of AIDS care in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice provided in the above article is accurate for the southern units of the system. The situation gets worse the farther north the units are located. Units near Huntsville as well as the newer units scattered in the vast wasteland of West Texas provide less access to the John Sealy facility, and the unit infirmaries are less attuned to the special needs of HIV-positive inmates. Having toured prisons in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico and Tennessee, I have found treatment in Texas superior to that in other southern states. At least the physicians in charge are seen at AIDS conferences.

"That is not to say, however, that things in Texas are adequate. I have found that AIDS Foundation Houston, for instance, is eager to help newly released inmates with their special needs. However, no one at halfway houses tells the parolees that. There have been several cases recently in which halfway houses have applied for SSI on the inmates' behalf, then kept the money, claiming to be their guardians, and provided subsistence care until the PWAs died. Greed apparently has no conscience.

Readers wishing to help address some of the problems facing inmates with HIV or AIDS should write the state representatives and senators in their home districts; State Sen. John Whitmire, Chair of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Texas Senate, Capital Station, Austin, Texas 78711; State Rep. Allen Hightower, Chair of the Corrections Committee of the Texas House of Representatives, Capital Station, Austin, TX 78711; and Carroll Vance, Chair of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, Capital Station, Austin, TX 78711. Send copies of all letters to State Rep. Glen Maxey, who serves on the Health Committee of the Texas House of Representatives, at the above address.—Ray Hill

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1.) Divine's 1980 film *Polyester* featured an exclusive new film process that was greatly enhanced by the distribution of "scratch and sniff" cards to audience members. Name the process.

2.) The hours that dance fanatics spent on the dance floor during the disco era created the need for a type of record with a moniker that would, if used to describe a personal attribute, be most impressive. Name the record type.

3.) A popular dance song that defined the pre-AIDS gay lifestyle, "So Many Men, So Little Time," was performed by a woman with a decidedly masculine identity. Name the singer.

4.) It's 1985. You're in Austin for the city's annual Splash Day festivities. It's 4 a.m., and you realize that you're famished. You head over to Sixth Street to an eatery that serves up the best corned beef on rye and matzoh ball soup in the state. Name this famous capital city restaurant that still serves up the best deli in Texas.



5.) This legendary film star was famous for his hot Latin looks and smoldering sex appeal—attributes that were well-documented in the films *The Sheik* and *Blood in the Sand*. His marriages to Nazimova and Natasha Rambova were reportedly covers for the blatant gay life that he led. Name this actor.

6.) This San Francisco-based author has delighted millions of readers with his collection of "tales from the city." Name him.



7.) Amii Stewart wasn't "superstitious about you," and couldn't "take no chance" in her 1979 disco classic even though your love was "better than any love" she'd known. As a result, she advised you to do what?

8.) Each year, thousands of Texassexuals converge on San Antonio to stand in front of the Menger Hotel and ogle floats bearing women in stunning and expensive gowns in the Battle of Flowers Parade, which is part of a much larger yearly event. Name the event.

9.) The Grande Dame of Fort Worth, Jerry "Cinderella" Cassidy, has managed vir-

tually every gay libation lounge in the city. Name at least four of them (There are six).



10.) This bawdy playwright/author/actor was the first person to publicly thank his lover in an acceptance speech when he won the Tony Award for Best Play for his semiautobiographical work *Torch Song Trilogy*. Who is he?

1.) Odorrama. 2.) The 12-inch. 3.) Miquel Brown. 4.) Katz's Deli. 5.) Rudolph Valentino. 6.) Armistead Maupin. 7.) Harvey Fierstein. 8.) El Toga. 9.) El Toga. 10.) Harvey Fierstein.

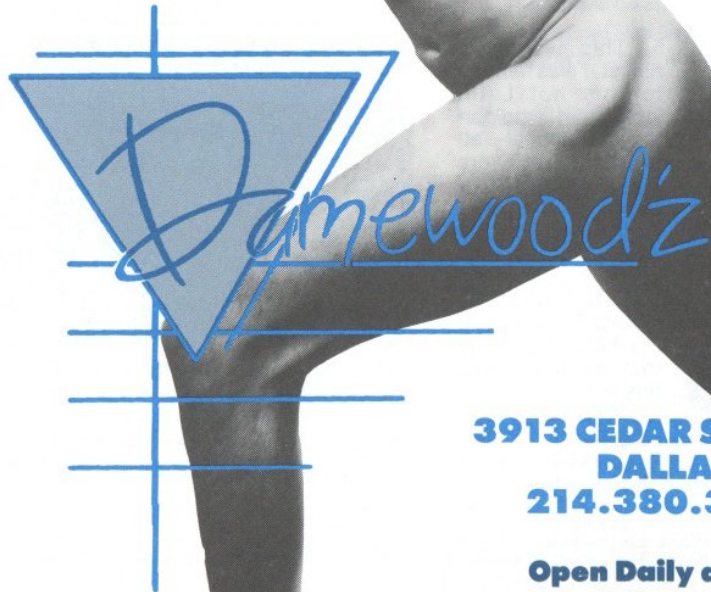
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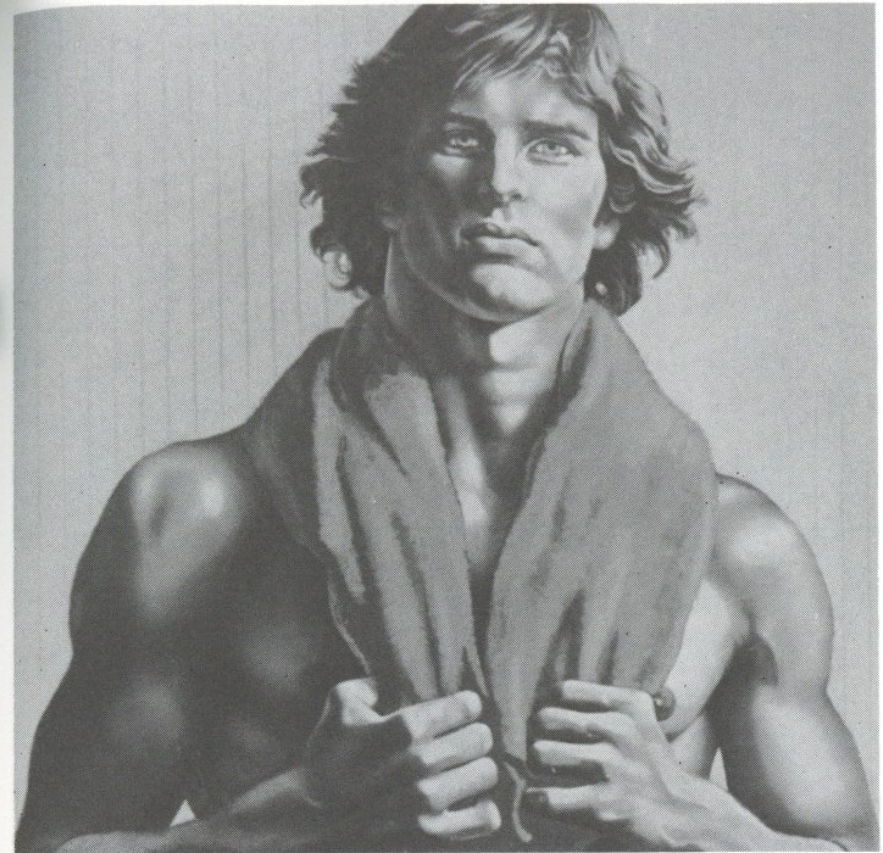
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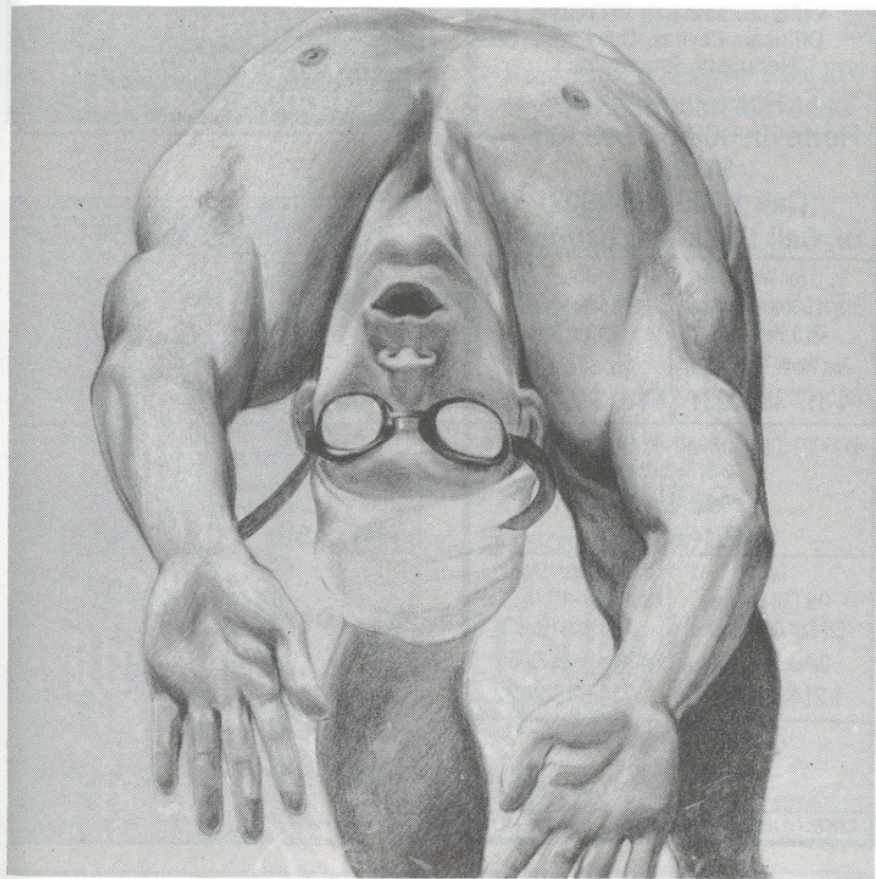
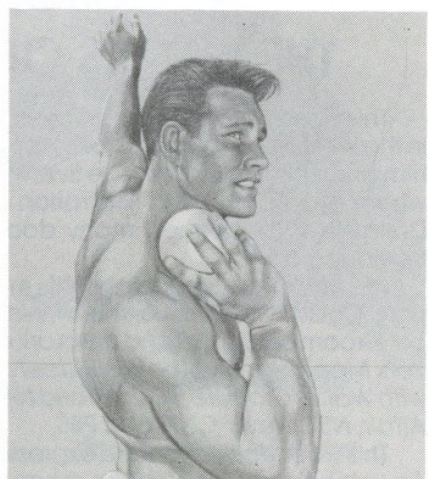
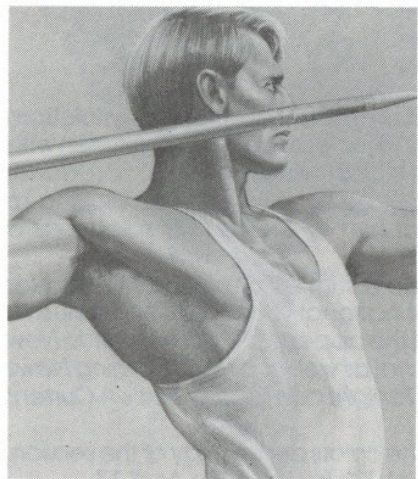
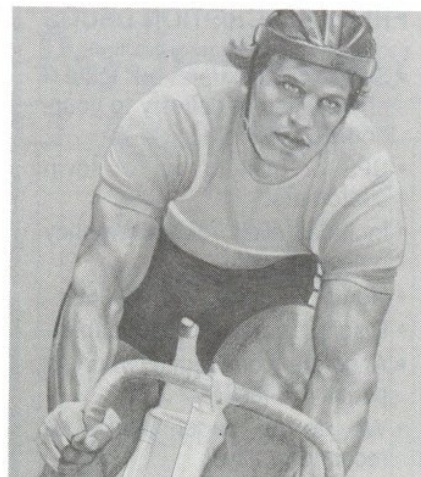
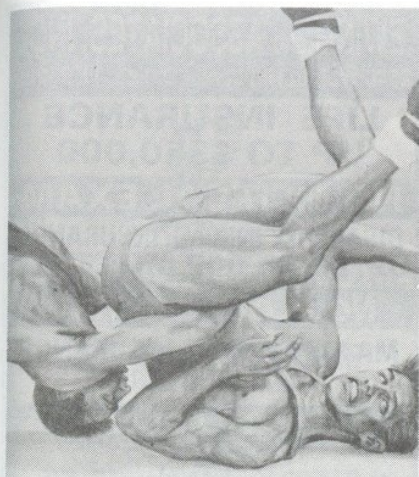
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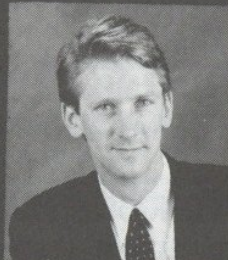
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On Easter Sunday (April 11), volunteers with the **Rotheudt-Dizinger Foundation** will visit Houston-area hospitals and care centers bearing cuddly stuffed rabbits to let patients with HIV/AIDS know they are neither alone nor forgotten. Volunteers will also be at Thomas St. Clinic, 2015 Thomas St., on Wednesday and Thursday, at noon, April 7 and 8, and at the Bering Care Center on Good Friday (April 9) at noon. There will be a meeting of volunteers on Monday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at River Cafe, 3615 Montrose Blvd. All those interested in making the Easter week events a success are urged to attend. For more information, call Executive Director Richard E. Lucher at (713)522-4318.

