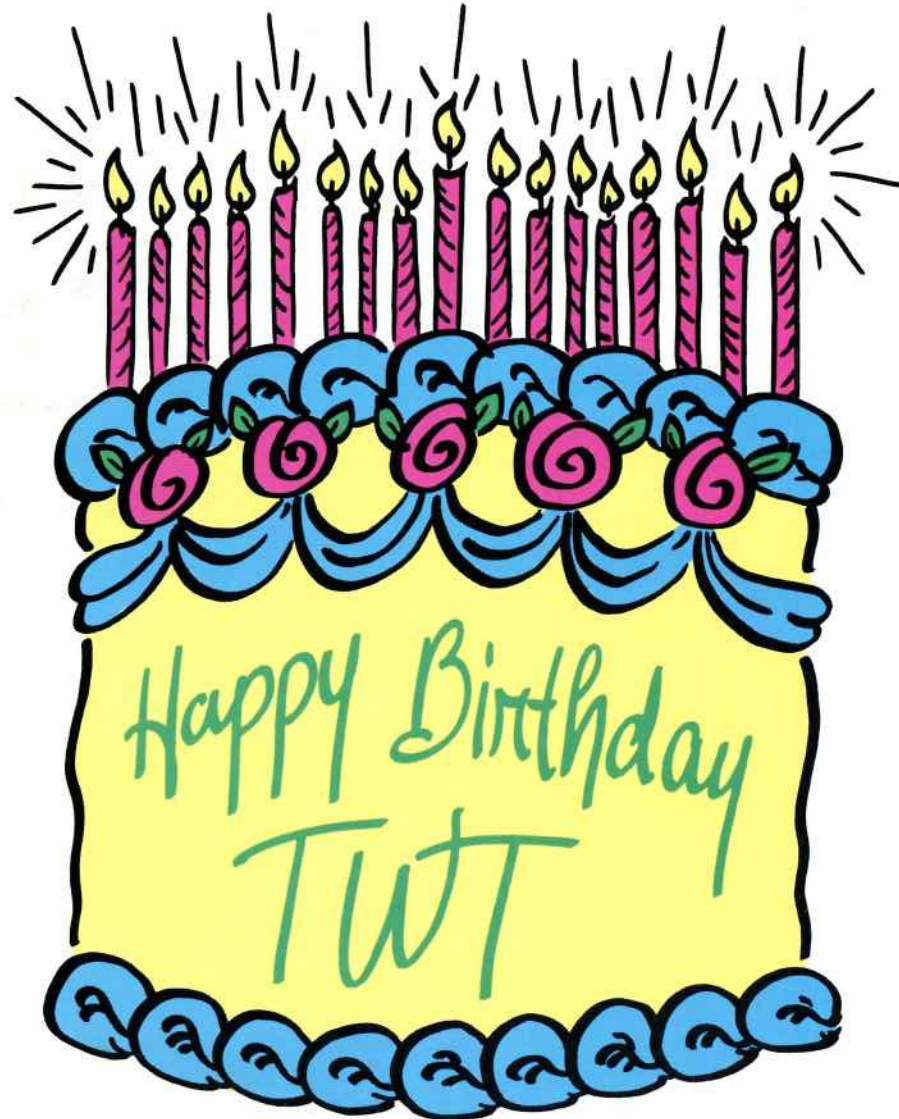




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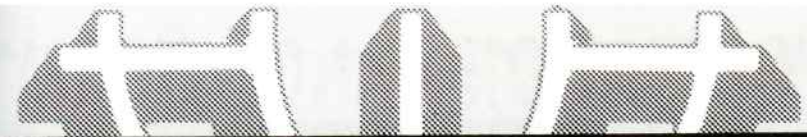
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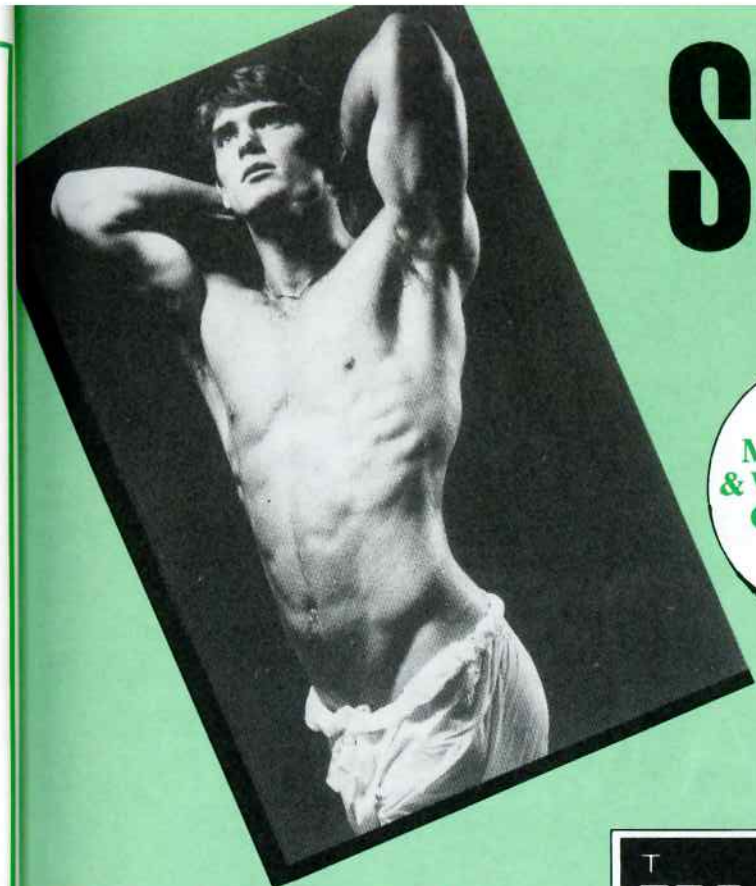
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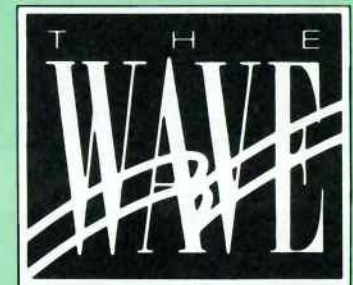
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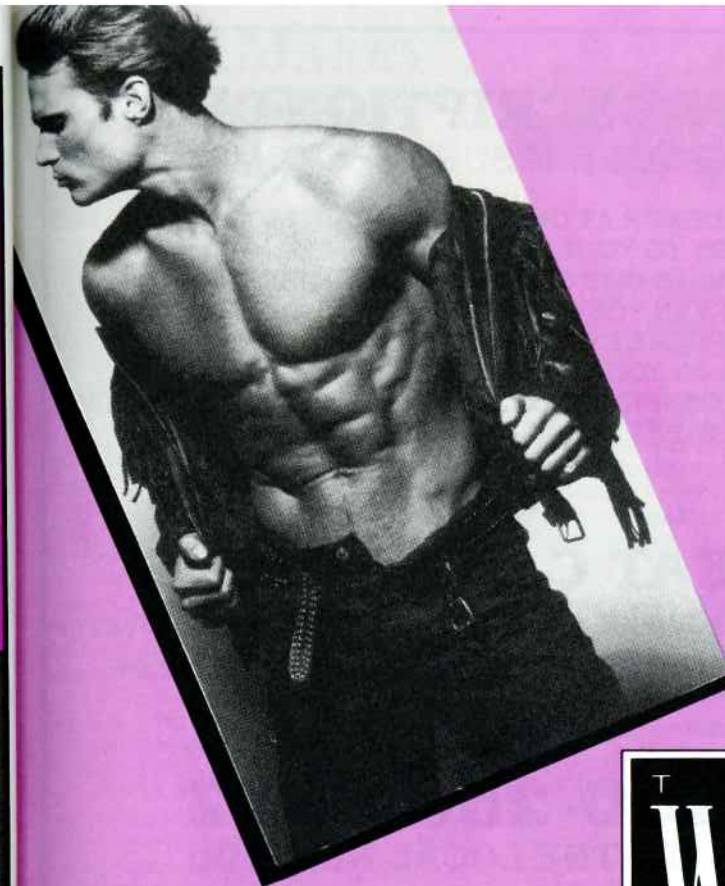
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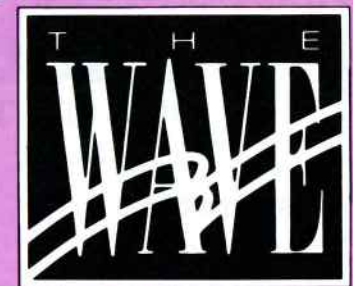
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# GLEN MAXEY WINS STATE HOUSE RUNOFF

*Easy Win Makes LGRL Lobbyist  
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Official in Texas History.*

AUSTIN — The biggest news in Texas this past week was out of Austin, where Glen Maxey, chief lobbyist for the Lesbian-Gay Rights Lobby of Texas [LGRL], won the runoff in the Texas House District 51 race. His victory makes him the first openly gay elected official in the history of the state of Texas.

Maxey received 3,034 votes, or 54 percent of the vote to 2,576, or 45.9 percent, for his opponent, lawyer David Rodriguez, to fill the seat vacated by Lena Guerrero. Turnout in the runoff was down some from the 6,380 votes cast in the first round on February 9, though it varied widely from precinct to precinct. Maxey appeared to have won most of the precincts with the heaviest turnouts.

Maxey had led the field of 13 candidates in the first round of voting on February 9, but without a majority of votes cast, he was forced into a runoff. It was not clear at first who his opponent would be, but a recount gave second place to Rodriguez over Maria Luisa Flores.



LGRL lobbyist **Glen Maxey**, winner of Texas House seat.  
TWT NEWS photo.

Although the fact that Maxey is gay never became a campaign issue, the last few days of the race did take on a nasty tinge as the two candidates traded charges and countercharges. The Maxey campaign television commercials saying his op-

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ponent had not paid taxes and questioning whether he had even lived in the district for the required one year. Rodriguez in turn accused Maxey of mudslinging.

The 51st District has traditionally been represented by a Hispanic politician, and some observers had believed Maxey might not be able to overcome this factor in the runoff. But after some of Rodriguez' problems came to light, even some Hispanic community leaders began urging voters to choose Maxey.

## BETH EL BINAH HOLDS PASSOVER SEDER

*Traditional Celebration of Liberation  
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DALLAS — Congregation Beth El Binah, the gay and lesbian Jewish congregation of Dallas, will host a Passover Seder on Saturday, March 30, the second night of Passover.

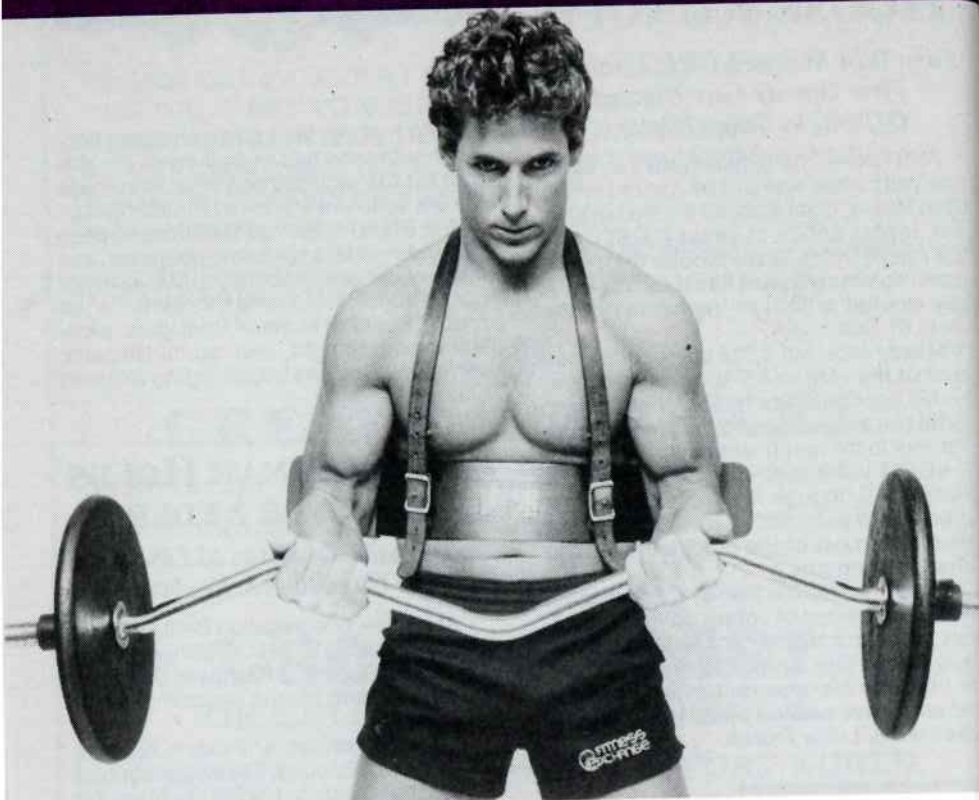
The first Passover, or Pesach, appears in the book of Exodus. The celebration of Pesach has been a Jewish tradition for over 2,000 years. The service, which retells the story of the Jewish Exodus, celebrates the liberation from bondage in all generations. It is also an affirmation of the promise of freedom to those who are still enslaved.

The story of Passover and the explanations of traditions and rituals in the Passover Seder are contained in a prayer book called the Haggadah. Congregation Beth El Binah uses its own Haggadah. The Hebrew is traditional, but the English used in the service reflects the congregation's commitment to nonpatriarchal, nonhierarchical and nonsexist Judaism.

Dinner will be kosher l'Pesach (kosher for Passover) and individual vegetarian meals are available upon request. The menu for the Pesach meal will consist of chicken, new potatoes, broccoli and carrots. Some ceremonial foods, such as

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The Seder, preceded by a Havdalah at 7 p.m., will be held at the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan. Reservations are required and must be made no later than March 15. The cost of the Seder will be \$12.50 for members of Beth El Binah and \$15 for nonmembers. To make reservations or for more information, please call Wayne at (214)320-0351.

To find out more about Congregation Beth El Binah and all its activities, contact Karyn Berger at (214)823-7672.

## SAFER SEX WORKSHOP PRESENTED IN AUSTIN

*Class to Provide Forum for Men To Share Feelings, Explore Ways Of Changing Sexual Behaviors.*

AUSTIN — "Eroticizing Safer Sex": A Workshop for Gay and Bisexual Men, will be presented by Paul Clover and Marty Kosarik on Sunday, March 10.

This workshop, which has become the most widely used AIDS prevention intervention in the world, was originally developed in 1985 as a response to the difficulties gay and bisexual men were experiencing in adopting safer sexual practices. Up till that time there had been no forums, other than therapy or counseling groups, in which men could discuss and share their feelings about changing their sexual behavior.

