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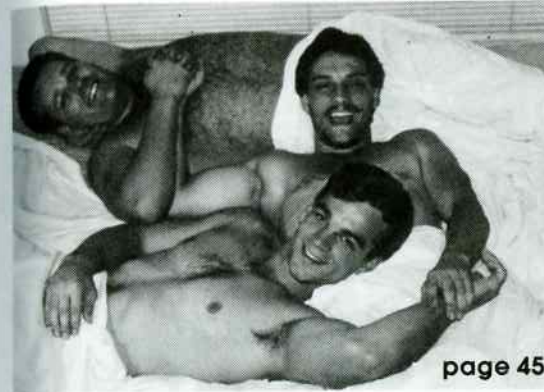
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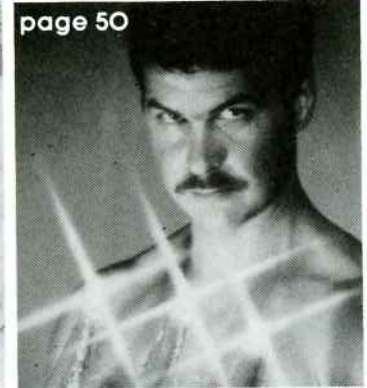
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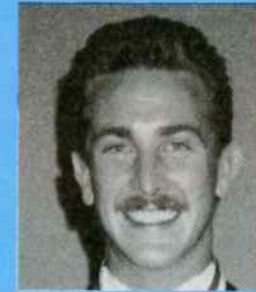
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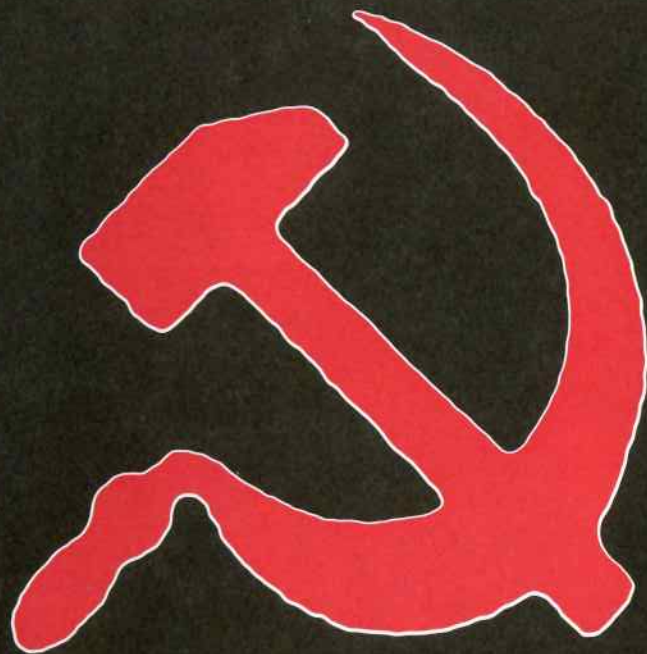


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HOUSTON POST FIRES JUAN PALOMO

*Columnist Now Believes Firing Was
A Result of Revelation He's Gay.*

HOUSTON — Juan Palomo, the metro columnist for the *Houston Post* who caused a sensation when he revealed recently that he was gay, was dismissed from his job on Friday, August 30.

Post officials insist that Palomo's dismissal had nothing to do with his homosexuality or the fact that he's Hispanic. They claim, instead, that it resulted from differences he had with his editors and the fact that he discussed internal matters with outsiders.

In his first statements made after learning of his dismissal, Palomo agreed that his dismissal had nothing to do with his personal revelation. He said he now believes, however, that the fact that he is gay was in fact a major reason he was fired.

The dispute that led to Palomo's firing last week goes back to a piece published by the *Post* in its July 9 edition. In the article, Palomo strongly denounced the murder of Houston banker Paul Broussard and the lack of public response to it. As he had originally written it, Palomo revealed in the column that he himself is gay.

His editors at the *Post*, however, insisted that he remove the reference to his homosexuality, saying that it was not appropriate for the column and claiming that it weakened the message Palomo was trying to convey. The column was published without Palomo's revelation.

Then Palomo gave an interview to the *Houston Press* in which he talked about the conflict he and his editors had had over the column. He was also interviewed in national publications, including the *Washington Post*.

The news of Palomo's firing brought a swift reaction from many in the community. A group of 20 Hispanic activists held a news conference on Saturday, August 31, accusing the *Post* of discrimination and urging members of the Hispanic community to drop their subscriptions to the paper.

The Houston tribe of the national gay and lesbian activist group Queer Nation staged a demonstration the same day in front of the high-rise condominium residence of Charles Cooper, *Post* senior vice president and editor.



Palomo told TWT NEWS he was impressed with the dedication and determination of Queer Nation. "I am in awe of their commitment. I haven't had much contact with them, but they appear to be one of the best organizations around."

"I am very gratified for their support, and it sounds as if they will continue this action."

Post reporters upset at Palomo's firing began circulating a petition asking that he be given back his job. At last count, they had collected dozens of signatures from fellow employees.

Post officials have indicated that they would consider talking with Palomo about returning to his job, and on Tuesday of this week he said he expected to be speaking with them about it shortly.

DALLAS GEARING UP FOR SEPTEMBER 22 FREEDOM PARADE

*Final Parade Meeting to Include
Vote on Grand Marshals.*

DALLAS — Preparations for the eighth annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade are shifting into high gear as the September 22 gay and lesbian pride celebration approaches.

The final parade meeting will be at 2 p.m. next Saturday, September 14 in the Rose Room of Village Station. On the agenda will be the assignment of line-up numbers and final instructions for parade participants, as well as voting for this year's Grand Marshals.

All organizations and businesses that will have entries in the parade are required to send a representative to the parade meeting, except for out-of-town entries. Out-of-town entries will receive their information by mail. Parade applications and entry fees must be in the Dallas Tavern Guild office, 3900 Lemmon Avenue, by today, Friday, September 6.

The following names have been placed in nomination for the Grand Marshal positions by the community: For female, the

nominees are B.J. Anderson, Carolyn Dunbar, Jill Havens, Stefanie Held, Sue Schrader and Charlotte Taft. Male nominees are Alan Gellman, Maury Held, the Rev. Robert Hensley, Phil Johnson, John Thomas, Dennis Vercher and Rodger Wilson.

One representative from each parade entry will vote in both categories. The Grand Marshals will ride in the parade as well as speak at the Celebration in Lee Park that follows.

Guild members met on August 14 to discuss the dress code contained in the parade guidelines. The Tavern Guild has recently received complaints that female impersonators were being discriminated against and would not be allowed to march in the parade.

Guild officials have responded by stressing that female impersonators are and always have been welcome to take part in the Dallas parade. The dress code has been amended to clarify the policy regarding participation by cross-dressers in the parade.

The amended code reads in its entirety: "Costumes are encouraged and welcomed on all entries, such as clowns, western, patriotic, native or ethnic. Male or female impersonation or cross-dressing is allowed as an intricate part of a recognized, paid entry and when it is related to a purpose of the organization or business.

"Sexually-oriented costumes, which include G-strings, posing straps and see-through lingerie, will not be allowed."

Ross explained, "This amendment to the parade guidelines was made to clarify the eight-year-old dress code, which has recently been perceived by a number of people to mean that female impersonation is now allowed in the parade.

"Female impersonation has always been allowed and accepted in the parade. In the past seven years of the parade, no person or entry has been removed from the parade for dress code violations," Ross continued. "Drag queens and female impersonators have been in all segments of the parade every year, and have been honored and a part of the ceremonies in Lee Park following the parade."

Ross said the Dallas Tavern Guild was enthusiastic about the parade, which takes place at 3 p.m., on Sunday, September 22. "We are looking forward to another wonderful 65-entry parade this year to celebrate the pride and positive image of the lesbian/gay community of Dallas."

AUSTIN'S LIBERTY BOOKS VANDALIZED

Front Door, Window Broken in What May Have Been Hate Crime.

AUSTIN — Liberty Books, a popular gay and lesbian bookstore, was vandalized recently and circumstances indicate the attack on the shop may have been a hate crime.

At approximately 6 a.m. Thursday morning, August 22, the manager of a nearby dry cleaning store noticed the glass had been broken out of the front door of the bookstore and a plate-glass window had been broken. Other nearby businesses were not broken into.

A large rock had been thrown through the front door with enough force to carry it 20 feet into the store. Another smaller rock was used to shatter the plate-glass window.

Since nothing was taken from the store, burglary does not appear to have been a motive for the crime. The owners have asked the police to classify the incident as a hate crime.

Johnson told TWT NEWS that the incident is the first time the bookstore has been the target of what appears to have been a hate crime. "I've been sort of grateful that we were tucked in this little spot where we are not as visible as other businesses," he said.

"I hope this will help alert the community to the rising pattern of violence. Liberty Books is a symbol to our community. In that sense, this was a major affront to all of us. But, in fact, nobody was hurt here.

"People are getting hurt on the street. "We've got to be conscious of danger and protect ourselves and each other."

AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON SUFFERS FUNDING CUTS

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Linda Mullins, CSW, who has been named AFH Interim Executive Director to replace Evelyn Cox, who resigned recently, told TWT NEWS that a principal source of income for AFH has been the funds administered through the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance [GHAA], which distributes grants allocated by the Texas Department of Health. "Unfortunately, this year GHAA cut grant funds to AFH by \$65,000. Alternative funding sources are being sought, but so far without success," Mullins said.

As a result of this very significant loss of funding, AFH is having to suspend both its Financial Assistance Program and its Mental Health Services. The Financial Assistance Program, organized in 1984, has provided rental and utility assistance. Mental Health Services has provided psychosocial support, mental health assessments and crisis intervention for PWAs.

AFH's Information and Referral Services department will be directing existing and potential clients to other AIDS-related service providers.

Mullins stressed the importance of AFH as the largest HIV service in the Houston area, noting that its outreach extends beyond the gay community. "Much of the community still sees the AIDS pandemic as a gay-related illness, and as a result, many believe that AFH provides services only for that interest group.

"However, it should be strongly emphasized that with the continued spread of the disease, almost half—forty percent—of our current client base is heterosexual. Also, the Foundation has been witnessing alarming increases in both the African-American and Hispanic populations, and we are making a concerted effort to be proactive in these communities by providing education and outreach."

Mullins moves into the role of Interim Executive Director from her previous position as Director of Social Services. Richard Franz has been named interim Director of Social Services, and Susan Patania, CSW, will assume the position of Interim Clinical Supervisor.

The Foundation will be moving its offices soon, and has already signed a lease for a new location. AFH's new address will be 3202 Weslayan, Houston, TX 77027. The phone numbers will remain the same, (713) 623-6796 and, for the Hotline, 524-AIDS.

AFH offices will be closed Monday, September 16 for the move and reopen in the new location the next day, Tuesday, September 17.

For further information, contact AIDS Foundation at (713)623-6796.

SAAF PRESENTS 'GET TO KNOW US' II

Workshop Aimed at Nurses Outlines Foundation's Services.

SAN ANTONIO — As part of its continuing effort to acquaint health care professionals with the services it offers, the San Antonio AIDS Foundation will present the second in a series of workshops, each aimed at a particular sector of the caring professions.

"Getting to Know Us II" is the second in a series of workshops designed to help health care workers become more familiar with procedures for referring their clients to the Foundation for needed services. The second workshop is geared specifically for nurses. Future workshops will be directed to counselors and home care providers.

"Getting to Know Us II" will emphasize problem solving by a panel of San Antonio AIDS Foundation staff and will include actual examples of case studies, and referrals to other agencies when appropriate. The featured speaker will be Melanie Rice, R.N., Director of Nursing, who will describe specific therapies used to treat HIV/AIDS clients.

Also addressing the workshop will be Papa Bear, President of the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, who will welcome the attendees; Yvonne Baker, Entitlement Assistance specialist, who will report on government programs; Nikki Austin, Senior Case manager, who will describe counseling services; Christina Shively, VISTA/Volunteer Coordinator, who will outline various services provided through the Volunteer Program; and Ann Marie Mimms, of CAREMARK, Inc., which provides home intravenous treatments.

"Get to Know Us II" will be presented on Saturday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the SAAF office, 818 East Grayson Street. A buffet lunch will be provided following the presentations. The workshop is offered free of charge and space is limited. To make a reservation, please contact Fran Mendez at (512) 225-4715.



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Rick Efflandt, Executive Director of the Texas AIDS Project [TAP], spoke with TWT NEWS about his group's goal of helping people through the rough times following their diagnosis.

"TAP will be committed to the newly-diagnosed individual for a duration of approximately six weeks. Our primary goal will be to lessen the fears and anxieties that affect many people upon learning of a positive diagnosis."

TAP's staff will be composed of volunteers who have themselves been diagnosed as HIV-positive or who have AIDS. "Our purpose is to help the newly diagnosed by sharing our strength, hope and knowledge on a one-on-one basis. From that point, we can refer them to specific services or support organizations."