The **Montrose Counseling Center** is starting two new support groups, "Mixed Antibody Couples," a ten-week group for gay/bisexual male couples of mixed HIV antibody status; and "Family of Origin in Sobriety," a 12-week group for lesbians and gay men who wish to explore the family's role in their recovery. In addition, next Wednesday, April 7, therapist Bill Tarter will address the Men's Network on the growth of gay consciousness. The Mixed Antibody and Men's Network groups are free, though donations will be accepted; fees for the Family of Origin group are based on a sliding scale. For details, call the Counseling Center at (713) 529-0037.

The **People With AIDS Coalition** of Houston will hold a benefit "Cow Wash" and "Car-B-Que" on Saturday, April 17 from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in the parking lot of the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. Cost of the "Cow Wash" will be \$5 for cars and \$10 for trucks. For more information on this fund-raiser, the AIDS Coalition and any of its programs, or to volunteer, call (713)522-5428.

A fund-raiser/cocktail party benefiting and featuring performances by the **Gay Men's Chorus of Houston** and **HeartSong** will be held Saturday, April 10 at Crossroads Market & Bookstore, 610 West Alabama, from 7:30-10 p.m. Suggested donations are \$10.

Asians & Friends of Houston holds a business meeting this Sunday, April 4. Up

for discussion will be recent amendments to the proposed bylaws and the progress made on filing with the Internal Revenue Service under Code 501(c)(3). Final nominations for officers will also be made at this meeting. For location of meeting and more information, call David Chan at (713) 772-3757.

The **Rice Gay/Lesbian Alumni Association** will have a business meeting this Monday, April 5 at 8 p.m. For location and other information, call Don at (713)285-5491, Anderson at (713)797-1732 or Bill at (713) 528-4158.

SAN ANTONIO

The **San Antonio AIDS Foundation** is bringing in entertainers **Nell Carter** and **Lou Rawls** as featured performers for the organization's next big fund-raiser on Thursday, May 13 at 8 p.m. The event will be held at the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets (\$17.50, \$21 and \$25) go on sale April 13 and will be available through Rainbow Ticketmaster. A limited number of VIP tickets (\$125, which includes invitation to pre-show cocktail reception with the stars) will be offered by invitation or by calling (210) 225-4715. Corporate sponsor of the SAAF fund-raiser is Curaflex Home Infusion Services.

The **AIDS Resource Center** has moved to a new location, 800 Lexington, and invites the community to help it celebrate its new home tonight (Friday, April 2) with "Jammin' in the House," a warehouse party featuring tours of the new facility, dancing, snacks and open bar. 7 p.m.-12 a.m. A \$5 donation will be requested at the door, or you may bring a bag of nonperishable food items.

WICHITA FALLS

The **AIDS Support Center of Wichita Falls** will hold a second-hand sale in April to raise funds for Center programs benefiting people with HIV/AIDS in Wichita Falls and the surrounding 11-county area. Needed are cash and merchandise donations, as well as volunteers to staff the sale. Donations can be dropped off at the Support Center offices at 405 Galveston, Suite 10, during normal business hours from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call (817)322-9122 for further information, or to arrange for a drop-off.

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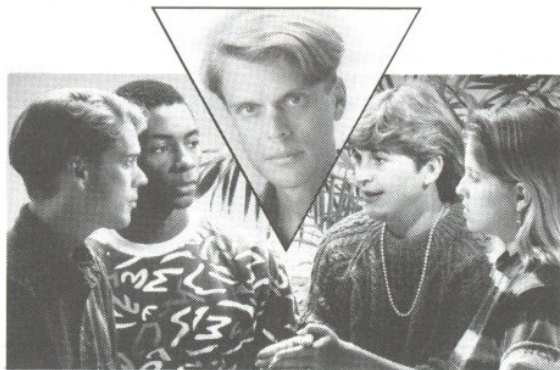
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Pride Is in the Air Again

Dear TWT:

Let's hear it for the Party in the Park! As everyone should know by now, the Pride Committee of Houston [PCOH] is returning the post-parade Rally to Spotts Park, its original venue, in a festival atmosphere of food, fun, frolic and fireworks! From 1979-1986, Spotts Park was the site of the culmination of Houston Pride Week events, and any veteran of the era can relate the magic of the Rally in the Park!

However, what most people may not know is that PCOH is a nonprofit organization consisting of a very small cadre of dedicated volunteers offering their time, energy and limited resources to bring about the special events of Pride Week. It is an effort entirely of, by and for the gay/lesbian community, and we therefore must rely entirely on the input of the community for both manpower and finances.

As plans for the Rally are finalizing, there are many positions open to assist in their smooth and flawless execution. We would like for you to be a part of them! There will be an organizing meeting on Tuesday, April 6 at the Houston Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., just prior to our regular executive meeting. Anyone interested in assuming a volunteer position with the Rally is encouraged to attend.

I would further like to express the fervent desire of PCOH to include an aerial fireworks display at the conclusion of the show. No Rally at Spotts would be the same without one, yet we are facing a \$4,000 fee up front! As of yet, no gracious, magnanimous donor has come forth, so again we must rely on the community as a whole. Please take it upon yourselves to mention this to your organization, business employer or favorite bar owner, and when

you see the "Fireworks Fund" donation cans appearing around the community, please be so moved to contribute. We can only get out of it what we put into it...and we would like to make the '93 "Out & Proud" Rally the best ever!

Please address any communications to our "Prideline" at (713)529-6979, and specify the Rally Committee. Many thanks, Houston, for your invaluable support and involvement. Let's party!

Robert Seiler
Vicki Fraychinaud
Pride Committee of Houston Co-Chairs
Houston, TX

Humor Shouldn't Incite Violence

The following letter was sent to the President of NBC concerning a comedy sketch on a recent broadcast of that network's Saturday Night Live program.—Editor.

Dear Sir:

Last night on *Saturday Night Live*, I saw a skit titled "Eager and Jones" ("They sing like they're gay, but they're not.") The skit portrayed an extreme example of stereotyped behavior of gays. You have to realize that there are a lot of simple-minded people who, when they see this type of material, think, "Yeah, that's how those queers are, totally sick; we should do something to put them in their place." Then, out there among those millions of viewers, there are those who are encouraged to act, and injuries and deaths occur.

Shortly after this skit played, a cross-dresser was walking through a crowd in a skit, was asked a question, and before he could answer, was violently struck on the back of the head and a mob began savagely ripping him apart. I tried to figure this skit out, what the humor was or what other point there was to it, and there was none.

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I think the point was that it is funny to beat the hell out of a cross-dresser. In the minds of the ignorant, cross-dressers are associated with gays, even though most of them are actually heterosexual. This program, when looked at as a whole, could be viewed as promoting and inciting violence against gays.

Let me ask you if you would have aired "Leroy and Dufus" ("They sing as if they're black, but they're really white")? If you did, I bet you would think about it first, which I know was not the case here.

Humor is a wonderful thing, but the simple-minded should always be considered. And it should not be aimed at a group of people in such a way as to wave negative stereotypes that cause violent bigots to feel justified.

In many states, it is illegal to incite, promote, encourage or otherwise cause others to commit crimes. If a group of bigots saw the broadcast I am speaking of, then later that night attacked a cross-dresser or gay person, and then the program became an issue, don't you think some jackleg lawyer would slap you with a lawsuit? He would be very correct in doing it.

I can speak with some authority on this subject, because for many years I have worked for civil rights for many different minorities. A little over a year ago, my lover and I were sitting in a park eating hamburgers when we were attacked by a group of men. They called us queers and fags, and also called my lover "gook" (he was Vietnamese). Then they robbed us, after which they beat and tortured us for about 15 minutes. Finally, they stood us against a wall and shot us execution-style. Thanh Nguyen is dead, and programming such as that on *Saturday Night Live* on March 20 helps make things like this happen.

Hugh B. Callaway
Dallas, TX

**Many Made Success of
Soiree Aubergine**

Dear TWT:

The Host Committee of Soiree Aubergine 1993 wishes to express our sincere gratitude to the innumerable supporters and contributors who enabled us to exceed our goal by over 25% and raise a total of \$25,600 to fund the Bering Care Center

Meals Program for 1993. We are also extremely pleased to report that, because all Soiree expenses were completely underwritten by the Host Committee, 100 percent of our fund-raising total has been forwarded directly to the Bering Care Center.

While our support spanned a tremendous geography and a diverse range of lifestyles, nowhere was it more impressive and gratifying than within our own community in Houston. We extend sincere thanks to the many businesses, organizations and individuals within our community who generously sacrificed their time, creativity and money to help make Soiree succeed beyond our most ambitious hopes.

Your unprecedented support was truly overwhelming, and we hope to return it in some small measure over the coming year. Once again, you have demonstrated that our community can indeed work together effectively in support of a common cause, and we are most honored to have had the opportunity to provide this forum for true caring and cooperation.

Soiree Aubergine Host Committee
Houston, TX

**Honor Gay, Lesbian Vets as
Houston Parade Marshals**

Dear TWT:

As we choose grand marshals for this year's Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade, I offer a suggestion: the men and women who are now serving (or who have served) in the U.S. Armed Forces. There is a precedent for having a group as grand marshals; persons with AIDS were chosen one year.

Such a designation would be a strong symbol of our community's historical and proud record of military duty, and seeing many of our friends marching once again as veterans—in an atmosphere that respects their lives and life styles—would be poignant.

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GENEROUS 40 yr old: 5'8, 140lbs, guy seeking younger white intelligent guys who appreciates older men. #3716

UNINHIBITED & fun, 29 yr old, You must be masc as I'm seeking only top agers. 18-45, beard a plus, one or more ok, #1951

BLACK MALE WANTED: 32 YR OLD 6'2, 150lbs, thin, stached, bearded, college cut, if you have a sexy bubble, I'm in deep trouble. call anyway. #4449

YOUNG: 23 yr old, 5'11, 160lbs, light brwn hair/grm eyes, seeking new friends 18-28 in Dallas area, must be motivated, genuine and caring, leave nm & number. #3972

YOUNG :23 YR OLD, 160LBS, 5'11, light brwn hair, looking for new friends seeking someone 18-28 #4008

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN! MASC. MEN ANY RACE WANTED! If you know what you want... call anytime! #3525

LAI D BACK: 24 YR OLD call for hm number. (let's talk) #4248

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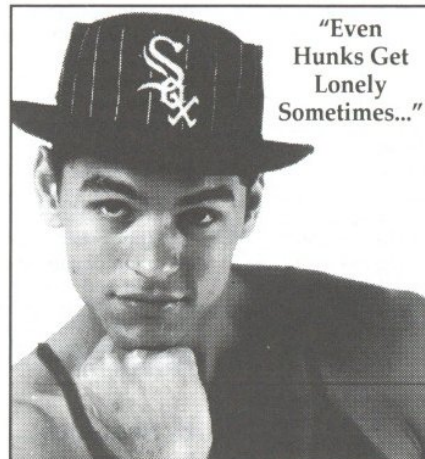
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MADE TO ORDER: I'm looking for all masculine men who know what they WANT! singles, couples, bi...ME: interested in fun only, call anytime. #4351

I LIKE FEET alot: 37, brwn hair eyes, bearded, 5'11, 175lbs, nice build, hairy chest, into safe times #4324

Seriously looking for FUN with straight men or masculine only GM stached or bearded a plus, be over 28, #1951

DAYTIME FREE? Me too, 30 yr old 5'9, 160lbs, sandy blond, goodkig, interests include, waterskiing, prefer masc. men, 5'9 or above, white #2374

5'11, 160lbs, clean shaven, blk hair, hairy body, 3way ok call for hm number ask for Tony #2425

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PLAYMATE DESIRED, absolutely loves hispanic men. I'm 30, 5'11, 150lbs, variety of interests #1832

Houston

21 YR OLD STUDENT seeks hispanic or black men into basketball and working out. #4316

LOOKING FOR FUN? My place or yours, the more the merry be betwn 18 &40. #3956

INTO CAMPING? 37 yr old, looking for people 25-35 for get together. #4001

CALL ME CRAZY: I like muscl. athletic blonds for camping, music, setting at home, please call if interested. #4585

SUPER LAID BACK: Bi-white male seeks other bi-guy or bi-couples to meet for fun and frolic... #4598

NO HOLDS BARRED: BODYBUILDER: 40, 190lbs, 5'11, into working out, wrestling, safe fun, leave name/number in my box. #4646

BRIEF ENCOUNTERS: 6'2, 195LBS, brwn hair, green eyes, I love sports, movies, desire white or hispanic males. (open to your suggestions) #4341

PROGRAMMER seeks FRIENDS FIRST: 26, 5'11, 160lbs, brwn hair/eyes, enjoy sports, outdoors, volunteering, I'm spontaneous and easy to get along with, prefer bold & honest direct type. #3522

HISPANIC TOP: 24, 5'6, 145lbs, outgoing, enjoy being around fun people to have good times, If this sounds good, Call me. (sure to have fun) #4397

NEW TO THE CITY: 6'4, 210lbs, professional WM, let's meet sometime. #4102

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HISPANIC MALE WANTED: GWM, 6', 165lbs, blond blue eyes, considered goodkig, not into bars, you should be 18-25 w/slim build. #1878

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WHOLE LOTTA LOVE: 26 yr old, blond, blue eyed, seeking man w/lots of understanding & loving heart. (can't wait to hear from you) #4060