Uncertainties concerning how risky various sexual practices are and how to change patterns of sexual behavior have created anxiety, fear and depression in many gay men. Many men are angry about AIDS and the changes necessary to protect themselves and others, and they may even feel trapped into choosing celibacy as the only way of avoiding infection. They then become more angry or depressed as a result. Still others defiantly refuse to practice safer sex, and thus endanger themselves and their partners. The workshop is intended to address all of these issues.

"Eroticizing Safer Sex" will be held on Sunday, March 10 at 7 p.m. The workshop is three hours in length and will be in Room 103 at AIDS Services of Austin [ASA], 825 East 53½ Street. Call Kosarik at (512) 451-2273 for more information.

## AFH SPONSORS LEGAL WORKSHOP FOR PWAS

*Session to Address Wills, Power Of Attorney and Free Legal Services Available to PWAs.*

HOUSTON — The AIDS Foundation Houston [AFH] and the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program [HVLP] are sponsoring a Legal Workshop for PWAs and PWARCs at the Montrose Library March 16.

An attorney will discuss the need for a will, a power of attorney and medical directive to physicians and what can happen if a person does not have these documents.

Fran Brochstein, HVLP AIDS Coordinator, will screen individuals for the free legal services HVLP offers. To qualify, individuals must be residents of Harris County and meet income guidelines.

Billy Miller, Information and Referral Specialist at AFH, will provide referrals to private attorneys for individuals who do not meet HVLP criteria for free service.

The Legal Workshop is being held at 10 a.m. at the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose, and will be open to the public. For more information about the workshop, contact Miller at (713)623-6796.

HVLP is a local organization that provides free legal services to low-income residents of Houston and Harris County, in most areas of law except criminal cases. HVLP may be contacted at (713)228-0732.

## MCC DALLAS WOMEN HOLD AUCTION

*Second Annual Fund-Raiser Benefits Women's Health Project Of Nelson-Tebedo Clinic & Lesbian Resource Center.*

DALLAS — The Women's Activities Department of Metropolitan Community Church has announced it will sponsor its second annual "Auction: Shop 'Til You Drop" to benefit the Nelson-Tebedo Clinic for the Women's Health Project and the Lesbian Resource Center.

Items to be auctioned off have been donated by members of the community, and include art objects, clothing, gift items, services, evenings of entertainment

and other merchandise. Sue Schrader of MCC told TWT NEWS that there was still time to bring in items for the auction, and that all donations are tax-deductible.

The auction will be held Saturday, April 6 at MCC-Dallas, 5353 Maple Avenue. The evening kicks off with a preview at 6, and the auction itself follows at 7. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$1.

Those interested in donating items were asked to contact Schrader at MCC at (214) 526-6221.

## EMPOWERMENT FOR GAY MEN

*Bill Scott Directs Workshop On Relationships, Self-Esteem; Sponsored By Body Positive & AFH.*

HOUSTON — Body Positive Houston and the AIDS Foundation Houston's Wellness Program will co-sponsor a daylong workshop called "A Positive Approach to a Healthier and Happier Gay Lifestyle." The workshop will be directed by renowned Houston therapist and community leader Bill Scott of the New Counseling Center. Scott will focus on the many issues affecting self-esteem, personal satisfaction and relationship-building among gay men.

Participants are asked to come dressed comfortably and to be prepared for a day of openness, warmth and sharing.

The workshop will take place on Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Center, 1475 W. Gray. There is a \$20 fee, which includes lunch and snacks. Capacity for the workshop is limited, so all interested parties were asked to make advanced reservations by calling Bart Loeser of AFH at (713)623-6796.



Therapist Bill Scott to direct empowerment workshop for gay men.

TWT NEWS photo.

## WATERLOO MALE COUPLE WORKSHOP

*Daylong Session to Touch on Variety of Relationship Issues With Panel Discussion, Groups.*

AUSTIN — In an effort to meet the increasing demand for couples counseling, Waterloo Counseling Center in Austin has announced that it will sponsor a daylong workshop for male couples on Saturday, March 30. The workshop will feature a morning panel discussion by five couples who will explore a variety of relationship issues such as managing finances, communication between partners, power struggles, sensuality and sexuality, monogamy vs. open relationships, being out to relatives and others, parenting and HIV-related issues.

The afternoon will include small group meetings on each of these various topics so that couples can share their perspectives with others. The groups will be facilitated by Waterloo staff members.

The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes a catered luncheon. Both couples and individuals are invited to attend. For further information or to make reservations, call (512)322-9653. Preregistration is required by March 22.

## O.U.T. FORMS IN DALLAS

*Support Group to Provide Forum For Discussion of Gay Issues; Social Activities Planned.*

DALLAS — Over & Under Thirty (O.U.T.), a support group recently formed in the Dallas gay community, held its first general meeting Sunday, February 24.

Chairperson Guy Robison told TWT NEWS that O.U.T. is aimed at adults between the ages of 25 and 35 and aspires to foster an environment where gay males and lesbians can discuss issues common to the gay and lesbian community. In addition, Robison explained, the group provides positive support for both couples and individuals. "We want to celebrate our differences while understanding the common bonds that unite us."

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To learn more about O.U.T. and its schedule of weekly meetings, write to O.U.T., c/o DGA Community Center, P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219.

## NAMES PROJECT 'MARCH' EVENTS

*New Quilt Panels to Be Carried  
In March to Capitol; Volunteers  
Needed for March Events.*

AUSTIN — The Austin Names Project has a packed schedule of events lined up for the weekend of the March on Austin, March 15-17.

Quilt panels from the International AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display in the lobby of the beautiful Radisson Plaza Hotel at 4 p.m. Friday, and in the evening at a fund-raising reception for the Names Project in the ballroom of the hotel from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets to the fund-raiser are \$10.

Panels will also be on display in the hotel lobby on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. At that time the Names Project will be accepting new panels and will have merchandise available for purchase in the Lone Star room of the hotel.

Then on Sunday, the big day, volunteers will carry the new panels in the March to the Capitol. Following the March and rally at the Capitol, the Names Project will have a merchandise and information booth at the festival in Waterloo Park. The group will also be checking in and displaying new quilt panels at that time.

Clifford Ueltschey, chairperson of the Austin Names Project, told TWT NEWS that panels were still being accepted, and he issued an invitation to those interested in commemorating quilt panel. "Through the generosity of St. George's Episcopal Church of Austin, we have had space made available to us so that we may assist people in the creation of their panels as they wish. We have sewing machines, a selection of fabrics, ideas and expertise at the disposal of whoever might need us."

Ueltschey also said volunteers were still needed for all weekend events. To volunteer for panel check-in and merchandise sales, call Michael Schidler at (512) 280-9414; for information about the March, call Tony Pavia (512)837-3635; and to volunteer for the festival in Waterloo Park, call Sandi Skaggs at (512)385-3094.

## OLCS MOVING TO NEW HEADQUARTERS

*Larger Facility Will House All  
Current OLCS Functions, Allow for  
Further Expansion of Services.*

DALLAS — "We are moving, and we are excited!" exclaimed Terry Stone, Executive Director of the Oak Lawn Counseling Services. "We will be able to have everything in one location, at 3434 Fairmount," he told Michael McKinney of TWT NEWS.

Stone explained that OLCS had wanted to buy a permanent location, but decided instead on leasing. "We have a three-year lease on this property," he added, "and that will give us time to look further." Stone said that OLCS decided not to try to fund the purchase of a building at this time because there are several other large capital funds campaigns now in progress in the community.

"We will be able to have all our programs under one roof," Stone said. "This will include the Daire Center day care facility, the hotline, the Buddy Program and Oasis, for alcohol and drug addictions. We will be able to continue all our current programs, plus expand into other areas."

The two-story facility will house most of the health services downstairs, while counseling and seminars will be held upstairs.

"We are planning to move Easter weekend, on Friday, March 29," Stone said. "We will use all the help we can get, if anyone with a truck or van can give us a few hours of their time." Anyone interested in helping OLCS move was asked to contact Michael Doughman at (214)520-8108.

*OLCS' new headquarters at 3434 Fairmount.  
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## DIFFA HOSTS FUND-RAISER FOR PET PATROL

*Party to Feature Silent Auction of  
Pet Items, Jewelry & Scarves by  
Artist Jody Wagner.*

HOUSTON — Hoping to repeat the success of a similar fund-raising party held a year ago, the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA) is hosting a fund-raiser for the Pet Patrol on Wednesday, March 13. Last year's effort raised over \$2,500 in donations, pet food and services.

The organizers of this year's party hope it will prove even more successful. Featured will be animal-inspired tin jewelry and scarves by local artist Jody Wagner and a silent auction of pet-related gifts and services. Neiman Marcus has donated two "Doggie Vestitos," or Santa Fe blanket doggie coats.

The DIFFA-sponsored fund-raiser is being held at the Black Labrador Pub, 4100 Montrose, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cover charge for the party is a pet food donation. Hors d'oeuvres will be served compliments of the Black Labrador, and a cash bar at reduced prices will be offered.

The Pet Patrol is a nonprofit volunteer organization which provides in-home care for the pets of people with AIDS who cannot care for them. Patrol volunteers feed and walk the pets as well as provide transportation to the veterinarian or to visit a friend in the hospital. The Patrol, founded by Tori Williams, Volunteer Coordinator and Special Projects Manager of the Interfaith Council, has provided care for over 250 pets since its inception in 1986.

## OLCS HOLDING AIDS SEMINAR FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS

*Planners Hope to Educate, Enlighten  
Medical Professionals Who Hesitate  
To Treat HIV-Positive Patients.*

DALLAS — "We are conducting a special seminar for people in the medical or mental health professions," said Gary Swisher, Director of Health Services for the Oak Lawn Community Services. "We

want this to serve as an introduction to the issues affecting persons who are HIV positive," he told Michael McKinney of TWT NEWS.

The seminar, entitled "Connecting the Pieces: Exploring the Puzzling Issue of HIV Infection and Therapy," will be held on Friday, March 22, and is open to anyone in the medical or mental health professions. The event is being funded by Burroughs-Wellcome, the manufacturer of AZT.

Addressing the session will be Evulu Pridgeon, director of counseling for OLCS, as well as psychologist Stacey Broun and Drs. Alan Hamill and Christopher McNulty. Swisher expressed the hope that the seminar would educate and enlighten medical professionals who have been hesitant to accept HIV-positive patients.

"We will deal with identifying clients' needs," he added, "whether the issue is physical, psychological or a reaction to certain types of medication."

David Howard, Director of Marketing for OLCS, said the organization was sending out over 500 announcements to members of the medical community. "We can only accommodate 120 people," he added, "so people must call in advance and make reservations. We will not be able to accept walk-ins."

The seminar will be held at the Center for Nonprofit Management, 2900 Live Oak. Reservations may be made by calling OLCS at (214)520-8108.



OLCS Director of Health Services Gary Swisher (l) and Director of Marketing David Howard make preparations for upcoming seminar.

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## COMMENT

### Loved Valentine Cover

Dear TWT:

We as members of the leather  
community would like to thank you for the  
great Valentine's issue cover of *twt* [Vol.  
16, No. 48].

Sometimes the leather family feels left  
out in "community" media coverage and  
this was a bright note. Leather men and  
women in this city do comprise a large  
group of people who are real, viable  
working members of the community. We  
have our AIDS charities and hold events  
but sometimes feel completely ignored  
because we are the "minority in the  
minority."

Thanks for showing leather people in a  
positive light. We aren't the ogres people  
make us out to be.

Oh, as an aside, checking the man's  
signal (hanky), we noticed he's a top  
(hanky on the left). We can only assume  
that the handcuffs being on the right  
simply mean he's right-handed!

How about a leather woman next?

Terrie Anderson  
Co-chair/National Leather Association Dallas  
Larry Arbo  
Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer 1990  
Dallas, TX

### Loved Woman on Cover

Dear TWT:

Loved seeing a lesbian on the cover! I  
feel *twt* is sincere in its effort to support  
women in *our* community and look  
forward to more articles and features on  
women.

Advertising in *twt* has been most  
beneficial to my goal of directing my  
business towards the lesbian and gay  
community. Thanks for being there.

Suzanne Anderson  
Owner/Broker  
Suzanne Anderson Properties  
Houston, TX

### Likes Women Writers, Stories

Dear TWT:

I have never written a magazine before,  
but I just want to tell you I am glad to see  
you are utilizing women writers and  
women's stories.

I enjoyed the article about Beaumont. I  
used to live there and I never knew then  
how interesting it was.

Sharon Christopher  
Houston, TX

### Southwestern Bell Anti-Gay?

Dear TWT:

On November 20, 1990, I was  
suspended from Southwestern Bell  
Telephone Company pending termination.  
I was terminated on November 30, 1990  
for what they classified as "gross  
misconduct." Thanks to AIDS Services of  
Austin [ASA] and other clinics and  
hospitals, I have still been able to receive  
my necessary prescriptions and such.  
Also, my doctor still wants to see me  
regardless of payment or not.

The main point of my letter is this: The  
Union, the ASA and my doctor feel I was  
fired to set an example to the rest of  
the phone company's employees. We also feel  
that my diagnosis with AIDS last  
December also influenced their [SWBT's]  
decision.

In grievance meetings we have proven  
that other clerks have not only falsified  
records but monitored their home phones  
for hours at a time. My termination was  
based on the fact that I had been toying  
with the monitoring equipment, for I never  
was trained on this job upgrade (customer  
service rep.). I had only been upgraded in  
August.

Not once did I monitor a line to listen  
to conversations. Most of my spare time I  
would test the monitoring equipment on  
my home phone, when no one was home.  
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had written permission to do so.

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I also presented a letter from an employee who admitted to monitoring her home phone from one to three hours daily. No disciplinary action was or has yet been taken.

What I ask is that the gay community write to Pres. William Dreyer, SWBT Tx. Division, One Bell Plaza Ste 3700, Dallas TX 75202.

This type of discrimination is happening much too often. I will be writing other agencies this week also, for SWBT has been monitoring my home phone since my termination. I am of course getting all documentation and records together for my lawsuit also.

Shawn Towler  
Austin, TX

## Let Gays Serve Country

*The following letter, a copy of which was provided to TWT COMMENT, was sent to Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas.—Editor*

Dear Senator Bentsen:

I am writing you this letter to bring to your attention an injustice that U.S. service men and women serving in the Gulf War are being subjected to by our own government. While reading a letter written to the editor of *THIS WEEK IN TEXAS* [Vol. 16, No. 49] written by Gene Elder of San Antonio, Texas, I discovered the injustice I am speaking of. It was revealed in the *Wall Street Journal* [Jan. 24, 1991, Sec. B1] that gay service men and women have been told by the military that they can serve in the Persian Gulf War and then they will be discharged when the war is over. The letter went on to say that 14 reservists have been notified of this decision by the military. The letter also states that one gay serviceman was told, "We're going to ship your ass to Saudi Arabia, use your butt for cannon fodder; and if you come back we'll throw you out."

