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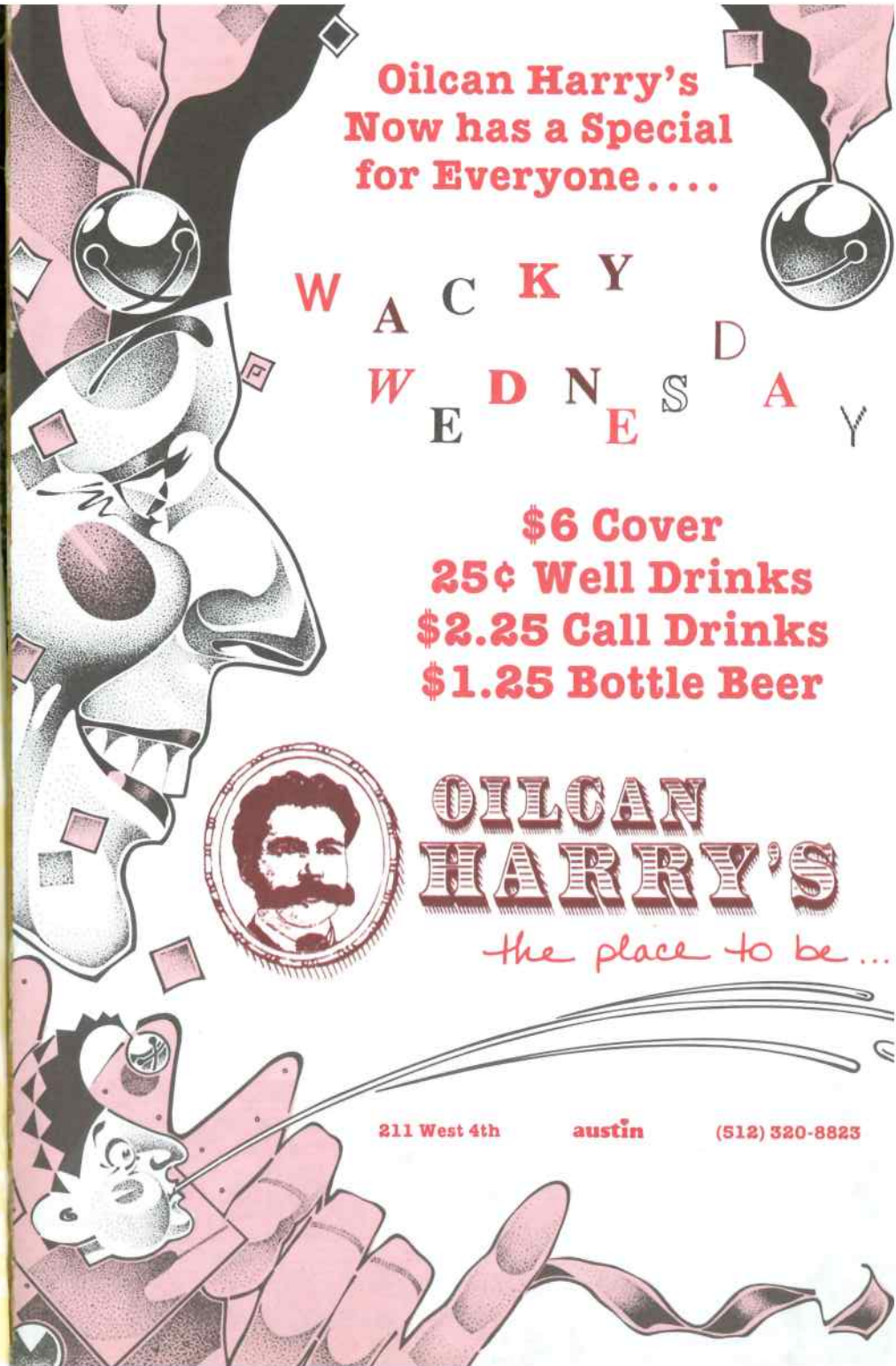
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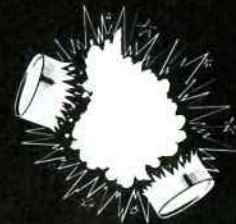
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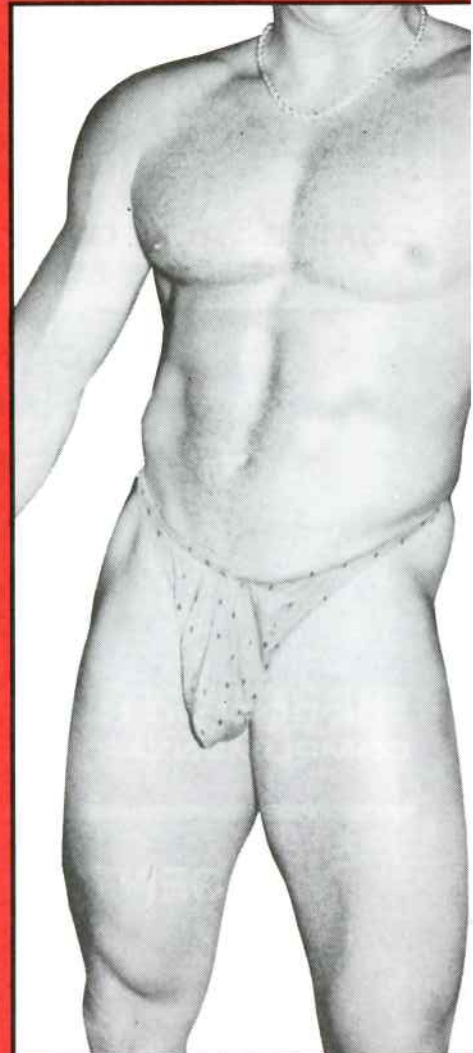
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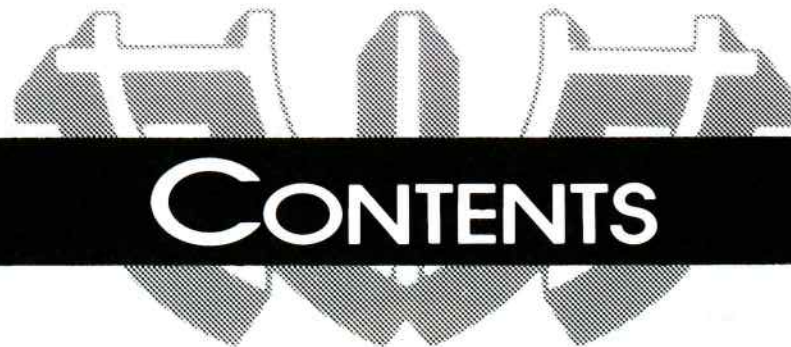
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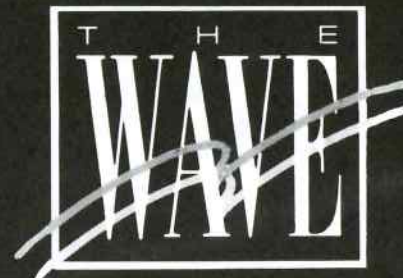
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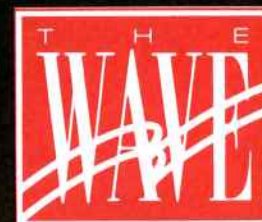
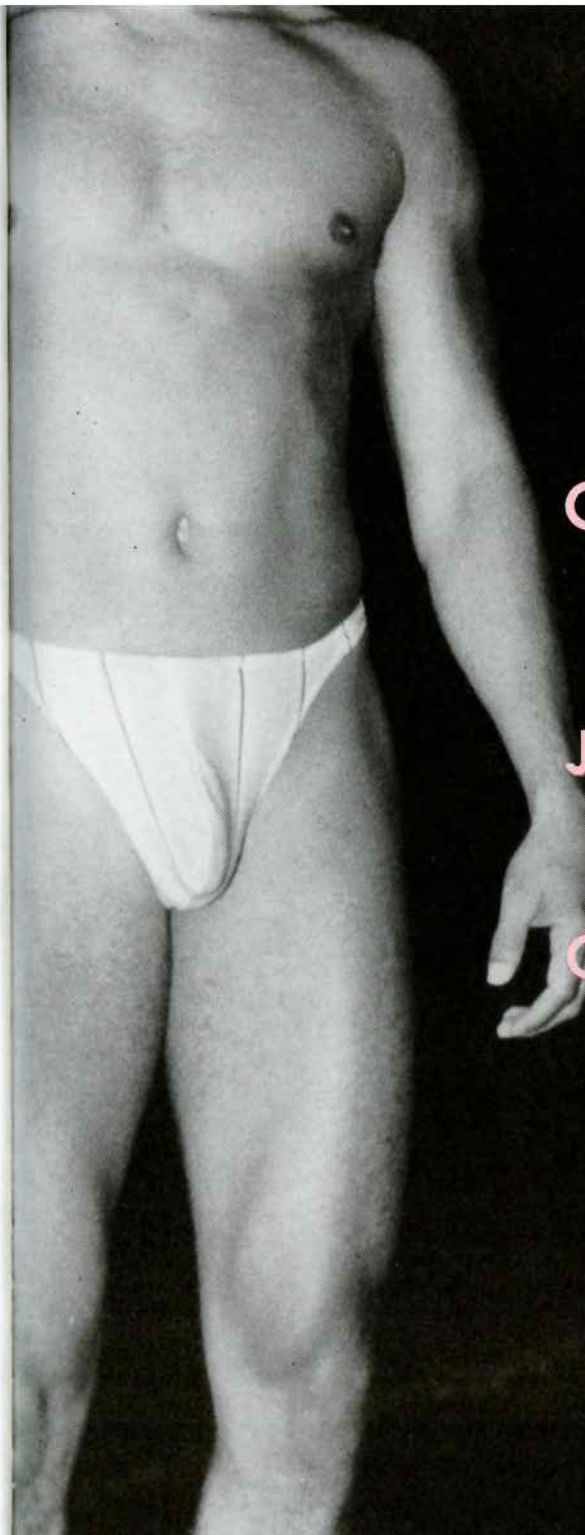


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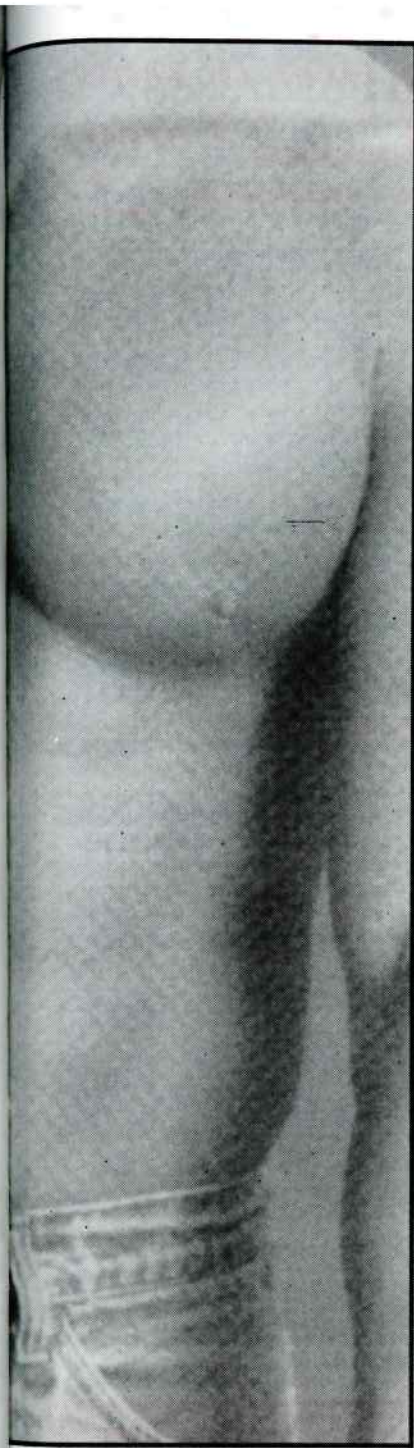
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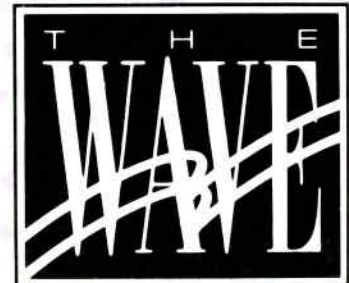
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\$10,000 Gift to Help with 21.06
Case, Legal Resource Project.**

HOUSTON — The Texas Human Rights Foundation [THRF], the statewide group that fights gay and lesbian rights in the courts and provides legal assistance, has received a donation in the amount of \$10,000 from four Houston physicians.

In a statement issued by the four doctors, Gary Brewton, Adan Rios, Gordon Crofoot and Jorge Quesada, they said, "For some time now we have been aware of the work of the Foundation, its AIDS Legal Resource Project and its litigation to end discrimination against lesbian and gay people in Texas.

"To show our support for this work and to encourage the future work of the Foundation, it is with great pleasure that we present our \$10,000 contribution."

Speaking of the contribution by the four physicians, THRF's Director of Development Suzy Wagers said, "We are overwhelmed by the magnitude of this contribution. It is always encouraging to find individuals for whom true equality for gay men, lesbians and HIV-positive individuals is a priority. Obviously, Drs. Brewton, Rios, Quesada and Crofoot are such individuals."

THRF was founded 14 years ago by late Houston attorney Robert Schwab. For over a decade, the statewide nonprofit organization has been active in initiating lawsuits to end discrimination against gay men, lesbians and HIV-positive people.



Present at check presentation to THRF were (l-r) Dr. Gary Brewton, Dr. Jorge Quesada, THRF Director of Development Suzy Wagers, THRF Co-Chair Donald Skipwith, Dr. Adan Rios and Dr. Gordon Crofoot.



In addition to maintaining the AIDS Legal Resource Project, a statewide, toll-free phone number for persons needing HIV-related legal assistance, the Foundation is currently sponsoring the lawsuit challenging Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, the law prohibiting sexual relations between adults of the same sex.

THRF filed the lawsuit challenging 21.06 on April 12, 1989. As sponsor, THRF searched for individuals who were willing to be named as plaintiffs and is paying all court costs and attorneys fees for those individuals.

Section 21.06 was declared unconstitutional by State District Judge Paul Davis on December 10, 1990. That ruling was appealed by Attorney General Dan Morales on April 5.

**DGA LOOKING FOR
NEW TREASURER**

Campbell to Direct Search for Replacement, Will Remain as Chair of Credit Union.

DALLAS — Dallas Gay Alliance [DGA] Treasurer Jeffery Campbell will step down from his volunteer post effective this Monday, July 8, DGA President Bruce Monroe announced.

Campbell, a certified public accountant, has served the last five years as treasurer for the Alliance and for the Foundation for Human Understanding, DGA's charitable funding arm for the AIDS Resource Center, the Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic for AIDS Research and the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Speaking of Campbell's contributions, Monroe said, "Jeffery's role has been pivotal to our rapid growth these past five years. He has overseen our financial growth from an annual operating budget of \$25,000 to over \$1 million today. His counsel, his presence and his wit will be dearly missed."

Campbell began working with the DGA as a volunteer at the front desk, and he soon stepped into the office of Treasurer. During his tenure, Campbell was instrumental in helping to establish the landmark Dallas Gay Alliance Credit Union, the only gay and lesbian-identified and operated financial institution of its kind in the country. Campbell will continue to serve as the credit union's treasurer.

Campbell will be directing the search for a new treasurer. The volunteer office oversees the accounting, financial reporting and tax activities of the DGA and the Foundation. The DGA has a full-time accounting and development staff which prepares the necessary reports and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the two organizations under the supervision of the executive director.

The treasurer is also on hand at regular meetings of the boards of directors to respond to questions concerning financial aspects of the organizations. The treasurer also serves as a liaison with the independent auditors who review and report on the financial statements annually.

Qualifications for the position include public accounting certification and a strong desire to serve the gay and lesbian community. "This job requires a great deal of personal commitment," Campbell stated, "but the rewards for providing this service certainly repay the effort many times over."