Efflandt stressed that TAP would not try to compete with other organizations in offering help to HIV-positive people. "Although our activities may overlap those of existing groups, TAP will *not* take the place of any other organization or project. We hope to work in partnership with existing organizations."

Executive Board Chairman Barry Oldfield said TAP is currently seeking volunteers to help with start-up activities and to begin training so that the organization can officially open its doors on December 1. "We are also seeking private donations in lieu of state or federal funding," he added.

Organizers are working to gain recognition of TAP as a nonprofit entity. "TAP is in the process of filing all the necessary state and federal funds," Oldfield explained. "We have about 15 months to complete all of the forms, but we anticipate completion of all paperwork shortly."

TAP welcomes inquiries, and may be contacted by calling (806) 371-7677, or by writing TAP, 401-A S. Maryland, Amarillo, TX 79106.

SAAF SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

*Next Volunteer Orientation
Scheduled for October 2.*

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio AIDS Foundation [SAAF] is currently seeking people interested in volunteering their time to help the organization carry out its fight against HIV in the Alamo City area.

Volunteers may serve through direct support, staff assistance and in outside activities such as fund-raising. Byron C. Trott of SAAF told TWT NEWS the Foundation needs people with vehicles to provide PWAs with transportation to medical appointments and for meal delivery.

Volunteers are also needed to provide clerical assistance, and to help out with recreational activities, fund-raising events, HIV testing, data entry, the buddy program, the kitchen, videotape production and programming, and hospital visitation. Also needed are receptionists and telephone operators, as well as an editor for the newsletter.

SAAF provides a monthly orientation session to acquaint prospective volunteers with information on HIV and on the services offered by the Foundation. The next orientation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2 at 7 p.m. at 818 East Grayson Street.

For additional information, or to reserve a space for the orientation meeting, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Christina Shively at (512)225-4715.

DALLAS GAYLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

*Counseling Service Also Seeking
Help in Non-Counseling Areas.*

DALLAS — The Dallas Gayline has announced the schedule for its next volunteer training session. Gayline is seeking people who are interested in helping man its telephone counseling and crisis intervention service.

Organizers stressed that volunteers need have no prior experience to become Gayline peer counselors. After they have completed their training, new counselors will have the skills necessary for active listening and crisis counseling. Training

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sessions will also cover topics like establishing a positive gay identity, professional referrals, AIDS education and suicide counseling.

Trainees are led through a counseling model and participate in role-playing in preparation for peer counseling. Those interested in a non-counseling role in the areas of fund-raising, data entry, manual updates and public relations are also invited to attend. Men and women are needed in all areas.

Gayline, believed to be the second-oldest service of its kind in the country, has been providing peer counseling, crisis intervention, professional referrals and information about the gay community in the Dallas area since 1974.

The free and confidential service operates seven evenings a week. Telephone counseling is done from members' homes at their convenience.

Gayline training sessions will be begin at 7 p.m. on September 13 and continue on the 14th and 15th. Volunteers are asked to attend the sessions on all three days. Classes will be held at the Daire Center facility of Oak Lawn Community Services, and some refreshments will be provided.

For more information and to register for classes, call (214)553-1663 or 387-8324.

'FIESTA ON PATIO' TO BENEFIT PARKER COUNCIL CAMPAIGN

*Candidate Will Speak on Issues at
Sept. 13 Fund-Raiser at Lovett Inn.*

HOUSTON — The campaign of Annise Parker, who is running for a seat on Houston City Council, will be throwing "Fiesta on the Patio," a fund-raising benefit, on Friday, September 13.

Jim Owens, one of the coordinators of the fund-raiser, told TWT NEWS, "An exceptional number of gay and lesbian leaders have already come forward and paid \$25 or more to be sponsors of this event, with more pouring in each day.

"Our community is long overdue in having an openly gay or lesbian presence at City Hall, and I'm sure that with the proper financial support and strong core of volunteers, Annise Parker can win this election." The other two coordinators for the fund-raiser are Felix Garcia and Jim Crary.

Parker, a candidate for the Houston City

Council District C position, said she would be setting forth her views on issues of concern to gays and lesbians as well as the larger community. "Next Friday evening will be a great opportunity for me to share with members of my own community some of my views on many of the broader issues which affect us."

"Fiesta on the Patio" is being held at the Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett Blvd., on Friday, September 13. There will be cold beer, sodas and Mexican-style appetizers as well as musical entertainment from 6-9 p.m. A donation at the door of \$5 is being requested to assist the Parker campaign in raising money.

Parker has served as president of the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, chair of the Houston Police Advisory Committee, chair of the Houston Police Advisory Committee, Grand Marshal of the 1990 Gay & Lesbian Pride Week Parade and as co-chair of the 1991 Pride Awards Dinner.

Parker, a graduate of Rice University, has also been associated with the Harris County Woman's Political Caucus and the United Way of Houston.

OAK LAWN BAND GETTING READY FOR PRIDE WEEK CONCERT

*35 Members to March in Parade;
'An Afternoon at the Pops'
Concert At MCC September 15.*

DALLAS — "We feel that we are a focal point for gay and lesbian pride, and that we provide one of the few avenues where men and women can all get together," said James Gebhardt. The president of the Oak Lawn Band spoke with Michael McKinney of TWT NEWS about the Band's contributions to the community at large.

"The Band was formed in 1980 as part of the Gay Pride Week celebration," Gebhardt said. "This year, we have 35 members who will be marching in the Dallas parade. We also participate in the Oklahoma Pride Parade every year, as well as marching in this year's Fort Worth parade."

Gebhardt was a performance major at North Texas, playing the flute. Because the Band had only one trombone, he took up playing that instrument. He also plays around the Dallas area, performing free-lance woodwinds.

"We are also very excited that we will play a part in this year's Texas Gay Rodeo in Dallas in November. We will perform at the grand entry opening ceremony, doing country tunes and marching music," Gebhardt said. A Christmas concert is also planned, with the Turtle Creek Chorale as special guest performers at the MCC this winter.

"Our organization is open to anyone who feels comfortable about getting involved in the community. We are open to people with all levels of musical expertise. Our band is growing all the time," Gebhardt said.

The Band will be performing on Sunday, September 15, at 3:15 p.m., at the Metropolitan Community Church at 5353 Maple Avenue. "An Afternoon at the Pops" will cover all types of music, from Broadway



Dallas' Oak Lawn Band [above and below] has played a part in pride celebrations of the past, and will again this year with a contingent marching in the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade on September 22 and "An Afternoon at the Pops" at MCC on September 15. TWT NEWS photo.



show tunes to the theme from *Batman*. The concert will cost \$5, and tickets can be purchased at Curious Times, the MCC Bookstore or at the door the day of the concert.

Gebhardt invited the community to attend the Band's concert on Sunday, September 15 and spend "an afternoon at the Pops."

23RD ANNUAL MISS CAMP AMERICA

*Sept. 14 Pageant to Benefit
Bering Dental Clinic, Pet Patrol
& Assistance Fund.*

HOUSTON — The Miss Camp America Pageant, a parody of the Miss America Pageant and a 23-year-old Houston tradition, is being held this year at the Music Hall on September 14 beginning at 8 p.m.

The show, in the style of *La Cage aux Folles*, features music, dancing, clever dialogue and costumes that look as if they came straight from Broadway. An all-male amateur cast puts on the annual event, which began back in 1969 when 11 friends gathered to watch that year's Miss America Pageant.

Pageant Director Pat Petty said of his cast, "The one thing they all have in common is their desire to perform, providing an evening of wild, zany and sometimes heartwarming entertainment."

"We hope you'll join us this year for one of our most spectacular shows ever and the crowning of the 24th Miss Camp America, a Houston Tradition. If you like Broadway, you'll love Miss Camp America."

Proceeds from ticket sales are used to support Houston-area AIDS-related charities. Beneficiaries this year are the Bering Dental Clinic, which provides free dental care for PWAs, and the Pet Patrol, an all-volunteer organization which provides assistance for animals belonging to PWAs who are unable to care for themselves.

Also receiving a share of proceeds from Miss Camp America will be the Assistance Fund, which provides insurance payments when people with AIDS have lost their jobs and are no longer able to continue making the payments themselves.

Tickets to Miss Camp America can be reserved by calling (713)783-1872. They are also on sale at Basic Brothers and Appearances, and can be purchased the day of the event at the Music Hall Box Office.

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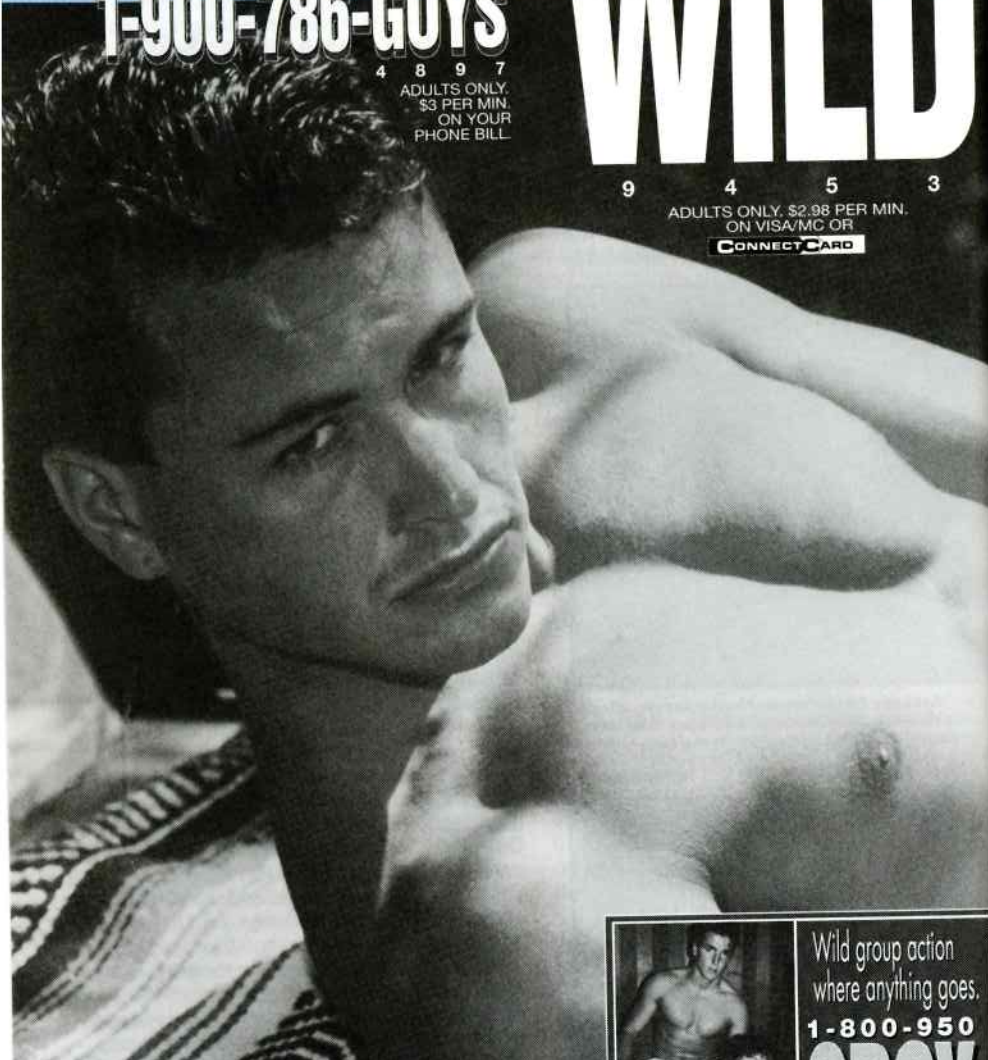
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COMMENT

MACT Celebrates Differences

Dear TWT:

At the most recent March on Austin, I saw a group of men of several races wearing T-shirts that had "MACT" on them. I approached a couple of guys and asked them what MACT is. "Men of All Colors Together," they told me, is a national gay interracial organization committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome.

I knew then that I wanted to get a chapter started in Austin. After contacting the national chapter development chairman, I learned that MACT is also known as Black and White Men Together in many cities, usually depending on the ethnic makeup of the locale.

My personal commitment to this is a response to the separatism I've encountered between the races in the gay community. As gay people, don't we already face enough alienation from society because of our sexual orientation? Why, then, do we seem to be following society's lead in avoiding members of other races?

In the days of Stonewall, difference—such as color—as embraced. Somewhere along the line, a lot of us seem to have forgotten about that. Gay people carry a marginalized status in society. Can we really afford to continue creating divisions along race and class lines? MACT/Austin is one step toward unifying the gay community.

A group of us have been meeting to start MACT/Austin. Men seeking a safe environment for socializing with people of other races are encouraged to join, as are interracial couples and folks interested in brotherhood. MACT/Austin will engage in educational, political, cultural and social activities, like rap groups, workshops and parties, to contribute to the elimination of racism, homophobia, sexism and other prejudices that hurt us.

For those interested in coming to our inaugural bash on September 28, or finding out more about the organization, please call me at (512)452-7360.