One reason we are in this war is to stand up for what is right and for freedom, which are the ideals we try to promote around the world, and then our government does this to its own defenders? The evidence that gays have served and can serve this country, as well as anyone else, in the armed services is overwhelming. (A copy of the "Pentagon Report on the Suitability of Homosexuals in the Armed Services" may be easily obtained from

Congressman Gerry Studds, along with other documentation to this effect.)

Sir, I request that you investigate this matter and take action on the behalf of these brave, patriotic men and women who are serving our country in the war. Additionally, I request that you let me know the results of your investigation concerning this matter and what action, if any, you take.

Despite the fact that gay people can easily avoid the dangers and sacrifices of military service, most of us have chosen to serve when the time came, and as with others who have served, some of us have made the ultimate sacrifice. The time for full citizenship for gay citizens is long overdue. Our lives, too, have been laid down for the security and freedoms we all have.

Hugh B. Calloway  
Dallas, TX

## Thanks from Alexis, Gang

Dear TWT:

Our benefit show for AIDS Services of Austin on February 13 was a success, raising \$300 for educational outreach.

We want to publicly acknowledge the special contributions of one of our fellow performers, Penelope, in helping to motivate us to performances we can all be proud of. We also want to thank her for providing the bulk of the wardrobe and props used during the show. The love and dedication she showed to us will shine in our memories.

We would also appreciate a special note of thanks to the staff of the Boathouse for hosting this event, to Nicole for emceeding it and to the management of the Crossing for donating the use of their spotlight.

We look forward to future benefits and endeavors uniting the community and allowing everyone to share their talents and caring natures.

Alexis Texas & the Rubber Fairies  
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## Delta Lambda Phi

Dear TWT:

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Thank you for supporting our outreach effort to the community.

Ron Mohring  
President, Eta Chapter  
Delta Lambda Phi National Social Fraternity  
Houston, TX

## No Substitute for Action

Dear TWT:

To these people who think activism is something that should be done away with, they need to stop and look around them. Stop and look at the women's movement, Martin Luther King and the recent boycotts. In order for something to happen, action must take place. I am sure they use the freedoms other activists have gotten for us. I am sure they will use the ones we will be getting in the future. Before they talk badly about it, they need to read [the obituaries] in the back of TWT every week. Try feeling what the people who wrote them felt, more so if the person died of AIDS.

If my presence in a street or on a sidewalk will help get new freedoms or more money for AIDS treatment or will save a life, then I say do it. As for Queer Nation, I think it is great. I would love to be a part of it. How do you become a member?

Shawn Harris  
Texas City, TX

*There are chapters of Queer Nation forming or already in existence in several of Texas' larger cities, including Houston.—Editor*

## Ericka Thanks S.A.

Dear TWT:

On Saturday, February 16, 1991, A Valentine Benefit in Memory of Courtney Rose was held as a fund-raiser for the San Antonio AIDS Foundation. I am proud to announce that over \$2,100 was raised that night in memory of Courtney Rose for S.A.A.F.

As emcee of this benefit show, I would like to thank many different groups of people who helped make this benefit a success: the performers, who contributed their time and efforts (This show ran five hours and 20 minutes and the audience stayed with us to the very end!); the businesses and individuals that also helped by donating items to be auctioned during the benefit; and, of course, another special group of people to thank are the owners and staff of Memories, who allowed us to hold this benefit in memory of Courtney Rose in their bar.

Most of all, I would like to thank the many people who attended the benefit show and with their contributions made the evening a huge success.

Ericka Raye  
Rose & Raye Productions  
San Antonio, TX

## Montrose Singers Update

Dear TWT:

My thanks to TWT for publishing information about the Montrose Singers' participation in "Texas Sing Out," the concert for the March on Austin. Since the original plans were made, some things have changed. Turtle Creek Chorale has withdrawn from the performance, unfortunately for us all, but Alamo City Men's Chorus and Tapestry (the Austin women's chorus) have committed.

Your readers may be interested to know some things about the Montrose Singers. We have tripled our membership in two years, and doubled it in 1990 alone, making the past two years the first time the Singers have had consistent growth since their premiere concert in 1980. Not bad, huh?

Furthermore, our programming is now more specifically geared to music which promotes human rights, specifically gay and lesbian rights.

If you will be in Austin for the march, I hope you will attend the concert. It promises to be an inspiring event.

Again, thanks for your concern about our efforts. The Singers have some impressive events lined up for the future, and we have impressive, hard-working, multi-talented men who will make these events work.

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Dear TWT:

After reading an article in the *Houston Chronicle* dated February 28, 1991, I am writing this letter in the hopes of making the gay and lesbian community aware of the incredibly unjust prejudice brought upon us by Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores Inc.

I can't begin to express the anger and rage that I felt after reading the following quote [from a policy statement issued by Cracker Barrel vice president of human resources William A. Bridges]: It "is perceived to be inconsistent with those of our customer base to continue to employ individuals...whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values which have been the foundation of families in our society."

My lover and I and numerous friends traveling the highways and byways of the rural South always made it a point to stop at Cracker Barrels to indulge in some good food and quick shopping. However, in light of the feelings expressed by [Cracker Barrel] vice president Bridges and the company chairman, Dan W. Evins, I feel that all gays and lesbians who take pride in our lifestyle should find somewhere more traditional to enjoy our meals. After all, "traditional" is a social attitude.

Tony Corrigliano  
Houston, TX

## Work for Cohesiveness

Dear TWT:

In the last week of February, I read in the *Dallas Times Herald* about two events that were directed against gay people. The first was Dallas County Commissioner Jim Jackson's attempt to move the precinct 3304 voting location away from the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. He said, "This building is occupied by an organization that is controversial in our society. I don't think anyone would find it astounding that senior citizens would be uncomfortable going into a gay center to vote."

The other event concerned the Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, a chain of around 100 restaurants. They fired several gay persons because company policy prohibited homosexual employees. After

national gay and lesbian leadership confronted Cracker Barrel, management ostensibly backed down while declaring it had not violated any law when the helpers were dismissed.

Both happenings needlessly single out gay people and blatantly discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. In addition, both cases seem to suggest a meanness factor and general disregard for the needs and feelings of gay Americans.

The entire gay community needs to augment its focus on the issue of "friendly versus unfriendly" to our needs. When we united last fall and voted as a block for Ann Richards, and against the contempt and arrogance of Clayton Williams, we felt proud. We made the difference last fall and we knew it. If we continue to work for that kind of cohesiveness, we will succeed in the long run beyond our wildest dreams and put a stop to many of the needless cases of discrimination that continually haunt members of our community.

Addison Carley  
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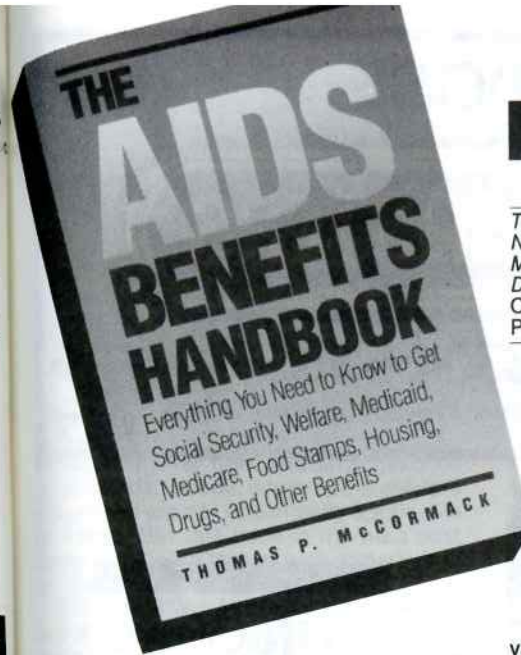
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Reviewed by  
Shimon Kaplan  
and  
John Paul Barnich

Judges who have had to deal with cases involving welfare programs have commented on their bewildering complexity and unfathomable bureaucracy. Lawyers and social workers who are trying to assist PWAs obtain various benefits are all too often frustrated and baffled. A PWA who is trying to navigate through the system can all too easily lose his way in the labyrinth and become thoroughly discouraged.

The first half of the book discusses the various benefit programs a PWA may be entitled to, including less well known programs such as the Hill-Burton program and the Department of Veterans Affairs pension program. For each program, the book provides a summary of the eligibility requirements, the benefits available, where and how to apply, the appeal rights and any pertinent additional information. There is also a list of suggestions for improving the system in Texas and other states through legislation or political action, for anyone so inclined.

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Now, however, there is a guide. Thomas McCormack's new book provides a comprehensive review of the various welfare programs, explains how to obtain the benefits a PWA is entitled to and answers many questions that all too often one cannot get answers to when applying for benefits.

This is not a simple book, nor is it easy to read, because the benefits programs it deals with are not simple. But a careful study of the book will help explain what help is available, who is entitled to it and how one goes about getting it.

The second half of the book, equally useful, contains a series of appendices. Some of the appendices contain invaluable information on Social Security disability programs, forms that can be filled out by physicians and PWAs who are applying for Social Security disability benefits and which can be of great help in establishing eligibility for Social Security disability benefits. Also included in the second half of the book is a list of documents to bring when one is applying for any kind of benefits; the information contained in this list is invaluable, as anyone

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can attest who has applied for benefits and been told to return with additional documentation. Other appendices provide lists of names and the addresses of various state and other agencies which can provide assistance.

Because the book was published in 1990, some of the dollar figures are out of date, since most programs have increased

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their benefits for 1991. And since the book is national in scope, some of the matters discussed are not specifically applicable to Texas. But this book is the next best thing to hiring a lawyer with expertise in all the welfare programs.

We urge PWAs, HIV-positive individuals and all those who assist them to get a copy and study it carefully. And as McCormack advises frequently, “Don’t wait!”

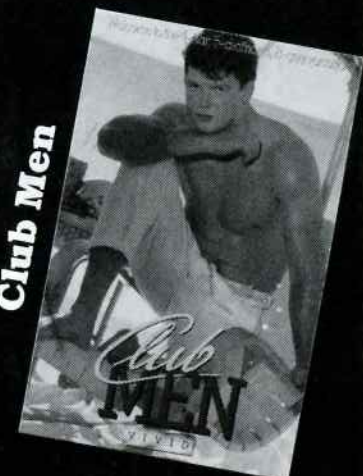
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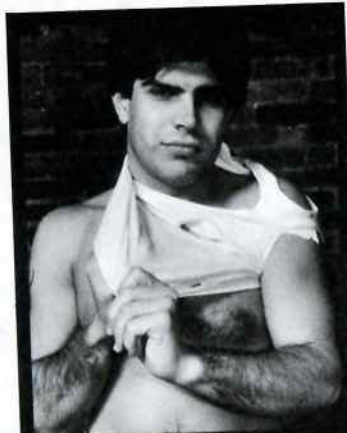
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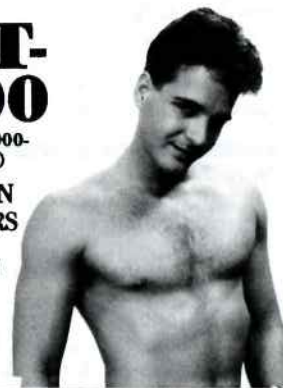
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# TOM STODDARD

## Speaks Out on Health Care Issues Facing Gays and PWAs

*Tom Stoddard, Executive Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund of New York City, recently came to Houston to take part in a legal case involving a local man whose employer had virtually eliminated his AIDS health insurance benefits. Stoddard, who visits Texas frequently as part of his legal work and to visit his parents, spoke with Brian Keever of TWT NEWS about some of the legal and health care issues facing gays and people with AIDS across the nation.*

**TWT:** Tom, would you like to comment on the federal and state legal battles surrounding the health care issue, testing of health care workers and, in particular, the role of the Centers for Disease Control in this matter?

**TS:** CDC follows a pattern of provocation and withdrawal, and I don't know what this pattern will yield. But the CDC isn't the last word on this. If necessary, we'll litigate it, and I'm sure there are others who will litigate it, too, because it's a matter of law, it's not just policy.

If we lose this health care issue, it will unravel all the testing issues around the United States, because there's even more argument for testing patients than there is for health care workers. Both of the arguments are specious, but the politics of accepting one, I think, leads to accepting the other, and then we unravel all the progress that we've made for the past few years. We're working very hard on that issue. The CDC had a conference two weeks in Atlanta to hear comment on this issue. Lambda doesn't have a very large staff, but we sent three lawyers because we just have to be as active as we can. We're working in coalition with the ACLU and a whole lot of other groups on it. I just did a TV show on it [Oprah Winfrey], which was a very painful, difficult show, because it had the woman

from Florida who claims she was infected by a dentist.

**TWT:** I still don't believe that happened.

**TS:** You know what the rumor is. . .

**TWT:** I don't believe that happened.

**TS:** I don't either, but the rumor would explain it.

**TWT:** What is that?

**TS:** The rumor is that there are three patients who apparently have the same genetic version of the virus as the dentist. One is this young woman, one is an older woman and the third one is a male. The rumor is, and I have no way of verifying this right now, that the man was his lover, that he operated on his lover and then he operated on these two women, and it infected the equipment. That would be plausible; none of the rest of it is plausible, but that would be.

**TWT:** That's scary.

**TS:** But the show was rough, because the audience is not sympathetic to our position.

**TWT:** Oh no, not at all.

**TS:** But we did what we could.

**TWT:** In an article I read in the *Advocate* recently, someone said, "This is really a workplace safety issue here." That's the first time I had seen that said, and it really jumped out at me.

**TS:** And the CDC and the AMA should be concerned about standards of care in



GENE BAGNATO

## HIGHLIGHT

by Brian Keever

every dental and medical office. They don't care about that; they only care about stigmatizing people with AIDS and HIV. That's why it's scandalous.

**TWT:** We have a dental clinic here in Houston, funded through the Bering Foundation, which treats PWAs and HIV-positive people.

What about the recent change in the immigration regulations that kept people with AIDS out of the United States?

**TS:** Congress not only repealed, changed the standards for HIV, it repealed the anti-gay exclusion, which is the only statutory exclusion in all federal law. And that's [Rep.] Barney Frank's doing. He's a great hero; in fact, we're giving him one of our Liberty Awards this spring in honor of the immigration bill.

There's another AIDS issue nationally that has ramifications in every state, and it's connected with the health care issue. It's the keeping of lists of HIV-positive people. There are now nine states that keep these lists and do not permit exceptions; that is, they don't permit anonymity in clinics. Texas, thank heavens, is *not* one of those states.