Persons interested in applying for the position of treasurer were asked to contact DGA at (214)528-4233 and leave a message for either Campbell or Monroe.

CROWDS BRAVE HEAT TO MAKE AUSTIN PRIDE A SUCCESS

*June 16 Event Raises \$6,000;
Planning Begins for
Next Year's Celebration.*

AUSTIN — Approximately \$6,000 was raised at the Austin Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration held at Fiesta Gardens on June 16.

Braving temperatures of 100° and above, many organizations and businesses came out to distribute literature and raised funds for various causes. Over 1,000

people visited the 45 booths manned by Lesbian Mothers, AIDS Services of Austin, Out Youth, Gay Fathers, Austin Immune Health Clinic and numerous other groups.

Even though attendance was down from the 1990 Fiesta Celebration, co-chairs Jackie Urbach and John Szalwinski were very pleased with the turnout. Urbach told **TWT NEWS**, "Overall, we were very happy with this year. We had no protesters to deal with and the response from the booths was up from last year. We do wish that we had had more T-shirts printed, however, since we sold out of them."

Grand Marshals for this year's celebration were Pat Cramer and Kip Dollar. They were on hand all day long as were entertainers such as Big Fish, Nancy Scott, Lara Linnette, Sisters, comedian John Amos and numerous female impersonators.

Plans are already being made for next year's celebration which include enlarging the area for booths and games and perhaps holding a carnival.

DALLAS AIDS AGENCIES LOSE OUT IN ALLOCATION OF C.A.R.E. FUNDS

*AIDS Resource Center Gets
Small Fraction of Grant Request,
Oak Lawn Services Shut Out;
Proposals to Be Resubmitted.*

DALLAS — Several Dallas agencies came up very short recently when a special council made its recommendations for the allocation of \$1.3 million of C.A.R.E. Act funds. The process for granting the proposals is based on a scoring system, but as John Thomas, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center [ARC], put it, those figures were "shredded" by the council.

"This is government money, and when the decisions in making the allocations are shredded, it sounds like a lack of accountability to me," Thomas told Michael McKinney of **TWT NEWS**.

The special council reported its decision to the Commissioners Court, which will have the final word on the matter. Another meeting is scheduled for next week.

Oak Lawn Community Services [OLCS] was completely cut off from receiving any

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funds because the organization missed what an OLCS spokesperson described as an uncertain deadline by two hours. The AIDS Resource Center was allocated less than \$25,000 of the requested \$260,000. The council indicated that it considered the grant proposals submitted by the Resource Center to have been poorly written.

"We have never applied for federal grants before," Thomas said, "so we are new at this." He said that most people in the community felt ARC was providing needed food and services for PWAs, and therefore should not be faulted for inexperience in writing grant proposals.

"Every AIDS service provider that is part of the AIDS Arms Network has agreed that all proposals for grants should be re-reviewed, including those from the OLCS," Thomas said. All verbal arguments presented to the Commissioners Court will be written up and presented to the special council as requested by Commissioner John Wiley Price.

"When the council meets today [Friday, June 28], they will have all the data in front of them that they will have to ignore if they stick with their original recommendations," Thomas said.

HCRN OFFERING FREE EYE SCREENING TO HIV-POSITIVES

Study Aimed at Increasing Doctors' Awareness of Links Between HIV, Visual & Neurological Deficits.

HOUSTON — The Houston Clinical Research Network [HCRN], an affiliate of the Montrose Clinic, is now offering free eye screening to HIV-positive people in cooperation with the Gibson Center, which conducts HIV research, and Dr. Fred Ussery.

HCRN Research Coordinator Sherrie Weaver explained that the screening seeks to identify early signs of ocular or neurological deficits in people with HIV. Patients with possible HIV-related eye problems will be informed and advised to seek further medical consultation.

Weaver told TWT NEWS, "Current estimates indicate that about 45% of person who are HIV-positive may develop ophthalmological complications at some stage of

the disease. An equal number may develop some type of neurological dysfunction. Early diagnosis and intervention is important." She stressed that the screening is not diagnostic, but that it remains an important tool for early detection of such deficits.

Although HIV-positive people are prone to certain diseases of the eye, physicians rarely test for these problems until symptoms or complications are reported by the patient, and by that time it may be too late for treatment to do any real good.

One of the goals of the screening is to demonstrate a correlation between the progression of HIV disease and the occurrence of visual and neurological problems, in the hopes of increasing awareness among physicians.

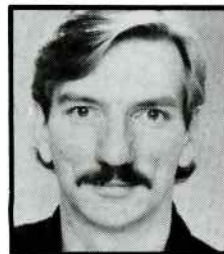
To make the study as accessible as possible to everyone, including indigent clients, four study sites have been established—HCRN, Bering Care Center, Care Plus and Critical Care America. For further information or to schedule an appointment, call the Houston Clinical Research Network at 528-5554.

MARK ALLEN BRANSON TO EMCEE RAINBOW ALLIANCE BANQUET

Fete Part of July 1-7 International Deaf Lesbian & Gay Conference.

DALLAS — The multitasking performer Mark Allen Branson will be celebrity emcee of Mr. and Miss Deaf Gay World, which is being held during the Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf/International Deaf Lesbian & Gay Conference this week from July 1-7.

Performer Mark Allen Branson to emcee Wizard of R.A.D. Banquet Saturday.

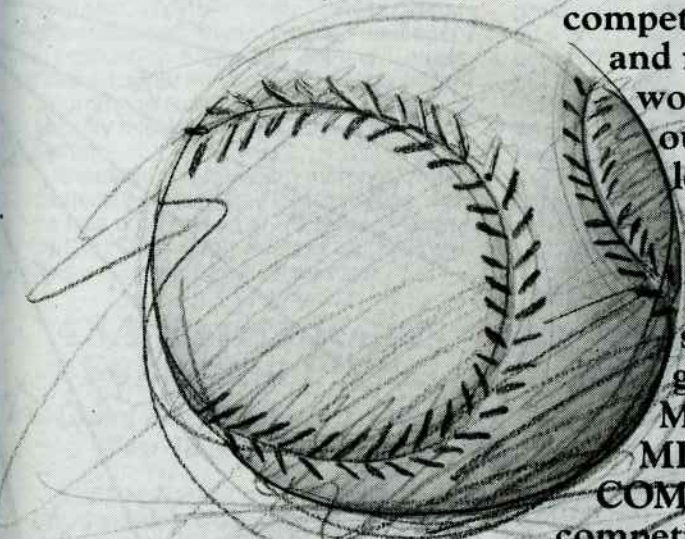


The opening of Mr. and Miss Deaf Gay World was held at the Round-Up Saloon on Wednesday. Finalists perform in Stemmons Auditorium at the Loews Anatole

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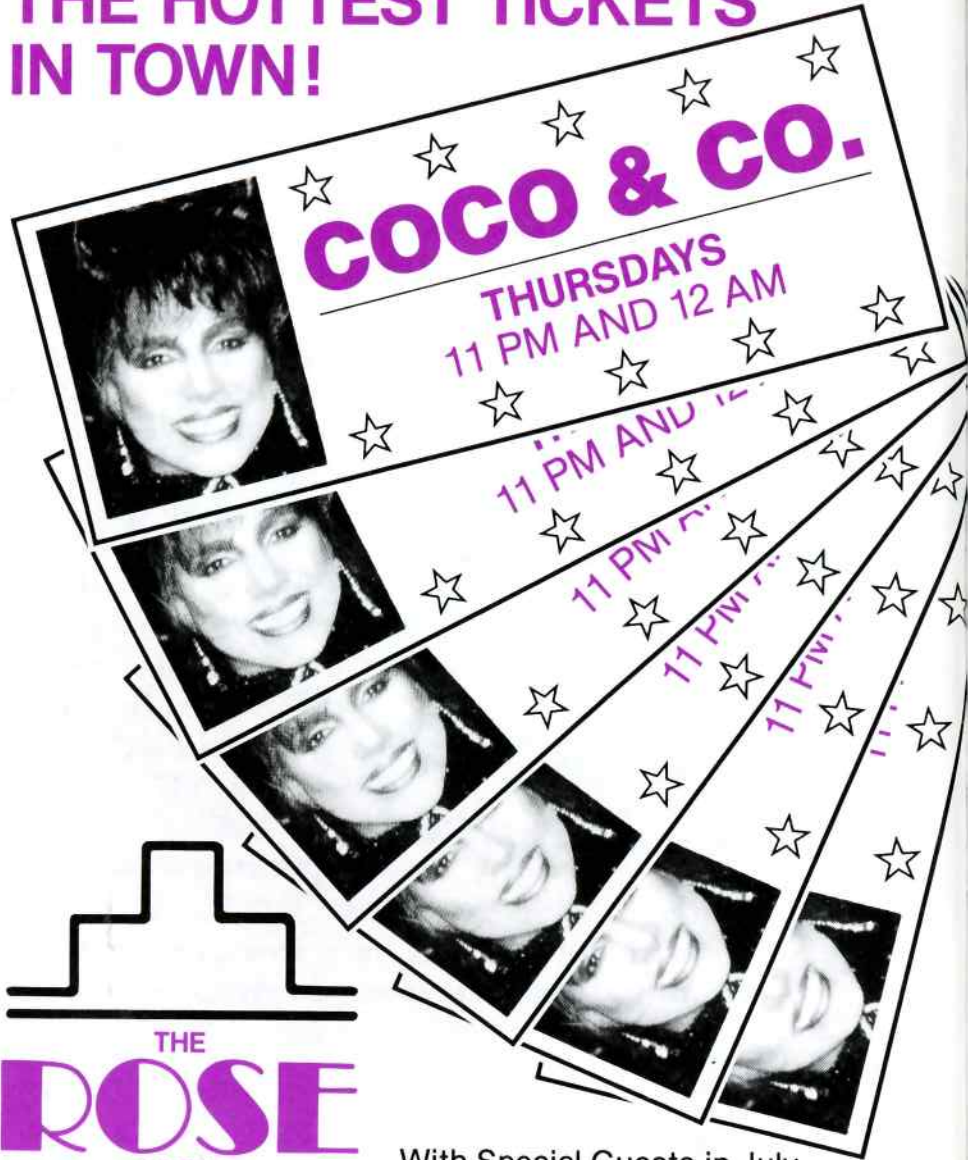
As another season comes to a close, all of us at 800 Pacific salute each of you, and thank you for playing and sharing in a competitive spirit, and for the team work that makes our gay and lesbian community truly unique. Additionally, we wish to extend a special note of gratitude to our MONTROSE MINING COMPANY competitive division team, and to our JR's Bar and Grill recreational team for their hard work and their community service and spirit.



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Branson will emcee the Wizard of R.A.D. Banquet tomorrow, Saturday, June 6 in the Khmer Pavilion at the Anatole.

Branson, an Oklahoma native, has been a teacher, dancer, professional actor and an ex-rodeo rider. He recently returned to Dallas after a two-year tour with the National Theater of the Deaf in productions of *The Odyssey* and *One More Spring*.

Before joining National Theatre of the Deaf, he performed with Dallas' Callier Theater of the Deaf in productions of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *The Tempest*, *Talley's Folly*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Pippin*. He also danced in a production of *My Fair Lady* at Corpus Christi Harbor Playhouse. Branson will be returning to National Theater of the Deaf for the television production *One More Spring*.

Branson is a founding member of the Cultural Society of the Deaf in Dallas, and he was chairperson of the Young People of Oral Deaf Adult Section of the Alexander Graham Bell Association.

ASA RAFFLE RAISES FUNDS FOR PWAs

Grand Prize Weekend Trip for Two To San Francisco.

AUSTIN — AIDS Services of Austin [ASA] is daring to dream of an end to AIDS, and one way the organization is helping bring that day closer and assist PWAs is through its "Dare to Dream" raffle.

The grand prize is a weekend trip to San Francisco, including round-trip airline tickets for two on American Airlines, two nights at the Four Seasons Clift Hotel in Union Square, brunch for two at Zuni Cafe and dinner at Hayes Street Grill.

Raffle tickets are \$5 and are on sale through August 8, when the drawing will be held. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Raffle proceeds will go directly to help persons with AIDS in Austin.

The person who sells the winning ticket will receive a special prize of a night out in Austin for two.

For further information on the "Dare to Dream" raffle, or to purchase tickets, call ASA at (512)451-2273. Tickets may also be picked up at 825 E. 53rd & 1/2 Fountain Plaza, Suite E101.

COUNTRY COUSINS FOOD DRIVE FOR STONE SOUP PANTRY

Box Decorating Contest Draws Fifty Participants.

CONROE — Country Cousins recently held a food drive for Houston's Stone Soup food pantry with approximately 50 members and guests participating. A box decorating contest was held with first, second and third prizes awarded.

Country Cousins is a gay men's social group in its second year of existence. Its goal is to provide opportunities for social contact for men who live in the country, but want to meet others in their area.

Persons living in North Houston, the Woodlands, Conroe, Huntsville and surrounding areas are invited to join.

For more information write "Country Cousins," 1215 Old 105, Conroe, TX 77304, or call (409)588-1811.

WOMEN'S SEXUALITY GROUP AT MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER

Weekly Group to Give Women Safe Place To Discuss Sexual Issues.

HOUSTON — The Montrose Counseling Center has announced the formation of a new group aimed at women who have questions about their sexuality.

Leah M. Harter, M.A., explained, "Often women are able to joke and exchange innuendos about sex but find it difficult to talk openly about sexual problems, questions, concerns and desires.

"We harbor fears about whether our experiences are normal. We may also become suspicious of or otherwise alienated from our sexuality, as we live in a patriarchal society which invalidates our female experience."

The group is designed to provide a place for women, particularly lesbians, to address such issues, including defining sexuality, sexual problems, relationships, gynecological conditions and myths.

The group is scheduled to meet on Mondays, beginning July 15 through September 9, From 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. For more information, contact Harter at (713)529-0037.



Connection? Choice

Dear TWT:

Dear Barry: In answer to your question of what the connection is between supporting gay issues and supporting abortion, it's really quite simple Barry: *choice*.

I feel strongly that my reproductive rights are just as important a personal choice as my sexual rights. Pretty basic, Barry; I hope you can grasp the connection. Even as a lesbian, I was faced 20 years ago with the decision of whether or not to have an abortion or raise a child alone. Although my decision was to have my child, the availability of abortion as an option was important to me.

Barry, I have found the gay community more than willing to accept time, energy, and money from the lesbian community for AIDS-related issues. Maybe as a gay man, you'd like to do something to return the favor.

Suzanne Anderson
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Connection? Civil Rights

Dear TWT:

In response to the letter last week from Barry Skiba of Garland, Texas concerning the connection between the issues of abortion and that of being gay, I must respond in the simplest way: *civil rights*, that's the connection.

I am not gay, nor is abortion an option for me at my somewhat advanced age. However, I defend a women's right to choose an abortion just as I defend Mr. Skiba's right to live any lifestyle he wants. He can be against abortion—in fact, he doesn't even have to have one, nor do any of his lesbian friends, but *please*, let the rest of us decide this for ourselves.

I am sorry that he feels pro-choice supporters are "tagging on" to gay issues. Years ago, I recall organized feminists

objecting to lesbians "tagging on" to women's issues and asking the same question. I said to them what I say to you, Barry, "We all have rights—that is the connection!"

Those of us who care about the rights of the individual have to support one another because, in case you haven't noticed, Barry, we're all we've got! You want to keep the government out of your bedroom; I want to keep them out of my womb!

Jane Cherry
Houston, TX

Beyond Buzz Words

Dear TWT:

A note of comment, since Barry Skiba solicited your readers to explain why people are "pro-choice." I was disappointed his letter had to become emotional in the first few words.

I put "pro-choice" in quotes because it is a buzz word. Everybody wants freedom of choices; however, we are speaking of a politically charged topic, so somebody decided to appropriate the term to mean only "in favor of abortion." Depending upon which side of the fence you are on, this further means, "you aren't and are a bad person."

