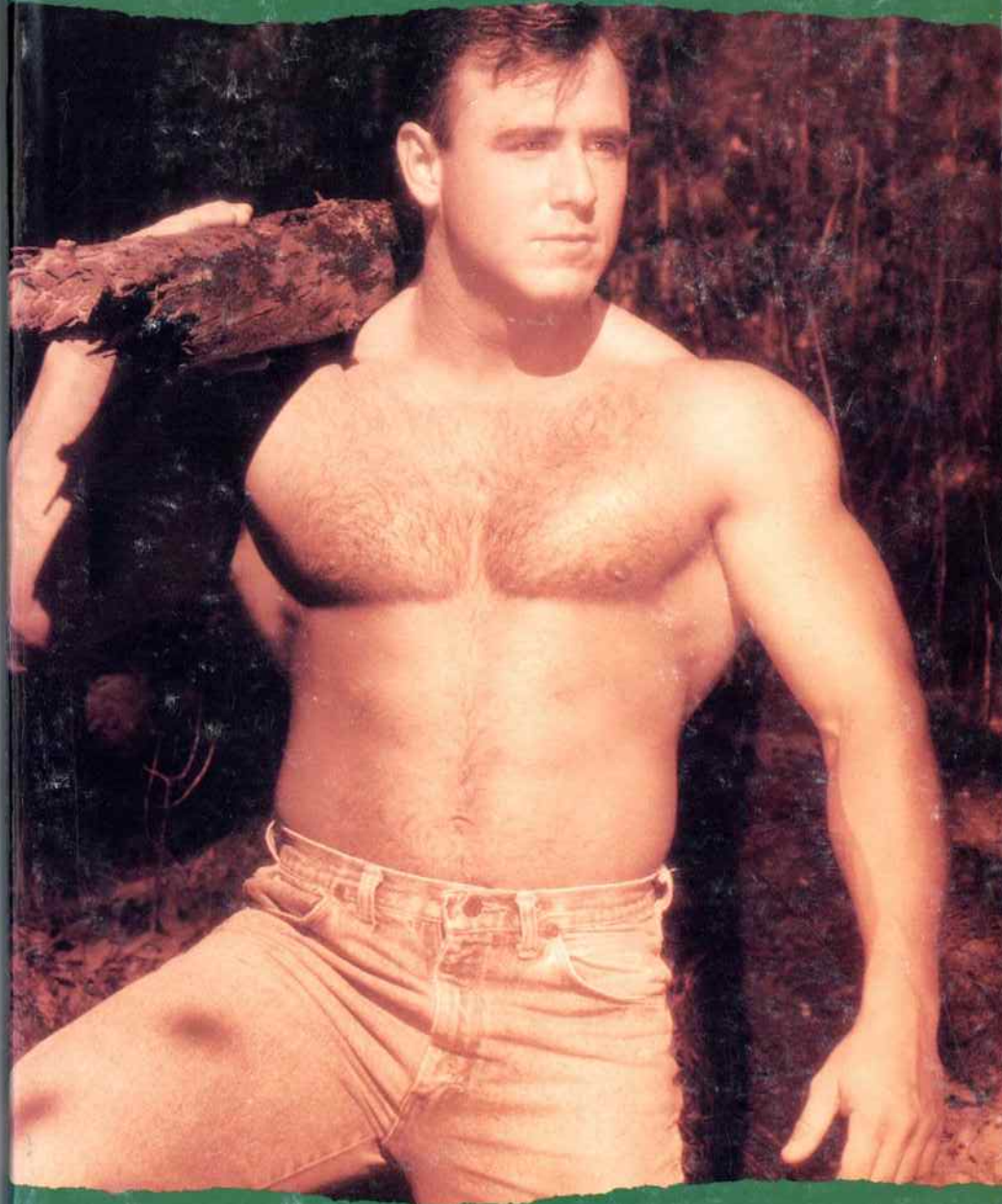




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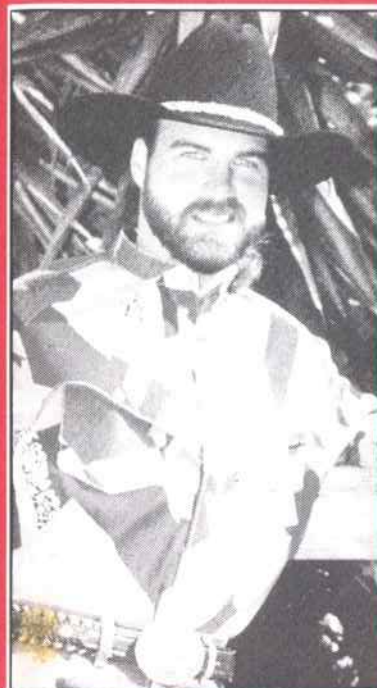
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Three Tall Women

REVIEWED BY
BRENT SHOCKLEY

Houston's Alley Presents Edward Albee's Prize-Winning Drama

Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *Three Tall Women* premiered last week for the first time outside of the theatre centers of London and New York at Houston's Alley Theatre. (The London cast features the incomparable Maggie Smith). An artist in residence teaching classes at the University of Houston, the playwright took a bow with the cast on opening night.

In his most successful work since *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, which garnered him a Tony Award for Best Play, Albee chronicles the life of a wealthy 92-year-old woman in a unique script inspired by his adoptive mother. The intensely personal play allows the audience to enter her life at three very different stages, as a young single woman, as a middle-aged wife and as an elderly widow.