**TWT:** I'll bet you North Carolina is.

**TS:** South Carolina is; I don't think North Carolina is. The real prime mover behind this is Colorado. Colorado did it in 1985 and they've been promoting it for a long time. We're involved in a lawsuit in New York in the highest court in New York, comparable to the Texas Supreme Court, in which the doctors' organizations are trying to force New York State to keep one of these lists [of people who have tested HIV-positive]. If we lose that, particularly given the fact

that there are more HIV-positive people in New York than in any other state, the political significance will be very great. This comes at a time when the AMA has just endorsed record-keeping [of such cases]. The AMA's been much too busy on these subjects; somebody should punish them. And the CDC has made noises that they think this is a good idea.

**TWT:** I still don't understand why. I mean, the paperwork alone would be ridiculous. We have enough bureaucracy now, not to mention that.

**TS:** The government likes to gather unto itself whatever information it can. But the really bad aspect of it is that we know that people do not get tested under those circumstances. For example, in Colorado, a colleague of mine, a doctor who's conducting a protocol, says that people who enter that protocol are sicker than in a similar protocol he conducted in Massachusetts, and he thinks it's because they're postponing getting the test and therefore not getting AZT and other drugs. He's also refused to turn over the names of his subjects and so we're representing him in Colorado in a challenge to the state health department.

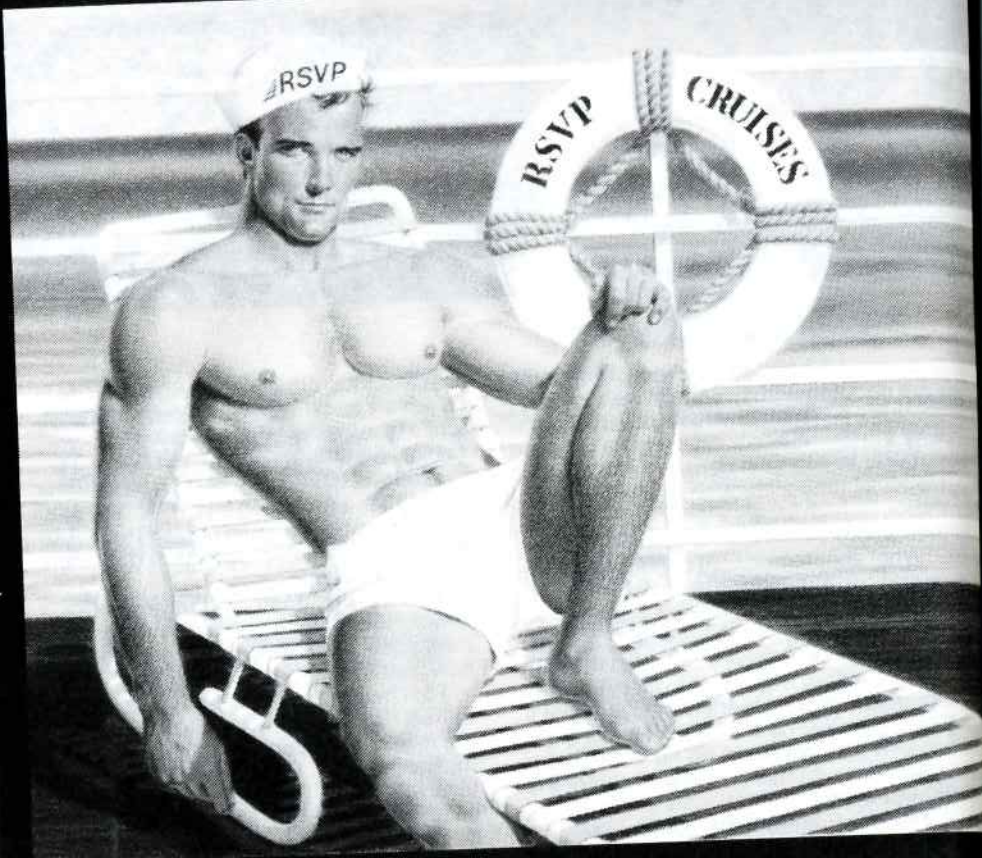
**TWT:** That's great. Do you have any more you might like to say to our readers?

**TS:** The future of the country is in Texas, as it affects both the gay and nongay communities. The right wing and fundamentalists and our community always square off and fight here in Texas, and what happens here affects the entire nation.

**TWT:** Thank you for speaking with us, Tom.

**TS:** Thank you.

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# short TAKES

by Xavier Tamez



**M**ovies. Movies. Movies. Hundreds of them are made each year. Some of them are so bad or have such limited audience appeal that they never even make it into general distribution; these are sent straight into the home video and cable markets. Of those that do come to Houston, there are so many that it would be impossible for a weekly publication to cover them all unless it was devoted solely to film (which would be fine by me, but probably wouldn't make our readers happy). Therefore, to maximize the amount of coverage we give to films, while minimizing the space requirements, we present "Short-Takes"—mini-reviews of a sampling of the options at our local theaters.

### Rating System:

★★★★ - Outstanding  
 ★★★½ - Very Good  
 ★★★ - Good

★★½ - Above Average  
 ★★ - Average  
 ★½ - Below Average

★ - Bad  
 ½ - Very Bad  
 No Stars - Bomb



**O**nce Around. An exuberant comedy about a headstrong Italian woman, Renata Bella (Holly Hunter), who, shamed that her younger sister, Jan (Laura San Giacomo), has married first, applies pressure to her live-in boyfriend to tie the knot. When he jumps ship, Renata heads for the Caribbean to begin her life anew. There she meets real estate salesman Sam Sharpe (Richard Dreyfuss), who also happens to be as obnoxious as he is wealthy. Swept up by his enthusiasm, Renata decides to marry Sam and takes him home with her to Boston to meet her traditional, close-knit family. Renata's parents, Joe (Danny Aiello) and Marilyn (Gena Rowlands) and the whole Bella family grapple and groan with this new development in Renata's life as Sam does his best to be accepted. Director Lasse Hallstrom (*My Life as a Dog*) has scored big in his American film debut. Although at times a bit corny, *Once Around* is gushing fun.


★★★

**S**leeping with the Enemy. This is your basic uninspired attempt at a thriller. Laura Burney (Julia Roberts) is a beautiful woman married to a highly successful stockbroker, Martin (Patrick Bergin). Trouble is, Martin is actually a possessive, manipulative, iron-fisted wife-beater. Having made careful preparations, Laura takes advantage of a sudden storm and fakes her drowning in a boating accident. Through an innocent condolence call, Patrick learns that he's been duped and he begins his maniacal search. A few close calls later, and Patrick has caught up with Laura. From that point it's all a matter of time or a waste of time if you're sitting in the audience. Bergin is the best of the cast, while Roberts and Kevin Anderson, as a wimpy



next-door neighbor, are wasted. Director Joseph Ruben and screenwriter Ronald Bass have created your run-of-the-mill stalker picture with very little to redeem it.

★½



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**L. A. Story.** This film couldn't be any more Steve Martin if Martin himself had been the sole creative force behind it. And since he is the writer, star and co-producer, he does indeed get most of the credit and blame for this curious outing. Martin plays Harris K. Telemacher, a zany TV weatherman who hates his job and his girlfriend. Things begin to change for him when he thinks he's received a message from a flashing traffic alert sign on the highway. He's convinced something big is going to happen, and sure enough he's fired from his job when a pre-taped weather report turns out to be preposterously wrong. He also discovers his girlfriend has been sleeping with his agent, but this proves to be a blessing, since he now has the freedom to pursue Sara McDowell (Victoria Tennant), whom he had met at a brunch. Even though the movie was directed by Mick Jackson, it has Martin written all over it. It's a half-baked comic love story that wants to be a California equivalent of Woody Allen's *Manhattan*, but this one lacks the intelligence and the wit. ★ ★

**Silence of the Lambs.** This is the psychological thriller that almost is, but not quite. It does have some tantalizing moments, but it falls short of overcoming its initial plot weaknesses. For instance, it's never adequately explained why a student at the FBI Academy, Clarice Sterling (Jodie Foster), is selected as the woman to probe the mind of an imprisoned psychopath, Dr. Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins). Or why, having been assigned to gather information from "Hannibal the Cannibal," Clarice wastes no time in disregarding the explicit instructions given to her by three different people on what to do and not to do in dealing with Lecter. Still, despite these plot holes, the movie does maintain interest, primarily through the calculated interaction between Foster and Hopkins. Hopkins, in particular, is remarkable as the brilliant serial killer who adapts his intelligence to fulfill his homicidal tendencies. Jonathan Demme has done a fine job directing, but he misses the mark in writing. ★ ★

**Scenes from a Mall.** This movie serves notice that it just doesn't pay to anticipate a motion picture too eagerly. But surely a little excitement is understandable about a film that combines the tremendous talents of Bette Midler, Woody Allen and Paul Mazursky. Understandable or not, this movie was one big disappointment. Mazursky, who has previously shown such intuitive flair with other comedies (*Down and Out in Beverly Hills*, *Moon over Parador*), has come up with a flat and droning piece this time around. Deborah and Nick Fifer (Midler and Allen) are celebrating their sixteenth wedding anniversary with a dinner party. They go to the mall to buy supplies for the party, and it is there that they decide to play true confessions. First Nick, then Deborah, bare their souls about infidelity, both reacting with hostility and then forgiveness. And it



all takes place in the mall. The concept is good, but Midler and Allen never quite click. This is one long, boring shopping trip. ★ 1/2

**King Ralph.** All fluff and nothing but. This is a cute, innocent enough little comedy that pleases without inspiring. Its success is due almost solely to star John Goodman, who plays a Las Vegas piano player, Ralph Jones. Ralph, whose grandmother became pregnant from a one-night stand with a member of the British royal family, finds himself on the throne when the entire House of Windsor-Mountbatten is electrocuted while posing for a portrait. King Ralph, of course, must be educated in the ways of royals, and in this he is ably assisted by his private secretary, Willingham (Peter O'Toole). The king, however, is quite content with his blue-collar way of life and in no mood to adopt pretentious mannerisms, especially when it means he can't see his new-found English love interest, Miranda (Camille Coduri). Throw in a resentful aristocrat, Graves (John Hurt), with aspirations of his own to the throne and you have lighthearted fare that'll make you smile. ★ ★

## BACKSTAGE

By MARC ALEXANDER

**D**id you know that Austin has had a kite contest for 63 years? The contest is held at Zilker Park and there will be a more than ample supply of colorful homemade kites that will stall, spin, spiral and soar in events that decide the steadiest, highest, smallest, largest, most active and most unusual kites. The actual contest will be on March 10, noon till sundown, and best of all, it's free! Zilker Park is located at 2201 Barton Springs Road. Call (512)477-7273 and they will give you all the details about the contest.

All Aboard... *The Great American Train Show* is this weekend, March 9 and 10, at the Dallas Convention Center. More than 10,000 model trains of all shapes, sizes and makes—from antiques to the newest novelties—will encourage you to lose track of time as you ogle the operating layouts. Table after table of toy train memorabilia and accessories will be available for you to purchase. The convention center is located at 650 S. Griffin.

**Doug Varone's** work is a keen and hon-

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And now for a bit of news about the boob tube: Houston's Channel 8 (PBS) will offer six new specials celebrating a variety of vocalists. The station is hoping that **Frank Sinatra, Fred Astaire and Patti LaBelle** will help to boost its March Live Pledge Drive. The various features will consist of film clips, interviews and performances. The Frank Sinatra feature will be presented March 9 at 9 p.m., the Fred Astaire show will be broadcast on March 17 at 5:30 p.m. and Patti LaBelle will put her whole heart into "Going Home to Gospel with Patti LaBelle" on March 16 at 7 p.m. Patti will have an assist from such notable gospel greats as **Mighty Clouds of Joy, Albertina Walker, Edwin Hawkins and the Barrett Sisters**. Tune in, and for you folks throughout the rest of the state, check your local listings. Perhaps your local PBS station will be conducting its own live pledge drive at this time.



RSVP at the Dallas Repertory Theatre.



Rudolf Nureyev in Galveston.

Back in Dallas, vocal group **RSVP** returns to the Dallas Repertory Theatre stage in three cabaret concerts March 11, 17 and 18, backed by their four-piece band. The four talented singers, **Carol Farabee, Julie Johnson, Michael Justis and Ernie Ritchie**, will present an electric repertoire of jazz, Broadway, country and original music with their signature tight harmonies and down home humor. RSVP's musical director is **Bob Hurley** and their band includes **Peggy Woywood, Willie Welch and Tim Benton** on drums. Want to reserve a ticket or two for this special cabaret concert? Then call (214)369-8966.

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Currently in production in Houston at the Music Hall is the sizzling saga of New York gang rivalry and starcrossed romance, *West Side Story*, a stirring tribute to composer **Leonard Bernstein**. TUTS' artistic staff has selected this vehicle as a means of honoring the great maestro's memory. Hailed as a bold and daring concept when first presented on Broadway in 1957, *West Side Story* uniquely blended story, music, lyrics and dance, and proved that male dancing can be tough, masculine and tremendously exciting. **Jeffrey Dunn** directs with an assist from choreographer **Edmond Kresley**. Tickets to *West Side Story* are on sale at all area Ticketron outlets. If you would like to charge by phone, then dial (713)629-3770.

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The really big news this week was the forthcoming appearance of **Divine** at Houston's Babylon, and **Rob Clark**, he of the casting couch set, made sure that anxious Texassexuals had all the dirt on the person that many critics had labeled "a living art form." Fresh from a photo session in which the Lady D portrayed *Creem* magazine's *Creem Dream*, the star of *Pink Flamingos* felt sure that she would leave Texas with a hat and a new pair of cowboy boots, depending, of course, on "what people leave in my room."

Meanwhile, the *NEWSprint* was just dripping with stories concerning then city comptroller Kathy Whitmire's anticipated announcement of her candidacy for mayor of Houston, as well as the decision by **Andrew Exler** and **Shawn Elliott** of California to appeal the decision of Orange County Superior Court Judge John K. Trotter, Jr.



Texas' torrid sex kitten, **Jahonau Reis**.