I am both pro-choice and pro-life. I favor the individual's right to govern choices affecting their life. I favor life, having come to really appreciate life after ten years of AIDS in our community.

Some word appropriators have gotten hold of "right to life" and raise it as a banner of Christian faith. Sorry, Charlie. If you believe your Bible, you know there is no *right* to life. It is a grace gift from God. And if I hear "adoption, not abortion," one more time, I am going to upchuck. How many of these loudmouths adopt?

It is unlikely I would vote for any politician who supports fascism and policed thought patterns. Barry, the connection here is: If women cannot decide how to control their reproductive

cycle without political help, the same politicians can decide that AIDS patients should be euthanized or that gay people be put in concentration camps.

Do as I did; I sought out an expert on reproduction, the mother of four children. I asked her opinion, and she told me: "Abortion is not for me; however, there is no way I can tell other people what to do."

My pithy comment is this: If you dislike abortions, don't have one! Stop shaming and work to change society so there will be no unwanted pregnancies, no need for abortion, no throwaway children, maybe less drug use, and we'll all be happier. Rights are for everyone!

P.D. Sterling
Dallas, TX

Jekyll and Hyde, Part II

Dear TWT:

I have also been exposed to the so-called Jekyll and Hyde Syndrome described by Josh Thompson ["Jekyll and Hyde Syndrome," *TWT COMMENT*, Vol. 17, No. 14]. Earlier this spring, a couple of my friends introduced me to someone. I was impressed with the fact that this person was my age, that we enjoyed similar tastes in music, movies and other areas of entertainment, and that we appeared to enjoy each other's company. Neither of us liked to spend a lot of time at the bars.

As we got to know each other, we asked whether there was anyone else the other one was dating at the time, and we also talked of past relationships. We were candid in our conversations and the interest we had in each other appeared sincere. We enjoyed several weekends of going out, and although we had not gone to bed, the romance was there. Our getting together was mutual, in that it was not only one person initiating the date.

After meeting at his place one Saturday night for drinks, I got the distinct impression that something was not right, particularly in light of the previous two nights when we had gone out and had an enjoyable time. My friend was sort of stand-offish and I couldn't get close to him. Although he said nothing was wrong, I could tell something had gone awry in our friendship.

Needless to say, after a few phone calls to him over the next couple of weeks, and a greeting card which I sent, I did not hear

from him again. Inasmuch as it has now been a couple of months since this happened, I have not totally forgotten about this experience. Why? Because I am trying to figure out what happened, what I did and why this person didn't have the decency to at least talk about the situation. Sure, this guy could just be another flake, but as with Mr. Thompson, this is not the first time something like this has happened to me. And, as he also explains, it is awkward when you run into this person.

So Josh, you are not the only one this is happening to. I wish I had some advice to give you as I could use some myself. My friends tell me that the guy must be screwed up. Maybe he was and I was just naive to it all. Or, as my friends also say, he just didn't know a good thing when he saw it.

Name Withheld by Request
Houston, TX

Hyde No More

Dear TWT:

This letter is in response to the letter from Josh about the "Jekyll and Hyde Syndrome" [*TWT COMMENT*, Vol. 17, No. 14]. First of all Josh, wake up and smell the coffee! After meeting guys who you think like you until they get what they want, and having this happen time after time, you would think that you would have wised up by now. The guys you are meeting are cold and shallow, only wanting one thing, and after getting it, they don't have a reason to keep you around.

I happen to have been one of these guys, one who would seek out his prey and after having sex with them, I no longer had any use for them or their bodies.

You see, Josh, we will go to any lengths to get someone to go to bed with us, and that also means befriending nice, innocent men. When I would see these men at the bars, I would pretend I didn't know them, and if they happened to say hello, I would nod my head or else turn away as if they weren't there.

At times I was embarrassed by the guys with whom I had had sex with and I didn't want anyone to know, as if people can tell who you've had sex with.

I have since learned that I had no right whatsoever to treat another human being

as I did. I was and still am no better than anyone else. I just had an attitude and it was there for a reason.

I was the one who didn't want to open up and be hurt, so I thought I'd better not get close to anyone. This kept me from meeting a lot of nice guys with whom I now could be friends with. I missed out on making friends because I was too busy walking around with my nose in the air and treating people like scum, only because I was afraid to let anyone know who I really was.

Gays can be so cruel sometimes, you just have to learn to take the good with the bad. In our culture, if you are not thin and beautiful, it seems as if you don't exist. We are all people with feelings and we should respect one another and work together.

Just hang in there because not everyone is an asshole, and if you stop opening up to people, you might miss out on someone who really likes you for you.

I would advise that you hold back on sex, and by all means, play safe. In the day and age we live in, it would be nice to get to know someone before having sex. I realize it will be difficult to wait, but it might pay off in the long run. I wish you all the luck in the world.

Paul
Irving, TX

Dallas Tavern Guild Cares

Dear TWT:

Enclosed please find a letter I would like to share with your readers on behalf of the Dallas Tavern Guild.

Thank you.

Alan Ross
Executive Director

Dear Friends:

I wanted to take time to thank you personally for your time and your concern on behalf of the community of Dallas. Your efforts to urge Ben E. Keith and other distributing organizations to give monies to the organizations of our city struggling to meet the needs of so many are exemplary. We at OLCS are most appreciative, and the check we received will go directly to serving our clients and their individual needs. These people will benefit greatly from your thoughtfulness and from the generosity of Ben E.

Keith Company.

Again, thank you all for caring and committing to help. I know that sometimes the bars get a bad rap in this health crisis we are dealing with, but know that we here at OLCS will gladly shout the positive efforts of the Dallas Tavern Guild and its service to us all.

Terry M. Stone
Executive Director/OLCS
Dallas, TX

MOA Video Soon

Dear TWT:

I have been asked by the March on Austin Interim Committee to relate to you the current status of the Official 1991 March on Austin Video.

The company that contracted with the March Committee has encountered numerous technical and management problems. The Committee has requested all footage and will be turning it over to a more able firm shortly. The original company placed several ads advising that the video was actually ready for release. This is simply *not* the case.

We apologize for the delay and expect to have the MOA Video ready for release in about three weeks. We are offering everyone who has ordered the MOA Video the option of waiting or requesting a full refund.

All information, correspondence or orders for the MOA Video should be addressed to the March on Austin Committee address below. No other company or individual has current and correct information on this matter.

Timothy Brown
Treasurer, MOA Interim Committee
P.O. Box 2579
Austin, TX 78768-2579

Mourning Mike

Dear TWT:

I have never written (or I guess felt strong enough about a situation to write) a letter to the editor before. Tonight, after attending the funeral of a friend, that has changed.

I must admit he was only an acquaintance of mine, but a good friend of my roommate's. Mike Hagedorn was shot and killed on Friday, June 14 behind the Round-Up by two men attempting to rob

him. A passer-by was also shot. Thank God only once! He was released to go home this evening.

Mike's family needed to return his body to New York, but they graciously allowed friends here in Dallas to hold a memorial service for him on June 19. Two of his sisters were there; however, his mother was unfortunately not able to attend. She had taken her first real trip since the death of her husband nine months ago, only to have it cut short by the death of her son.

Maybe it's the time in which we live or just the city in which we live, that it is not hard to understand the true despair and need it takes to drive a man to steal for his family. I do not think, though, that this was the case.

Never will I understand for any reason how somebody can inflict this feeling of loss on his family and especially on his mother the way they have. Forget the fact that he was gay, the parking was dark and the gunmen may have lived truly desperate lives in an effort to provide for their family—Mike Hagedorn was still somebody's friend, brother, grandson and son!

My deepest sympathy goes out to his wonderful family. I also wish his mother the strength to find within her grief some comfort in knowing he is in a better place.

Name Withheld By Request
Irving, TX

Fanatics Must Be Answered

Dear TWT:

I am the counsel for the House Judicial Affairs Committee which heard the "gay custody" bill [HB 1592]. I have worked in and around the Capitol since 1973, nearly as long as Rep. Debra Danburg. I am openly gay to the point that people who don't know my name know that I am gay. I am a contributor to LGRL (checks on file) as well as other gay political groups. Moreover, for seven years, I was a gay stepmom to a child who, despite his good role models, turned out to be heterosexual.

I am also apparently the only gay person who attended the second hearing on the gay custody bill. Unfortunately, as a House employee, I am not allowed to speak at hearings without a motion and supporting record vote of a majority of the committee (House Rule 2, § 8(3)). I can

report that the conservative *Houston Post* was accurate when it reported our hearing as "one of the nastiest gay-bashing sessions of the 72nd Texas Legislature."

I was nearly physically assaulted by these "Christian" monsters for my bill analysis of HB 1592; big deal, I've been threatened or assaulted no less than five times on the Capitol grounds for my political beliefs and been called "fag" in four languages (five, if you count "goddamn pooffer"). I was upset enough to wake up my boss, drunk and crying, at 1 a.m. following this hearing—and received a prompt apology. I got another from one of the two *Republicans* on the subcommittee—more than I can say for the LGRL, or Rep. Danburg.

To treat any bill dealing with gay issues as noncontroversial is the damn stupidest strategy that I've ever heard of. "Fanatics" [See LGRL Executive Director Laurie Eiserloh's letter in *TWT COMMENT*, Vol. 17, No. 14] or no, these fundamentalist nuts needed a credible response; my own boss received over 50 phone calls opposing this bill. No one that I know of on our committee wanted to "stop HB 1592"; moreover, it was never made a "package" of anything. It is one thing to introduce legislation; it is quite another to push for it. I *strongly* believe that a majority of our committee would have supported passage; there was, in fact, no more favorable committee to which this bill could have been referred.

I have great respect for Rep. Danburg and the LGRL for their efforts on behalf of the gay community. When it comes to gay parents and this bill, however, these paid representatives dropped the ball.

Patrick M.W. Johnson
Committee Counsel
Committee on Judicial Affairs
Texas House of Representatives
Austin, TX

Acquired Stupidity Syndrome

Dear TWT:

Have you heard of a horrible disease going around? It is rapidly spreading through all segments of society and could possibly destroy all human beings on this planet. As of now, there is no known cure and its causes remain obscure.

The name of this disease is Acquired Stupidity Syndrome. It appears to attack

the brain and render the victim incapable of rational thought. This can eventually lead to unparalleled violence on a worldwide scale. Acquired Stupidity Syndrome is a progressive disease with the victims being unaware of their condition and remaining apparently healthy.

The first noticeable symptom is adherence to any fundamentalist belief system. As the disease develops, the victim becomes more and more intolerant of anyone who thinks or acts differently than he does. In the final stage of Acquired Stupidity Syndrome, the victims begin killing those of whom they were previously only intolerant.

In order to save society, and indeed life on earth, it will probably be necessary to quarantine any victims of Acquired Stupidity Syndrome. One solution to the dilemma this poses would be to build vast holding areas in Antarctica and place all victims in these special "camps."

However, it may already be too late to quarantine the victims of ASS. The only hope appears to be to find a cure and/or a vaccine to prevent further outbreak of this particularly loathsome and dreadful disease. Let us hope this happens, as the alternative is Armageddon.

Greg DeVaney
Dallas, TX

Unsafe Sex Excuse #34

Dear TWT:

"I got a little too drunk (or high) and didn't know what I was doing." This is one of the most typical responses people give me for having unsafe sex with someone, even when they know better. Sometimes, even having all the facts doesn't mean that changing old habits comes easily. A lot of issues come into play even after one has made a commitment to "play safe" always.

The primary step in developing a "safer" lifestyle is to be aware that it is a problem that concerns you. There are still many people in our community—especially in the younger generation—who feel that AIDS is only a problem affecting certain "types" and that their risk for infection is fairly low. Others may not even concern themselves with AIDS because they "don't know anyone with HIV."

The next step is to acknowledge the

problem and try to find out the facts about HIV transmission. This is where many people are stuck. They have a general knowledge of what's safe and what's not, but are unsure about issues like deep kissing and oral sex. Because of this widespread problem, most major Texas cities have organizations which offer safer sex workshops for the gay and lesbian community.

These workshops help people explore how safer sex practices can fit into their own lives and move them toward the next stage of using these techniques and approaches so they learn to enjoy a consistently safer sexual lifestyle.

The workshops are a fun and entertaining exploration of the facts, attitudes and options to help each participant find the best personal choices for expressing their sexuality. AIDS Foundation Houston [AFH] sponsors free workshops open to the general public on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month (July 23 and 30) at the AFH office. We also sponsor the popular safer sex "house parties" in which people host groups of their friends to a workshop in their own home. It's a terrific gift to celebrate any occasion with your friends—showing them a good time *and* giving them an opportunity to learn everything about all the erotic options available for safer, sensuous sex.

No one is immune from exposure to HIV, whether you live in a big city, a suburb or a small town. I invite you to call me at AFH at (713)623-6796, or call your local AIDS organization for further information.

Bart Loeser
AIDS Foundation Houston

Gays Not Ethnic or Cultural Group

Dear TWT:

Regarding Gene Elder's letter in **TWT COMMENT** ["No Texas Gay Artists in DC," Vol. 17, No. 15] commenting on the Texas Festival in Washington D.C.

Since when has sexual preference become the same as a cultural or ethnic group? Mr. Elder apparently is confused about the real issues of gay rights.

Kevin Walter
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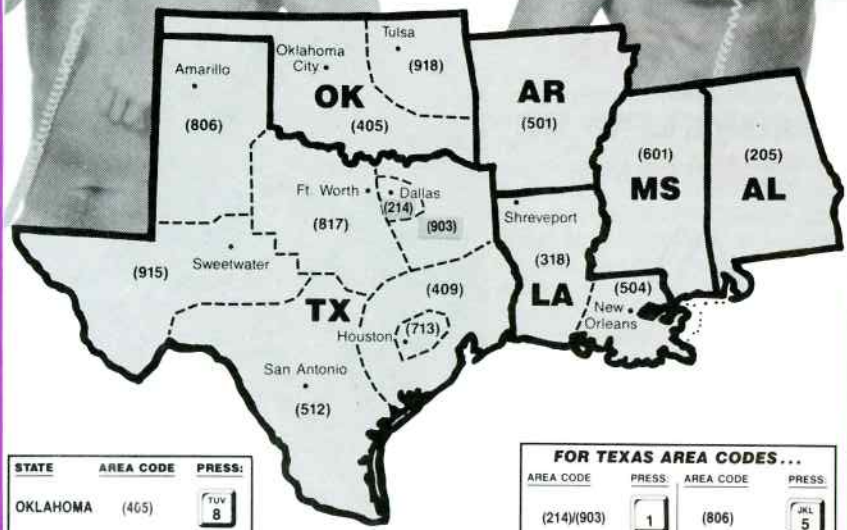
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AIDS

by Jazz Paz

In the first of this series on AIDS ["Aid for AIDS," Vol. 17, No. 12], it was noted that in 1990 only one new AIDS-related drug was approved by the Food and Drug Administration [FDA]. Currently another 62 medicines and vaccines are being studied by 40 different companies, with the shared mission of defeating the symptoms and the cause of AIDS.

This month commemorates the end of the first decade of reported AIDS cases in the United States. In the beginning it took 18 months to collect the names of 1,000 people with AIDS. In 1991, 100 new cases are being reported to the Centers for Disease Control every eight days. At least 100,000 Americans have died of AIDS in 10 years and 2 million are HIV-positive.

"The bitter truth was that AIDS did not just happen, it was allowed to happen by an array of institutions, all of which failed to perform their appropriate tasks to safeguard the public health," Randy Shilts advised us in his book *And the Band Played On*, published in 1987.

One factor contributing to the rampant pandemic is the still lethargic response of the pharmaceutical companies and the FDA, and the spirit of desperate rivalry, rather than cooperation, that motivates manufacturers.

Burroughs Wellcome, the sole manufacturer of AZT, is energetically resisting Barr Laboratory's efforts to produce a generic version of the drug. Apotex, Inc., a Canadian company whose controlling share-

holder has a 65% stake in Barr, has asked Canadian courts to reverse Burroughs Wellcome's patents which allow them to exploit their market by overcharging for the life-sustaining drug.