The first act begins in the stately bedroom of the frail but feisty matron, portrayed by Nan Martin. An aggressive young female lawyer (Tracy Sallows) is visiting to encourage the old dame to sign checks for past due bills which she has refused to pay since she cannot remember her purchases. Determined to remain in control of her own affairs, she quickly dislikes and clashes with the impatient legal advisor, who is in-



Starring in the Alley Theatre's production of Edward Albee's *Three Tall Women* in Houston are [l-r] Nan Martin, Kathleen Butler and Tracy Sallows.

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censed by her refusal to cooperate. A calming force is added to the scene by the patient, loving presence of her caretaker, played with gentle reserve by Kathleen Butler.

In a childlike stream of consciousness, the matriarch fondly reminisces upon the good times of her life as an optimistic, carefree, tall young woman prior to marrying her short but humorous husband. The joy is mixed with moments of pain as she recalls the problems in her marriage, especially sexual incompatibility. At one point she bursts into tears and her caretaker comforts her by saying, "A good cry lets it all out." The old woman rebounds and laughs, "Then what does a bad one do?!" Moments such as these lend charm to her senility as Albee shows that old age is not always so bad.

The brilliance of this piece is Albee's presentation of the story. At the close of the first act, the matriarch has a stroke and is near death. She then reflects upon her life through three characters who interact. Sallows plays her as an optimistic 26-year-old, Butler discusses her life at middle age and Martin continues to play the elderly widow. Each shares the insights and painful events of each respective life phase.

Nan Martin is convincing as the old

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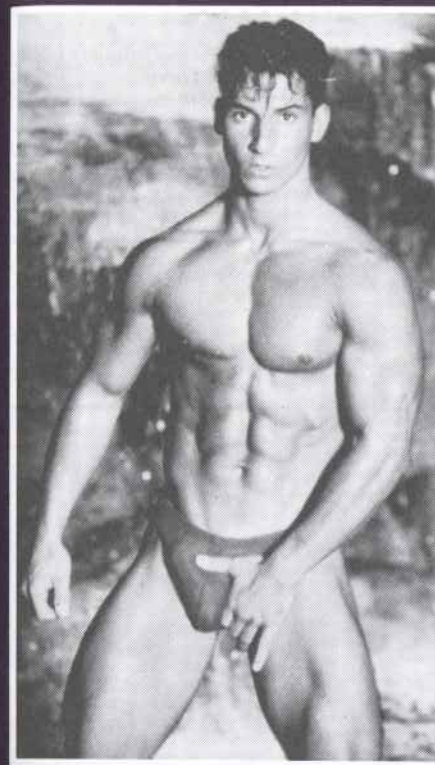
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woman and gets high marks for her physical representation of the character. The stage, however, belongs to Kathleen Butler in the dual roles of the tender nursemaid and as the cynical middle-aged woman. She is especially poignant as she reflects upon her loneliness and her husband's infidelity. "Women cheat because they are lonely. Men cheat because they are men." She displays deep anguish when she is confronted by her angry son, who has learned of her own indiscretion with the stablekeeper. Their subsequent estrangement is the highest drama of this play.

It is clear that Martin and Butler worked as a cohesive team, as Butler's performance reflects many of the characteristics of the old woman. Sallows is outstanding as the young lawyer but fell a bit short as the young woman, who is horrified by the forthcoming events of her life as they are

revealed at middle age and her final moments. It would have been nice to see more reflection of the mannerisms and quirks of the intriguing old woman in Sallows' performance.

Despite a slow first act that tends to ramble with the matriarch's senility, Albee's exceptional presentation of ideas is unsurpassed by any modern playwright. The riveting second act is worth the wait and emphasizes the joy, laughter, pain and sorrow of adult life.

Edward Albee's Three Tall Women is being presented by the Alley Theatre, 615 Texas in downtown Houston, through March 11. Performances are Tuesday-Sunday evenings with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. For showtimes, reservations and more information, call (713)228-8421 or 1-800-259-ALLE.

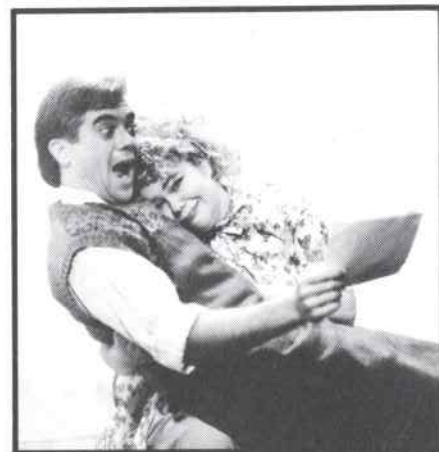
Something Funny's Going On at Dallas' Theatre Three



REVIEWED BY
CHRIS GRAY

A dead body, a bad French lounge singer, a nerdy, gun-toting optometrist and a British shoe salesman who has surreal dreams are just some of the ingredients in Theatre Three's latest production, *Lucky Stiff*. Stir in a great ensemble cast and likable lead characters, and you have the recipe for a very funny and entertaining play.

Only minutes into this production, the ac-



Michael Justis (as Harry Witherspoon) and Greta Muller, in one of her multiple roles (as a Southern lady), in *Lucky Stiff*, presented by Dallas' Theatre Three through March 12.

tors launch into the first song, "Something Funny's Going on Here," which could be the anthem for this entire musical comedy.