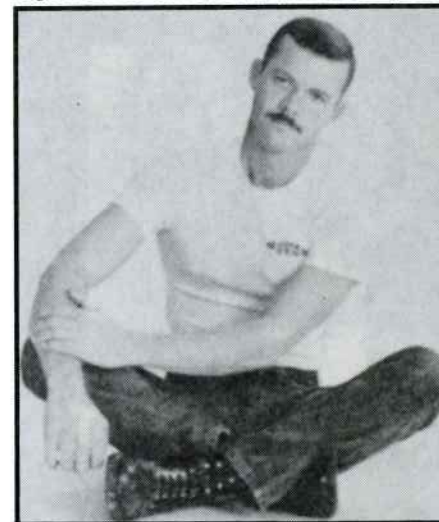
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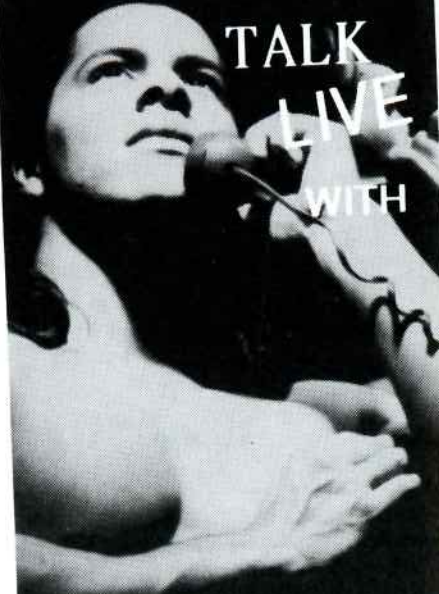
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Meanwhile, Wayne Hoefgen stocked up on tissues on his way to the MOVIES in anticipation of a major crying jag over the "sterling" performance of Jack Lemmon in the film adaptation of Bernard Slade's smash Broadway play, *Tribute*. The film deals with the stormy relationship between Lemmon and his film son Robbie Benson as both try to come to terms with the impending death of Lemmon's character.

On a more harmonious note, the results of the just-held Grammy Awards were detailed, with Christopher Cross, he of the flash-in-the-pan set, sailing away with four, count 'em, four awards, including best record, song and album of the year. Pat Benatar, Billy Joel, Barbra Streisand and Bette Midler also received awards in various categories.

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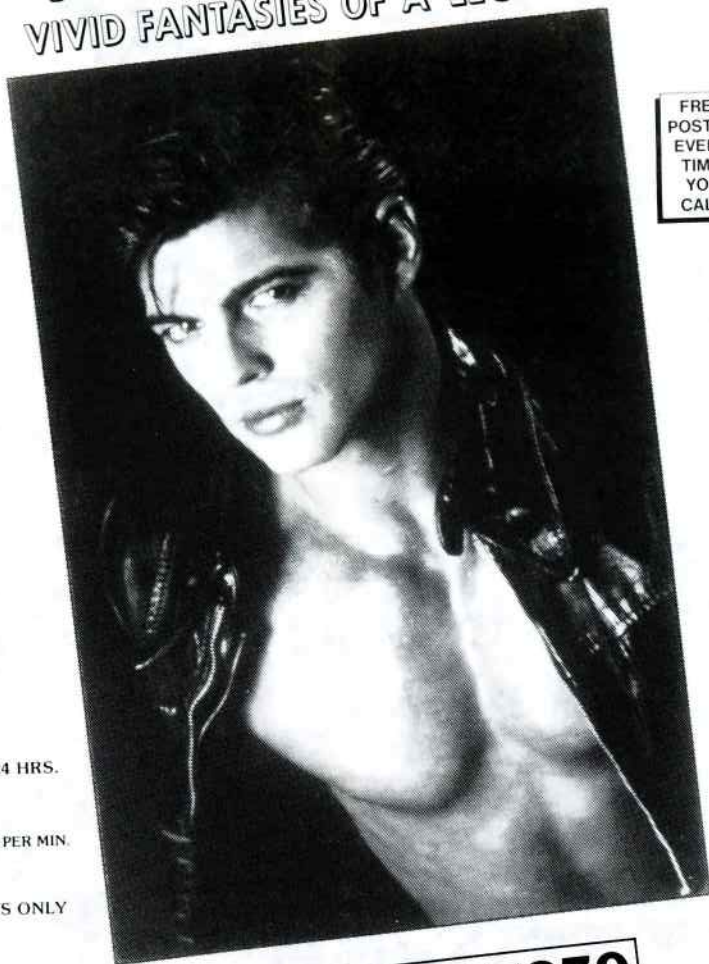
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**WINTER SKY** — The sky over Texas is dotted this winter with three brilliant planets. Above the eastern horizon, after sunset, is very bright Jupiter. Arching overhead is ruddy Mars. And above the western horizon is an even brighter Venus. Three in a row!

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Since it is located a great distance from the Sun, Saturn moves very slowly—taking 30 years just to go around the Sun once. It takes Saturn 2½ years just to travel through one zodiac sign. For the past 2½ years Saturn has been in Capricorn where it has been causing detours and delays in the lives of Capricorns.

On February 6, Saturn left Capricorn and entered Aquarius where it will plod along for the next 2½ years. Indeed, Aquarians are in for a maturing experience. Saturn is often called the great teacher that teaches its subjects the way of life the hard way.

Whether you're an Aquarian or not, your life is to be affected by the entrance of Saturn into a different house in your own horoscope. Read this week's STARSCOPE message to see how the sign change of Saturn will color your life for the next 2½ years.

**PISCES:** (Feb 18 - Mar 20) For the past 2½ years Saturn has been kicking up its problems in your eleventh house of social situations. Your popularity now soars as Saturn leaves this sector of your life. Ahead is the 2½-year visit of Saturn in your twelfth house. Look for delays in all matters secretive and behind the scenes. Somehow others find out what you're up to.

**ARIES:** (Mar 21 - Apr 19) For the past 2½ years Saturn has been traveling through your tenth house of career, causing problems at work. Better times on the job are ahead as Saturn exits this sector. Ahead

is a 2½-year stay of Saturn in your eleventh house. Expect the times ahead to be strewn with social blunders, rumors and a lack of popularity. Try to keep to yourself so you will not be defamed.

**TAURUS:** (Apr 20 - May 20) For the past 2½ years Saturn has been causing problems in your ninth house. Since this house rules travel, education and legal affairs, such things have caused you concern. Ahead is the 2½-year stay of Saturn in your tenth house of career. Expect a period of working hard, little recognition and backbiting by co-workers. But in the end, you will win favor in employment



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**GEMINI:** (May 21 - Jun 21) For the past 2½ years Saturn has caused delays in eighth house matters of joint money. With the exit of Saturn from this house, monetary problems ease. Ahead is the visit of Saturn in your ninth house, which rules education, travel and attorneys. The coming 2½-year Saturn cycle will be a great learning experience, after which you will be wiser, happier and richer.

**CANCER:** (Jun 22 - Jul 22) For the past 2½ years Saturn has been kicking up storm clouds in your seventh house of partnerships. Marriage has been difficult, if not impossible. With the exit of Saturn from your seventh house, partnership matters smooth out. Ahead is a long 2½-year visit of Saturn in your eighth house. Caution: Be careful with all tax matters, and don't misuse other people's money.

**LEO:** (Jul 23 - Aug 22) For the past 2½ years, Saturn has been at the root of all the problems you've experienced on the job and with your health. With the exit of Saturn from your sixth house, your career should get back on track and your health should improve. Ahead is a 2½-year-long visit by Saturn in your seventh house. This will cause marriage problems and shaky dealings with partners, whether in business or on a personal level.

**VIRGO:** (Aug 23 - Sep 22) For the past 2½ years, Saturn has been kicking up its heels in your fifth house of entertainment and love affairs. With the exit of Saturn from this house, these matters should resume normalcy. Ahead is a long 2½-year visit by Saturn in your sixth house. This can undermine progress in the workplace and bring about failing health. Get plenty of rest, eat right and exercise to counter this Saturn punch. At work, don't be part of a rumor or you will lose.

**LIBRA:** (Sep 23 - Oct 23) For the past 2½ years, Saturn has been causing problems on the home front as the planet has been in your fourth house of the home. With the exit of Saturn from your fourth house, matters surrounding real estate should ease. Ahead is a long 2½-year visit by Saturn in your fifth house. This can make it touch and go for lovemaking, dating, popularity and entertainment. A quieter cycle is at hand.

**SCORPIO:** (Oct 24 - Nov 21) For the past 2½ years, Saturn has been in your third house of communication. This has brought about delays in travel, letter writing, contract signing and miscues in telephoning. All of this communication garbage lifts as Saturn moves. Ahead is a long 2½-year visit by Saturn in your fourth house. So expect delays in matters dealing with real estate, apartments, domestic squabbles and discord at home.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (Nov 22 - Dec 21) For the past 2½ years, Saturn has been in your second house of money. This has made it very difficult to earn big bucks, to save for the future and sometimes even to have enough money just to live a comfortable life. All of these financial woes end now that Saturn has exited your house of money. Ahead is a 2½-year visit by Saturn in your third house. Expect delays in travel, confusion with phone calls, problems with signing contracts and misguided letters. Be careful what you say and write, cautions disruptive Saturn.

**CAPRICORN:** (Dec 22 - Jan 19) For the past 2½ years, Saturn has been disrupting your personal life. You have had health concerns. You haven't felt good about your appearance. But all these personal problems now ebb as Saturn exits this sector of your horoscope. Ahead is a long 2½-year visit by Saturn in your second house of money. Be very careful of theft. Guard your pocketbook. You'll earn every penny you make. Saturn is teaching you some invaluable lessons about money. The fact that Saturn has left Capricorn is wonderful news. And it won't be back for another 30 years.

**AQUARIUS:** (Jan 20 - Feb 18) For the past 2½ years, Saturn has been in your twelfth house where it has had a disturbing inner effect on your life. Secrets, behind-the-scene matters and clandestine affairs have been all too commonplace. Ahead is the 2½-year-long visit by Saturn in your first house of personality. This can mature you very quickly. Saturn visits Aquarius only every 30 years to teach you some invaluable lessons. You are now in a maturing cycle that will leave you much wiser and smarter. Saturn now teaches you hard lessons, the kind you never forget.

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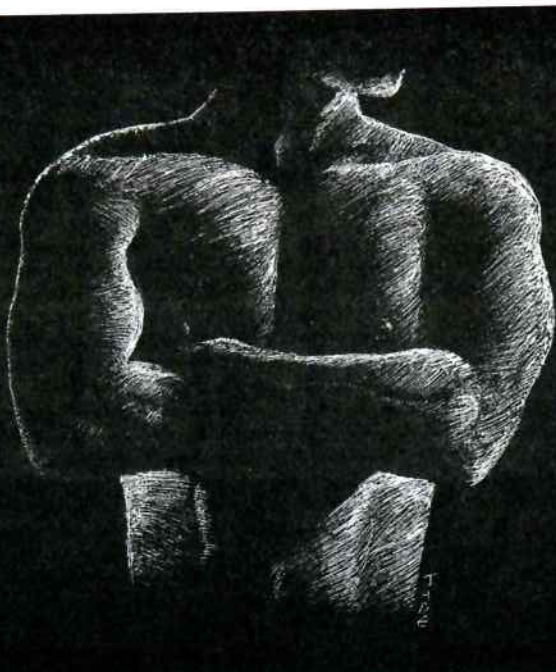
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## METRO BILLIARDS

Houston — The Houston Metropolitan Billiards League has been shooting its balls into the pockets and racking them up during league play. They have reported the following standings to TWT SPORTS for the week ending February 26:

1—Past Time Precision [4-0], 2—Briar Patch [4-0], 3—EJ's [4-0], 4—Mary's Force [3-1], 5—Have We Got Balls [3-1] and 6—Kings X [3-1].

Standings for individuals is: 1—Jeff Minks, 2—Bob Cypert, 3—Mike Flanigan, 4—Carlos Romero and 5—Bob Latham.

For more information on the billiards league, call (713)988-4118.

## TENNIS WINNER

Houston — Congratulations to David H. for bringing home Houston's only trophy from the national tennis tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. "David was runner-up in the B division in one of the toughest singles draw in the country," reports Randy Miller to TWT SPORTS. "As a matter of fact, Steve Bearden of Houston was the only ranked player in the B division to make it to the quarterfinals," he added. Looks like there was some stiff Tennis competition in Florida.

This Sunday, March 10, the Houston Tennis Club [HTC] will be holding an annual fun doubles tournament at Memorial Park Tennis Center. This tournament is strictly for fun and is set up to include all levels of play. Non-members of any ability are welcome to participate. Also spectators are encouraged to attend and root for their favorite players.

The club is also preparing for the upcoming Texas Cup battle in June with Oak Lawn Tennis Association of Dallas. The club will also hold a singles championship in April and the doubles championship in May.

For more information on HTC, call Bernie at (713)665-1579 or Barry at 622-7303.

## VOLLEYBALL HONORS

Houston — Congratulations goes out to Houston's Venture-N-VP's for taking second place in the BB Division of the Tampa Volleyball Tournament. The seven man power-house team traveled to Florida to dominate the BB Division of the tournament. "While I wasn't their to witness the event, I am sure the words cocktailed, dominate and face were used repeatedly to describe the

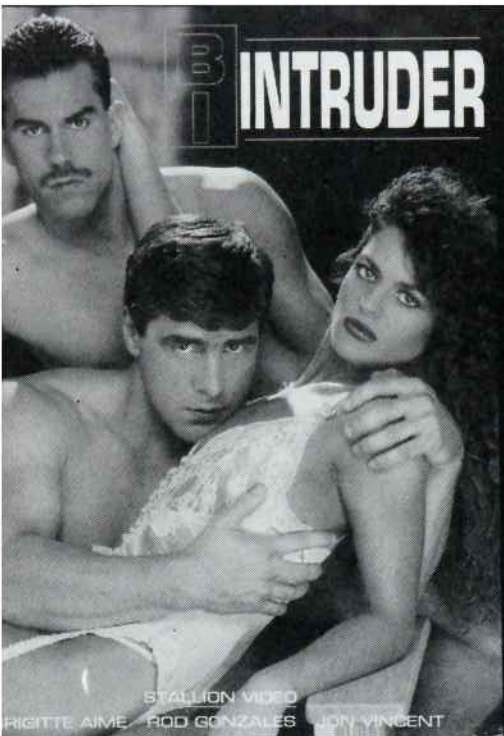
## SPORTS By BOBBY MILLER

team," said league president Ken Newberry. No one knows for sure what the "VP" in the teams name stands for, maybe V for vicious and the P, well you take a guess. They will definitely be a team to watch in the upcoming International Lone Star Volleyball Classic III to be held in Houston over Easter weekend.

In other league news, the Sunday recreational division voted to start league play. Teams will be forming over the next two Sundays, March 10 and 17. Open play will continue until the league begins. Anyone interested joining the league should call Jeff at (713)862-2889 for more information.