Craig White
Austin, TX

'BP Follies' a Smash

Dear TWT:

On behalf of the BriarPatch, I would like to extend a huge thank-you to everyone who worked so hard to make the BriarPatch Follies such a huge success. We haven't stopped counting, but thus far we have raised over \$22,000 for the benefit of the Assistance Fund and Stone Soup Pantry.

Special thanks go to our cast, our guest performers and all the great people who worked backstage to help pull off our gift of love, the BriarPatch Follies. To those of you who bought raffle tickets and brought items for our silent auction, it just would not have happened without you.

Your encouraging comments and suggestions have made all of us extremely proud to be part of the Houston Gay Helping Network for those less fortunate than we are.

By the way, we're already working on another show for you. Bring us your suggestions and come see how much fun you can have being a part of the Follies.

David L. Gebert
The BriarPatch
Houston, TX

No Right to Kill Unborn

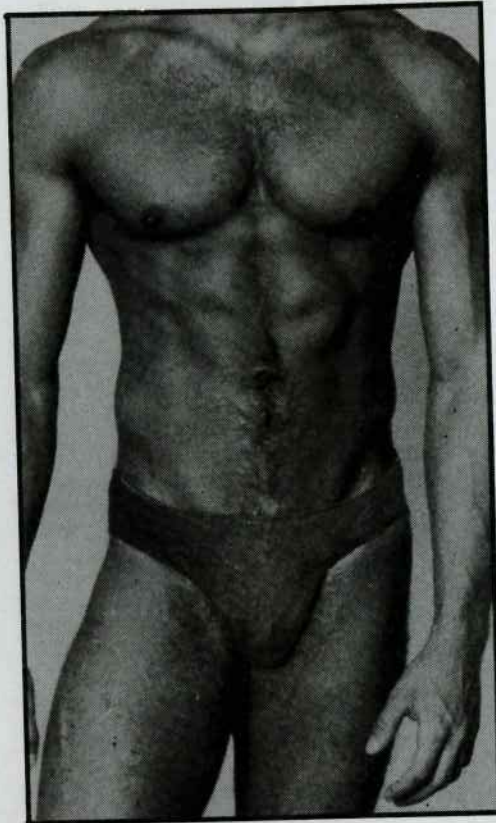
Dear TWT:

I would like to add my opinion to the point Barry Skiba ["Pro Gay Doesn't Mean Pro-Abortion," Vol. 17, No. 15] brought up concerning the idea that pro-gay means pro-choice.

I firmly believe that as individuals we have the right to choose who we are, how

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we live and what we do, but to say we have the right to choose whether or not an unborn child lives or not is absurd.

We are currently battling the hate crimes that plague our community and the big issue that one person does not have the right to terminate the life of another. Is abortion any different?

The main misconception is that the "thing" in the mother's womb is not a person until birth, but scientists and doctors both agree that at the point of conception it is a *living* organism.

Another idea is that if the mother does not want the child, she can always abort it. That should not be the option considered. There are many childless people in our country who would gladly give all they own in order to get what one person decides to just throw away.

An unborn child should not have to pay the price of "one night of passion" that "became a mistake."

I firmly believe that we should stand on the issue that pro-gay means pro-life.

Joe Dunnam
Dallas, TX

Boycott Greensheet

Dear TWT:

On August 13, the Houston chapter of the lesbian/gay rights group Queer Nation called for a boycott of the *Greensheet*. The action is being taken in response to the weekly newspaper's discrimination against lesbian and gay people in its personals section, called "Heart T Heart." The boycott is part of a larger effort to transform the Montrose area into a discrimination-free zone.

The *Greensheet's* "Heart T Heart" section offers free personal ads to readers. However, the ads are available only to individuals seeking those of the opposite sex. Queer Nation members seeking to place personal ads have been told that ads from lesbian and gay people will not be accepted.

In response to this blatant homophobia, Queer Nation is calling on all people concerned about discrimination to take several actions. First, we are asking that people stop reading the *Greensheet*. Second, we ask all advertisers to pull their ads from the newspaper. Third, we are asking businesses in the Montrose area to stop distributing the *Greensheet*. In

addition, we ask lesbian, gay and bisexual people to emulate black civil rights activists of the past who attempted to eat at segregated lunch counters by calling the *Greensheet* every Monday beginning at noon to attempt to place a personal ad.

Several businesses in the Montrose area have already offered their support for the boycott by pulling the *Greensheet* from their literature shelves. These businesses include Butera's, several locations of Eckerd's Drugs, Infinite Records, A Moveable Feast, House of Pies, Whole Foods Supermarket, two Appletree locations, Walgreen's, First Stop Food Store and one Shell Oil and Gas. Queer Nation is in negotiations with a number of other businesses to remove the newspapers.

Queer Nation is a diverse group of women and men united to end homophobia in all its forms. We use nontraditional, nonviolent tactics to increase the visibility of the lesbian and gay community and "zap" homophobes. We are opposed to all forms of discrimination. The group first formed in New York in June of 1990, and several dozen chapters currently exist around the nation. The Houston chapter formed in January of this year. Meetings are held every Tuesday at the Montrose Palace, 1501 Nevada at Commonwealth.

Brian D. Bradley
Houston, TX

Force Won't Work

Dear TWT:

In reference to the "Queer Nation" group of activists, by placing "Queer Nation" stickers in places in such a way that it defaces others' property, and by promoting and insisting on a "Queer Nation," you are no better than those who try to forcibly change homosexuals.

This is not and will never be a "queer nation" or a "straight nation," for that matter. This should be a nation united under God for the good of all!

If we do not like how things are run, let's *get out and vote and pray to God* for changes. If we do not do this, then whatever we may do to forcibly change the system *will not work*. It will only bring more grief, pain and hate.

Is that what we want?

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Remembering Raina Lea

Dear TWT:

Remember a vivacious and ebullient bundle of talent who was always the first on the scene when anyone needed help? Remember that from Houston to Denver and from Fort Worth to El Paso, you could always count on one person to be the first in line to aid any worthwhile cause? To do so is to remember Raina Lea.

From a passionate love of pageant life to a never-ending quest to unblemishingly represent the community as a monarch of the court system, Raina truly earned the accolade of "living legend."

Unfortunately, Raina, a.k.a. Gary Taylor, is lying withered and lifeless in the hospital. It is now our turn to say thank-you for all she has done for us and to give back some help.

On Labor Day weekend, we held a series of benefit shows to help pay necessary expenses, and this will establish an ongoing fund in Raina's name to assist other persons in need. We thank all of those who participated and gave so generously in Raina's memory.

Thanks also to TWT and to the clubs and entertainers who helped. We could not have done it without you.

Jack Guthrie
a.k.a. Jacki Jorj
Fort Worth, TX

Mr. Guthrie informed us that Raina passed away on the day after this letter was received at TWT.—Editor

Support the Arts

Dear TWT:

I'm a local artist, gay and concerned about the attitude of Cedar Springs/Oak Lawn area business owners and support of the arts outside of Oak Lawn.

The double standards within the gay community are really quite disturbing. It's the 1990s and I feel that overall the gay community wants to be recognized and accounted for equally and fairly by "straight" society in such crucial issues as religion, politics, employment rights and others.

C'mon guys, if you want to be treated fairly, with equal rights, freedom and respect from others, you must give in order to receive! I know a lot of customers who purchase items at these

gay area businesses are not gay, and of course these businesses do not seem to have a problem taking their money!

With all the publicity concerning artists' rights, gay rights and censorship issues, the gay community needs to be more supportive of the arts and of artists. I might also mention that a large percentage of artists in this world are gay (as well as some of the artists participating in the Artscene show) and the numbers are decreasing due to the AIDS epidemic.

Please support the arts and the ban on censorship, and help promote freedom of expression. Let's work together to make this world a better place to live.

Artscene, an art show to be held in Deep Ellum, will be September 13, 14 and 15. There will be an artist appreciation party at the Artbar on the evening of the 14th. For more information, call (214)824-1377.

C. Pearson
Dallas, TX

HIV Not End of the World

Dear TWT:

Regarding "Too Much to Lose" [Vol. 17, No. 24], to "Name Withheld" and all others who test positive for HIV:

Yes, the statement, "You're HIV-positive," is the last thing anyone wants to hear. But *it's not the end of the world*. It does signal time for a change of direction in your life; new goals, new friends, new ideas, changes in lifestyle, and, above all, new information.

For those just diagnosed, we have our "Buddy Program" which is a one-on-one support program. For those who have gotten over the initial shock and are ready to move forward, we have our "Peer Counseling" closed group sessions.

We also offer the following support functions: "Positively," our monthly newsletter; the "Andrew Arthur Boyd HIV Resource Library"; a Speaker Forum; a Community Garden Project; our "Get Tested Now" ad campaign for early testing and early intervention; weekly stress reduction and relaxation classes; and social events throughout the year.

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NUTRITION AND HIV INFECTION

by Richard Elbein, M.S., R.D., L.D.

Nutrition plays a pivotal role in the ongoing health status of HIV-infected individuals. Nutritional adequacy is often compromised by factors directly and indirectly related to the HIV virus. Changes in patterns of consumption, or in the body's absorption or metabolism, can dramatically increase the risk of complications from undernutrition or malnutrition.

In this article, I will discuss some of the major points to consider for HIV-positive individuals interested in improving their nutritional status. While I do not want to dwell on basic nutrition information, I think an understanding of the functions of the nutrients is critical.

The basic nutrients to be considered in this article are water, protein, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals. Since each nutrient is essential to health, they must be regularly included in your diet. Calories, the name given to energy in food, are provided only by protein, carbohydrates and fats. Vitamins, minerals and water do not provide the body with energy, and therefore cannot be substituted for meals.

Ideally, the majority of the energy in our diets is provided by starches (complex carbohydrates) or sugars (simple carbohydrates). In addition to their energy value, complex carbohydrates provide fiber, vita-

mins and minerals. Fiber helps food wastes move through the digestive tract; it should be avoided during bouts with diarrhea. Sugar, which tastes sweet, is found in ripe fruit, young vegetables and sugar cane, and is a great source of quick energy. For this reason, it is often given in the hospital as intravenous glucose.

Protein foods, such as meats, cheeses, eggs, fish and vegetable sources like tofu, beans and grains, are needed by the body to maintain and repair tissues. The body's need for protein increases during any illness due to the extra demand for repairing damaged tissues. Protein foods often provide vitamins (particularly B-6 and B-12) and minerals (iron and magnesium). Protein will only be used for tissue repairs if you have consumed adequate calories (energy) to meet basic needs.

Fat, a concentrated energy source, is rich in vitamins A and E. Fat plays a critical role in the formation of hormones and digestive enzymes, and in the protection of the internal organs.

Vitamins and minerals, which exist naturally in foods, assist in various body processes. During periods of severe physical stress, your need for some vitamins and minerals increases. Unfortunately, excesses of vitamins and minerals can be detrimental.

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Water is critical because it comprises over 60% of the body. It aids in digestion, absorption, circulation, excretion and, possibly most importantly, temperature regulation. For this reason, your fluid requirements increase dramatically during periods of fever. A reasonable lower limit for fluid intake would be eight cups of non-caffeinated beverages daily.

First and foremost, your diet should include adequate calories for activities, and additional calories for physical stress or fever. Under normal circumstances, you need 14-16 calories per pound of body weight per day, and up to 20 calories per pound per day if you are running a fever or experiencing weight loss.

Adequate calories will protect the protein consumed, and help prevent the "wasting" associated with HIV. After meeting the body's energy requirements, the next important nutrient to consider is protein. You should eat one ounce of protein per 10 pounds of body weight per day, and up to one and a half times that while experiencing fever or weight loss.

I recommend a vitamin and mineral supplement for anyone who is HIV-positive—my choice is a prenatal supplement. Remember, when it comes to vitamins and minerals, more is not better. You should take less than 300% of the USRDA for any vitamins or minerals listed on the label. The exception to that rule would be vitamin B-6. I encourage anyone who is HIV-positive to take a separate B-6 supplement providing 20 mg. per day. Finally, discuss with your physician a monthly B-12 injection of 1,200 mcg.

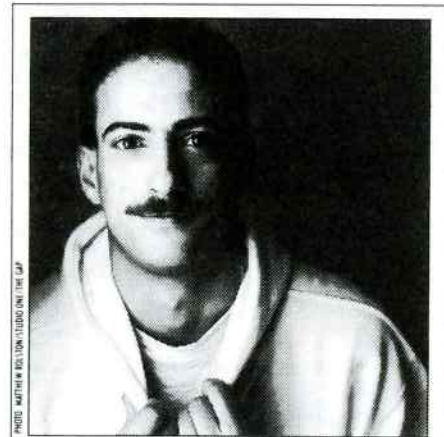
You can only maintain your health with a variety of foods by eating a balanced diet—one which represents all the food groups. The basic daily diet for HIV-positive individuals would include at least the following: two servings of milk, five servings of breads/grains/starches, three servings of fruit, three servings of vegetables and two servings of meat or meat substitutes.

Be wary of any specialized diets which limit or eliminate the basic food groups. Many specialized diets, particularly those directed at HIV-infected people, eliminate dairy products, breads and starches, or meats. By choosing one of these meal plans, you may eliminate essential nutrients such as protein, calories, vitamins or minerals. Restricted diets can be a com-

plicating factor in the development of malnutrition in HIV as the disease progresses.