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Multi-talented in many ways. 26, 5'10, 165, blond blue eyes, enjoy movies, cooking, reading, dancing, prefer sensual affectionate partner #2503

I know what I want. Not into bar Scene: BM, 28, 5'10, 185lbs, prefer hispanic men for friendship no perversion pls. #2351

28 yr old, 5'10, 180lbs, student, discreet safe, I love animals, meeting people, intoxicants in moderation #2262

SLIM HISPANIC male wanted: masc. slim, GWM, 38, 6', 180lbs, brwn hair/moustache would like to meet you #1878

Equal Opportunity Lover: 5'10, 185lbs 28 yr old GBM, like dancing, ND/NS, interested in all guys #1643

Austin

LET'S TALK, LET'S MEET, LET'S SEE: 5'10, 160LBS, blond blue eyed, slender, seeking guys 18-35 w/similar built, asians and hispanics welcome. #3942

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Gay Hispanic, 36, 6', 190, sober, honest, affectionate, positive, enjoy fun times, blond hair a plus #1737

REAL MAN WANTED 5'9. 170lbs, dark hair, masc. seeking fun, no drugs, or lems #2096

Bi-white male, cowboy, 5'8, hazel eyes, moustache, smooth, #1692

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San Antonio

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SPONTANEOUS: fun: 29, hispanic, attractive, enjoy dancing, going out on weekends, #2589

32, 140lbs, Argetinian, seeks new friends #2978

San Antonio: INTO ALMOST ANYTHING. 5'9, 140lbs, brwn hair, grm eyes, call for hm number, waiting by the phone #1904

MAN TO MAN FUN. Into wrestling? I'm an Attractive, bearded, well built guy into fun times/hot men #1687

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"Lambda Weekly," gay radio for North Texas, presents two very special guests in its lineup this Sunday, April 4. At 2:08 p.m., Dallas City Council District 3 candidate Bob Stimson will discuss his vision for the future of the Oak Cliff area that he hopes to represent, as well as his plan of action should he be elected to Council in the upcoming Dallas general elections. Then, at 3:45, Fred York, president of the Dallas Prime Timers, will discuss the upcoming panel on ageism in the lesbian and gay community to be presented by the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance. "Lambda Weekly" airs every Sunday from 2-4 p.m. on KNON-FM radio, 89.3 on the dial. Call Programming Director Steve Walters at (214) 520-6476 for further information.

Pegasus Theatre presents **Charles Ludlam's Bluebeard** beginning tonight (Friday, April 2) and running through May 15. First presented in 1970, Ludlam's comic spoof of "mad scientist" movies was inspired by H.G. Wells' *Island of Dr. Moreau*. Pegasus Theatre is located at 3916 Main Street. Performances are Wednesdays-Saturdays at 8:15 p.m., with early evening shows at 7 p.m. April 4 and 18, and Sunday matinees at 5 p.m. on April 25 and May 2 and 9. Tickets may be purchased through Rain-

bow-Ticketmaster at (214) 373-8000 or metro 647-5700.



Pomo Afro Homos perform one night only, next Wednesday, April 7, at Austin's Vortex.

Pomo Afro Homos, the San Francisco-based performance trio, bring their critically acclaimed work "Dark Fruit" to Austin's Vortex, 1921 East Ben White Blvd., next Wednesday, April 7 at 8 p.m. Brian Freeman, Djola Bernard Branner and Marvin K. White explore the contradictions of black, gay life with intelligence and outrageous humor. Tickets are \$10 (advance purchase recommended), and may be purchased by calling (512) 448-2299.

A crumbling 19th-century music hall is the scene for *Dracula, A Musical Nightmare*, a campy musical update on Bram Stoker's story playing Houston's Alley Theatre through May 2. Set as a play-within-a-play, *Dracula, A Musical Nightmare* follows Chauncey DeVille and his three chorus girls, Faith, Hope and Chastity, as they present their own version of the familiar horror classic. Previews tonight, tomorrow, Sunday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., with regular performances Tuesdays-Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8, Saturdays at 4 and 9 and Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30. Pay-what-you-want performances are scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6 and 7, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$38 and may be purchased at the Alley box office, (713) 228-8421 or 1-800-259-ALLE.

Houston's Museum of Fine Arts presents a selection of rarely seen early films by the great master of suspense, **Alfred Hitchcock**, tonight (Friday, April 2) and next Friday, April 9 at 8 p.m. in the Brown Auditorium. General admission is \$5, \$4 for members, students and senior citizens. For more information, call (713) 639-7515.

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**WEEK OF
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The Full Moon rising in Libra Tuesday brings insight and judgment for balancing all facets of personal life: romance and friendship, work and play, church and bar, etc.

This weekend, the Moon moves through a rambunctious Leo, setting a scene for fast and loose coupling. Generally, people feel better, which makes them easier to pick up; but not for serious intent; a fling, carefree on both sides, is the best prescription.

ARIES: (Mar 21 - April 19) The Sun, Venus and Mercury crowd into your sign this week, enhancing your powers of heart and mind. Reflect and work to restore vitality. Friday, arrange a "chance meeting" with someone you've been after. Best sex is on Saturday. Monday, others need more attention from you. Tuesday, your honesty, with the help of the Full Moon in Libra, can cement a relationship. Wednesday, beware of pressuring a partner to do what you wouldn't. Thursday, restrain tongue to avoid saying the regrettable. Best days: Friday and Saturday.

TAURUS: (Apr 20 - May 20) This week brings a boost for Taureans' personal relationships, new or otherwise; a time to rekindle passion. Best new love prospects: persons of a different background or culture. This weekend, best prospects are met through employers and parents. The tip-off is that they'll appear dominant, even overly so. Saturday, watch what you say on a date; no negative talk, especially not about anyone's appearance. Tuesday, good sex; however, a Venus aspect demands creative variety with it. Wednesday night, to keep interest alive, don't divulge your personal secrets. Best days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

GEMINI: (May 21 - Jun 21) This week, take a new approach to meeting prospects. Come-on lines are out; better to just pounce. Introduce yourself to a gregarious character so you'll be pulled into their crowd. Caution: distinguish the genuine prospects from the pathological liars. Wednesday, beware of putting sex above friendship. Thursday, take a risk on a hunch. Best days: Monday through Thursday.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 22) Success in your personal life becomes more likely this week. Friday, focus the talk on who you're with, not on yourself. Saturday and Sunday, avoid haste; beware of relatives stirring up problems with lovers. If not in a relationship al-



BY LEONARD BYRAM

ready, you can find the courage and energy to begin now. Monday through Wednesday, don't make waves at work, as the Full Moon's energy distracts you from what's *really* important. Wednesday and Thursday, seek advice from Virgo or Gemini; avoid disputes with Aries and Pisces. Best days: Wednesday and Thursday.

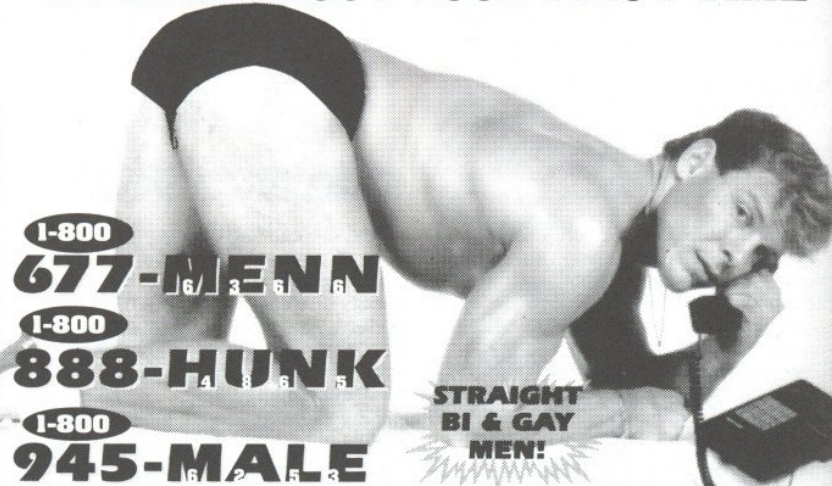
LEO: (July 23 - Aug 22) This week: beware of flattery and con artists; delay major decisions; maintain. Friday, the Moon in your House of Self-Improvement augurs well for love prospects; and on the weekend, a Sun/Venus aspect enhances your charm. Tuesday, the Full Moon intensifies your dreams; examine them for ideas on health improvement. A talk with a sibling, even if unbearable, proves significant soon after. Wednesday, a co-worker or friend leads to sex. Best days: Friday and Saturday.

VIRGO: (Aug 23 - Sep 22) This week, others lend you more support; you more easily make yourself understood. This weekend, hunches prove reliable. Saturday and Sunday, decide what you want; then do it and enjoy; it's your day. Monday, clarify limits with another, but avoid ultimatums. Tuesday, romance can be upset by the Full Moon; wait till Venus goes direct (April 22) to make up your mind. Best days: Monday through Thursday.

LIBRA: (Sep 23 - Oct 23) This week: beware of wounding partners, verbally or otherwise, as your ruling planet Venus is retrograde. Tuesday, greater caution needed again as the Full Moon rises in your sign. The weekend: you're at your best for making new contacts. Saturday night, don't discuss former lovers. For the next month, seek more of a partner's input in all decisions; if you want a new love to work, realize that it will take more time and energy than you have reckoned. Best day: Tuesday.

SCORPIO: (Oct 24 - Nov 21) This week: best prospects are met through trips, either yours

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or theirs; your attitude comes under scrutiny at work; you may even decide on a different career. Saturday, don't overwhelm a new prospect with sex. Sunday night is sexually rewarding. Tuesday night, do not be afraid of what you don't understand, including dreams. Thursday night, a quiet conversation can lead into lustier pursuits. Best days: Sunday and Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) This week: don't let a minor setback or offense spoil your view of the big picture. If single, Friday is best day for safe, uninvolved sex; if linked up already, best day for repairing rifts. Saturday night, you get a lift by revealing your secrets to an open-minded friend. Sunday, stay out of reach of your workplace. Monday, your ruling planet creates an aspect that may allow your imagination to get out of hand. Best day: Friday.

CAPRICORN: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Be more assertive this week; not vocalizing concerns to parents could cause greater problems. Friday, going out cruising brings relief from pressure; a good time to begin a book on healthy eating. Saturday, stick to original plans. Wednesday, persistence pays off. Thursday, it's best to work alone as others try to distract you from work. Best days: Saturday and Sunday.

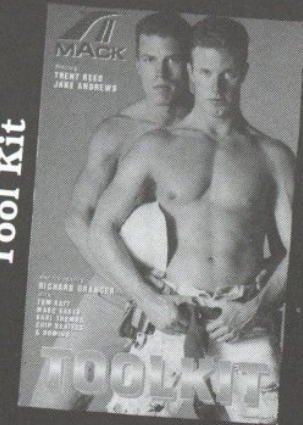
AQUARIUS: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) This week: partners can work out differences; single Aquarians find it easier time to overcome shyness; separated Aquarians, to get back together, need to overcome old emotional upsets. Friday, keep out of others' way. Saturday and Sunday, be more alert to prevent accidents. Sunday is best day for romance, Monday for best sex. Wednesday, intuition works best, and could save you. Best days: Monday and Tuesday.

PISCES: (Feb 18 - Mar 20) Beware of being too charming or witty this week; others take it as uppityness. Opening up more now could cement a relationship. Friday is best sex day. Saturday and Sunday, let others call the shots. Sunday night, romantic. Monday, approach a desirous co-worker. Tuesday, avoid panhandlers, televangelists and other such hucksters as you're easy prey. Wednesday, others watch your actions closely. Thursday, don't dismiss hunches. Delay important decisions until the middle of the week after next. Best days: Wednesday and Thursday.

Next week: Easter weekend is exciting; Fourth Quarter Moon in a conservative Capricorn; Mercury enters demonstrative Aries.

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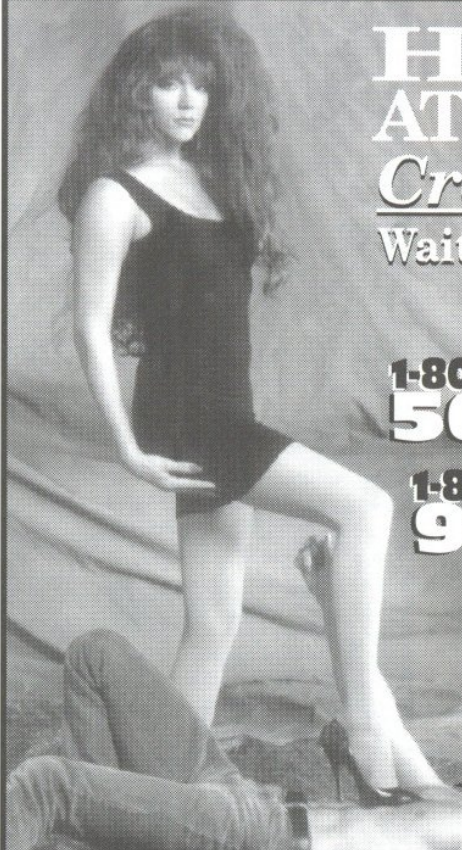
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Dallas — The Houston Wrestling Club returns to the DGLA Community Center on Saturday, April 24 to conduct an instructional workout. The wrestling road trip will provide novice wrestlers—those who have an interest in the sport but know nothing about it, or those who promptly forgot everything they learned in high school gym class—with an opportunity to practice their grappling skills and to learn about the Houston Wrestling Club, which is currently the state's only formal wrestling organization.