In response, Burroughs Wellcome has contributed \$25,000 to The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, the largest single donation ever made to this national gay and lesbian physician organization. Burroughs Wellcome knows who prescribes their product.

Another company, Abbott Laboratories, produces clarithromycin, an antibiotic that appears to be effective against mycobacterium avium complex [MAC], a debilitating, sometimes fatal infection that attacks PWAs in the advanced stages of their disease. Clarithromycin is approved for use in Ireland, Germany, Japan and Italy. Phase I safety trials have been completed and the drug has revealed very few significant side effects. Scott Stulsky of the New York chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power [ACT UP] states flatly, "We have enough data to know this drug is safe."

Since the only other available treatment for MAC is a five-drug regimen that is only marginally successful, doctors and patients are obtaining black market clarithromycin and reporting results that are "stunning" and "miraculous."

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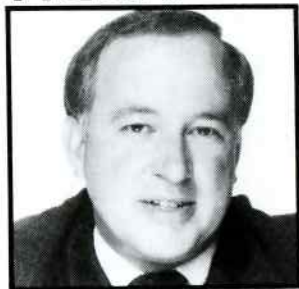
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ject of hoarding and greed, according to activists who would like to see more people who can't tolerate AZT afforded trials with ddC.

ACT UP and other advocates claim that many experimental drugs are not reaching the people who are dying for access because of intransigence and greed on the part of drug companies.

Ideally, persons facing a terminal illness should be able, with their health care provider, to choose treatments based on their medical merit, taking their own specific situation into account. Who, other than the patient and caregiver, knows more about his or her unique needs? But the political reality is that institutions have more power to pursue their interests than patients do.

The Food and Drug Administration holds power over the pharmaceutical companies. The drug manufacturers' attitude towards the FDA is characterized by groveling: "Tell us what we must do to get the NDA (New Drug Approval, giving the companies to market a drug, permission often worth millions of dollars) and we'll do it."

When the government approved the principle of "compassionate use" or "expanded access" (permission to make a new drug available to people who need it after the Phase I trials proved the drug safe), it seemed a victory for people with AIDS for whom no approved medicine was helpful.

But in the time since then, every new drug possibility has been thwarted because it cost money. When the FDA was being pressed for approval of compassionate use, drug companies were enthusiastic in their support. Belatedly realizing that the program will have a financial impact on them, they have been weakening their "support."

Providing access to experimental drugs prior to the NDA through compassionate use or expanded access is an expense and a bother to drug companies. Not only must they pay for the drugs, but also for the associated research and administrative expenses, for which they are seldom reimbursed, much less profit by.

Another obstacle for people trying to gain access to new therapies is the FDA. One of the goals of the Food and Drug Administration is to protect the public from dangerous or worthless drugs. Yet neither the FDA nor any other institution evaluates the risk or cost of *not* approving a drug which possibly should be approved.

Always quoted by those making the FDA's argument is the word "thalidomide." Approved and distributed in Europe as a barbiturate in the 1960s (but disallowed in the United States), the drug led to the birth of thousands of deformed children.

Forgotten in the self-congratulations of hypervigilant American scientists is the fact that thalidomide was a sleeping pill. It is not being suggested that the standards appropriate to a cough or cold or baldness remedy be applied to the development of life-saving treatments for diseases like cancer or AIDS. Thousands of people with these diagnoses are being sent away to die without any institutional responsibility. But if anyone is harmed by the other kind of mistake, i.e., that of approving a "bad" drug, then the FDA, the drug company, the researchers and everyone else can expect to be blamed. The result is more than a distortion; it is a situation in which half the decision-making process does not take place at all.

The urgency is not that we must dismantle the drug regulations, but strengthen them by balancing the costs of both kinds of errors. Regulations covering drug approvals have wide political and personal consequences, affecting not just the individual patient being denied relief, but also the speed and creativity of the entire enterprise of medical research and development. The government controls the ability of medicine to respond swiftly to emergencies like AIDS.

The government and the people. Despite appeals from ACT UP and other advocates for compassionate use of clarithromycin after Phase I trials, Abbott insisted on waiting until the end of Phase II, which would likely have been around the end of the year. Enraged by this decision, the AIDS activist community protested dramatically, and as a result, Abbott now says it is in communication with the FDA to coordinate the process of expanded access of compassionate use.

In February, ACT UP/New York called for a boycott of Hoffman-LaRoche until the company made ddC available. Suddenly that company has now begun declaring its "commitment to the ddC compassionate use program" and stating that "all previous problems are being resolved."

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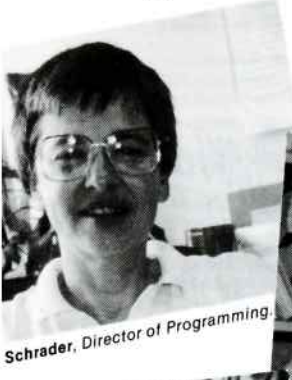
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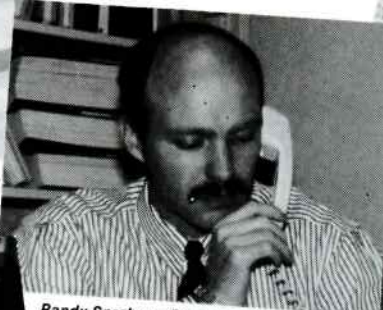
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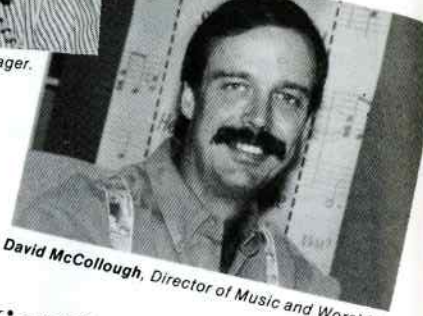
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Michael McKinney

The key buzzword around the Metropolitan Community Church nowadays is "community." As the biggest church ministering primarily to gay and lesbian people in the world is about to start construction on the Cathedral of Hope, everyone on the staff is expressing a very large vision for the future.

"Part of the new cathedral will be devoted to the Wellness Center," Tucker said. "We (at MCC) have a real passion for helping people be whole. We want to help people on a physical, mental, social and spiritual level. We really preach a theology of wholeness."

Currently, MCC offers counseling for free or at a minimal charge, and the church also maintains a 12-step program. The Wellness Center will eventually offer various health screenings, workshops, an annual conference on health and wholeness.

Tucker received his Masters of Divinity from Emory University, and worked in a United Methodist Church for two and a half years. Once he came out, he decided to come to MCC in Dallas, where he has served for the last two years.

David McCollough, MCC's Director of Music and Worship, describes his vision for the new Music Conservatory as part of the new building.

"The Music Conservatory will be a place where gays and lesbians can use their talents openly, where music can be taught by professionals and students can learn all areas of music. Being closeted is unhealthy, so this will be a very positive step for the gay and lesbian community at large."

McCollough said that after he began a recovery program for alcohol abuse in April of 1989, he realized his life was too compartmentalized. "The church I was in only

loved a part of me, because there was a part I had to hide." When he came out, he was forced to resign his position in his United Methodist Church in Tennessee.

"A friend I hadn't heard from in a long time called me from Dallas," McCollough said. "He told me about this position at the church, and I sent my resume. I realized God had no problem with my being gay, and that He had better use for my time and talents." McCollough began his involvement with MCC 14 months ago.

"We exist for all people," Carol West said. "Our vision is greater than the edifice. We are totally inclusive." West, the Assistant Pastor at MCC, has recently been named to the position of AIDS chaplain. Her responsibilities will include counseling, hospital visits, memorial services, and general work with PWAs.

"We want to make our services available to other agencies throughout the city," West said. "Our work doesn't exist solely within the church." She said plans are being considered to work with other groups through regularly scheduled hours.

West originally taught high school English, but also worked as Director of the Fort Worth Suicide Hotline. "I have known, since I first became involved with this church in 1979, that I would some day be on staff here." After a three-year process, she was licensed by the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Church.

"We want to be a beacon for the gay and lesbian community," West said. "We are a church, but we are so much more. Our goal is wellness for the whole person, and we want that to be a universal goal in Dallas."

Sue Schrader, Director of Programming, envisions reaching out to the community in a different way. She has been responsible for organizing a woman's softball team that plays in the city league, as well as planning a golf tournament for this fall.

"Athletics brings in young people," Schrader said, "and as friends bring friends, invariably they start coming to church."

Schrader is also involved with developing a mail order bookstore, including a comprehensive catalogue of available resources. "People in small communities who may never actually have contact with other gays and lesbians can discover a whole new world of literature specifically directed at our community."

"I also feel a responsibility for new or small community groups, to help them get organized and publicize their events," Schrader added. She envisions a new era of networking among the various community groups to maximize their outreach.

Schrader has been involved in the ministry for over ten years in Dallas. Originally from Indiana, she received her masters degree from the University of Southern Illinois. Besides her church work, she is also an Instructor for the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association.

Randy Sprabary is the newest staff member at MCC, just starting his job as Business Manager. He is currently responsible for church finances, office administration, and building and ground maintenance. Originally a commercial real estate agent, he felt a need for a career change. "I have been a member of this church for over two years," he said, "and I always wanted to work here. This is a wonderful opportunity for me." He did say that being on the inside has given him a new sense of appreciation for all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes.

"This will be a facility everyone can be proud of," Rev. Michael Piazza said. The Senior Pastor of the MCC said the new facility, whose centerpiece will be the 57-foot-high cathedral, will be easily visible from the nearest intersection, Inwood and Cedar Springs.

"We are calling it a 'cathedral' because, as in olden days, it will serve as a community center. It belongs to us. It will be a first-class church that the community can be proud of."

The Metropolitan Community Church in Dallas began over 21 years ago, when 12 people formed a group called "The Circle of Friends." Within a month, the group had expanded and had to meet at a Unitarian Church for several years.

The first permanent home was an old building on the corner of Ross and Caddo, where the first elected pastor celebrated Thanksgiving in 1972. Four years later, the congregation moved to Reagan and Brown, where it has been for over 14 years. Now, with an average Sunday attendance of over 600 people, the time has come to move again.

As the congregation has grown and expanded, so have the needs and the visions of the future. The new Cathedral of Hope will be a community-based facility for all gay and lesbian people.



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Richard Maltby Jr. and David Shire teamed up to write the contemporary musical review *Closer Than Ever*, which consists of 24 songs that take you on an emotional journey through the anguish, amazement and human comedy of contemporary living. The Dallas Repertory Theatre production is directed by Artistic Director **Ed DeLatta** and stars **Connie Colt**, **Scott Everhart**, **Charis Leos** and **Ernie Ritchie**. Musical Director is **Terry Dobson**.



The cast of *Closer than Ever*.

Maltby and Shire received several Tony nominations for the Broadway musical *Baby* and are credited with 40 feature film scores as well as two Grammys. Maltby won the 1978 Tony Award as Best Director of a Musical for conceiving and directing *Ain't Misbehavin'*. He is also co-lyricist of Broadway's current hit *Miss Saigon*. Ticket information for *Closer than Ever* is available by calling (214)369-8966, or you can stop by your neighborhood Rainbow TicketMaster.

Gunmetal Blues opens next Wednesday at the Main Street Theater on Broadway. Creators **Craig Bohmler**, **Marion Adler** and **Scott Wentworth** have concocted a loving send-up of 1940s Hollywood film noir which they describe as "a hard-boiled lounge act." Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. For reservations and information, call (713)524-6706.

Fort Worth's Casa Manana salutes **Leonard Bernstein** in *On the Town*, the

1944 Broadway hit that launched his career. Choreographed by **Paul Meija**, this musical comedy about three sailors looking for the perfect woman will feature eight principal dancers from the Fort Worth Ballet. *On the Town* features such memorable tunes as "New York, New York," "Some Other Time" and "I Get Carried Away." For schedules, tickets and general information, dial the theatre at (817) 332-6221 or stop by Rainbow TicketMaster for your tickets.



Bye Bye Birdie stars Tommy Tune and Ann Reinking.

The national touring company production of *Bye, Bye Birdie* is currently onstage at Music Hall in Fair Park in Dallas. **Tommy Tune** and **Ann Reinking** perform through July 14. Here are just a few reasons you should take time out of your busy schedule to see *Bye, Bye Birdie*: There are two irresistible love stories, one seven-year-old genius, a buxom blonde (can you say Tommy Tune?), colorful sets, costumes and Tony-winning choreography. Oh yes, and it's part of the Dallas Summer Musicals. Charge your tickets by calling (214) 787-2000 or stop by a Rainbow TicketMaster.

Also in Dallas, *Remember My Name* by **David Lemos** premieres on Friday, July 19, at Theatre Gemini. Lemos, Executive Director of the Names Project/The Quilt,



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has written a play about the making of the Quilt. *Remember My Name* is a multimedia production interspersed with anecdotes drawn from panel makers and volunteers, estranged family members and even the panels themselves. The acting ensemble absorbs the audience in the stories that have influenced the quilt.

Running in conjunction with *Remember My Name* is a display of panels from the Quilt July 2-6 in Trinity Hall of the Loews Anatole Hotel. The quilt display has been enjoying a record turnout. The Anatole is located at 2201 Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. *Remember My Name* runs through August 11, and you can get your tickets by calling (214)521-6331.

Houston's Country Playhouse is presenting *Chicago* by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse through August 3. Production runs are Friday, Saturday and Sundays. Call (713)467-4497 for reservations.

The Lean Theatre, Dallas' newest professional theatre, presents its debut production, *And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little*. The play was written by Paul Zindel and stars Sharon Bunn and Yolanda Younger. Admission to this production is free in order to encourage area residents to attend the theatre. Performances are scheduled for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings. The Richland College Arena Theatre is located at the corner of Abrams and Walnut Hill, north of LBJ, at 12800 Abrams Road, Dallas. To make reservations to this free production, call (214) 238-6289.

When Jim Brink finishes his work at Galveston's Texas Seaport Museum, it will mean smooth sailing for the 1877 iron barque Elissa. Brink is turning 12,000



Jim Brink demonstrates his sailmaking craft in Galveston.

square feet of cloth into a suit of 19 sails for Texas' Tall Ship, the museum's biggest attraction.

In the process, the sailmaker is demonstrating the age-old nautical craft to the museum's visitors. Brink has become a living exhibit in the museum's second-floor gallery, where he sews sails and answers visitors' questions.

When he's at work in the museum, Brink spreads yards of fabric across the gallery floor and onto the workbench where he shapes the sails using traditional tools. Nearby, two antique sewing machines, originally used for harness-making, have eliminated some of the more tedious labor.

Brink uses a polyester material called Duradon which has the look and feel of traditional sail linen, but which resists mildew. The cloth is made by the same company in Scotland which manufactured the sails for the Royal Navy.

Brink's sail loft will remain in the Texas Seaport Museum at Pier 21 on Galveston Island until mid-August. The Seaport Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For even more information about the museum and their exhibits, call (409)763-1877.



Cyndi Williams and Mitch Pileggi in *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*.

He's a fry-cook, she's a waitress. He's in love, she's not sure. He thinks she's beautiful, she thinks he's crazy. *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*, currently playing at the Zachary Scott Theatre in Austin, is playwright Terrence McNally's comic, gritty, challenging and ultimately romantic celebration of the lasting qualities of love in a throw-away society. Adult situations, nudity, and a strong language are an integral part of this story. It is recommended for mature audiences only. *Frankie and Johnny* runs through August 11 on the Kleberg Stage. For ticket information, call (512)476-0541.

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The Magic and the Madness

...or, Call Me Miss Ross, Book II

Reviewed by Bob Dineen

Michael Jackson: The Magic and The Madness, J. Randy Taraborrelli; nonfiction, 608 pp.; Birch Lane Press Books, 600 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022; hardback, \$21.95.