## THE TEXAS BOWLING SCORES

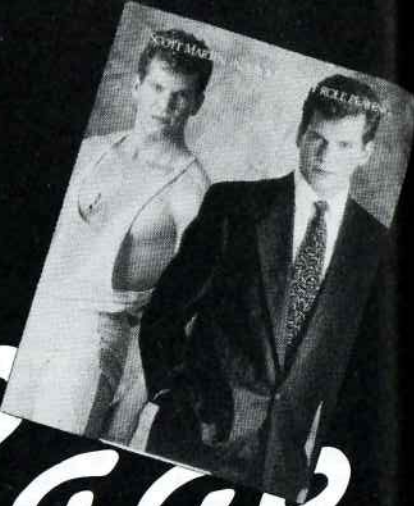
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2. Miss Kitty's	2. Steel Magnolias
3. Gutter Girls	3. Five Easy Pieces
4. Spare Me	4. Yabba Dabba Doo
High Game: David Shackel	
High Series: Space Mama Odell	
<b>HOUSTON THURSDAY MIXED</b>	
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1. Belle Bottoms (56-28)	3. Presumed Innocence (52-32)
2. DAM (52-32)	4. Slippery When Wet (51-33)
Male Game: Rodney Siler	
Male Series: Shirley Disgusting	
Female Game/Series: The Decade	
<b>FT. WORTH LONGHORN BOWLING</b>	
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Male Series: [Tie] Ray Bronner & Mark Addington	
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Jim McCoy (METRO 817)267-1963	
1. Kohlmoona Wahs Letya (11-1)	3. Jokers (9-3)
2. Spanky & Our Gang (10-2)	4. 10 Little Pinjums (8-4)
Male Game/Series: Ranger Single	
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Male Game: Brian Verret	
Male Series: Mason Norlander	
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3. Accommodators (20-8)	3. Dirty Something (21-7)
Male Game:	Male Game: Larry Crow
Male Series: Greg Powers	Male Series: Richard Bayce
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# HOT TEA

With this issue of *twt*, Vol. 16, No. 52, we complete our sixteenth year of publication. As we enter our seventeenth year as Texas' leading gay publication, we would like to thank you, our loyal readers and advertisers, for your continued support over the years. We're forever mindful that without you, there would be no *twt*, and hope you're enjoying the changes and expanded features we've introduced recently. We are always open to your suggestions, and promise you an even better *twt* in the future.

**HOUSTON HOTteaLINE** — Here's what's happening **THIS WEEK IN HOUSTON** from the **TEAful** stirrers:

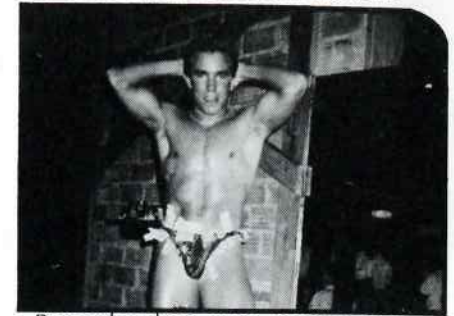
It's anniversary week at the 611 Hyde Park Pub, with seven days of specials in celebration of the pub's seventh year of serving their patrons. Stop by and try one of their anniversary specials, and wish them a happy anniversary....

Down the street at Past Time, you'll discover the delightful Keoki Kona entertaining the evening regulars with his wizardry at the keyboards. Keoki plays at Past Time Monday through Friday from 6 to 8. Drop in and sing along with Keoki and tell him **HOT TEA** sent you....



That's Buzz Davis [above, l] and Dean Waldred [r] of the National Leather Association/Houston as they conducted the hanging of the chapter colors at the Venture-N last weekend. On hand to

witness the ceremony was the National Council Rep, Les Winsper. Among those acknowledged by the chapter for their support were Leather by Boots, Lancers, C&N Cafe and Colby House. **HOT TEA** welcomes this new organization to Houston and wishes them a successful future....



Remember those seven gorgeous men we sent you to see dance at JR's? Well, the **CRUISE CAMERA** stopped by JR's and caught one of them, dancer Brad [above] onstage entertaining the revelers last weekend. Grab a couple of your best friends and go by JR's tonight and say hello to any and/or all seven gorgeous dancers....

A huge Houston welcome to Heaven's new manager, Joe Paolucci. Joe comes from San Antonio, where he managed the Bonham Exchange for over a decade before relocating to Austin, where he managed Charlie's. Handsome, Italian Joe has party blood in his veins and you'd best prepare for the hottest summer to come to Houston in a long time. Paolucci has thrown some of Texas' most successful parties, and he'll be shaking up the club party circuit on Pacific Street....

There is another anniversary celebration happening and it's tonight at Rich's. Fitness Exchange is having their 13th Anniversary Party from 9 p.m. until midnight and some of Houston's best physiques will be on hand to dance to the rhythms being pumped out by Rich's deejays....

Oooppss! When **HOT TEA** goofs we do it big time. We looked at the wrong date on our calendar and told you that the Ripcord was having an Operation Desert Shield party. If you went to the club that night we know you still had the time of your life. Sorry, Ripcord, we'll pay closer attention to our calendar dates in the future....

While on the subject of calendars, you should mark April 6 on yours. Can you say

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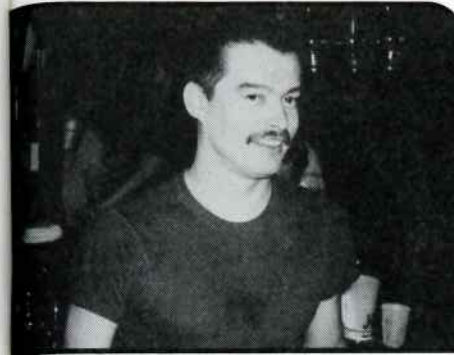
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Speaking of tickets, you don't need a ticket to purchase a cocktail from Montrose Mine co-manager Charlie, shown in the **CRUISE CAMERA** photo above. Charlie says he and co-manager Red have several St. Paddy's Day surprises in store for you at the Mine....



Across Pacific Street at Heaven, Joe Peterson [above] has a cocktail to mix just for you. While you are visiting with Joe, ask him about "Fabulous Green Friday," coming up next Friday at Heaven. If you speak a bit of the blarney with him, he might just give you the tea on "Celebrate the Green," coming up on St. Patrick's Day for Houston's biggest party weekend....

Mother's on Lovett has a party with you in mind. The patio bar is now open and Tuesday is Strip Contest Night with a special surprise emcee. Sundays, you can join the crowd as the Men of Mother's dance at 10

p.m. and midnight. If you don't get enough of the men, go back on Thursdays for more....

And finally, here's Empress VII Lady Victoria Lust [l], Colt 45's Prez Walter Carter [c] and Emperor VII Steven C. Wright [r]



posing for the **CRUISE CAMERA** after the Imperial Court of the Single Star presented a \$3,000 check to the Colt 45's. The money represented the proceeds from the court's recent coronation at Houston Holiday Inn Medical Center.



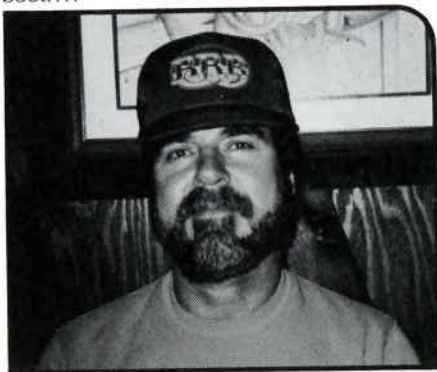
**ALAMO CITEA** — Here's what's going on **THIS WEEK IN SOUTH TEXAS** from San Antonio **HOT TEA**:

Anchors Aweigh Cruises and Tours Travel Agency held their grand opening recently at Wurzbach and Lockhill-Selma. Handsome co-owners Steve Solomon [above, l] and Tim Orlowski [r] hail originally from California and are ready and able to assist you with all your travel needs. **TWT** would like to welcome them to the growing list of gay owned and operated businesses in the Alamo City....

Memories invites you out to dance to the Latin stylings of Tejano dance band "After Dark" tomorrow night, Saturday, March 9. See you there....

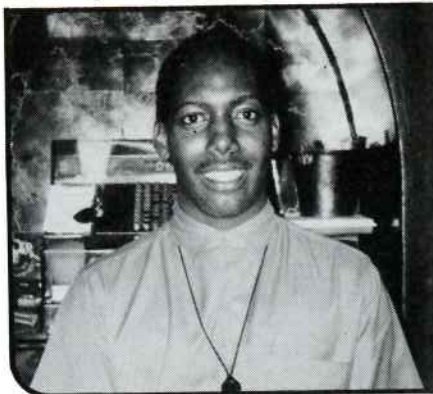


The Silver Dollar offers free C&W dance lessons every Tuesday night sponsored by the SA chapter of TGRA. Lonnie Van Horn [below] is on hand to serve your favorite cocktail, so drop by and learn to scoot a boot....

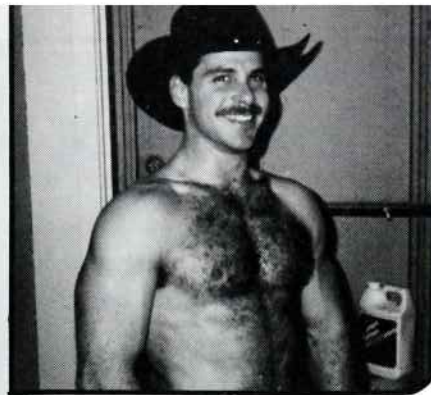


The 106's new patio is now open every Thursday through Sunday, and with this week's record-breaking temperatures, it's the perfect time to take advantage of it. When you go, be sure and say hello to Bill Cox's newest bartender, Ray Booker....

What's going on in downtown SA? El Jardin, the oldest gay bar in Texas, will be hosting their Pisces birthday party on March 17. While you're there, be sure and check out their brand new CD jukebox and say hello to everyone's favorite bartender, CeCe Houston [below]....



Paper Moon continues to be the place to be every Friday as Chanel White hosts those hot and hunky Muscles in Action dancers beginning at midnight. Need proof? One



look at gorgeous Allen [above] tells the whole story. By the way, congratulations to lovely Tabatha Sexton [below], winner of the hotly-contested February Talent Night finals....



Noo Zoo Company's Lollie Johnson's first Face of the Month contest was won by Erica Hutton [below]. Speaking of Lollie, her other bar, the Country Club, is throwing a surprise birthday party for her on March 20, but be sure and keep it a secret. Happy birthday, Lollie, from HOT TEA....

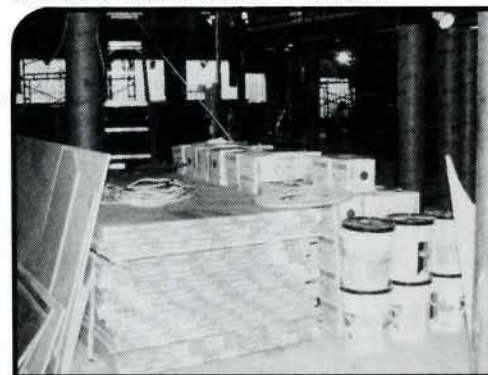


Finally, watch for the opening of San Antonio's newest bar, called Wild Club, coming by the end of March. Manager Travis Phenix promises a high energy dance bar featuring the latest videos, the hottest music, male dancers twice a week, plus after hours. You'll see lots more about the club, along with the official grand opening announcement, in the next few weeks right here in the pages of Texas' leading gay publication.



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

The Cove on Maple Avenue celebrated its second anniversary last month and [l-r] owner Bill Hargis, Betty Smith, Gary Monier, James Geeslin and Curtis Martin gathered for the evening to kick off the third year in style. Congratulations to Bill and the staff at one of the friendliest clubs in Texas....



CEI President Denis Weir reports that "all of the major work is done and the finishing touches are coming together quickly." Construction on the Village Station's huge dance floor [above], easily the largest in gay Dallas, is quickly reaching completion for the club's opening night on Thursday, March 21. Upstairs there's a cabaret theatre that will feature multiple showtimes nightly. The gazebo bar on the patio can be seen

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The Round Up hosted Hunkey's USO Show with emcee Michael Lee [I], Hunkey's owner David Barton [C] and Round Up manager Tom Davis [R] treating the troops to



a camp tour show benefit for local organizations. Next up at the Round Up is a benefit for OLCS: Miss TGRA Candidate Patti La Plae Safe's "Search for the Golden Man of Dallas" on St. Patrick's Day Sunday, March 17. Sign up now. Who knows, with the luck of the Irish, you could be the winner of the \$20 U.S. gold piece valued at \$500! Check with your favorite daytime bartender for applications. Applications are available at Club Body Center and Fitness Exchange. If you would like to join the Round Up's staff of friendly employees, see Tom Davis at the club. He's looking for a few good men: full-time barback, bus boy and door man positions are available....

Belated birthday wishes go out to JR's master burger chef Patrick Kelley [below]. Patrick is happy to serve you lunch with a very friendly smile at the corner bar with the best view for people-watching at the corner of Cedar Springs and Throckmorton....



Hidden Doors' Tuesday buffets have become a tradition thanks to two men: bartender Bill Merrill and his very special customer Lynn Battles. They've made it possible for the Tuesday tradition to continue and for the proceeds to be donated to the food pantry. A special thanks to two great guys....

Raye Martin's much-awaited and talked about Bamboleo's Mexican Restaurant and Bar opens for business this Thursday, March 14. They will have a Mexican and American menu and will be open 11 a.m.-4 a.m. seven days a week. The same food that everyone has raved about for years at Raye's holiday buffets is now available all the time at the new restaurant and bar, located around the corner from Bamboleo's Club at 5727 Nash Street. Catering is also available for your spring garden parties. Raye [I] is pictured below at Bamboleo's Mardi Gras Party with Gary Brown....



This Sunday at Raps you can catch special guest the Sim-sational Naomi Sims on stage with the regular cast. Entertainment promoter Betty Neal celebrated a birthday last Tuesday. Tonight Raps deejay "White Chocolate" is jetting to New York permanently. She has signed with Virgin Records and has already been performing the Manhattan club circuit promoting her soon to be released single. Another Texan takes a big bite out of the Big Apple. Much success, Carolyn, from HOT TEA....

John L's has two legends returning in two long-awaited encore performances at the cabaret this weekend: Trella Hart and Mark Carroll perform tonight and tomorrow night. Then, on St. Patrick's Day weekend, catch Tony Rose in concerts next Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16....

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Crews Inn Tuesdays are legendary for their popularity and the crowds pack the club every week. Steven Drennan [below] can be found behind the bar and you can get to know him better when you stop in to check out the laser lights on the dance floor or the heated patio. Any time's a great time to cruise into the Crews Inn....

**AUSTINteaCIous** — Here's what's going on **THIS WEEK IN AUSTIN** from Chris' Capital City **HOT TEA**.

The Crossing is pulling out their tuxes and top hats for the Black and White Ball on March 9. David and Richard guarantee a good time. Drop by on Monday nights and check out the live bands that will be playing....