Written by Lynn Ahrens (books and lyrics) and Stephen Flaherty (music), the plot sounds like a rehash of the movie *Weekend at Bernie's*, but *Lucky Stiff* doesn't resemble that film in any way.

The mirthful tale opens as a bored and lonely British shoe salesman is doing inven-

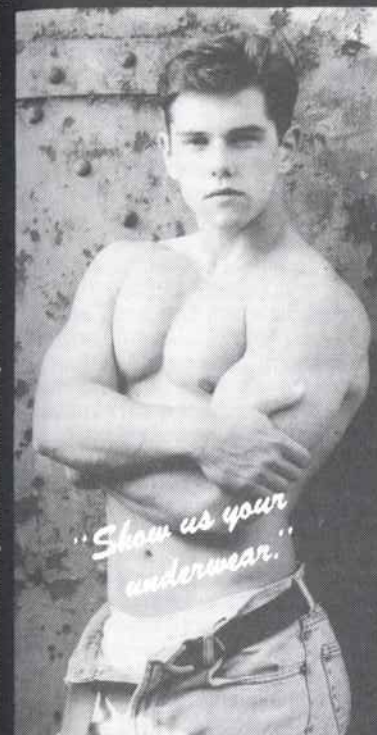
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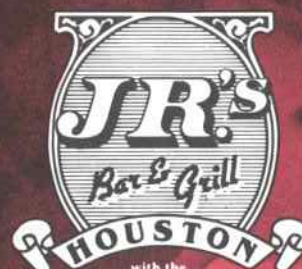
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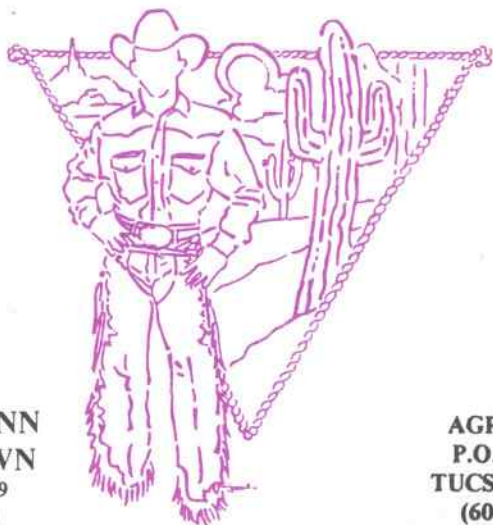
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tory, feeling sorry for himself. "Life's not about to change," Harry says, but little does he realize that a telegram will change his life when he gets home that night—a telegram announcing that his American uncle Tony, whom he's never seen, has died and left him a \$6 million legacy.

There is a stipulation in the will, however, one which Harry is reluctant to fulfill: He has to take Uncle Tony's body with him to Monte Carlo, pass him off as his old, invalid uncle and do all the things Tony liked to do: gambling, snorkling and going out to nightclubs. Harry, understandably, is a little leery about hauling around a dead body, but the thought of that \$6 million flashing through the poor shoe salesman's mind is too irresistible and he quickly changes his tune.

There is yet another catch to the will: if Harry fails to carry out his uncle's last wishes, the whole lump sum will then go to the Universal Dog Home of Brooklyn.

So it's off to Monte Carlo for Harry and Uncle Tony, and that's where most of the action in *Lucky Stiff* takes place—populated by an assortment of crazy characters portrayed by a great cast who play multiple parts throughout the production.

In the lead as shoe salesman Harry Witherspoon is Michael Justis, who most recently appeared as Shakespeare in T3's *The Frogs*. Witherspoon resembled a young, blond Dudley Moore type, British accent and all. His singing voice was good as was his acting, and the audience responded well to his character.

Tabitha Woods plays heroine Annabel Glick, a lonely young woman who's committed to the Universal Dog Home. She trails Harry through the whole play, hoping he'll fail in his task so the Dog Home will receive the \$6 million. She slowly falls in love with him, however, in a somewhat predictable turn of events.

An important element in the story is the character Rita La Porta, portrayed here by Sally Soldo. Audiences will remember Soldo from past productions of *Angry Housewives* and *Heartbeats*. It's Rita who killed Uncle Tony in a fit of jealousy when she caught him with another woman. Soldo stands out in the song "Fancy Meeting You" in the second act, and has fun mangling the language with her faux French, which is high on accent and low on actual verbiage.

Doug Jackson plays Vinnie DiRuzzio, Rita's bespectacled optometrist brother, who is forced to go to Monte Carlo with his sister to help her get her hands on the

money. Jackson has appeared in several films, including *JFK* and *Mississippi Burning*. Vinnie humorously spoofs the song "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" in a phone call to his wife.

Richard Frederick had some very funny moments as a punk rocker, a waiter, a maitre d' and a leper, while Bob Hess was another standout as an emcee/lounge singer, a nun and a Texan. He made a good impression in his first outing with T3, bringing sparks of laughter in his many roles, especially the lounge singer with a bad French accent. In fact, his performance brought down the house several times.

Greta Muller, a veteran of Theatre Three and numerous television commercials, most recently played a bingo caller in an episode of the television show *Walker, Texas Ranger*. Her characters in *Lucky Stiff* ranged from a *Greaser* Tuna-ish southern woman to a loud, brassy landlady in curlers to a tipsy maid.