I must share with you, at the outset, that I am not and never have been a Michael Jackson fan. I believe he is a rather comically eccentric oddity of questionable talent (and, therefore, someone who should be relegated to one of P.T. Barnum's side shows)—someone who has achieved his success not through any merit, but through a highly orchestrated marketing and public relations campaign which probably could have succeeded in reversing Congress' decision not to make the turkey our national bird.

Alas, we are here to discuss not Jackson, but his also talentless biographer, J. Randy Taraborrelli, a man who is himself so consumed with self-adulation that he dared to state, in an interview with the Houston press corps, that "there will be

trouble if anyone even tries to write about them (Diana Ross and Michael Jackson). They are *my* subjects now." What gall! If anyone ever cared to write about either of them ever again—and believe me, someone will—that author certainly doesn't need or, hopefully, want Taraborrelli's approval.

Considering the audacity of his statement, you might be tempted to ask just what it is that Taraborrelli is attempting so diligently to protect. Trust me—it's nothing.

What you must remember is that J. Randy Taraborrelli has built his somewhat limited reputation on exposing the supposedly dark, sordid details of the lives of the victims of his purportedly poison but basically benign pen. And while he endeavors to offer us a Kitty Kelleyesque-style biography, complete with sexual innuendo and legal travails, he instead provides history and his readers with a voluminous work of drivel, so encumbered with footnotes and disclaimers that it

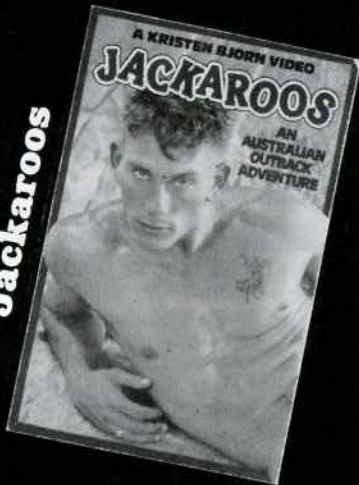
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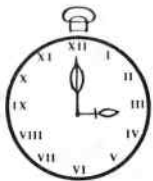
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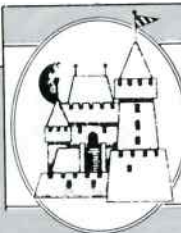
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Michael Jackson at age 12.

becomes blatantly obvious that he chose to author a lawsuit-proof biographical sketch, rather than a full-blown "scandalimentary" of the type that has made Ms. Kelly a true force to be reckoned with.

While there are a few intimate glimpses into the lives of Michael and his family—gleaned mostly from the author's years as editor of *Soul* magazine—the work is peppered with mindless anecdotes which, rather than providing insight into what created the Jackson phenomenon, merely serve to fortify the impression that Taraborrelli wants us to view him as a participant in, not just a chronicler of, the fabulous world of the glitterati.

Though the pages of inconsequential trivia—such as the constant documenting of age statistics to coincide with any significant event in the group's career—tend to distract the reader, what is made crystal clear in this pretentious piece of literary garbage is that Michael and the entire Jackson clan are truly blessed to have achieved the level of success that they have.

When the group left Motown, for example, they did so owing the company over a half-million dollars for costs related to producing songs that Barry Gordy (Motown's founder and president) deemed

unacceptable. As if that were not sufficient proof of the group's rather limited marketability, they were almost fired by CBS Records a few years later due to poor record sales! In fact, the only thing the group had going for it was the power of Motown's enormous public relations department, which not only created but continued to bolster the group's image.

Despite the track record, the group (and Michael in particular) developed such grotesquely huge egos that, for example, they deeply resented seeing white people walking on the streets of cities they visited during an African tour since, after all, "they are the ones that did all the dirty work." Yet they felt no remorse themselves when ticket prices for their final *Victory* tour excluded an inordinately large percentage of their black fans.

But it is Michael's ego which is so incomprehensible. He has become so spoiled that he threatens not to perform unless he gets his way—which is often. He has forced huge corporations to edit tapes because he feels there is too much of him in the video! He has refused to talk to reporters directly, on occasion going so far as to use his sister, Janet, as a go-between, even though the reporter was only a few feet away. He has resorted to blackmail to force government officials and awards committees into giving him special recognition in return for a request for his services! All of this from a 125-pound man whose entire persona is the work of an overzealous plastic surgeon.

With each page I turned in this 600-plus-page mountain of trash, I continued to ask myself two questions: "Will it ever get better?" and "Will it ever end?" The answer to both is "No!" For as long as men (dare I say writers) like J. Randy Taraborrelli continue to create such totally unnecessary works of pulp-destroying waste, and idolizing, unsuspecting lovers of all things Hollywood continue to shell out double-digit cash amounts for such waste, the vicious circle of unsatisfied readers will continue. Bad authors will continue to document the lives of bad performers, and we will continue to read their works—always hoping for entertainment and enlightenment. But why?

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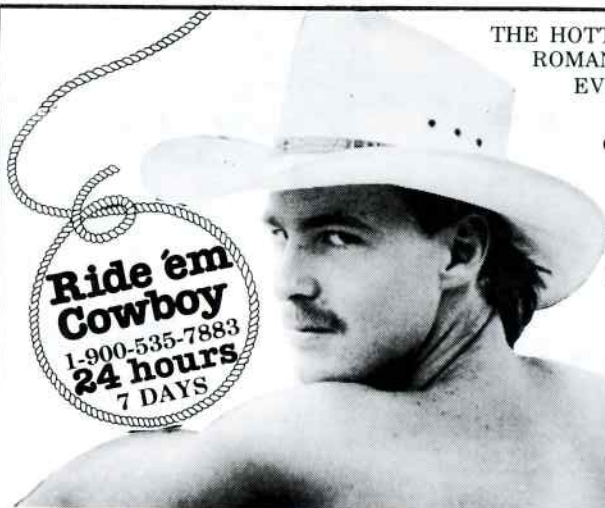
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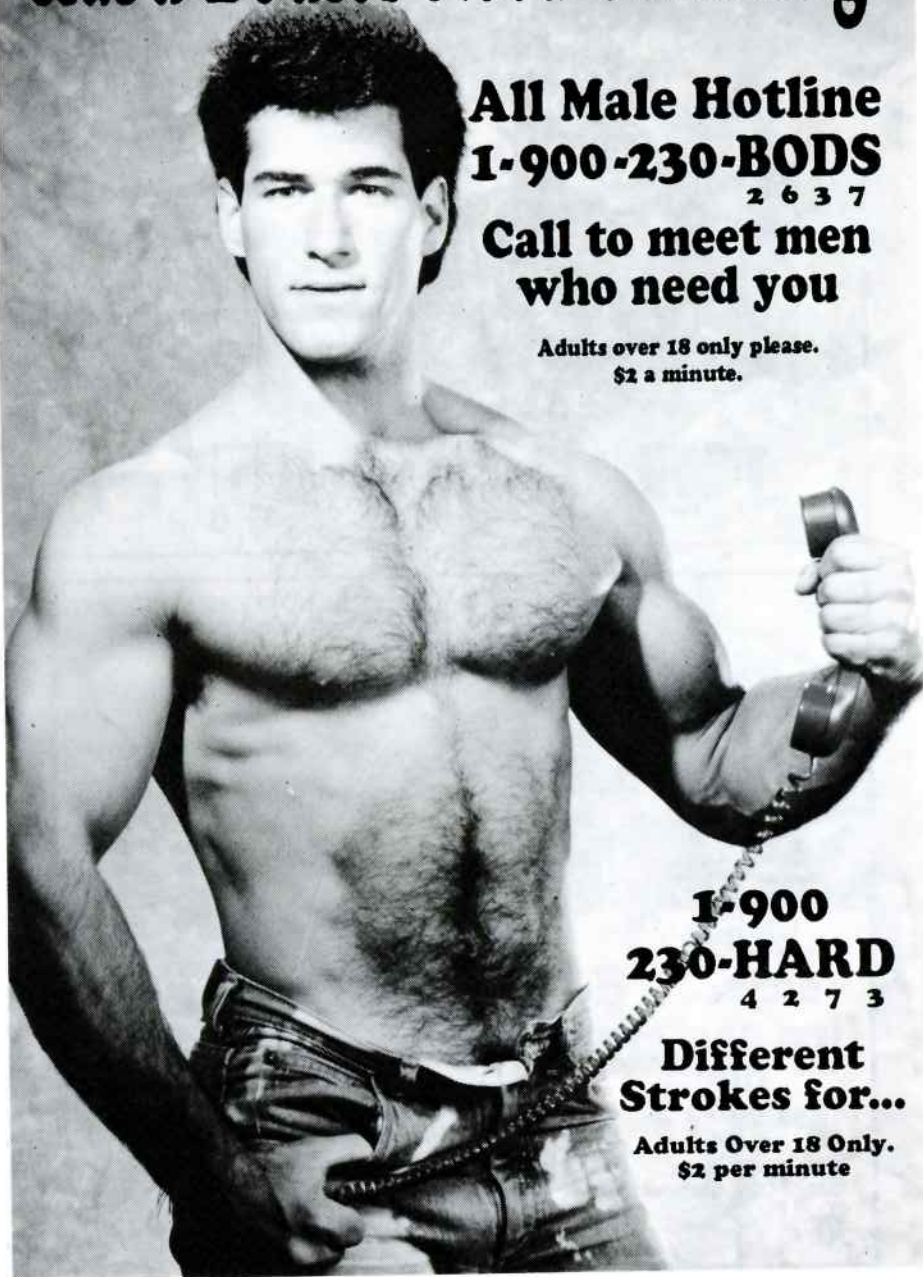
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Vera, the keeper of good taste and a good wardrobe, was doing her civic-minded best, 14 years ago this week in Texas, to organize a new choral club to allow a cultural outlet for "good-looking butch numbers" to dress in combat boots and undershirts and belt out patriotic gaylib tunes, thereby meeting Anita Bryant on her home turf—singing. And while Vera was a woman of unquestionable verve, she was not quite up to this Herculean task, and enlisted the help of her very-dear-friend Phoebe, currently in the throes of her latest diet fad, the old wire-your-jaw-shut-with-a-coat-hanger system.

Speaking of wiring your jaw shut, Ray Hill, he of the Houston Human Rights League, provided interested Texassexuals with the history of gay baths and bookstores, and offered an explanation of their importance in today's world. In addition to enlightening, Mr. Hill also encouraged Lone Star gays to aggressively defend our constitutional rights as a means of reducing official abuse of them.

SAY, WASN THAT. . . Tom-Tom celebrating his mumblesomething birthday at the Venture-N in Houston; Jack Wrangler and Roger in the Hothouse around the corner from the French Quarter, also in Houston; Ann and Ed at the 500 Club in Fort

house in Austin; Flavour, the Buddy Simpson Dancers and the Nita Michaels Duo at Sassy's in Dallas; Ernestine, Jennifer George, Janet Page and Jessica Landa at the OP, also in Dallas; Tonya Lynn at Aub's in Fort Worth; Janet Moore on the Red Carpet in Houston; T.J. Hollowell and his new discovery Bobby Garcia at The Other Place in Fort Worth; and Peaches, Eartha Kitt, Jerry Vanover, Maggie McGee, Mel-

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On the NEWS UP FRONT page, reporters detailed yet another arsonist attack on the Depository Two which, this time, resulted in no damage and an eyewitness account of the incident including the license plate numbers of the getaway car.

And finally, the metzmerizing Howard Metz, he of the pressed vinyl set, kept the dance floors in Dallas packed with his flawless mixes of Andrea True's "New York You Got Me Dancing" and "Sweet Dynamite" by Claudja Barry. Not to be outdone, Houston's Terry Patterson burned his turntables by spinning the Emotions' mega-hit "Best of My Love" and Shalimar's "Uptown Festival."

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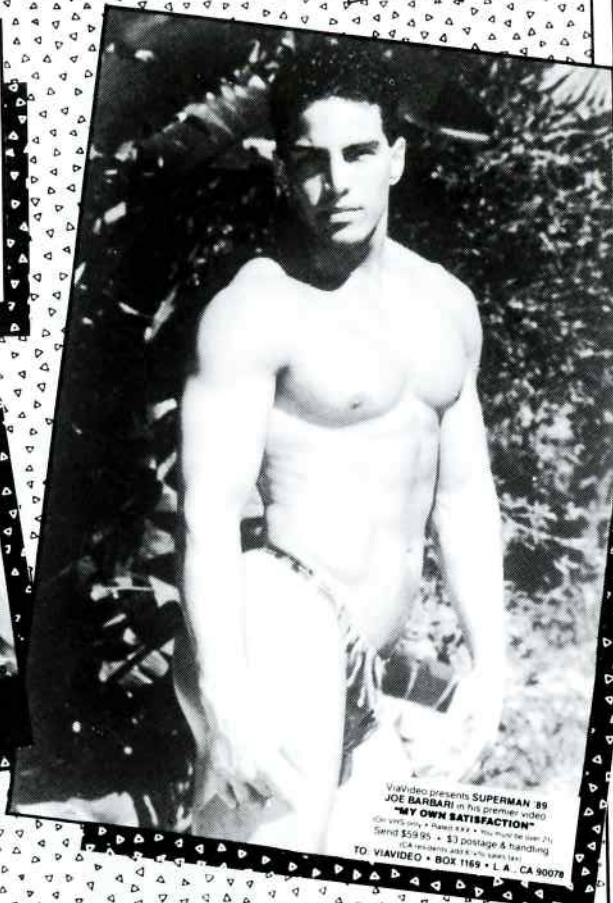
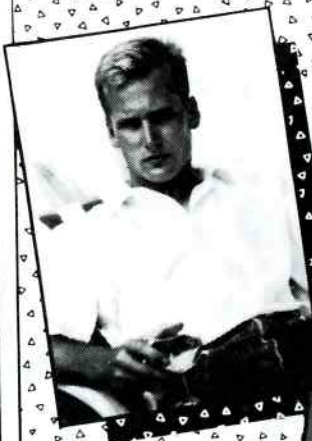
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ECLIPSE OF THE SUN — Not until the year 2050 will there be a more spectacular eclipse of the Sun or a longer eclipse than the one next Thursday, July 11. In Hawaii the period of totality will last five minutes. Those who have traveled to the Baja Peninsula or the west coast of Mexico, of who've taken a cruise ship through the Sea of Cortez, will be treated to an unusually long seven minutes of totality.

Here in Texas we are too far north of the centerline to see a total eclipse. However, we will get to see a very powerful partial eclipse. The sky will grow dark as the eclipse deepens. It'll seem more like evening than daytime. In Houston, Austin and San Antonio, the eclipse will cover up over 65% of the Sun. In Dallas, Fort Worth and Lubbock, there will be a little less shadow—about 55%.

The reason this eclipse lasts so long is that the New Moon of July 11 will be at perigee—the point in the Moon's orbit when it is closest to Earth.

The reason eclipses of the Sun and Moon are possible is due to a fortunate quirk in our solar system. It just so happens that the Moon is just the right size and at the right distance from Earth for its shadow to cover the Sun up exactly. This means that, although the Moon is much smaller than the Sun, the Moon's shadow can exactly cover up the Sun because the Sun is much farther from the Earth than the Moon is. And on July 11, the Moon's circular shadow falls dead center onto the Sun. Since the Moon's shadow is only 200 miles wide, it moves very quickly across the face of our planet.

Next Thursday's solar eclipse begins after sunrise in Hawaii where the Moon's shadow first touches the Earth. The shadow moves westward, crossing the tip of the Baja Peninsula, then grazing over mainland Mexico.

In Texas, you can stand in the shadow of the Moon when the eclipse begins around 1 p.m., when the Moon's shadow first takes a bite out of the Sun. The peak maximum of the eclipse occurs midday around 2:15 p.m. By 3:30 p.m. the eclipse has ended in Texas and life returns to normal.