The session begins at 2 p.m. and continues until 5 p.m. There will be no spectators at the workout, so organizers advise those who plan to attend to come prepared to hit the mats. More information is available by calling HWC's voice mail system, The Wrestling Switchboard at (713)522-5994.

LONE STAR VOLLEYBALL

Houston — The Lone Star Volleyball Association reported the following standings to TWT SPORTS:

Beginner Division: 1—Almost Sober, 2—6 Fags & a Hag and 3—Silent Dragnet. Intermediate Division: 1—The Big One, 2—Probes and 3—The Matadors. Power Division: 1—Super Model, 2—Heifers and 3—Wear It Again Sam.

The league meets at the Jerabeck Activity Center on the campus of the University of St. Thomas on Sundays, with beginners starting play at 5:30 and intermediates at 7:50 p.m. Both groups provide opportunities for substitutes to play.

The fifth annual Lone Star Volleyball Classic Tournament is scheduled for Easter weekend, April 9–10. Houston will host 36 teams from around the United States. Play will be at UST and Texas Southern University. For more information, call Jef at (713)472-3930 or John at 946-9270.

LAMBDA BOWLING

Dallas — The Lambda Bowling League reported the following standings to TWT SPORTS:

1—For the Money, 2—Inches, 3—Ranger's Wrangle, 4—The Misfits and 5—Toys "R" Us. For more information, call Brice at (214) 351-0716.

GAY SKATING

Houston — The Lambda Rollerskating Club presents "Skate du Jour" in Memorial Park at 100 Picnic Lane this Sunday, April 4



BY BOBBY MILLER

at 1:30 p.m. Look for the welcome signs.

For more information, call Ray at (713) 862-4875.

OLBA BOWLING

Dallas — The Oak Lawn Bowling Association [OLBA] reported the following standings from week 27 to TWT SPORTS:

Scarlet Division: 1—Pirates Of Men's Pants, 2—Buns and Hoses, 3—Blue Angels and 4—Gutter Sluts.

Ebony Division: 1—Rett To Go, 2—3 Men and a Mason, 3—Not!! and 4—Opps! Two Fingers in One Hole.

For more information, call Ken at (214) 828-1335.

RIPCORD SOFTBALL

Houston — The Ripcord softball team will hold a carwash this Saturday, April 3 in the parking lot of Luther's Barbecue Restaurant at Gessner and Westheimer from 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

The cost is \$5, and proceeds will benefit the team.

SUMMER BOWLING

Houston — The Montrose Monday Night Bowling League and the Houston Thursday Mixed League will begin their summer seasons on April 19 and April 22 respectively. The shorter summer seasons are intended to encourage participation by those who want to participate but can't commit to the longer winter season.

Both leagues are members of the International Gay Bowling Organization [IGBO], the world's largest gay and lesbian sports organization, which boasts a membership of 20,000 spanning four countries.

For more information, call Steve Stepleton at (713)529-3261.

DALLAS JOINS IN NATIONWIDE CALL TO 'LIFT THE BAN'

*Clinton Adviser Mixner,
Servicemen Meinhold and Thorne
Take Part in Observances.*

DALLAS — In an effort to lend support to the growing effort by gay men and lesbians to defuse the right-wing backlash against the Clinton administration's efforts to rescind the ban on gays and lesbians in the armed services, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches held a three-day conference to devise strategies to support the President's efforts.

In attendance at a press conference last Saturday morning at Cathedral of Hope were gay and lesbian leaders from Texas and across the nation, as well as UFMCC founder the Rev. Troy Perry, longtime Clinton friend and adviser David Mixner, as well as Navy personnel Keith Meinhold and Tracy Thorne. Meinhold was reinstated by the Navy after a California judge ruled that the military's prohibition against homosexuals is unconstitutional; Thorne has been reassigned from active flight duty to a position he describes as "Xerox machine operator" as the result of his public declaration on ABC's *Nightline* that he is gay.



Taking part in Dallas press conference during last weekend's "Lift the Ban" observances were [l-r] navy veteran Keith Meinhold, presidential adviser David Mixner, naval lieutenant Tracy Thorne, UFMCC founder Rev. Troy Perry and Cathedral of Hope MCC pastor Rev. Michael Piazza. TWT news photo.

One of the highlights of the three-day conference was a reception held at Dallas' Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church featuring Mixner. He delivered an emotionally charged speech entitled "The Challenge Now Before the Lesbian

and Gay Community of America." In it, he reminded the assembled congregation of what it used to be like for gays in America, and urged everyone in attendance to support the President as he begins the long process of changing society's perceptions of gays and lesbians and their desire to be free. [Mixner's address can be found in its entirety on pages 64-65]

Opening the ceremony was the Rev. Perry, the man who, 25 years ago, founded the first Metropolitan Community Church with 12 other gay men and women in the living room of his home in Los Angeles. Over the past quarter century, the denomination has grown to comprise over 264 churches in 16 countries. Perry reflected over the church's growth and its future in his opening remarks.

"In 25 years, 18 of our churches have been the victims of arson," Perry said. "We've had other churches destroyed. Our little church in New Orleans was burned down in a fire and 32 people died in 1973. We've had 5,000 of our members since 1982 die of AIDS. And yet, through all of that, we have never given up hope."

"We're here remembering what it was like 25 years ago... remembering what it was like ten years ago... remembering what it was like last week. And we've gathered to say 'No more!'"

Perry reflected on the tremendous assistance David Mixner provided many years ago when California voters were considering legislation to prohibit gays and lesbians from employment as teachers in the state's public schools. Mixner was instrumental in convincing then Gov. Ronald Reagan to speak out against the legislation—an action which ultimately helped lead to its defeat.

In introducing Mixner, Thorne and Meinhold, Perry compared the three to Rosa Parks and the black civil rights movement, declaring that those involved in the current gay rights movement are like the "five who said, 'we will not get up from this counter until we have been served.'" And, Perry said, gays and lesbians demand to be served.

One result of last weekend's conference, in addition to the intense media attention focused on the city and the church, was the Dallas Declaration of Human Rights, a seven-point document detailing the UFMCC's commitment to full civil rights for all people and support for all oppressed minorities.

The Strategy Summit sponsored by the UFMCC was part of "Lift the Ban Weekend," a nationwide effort by the Human Rights Campaign Fund to raise awareness about the need for the gay and lesbian community to counter the radical right's antigay campaign, and to raise funds for the media exposure deemed necessary to launch a counteroffensive in the growing propaganda war designed to restrict the rights of the gay community.

Other events staged as part of "Lift the Ban Weekend" included a public forum on gay and lesbians in the military, attended by Meinhold and Thorne, at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, and Military Night at the bars, an effort by gay and lesbian clubs in Dallas to register petitions demanding that lawmakers pass equal rights legislation as well as to raise funds through the sale of merchandise to fund ongoing civil rights efforts.

FINAL TWO MEETINGS SET FOR AUSTIN MARCH PARTICIPANTS

*Agenda to Include Financial Help,
Proposed Local Event.*

AUSTIN — As Austin continues to gear up its contingent for this month's March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, the planning committee has scheduled the last two meetings for the event, and has announced a fund-raiser designed to retire debts incurred to promote and advertise the event, as well as to assist those who cannot afford to attend to participate in the historic civil rights march.

The final two planning meetings will take place on Saturday, April 3 and Saturday, April 17 at the Friends Meeting House, 3014 Washington Square. Both meetings will be held at 3 p.m. All those in need of financial assistance are encouraged to attend, since one of the items to be decided in the meetings will be the manner in which funds raised by the Austin Committee are to be distributed. People in need of or offering transportation to the March are also urged to attend.

Another item to be discussed in these meetings will be the possibility of holding a simultaneous event in Austin to demonstrate solidarity with those in Washington, and to show local and state lead-



ers that Austinites and Texans demand equal treatment.

Meanwhile, Pat Cramer, a plaintiff in the fight to overturn 21.06, Texas' sodomy statute, has organized a fund-raiser for Sunday, April 4 at Chances, 900 Red River, beginning at 3 p.m. Guest performances by Girls in the Nose, CK McFarland with Adrienne Braswell and Robbie Jacks with Gretchen Phillips are planned. Admission is \$3-5 based on a sliding scale.

Events surrounding the March, which takes place on Sunday, April 25 in the nation's capital, begin on Wednesday, April 21 and continue until April 27. The 1993 March is the third of its kind, and is expected to draw over 1,000,000 gays, lesbians, bisexuals and their supporters who will let elected officials know that not all Americans are free.

For information about the March, and Austin's participation in it, contact Steven M. Hanes or Michael Lax at (512)837-1596.

6TH ANNUAL TEXAS LESBIAN CONFERENCE SET FOR MAY 21-23 IN HOUSTON

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TEXAS — Women from across the state and the nation will converge on Houston the weekend of May 21-23 for this year's sixth annual Texas Lesbian Conference and a weekend of workshops, speakers and entertainment. Theme for the gathering is "Many Kinds of Power."

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ence's theme and the late lesbian poet Audre Lord; Susie Bright, author and pioneer in the field of women's erotica, who will speak on "The Sexual State of the Union"; and Dr. Nancy Lee Jose, who is with Dallas' Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church.

Five sets of workshops one hour to 1½ hours in length are planned covering a wide range of lesbian-oriented subjects including sexuality, intimacy, parenting and lesbian-related legal issues. In addition, the film "A Place of Rage," which recounts the experiences of June Jordan, Angela Davis and Alice Walker in the civil rights movement, will be shown during the conference.

Houston's Lesbians in Business [LIB] will hold an open meeting Friday evening, featuring addresses by movement legends Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin. In 1953, Lyon and Martin founded the Daughters of Bilitis, the first national lesbian organization in the United States. They have also co-authored several books and published the newsletter "The Ladder." The LIB gathering will be free to out-of-town participants, \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Denice Franke will provide entertainment following the meeting.

A round of entertainment Saturday evening, May 22, includes performances by the Therapy Sisters and rock group Girls in the Nose. A dance deejayed by Cherry Wolf will close out the evening. Tickets for the evening are \$10 if purchased before and \$15 after May 1.

Regular registration is \$50 before and \$65 after May 1, and includes attendance at all workshops, speeches, three meals and free showing of "A Place of Rage." A "Hard Times" discount rate is available.

T-shirts are available for \$10 (medium-XL) and \$12 (2XL-3XL). The sixth annual Texas Lesbian Conference will be held at Houston's Stouffer Presidente Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East. Hotel registration is \$79/night (up to four women) until May 7. Reservations may be made by phone at 1-800-468-3571. Callers should mention that they are attending TLC to receive the special rate.

For more information, or to obtain a registration form, call (713)867-8904. Women interested in volunteering, or purchasing vendor tables or advertising space in the TLC program are also urged to call the above number. Messages will be kept strictly confidential.

DALLAS POLICE GROUP ENDORSES OAKLEY IN COUNCIL RACE

*Support Expected to Help
Openly-Gay Candidate.*

DALLAS — After interviewing 17 candidates, the Dallas Police Association's Political Action Committee has endorsed eight candidates in the upcoming May 1 City Council elections. Of particular interest to the local gay and lesbian community was their choice of Ed Oakley, an openly gay candidate for the District 14 seat being vacated by Lori Palmer.

According to Glenn White, DPA Vice-President and Chairman of the Political Action Committee, the endorsements were made based on the candidate's commitment to the Dallas Police Department and its officers, as measured by questionnaires sent to each of the candidates for response, as well as through a follow-up interview with the committee scheduled by the candidate after the questionnaire was complete.

"It was a fairly straightforward selection process," declared White. "Once we talked with them, it became crystal clear who to endorse. We felt these candidates were the most supportive of the police in both their words and actions. They have the best interests of the officers and citizens in mind."

According to White, the Political Action Committee will now concentrate on getting their candidates elected by lending them the manpower and financial support necessary to conduct strong campaigns.

"It's time for City Council to end the political rhetoric and get the city back on its feet," continued White. "We need to start solving some problems instead of posturing and worrying over what's politically correct. The Dallas Police Association Political Action Committee will do whatever it takes to get our candidates elected on May 1."

Those candidates expected to benefit from an Association endorsement include Jack Borden in District 2, Bob Stimson in District 3, Larry Duncan in District 4, Charlotte Mayes in District 7, Glenn Box in District 9, Paul Fielding in District 11, Donna Blumer in District 13 and Ed Oakley in District 14. No other City Council endorsements were made.

"Mr. President, Do Not Underestimate Our Determination and Our Courage"

David Mixner Addresses Texans

during 'Lift the Ban' Weekend

Brothers and sisters, it is rare that I have the opportunity to speak so urgently among people for whom I have so much love. It is difficult to speak truth and know that it might bring pain between old friends. But today, I must...

Because for us, truth is our sword. For us, our unity in numbers is our army. For us, our AIDS dead have inspired in us courage and determination that we ourselves did not know existed.

We now get to prepare for the battle that we have long sought. A national debate that will eventually lead to our freedom. A national debate that no longer treats us as a fringe sideshow in American politics but as an emerging and powerful civil rights movement. The future of the next generations of lesbians and gays will be decided by us; not by weak leaders; not by ballot box terrorism; not by religious fanatics who use our freedom as a tool to build their bank accounts; but rather by our strength and our courage.

History will not present us with a more historical movement than now. Each one of us will be judged by future generations by our actions in the next months and years. If, as a family, we rise to the challenge, we truly have the opportunity to change years of oppression into a future filled with hope.