Remember, the March on Austin is scheduled for March 17. If you haven't made plans to attend, make them now. For information concerning the March, call (512)474-5475....

Tie-dye T-shirts and bell-bottoms were everywhere at 'Bout Time's 60's Party on

February 23, and Mona Lee, Phil Deibel, Glen Helton, Chris Auger and Carl Welder

[above, l-r] were in the groove for the event. One of 'Bout Time's bartenders so hot he burned a hole in his pocket. Chris might be able to tell you who. Now they're gearing up for their March Winds Party. Drink specials will be blowing in all weekend....

Tamara Foxx celebrates her 39th birthday on March 20 at Vanities. All of Austin's premier female impersonators will be there to entertain you. Everyone's invited!...

Boathouse was packed all weekend for their 10th anniversary celebration. Due to scheduling difficulties, Judy Tenuta was unable to perform but LaWanda Page came through for Austin one more time. Boathouse manager Gerald Penny, LaWanda Page and Kenny Landers [l-r]

posed for the **CRUISE CAMERA** backstage. Next up at the club is the Miss Travis County/USA Pageant on March 20. Call Rene at the bar for information....

Tony Pavia and Sandi Skaggs are looking for volunteer help for the Austin Names Project's display at the Radisson Hotel. Be sure to give them a call at (512)837-3635 or (512)385-3094 if you can volunteer....

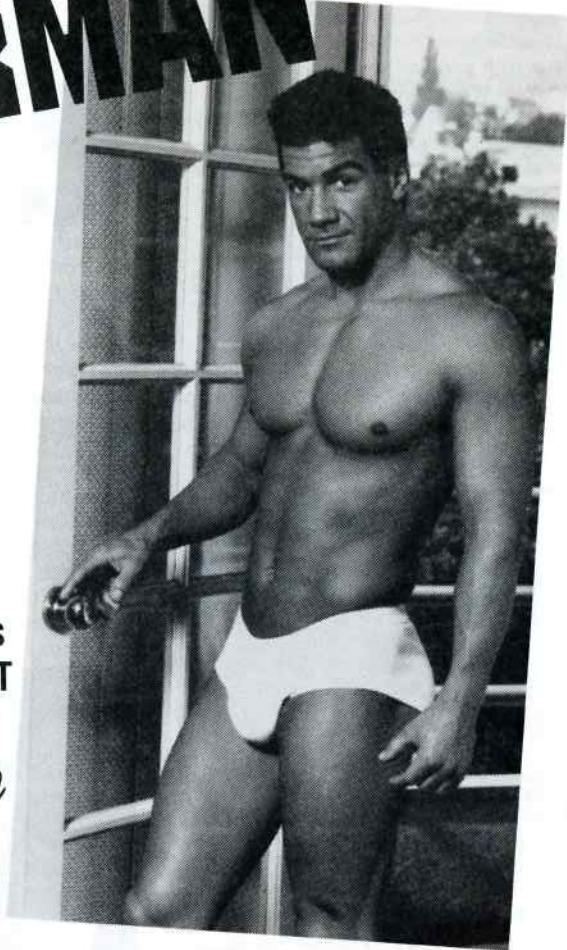


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Oilcan Harry's is proud to announce the hiring of the ever so famous Steve Higginbotham [below], who bartends



Tuesday through Sunday nights. Julie Burrell brings her torch songs to the Can today for happy hour. Due to customer demand, Randy has brought in male dancers on Monday nights, too....

Vanities has planned an entire week of entertainment for the March on Austin. The action starts next Wednesday with the live band Laughing Outloud. Thursday is Alexander/Foxx Productions night, and Friday the 15th is Delilah, a female erotic dancer from San Antonio. The entertainment and drink specials will be lasting all weekend, too. Swing by, check out the entertainment and say hi to owners Lisa and Terre....



Lizard Lounge owners Don Nedler and Helen Rayborn [above, l-r] insist on your attendance the evening of March 17 for "America's Most Wanted." Miss Gay Texas 1991 Nakoma Shaye, former Miss Gay America Brandi Alexander and last year's Miss Gay Texas CoCo will be the entertainment for the evening. Rumor has it

that Helen is also a wanted woman, but by whom we'll never tell....


The Underground on Colorado has no cover for their "Dance Undercover" on Sundays beginning St. Patrick's Day....



Charlie's construction party was a huge success. Ray Gonzales [above] acted as foreman for the evening, but who could take that face seriously? He's so sweet and innocent! Notice: You can catch Nicole [the landmark of Austin] on both Monday and Thursday nights performing with the Muscles in Action dancers. The dancers perform on Sunday nights at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m....

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Last but not least, the Austin Raedical Faeries will be meeting in Pease Park on the afternoon of Sunday, March 10. They will be discussing their appearance at the March on Austin. Member Steve Haines told HOT TEA, "The faeries are a nature people, the lavender tribe of the Rainbow family, the spiritual leaders, the magical ones, and the ones with fiery eyes hiding in the wild places. Any interested party is invited to try and find us... if you dare." 

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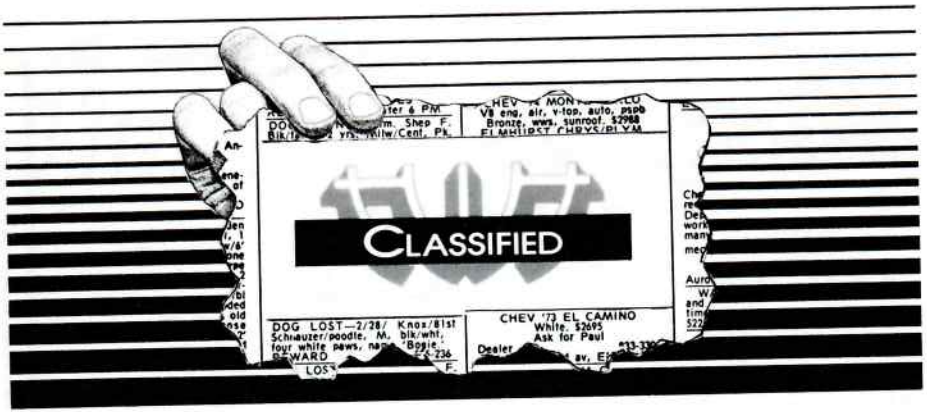
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# CALENDAR

- FRIDAY MARCH 8
  - (DA) Narc. Anon.: Mtg., 8p
  - (DA) OLCS: HIV + Asymptomatic Group, Mtg., 1p
  - (FW) Agape MCC: Prayer Serv., 7:30p
  - (HO) Bering: Coffee House Social, 7p
  - (HO) C.G. Jung Inst. of Hou.: Dr. Harvey Aronson, 7:30p
  - (HO) Ch. of Universal Divinity: Vigil, Divine Liturgy, 7:30p
  - (HO) Ch. of Holy Trinity: Empowerment for G/L Catholics, 7:30p
  - (HO) League of Women Voters: Public Forum, 9:30p
  - (HO) Rice Cinema: National Gay & Lesbian Film Tour
- SATURDAY MARCH 9
  - (DA) AIDS Interfaith Net.: Care Team Training Seminar, 9a-4p
  - (DA) Colony Grace Cntr.: Family Fellowship, 7:30p
  - (DA) Dallas Gay Youth: Mtg., 1p
  - (DA) Nelson-Tebedo Com. Clinic: CMV Retinitis Check-Ups.
  - (DA) Gay Lesbian Young Adults: Mtg., 1p
  - (DA) Lambda OA: Mtg., 5:30p
  - (DA) Lesbian Book Club: Mtg.
  - (DA) Metroplex Prime Timers: Pancake Supper, 7p
  - (DA) OLCS: AIDS Bereavement Group, Mtg., 11a
  - (HO) CCF: Serv., 6:30p
  - (HO) Dignity: Mass, 7:30p
  - (HO) Fountainhead Gallery: "A # of Artists" exhibit, noon
  - (HO) Kingdom Comm. Ch.: Council of Ministries Mtg., 4:45p
  - (HO) KPFT-90.1: After Hours, midnight
  - (HO) MCCR: Empowerment for Living
  - (HO) Rice Cinema: National Gay & Lesbian Film Tour
  - (HO) Women in Sobriety: Mtg., 10a
- SUNDAY MARCH 10
  - (AR) Mid-Cities MCC: Serv., 10:30a & 7:15p
  - (AU) Couples: Mtg.
  - (AU) Health & Hum. Serv. Dept.: HIV Testing at Crossing, 8-9p
  - (AU) MCC: Serv., 9a, 11a & 7:30p
  - (AU) Prime Timers: Social
  - (CC) MCC: Lambda AA Mtg., 8p
  - (CC) MCC: Serv., 10a
  - (DA) Church of Metaphysics: Serv., 11a
  - (DA) Ch. of New Covenant: Serv. 11a, Marriott/Rich. Tx.
  - (DA) DAGLES: Mtg.
  - (DA) Gay & Lesbian Com. Center: PLUS+ Meeting and Social, 3p
  - (DA) Grace Fellowship: Serv., 11a
  - (DA) Havurah G/L Jews of Metroplex: Mtg., 7p
  - (DA) Holy Trinity Com. Church: Serv., 11a
  - (DA) KNON-FM: Lambda Weekly, 89.3, 2-4p
  - (DA) Lambda AA: Mtg., 11a
  - (DA) MCCD: Serv., 9a & 11a, 7:15p
  - (DA) Metroplex Prime Timers: Mtg., 3p
  - (DA) Narc. Anon.: Mtg., 7p
  - (DA) O.L. Christian Cntr: Serv., 10:45a
  - (DA) Womyn for Womyn: Mtg., 7:30p
  - (FW) Agape MCC: Serv., 10:30a & 7p
  - (FW) Holy Ground Com. Ch.: Service, 10:30a
  - (GA) MCCG: Serv., 11a
  - (HO) Am. Gay Atheist: Brunch, 11:30a
  - (HO) AMIGA de Houston: Mtg., 7p
  - (HO) Bering Mem. Church: Serv., 10:50a
  - (HO) Ch. of Rel. Science: Serv. 11a
  - (HO) Ch. of Universal Divinity: Divine Liturgy, 11p
  - (HO) Com. Gospel Church: Serv., 11a & 6:30p
  - (HO) First Unitarian Church: Serv., 11:15a
  - (HO) Fountainhead Gallery: "A # of Artists" exhibit, noon
  - (HO) FUC: Women's Group Mtg., 10a
  - (HO) Grace Lutheran Church: Serv., 10:30a
  - (HO) Holy Trinity Catholic Ch.: Mass, 11a
  - (HO) Kingdom Comm. Ch.: Serv., 11a
  - (HO) MCCR: Serv., 10:45p & 7:15p
  - (HO) Mission Church: Serv., 10:30a
  - (HO) New Freedom Christ. Church: Serv. 11a
  - (HO) Parent's FLAG: Mtg., 2:30p
  - (HO) Rice Cinema: National Gay & Lesbian Film Tour
  - (Midland/Odessa) Holy Trin. Comm. Chrch: Serv., 11a

- (Pearland) Dawn of Faith MCC: Serv. 10:15a
- (SA) MCCSA: Serv., 9:30a & 11:30a
- (SA) Rel. Science Center: Serv., 11a
- (SA) River City Church: Serv., 11a
- (WA) MCC Waco: Serv., 11a
- MONDAY MARCH 11
  - (AU) Integrity: 7:30p
  - (DA) Affirmation (Methodists): Mtg., 7p
  - (DA) Gay & Lesbian Com. Center: DGA Gen. Member. Meet. 7:30p
  - (DA) Narcotics Anon.: Mtg., 8p
  - (DA) OLCS: AIDS/ARC Group, Mtg. 6:30p
  - (DA) Women's Spirituality Group: Mtg., 7:30p
  - (FW) COC: HIV + Healing Group, 5:30p
  - (FW) Dignity: Mtg., 7p
  - (HO) Ch. of Universal Divinity: Meditation and Healing, 7:30p
  - (HO) Gay Fathers & Fathers 1st: Mtg., 8p, 900 Lovett #203 Rm. 3
  - (HO) Integrity: Potluck at Autry House, 7p
  - (HO) Lone Star Band: Rehearsals, 7:30p
  - (HO) PWA Coalition: Mtg., 7p
  - (Nacogdoches) E. Texas Aid Proj: Mtg, 7p
  - (SA) Cntr. of Pos. Living: Self-Healing Class
- TUESDAY MARCH 12
  - (AU) Ebony Connection: Mtg., 7p
  - (AU) Waterloo Co. Cntr: Pos. Living Group, 8p
  - (DA) F.A.R.: Mtg., 7:30p
  - (DA) Lambda OA: Mtg.
  - (DA) LGPC: Mtg., 7:30p
  - (DA) OLCS: Co-dependent AIDS/ARC Group, 8p
  - (DA) WANT: Mtg., 7:30p
  - (HO) Bering Church: Montrose Singers, rehearsals, 7:30p
  - (HO) Gay Fathers & Fathers 1st: Mtg., 8p
  - (HO) HAGLES: Mtg., 7:30p
  - (HO) Hou. Counsel on Alcohol. & Drug Abuse: Adult Children of Alcoholics, 10-12a
  - (HO) Hou. Counsel on Alcohol. & Drug Abuse: Family in Focus, 6p
  - (HO) Kingdom Comm. Ch.: Bethel Series, 7:15p
  - (HO) MCCR: Empowerment for Living, 6p
- WEDNESDAY MARCH 13
  - (AR) Mid-Cities MCC: Serv., 7:30p
  - (AU) Waterloo Co. Cntr: Pos. Living & Exercise, 6:30p
  - (CC) Christ Cen/JAttitud. Heal.: Adult AIDS Sup. Groups, 7p
  - (CC) MCC: Serv., 7:30p
  - (DA) ARC: Positive Living Workshop, Mtg., 6:30-10p
  - (DA) Gay & Lesbian Com. Center: The Truth, Pass It On, 6:30p
  - (DA) Grace Fellowship: Serv., 7:30p
  - (DA) MCCD: Serv., 6:45p
  - (DA) Oak Lawn Co. Cntr: ARC Support, 6p
  - (DA) OLCS: Women's HIV + Group, Mtg., 6p
  - (FW) COC: Positive Women, 5:30p
  - (FW) TCOM: HIV Support Group, 7p
  - (HO) Bering Church: Gay Men's Network, Mtg., 7:30p
  - (HO) Church of Religious Science: Self-Esteem Workshop, 7p
  - (HO) Ch. of Universal Divinity: Presanctified Liturgy, 7:30p
  - (HO) GLPC: Mtg., 7:30p
  - (HO) MCCR: Serv., 7:15p
  - (HO) New Freedom Christ Church: Serv., 7:30p
  - (HO) Unity Ch.: HIV/AIDS Support Group, 7p
  - (HO) Women's Network: Mtg., 7p
  - (SA) MCCSA: Serv., 7:30p
- THURSDAY MARCH 14
  - (CC) Christ Cen/JAttitud. Heal.: Children's AIDS Sup. Groups, 4:30p
  - (CC) MCC: Lambda AA Mtg., 8p
  - (DA) G/L Young Adults: Mtg., 7:30p
  - (DA) Narc. Anon.: Mtg., 8p
  - (DA) Metroplex Prime Timers: Prime Timer's Nite, 9:30p
  - (DA) OLCS: Married Gay Men's Group, Mtg., 1:30p
  - (FW) COC: Men's Hour, 8:30p
  - (HO) ACT UP: Mtg., 7p
  - (HO) Bering Ch.: Montrose Group Narcotics Anon., 8p
  - (HO) Comm. Gospel Church: Serv., 7:30p
  - (HO) Course in Miracles: Mtg., 7:30p
  - (HO) Fountainhead Gallery: "Photography of Debra Rueb," Noon
  - (HO) G/L Parents Support Group: Mtg.
  - (HO) Hou. Counsel on Alcohol. & Drug Abuse: Adult Children of Alcoholics, 6:30-8:30p
  - (HO) Hou. Counsel on Alcohol. & Drug Abuse: Family in Focus, 10a
  - (HO) Northwoods AIDS Coalition: Group Mtg., 8p
  - (HO) Transsexual Support Group: Mtg., 8p