Finally, I encouraged you to monitor your weight and take steps to prevent weight loss. Furthermore, make a concerted effort to gain up to 20 pounds above your "ideal body weight," preferably in the form of muscle. This will be your safety net against rapid weight loss brought on by opportunistic infections. Get ahold of a good guide to digestive complaints common to HIV, and familiarize yourself with the appropriate dietary changes.

The best time to begin changing your dietary habits to battle the HIV virus is while you are still asymptomatic. It is easier to prevent malnutrition than it is to reverse it.



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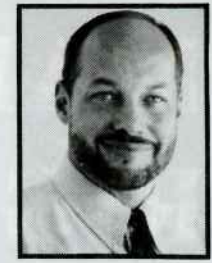
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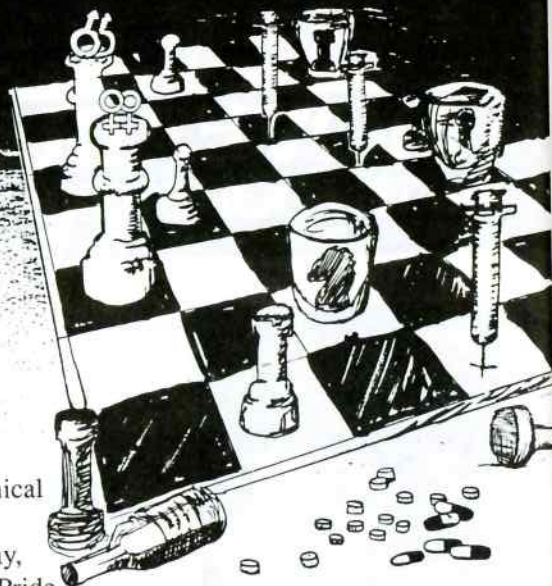
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Planet Earth Productions does it again! Last summer, as multitudes of happy women will recall, Denise E. Chambliss and the Lone Star Symphonic Band brought Deidre McCalla, Teresa Trull and Monica Grant to Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '90 in a women's concert that raised our consciousness, opened our hearts and made us proud.

As an encore, in March, Planet Earth Productions sponsored Monica Grant's return to Houston for an intimate evening bursting with laughter and song and tunes that played in our minds for days.

On September 14 at 8 p.m., Planet Earth presents the phenomenal feminist musician Deidre McCalla in concert at the University of St. Thomas' Jones Hall in Houston.

Deidre is one of the few prominent black women of the contemporary singer-songwriter genre. She cut her second Olivia Records album, *With a Little Luck*, between her appearances at the National Women's Music Festival, the Michigan Women's Music Festival, the Southern and West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festivals and the New England Women's Music Retreat as well as at colleges, clubs and coffeehouses throughout the United States and Canada.

Deidre says she finds inspiration for her songs in everyday occurrences like the relationships between mothers and daughters and her own ongoing battle with her lover's cat.

With another album in progress, Deidre will be sharing new material with her audience, as well as those songs we already know and love.

Deidre's first Olivia Records album, *Don't Doubt It*, was released to critical acclaim, receiving New York Music Award nominations for Best Album on an Independent Label and Best Song on an Inde-



pendent Album. *With a Little Luck* was heralded by the Boston Globe as "the arrival of a major singer-songwriter."

With her attitude of vulnerability, an aura of honesty and quiet toughness, a sense of hidden emotion in her voice, pushing up from beneath the lyrics, Deidre touches all of us. Her style is down to earth and uplifting, with a strong rhythmic sense reminiscent of Motown.

Her heroes are other women artists like Joan Baez, whom she admires "less for her music than because she was a woman in control of her music and her career." Deidre says she believes "women's music is also women as heads of record companies, producers and engineers in studios, and as concert producers."

Denise E. Chambliss agrees with her friend about that. A professional musician and producer of women's concerts, Chambliss' personal goal is to raise enough money to open her own venue to spotlight women's talent and entertainment. Part of her plans to accomplish this include pricing the tickets to the Deidre McCalla concert on a sliding scale, from \$10 to \$20 for general admission. "Pay more if you can, less if you can't" she suggests, as part of her efforts to enable more women to share Deidre live.



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BACKSTAGE By MARC ALEXANDER

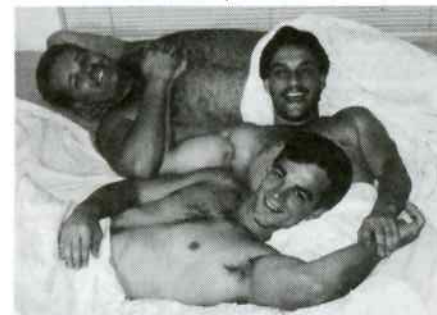
Fort Worth's Casa Manana Theatre has given BACKSTAGE the inside story on their winter season lineup. **Jaston Williams** and **Joe Sears** arrive at Casa on September 24 to open their four-week run of last year's megahit, *A Tuna Christmas*. If you haven't had the opportunity to see this hilarious adventure into a joyful holiday, then you should make plans now to attend. This is one of those rare productions that one never tires of. Take a friend who hasn't seen the play and enjoy their reactions to the inhabitants of Tuna.

Casa is also negotiating with the awesomely talented **Michael Crawford**. Certainly you recognize the name; after all, he is the originator of the role of the Phantom in *Phantom of the Opera*. Hopefully, Casa Manana will secure a contract with Crawford to star in *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Weber*. While you're waiting for BACKSTAGE to announce the outcome of the negotiations, you might take the time to dial (817) 332-6221 and order your tickets for *A Tuna Christmas*. Don't forget to ask them to place your name on their mailing list for the winter season schedule.

Men's blues. Women's blues. Anybody's blues. The blues of **Sandra Reaves-Phillips** stem from the essence of the Negro spiritual to the full sound of a brass band. San Antonio's Carver Community Cultural

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Artistic Director **Dani R. Livingston** of The Dallas Alliance Theatre has informed BACKSTAGE that the presentation of **Robert Patrick's** *Homosexual Acts*, which consists of two one-act plays, is currently onstage at The Rose Room in the Village Station. The production opened September 27. The two plays are *Bill Batchelor Road* and *Odd Number*. Both are part of a seven-play series written by Patrick, who is best known for his play *T-Shirts*. *Bill Batchelor Road* is set in the 1940s, while *Odd Number* takes you into the very different world of the postwar 50s.



Field Blauvelt, Eddie Malley and Steve Barcus in *Homosexual Acts*.

The Rose Room at the Village Station has presented a variety of entertainment since its opening last spring. Caven Enterprises Promotion Director **Keith Kuykendall** told BACKSTAGE that he had considered the idea of staging a play at the club and that after he'd spoken with representatives of the Dallas Alliance Theatre, he decided to try out the concept. BACKSTAGE often meets people who say they would like to see just such a development, so here's your chance, Dallas. Dial (214)824-1215 to reserve your seats for this special event.

Something very special is about to occur in Houston. The Houston chapter of the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS [DIFFA] has announced "Take A Seat," a repeat performance of last year's successful fund-raiser featuring the creative talents of architects, interior designers,

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This year's event, co-chaired by **Kathy Wetmore** and **Clint Willour**, with chairs underwritten by Finger Office Furniture, will be held Thursday, September 19 at INNOVA, Houston's commercial design center, 20 Greenway Plaza, from 7-10:30 p.m. Most of last year's artists have agreed to participate again including **Rusty Arena**, **Gertrude Barnstone**, **Wayne Braun/PDR**, **Susan Budge**, **Richard Fluhr**, **Phyllis Hand**, **Mary Jenewein**, **Greg Lofgren**, **Ken Luce**, **Deborah Magill**, **Barry Moore**, **Jesus Bautista Moroles**, **Adam St. John**, **Cal Stockton**, as well as **Ted Mengers**, **Michael Baker**, and **Rich Brian** from Pyranak, designers of last year's top-selling chair, which went for more than \$5,000.

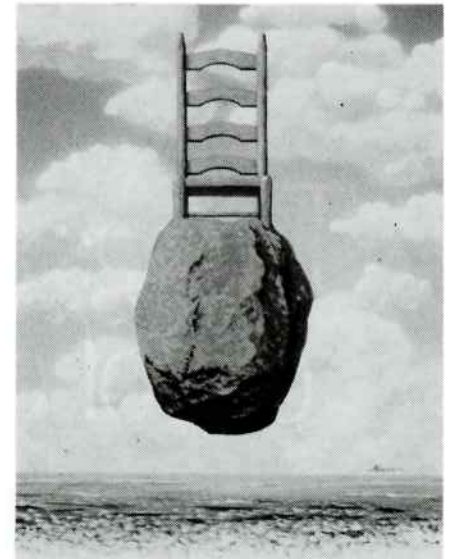


Don Bayer (l) and Greg Lofgren working on their "birdcage chair."

This year, DIFFA has added **Michael Graves**, internationally known architect and designer, menswear designers **Bill Robinson** and **Jhane Barnes**, local artists **Arthur Turner**, **McKay Otto** and **Gail Siptak**, florist **Lyman Ratcliffe**, **George Shackelford**, curator at the Museum of Fine Arts/Houston, and **Ezra Charles**, bringing the total number of "chair creators" to over 80.

Additionally, this year the graphic design community has been asked to participate by submitting original poster artwork using the ladderback chair as a starting point for the design. Three of the 30 posters will be printed as a limited edition poster series to be sold at the event, and all of the original work will be auctioned at "Take A Seat."

The gala will also feature hors d'oeuvres provided by Evan's, Ruggles, River Cafe



Illustrator Bert Mayse's "Take A Seat, Magritte."

and 8-0, La Strada, Armando's and How Sweet It Is. A cash bar and live entertainment provided by **Ezra Charles and the Works** round out the evening.

DIFFA is the only national industry-based foundation in the U.S. that funds the entire range of responses to the AIDS crisis. Founded in 1984, DIFFA combines the efforts of all sectors of the design world: interiors, architecture, furnishings, fashion, floral, graphics, textiles, industrial, tabletop and others in the fight against AIDS.

DIFFA's principal activity is raising and distributing funds to AIDS organizations and projects nationwide. DIFFA financially supports direct patient care and services; preventative, post-diagnostic and community education; housing, meals, emergency assistance and legal advocacy; treatment and community-based research.

The Houston chapter recently approved grant requests to the local chapter of the American Red Cross, to the Association for Community Television for the production of the documentary "The Challenge of Change: AIDS and the Seven Choices," to The Assistance Fund and to Casa de Esperanza. Eighty-five percent of all funds raised by DIFFA/Houston at "Take A Seat" will remain in Houston to provide support for local citizens with AIDS.

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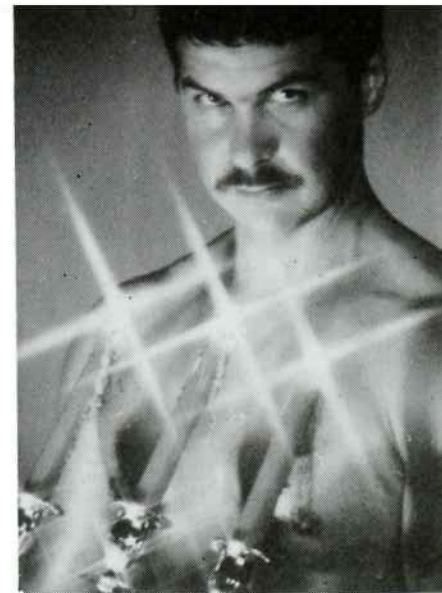
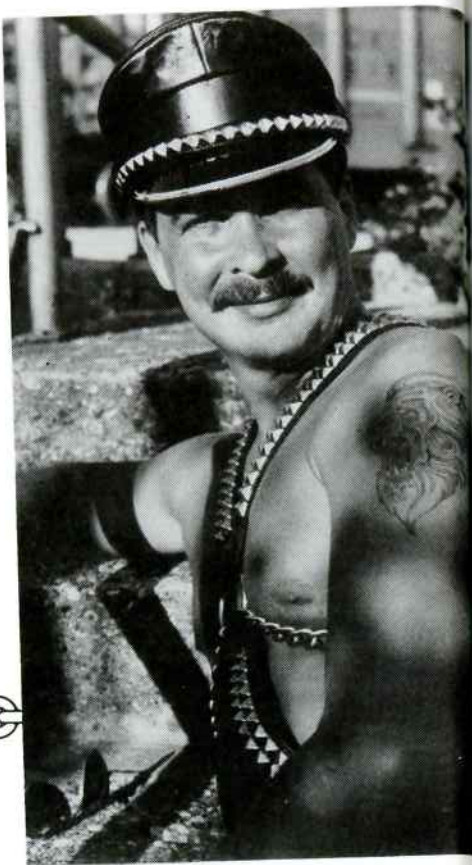
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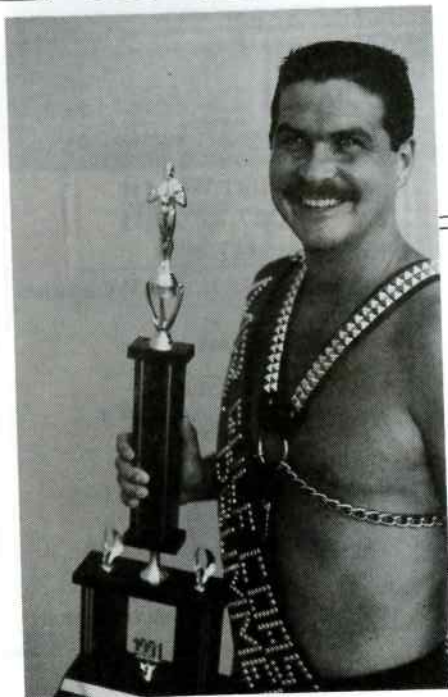
Mark Frazier currently holds the title of Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer, representing the leather communities of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Shades of Grey Leather and the Round-Up Saloon are sponsoring Mark in the International Mr. Drummer Contest in San Francisco September 20 and 21.