Liz Piazza Kelley starred in the earlier serious drama *Tiger Lady*, but filled her various comedy roles in this play ably. She portrays a spinster, a Puerto Rican nurse named Consuelo who's reminiscent of Rita Moreno in *The Ritz*, a Southern lady and, in the role that brought her the most laughter, a scantily-clad Monte Carlo showgirl.

And what can we say about the actor who played the uncle's corpse? Jeffrey Watson was last seen as Mortimer, the man who dies in *The Fantasticks*. For a corpse, he gave a lively performance, falling over and out of his wheelchair at the most inappropriate of times.

In one of the more surreal stretches of *Lucky Stiff*, Harry has a nightmare about going back to his old life as a shoe salesman, with the whole cast dressed in dog costumes under a blackout.

The play ends on a poignant note, with new-found lovers Harry and Annabel singing the song "Nice," and then the entire cast doing the upbeat "Good to Be Alive" as they all leave the stage in a conga line.

There were no lulls in this fast-paced musical, which contains a remarkable 22 short songs that all seem to work. And comedy is crammed into just about every minute of this nearly two-hour play, one we wouldn't mind seeing again.

Lucky Stiff, presented by Theatre Three at the Quadrangle, 2800 Routh in Dallas, takes to the stage Tuesdays through Sundays through March 12. Tickets (\$10-\$23) are available by calling (214)871-3300.

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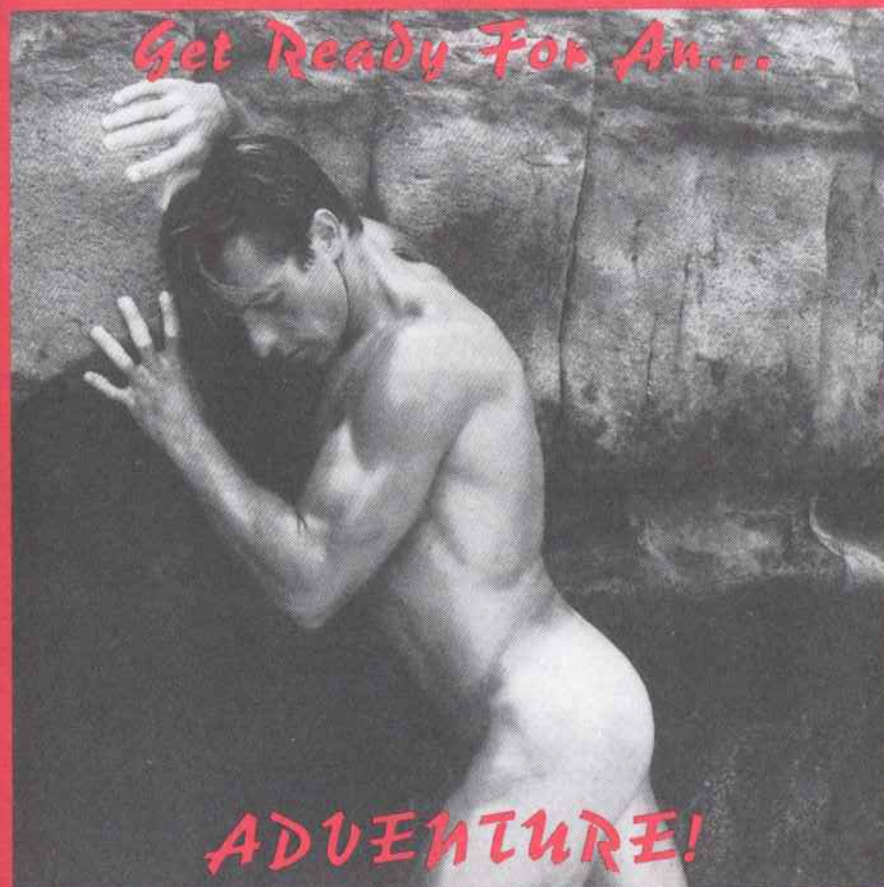
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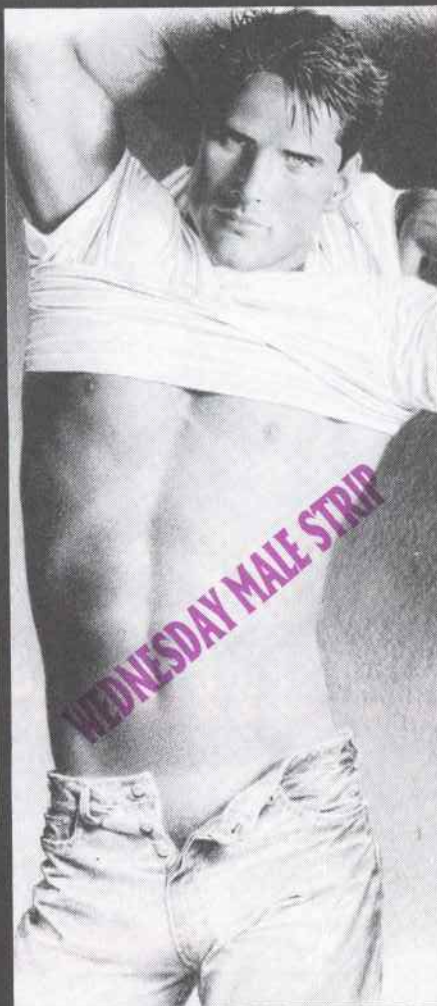
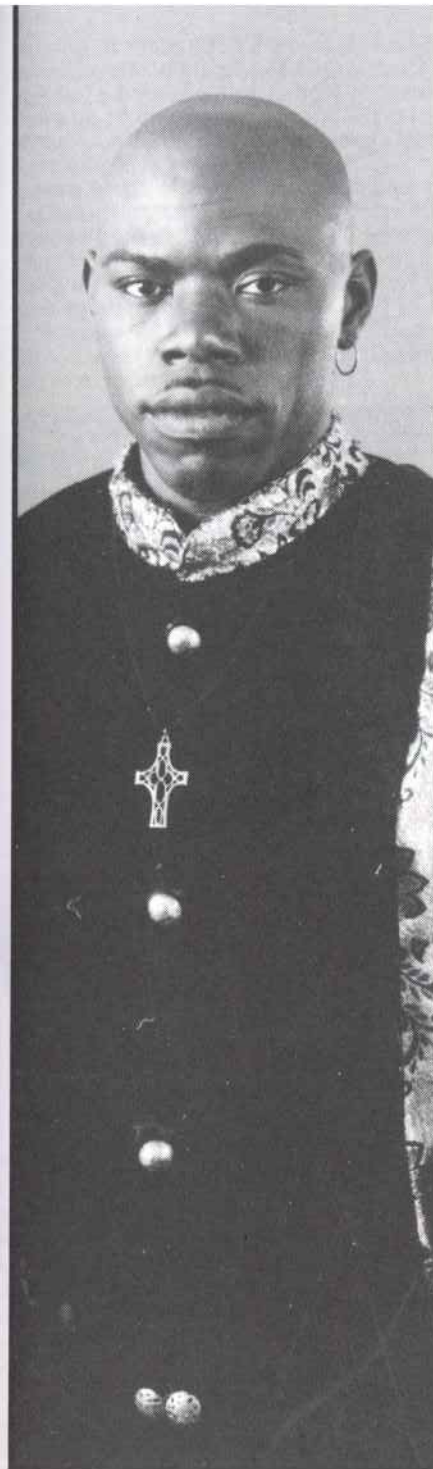