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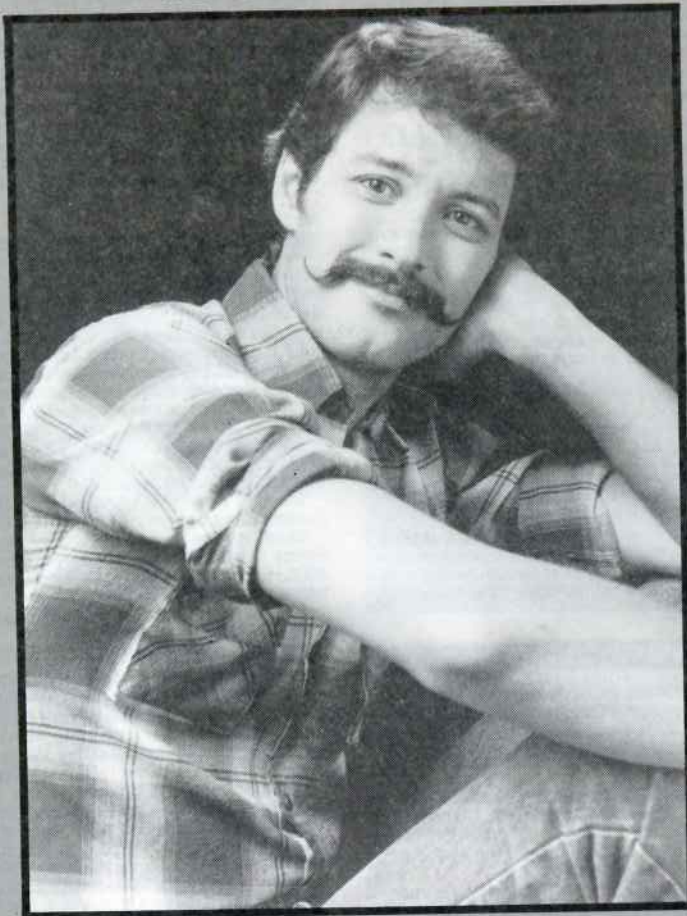
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 of you and me against the world  
 — Henredon Fletcher*

**OBITUARIES**



Robert W. Rupp (above)  
 aka  
 Courtney Rose  
 8/2/62 to 12/1/90

In the presence of family and friends, Robert made a peaceful transition from this earthly life in the early morning hours of December 1.

Although fighting the AIDS virus himself for over 18 months, he spent his time performing and raising money for the San Antonio AIDS Foundation to help others also infected and affected by this dreadful disease.

He will always be remembered for his many achievements—Joan Rivers Look-a-Like winner from San Antonio to Hollywood, Christmas in July and Halloween Extravaganza Benefits for S.A.A.F.; the Grand Duchess de San Fernando of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Alamo Empire Regent I; and many other awards and projects.

Robert is survived by his parents Sharen and Bob Rupp, brothers David and Michael, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, his niece Kristal, his companion Alan, his cohort in crime Bill, aka Ericka Raye, and his many, many friends and family at Memories and throughout San Antonio.

Funeral services were held December 4, 2 p.m. C.S.T./2:15 p.m. D.Q.T.

Donations may be made to S.A.A.F., 3530 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Courtney—One day we will all be together again, but until then we will continue your projects...we will always remember and never forget....

"Start spreading the news...."

Victor K. Berry

May 1, 1963 to March 1, 1991

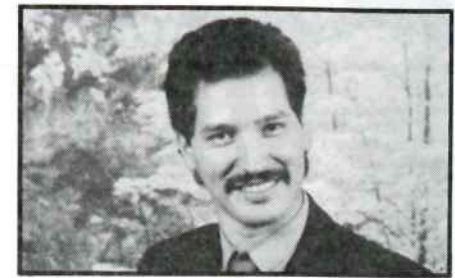
Victor quietly entered the next life early Friday morning at his mother's home in North Dallas, after a fierce nine-month battle with HIV.

A longtime activist for youth issues in the gay community, Victor was a co-founder and current President of the National Gay Alliance for Young Adults, as well as an original member of Gay & Lesbian Young Adults, a special interest group of the DGA. Not one to avoid controversy, he was admired by his peers and respected by his adversaries.

Survivors include his loving mother Jerlean of Dallas, his brother Richard of Lewisville; his brothers John and Anthony of Seattle, and his father Ray and sisters Nicole and Sonja, of California, as well as many dear friends.

A private service for close friends and family was held Monday at Hilltop Cemetery in Carrollton. An informal public memorial is scheduled for Sunday, March 10 at Bachman Lake Park at 6 p.m.

Donations in Victor's name may be made to the National Gay Alliance for Young Adults.

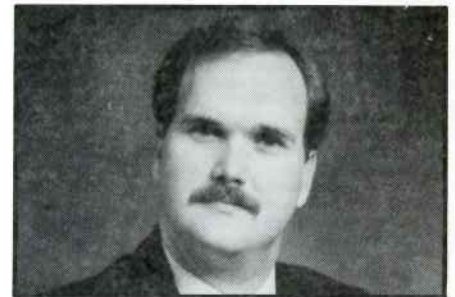


David R. Cabrera (above)  
 8/5/57 - 3/8/89

Two years ago today David passed on to another life, leaving behind many friends along with accomplishments. We look back and remember the good times and never forget that we will meet again one day. Although it's been a while, your absence is as vivid as yesterday. We miss you so.

As we mend the pieces of our heart, we realize that one of those pieces you've captured, and just knowing it's with you helps us understand and move on. Until we meet again.

From those who care



Don Mason (above)  
 of Houston  
 5/15/49 - 1/6/91

Goodbye dear brother of many years. Our hearts ache for your passing. We all miss you very much. Now you are beyond the pain of your long battle with cancer; in your escape from suffering we are gladdened. You are now with your Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit; in your new life we rejoice. Praises and thanks to your loving parents, Billy and Helen Mason, who reared such a fine and popular son.

Don was friendly to everyone; a great ambassador of goodwill for the Lancers MC. We will sorely miss his easygoing companionship. The Lancers Motorcycle Club

John Robert Herrera

John Robert died March 2, 1991 at Ben Taub Hospital after a long illness. He was born September 21, 1953 and grew up in Edna, Texas. For the past eight years he lived in Houston. John had been employed at Jim Jamail and Sons Food Market on Kirby Drive. Services were held in Edna on March 5. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

"John, you are the love of my life. No one will ever be able to take your place. Rest in peace with the Lord until we see each other again."

Love, Ken



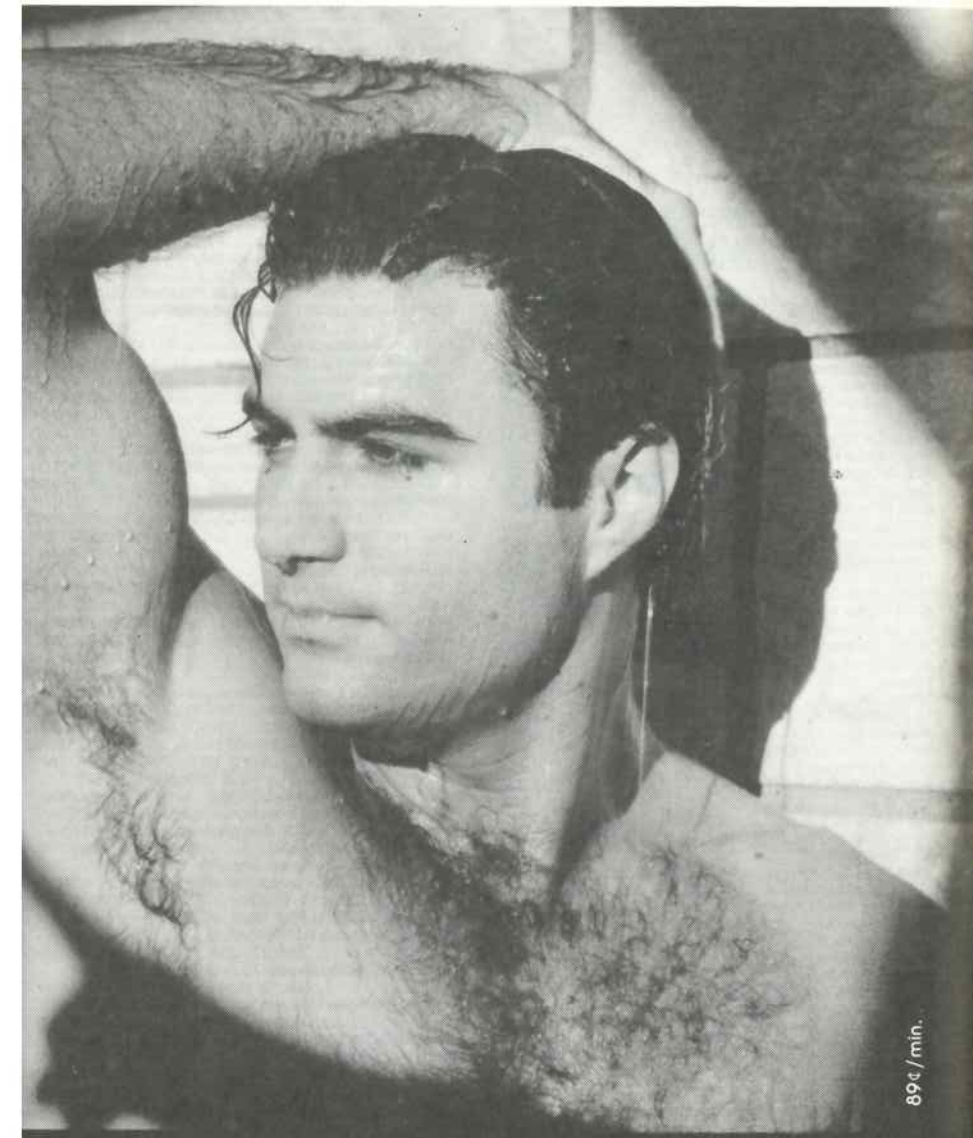




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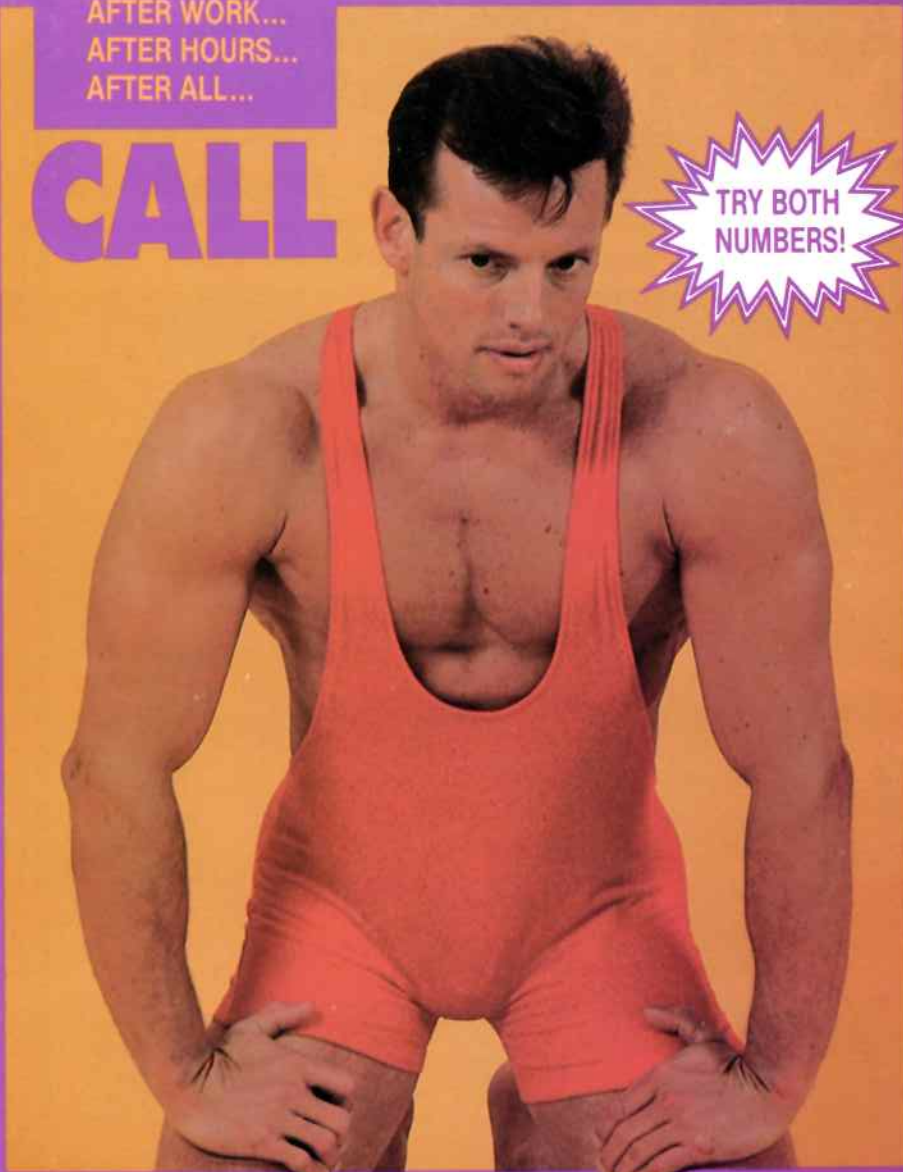


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