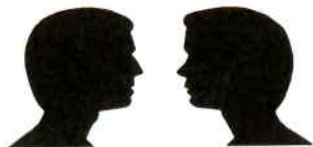
CANCER: (Jun 22 - Jul 22) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your own zodiac sign, putting you directly in the path of the Moon's shadow. This will thwart many of your personal projects. The solar eclipse suggests you wait to begin all your new personal ventures until the eclipse has ended.

LEO: (Jul 23 - Aug 22) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your twelfth house of secrets. What goes on behind the scenes can be mysterious. Beware of hidden problems lurking. After the eclipse, previously unsolved mysteries become solvable.

VIRGO: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your eleventh house of friendships. Don't rely on what people tell you until after the eclipse is over. Social situations and parties can give send murky messages and unclear signals.

LIBRA: (Sept 23 - Oct 23) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your tenth house of career. This can cloud up your job picture. See no customers during the eclipse. Afterwards, any problems can quickly be smoothed out.

SCORPIO: (Oct 24 - Nov 21) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your



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ninth house. This can screw up travel plans. Also, avoid legal entanglements during the eclipse. Educational pursuits like going to summer school are under solar stress during the fateful eclipse.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your eighth house. This puts stress on matters involving other people's money. Also undergoing some sticky upheaval is the area of sex.

CAPRICORN: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your seventh house of marriage. Be careful what you say and how you say it to your mate during the eclipse. Words can be easily misinterpreted. The lines of communication are down and wires get crossed during the eclipse.

AQUARIUS: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your sixth house of health. You're likely not to feel well. But all ailments should pass after the eclipse passes out of view. Also receiving solar stress is your area of employment. Arguments between co-workers are unavoidable.

PISCES: (Feb 18 - Mar 20) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your fifth house of love affairs and entertainment. Expect to be duped by a false love promise. Don't rely on what an admirer tells you. You are being used. Following the eclipse, romantic matters return to normalcy.

ARIES: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your fourth house of the home. Thus, it would not be a favorable time to deal in real estate. Avoid apartment hunting or discussing important matters with a roommate until the eclipse has ended.

TAURUS: (Apr 20 - May 20) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your third house of communication, letter writing, telephoning, contract signing and short trips. Avoid all such matters until the eclipse has passed. Disappointments are unavoidable while the Sun is being eclipsed.

GEMINI: (May 21 - Jun 21) Next Thursday's eclipse of the Sun casts a shadow on your second house of money. Watch your pocketbook. It would be easy to pay too much for an item. Make no investments until the eclipse has passed. Guard valuables from loss.

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SYNERGY TO SERIES

Houston — The Houston Women's Softball League has announced that Synergy, sponsored by the Ranch, will represent the league at the the Gay World Series in Boston later this summer.

Synergy won the right to go to Boston by placing first in the competitive division. The Hollywood Bears placed second and Doubletake placed third. The Banshees, the newest team in the division, placed fourth with an impressive finish. Congratulations to all the teams from TWT SPORTS.

TEXAS CYCLISTS ON TOP

Boston — On June 15, Texas cyclists Gilbert Castillo, Martin Young and Gary Reese placed in the top ten during the seventh annual 130-mile Boston-to-Provincetown Bicycle race/ride.

Castillo and Young, representing Team Dallas, placed ninth and tenth with times of 7 hours 36 minutes. Reese, representing Team Austin, placed sixth with a time of 7 hours 11 minutes.

The cycling event is the largest gathering of gay cyclist from across the U.S. and Canada, and attracts around 230 cyclists, 40% of them women. Many of the same cyclists took part in last year's Gay Games in Vancouver, Canada.

In other cycling news, a new club forming for the Dallas/Fort Worth area will offer activities ranging from recreational to racing. Anyone interested in further information may call Gilbert at (817)641-5723 after 8 p.m. or Martin at (817)654-1543.

Also, all gay cyclists are eligible to become members of the national/international Pacerline Cycling Association. Pacerline is the networking organization for gay cycling involving riding, touring, racing, Gay Games preparation and social events.

HOG HAPPENINGS

Houston — The Houston Outdoor Group [HOG] is planning a game night for Sunday, July 14. The group will get together to play Trivial Pursuit, Balderdash, Pictionary and Monopoly. Sounds like a fun indoor activity for the outdoor group.

Later this month, a rafting trip to the Guadalupe River will be held on July 26-28. Campsites have been reserved at Whitewater Sports, a quiet, wooded 70-acre campground.



This year the HOGs will venture to a new area and raft on the upper part of the river on Saturday. Contact the HOGs soon if you are interested in this trip, as space is limited.

These are only a couple of the events the group has planned for July. Call (713)522-7809 for a complete list.

MSL FINALE

Houston — Sunday, June 30 found the Montrose Softball League wrapping up its '91 season with the completion of the competitive and recreational tournaments and the selection of league representatives to the Gay World Series representatives.

In the recreational division, the Voice won their double elimination tournament by beating Miss Kitty's in the final game. In the competitive division Briar Patch beat Gentry, but was then defeated by the Montrose Mining Company 8-7.

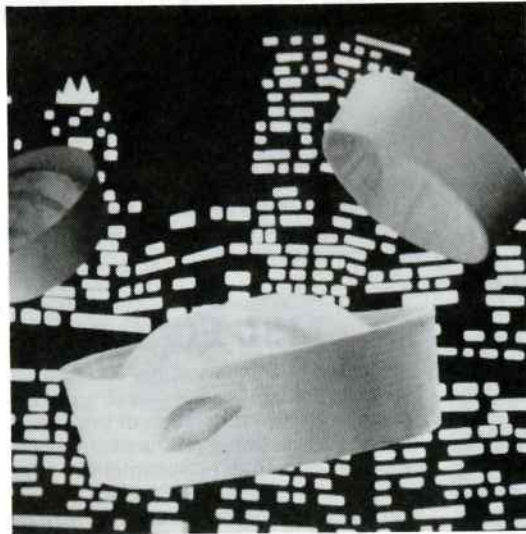
There was an equal-chance random lottery draw for a recreational division team to represent Houston at the Gay World Series in Boston. Gentry was chosen first and will accompany the Mining Company to the tournament, scheduled for August 19-25.

The Montrose Softball League will hold an awards banquet in August. The league wishes to thank all the fans, participants and sponsors who supported MSL this year. 1991 was a fun and successful season.



The Voice celebrates after winning the Montrose Softball League's recreational tournament last Sunday.
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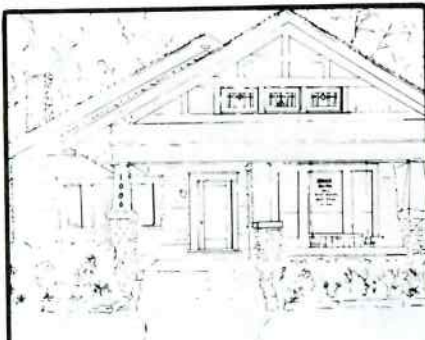
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AUSTINteaCIIOUS — Here's what's going on **THIS WEEK IN AUSTIN** from Chris' Capital City **HOT TEA**....

We start out this week with the grand opening of Oilcan Harry's patio. The **CRUISE CAMERA** caught Bob, birthday boy Ed and Mike [above, l-r] celebrating on the patio with 25¢ drinks. Oilcan Harry's has also added a liquor bust and beer bust on Sunday afternoon from 5 to 8 p.m. Be sure to catch their Wacky Wednesday specials....

AIDS Services of Austin is giving away a trip for two to San Francisco. Buy a ticket from the ASA office or one of the many volunteers selling tickets, and you could find yourself and a friend on an American Airlines flight headed for San Francisco and be staying at the Four Seasons' Clift Hotel. The winning ticket will be drawn August 8....

Nexus has hired a new manager to take care of the women of Austin. Meet Bert, pictured with club owner Myra Adkins in



the **CRUISE CAMERA** photo above [l-r]. Bert has invited everyone to the Hypnosis and Magic Show mastered by Michael Lynne on Thursday, July 11....

Lizard Lounge is the site of the Mr. Austin 1992 contest this Sunday, July 7. Mr. Austin 1991 Art Castillo will be on hand along with Miss Austin 1992 Jame Perry and Nicole. Speaking of Nicole, be sure to wish her a special birthday greeting since her special day is July 6. But you didn't hear that from **HOT TEA**, 'cause we're not ones to gossip. Alexander/Foxx Productions has also scheduled the Miss Gay South Texas/America

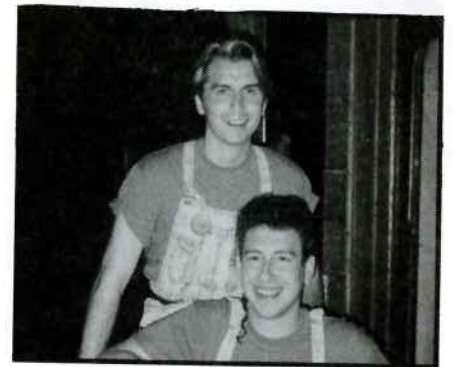
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pageant at the Lounge on July 21. Call Hector at (512)441-0131 for more info....

The Crossing has brought in artist Siros [right] to add that special touch to the front of the bar. Siros, best known for his "New Age" pop art, was in Austin last week to paint the mural for the July 4 celebration. Check out the mural and the patio at the Crossing....



'Bout Time has scheduled Show Night for July 6 with Wayne and Ben. Manager Rick Johnson has stolen bartender Trey JuneK from Charlie's without anyone knowing. If you've been missing him, try looking at 'Bout Time....



Greg and Robert [above, l-r] are two of the employees you can choose from when Charlie's raffles off a night on the town with your favorite Charlie's employee on July 13. The winner will receive a free dinner at City Grill, use of a limousine and his or her choice of employee. Unfortunately, Matthew has withdrawn his name from the competition due to a cold or some strange excuse....

Chain Drive's Hell Party is coming in the near future. The three-day party starts this Friday with a "Brief (underwear) Encounter

in Heaven," Saturday night is the "Hell Party" and Sunday is the "Hell Freezes Over" party. Assistant Manager Ricky Jones invites everyone in Texas to a party not to be missed. Call the bar for more info....



TWT coverman Randy Chandley, aka Sodie Pop [above], is still serving up the cold longnecks every Thursday, Friday and Saturday and for dance classes on Mondays at Buckles. You might remember Randy from his Dirty Sally's days, but he's been bartending at Buckles since they have opened their doors. He is still the fastest in the west with the kind of smile only a true cowboy can give ya....

Miss Capitol City/America pageant owner Nicole told **HOT TEA** that the pageant has been scheduled for the latter part of July at the Lizard Lounge. Watch **HOT TEA** for more info....

Meet the blonde bombshell herself, Bri Alexander, with the tramp of Austin, Tamara



Foxx [above, l-r]. They will be your hostesses when Chelsea Cartier gives up her Miss Austin at Large crown on July 18 at Vanities. Bri and Tamara are also there on Sundays and Thursdays. Don't forget about the pool tourneys on Thursdays....

TWT Austin has a new mailing address: **TWT**, P.O. Box 1771, Austin, TX 78767-1771.

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

The 22nd annual Miss Gay Dallas Pageant is set for this Thursday, July 11 at Village Station. Latina McIntyre will crown her

successor with over two decades of former winners in attendance. The stiff competition for this highly coveted crown is an annual event that is not to be missed....



The Wave's Post-Raz III party was incredible, with Company B [above] rocking the late-night packed house. R.J. Productions' Mr. Texas Stripper of the Year 1991 contest is Friday, July 12, at 11 pm., with \$800 in cash and prizes. The next week, on Friday, July 19, Norma Kristie, Inc. presents Mr. Texas All-American 1992 with emcee Naomi Sims and over \$2,500 in prizes. Men from across Texas will compete for the title and the chance to represent Texas at Mr. All-American in Louisville, Kentucky next month. Stop in at the Wave this Saturday and you'll be transported through time and space and enter the Dance Zone....

Dr. Terry Watson welcomes new associate Dr. David Donnell to his Oak Lawn location. Welcome to the neighborhood, David....

Over on Fitzhugh, Jerry Pittman is the new owner of Sugar Daddies, which occupies the old No Name/Power Company location next door to the Eighth Day. Stop in and see Steve and Bud behind the bar daily. They've got plenty of parking, security and a friendly staff to make the fun even better on Fun Fitzhugh....

Hidden Door's "Muscles and Mugs" beer specials are a great way to beat the summer heat. Tony Bobrow and Steve Tracy serve up man-sized beer specials 7-11 p.m. Mondays and Fridays, 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and noon-7 p.m. Sundays. Saturdays just got better with 75¢ draft all night long. Hidden Door has a friendly way to start your weekday at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday with \$1.25 eye openers....

Rose Room has a full schedule in July with top entertainers performing nightly. This Friday, the special guest is "Queen of Flesh" Kandi Delight. Saturday's guests include Cherry Monroe, Obsession, Celeste

Martinez and Celeste Williams. Sunday is jockey shorts night. Monday's CEI Evening at the Crossroads with Amazing Grace is a laugh riot, and Tuesday's Big Break talent night with emcee Donna Day features fresh new performers. To get you over the midweek hump, Nakoma Shaye performs every Wednesday....

Sue Ellen's presents the annual Ms. Dallas pageant on Thursday, July 18 at 10 p.m., with special guests Brandi Ewing and Kim Huffstutler. Come out for an evening of fine female pageantry. Check with manager Kathy Jack for their schedule of summer events....

Bamboleo's presented their annual Campy Awards last week with emcee Vanessa



Duvall [above, l]. Popular entertainer Alaska [above, r] thrilled the crowd. Sheri Powers performs at the club Wednesday through Saturday evenings. This Sunday's guest is 100% Candy. Owner Raye Martin and manager Gary Boyd will make you feel right at home at the restaurant and cabaret....

Zippers' male dancers hit the stage for your pleasure every night of the week. This weekend they feature Stryker, direct from San Antonio, plus Dallas' newest male dancers. No cover charge makes Zippers the perfect way to enjoy the weekend. Stop in on Saturday and Sunday for \$1.50 vodka juice drinks from open till 8 p.m....

Crews Inn's summer weekends are a great way to celebrate with friends. Stop by on Saturday and Sunday for \$1.75 vodka juice drinks and \$2.25 mimosas from opening till 8 p.m. Party this weekend with all of the hot men at the Crews Inn. By the way, Crews Inn has just adopted an apartment at the PWA house....

The Cove is also taking part in the PWA house adopt-an-apartment program. Drop by and see owner Bill Hargis, Curtis Martin, Betty Smith and the friendly staff at the Cove this weekend....

Heda Quote [below] presented the 8th Annual Nasty Nymphos Talent Night at the Round-Up last week, which netted over



\$700 for the International Lesbian and Gay Deaf Conference 1991 and the National AIDS Quilt Names Project. The crowd was treated to performances by Round-Up's Marsha "Mama Cass" Jimenez, TMC's David "Miss Ellie" Ellis and

Bamboleo's Diana "Benjamin" Ross. Congratulations on a great show....

The Loew's Anatole Hotel hosts several events this weekend for the International Lesbian and Gay Deaf Conference and the National AIDS Quilt. Check out the Mr. Deaf International Leather contest at the hotel this Sunday. The public display of the 600-panel quilt closes tomorrow, Saturday, with a special ceremony at 4 p.m....



Mary B. Garrett [above] is on hand to help you with your purchases from the selection of warehouse clearance videos at La Cage Bookstore, starting at just \$29.95. Check it out this weekend....



GUTS-ACT UP commemorated the anniversary of Stonewall by strategically placing a Gay Pride Week banner [above]

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across the overpass above Cedar Springs and the tollway. DPS stopped by to check on the activity, but no arrests were made.

La Conga's Thursday Amateur Night shows at 11 p.m. and jockey shorts dance contest at midnight are real crowd pleasers. Thursdays have been getting better every week and live music every Friday through Sunday makes weekends special. Here's a



photo [above, l-r] of loyal customer Patrick, bartender Michelle Gomez, manager Claudio Paraless and cute customer Dennis. Stop in and see the friendly folks at La Conga today.