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BY CHRIS GRAY

CATCH A RISING STAR

**Dallas Singer Sivad
Set To Release
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"Fame, remember my name" is how the lyrics to the song "Fame" go. The music scene will more than likely remember the name Sivad. The Dallas singer is about to release his first single, "Passion," a dance record with music that the performer says is "very different, but top 40."

Sivad describes his music as "techno-house and strong dance with lots of bass. It's different from what's out there now. There's a lot of female singers doing this right now, like Crystal Waters, but not a prominent male figure," he added.

The rising star has an almost unbelievable story about how he was discovered, a story that even Hollywood couldn't write. When singer Robin S. came to Dallas to perform, Sivad attended her concert. She asked if anyone in the audience could sing. Sivad took stage with her and, as he remembers, "When I started singing, she just gave me a microphone and let me sing. Then basically we did a duet, and took it from there." Music promoters in the audience took notice, and when Martha Wash came to town the following week, they spotted Sivad in the audience and asked him to take to the stage once again, this time to show off his dancing ability.

Sivad is no stranger to the spotlight, however. He started out at an early age,

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singing in the church choir at age nine, eventually becoming the choir director. At age 14 he began writing songs, and from there he progressed to singing in Dallas nightclubs such as RJ's, Beamers and Fast Alleys.

Now Sivad is in the process of releasing his first maxi-single, "Passion," on the Dallas-based label Royal Black Records. They're already mixing an album in anticipation of "Passion" taking off and leaving fans wanting more.

The new star finds himself at the crossroad now, at the beginning of his dreams of fame, fortune and performing.

"When I started singing, she just gave me a microphone and let me sing. Then basically we did a duet, and took it from there."

Is he ready to accept fame, with its double-edge sword that includes not only wealth but also having his entire personal life opened up to the world? Sivad tells *TWT* that, yes, he's ready for the spotlight, but he's still not used to signing autographs just yet. If he does become rich and famous, "I'd buy a big house, but stay in Dallas—No L.A. or New York thing. A lot of work needs to be done in the Dallas community. I'm concerned with the homeless situation; I'd like to be a spokesman for the underdog. And money is power. It will give me a voice."

What other singers does Sivad like? He lists Whitney Houston, Robin S and Crystal Waters, but says one of his biggest influences is gospel singer Shirley Caesar, whom he got to meet backstage after one of her concerts. "Not even if I were to meet Michael Jackson would it compare to meeting her," he explains.

Executive producer on his record is Randy Jones, a friend who dates back to his college days at Texas Tech and who, Sivad says, "kept pushing me to sing, to get into the music industry."

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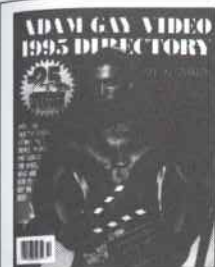
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STEVE WILKINS

Remembering One of Dallas' Founding Gay Activists

Several weeks ago Steve Wilkins died of complications from AIDS. On Jan. 28, I returned to Dallas to attend a memorial service that was held in his honor. It was great to share time with Steve's many friends and family members, recounting fond memories of someone we all loved and held in high esteem.

One of the reasons I wanted to be present was, in part, to celebrate a part of the history of Dallas' gay community. Steve's life and the history of lesbian and gay rights in Dallas are so intertwined; I knew it would be a time to recognize, respect and honor this history.