Where do we begin? Where do we find such courage? How do we build the commitment and determination that will last us through these difficult and challenging years?

We begin with our gayness. We find courage in who we are. We build our commitment by a determination that not one more generation of gays and lesbians will ever have to suffer the pangs of discrimination and self-hatred. We will no longer deny our young their dreams.

I am often asked why it is so important for me to publicly and repeatedly declare my sexuality. As I stand here among the leaders of our church, I want you to know who I am. I am a spiritual person. Each morning, I pray before I begin my day. In my prayers, I thank God for making me a gay person. I thank God for allowing me one more day to join my brothers and sisters in battle. I ask God for the strength to join with you in fighting for our freedom and I ask God to give me the time to see our

young celebrate in that freedom.

You see, I used to be ashamed. I wanted to kill myself. I deferred my dreams and adapted to a life offering less of myself to this world instead of more. I felt alone and alienated and I felt terribly afraid. Then, because of the actions of a few brave drag queens, I saw strength and hope. I started to dream again. I felt pride. I felt your love and support. I could say, 'I am gay and proud'; not without fear; but I could say it.

Then came AIDS. Death and devastation. Our lives became hospital rooms, home care, delivery systems, life-support machines and funerals. I buried 189 of my friends. I fought so that in their illness, they would not be persecuted by our own government. I once again felt despair and lost hope. We grew weary and wondered if those years of fleeting liberation in the 1970s were all that we would know of freedom. We joined together in the streets, in the voting booths, in our service centers and in our churches to support each other and to fight back.

Then came President Clinton.

Allow me to be frank and honest about our President. Our journey together as a community with the President has been an intoxicating one. We have found once again our united voice. We have discovered our own power. We raised money, walked precincts and begged our families, employers and friends to join us in ending our 12 years of darkness. We started to believe in ourselves again. We dreamed again of a future.

He was elected. He proceeded to keep his promises, not to us as a special interest group, but to us as Americans who wanted to participate fully in our society, who at last would be allowed to contribute our skills and talents as an open and free people.

In this process of keeping his promise to us, he encountered what we experience every day of our lives—outright bigotry and homophobia! The voices of the past rose to deny us our moment of freedom. Military leaders are fighting to keep ancient apartheid laws on the books and to resist ending 50 years of repression and persecution. They frighten our neighbors with the big lie. They paint pictures with that contain only dark colors. They resort to the same bigoted arguments that have been used for

centuries to deny every emerging minority their freedom and equal rights. They sought the cover of legitimacy in Armed Services Committee Chairperson Sam Nunn. Let me be clear about Sen. Nunn. Let us educate those people, including some in the Administration, that this is not an enlightened man. Listen to me carefully. Sam Nunn is our George Wallace. He is an old-fashioned bigot who will abuse his power to deny us our freedom. His hatred runs so deep that he is willing to jeopardize the nation's economic hopes in order to deny freedom to millions. His anger is so fierce that he will focus his energy on stopping us from serving our country while the world around him in Russia and Bosnia falls to pieces. This man does not deserve the respectability that he has been accorded by so many. He has chosen hate over love... fear over enlightenment... and division over unity. We will not quake in his presence. We will not fear him. We will not give him the power to determine our future.

This brings us back to our President. We were proud to stand by his side during this last campaign. We wept when he mentioned the words gay and lesbian at the convention and AIDS on election night. We pinched ourselves in disbelief when he came and gave a gay rights speech in Los Angeles. We were filled with hope and dreams when the poet at the inauguration dared to speak our name. But for the President, too, his moment has arrived.

Mr. President, our friend, hear us carefully. Only our total freedom will do. There can be no further compromises with our dreams, our rights and our futures. An Executive Order issued *without* moral authority and decisive leadership is only a piece of paper. An Executive Order issued *with* moral authority and decisive leadership is history. Now is the time that will decide if you will sit with the Great Emancipator Abraham Lincoln as a man who freed millions, or if you will go down in history as a man who, for political expediency, negotiated our freedom away in the backrooms of Congress. It is your choice. We have made ours. We will fight however long it takes to be free. Will you join us in creating a debate steeped in morality and not fear; one that appeals to the best that this nation has to offer, not the worst; and one where your leadership will enlighten, not

distort? It is your call. Now is the time... Not June 15, not July 15, not next year when it will be too late... but NOW!

Mr. President, do not give dignity to false compromises. Do not embrace the Vatican approach to homosexuality. What kind of freedom is it when you ask us to either remain silent or, if we do speak of our sexuality, give up the right to practice it in the privacy of our own homes? This is unacceptable.

Mr. President, do not negotiate our freedom away. Separate assignments and separate units is no more than old-fashioned segregation. No rhetoric can hide the fact that separating a whole group of American citizens because of who they are is nothing more than segregation. Bigotry that wears a uniform is nothing more than a uniform with a hood. Segregation is morally repugnant to us and we will never, ever accept segregation as a sign of progress.

Mr. President, you can make our road to freedom easier. You can speak to this nation of unity, of our unused talents and of our suffering. You can educate Senators. You can provide the moral high ground that Sen. Nunn is stealing from us. You can provide decisive leadership, courage and, most of all, our freedom. But make no mistake—with or without you, we will be free. We *will* win and we *will* prevail.

Mr. President, do not underestimate our determination and our courage. We are willing to lose our jobs for freedom. We are willing, if necessary, to go to jail. We are willing to give our last cent for freedom. We are willing to do anything except return to the slavery of self-hatred and low self-esteem.

My friends, in closing, don't forget what it used to be like. So many of our friends who could share with us the horrible oppression of self-hatred have passed on—but each of us here knows it. We know of the past lies to our families and friends... we know of the fear at work... we know of deferring our dreams... we know of being ashamed of those we loved the most... we know of the attempted suicides and we know what each and every one of us had to overcome to even be here in this room. We can't go back to that. We can't retreat at the first sound of battle. We must join together to fight and—make no mistake about it—to win.

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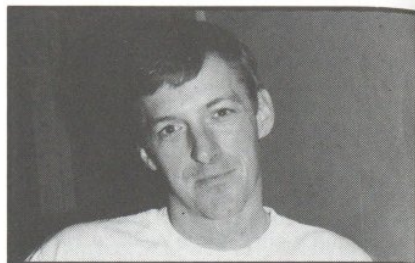
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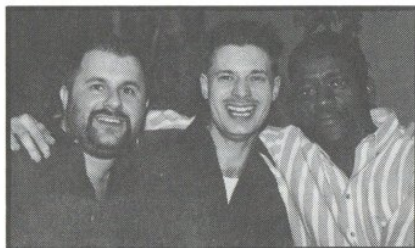
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AUSTINteaCIOUS — Here's what's going
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TEA. ...



At Chain Drive, we snapped a photo of Brad Himes [above] as he was filling in for the doorman. If Brad looks familiar, you've probably seen him either spinning records at Chain Drive or you might recognize him from Clubland, the new music store on 4th Street. Don Engle, The Drive's other deejay, and Brad have joined forces to open this new store to offer Austin a new musical alternative. The Drive's seventh anniversary is coming during the third week of April. Manager Ricky Jones tells us they're making plans now to show their appreciation to all those who've supported them. Also, happy birthday to Ricky, who turns 31 on Monday....



Over at the Crossing, customers Art Garza, Terry Malloy and Larry Comer [above] said cheese for us last week while they enjoyed the club's great patio. HOT TEA heard that longtime employee David Ing has decided to hang up his bottle opener and head west. He'll be working in Yellowstone National Park. He's been a great friend to many of us and we'll miss his smiling face. If you didn't get to go to the Bartenders Award Night, then you didn't get to see handsome green-eyed bartender Kent Steigerwald win the Nelliest Bar Employee Award. Words can't describe Kent's reaction....



Speaking of the BEAN Awards, over at Charlie's, the night was filled with fun and laughter as 5th Street manager Marshall Quick, 404 Club's Nicole and Charlie's manager Cory Duckett hosted the festivities. Daddy Wayne won the Flightiest Mother



Award, tying with the "blameless" Cynthia Clark from Auntie Mame's. Arnie Krause [l] won a combination award for fastest bartender, best dressed, most attitude and most

likely to refuse a customer. We regret not having enough space for all the other awards, but we bet the ones who won have already been stirring the tea about it. This Saturday, Charlie's will have their Bluebonnet Bust. Go by and get your free bluebonnet plant. Wasn't it Lady Bird Johnson who said, "Plant a tree, shrub or bush to beautify America"?...

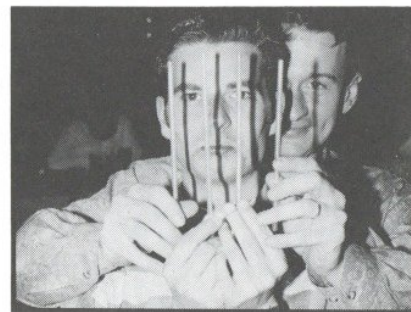
San Fran Cisco's is where we found the lovely talents of Heather Thomas [r] doing her rendition of Reba last Thursday night. She did a great job. The big wedding is coming! Randy Chandler and Alan Waggoner will tie the knot on April 6 with the reception to follow at Cisco's. We can't wait for the gossip out of this event. On Thursday, April 8, Tina Morgan and Scarlett Leigh will perform as the Judds with all proceeds benefiting Christopher House. Sounds like another good benefit to attend....

'Bout Time has put a huge volleyball court on the north side of their building. They tell us the court is open every day for anyone who wants to bounce some balls around and games will be played every Sunday if



weather permits. Eric Olivas, Rick Garza and Bryon Westbrook [above] gave the CRUISE CAMERA a smile last weekend when we visited the club. Don't forget, the Miss Thang pageant is coming April 10....

Oilcan Harry's raised \$1,300 last Sunday afternoon during their T-dance benefiting the Campaign for Military Service. Manager Stiles Patterson was pleased with the turnout. Any further donations can be sent to Tom Henderson, 200 E. 6th, Suite 209, Austin, TX 78701. Kent Epperson recently took a trip downtown to see the other side of the bars when some of his past history surfaced. Kent, with the help of Bill Fespermann and some bar straws, showed



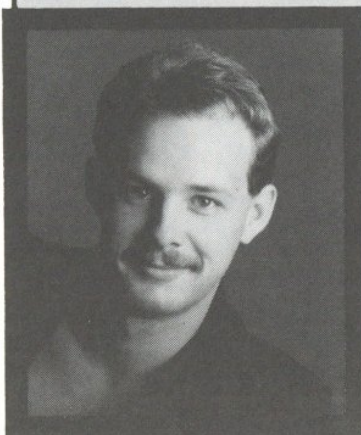
us how he looked behind iron [above]. We're glad things got worked out for him. Oilcan's will have a boat for Splash Day and is asking anyone interested in joining them to come by and talk to management for details.



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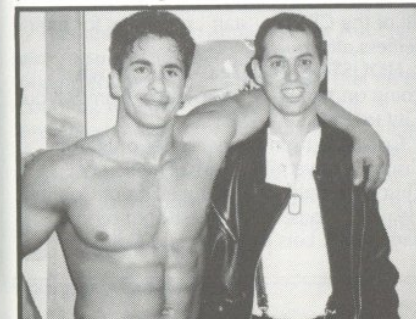
DALLAS TEA — Here's what's happening **THIS WEEK IN DALLAS** from Big D HOT TEA....

It's not often you get to pay tribute to a living legend, but that's exactly what Jan Barton's closest and dearest friends did at the Round-Up Saloon on the occasion of her 71st birthday. Roger Thorne, Anna Vinson and Henry Gibson (below, l-r behind Jan), were just three of the many celebrants who stopped by throughout the night to wish her the very best. Special thanks go to



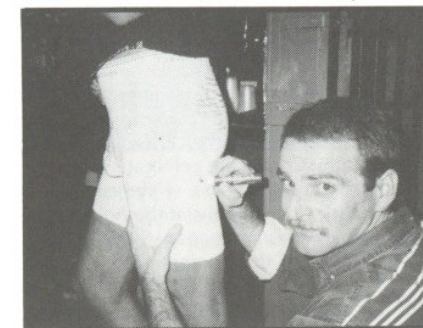
club manager Tom Davis for making it all possible. Tom will be busy getting the popular C&W dance hall prepped for the Daddy Baskets and Bonnets benefit this Sunday. Then, on April 14, it's the Here in Spirit party, a chance for you to make your presence known at the March on Washington, by sending a message on a colored swatch of material. The swatches, along with similar swatches from throughout the mid-section of the country, will make up the orange stripe in the huge gay flag to be assembled at the Mall in D.C....

We used to rent Lex Baldwin's videos almost exclusively because his films always have such great plots! So when we found out that he would be projecting his rather ample attributes at the Wave, we could barely contain ourselves. Neither could the huge crowd assembled at the club for this gorgeous man's performance. For those of you who are big fans of Mr. B [below, l]—as



we are—you'll notice he's added quite a few pounds and muscles to his already stupendous physique. We know that club owner Howard Okon [r] definitely noticed. He's one hangin' man....

Speaking of hangin', that's New Orleans resident Randy Bankston [below, r] hanging on to a rather delectable pair of Calvins in the back bar at the Brick. No, Randy isn't



defacing the ample cotton weave with graffiti, he's merely one of the many admirers of Klein model John Foster who wanted to leave his mark on John during a recent Wednesday Heavy Cruise through the pizza buffet....