TARRANT TEA — Here's what's happening **THIS WEEK IN FORT WORTH AND ARLINGTON** from Cowtown and Mid-Cities **HOT TEA....**



Legendary superstar Carol Channing, pictured above with Casa Manana's PR director Linda Stoehr, dazzled Fort Worth audiences with two SRO performances last week as part of Casa's Celebrity Concert Series. *On the Town* opens a two-week run this Tuesday, July 9 followed by *Les Miserables*, which returns to Casa for six days only starting July 23. Don't miss this Tony Award winner. For reservations, call (817)332-6221....

This Sunday, July 7, Stage West presents a benefit performance of *Closer than Ever* at 8 p.m., with 100% of the proceeds going to the Community Outreach Center.

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

The Short Horse on Blanco Road is now open for business. You can play pool for free on Mondays and Thursdays, with free buffet, snacks and drink specials throughout the week. Best of luck to Gene and Bill from **HOT TEA!...**



The June Talent Nite winner at the Paper Moon was talented Laura Geery [above, r], pictured with NOY '91 Paige Adams [l]. Tiffany Clark is special guest for this Sunday's Super Show, while Vanessa Gordon and Karl Thomas make a special appearance in the P.M.T. show this Thursday at 11:30 p.m....

The Crew is doing a brisk business while planning their grand opening sometime in July. Stop in and have a drink with nighttime



bartender Anthony Castanon, always ready to serve you with a smile!...

"For All the World," the blockbuster statewide benefit for the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, raised in excess of \$14,000 last Friday evening. Cheers to all those who worked so long and hard, and to the entertainers who gave so tirelessly for such a worthy cause....

Wild Club has unveiled a new summer schedule of events such as "Mad Money Mondays," with cash giveaways every hour. Spin the Wild Wheel on Tuesdays for

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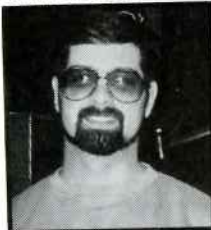
different drink specials. Amateur Male Strip contests have been introduced on Thursdays with cash prizes to the first and second-place winners. Be sure and catch the Wild Dancers on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays when they take it off just for you! Circle J is planning a benefit for SAAF on Saturday, July 13. If anyone is interested in participating, call John or Joe over at the Circle J....

The Bonham Exchange is gearing up for their tenth anniversary party on July 20. Details will be forthcoming. Patsy Mathis works the patio bar nightly at the Bonham, so go out and visit with her. Belated birthday wishes go out to Brenda K. Starr, and "watch out" birthday wishes to Eric Carrier, who celebrates on the 11th. Happy Birthday from **HOT TEA!**...

The Stallion offers free pool on Mondays and Wednesdays and buffets every Wednesday and Friday. Bill and Gracie would like to welcome their newest bartender, Richard Munoz, a.k.a. "BDR," who serves cocktails during the afternoon hours....



The 2015 now opens at 4 p.m., so get out of the hot sun and visit with popular 2015 bartender Mark Mayen during the week. Maxie is back in town, so check out her beef revue on Thursday nights with hot male dancers at 11 p.m. See you there!



HOUSTON HOTteaLINE — Here's what's happening **this WEEK in HOUSTON** from **Houston HOT TEA**....

There truly is "Something For Everyone" over at the Ranch this Sunday, July 7 at 8:30 p.m. Stop in and enjoy some heartwarming entertainment including the Lone Star Swing Band, the O'No Sisters and the Montrose Singers, to name just a few. There is a \$2 donation requested at the door. This mega-concert is being presented by MCC New Freedom In Christ....

You should have been at MCA's ticket pre-sale party at the Resource Center. The



CRUISE CAMERA snapped [above, l-r] Craig Henderson, Reno Wist, Miss Camp America Scott Clark and Drake Kite at the event. You can reserve your seats for the 23rd Miss Camp America Pageant by dialing (713) 783-1872....

This Sunday at Gentry, it's "Drag Back For Becky" (in loving memory of Barry Leach) at 9 p.m. benefiting the Colt 45's Trouble Fund. Drop by at 5 p.m. for "choice meat on the patio"—it's Steak 'n' Tater night at Gentry....

It was standing-room-only last Thursday night at Heaven when MARS Productions presented the Mr. Houston All-American 1992 contest. Donna Day emceed the event as Naomi Sims entertained and former Miss



Gay America Jimi Dee performed with the top five [above] in an opening production number. When the judges announced their decision, second runner-up was hunky C.J. [below, r], gorgeous Billy Quercia [below, l] was first runner-up and multitaledented Loynell Brooks [below, c] was named the



winner. The top two will represent Houston at Mr. Texas All-American at the Wave in Dallas on Friday, July 19. Next up at Heaven, Hazell Dean sings just for you on Sunday, July 14.

More ticket sales: The 16th Annual Garden Party is fast approaching, so dial (713)522-1626 for tickets to the July 28 soiree at Rich's. Speaking of Rich's, dance your pants off at their next underwearhouse underwear party on Friday, July 19....

Miss Kitty's has a couple of added attractions. That's Pete Tijerina [below], Rafters' new chef, who was formerly with Jackson Hicks and Casas Catering. Stop in and try one of their tasty dishes. Also new at the club is Roxie Starr, who is joining the Wednesday Super Show cast. Great food and entertainment at Miss Kitty's....



The staff at Basic Brothers kicked off the store's 1991 Summer Sale with their Ninth Anniversary Open House last week. That's [l-r] Cody Holt, Richard Wiederholt, Mark Claude and owner Bill Pease in the **CRUISE CAMERA** photo above. The savings continue at Basic Brothers, so stop by the shop and browse for the bargains....

The stars are big and bright in Texas. Stop by the BRB this Sunday for Mr. TGRA 1992 candidate David Carpenter's [left] production of "A Night With The Stars:3." Past shows have brought in much-needed funds for city

charities. This year, the proceeds go to the Colt 45's TroubleFund. The stars come out at 7 p.m. this Sunday, and don't forget the annual Denim Party at the BRB on July 28....



SCANDALOUS PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Hey Beau [above], does your boss know you are moonlighting at the Lazy J? Guess what? He does now....

TEXAS TELETYPE — Fun, sun, sand, suds and studs make for a great party weekend at the Kon Tiki on Galveston Island. Muscles in Action and Naomi Sims join the Islanders tomorrow to celebrate Kon Tiki owner Ron Burgess' birthday. Naomi says Ron is "40-something." Happy Birthday, Ron....

Corpus Christi's Pride Week Finale celebration activities on Padre Island had to be moved to the host bars, the Hidden Door and Choices, because of the inclement



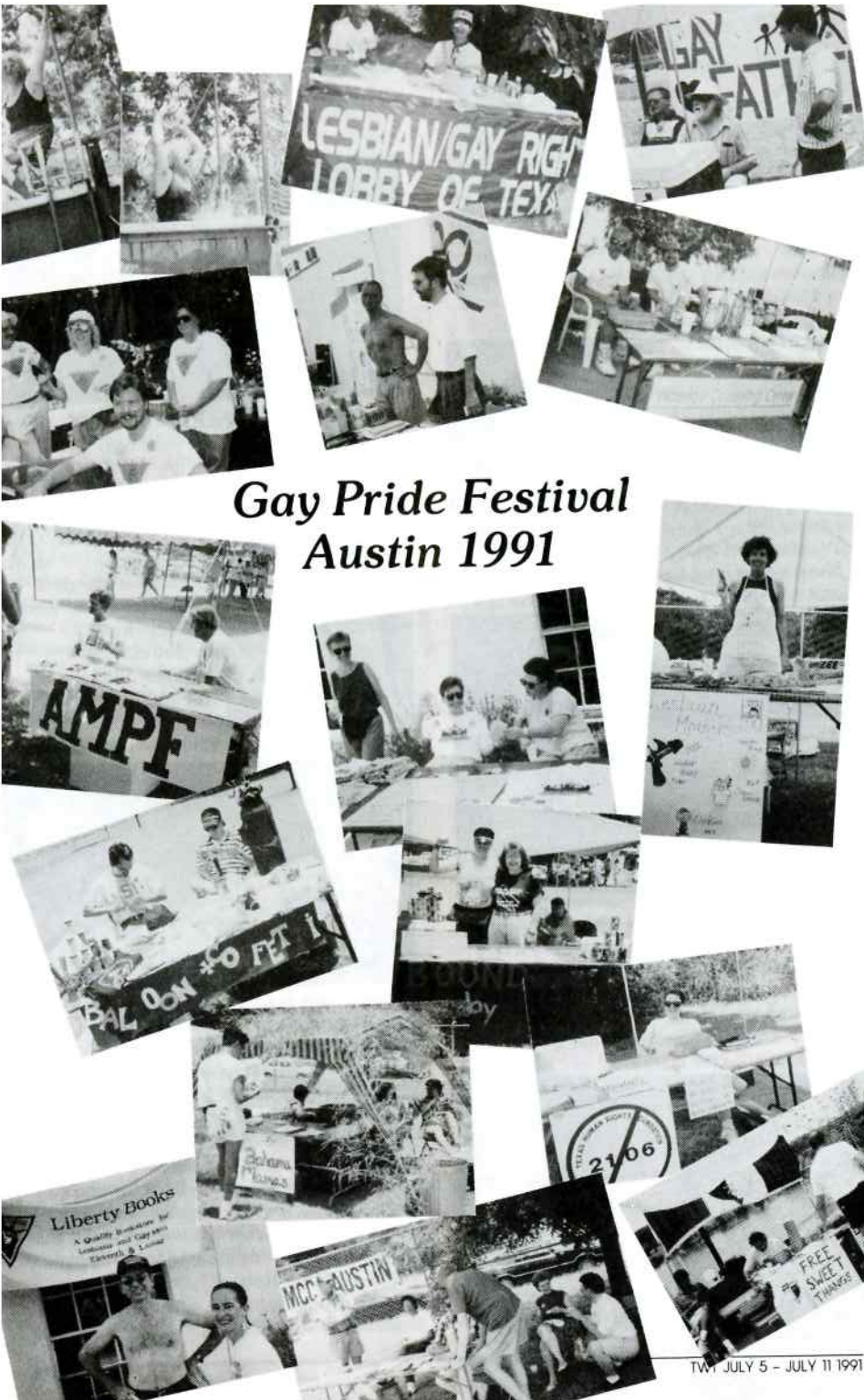
weather. **HOT TEA** snapped [above, l-r] Joe Reyes, Luis Garcia and Fred Galvan of the Imperial Court guest bartending at Choices. Fret not, the storm passed and it's sunny skies again in Corpus Christi.

It's Christmas in July on the Island, a benefit for the Resource Center of the AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas. There is a \$1 donation requested at the door, or you can bring a food item. Go on, take both and you'll feel better when you arrive at the Kon Tiki on July 25. Teresa Castillo and Tony Moles are your hosts—it's their second annual Christmas in July. The show and festivities begin at 9 p.m.

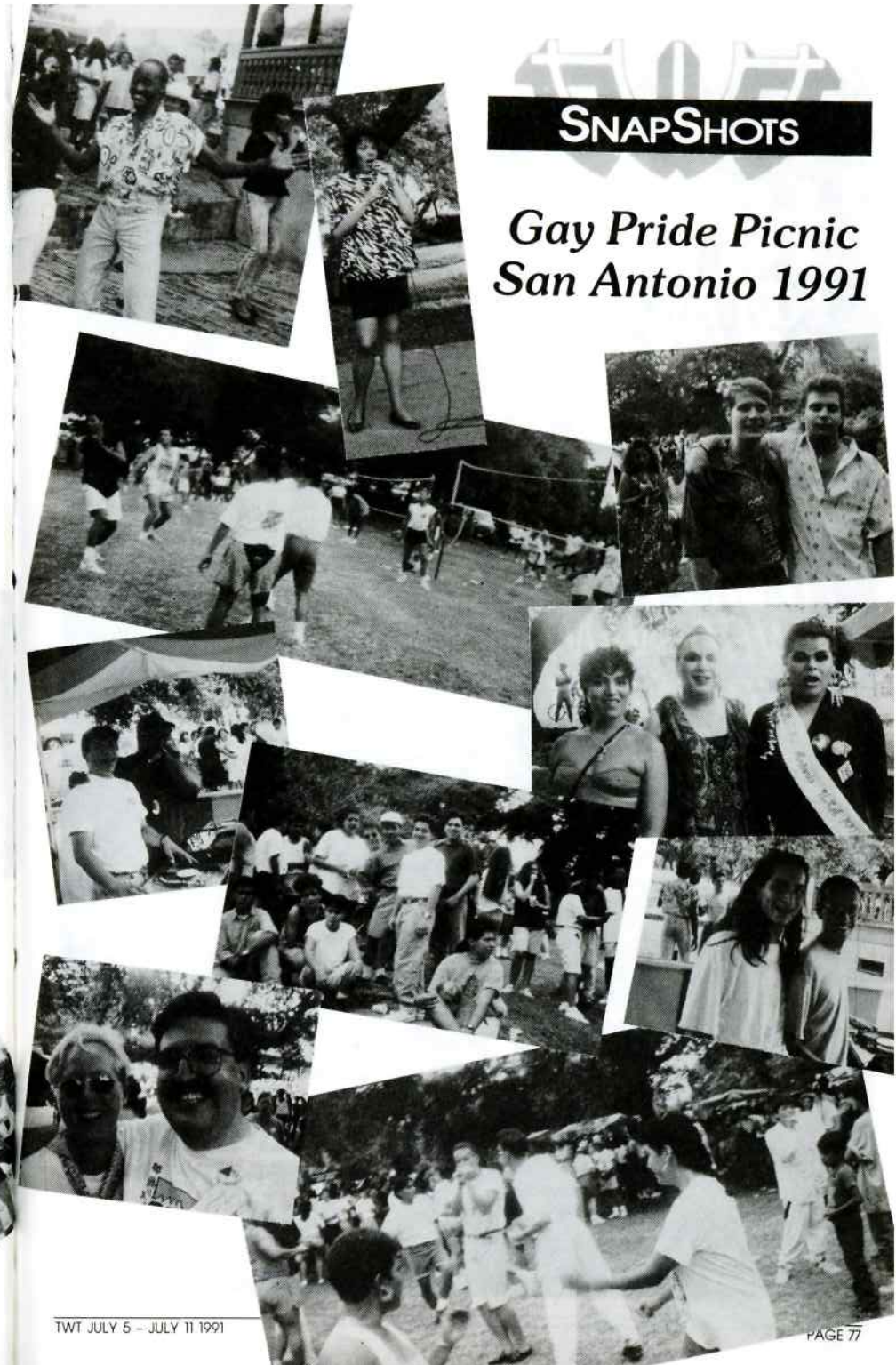
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Dallas. A new group of gay and bi men is organizing in the Metroplex. Called Prime Timers-Metroplex, the group is geared toward "mature" men and their admirers. Prime Timers-Metroplex meets the second Sunday of every month at 3 p.m.

Prime Timers-Metroplex is an alternative to meeting in bars and public places. The group holds a monthly meeting, where activities of interest are discussed. Smaller groups then meet throughout the month with those of similar interests in over 30 fields. The groups consist of bridge players, movie buffs, bicyclers, discussion groups, etc. Each member's individual interests are of prime concern.

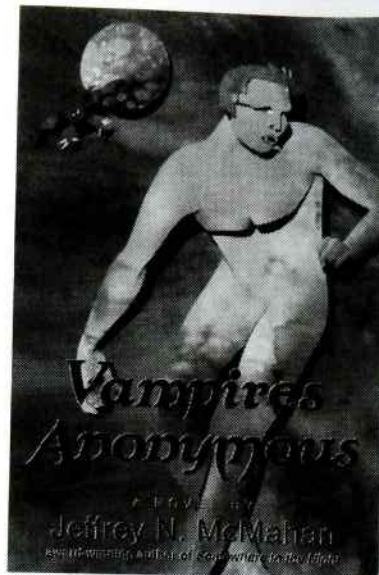
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Houston. Omega House, a residential hospice for terminal-phase AIDS patients, provides housing and care intended to address the physical comfort and mental well-being of the residents. Omega House residents are admitted without regard for their ability to pay, and approximately 98% of operating expenses come from charitable donations. The hospice is a non-profit charity and receives no government funds.