In 1976 when Steve began his work in the DGPC (now known as the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance), there was very little oral or written history about the gay community. Aside from small social networks similar to the Circle of Friends that Phil Johnson has told us about and the establishment of the Metropolitan Community Church in the early 1970s, a critical mass of events and personalities were not in place so we could learn about ourselves. Up until the mid-1970s, our "history" centered around each individual's life story. It was a story about survival in a society filled with ignorance and at times even hostility. There was very little acknowledgement of a community in which

people could relate common experiences and chart a course for changing the way gay people understood themselves and were treated within society.

In reality, prior to 1976 there was no formal, organized effort to advocate the cause of lesbian and gay civil rights in North Texas. Even more sobering is the fact that there was not one, strong voice to inspire and motivate people to do something about these adversities. Steve's life and role changed all that.

In many respects, I look upon Steve as a hero. The reason I believe this is because he demonstrated most of the universal characteristics we associate with such a title. Such characteristics include leadership, the ability to articulate a vision and the embodiment of that vision; the willingness to take risks; and the acceptance of personal sacrifice. Steve demonstrated all these characteristics.

In terms of leadership, Steve was incredible. His ability (and gift) to articulate issues, his natural poise and personality, combined with a business know-how, enticed people like Louise Young, Viv Armstrong, Dick Peeples, Phil Johnson and myself to follow. We will never forget the sense of pride we all felt when Steve was speaking to the media and community about our issues. He was someone of whom we all could say, "Yes, he's one of us

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he represents who we are so very well."

Steve also taught us about taking risks. Steve was willing to risk all for the cause—his job, his family, his friends. He personally shared with me stories of actual and feared rejection by important people in his life. Furthermore, I can say with a certainty that the risk of being a leader for lesbian and gay causes 20 years ago was a lot different than it is today. We should, and do, respect today's leaders. They offer much in what they bring to a more healthy and mature community. But I suspect many of them would admit that the risk of being out and visible in 1976 was a far cry from what it is in today's environment, with dozens of social and religious organizations, lots of quality social clubs, civil rights advocacy groups and publicly elected officials to provide all kinds of support. It took people like Steve to chart unknown waters.

In terms of sacrifice, Steve's personal business took a terrible loss because of the time he devoted to leading the efforts of the DGPC. It seems he invested countless hours, personal capital and unequivocal passion into organizing, planning and implementing our programs. He gave it all he had. We learned a lot from Steve and owe him a great deal of gratitude for teaching us how to advocate lesbian and gay rights using pragmatic strategies within the context of wisdom, reality and, of course—knowing Steve—*class*.

I think it is important, too, to recognize Steve's impact on today's local gay rights cause. It can be seen in terms of today's leaders and social/political successes. In terms of leaders, the first wave who served with Steve were Louise Young, Dick Peebles, Viv Armstrong, Phil Johnson, Dennis Plemmons and myself.

Later, a second wave who served with Louise and me as subsequent presidents were consciously or unconsciously influenced by Steve's model of leadership. Some of the personalities in this second wave were John Thomas, Bill Nelson, Terry Tebedo, Ann Brown, Jack Pettit, Doris Taylor, Al Calkin, Peter Brooks, Marcus Lerro, Dick Weaver, Steve Arnn, Mike Stewart and Alan Ross. This is an impressive group of people; all of them have provided dynamic leadership in their own way in organizations that make Dallas' community what it is today. All of them, in one way or another, were directly linked to the beginning of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance, of which Steve was the prin-

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In terms of social activism, it is amazing when you think about it. Many of today's achievements in the lesbian and gay civil rights movement were envisioned in 1976 and 1977 by Steve and the DGPC board of directors. For example, the leadership laid out four goals for the organization: 1) to establish city ordinances protecting the civil rights of lesbians and gay men; 2) to repeal Section 21.06 of the Texas penal code; 3) to educate gay and non-gay people about the truths of homosexuality; and 4) to provide community services for lesbians and gay men in Dallas.

Without such a vision, one wonders if we would see the realization of so many accomplishments in these areas today.

In summary, I am reminded of some words the American patriot Patrick Henry spoke that relate to the concept of freedom and why Steve so unselfishly plunged himself into the cause of lesbian and gay civil rights.

"Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered. And yet, we have this consolation with us, the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. That which we obtain too cheap we esteem too lightly. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods as it would be strange, indeed, if such a celestial article as freedom were not so highly rated."

Steve was someone who understood the price of freedom. He demonstrated it in his own life. We all owe him a great deal of gratitude. His legacy will have an impact on the cause for lesbian and gay civil rights in Dallas forever.

Don Baker is one of the original founders of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance. From 1976-1979, as one of its key architects, he served as a member of the organization's Board of Directors. He later served as President of the DGLA from 1979-1981. Baker is perhaps best known as the plaintiff in the historic federal lawsuit Baker v. Wade, which challenged the constitutionality of Section 21.06 of the Texas penal code. Baker and his life companion, Mike Hartwig, moved to New England in 1988 to pursue career opportunities. They now live in Boston, where Baker is the Director of Training for Vinfen Corporation, the largest provider of mental health care in the state of Massachusetts.