The Dallas Tribe of the Firedancers once again opened their hearts and their wallets for three very worthy metroplex-area AIDS service organizations: the AIDS Resource Center Food Pantry, the Fort Worth Food Pantry and the AIDS Funding Association. In a check presentation held at the Hidden Door last week, the **CRUISE CAMERA** captured [below, l-r] club President Danny Harris, AIDS Resource Center Food Pantry Asst.



Coordinator Dan McIver, the fabulous Robert Cantrell, Neil Johnson and Michael "Precious Moments" Boase. Thanks, as always, for a job well done....

Sue Ellen's celebrated its fourth anniversary last week and, as usual, the club was filled to capacity with gorgeous women



and men. Pictured above enjoying the festivities are [l-r] mega-successful club manager Kathy Jack, Spring Flinger Dee Pennington, Caron Buchman and Wendy Wishart. In addition to the club's anniversary, KJ and Kathy Corbin are celebrating nine months of connubial bliss, while Jeffry Portell marks four months at the helm of the good ship as assistant manager. We're certainly grateful that gorgeous Jeffry's recent foray into the world of depilatories didn't affect his smart new goatee. It makes him look so much more...managerial....

Hair of a completely different sort could be found perched demurely atop the head of "funny I" Paul J. Williams during a recent emceeing stint of NightGaymes at Village Station [l]. In his incarnation as Nelda J. Pickens, Balch Springs Century



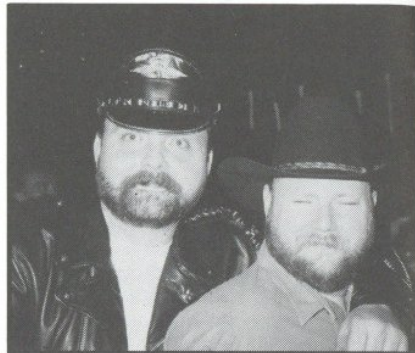
21 Real Estate magnate and devout 1974 Cadillac owner Mr. Williams not only matched the boys, but he torched his hair as well. Catch Paul and a bevy of buffed beaus every Wednesday night in the Rose Room for the gay dating game that's guaranteed to make you forget Studs....

We don't know how handsome Crews Inn deejay TJ Conway [r] keeps the dust off his 12-inches, what with the ongoing renovation at the club and all, but we do know that the Fitzhugh party palace's new look—and Mr. Conway—are most pleasant. Just for the record (what a *clever* segue!), club stud-muffin and everyone's very dear friend Tom Harris was not dipping his straw in his customer's libations the night we snapped the **CRUISE CAMERA** photo of him. Our flash was simply much too bright....



Moooving to the TMC, if you haven't viewed Miss Ellie's newest tattoo, do make it a point to take a peek at the colorful addition. It's a bear walking, and if you want to put old El in a mooood, be sure and ask her if she wanted its legs to be together. Just don't ask her during Studs-N-Suds, since she's dispensing beer. Very special get-well wishes go to club manager Frank Thompson, who's recovering from a recent trip to the dentist. Imagine, Frank—of all people—having oral surgery....

"I Love Cellophane" was a popular nu-wave dance hit in the early '80s, and apparently some members of the Leather Knights still have a copy of the record, based on a recent exhibition at Damewood'z during the club's Leather Ball and Chain. We stared in disbelief at all the clever uses



Big Daddy Knight Jim Deweese [above, l] and his new main squeeze Jim Glenn [r] found for aluminum foil, but neglected to provide details....

And finally, over 400 "patients" attended the first annual Betty Ford Clinic Cotillion, a benefit for the AIDS Resource Center held recently at the Pineapple Palace. Approximately \$2,000 will be donated to the Center in the name of James Tveit, who lost his valiant struggle with AIDS just hours before the Cotillion began. Many thanks to all of the Clinic's "staff" members for their selfless efforts.

HOUSTON HOTTea — Here's what's going on **THIS WEEK IN HOUSTON** from Bayou City **HOT TEA**....

Cowboys from every corner of Harris County converged on 810 Pacific last Thursday night for the unveiling of Country Heaven, Houston's newest boot-scootin' dance hall. Lots of TGRA and Colt 45



members and their friends [above] were on hand and gave a hearty thumbs up to the club's exciting ranch and roadhouse decor. It's all happening every Thursday night—only at Country Heaven....

Houston's biggest party takes place every Friday at JR's Bar & Grill. Next Friday, April 9, the celebration gets even better with a Martha Wash video promotion and giveaway. You can win free CDs, cassingles and posters every hour on the hour. Every Sunday night during the club's male swimwear contest, they'll be giving away a pair of rollerblades. All this and more from one of the trendiest clubs in town....

Make your plans now to attend the Miss Camp America benefit for the Pet Patrol on Easter Sunday. They'll have a Bonnet Contest at 8 p.m., immediately followed by their "Egg-ceptional Easter Revue." The Miss Camp America girls will be guest bartending that evening, so don't miss it....



This year's second annual Soiree Aubergine was so successful that it far exceeded organizers' wildest expectations. After all the counting was over, the hosts proudly presented a check for \$25,500 to Ken Stein and Sue Murchison [above] of the Bering Community Service Foundation. Congratulations to all those who worked so hard to make this year's event such a success, and best wishes for next year....

Heaven presents the best in cutting edge music and videos. From Underground House Saturdays to Disco Inferno Wednesdays, the club plays your favorite tunes both new and

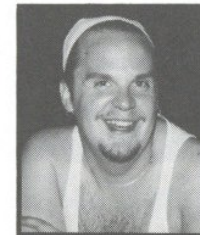


old. In the new department, international sensation Bizarre Inc. [above] put on an impromptu show last week. Their appearance as well as the performance of Machine in Motion packed the house and kept the crowd yelling for more all night long. Next Saturday, April 10, the dance diva who has topped the charts with Black Box and Marky Mark, Loleatta Holloway, will perform an exclusive midnight show....

On Sunday, April 18, at 8 p.m., join Nancy Ford for her Road to Washington kickoff celebration at Ms. B's. Come wish this local entertainer a bon voyage as she embarks on a cross-country comedy tour culminating with the 1993 March on Washington....

Every Thursday, Inergy presents Progressive Night with guest deejays spinning the best in techno and house music. Drink specials and no cover all night long make this entertaining weekly event even better....

Rich's White Party gave "white trash" a new meaning last Sunday. The club was at its trashy best for this great theme party.



The club's patio bar reopened for the summer season with a new look and a new bartender, Stacy Tate [l]. Usually a sequel is not as good as the original. But this year's April Showers Underwear Party

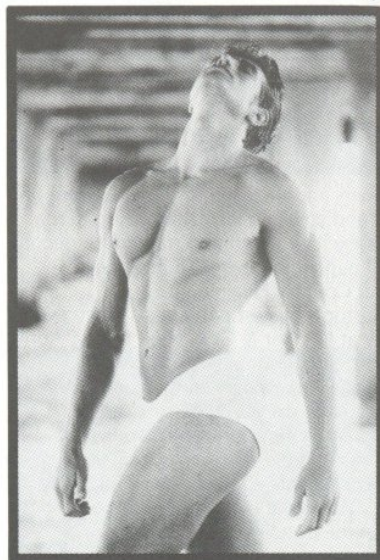
next Friday, April 9 promises to be even hotter than last year's. Adult video star Kris Lord will be on hand, so stop by and get absolutely soaking wet....

Benefit shows large and small took place last Sunday. At EJ's, Gift of Easter II, presented by Mr. TGRA '94 candidate B.J.

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Williams, raised over \$1,300 for Bering Care Center and Cornerstone Day Care. The evening was highlighted by the crowning of Crystal Rae Lee Love as Miss Back Alley.



Over at the BRB, Mr. TGRA '94 candidate Tim Davenport [above, l], Mr. TGRA '88 David "Suzy Chapstick" Chapman [c] and Miss TGRA '94 candidate Chablis Lee Love [r] brought in \$660 for the Colt 45's. Last but not least, we tip our hats to Tonya Seville and her small but dedicated group of performers, who raised \$200 for Casa de Esperanza at Charlie's Coffee Shop....

Pacific Street's Upstairs Leather Loft offers you an out-of-the-way place to relax, play pool or hang out on the club's fabulous balcony. The Upstairs bartender J.T. Smith [r] is always ready with a winning smile and a refreshing beverage. Next Thursday, April 8, registration for the fifth annual Lone Star Volleyball Classic tournament joins the club's regular Men with Muscles extravaganza....



Boy Bar's showcase for live talent and female impersonation, the Diva Room, made its premiere last week. Club owner John Hanley is pictured above [c] with guest

performers Black Velvet [l] and Dyan Michaels [r]. Next week's special entertainment will be Victoria West, Jennifer St. John and Kelly Lauren. The club has also added the Lost Boy male dancers to its exciting lineup....

There's always something going on at Rubi's, southwest Houston's newest hot spot. The club's weekly schedule is highlighted by "We Three," featuring Tommie Ross, Jennifer St. John and Jill Jordan on Fridays, the Pretty Boy dancers on Saturdays and an amateur lip-synch contest on Sundays....



Last Wednesday, the Montrose Mining Company held its celebration of all that is hunky and hairy, the Bear of the Month contest. The **CRUISE CAMERA** captured March winner Mark Hebert [above, l] with Leather Forever manager/contest sponsor Lee Baber, first runner-up Terry Johnson and guest emcee Dean Walradt. The Montrose Mine—the home of hot men and good times.

TEXAS TELETYPE — Here's what's happening around the state....

Now that spring has officially sprung, it may be time for some of you to begin thinking about a new coif. Don't wait too long, because tomorrow, Saturday, April 3, is the only day cowtown residents can sport a new look while contributing to a very worthy cause—the AIDS Outreach Center of Fort Worth. From 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., Michael's Saloon, 6431 Southwest Blvd., will host a Cut-a-thon for the Center, with 100% of the proceeds being donated to AOC. Volunteers will be available to provide information about HIV/AIDS and about the Center. Contact the salon at (817)737-9350 for more information....

For the first time in six years, San Angelo will have a libation lounge to serve "family" members residing in the West Texas burg with the opening tomorrow night of Silent Partners. Even though the club hasn't

opened yet, trumormongers are mongering that the new nitespot is going to have great music, friendly employees and, for its opening, male and female strippers. Make it a point to stop in.

SAN ANTONIO TEA — Here's what's going on **THIS WEEK IN SAN ANTONIO** from Alamo City **HOT TEA**....

Nite Owl opens its southwest patio bar each Friday at 8 p.m. in conjunction with the San Antonio chapter of TGRA. Be sure and catch the hot male dancers on the side stages throughout the evening and returning on Saturday and Sunday for the same. Owners Barbara Havard and Julee French celebrate 11 years of wedded bliss this



Sunday, The **CRUISE CAMERA** captured Julee and Mr. TGRA candidate Don Kent of Dallas in the photo above....

The oldest gay bar in Texas, El Jardin, is gearing up for the annual Miss Queen William contest on April 14. The contestant collecting the most money wins, with all proceeds benefiting the San Antonio AIDS Foundation....

Paper Moon presents Chanel White and Muscles in Action tonight at midnight, and Sweet Savage brings on the men tomorrow night. This week's Super Sunday Show is joined by Kofi and Kourtney Devereaux. Ava Marquez and Heather Sinclair work with Pauletta Leigh and Vanessa Gordon in the Super Thursday Variety Show, during which the **CRUISE CAMERA** caught up with the inimitable Lady Shirley [r]. The Moon recently raised \$850 for Sassy St. James....



The Noo Zoo Co. has country and western night each Tuesday with drink specials and no cover. Free C&W dance

lessons are offered between 9-11 p.m. with Stacey on the turntables providing western music....

2015 Place's frozen drinks are the rage every Saturday and Sunday from 2-2. New to the staff is weekend deejay Phred Jarrott [l], who pumps out hot and heavy sounds....


The Alamo Area Resource Center throws a warehouse party tonight from 7 p.m.-midnight celebrating the opening at their new location at 800 Lexington Avenue. A bag of food or a \$5 donation will serve as admission fee. Music will be provided by Noo Zoo's deejay Mark....



Bamboleo's Latin Fever now opens at 6 p.m. daily. The **CRUISE CAMERA** was on hand to record the winners of the Miss Bamboleo's Latin Fever pageant: [above, l-r] first runner-up Krystal Kelly, winner Lindsay Adams and Miss Congeniality Sally Cole. Congratulations from Alamo City **HOT TEA**.... This Sunday at the club, the Miss Gay Fiesta/USA double crowning occurs with special guests current titleholder Sheena Angelica and Miss Gay South Pauletta Leigh. Emcee for the evening will be Cinnamon Sweet with all proceeds benefiting SAAF....

Sparks continues hot oil wrestling each Tuesday at 11 p.m. Check it out....

Memories holds "Tejano Nite" each Wednesday. Sassy's back on Thursdays with one male and three female strippers. Showtime is 9:30 p.m....

This weekend, the Wild and Wicked Sunday Show at Wild Club welcomes Tasha Kohl and Obsession. Then, on Thursday, April 4, they've scheduled a benefit for Sassy St. James. The two-year anniversary party at Wild Club was a big hit. Continued success from **HOT TEA**. 