Mark works as a supervisor at a major investment company, and holds a degree in Business Management from Arkansas Tech University.



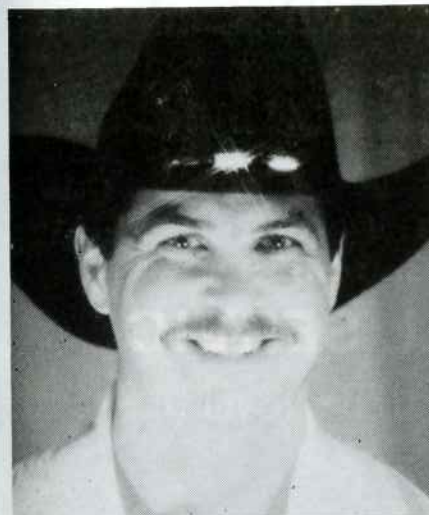
Mark is the current president of the Dallas chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association. He is excited that this year's eighth annual Texas Rodeo will be held in Dallas!

Mark feels that projecting a positive leather/western gay image to the community in general is a lifestyle to be proud of, and one which he strives to achieve in his daily living!



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So, where were you in 1976?

I was just beginning my junior year in high school, fresh from a summer spent in movie theaters with my cousin, watching *Saturday Night Fever* 17 times, and literally drooling in boyish glee over the oh-so-athletic form of the then oh-so-cute John Travolta in his oh-so-brief black bikinis, as my adolescent hormones just raged.

I think I wore bell bottom patchwork Britannia jeans, a quilted Western shirt, web belt and Earth shoes—yes! *Earth shoes!*—my first day back, with hair parted in the middle and just a tad bit too long. And lest you chastise me severely for this obvious fashion faux pas, please do remember that, in 1976, young ladies were wearing cork wedgies and Farrah Fawcett wings.

Speaking of wings, Phoebe Schwartz was seen munching on the chicken variety at the elegant Toddle House with her very dear friend Vera in an effort to lessen the pain of yet another divorce. Her ex, a longtime companion of three nights, was one of only a very few husbands, who, unlike Phoebe, weighed in at less than 200 pounds and caused so much tortuous grief to the desolate Phoebe that even a trip to Astroworld could not console her.

CLASSIC TWT
By BOB DINEEN

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SAY, WASN'T THAT... **Oliver** and **Gary** melting the ice at the Tool Box in Dallas; **Jason** afternoon bartending at the Service Station, also in Dallas; **Terry Hulse** splattering paint in his soon-to-open Sparkle Plenty in Houston; Atlanta's own **Apple** at the OP, back in Dallas; "**Border**," **Craig** and **Larry** flipping the pages at All-American News in Austin; "Hunky young" bartenders **Dan**, **Butch**, **Norman** and **Dave** in the Private Cellar, still in Austin; **Mr. Jan Russell** at the OP in Houston; **C.J. Harrington**, **Mel Plummer**, **Tuna Starr** and **Michael Andrews** crowning the new Mr. Gay America at the Depository, also in Houston; **Sahdji**, **Jerry Vanover**, **Allan Allison**, **Kitty Litter**, **Alvena Grease**, **Denise** and Miss Gay Austin **Rickie** at the Austin Country in Austin; **Ruth**, **Trixie** and **Shelton** at the Habitat in San Antonio; and **Chuck Craig** at the Locker, back in Houston.



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In shopping matters of a different kind, NEWS reports from the Alamo City cautioned River City residents against cruising Travis Park due to a recent spate of Lilly Law sightings in that lovely green-space. But for those still in the mood, the Plaza behind Baptist Hospital was considered to be "just the TEE!"

And finally, in our constant effort to ensure that every living and breathing Texaseexual in the Lone Star state was kept abreast of all the entertainment happenings from Hollywood, the body of Woody Allen's work was REVIEWED within the pages of the magazine this week. While our staff found his messages to be "fatalistic...his pacing sophomoric and unsteady," they were still seen rolling in the aisles of the theater during the attack-of-the-50-foot-bra scene from *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex...*

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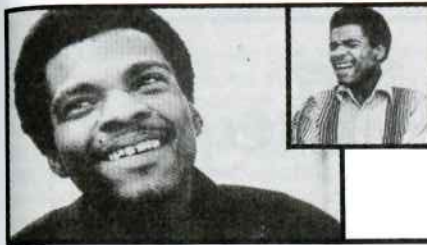
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STARGAZER — Before sunrise, stargazers can now see Venus, Mercury and Jupiter. The best view of Mercury is about a half hour before sunrise. Venus, brightest of the three, now becomes the "morning star."

Of course, Venus isn't a star, it's a planet. Remember, planets shine steadily; only stars twinkle.

Milky Way: As summer gives way to autumn, the Milky Way stretches across the sky from Sagittarius on the southern horizon to the mid-sky point of the constellation of Cygnus. As we all remember, the Milky Way is made up of all the millions of stars in our own galaxy. So, when you look into the Milky Way, you're actually looking at an edge-on view of our own spiraling galaxy.

SUMMER ENDS — Summer comes to an end at 7:48 a.m. on Monday, September 23, ushering in autumn and the Full Harvest Moon, which comes about ten hours after autumn begins.

NEW MOON — This month's New Moon will be at 6:01 a.m. this Sunday, September 8, in Virgo. This is your last summertime New Moon—your last chance to accomplish the tasks of summer.

Since New Moons are traditionally known in astrological lore to be the best times of the year to begin all new projects and launch endeavors for a successful start-up and a fruitful outcome, it is important for all STARSCOPE readers to utilize this beneficial cycle to accomplish their personal goals. This beneficial lunar cycle will last until September 23, the date of the Full Moon. In other words, while the Moon is growing larger and fuller each night for the next two weeks, your chances for success continue to grow larger and fuller.

Read your personal zodiac sign to determine what area of your life will receive the maximum reflection from the September New Moon's vibrations.

VIRGO: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) This is your best New Moon of the year because it illuminates from your own sign. Because this Sunday's New Moon occurs in your own sign, it is strategically placed in your first house of personality. Thus, between now and September 23 is the time when you should launch all your personal projects. A new exercise program, a new attitude toward life and others, and a new spirit of private vigor are all blessed by this Sunday's New Moon. This is your best time of the year to turn over a new leaf, to start anew!

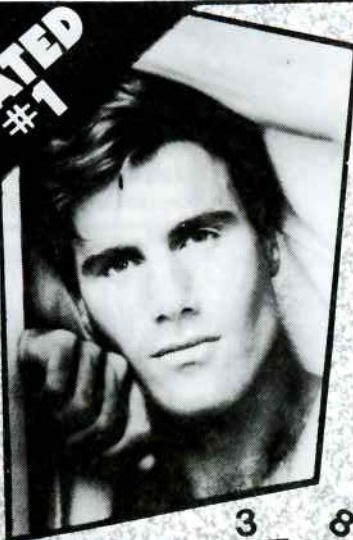
LIBRA: (Sept 23 - Oct 23) This Sunday's New Moon in your twelfth house of inner self indicates you could accomplish the unexpected with some severe behind-the-scenes maneuvering. Secretive plans can yield a bundle of good will. Pay attention to all idle gossip, as where there's smoke there's bound to be some fire directed at your

plan. Use the New Moon cycle from now until September 23 to further your private interests.

SCORPIO: (Oct 24 - Nov 21) Social plans, parties, group functions and gatherings are where you can make your biggest mark while the New Moon cycle continues to be operable. This upbeat social trend starts with this Sunday's New Moon and continues until September 23, affording you the opportunity to let friends help you and advance your causes. Lunar luck seems to be on your side. Trustworthy new friendships blossom early.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Your career stands to receive a generous boost from this Sunday's New Moon cycle, which lasts until September 23. Use this period to launch a job interview for a successful outcome or to further your own interests in your present employment. Business ventures stand

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CAPRICORN: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Enrollment in school is highly favored by this Sunday's New Moon. This positive cycle remains operable until September 23. Use this period to choose the right courses. This period also assists those who find they must or want to travel. Legal entanglements can also be resolved under the lunar vibration. You can sign important contracts knowing that integrity will surround the signing.

AQUARIUS: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) If you need to unravel a tax mess, estate problem or a business partnership, then this Sunday's New Moon affords you the blessings of a favorable outcome so that all involved will be satisfied. Be careful to guard your own financial interests so that another doesn't take advantage of your pocketbook. Sexually, this cycle until September 23 is a very upbeat and driving period when your sensual charisma can bend the will of others in your direction.

PISCES: (Feb 18 - Mar 20) If you're single, this Sunday's New Moon cycle is your best time of the year to launch a new, long-lasting partnership with what you hope will be a lifemate. With the current New Moon illuminating your seventh house of marriage, you are in a very favorable position to pick the right mate and make the right decisions regarding serious love, provided you act prior to September 23. If you're married, the same New Moon advice holds, as you have the opportunity to either deepen an existing relationship or smooth out any rough edges so you both can reach a domestic compromise.

ARIES: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) With this Sunday's New Moon occurring in your sixth house, you are blessed with smooth sailing in employment matters. Situations with co-workers that have caused some anguish and unpleasantness can now be worked out agreeably and softly, prior to September 23. In addition to this good blessing in your employment sector, you are also blessed in areas of your health. Any ailment can now be properly diagnosed and treated successfully, enabling a quick and speedy recovery. This Sunday's New Moon encourages exercise and wholesome living. A new fitness program started now can produce lasting results.

TAURUS: (Apr 20 - May 20) It's time to break out from your conservative mold and have fun dating lots of different and fascinating people, if you are single. This Sunday's

New Moon occurs in your fifth house of love affairs, which means that the current period through September 23 is ideal for meeting the kind of people and admirers who enjoy life to the fullest. Somehow, your "type" just happens to be in the right place at the right time. Only the New Moon could have planned it; not you or anyone else. Fate is playing lady luck in matters of romance. If you're married, this upbeat lunar cycle relates to your quick and increased ability to meet new friends whom both you and your mate will welcome into your fold for whatever pleasure you both have mutually or individually intended.