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A memorial service for Wayne will be held on Saturday, July 13, 1991 at 3 p.m. at Bering Memorial Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to DIFFA, the Assistance Fund, or Bering Care Center.



Thomas F. Causey (above)
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Thom Thompson (above)
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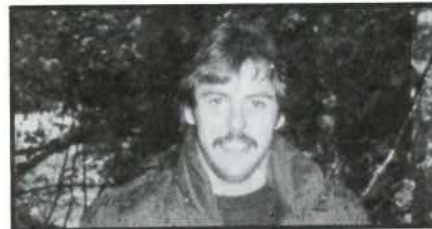
Walter Sidney Brizzard (above)

Walter, a Houston resident from 1977 - 1985, died on Tuesday, June 11 in Washington D.C. of complications associated with AIDS.

Born in Louisiana, Walter moved to Houston where he worked for the phone company. A well-loved man, he was a regular at the country/western and leather bars and a friend of many at Mary's and the Venture-N.

Blind the last three years of his life, he was a member of the Whitman-Walker Clinic's Speakers Bureau, and gave information and inspiration to many with AIDS as well as educating others about the disease.

He was interred in Morgan City, Louisiana in the family vault. A memorial was held in his honor in Washington D.C. as well. He was loved and respected by many and will be sorely missed by us all.



Benjamin Rivere (above)

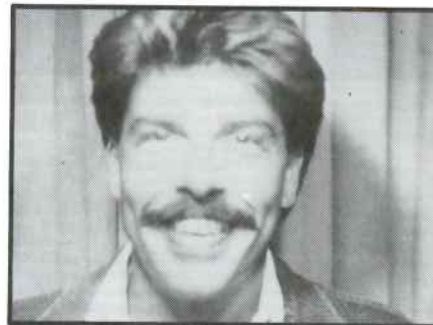
Memorial Services for Benjamin L. Rivere, 30, of Lubbock were held at 4 p.m. Monday, June 10, 1991 in Lubbock, Texas.

He died at 5:45 a.m., June 8 at his Lubbock home. He was born in Greenville, South Carolina and had lived in Lubbock most of his life. He graduated from Coronado High School in 1979 and was a member of the National Honor Society. He earned an associate degree from South Plains College in 1981. He had worked as a Respiratory Therapist at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, Methodist Hospital of Lubbock and University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He is survived by his parents, one brother, one sister, his paternal grandparents and his maternal grandmother.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch or the South Plains AIDS Resource Center [S.P.A.R.C.].

OBITUARIES



Richard D. Spaulding (above)
February 3, 1951 - June 20, 1991

Richard was born in Detroit, Michigan but had lived in Houston for the past ten years where he worked as a hair stylist. He will be dearly missed by all his friends.



Michael J. Hagedorn (above)
April 21, 1965 - June 15, 1991

Michael, thank you for your warm friendship and love. You have given us all many memories that we will cherish for the rest of our lives. We will miss the swirls with you at Uncle Julio's, beers at Sean's home, dancing until dawn at the Round Up, watching you play softball, our day at Wet and Wild and the scary rides in the "Hagawagon."

Until we meet again....

Love,
Sean O'Connell, Paul Stipicevich,
Mark Mortland and Joe Still

Carl Jennings
Sunrise 12/9/63
Sunset 5/19/91

Carl,

We will always miss you. This is a warm wish to you and your family, may peace be with you at this time. For wherever you may be, you are always in our hearts! We really love you.

Your Cousin,
Lee Johnson



Willie Wayne C. Kampschroeder (above)
November 2, 1958 - April 22, 1991

Willie Wayne departed this world with loved ones around him in the early morning of April 22, 1991 at his Fort Worth home.

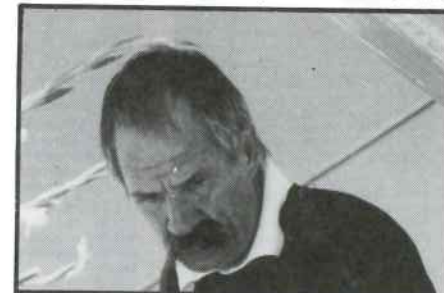
Born in Topeka, Kansas, Willie Wayne moved to Houston, working at Miss Charlotte's Dance Hall and Saloon for three years. From there, he moved to Fort Worth, which he would call home. He was employed as a country/western disc jockey for the Maverick, Billy Bob's, Wild Crowd Saloon of Dallas and five years at the 651 Club in Fort Worth.

Willie Wayne eventually fulfilled his dream when he was live on the air for radio station KBOP-FM, south of San Antonio, for six months before having to return home.

Memorial services were held at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church with interment at Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth on April 24. Willie Wayne is survived by his sister, Linda Duval of Arlington; lover of five years, Scott Morningstar of Fort Worth; and many dear friends in Fort Worth, Houston and Kansas.

The family wishes to thank AIDS Interfaith of Fort Worth for all their help and support.

May the Torch and Twang live on forever, Willie.



Jerry E. Watson (above)
June 12, 1936 - June 16, 1991

"Just as eagles soar higher and higher and soon are out of sight, you too have flown away even as we watched."

As you leave us to join your beloved Don and son Craig, your many friends near and far say goodbye, Jerry. You've left us laughing and we will always love you.

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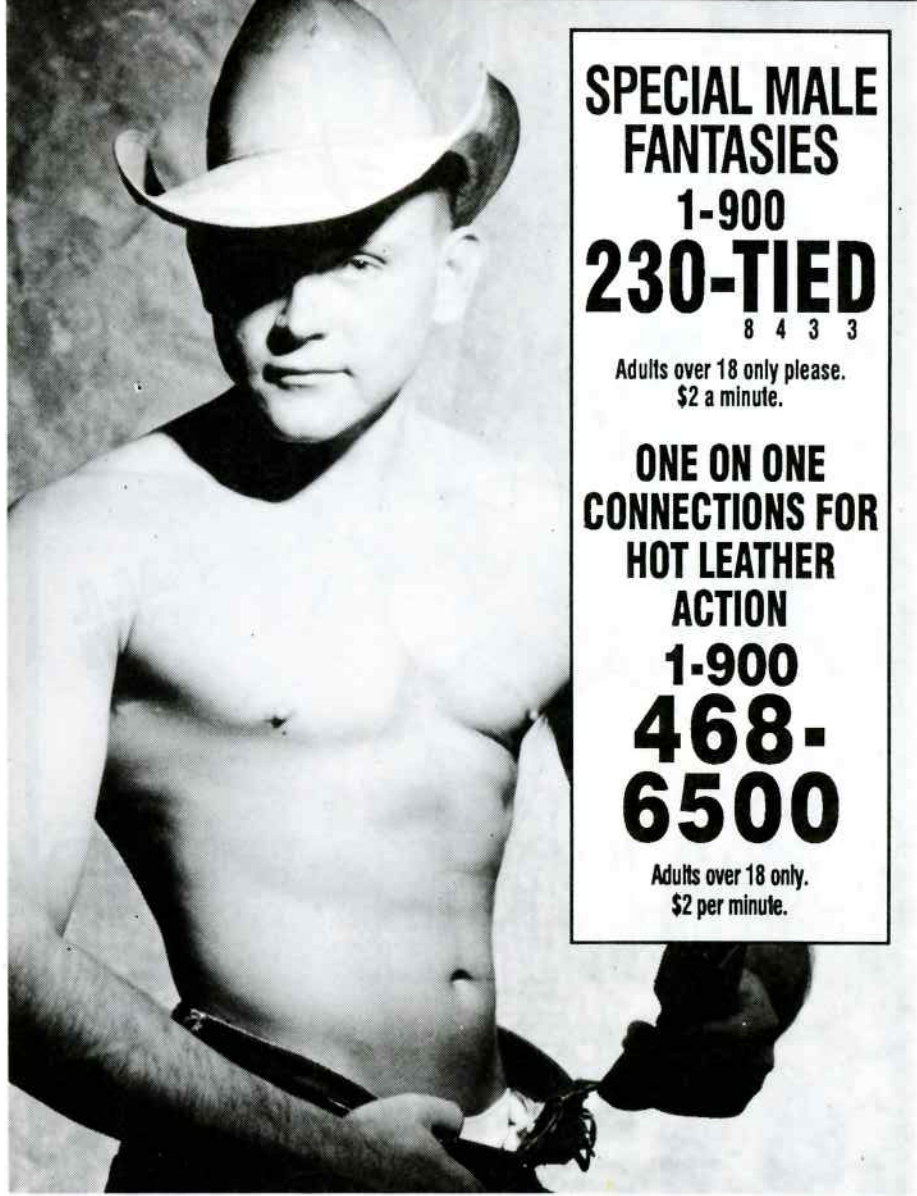
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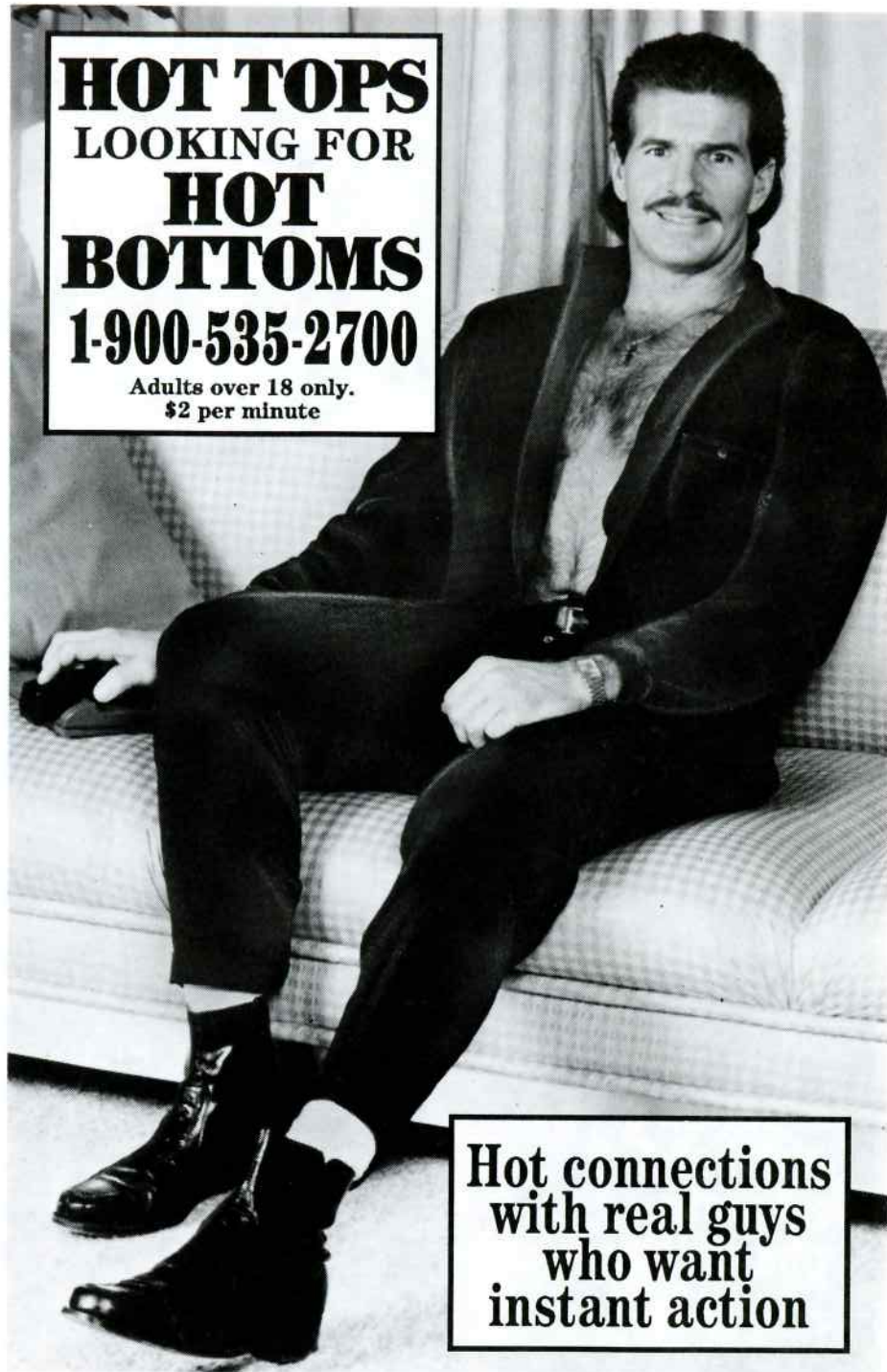
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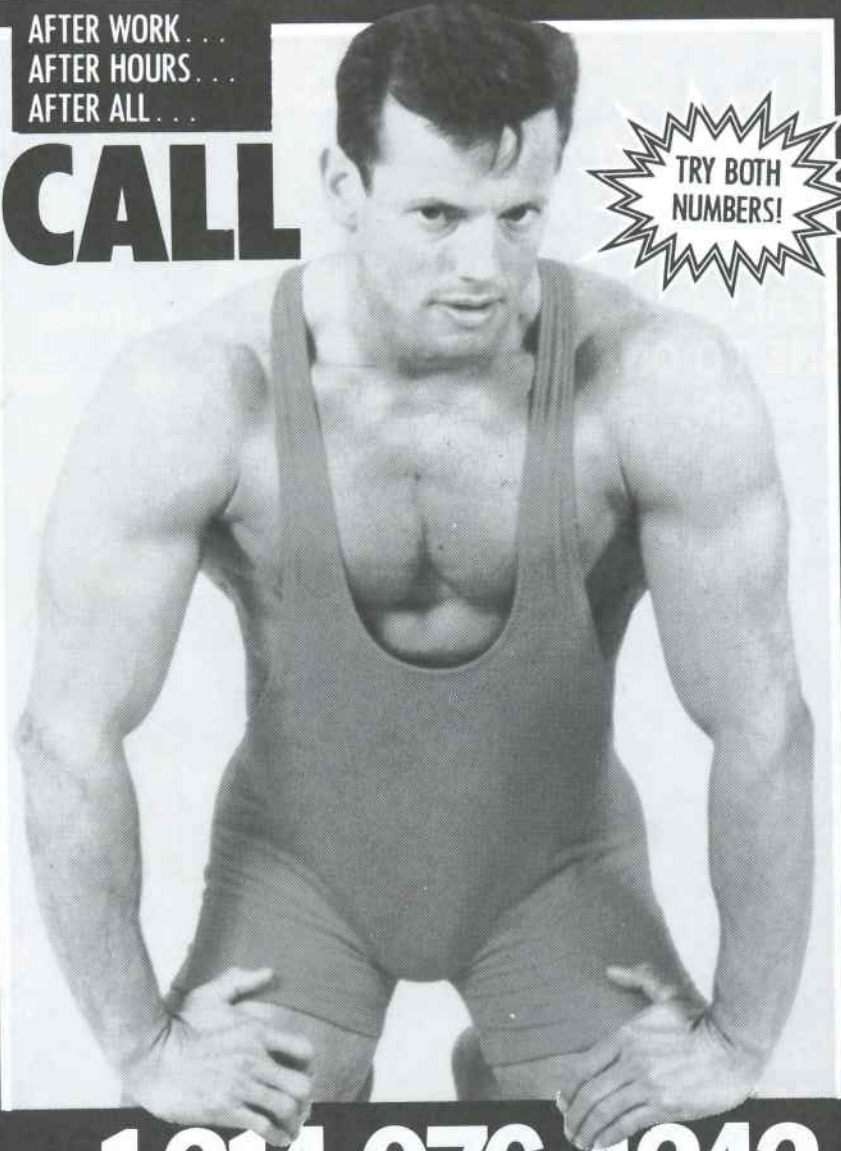
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