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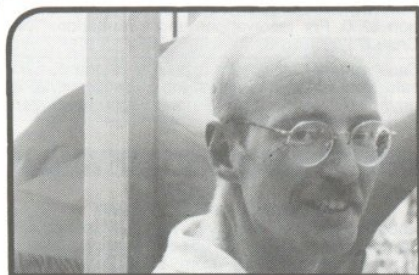
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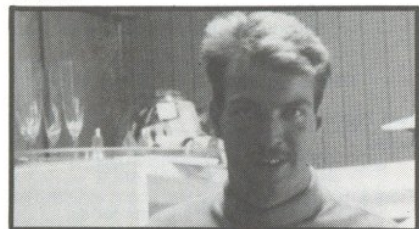
Jerry Lee Sholes (above)
February 19, 1958 - March 20, 1993
Jerry left this world for a better one Saturday, March 20 after a courageous battle with AIDS.

One of Jerry's loves was music, and he derived great pleasure seeing others dance to his tunes as he worked as a deejay at the Crew's Inn and as a guest deejay at many Dallas clubs.

Jerry had a passion for plants and most recently worked at Vickery Greenhouse.

He is survived by his parents, Mary Helen and Wilbur Sholes, four sisters, many friends and his faithful companion—his dog Longfellow.

Interment will be at his family's plot in West Virginia.



Robbie Lane Page (above)
May 22, 1965 - March 9, 1993
I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead—he is just away.

With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair

It needs must be, since he lingers there.
So think of him faring on, as dear

In the love of There and the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, I say;

He is not dead—he is just away.

James Whitcomb Riley
Love, all of his sisters

H.D. Hollingsworth

Holly D. Hollingsworth, age 31, better known to many as simply "D," struggled briefly against the battle with AIDS and surrendered peacefully on March 3.

Besides his family of many relatives too numerous to mention, Holly is survived by his longtime companion and best friend Phil Stent and his three "children," Snatch, Marco and Tanner, three chihuahuas who loved him immensely.

Although D had clearly expressed his wishes in his will to be cremated, he was buried at the Houston National Cemetery on Veterans Memorial by his family. He will be dearly missed by his companion and many friends.



In Loving Memory of
William B. Larson (above)
April 21, 1952 - March 16, 1993

Bill passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, crossing over to a new beginning after a battle with AIDS. Bill leaves behind his lover Mark Hanson, many loved ones and friends. Bill lived in Houston, the San Francisco Bay Area, Honolulu and North Dakota, touching and being a part of many lives. He is missed by many. His earthly remains will be released with an orchid ceremony off the coast of Hawaii. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations go to an AIDS charity of choice, or a pet organization.

Until we meet again, all our love for eternity.



James Daniel Tveit (above)
November 6, 1962 - March 13, 1993
James will live forever in the hearts of his family and friends; his creativity, love for life, sense of humor and, finally, his fight for survival are legendary.

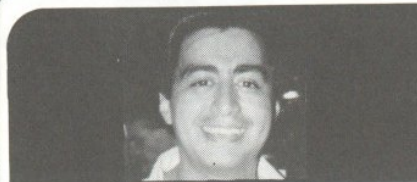
James earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture and Environmental Design from the University of Texas at Arlington, graduating on May 20, 1989. His numerous awards for originality and design were well-documented, and he joined the RTKL architectural firm in Dallas where he gained respect for his devotion to hard work on countless projects.

He worked at RTKL until the week before Christmas, when his health forced him to leave. From then until his death, he continued his valiant battle for life, never giving up the hope for recovery.

James will be remembered for his intelligence, charisma, ambition and strong love for his family and friends. His refusal to give in to his affliction is an inspiration, for he never lost hope. His Boston terrier, Warren, was his constant concern and joy!

It is a tragic loss to have James' marvelous potential cut short; however, his loved ones rejoice in gratitude for his presence in their lives. He died at peace with God on Saturday, March 13 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Memorials in James' name to AmFAR are greatly appreciated. Their address is 733 Third Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10017.



Joel Ramos Jr. (above)
Born July 17, 1952 - Died March 25, 1993
Funeral services were held in San Antonio on Saturday, March 27. He is survived by his mother, two sisters and two brothers.

His lover Steve asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Bering Care Center. We will all miss you, Joel, and I will always love you.



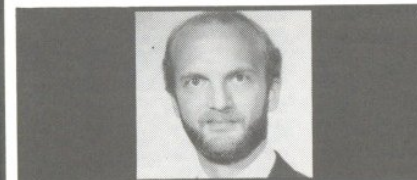
Derek Robert Drenner (above)
2/22/66 - 2/11/93

Services for Derek R. Drenner, who died in a Houston hospital February 11, were held recently at the Hope Lutheran Church in San Antonio.

Born in Oakland, California, and raised in San Antonio, Derek was a travel agent in Houston for the past four years. He traveled extensively, loved horror films and was an avid *Star Trek* fan. He was an active member of the MCC AIDS Support Group and other activities of MCC.

Predeceased by his father, his survivors include his mother, aunts, uncles, grandparents and other relatives in San Antonio, and his many friends in the Houston/San Antonio area.

Persons wishing to make contributions may direct them to the Hope Lutheran Church in San Antonio, the Montrose Counseling Center in Houston or the Assistance Fund.



Dr. F. William Nelson (above)

Dr. F. William Nelson passed away March 25 in Houston, Texas. Dr. Nelson graduated from the University of Iowa Medical School in 1978. His internship and residency were in neurology at the University of Texas in Houston. He was a clinical instructor in neurology at the University of Texas Health Science Center and assistant professor at the University of Texas Medical School, and was in practice since 1986.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Nelson, and is survived by his mother, Vivian Nelson, his brother Tom and nephew Joseph.

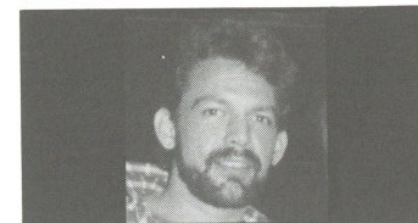
Cause of death was acquired immune deficiency syndrome.



Bill McKinley (above)
10/1/54 - 3/22/93

Bill, 38, passed away Monday, March 22 after a valiant struggle with AIDS. Bill is survived by his companion of four years, Reme Guerrero, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKinley of Plano, and brothers and other family members. Bill also left behind an uncountable number of friends who will miss him and cherish his memory.

Bill was, for years, employed in the travel industry. It was his wish that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the AIDS Resource Center.



Michael R. Dubroc (above)
January 12, 1961 - March 21, 1993
Michael completed his life Sunday, March 21. He lived his life as he wished, so let's commemorate it as he wished. Please join his "family" for a celebration of his life at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 4 at the Venture-N in Houston, 2923 Main.



Lester E. Williams (above)
9/17/41 - 3/21/93

Les died peacefully on a Sunday afternoon at Park Plaza Hospital surrounded by loving family members. He was preceded by his lover of 17 years, Eddy Smith.

Originally from Independence, Missouri, Les had eight brothers and leaves behind many other friends and family members. In honor of Les' wishes, his ashes will be taken back to Missouri without formal ceremony in Houston.

He was a good friend and a kind person and he will be missed very much by those he left behind.

Be at peace, my friend, and I will see you in the four winds.

Love,
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Dignity/Dallas P.O. 190133 226-4101
Disciples of Christ gay/lesbian sup. (GLAD) 946-2184
First Unitarian Church of Dallas 4015 Normandy 528-3990
GALA (Reorganized Latter Day Saints) 530-7658
Gay People in Christian Science P.O. 2878 522-3086
Grace Fellowship 5029 Lemmon Ave. 528-2811
Holy Trinity Community Church 4402 Roseland 827-5088
Integrity (Episcopal) P.O. 190351 214-620-0181
MCC-Dallas 5910 Cedar Springs 351-1901
Oak Lawn Church of Rel. Science Cntr. 4100 Maple Ave. 522-2196
St. Mary, the Holy Theotokos Orthodox Mission 943-8601
Seventh-Day Adventist Kinship/SDA Kinship P.O. 38454 416-1358
White Rock Community Church 722 Tenison Memorial Rd. 320-0043
DALLAS CLUBS (Area Code: 214)
Arcadia 2005 Lowest Greenville Ave. 324-8895
BBC 5441 West University 357-3864
Bambolero's 5027 Lemmon Ave. 520-1124
Big Daddy's 4024 Cedar Springs 528-4098
Brick Bar 4117 Maple Ave. 521-2024
Buddies 3415 Mahanna 526-8720
The Cabaret 2513 N. Fitzhugh 821-1482
Cove 4020 Maple Ave. 522-4814
Crews Inn 3215 N. Fitzhugh 526-9510
Darnwood's 3913 Cedar Springs 380-3808
Hedwayd 4144 Buena Vista 559-2966
Hidden Door 5025 Bowser 526-0620
JR's 3923 Cedar Springs 380-3808
Jugs 3810 Congress 521-3474
Michael's 4011 Cedar Springs 559-4098
Raps 2525 Wycliff 559-RAPS
Round-Up Saloon 3912 Cedar Springs 522-9611
Sue Ellen's 3903 Cedar Springs 380-3808
Throckmorton Mining Co. 3014 Throckmorton 380-3808
Trestle 412 S. Haskell 826-9988
Village Station 3911 Cedar Springs 380-3808
Wave, The 4025 Maple Ave. 522-WAVE
Zippers 3333 N. Fitzhugh 526-9519

DALLAS COUNSELING/REHABILITATION
(Area Code: 214)
Charter Hospital (Metro) (817) 481-1999
Counseling Co-op 3631 Fairmont #201 521-6677
Dunbar, Carolyn, M.A. 3626 N. Hall, #723 526-5086
Group Circle Counseling 2505 Wycliff Ave. 528-9246
Legacy Counseling Cntr. 3511 N. Hall #210 520-6308
Oak Lawn Comm. Serv. 3434 Fairmont 520-8108
Counseling & Psychotherapy Associates 3626 N. Hall, Ste 617 526-1126
DALLAS DOCTORS/IDENTISTS (Area Code: 214)
Andruch, Robert, M.D. 3514 Cedar Springs 529-1810
Cheek, David, Dr. (chiropractor) the Centrum #700 559-6560
Donnell, David N., M.D. 4140 Lemmon #267 528-2727
McNulty, Christopher, D.O. 6500 Greenville, #430 696-0414
Nelson-Tebedo Comm. Ctr. for AIDS 4012 Cedar Springs 528-2336
Olson, Richard, D.O. 3514 Cedar Springs #200 526-1810
Watson, Terry R., D.O. 3507 Oak Lawn #204 520-7200
DALLAS FITNESS CENTERS (Area Code: 214)
Club Dallas 2616 Swiss 821-1990
Midtown Spa 2509 Pacific 821-8869
DALLAS ORGANIZATIONS/HELPLINES (Area Code: 214)
ACT-UP Dallas P.O. 64891/75206 504-8720
Addicare Alcohol & Drug Crisis Line 824-6035
African-American HIV/AIDS Support Group 371-1900
AIDS ARMS/ Network 2727 Oak Lawn #222 521-5191
AIDS Clinic/Parkland Hospital 5201 Harry Hines Blvd. #6B 599-5632
AIDS Funding Association (AFA) P.O. 191035 526-2778
AIDS Hotline 351-4335/Metro 214/267-5437
AIDS Info Line (24 hr) 351-4335/Metro 214/267-5437
AIDS Interfaith Network 2727 Oak Lawn, Suite 106/75206 559-4599
AIDS Mastery Workshop 2727 Oak Lawn, Suite 106/75206 526-LIFE (5433)
AIDS Prev. Test & Counsel. (Dr. Col. Hilda Pelt)
AIDS Programs/OLCS 2017 Cedar Springs 520-8108
AIDS Resource Ctr/DGA & FHU 2701 Reagan 521-5124
AIDS Services of Dallas/PWACD P.O. 4338 941-0523
AIDS Support Group Parkland House 599-5536
Alliance Support Profs P.O. 565112 526-2085
Asians & Friends P.O. 9142/75209 480-5906
Big Red (Redheaded Men) P.O. 190174/75219
BiNet (W/F Bisexual Network) P.O. 190172/75219 504-6612
Bryan's House 559-3946
Buddy's House 520-8108
Classic Chassis Car Club P.O. 7703/75209 214-620-0181
Co-Dependents Anonymous/Lambda P.O. 803156/75380
Couples (Metro Dallas) (Metro) (817)261-3253
Crossdressers (TV's) Helpline P.O. 565633/75396
D/F W.M.A.N. (Metro Area Nudists) 520-8108
Daire Center (Adult Day Care for PWAS) 520-8108
Dal. County Deaf AIDS Task Force 520-8108
Dallas Gay & Lesbian Alliance P.O. 190712 528-4233
Dallas Gay Alliance Credit Union 2701 Reagan 528-4233
Dallas Gay Historic Archives P.O. Box 190712/75219 826-5843
D.I.C.D.T. (Dal. Invt. Columbus Day Tr. Bowling Org.) 240-8351
Dallas Legal Helpline 2701 Reagan 520-8204
Dallas NAMES Project 520-SEWS
Dallas Silver Sabres P.O. 222331/75222 522-6095
Dallas Tavern Guild 3300 Reagan/75219 521-0638
Deaf Action Center 521-4047
DIFFA 817-1053
Drug Trials Info Line 1-800-TRIALSA
Eastfield Lambda Student Alliance 324-7185
Firefighters (Leather/Lewi Club) P.O. 190712/75219
Food Pantry 521-5444
Francophile Social Club 528-0074
Friends, Associating & Relating (F.A.R.) 327-4560
FrontRunners 559-0042/526-6424 824-8030
Garrett Park Manor Health Care 1407 N. Garrett 528-4233
Gay and Lesbian Gardeners P.O. 190652/75219 339-0787
Gay Community Center 2701 Reagan 528-4233
Gay Games IV P.O. 190712 946-8112/821-1653
Gay/Lesbian Parents of Dallas P.O. 190635 621-7440
Gay/Lesbian Youth Alliance 2701 Reagan 621-7440
Gayline (Comm. Res. Cntr.) P.O. 190635 626-6283
GLAAD/Dallas P.O. 190712 526-GLAAD523
G.U.T.S. (Gay Urban Truth Squad) 528-4233