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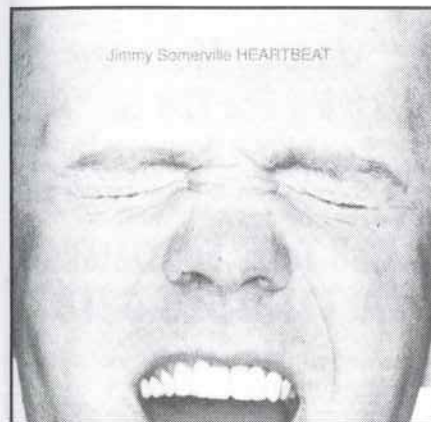
Salutations, my little dancing darlings! My name is Jimmy Smith, and it's going to be my job every other week (for now) to enlighten you as to what's hot and what's not in the oh-so-wonderful world of dance music. My credentials? Well, I gained my sense of rhythm through eight years of dancing in high heels and I've been audibly addicted to dance music for about 25 years, but those are other stories and the names would have to be changed to protect the guilty. So let's move on to the subject matter before I date myself, shall we?

Madonna! Madonna! Madonna! I'm so sick of **Madonna**! Don't you little boys and girls get enough of her from MTV and the radio without having to pester the deejay at your favorite establishment of gay revelry for more? Can you say "overkill"? But alas, it's **Junior Vasquez** and **Orbital** to the rescue with their marvy mixes of "Bedtime Story." Finally, Madonna for the musically savvy. Speaking of the Material Girl, how about that lovely remake of "Holiday" by **Candy**? Mmm, mmm good at 132 beats per minute. Another remake blowing up all over the place is "White Lines" by **Duran Duran** featuring **Melle Mel** and the **Grandmaster Flash**, who did the track originally. Look for the upcoming Vasquez remixes due out any day. Miss Vasquez continues to dominate the remix scene with ferocity. Check out his remixes on **The Waterlilies** "Never Get Enough," a house-trance fare along the lines of **Sunscreem**. Additionally, look for his remix of **Billie Ray Martin**'s "Your Loving Arms," a sure-to-be #1 hit/floorfiller. You may remember **Billie Ray** as the lead singer of **Electrabe 101**. "Jump for Joi" is the current single from **Joi Cardwell**'s new LP, *The World Is Full of Trouble*—house music at its best! That **Crystal Waters** is happening again with "What I Need." Now what WE need is for those tired radio stations not to play it 2-3 times every hour like "100% Pure Love." **London Beat** is back on the dance scene after a four-year vacation with "Come Back"—typical **London Beat**, beautiful swirling vocals, HOT! Newcomer **Michelle Gayle** is well on her way to divahood with her exquisite debut album *Michelle Gayle*, out now. "Freedom" is a fab old-school twirler with full vocals and a package to put anyone into a state of petra. Once again we've been blessed with yet another piece from **Priscilla**. That ever-so-flawless **Almighty/UK** label has simply gone off (again) with a

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Rainbow Nation/Almighty
2. **SUNSHINE AFTER THE RAIN**
New Atlantic/3 Beat
3. **IN THE NIGHT**
The Kinky Boys/Almighty
4. **YOUR LOVING ARMS**
Billie Ray Martin/Warner
5. **I BELIEVE**
E-Voke/Direct Hit
6. **I NEED A MAN**
Li Kwan/deConstruction
7. **ALWAYS**
Back to Basics/Almighty
8. **HAPPY TOGETHER**
Bill Power/Discomagic
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campy cover of "I've Never Been to Me." (Remember? The opening scene.) The group is **Rainbow Nation**, featuring vocals by **Dionne**, and on the B-side there's a smart version of "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'." What more could you ask for? OK, how about **Jimmy Somerville**'s latest,



DANCE MUSIC
BY JIMMY SMITH

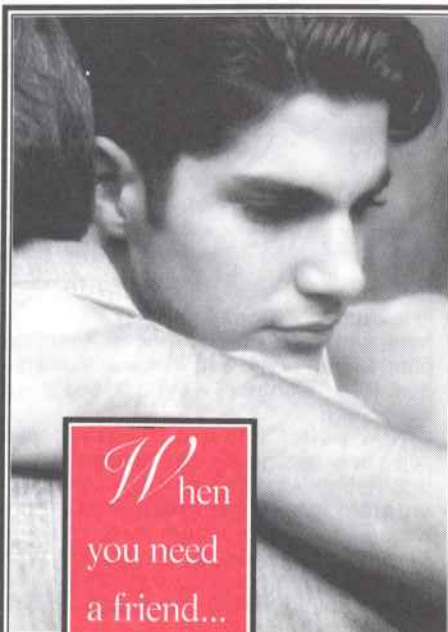
"Heartbeat"? Something for everyone here, with mixes by **E-Smoove**, **Plus Staples**, **Mars Plastic** and **Armand Van Helden**. What a combo, a must-have for old schoolers!

Now, sister has to read. If you happen to see a new version of **Dan Hartman**'s "Vertigo/Relight My Fire" at your favorite record store, leave it there! Now don't get me wrong—the entire album *Keep the Fire Burning* is fabulous, but don't bother with the "Vertigo" single. (Deep suction, if you know what I mean.) Some things are better left alone, right?

Be on the watch for **Traci Lords**' debut



album, due out at the end of February—*1000 Fires*. The first single, "Control," is going #1 on the **Billboard Dance Chart** any day, mark my words! Imagine **Nine Inch Nails** with a female lead and techno-housed up a bit, and there you have it. And now... my pick for this issue. **Massive Attack** is really floating my boat in a big way with "Three." It's a B-side sleeper on the "Protection" single. The vocals are by **Tracey Thorn** of **Everything But the Girl** fame. Simply orgasmic! Put it this way... anyone who was a "Starker" in the '80s will love this record. Get it? So there you have it. My opinion on dance music **THIS WEEK IN TEXAS.**



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OUT ON CAMPUS PART II



BY SUSAN McDONALD

Support and Social Groups Help Ease The Transition to Academic Life For Gay Students at Texas Universities

One of the positives of campus life for gay and lesbian students attending many Texas universities has been the development of support and social groups with their interests in mind. In the second installment of our series on such organizations, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS looks at the University of North Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech.