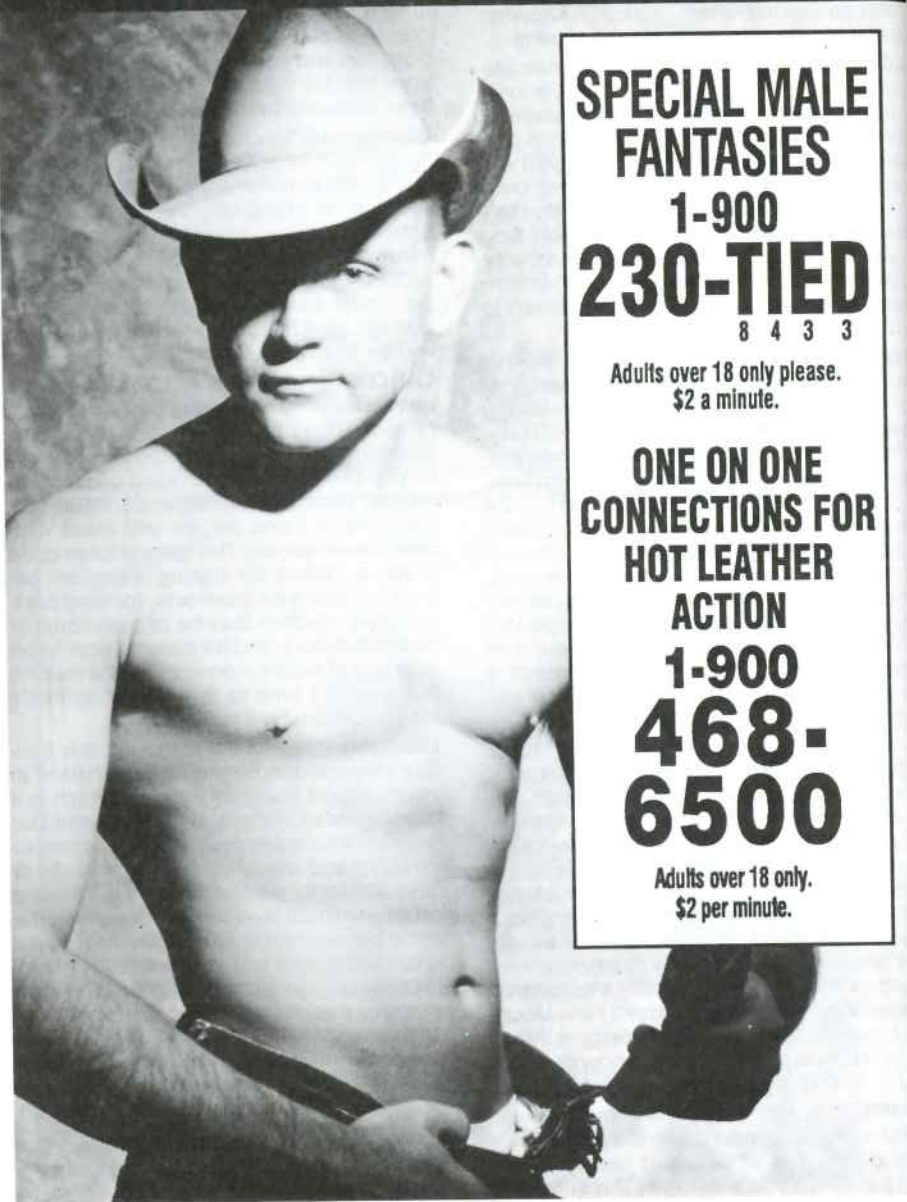
GEMINI: (May 21 - Jun 21) This Sunday New Moon cycle, which lasts until September 22, is ideal for all home and domestic matters. Looking for real estate, redecorating and entertaining in your home are some of the many close-to-home matters which can be successfully completed during this lunar cycle. You are encouraged to enhance your homefront at this time because your efforts will be fruitfully rewarded.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 22) If you were unable to swing a summer vacation or quick retreat, then this Sunday's New Moon cycle opens previously locked doors to a trip so you can escape—provided this is set in motion prior to September 23. After that date, don't travel as you will meet with delays and detours. This upbeat lunar cycle is also excellent for signing important papers, agreeing on contracts, forming partnerships whether they be of a personal or business nature, and for communicating on all levels of selling, convincing and leading the way. It's time to make your strategic moves before time runs out.

LEO: (July 23 - Aug 22) Although this Sunday's New Moon begins its illumination in your second house of money, which is a blessing for all financial matters, it would be wise to remain cautious when it comes to investing and speculating. Be sure to check all securities for past performance. To invest on a hunch will lead to loss. However, the cycle between now and September 23 is a splendid time for you to increase your earning power. Your sudden ability to shore up a sagging pocketbook is due to the blessings of the lunar light reflecting directly from your second house of money. Purchases made during this cycle will be wise and bring both satisfaction and pleasure.

COMING NEXT WEEK: Jupiter leaves Leo and enters Virgo on September 12, changing your luck.

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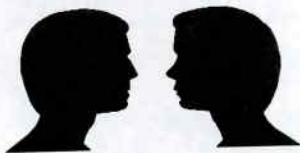
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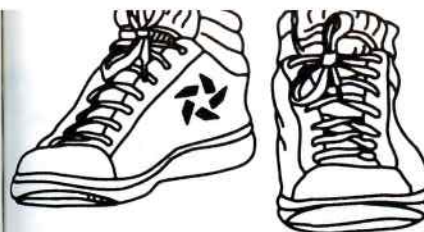
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LIFEWALK '91

Dallas — The LifeWalk 10K walkathon, which will benefit Oak Lawn Community Services, is set for Sunday, October 6 at noon. Registration and sponsor forms are now available for the event.

To get involved, the first step is to call (214)520-3339 and request a sponsor form. The second step is to recruit sponsors such as friends, family and co-workers. Step three is to bring along friends and walk with them on October 6 at Lee Park. It's also possible to form LifeTeams, in which groups of four or more can join up to walk together. Participants are encouraged to name their teams, design T-shirts and walk together as groups.

All proceeds from the walk benefit Oak Lawn Community Services, which was founded in 1981 and is at the forefront of AIDS-related service providers in the Metroplex. It is a nonprofit, community-based, 501(c)3 organization with a network of more than 300 local volunteers.

GOOD SPORTS

Houston — Good Sports, a club for gay and lesbian football and basketball fans, will meet Thursday, September 12 for the season debut of college football, Houston vs. Miami. Organizer Lee Harrington told **TWT SPORTS**, "We'll sure find out how for real the Cougars are and if, after the national telecast, the Hurricanes will continue to gloat or rather begin to wince when they think of Texas."

"This will be a super way to spend time with Good Sports and meet other fans in the community. So tell your friends and gym buddies to put on their team colors and come join us," he added.

A cash bar will also be available. For more information, including location and food details, call (713)523-9000.

FALL BOWLING

Fort Worth — The Texas Doubles fall bowling league is now forming, Todd Pollard told **TWT SPORTS**. Anyone interested in a good winter sport is encouraged to participate.

For more information, call Todd at (817) 695-4948 or Pullett at (817)531-3816.

SPORTS By BOBBY MILLER

CRUISING THE HEIGHTS

Houston — The Lambda Bike and Skate Club will hold a bike ride next Saturday, September 14 at 9 a.m. The trek begins at the Bacchus parking lot, 2715 Waughcrest.

The "Cruise The Heights" ride will tour the historic homes in the Heights District, then travel downtown and then back to Montrose. A distance of about 20 miles at a leisurely pace with a couple of stops for snacks and drinks will be covered. Lunch at the Pot Pie is scheduled for afterwards.

On September 22, the club embarks on its first train and bike trip to Galveston on the famous Texas Limited. Cost is \$27.50 round trip, and bikes travel free in the baggage car on special bike racks. Tickets must be purchased in advance and those interested are advised to request the Chimayo Car. Skaters and walkers are also welcome and maps will be provided for each group.

For more information on both events, call Annette at (713)496-0288 or John at 523-6381.

HOGS HAPPENINGS

Houston — The Houston Outdoor Group [HOG] has been busy this summer. From rafting trips down the Guadalupe, camping trips in the Hill Country and many outings to cultural events, members have been busy.

At their August social, the group chose new officers for the coming year. Elected president was Joe Perez; vice-president, Patty Crago; secretary, Nelana Skender; co-treasurers, D.J. Jecker and Lawrence Jackson; membership, Don Marrs; publicity, Dev George; and newsletter editor, Don Kelsey.

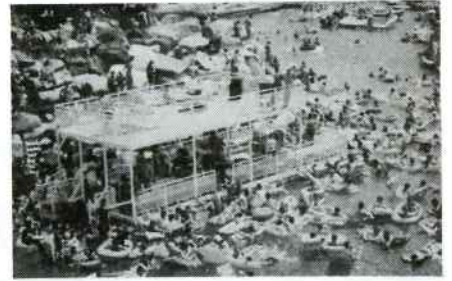
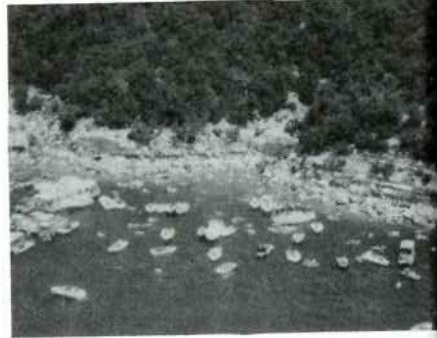
For September, HOG has plans for a potluck social, Slides, Lies & Videotapes, game night, rollerskating, camping, a beach clean-up and a symphony night.

For more information, call (713)522-7809. HOG is a social group for gay men and lesbians who enjoy the outdoors. All activities are organized by HOG members themselves. There are no formal membership requirements. All gay men, lesbians and their friends are welcome.



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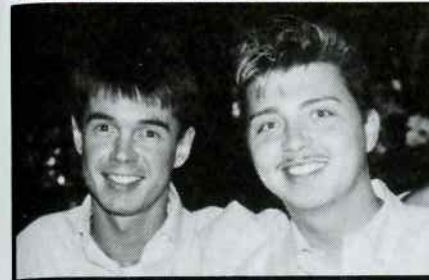


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DALLAS TEA — Here's what's happening THIS WEEK IN DALLAS from Big D HOT TEA stirred by Steve....

The Dallas Tavern Guild's 10% Solution citywide all-bar benefit for the Food Pantry brought in \$3,900. Thanks to all the clubs and patrons that made it a success....



Village Station bartenders Danny Martin [above, l] and Larry Patrick [r] are ready to give service with a smile and you'll be smiling, too, on Fridays with no cover and \$1 drinks before 10 pm....

The Cove brings a new emcee to their Sunday shows. Roxie Hart is back and better than ever with all of your favorite regular show cast members. Stop in and see a good show with some good friends at the Cove this Sunday....



Round-Up disc jockey John Irizarry [above] mixes the tunes that keep the club's dance floor packed. Lots of staff are celebrating birthdays this month and it's party time all of the time at the Round-Up. Get ready to pitch those pennies in the giant Texas flag during the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade on September 22....

HOT TEA



TMC doorman Judd Duffy [above] welcomes OLBA members every Monday night after the games. Drop by and join them....

Last Splash may have come and gone, but they still play volleyball in the pool every Sunday at the Wave [below]. There's plenty



of fun in the sun at the Wave. Get ready for their Friday the 13th Party next weekend. Club W explodes every Wednesday with deejays Mikey B and David Laird at the controls....

This Thursday, September 12, Crews Inn hosts "Men Behind Bars," a benefit for Revlon House, an all-bar employee revue show presented by Chili Pepper. They offer the men of Dallas \$1.75 vodka juice drinks from noon till 8 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, and you can enjoy hot male dancers, too....

Make your plans to be at JR's next Saturday, September 15 for their Red Party. Manager Don Solomon has all the details—and so do staffers [below, l-r] Mark Bajaj, Marc Evans and Kevin Calvert....



Sue Ellen's brings you reduced drink prices all day and all night Monday with the live music of Lisa and Laurel accompanied by popular pianist Buddy Shanahan....

Hidden Door bartender Harvey Meissner [right] keeps the good times rolling to the music of their CD juke box. You pick the music that you want to hear. Bill Merrill spilled some tea on the other Bill, who's mending a broken ankle, when he told **HOT TEA**, "Bill is at home with his legs up in the air, as usual." Get well soon....



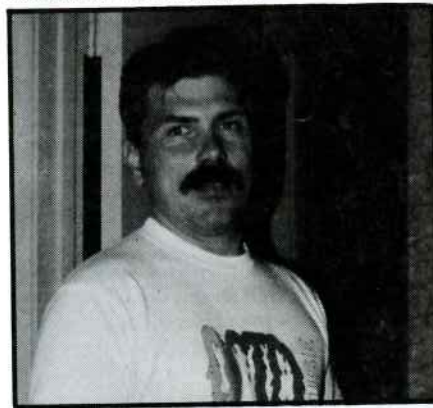
Desert Moon managers David Robertson [below, c] and Jeannen Provost [r] welcome



everyone out to the all-new C&W club for dance lessons with Bobbie Morris [l]....

John L's brings talented C.J. Critt to their stage tonight and Saturday, and next weekend Michael Greer brings his unique comedy to Dallas. Uncle Larry's Friday happy hour buffet is not to be missed....

This Sunday, September 8, Raps hosts the second annual Miss Northeast Texas pageant, with over \$1,000 in cash and prizes. Special guests include Nakoma Shaye, Trella Thomas and Obsession. This is the last preliminary to Miss Gay Texas. Who will win? Be there and see for yourself. Their ace deejay David Laird [below] spins the freshest sounds around....



Zippers has male dancers who strut their stuff seven days a week, plus the club gives you vodka juice specials weekends from open till 8 pm. Their Dance-a-thon last weekend was incredible, with 18 of Texas' hottest male dancers performing all weekend....

The Black Tie Dinner is at the Chantilly Ballroom of Loew's Anatole Hotel next Saturday, September 14. For information call (214)357-7911....

Get dressed in style with a tux from Sir Tuxedo. Call for information at (214) 520-8888. They're donating a portion of the proceeds from each tux rental to the HRCF when customers mention the Black Tie Dinner....

It's time for Union Jack's annual clearance of swimwear and summer merchandise. Take advantage of the savings and stock up on your fall wardrobe needs, too.

CORPUS CHRISTea — Rudy Cardona's Texas Crown Productions presented Corpus Christi's first triple crowning for the America system recently at the Parallel Club. On their way to Miss Gay Texas this coming



week in Dallas are [front row, l-r] Miss Nueces County Nicole Stevens, Miss Corpus Christi Mextroplex Erika Blake and Miss Texas Riviera Vanessa Nicole. Also pictured are [rear, l-r] Miss Congeniality Lisa Markay, Tamara Foxx of Austin, Miss Jennifer Holiday, Miss Gay Corpus Christi Melissa Michaels and Kofi of Houston [far right]. Congratulations to all.