Healing Circle / Dallas	827-0007	Club Unix (gay ski club)	385-0996	Lambda AA	3144 Ryan	921-2871	Church of Universal Divinity (Byzantine Rite)	880-3710	AIDS Hotline	(9 a.m.-9 p.m.)	524-AIDS	KPPT Radio	419 Lovett	526-4000		
Hispanic PWA Support Group	371-1900	United Court of the Lone Star Empire	P.O. 190865	Lambda Bowling		267-1963	Community Gospel Church	501 E. 18th	880-9235	AIDS Interfaith Council of Houston	330	682-5995	Lambda Center (AA)	1201 West Gay	526-1422	
HIV Ann. Testing & Counseling	920-7916	W.A.N.T. (Women in the Arts Networking Together)	528-5719	Lone Star Bowling League	Darrell Moore	338-0706	Dignity (Gay Catholics)	1307 Yale, Suite H	880-2872	AIDS Legal Hotline	528-7702	528-7702	(office) 521-1243 / (lobby) 528-4772	Lambda Rollerskating Club	P.O. 66450	862-4875
HIV Testing & Counseling	528-2336	Women's Health Project	4012 Cedar Springs	Longhorn Bowling Assoc.	Joan	654-2846	First Unitarian Church	5200 Fannin St.	526-5200	AIDS Mastery Workshop	P.O. 527251 / 727-2751	802-1557	Lesbian / Gay Students	U of H Clear Lake		
IGBO '92 Tournament Committee	P.O. 35021	Wormyn for Wormyn (Les. Res. Cntr.)	1315 Skiles	The NAMES Project (AIDS QUILT)	33-NAMES		Gay & Lesbian Mormons		424-1286	AIDS Project	900 Lovett #203	529-0037		2700 Bay Area / 77058		
Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of Dallas, Inc.				Parents & Friends of Lesb. & Gays (P-FLAG)	595-6568		Grace Lutheran Church	2515 Waugh	526-7078	American Civil Liberties Union		942-8146	Lesbians in Business (LIB)		529-0077	
Keeping It Up / Safe Sex (Infocall)	621-6955			Respect—G/L Assoc. of TGJC NE	TGJC Stud. Act.		Houston Interfaith Alliance		663-0757	Asians & Friends	P.O. 740346 / 77274	772-3757	LOAFF (Lesbians Over Age 50)	P.O. 980601	561-1462	
Kyro Proj. Inc. (KYRO News)				Respect—G/L Assoc. of TGJC NE	TGJC Stud. Act.		Houston LDS Family Sacrament Meeting		424-1286	Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf, Inc.	P.O. 66136 / 77266-6136		Lone Star Nudist Group	P.O. 541061 / 77254		
Lambda Amateur Radio Club	P.O. 35343 / 75235			Respect—G/L Assoc. of TGJC NE	TGJC Stud. Act.		Impact Church of Christ	401 Studebaker	824-8667				Lone Star Sym. Band	P.O. 66613		
Lambda Bowling (Men & Women)	Brice Mateo			Respect—G/L Assoc. of TGJC NE	TGJC Stud. Act.		Integrity (Episcopals & Friends)		432-9414				Lone Star Volleyball Assoc.		472-3080	
Lambda Car Club	P.O. 710271 / 75371			Respect—G/L Assoc. of TGJC NE	TGJC Stud. Act.		Jewish Family Service	4131 S. Braeswood	867-8336				Men of All Colors Together		866-8777	
Lambda Co-Dependents Anonymous	520-1018			Respect—G/L Assoc. of TGJC NE	TGJC Stud. Act.		Kolbe House	1509 Fairview	P.O. 66669 / 77266-6669				MCC Library (Gay & Lesbian Archives)		861-9149	
Lambda Meeting / Sex & Love Addicts Anon.	241-5442			Respect—G/L Assoc. of TGJC NE	TGJC Stud. Act.				522-8182				Medias Assn. Inc.	P.O. 66908 / 77266		
Lambda Overeaters Anonymous	238-0333			Respect—G/L Assoc. of TGJC NE	TGJC Stud. Act.				882-7533				Montrose Activity Center	3330 Graustark	P.O. 66684	
Lambda Weekly (Radio Program)	P.O. 190712 / 75219			Respect—G/L Assoc. of TGJC NE	TGJC Stud. Act.				523-6760							
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 American Red Cross / AIDS Support Group 753-2091
 Church With A Vision 420 E. Cotton St. 753-1501
LUBBOCK ORGANIZATIONS (Area Code: 806)
 Community Outreach Center 102 Ave. S. 762-1019
 GLSA (G/L Student Assoc.)
 P.O. 4310, SOS office #8 745-9207
 Lambda AA 828-3316 / 828-3316
 L.L./G.A. P.O. 4310 / 79464 791-4499
 MCC Lubbock 5501 34th St. 792-5562
 Outreach AA & Alanon 102 N. Ave. S. 866-4380
 Parents & Friends of Lesb. & Gays (P-FLAG) 792-1011
 South Plains AIDS Resource Center P.O. 6949 / 79413
 Hotline 792-7783 / Office 796-7068
LUFKIN ORGANIZATIONS (Area Code: 409)
 East Texas AIDS Foundation 569-8240
 Planned Parenthood 1404-Frank (Marlene)
 (HIV counseling / testing-free) 634-8446
MCALLEN CLUBS (Area Code: 512)
 Just Tony's 1500 N. 23rd 682-CHER
 P.B.D.'s Lounge Ware Rd. @ Dellfield 682-8019
 10th Ave. 1820 North 10th Ave. 682-7131
MCALLEN ORGANIZATIONS (Area Code: 512)
 AIDS Information Line 618-AIDS
 Casa Merced (PLA activity cntr/sup. group) 618-2775
 Comfort House (AIDS Hospice) 687-7367
 Proyecto Salud (AIDS education) 618-2775
MIDLAND / ODESSA CHURCH & ORGANIZATION
 (Area Code: 915)
 Holy Trinity Comm. Church 402 E. Gist 570-HTCQ4822
 Prodigal Ministry Community Church (Odessa)
 1500 East Murphy 580-7328
HACOGDOCHES ORGANIZATION (Area Code: 409)
 East Texas AIDS Project P.O. 631346 569-8240
 Testing / 569-2021
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 Miss Lillie's NiteSpot 8401 Andrews Hwy 366-6799
 The Tropics 6202 W. County Rd. 366-9559
 Mining Co. 409 N. Hancock 580-6161
ODESSA/MIDLAND/PERMIAN BASIN ORGANIZATIONS
 (Area Code: 915)
 Permian Basin AIDS Coalition 1522 N. Grandview
 Odessa / 79761 550-2437
PORT ARKANSAS ACCOMMODATIONS (Area Code: 512)
 Sea Horse Inn 1423 11th St. 749-5221
RIO GRANDE VALLEY ORGANIZATIONS
 MCC of the Rio Grande Valley Rte. 1, Earling Rd.
 Alamo, TX 78616 781-0884
 Valley Lambda Serenity A.A. 781-0884
 Valley Voice - A Lesbian & Gay Alliance
 P.O. 3027 Harlingen / 78551-3027
ROSENBERG ORGANIZATION (Area Code: 713)
 Country Cousins P.O. 94 / 77471
SAN ANGELO CLUB (Area Code: 915)
 Silent Partners 3320 Sherwood Way 949-9041
SAN ANGELO ORGANIZATIONS (Area Code: 915)
 Concho Valley Gay Alliance (C.V.G.A.)
 P.O. 750 / 76902 653-2966
 San Angelo AIDS Found. P.O. 62474 / 76906 949-6381
SAN ANTONIO CHURCHES (Area Code: 210)
 Dignity (Catholic Gays) P.O. 12484 558-3287
 First Unitarian Church 807 Beryl 344-4695

Integrity P.O. 15006 / 78212 980-7386
 MOCSA 1156 W. Woodlawn 734-0048
 Orthodox Old Catholic Church
 3114 W. Ashby Pl. / 78228 734-2843
 Religious Science Center of Positive Living
 5223 McCullough 822-4422
 River City Living MCC 202 Holland 822-1121
SAN ANTONIO CLUBS (Area Code: 210)
 Ab's Westernaire 722 San Pedro 227-9258
 B.B.'s Pub 5307 McCullough
 Bamboleo's Latin Fever 622 Roosevelt 532-6312
 Crew 309 W. Market 223-0333
 El Jardin 106 Navarro 223-7177
 GBR's 2022 McCullough 738-3118
 Las Guerras 5830 S. Flores 923-7944
 Memories 6402 Callaghan 340-1241
 New Ponderosa 5007 S. Flores 924-6322
 Nite Owl 330 San Pedro 223-OWLS
 Noo Zoo 10127 Coachlight 341-4778
 One-Six Off Broadway 106 Pershing 620-0906
 Paper Moon 1430 No. Main 225-7330
 Silver Dollar Saloon 1418 N. Main 227-2623
 Sparks 8011 Webbles 653-9941
 Stallion 2003 McCullough
 2015 2015 San Pedro 733-3365
 Wild Club 820 San Pedro 226-2620
SAN ANTONIO COUNSELING (Area Code: 210)
 Delta Program / Stafford Meadows Hosp. 1-800-274-0124
SAN ANTONIO FITNESS CENTERS (Area Code: 210)
 Executive Spa 703 Ave. B. 225-8807
SAN ANTONIO ORGANIZATIONS (Area Code: 210)
 AIDS Bulletins (computer) 824-2335
 AIDS Information 225-4715
 AIDS Resource Center 800 Lexington 222-1479
 Alamo Bus. Council (Prof. / Social) P.O. 15481 / 78212
 Alamo City Men's Choral P.O. 120243 / 78212
 979-7654
 Alamo City Volleyball 684-2434
 Alamo Couples P.O. 12446 828-2168
 Alamo Human Rights Committee 820-3053
 Alcohol Counsel. & Detox MHMR 421 6th St. 225-4227
 BEXAR MEN (nudist club) P.O. 791527 / 78279-1527
 Chain of Command Rt. 9, P.O. 252N
 Canyon Lake, TX 78133 899-7879
 Classic Chassis Car Club P.O. 33654 737-1765
 Court of the Alamo Empire P.O. 120123 735-9657
 Crisis Hotline (24 hours) 227-4357
 Detoxification Center 622 Dolorosa 225-5481
 Drug Abuse MHMR 3721A S. Presa St. 533-9156
 Friends of the Quilt, Names Project Box 12085 / 78212
 Gay & Lesbian Parent Coalition 2839 N.W. Military #506
 Gay Switchboard Bar Info 734-2833
 HACER (Hispanic AIDS Comm. for Ed. & Resources)
 1017 N. Main, Suite 208 227-2204
 Happy Foundation 411 Bonham 227-6451
 Helpline (Drug Abuse Central) 225-4066
 Lambda AA 132 Blue Star 225-5611
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R.A.M. (Resource Assistance Ministry)
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 San Antonio AIDS Found. 818 E. Grayson / 78208
 225-4715
 San Antonio Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Vets of America
 P.O. 33397 / 78265-3397 554-9918
 San Antonio Lesbian & Gay Assembly P.O. 12614 / 78212
 S.A. Gay Switchboard P.O. 120402 733-7300
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 Cntr. S.A. 301 S. Frio #278 270-4621
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 224-9175
 Tejas Motorcycle Club P.O. 120295 734-5321
 Texas Gay Rodeo Assoc. (TGRA) P.O. 12651 735-0150
 The Bridge (youth shelter) 806 Wilson Blvd. 734-9532
 Wellness Connection Inc. 731 W. Hildebrand
 738-0321
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 MCC 1014 Wichita 322-4100
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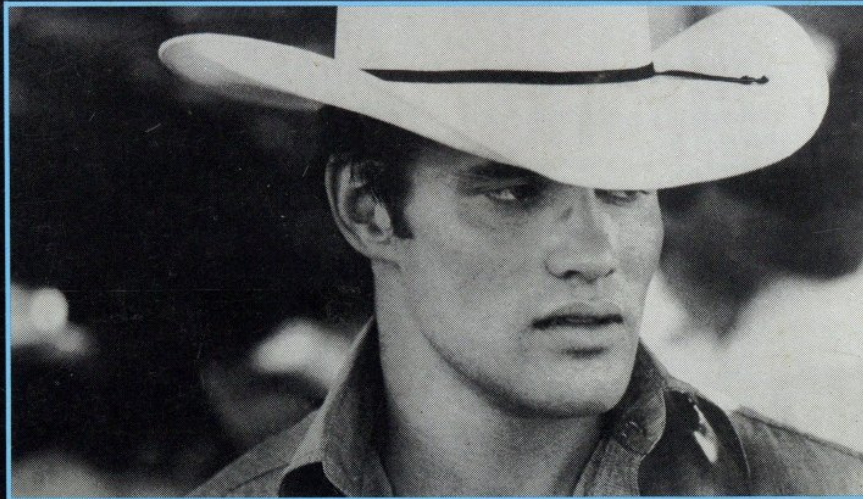
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