PANHANDLE TEA — Maggie's hosted the 1992 Miss Gay Amarillo pageant last week, and after an unfortunate mix-up, the



winners were announced. They are [above] second alternate Lady Vesta [l], first alternate



Vanessa St. Clair [r] and winner LaVonda [foreground], pictured with special guest Roxie Starr [c]. Good sport Evilene Du Bois [left], originally named the winner, will be competing at Miss Gay Texas as Miss Potter County, as will Vanessa and LaVonda.

Best wishes to all three. Amarillo's newest club, the OP, located at 500 West 16th, is now open. Drop by and check it out.

SOUTH TEXAS TEA — TWT is proud to have not one but two clubs as supporters in the Valley. Drew Clark's legendary P.B.D.'s Lounge is the cruisiest spot in South Texas, while Tenth Avenue is a red-hot dance bar



[above] with great shows and a friendly staff. When you go, look for [below] Monique, Louis, Terry, Bruce, Mark, Frank and J.R.



HOUSTON HOTTea — Here's what's going on **THIS WEEK IN THE SPACE CITY** from Houston **HOT TEA**....

A crowd of over one thousand packed Rich's last Thursday as superstar Gloria Gaynor, shown below [l] with club manager Jerry Resequé [r], kicked off their super



splash guard weekend. Be at Rich's tonight for their post-Labor Day recovery party....

The Oasis, Houston's newest men's dance and cruise bar, is now open at 302 Tuam. They've got live deejay music seven nights a week and lots of lighted parking. Go by and check it out....



Last week's BriarPatch Follies and Silent Auction [above and below] raised a phenomenal \$21,875 for Stone Soup Kitchen and the Assistance Fund. Thanks to



all of those who worked so hard and to all of those who gave so generously. The club kicks off their 22nd anniversary celebration this Saturday night with a homecoming dance. The following night, the BP alumni banquet begins at 7 pm for all BP "graduates" and their friends. Congratulations for 22 great years....

Houston's newest women's dance bar, XTC, opens next Friday, September 13, at 9200 Buffalo Speedway. Located between the Ranch and Ms. B's, XTC has a beautiful patio, ideal for volleyball and other outdoor activities. Tonight, TGRA presents their annual hoedown at the new club featuring live band Little Bit of Texas beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door....

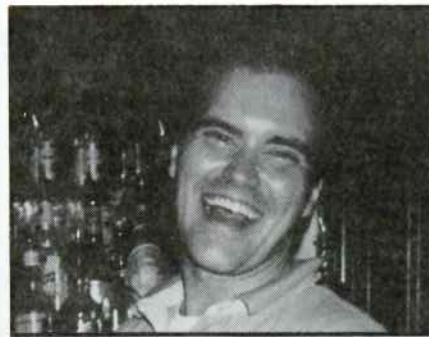
Speaking of Little Bit of Texas, they'll be appearing at BRB tomorrow night, Saturday, September 7. Then, on Sunday, it's the Miss BRB contest. Don't forget, they have free dance classes every Thursday....

Lucky Bob Woodward, shown below [l] with club owner Del McGee [r], won Gentry's \$500 midweek travel sweepstakes.

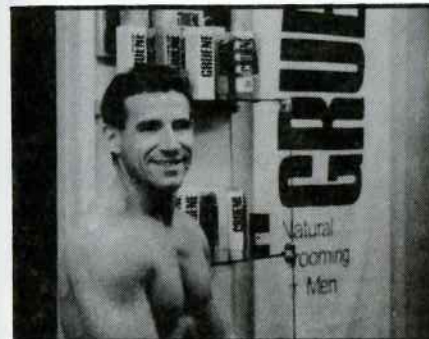


There's always something new and different going on at the club—they've got early bird drink prices from 12 noon till 5 pm weekends and happy hour prices all day and all night every Wednesday. Explore your alternatives at Gentry....

Heaven welcomes the 25th annual Folleyball Fest participants next Sunday, September 15, for the Folleyball Fest after-party beginning at 7 p.m. Cheap drinks and Men in Briefs dancers ensure a packed house. Don't miss it. Hi NRG recording artist Shannon, who had to cancel her Labor Day Show due to circumstances beyond her control, has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 22. Be there and hear the superstar belt out her hit recordings "Let The Music Play," "Urgent," "Give Me Tonight," "Don't You Want To Get Away" and many more....



Say hello to popular JR's barback Reno Wist [above]. JR's is where The Men of Santa Fe modeled the hottest in underwear during Basic Brothers' Undergear fashion show last weekend. By the way, Basic Brothers now carries Gruene's new cologne "Vintage," as well as a complete line of men's natural grooming products, as shown by Bruce [below]....



Gio Sedita and his management staff [below] invite you to Union Jack, your one-stop shop for clothing, tanning and hair styling. This week receive a free conditioning color gloss with every haircut upstairs in Union Jack's salon....



Tickets are going fast for the 23rd annual Miss Camp America pageant at the Music Hall on Saturday, September 14. Eight of the "top nine" are pictured above and the show's "male" dancers are pictured below. Tickets for the benefit are available at Appearances and Basic Brothers....



This Tuesday, September 10, the Lambda Rollerskating Club and Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection will co-sponsor a skate night at Carousel Skating Rink from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit MCCR's building fund and the Fourth Friday Group. Everyone is welcome....

Costume World on Richmond is your Halloween Headquarters with literally thousands of costumes on display and a huge selection of wigs, makeup and accessories to turn your fantasies into realities....

Congratulations to Pitty Pat Magnolia Sugarbaker, Damita Jo and the Church Lady Girls of the Imperial Court of the Single Star, as well as the patrons of Cousins, who helped raise over \$600 at the club's recent benefit for MCCR's Capital Gifts Campaign....



Friends and supporters of Omega House held a reception in honor of founder Eleanor Munger's [above] 80th birthday and the hospice's fifth anniversary. On hand was Mayor Kathy Whitmire [below, r], who presented Eleanor [l] with a proclamation designating Friday, August 30 as Eleanor Munger/Omega House Day. Best wishes to Eleanor and to all the other people who help make Omega House a living reality.



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

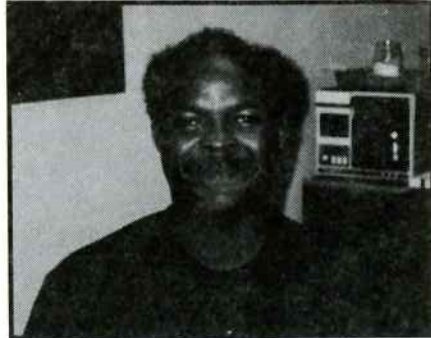


The Paper Moon's August talent night winner was Gina Monet [left], who brought the packed house to its feet performing to a mix of "Vision of Love" and "Sweet Talk." Gina now advances to the Newcomer of the Year pageant next

January at the Paper Moon... Miss Gay Heart of Texas Amber Nixx is special guest in the Super Sunday Show this week... Shady Lady continues those hilarious musical chairs at midnight on Mondays with a cash

prize to the winner... The PMT show is slated for 11:30 p.m. this Thursday, featuring Jennie McCall, Miss Congeniality at the 1992 Miss Gay Texas/USA pageant. There's a rumor in the air that a Sunset Blvd. reunion show is in the works. Watch for details!...

Fall Fest '91 is just around the corner on September 15. Mr. TGRA candidate Terry Neal and the local San Antonio chapter are organizing the yearly fund-raiser to include food and booths, climaxing with a variety show at 6 p.m. It's planned for 12 noon to 8 p.m. at San Pedro Park and promises to be loads of fun in the sun. See you there!...



The San Antonio AIDS Foundation has a new volunteer receptionist, Adrian Hill [above]. If anyone has any questions about SAAF House and the many services it offers, contact him at (512)225-4715....

The 106 Off Broadway will be opening their patio soon in anticipation of those cool autumn evenings. New owner Roger Galloway has many drink specials planned while the 106 goes through a face lift. Meet your friends there and check out the new surroundings....

Hot oil wrestling is back by popular demand at the Hard Hat on Thursdays. Mike Patton pours on the grease as the men turn on the heat at 11 p.m. Sounds too good to miss!...

"Men and Munchies" is on tap for 7 p.m. Friday nights at the Nite Owl. Gorgeous men take it off as Barbara and Julee provide the snacks to watch those mouthwatering men do their thing. Open pool tournaments occur every Sunday and Wednesday with cash prizes. Thursdays, the pros take over when the River City Pool League come together for an evening of competition....

Tonight, there's a jungle party at the Bonham Exchange for those with animal instincts! Come dressed as a hunter or wild

animal and enter the costume contest at midnight offering a cash prize... Bingo is new to Tuesdays, so grab a date and get in on the fun! Everyone's favorite manager, Niecy [right], can be found at the Bonham, which now features male and female strippers every Friday at 11 p.m. with 75¢ well drinks and draft beer all night long. All right!...



Bartender Ron Foster [below] is making hearts throb over at the El Jardin daily. Stop in and let Ron prepare your favorite cocktail, and see what the talk is all about....



Finally, the Silver Dollar Saloon is gearing up to celebrate its five-year anniversary. Special events will be taking place at San Antonio's only video country and western bar. Good-looking bartender Troy Carpenter



[above] will be taking part in recognizing a five-year tradition at the Main Avenue location, the Silver Dollar Saloon.



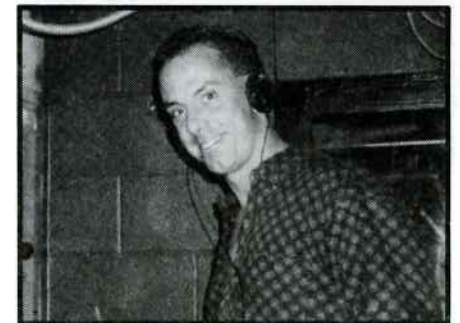
AUSTINteaCIIOUS — Here's what's going on **THIS WEEK IN AUSTIN** from Chris' Capital City **HOT TEA**.

Leave it to the Austin Tavern Guild to make another Last Splash Weekend a huge success. Thousands of men from all around Texas converged on Austin last weekend for fun in the sun and Labor Day partying. The photo above is just one of many **CRUISE CAMERA** photos that were taken. Turn to pages 68-69 for more **SNAPSHOT** photos....

San Fran Cisco's opened August 29 to an enthusiastic crowd. Randy Chandley,



Scooter Thomas and Alan Bement were



tending bar while Dan Bernhardt [above] deejayed some of the best in country and western music....



Chain Drive brought in award-winning deejay J.D. Arnold for a weekend of partying. J.D. [above, r] is shown with Danny Cardiel [l], one of the regular deejays at the Drive. Beware of the All City Bartender Turnabout Show on September 24, benefiting AIDS Services of Austin: Most of your favorite bartenders will be donning their gay apparel for this worthy cause. Mark your calendars now...

Buckles Saloon celebrates their Second Annual Old Baron's Black and White Ball on September 27-29. Watch **HOT TEA** for more information and special contests for that weekend....



Charlie's bartender Tim Dunn [above] was caught by the **CRUISE CAMERA** inside the special tent set up for last weekend's fun. You can see him again next weekend when they have their back to school party all weekend long. Rumor has it that the Think Pink party will be the weekend of September 20 with special guest Viola Wills

performing on the 21st. Watch **HOT TEA** for even more excitement for that weekend.... The Crossing hosts their own rendition of *Match Game* on September 10. It should be an evening of fun and excitement. The staff of the bar would also like to wish good luck to Nelly Kelly (Greg), who is moving back home to Florida....



Sanitarium is hosting *Hysterics* every Saturday night with 25¢ well drinks all night long. Deejay Don Engle spins the records while manager Stacey [above], greets everyone at the front door. Drop by for some great partying....



Wayne Marion and Ben Pena, a.k.a. Diana Dior [above], celebrated their eleventh anniversary at 'Bout Time over Last Splash weekend. Congrats from **HOT TEA**. Margaret Wright is still packing the house on Mondays from 7 till 9 with her live singing and fantastic piano playing. Stop by and relax before heading home on Monday nights....

Oilcan Harry's is still packing them in every night of the week. The Friday afternoon buffets, served up by Mathews Catering, get better and better each week. Some of the best food in town....



Lizard Lounge hosted the 1992 Miss Gay South Pageant on Last Splash Sunday. Nine contestants [above] vied for the title and the right to compete in Miss Gay America. When the judges announced their decision, Tina Renee [l] of Houston was named first alternate, current Miss Gay Texas Nakoma



Shaye [c] was crowned the winner, and Cherry Monroe [r] of Fort Worth won second alternate honors. Austinite Sabrina Ross [below] was named Miss Congeniality by



her fellow contestants. Last year's winner CoCo [below] was on hand to crown her successor in an evening of pomp and pageantry before a standing-room-only crowd.



Thursdays at Nexus mean nothing else but steak night with Margie. You supply your own meat and Nexus supplies all the fixin's from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m....

TGRA/Austin holds a garage sale tomorrow, Saturday, September 7, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (512)323-2723 for information on the giant sale....

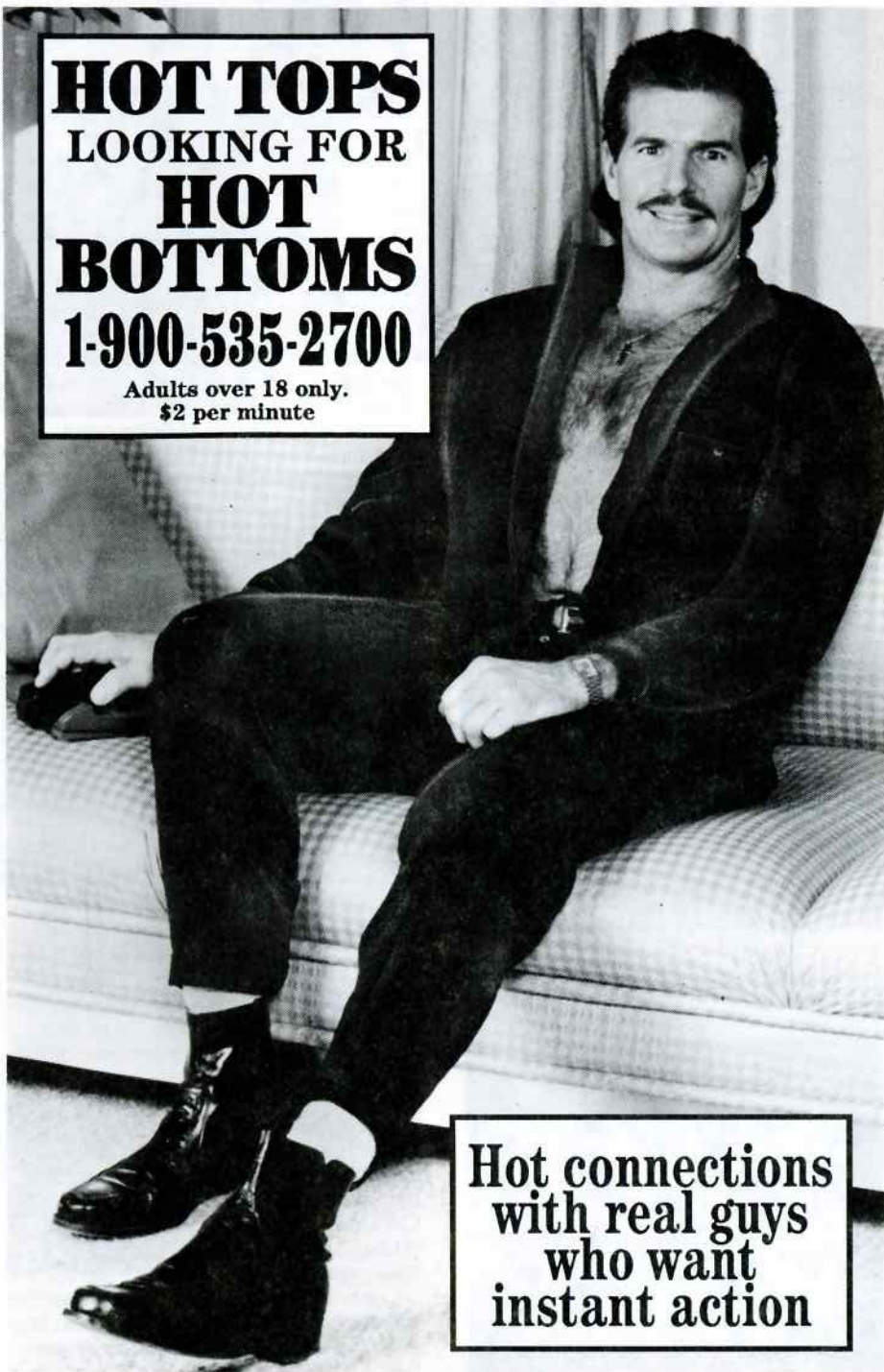
Dobie Theatre welcomed Todd Haynes [see photo], director of the movie *Poison*, last Saturday night. Call Dobie Theatre at (512)477-1324 for show times....



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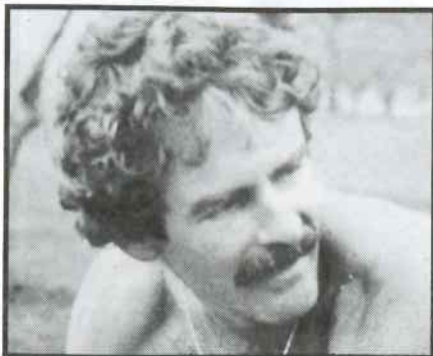
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Peter Paul Creamer (above)
July 20, 1941 - August 27, 1991

His loving, independent and free spirit finally found peace on Tuesday morning, August 27, after a long, angry battle with AIDS.

Peter is survived by his sons, Chris and David, two grandchildren, sister Susie, brothers Tim, Kevin and Michael, his loving companion, Danny Casurella and his faithful Welsh corgi, Puck. A host of friends will cherish his memory.

Services for Peter will be Saturday, September 7 at 11 a.m. with Father James O'Toole officiating at Metrocrest Funeral Home, 1810 N. Perry, Carrollton, Texas. (214)242-3646.



Marvin Olson (above)
May 7, 1948 - July 30, 1991

Marvin passed away with his family and close friends around him. He is survived by his mother, Gladys Reardon, his two brothers, Kenneth and Blake Olson, and three special friends, Ron Weaver, Roger Sheppa and Tom Trammell. The thing we remember about Marvin most was his kindness, honesty and wonderful sense of humor.

"If dust be my destiny,
then so be it.
I welcome the long,
deep sleep of history.

If I am to someday be
the vital dirt...
I'll fear not this last
service to my good earth.

If dust be my destiny,
so let it be.
If dust be my destiny,
dust shall I be."

Marvin, we loved you and will miss you. We know we will see you again.



Chris Wayne Carter (above) of Dallas
1960 - 1991

For those who knew Chris Carter, life won't be the same. His smile, his laughter, his zest for life touched us to the point where we'll never forget him. Chris left us in the early morning hours of August 24 to get things ready for the rest of us. Chris, we'll miss you.

Those who knew Chris are invited to celebrate his life with us Saturday, September 7 at 6 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church on Maple.



Michael Christopher Durham (above)
Michael Christopher Durham, 31, died of cancer at Roy H. Laird Memorial Hospital in Kilgore, Texas on August 19. Michael was born in Kilgore on January 14, 1960. He later served in the Marines. Michael is survived by his friend, Alexander Fields, of 13 years as well as his mother, of Kilgore, father, of Amarillo and his brother, also of Kilgore.

John D. Lamb, Jr.
July 11, 1960 - August 24, 1991
John, a longtime resident of Dallas, recently moved to Los Angeles. He was fatally stabbed after work by three unknown assailants as he walked with a friend to their car.

John is survived by his mother and stepfather, Kathy and Ed Dickeson, father and stepmother John D. Lamb, Sr. and Louise, and brother James Lamb. He will be missed by his family and his many friends in Dallas and Tulsa.

Graveside services were held on Friday, August 30 at Valhalla Memorial Park and Mortuary in North Hollywood, California. Donations in John's name may be made to the AIDS Resource Center/Food Pantry, P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219.

OBITUARIES



David R. Preston (above)

David departed this life early Monday morning, August 26, 1991 in Methodist Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

He was originally from Pensacola, Florida and lived in Houston for the last 15 years. David worked as a bartender and assistant manager at the Montrose Mining Company from 1980 until 1988.

He will be remembered by many for his friendly smile, warm and loving personality, and most of all for his positive outlook and love of life.

Survivors include his lifemate Doug, his father Robert H. Preston, three brothers, numerous family members, all of Pensacola, and a host of loving friends.

Interment was on Thursday, August 29 in Pensacola. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 4 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, September 7 at the Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross in Houston. Memorials may be made to the AIDS Foundation.



Dennis Raymond Powers (above)
3/12/43 - 8/27/91

Our lover, son, brother and friend has left this world to continue the pursuit of his destiny. Dennis, we love you, miss you and hope all your dreams come true. A dreamer lives forever and we will be together again.

A longtime resident of Houston, Dennis was buried at sea off his native California coast. Local memorial plans are pending. For those desiring, memorials may be made in his name to the AIDS charity of your choice.

Love and peace,
Dale, Mom, Annette, John, Peggy



Kevin R. Oswald (above)
August 1, 1960 - August 17, 1991

Kevin was born in Wichita, Kansas; moved to Dallas for several years and then to Houston, where he lived for the last nine years. Making many friends from his outgoing displays of life, he will always be remembered as an outrageous trend-setter, some of which include his Barbie Doll cabinet handles and the world's largest turquoise naughty sofa. Kevin will be missed, but we know he is finally at peace. A memorial service in celebration of his life will be held at Rothko Chapel on Saturday, September 7 at 1 p.m.

Kevin, we'll miss you. Say hello to Bette and Joan for us.

Love: Chic, Snow, Cindy, Tim and David.

Gary Taylor

Gary Taylor, a female impersonator who performed on the gay nightclub circuit from Galveston to Denver, died Wednesday at a Fort Worth nursing home of complications from AIDS. He was 42.

A longtime Fort Worth resident, Taylor was a gay rights activist who launched Tarrant County's Gay Pride celebration a decade ago. He also was an early supporter of the county's gay church movement and the Lesbian and Gay Alliance, both initiated in the early 1980s.

Taylor performed under the stage name Raina Lea, inspired by actress Ruta Lee. In 1980, Ruta Lee borrowed Taylor's tiara for her performances as *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* at Casa Manana.

As a female impersonator, Taylor transformed himself into Raina Lea several times a week to sing and dance at benefits for causes that included the Fort Worth State School, the Community Outreach Center and people with AIDS.

As Raina Lea, Taylor once led a Broadway-style dance troupe of 15 drag performers touring the gay nightclub circuit from Galveston to Denver.

Taylor's survivors include three brothers, Robert Allen Taylor of Dallas, Teddy Taylor of Azle and Tommy Taylor of Grand Prairie.

A memorial service was held Sunday, September 1 at Trinity Metropolitan Community Church of Arlington.

The family suggests that contributions be made to the Raina Lea Memorial Fund by contacting the Rev. Jo Crisco at (817)265-5454. Proceeds will go toward funeral expenses for people who die of complications of AIDS.

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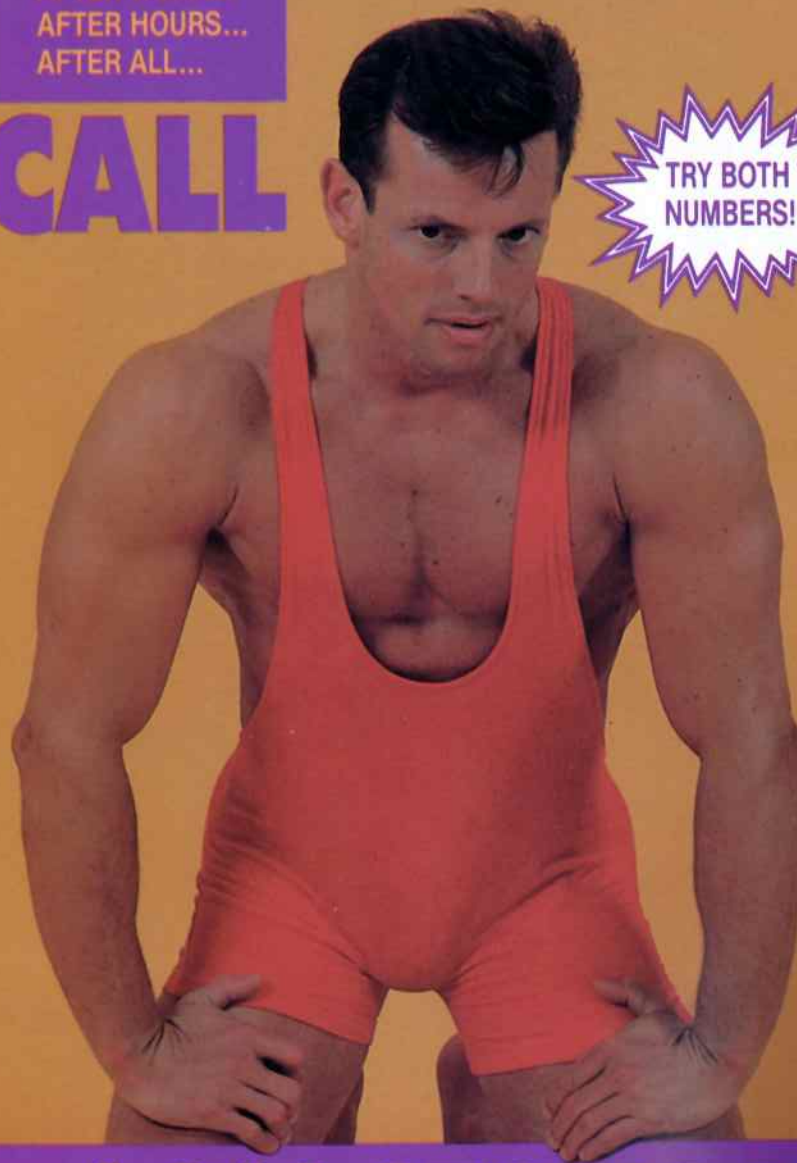
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