Scot Maitland is secretary of **Courage**, a gay, lesbian and bisexual group at the University of North Texas in Denton, a city located about 40 miles north of Dallas. The name is not an acronym, he explains, but rather a state of mind.

"It's basically the idea of having the courage to be who you are and believing in yourself," he says. "That's what our group is all about." Courage began about eight years ago.

According to Maitland, a major shakeup at Courage's last meeting has led to some exciting changes. "The group had basically become a social organization, and we kind of lost sight of our past. One of the former presidents of the group came to the last meeting and basically informed us where we were before, and where we're going. Everyone got riled up and excited, and now Courage is moving forward by going back to where it started, with four principles: support, community service, social and education. Everyone was ready for the change; they were just waiting for someone to lead them to it."

Maitland is a 22-year-old junior majoring in business, and will be running for president soon.

Towards the end of last semester at UNT, about 25 to 30 people showed up at the Courage meetings. At the first meeting this semester, 53 people attended. "The attendance made everything we do worthwhile," says Maitland. He attributes the increase to the liberal atmosphere at UNT, and the fact that they have their own community in Denton, despite the close proximity to Dallas.

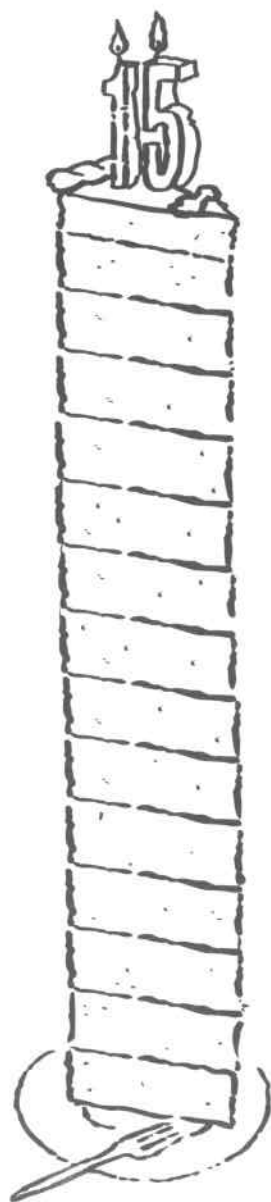
Lesbian attendance has also gone up, and a video on lesbian fashion was shown recently. Efforts are being made to encourage more women to join.

"It's so easy to get caught up in yourself, and not the rest of our family," says Maitland. "That's why we try to keep all offices at least 50 percent lesbian if we can." Maitland admits that it would be fair to call Courage a feminist organization.

"There are differences between us [men and women]; we'd be lying to say there aren't, and if you don't have someone telling you what it is, you're going to overlook it without thinking about it."

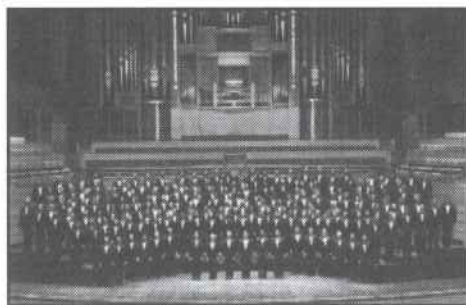
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In April of 1976, students met with administrators and were denied advertising access on campus because of a rule that groups had to be recognized in order to advertise. The students then applied for recognition and were turned down. The reason given by A&M administrators for refusing recognition, according to Frank Thomas, president of the current group, was that the goals of the group were not consistent with the philosophy behind the goals of the university.

An attorney was retained in 1977 and a lawsuit filed against Texas A&M. A court ruling for the university in November of 1981 was appealed in 1984, with the appeals court ruling in favor of the gay students, stating that A&M's reasons were not sufficient to deny them their free speech and First Amendment rights.

A&M filed an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court, which refused to review the case, thus leaving the lower court ruling intact. The official student group began on June 6, 1985.

Thomas, a 21-year-old Ph.D. student in political science, spent three years at an Alabama university where he worked with a gay group before transferring to A&M last year.

"I have to admit," he says, "that people generally leave gay and lesbian students alone. Oh, they have their general attitudes about what people should and shouldn't do, but we haven't had any major flare-ups here on campus. In fact, it's quite a contrast to the University of Alabama, where we were harassed every day."

The first priority of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Aggies is to serve and educate their members. The second is to educate the community, and panels of speakers are offered to any class that wants them. This program has proven quite successful.

The school's recently established Illegal Discrimination Appeals Panel does not define discrimination based on sexual orientation as illegal, and group members are working with A&M administrators to have gays included. While they say that school officials have been receptive so far, the administration remains very far from the group's position on the issue.

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Aggies takes no public stand on any political issues, but

does not discourage members from participating in whatever activity they choose. Thomas says his group prefers to be known as an educational organization because it works to increase awareness of HIV and provides information of interest to its members.

Total membership averages around 100, but 30 to 40 people generally show up for meetings. The group meets every other Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Student Center. For more information, call (409) 846-8087. There is also a gayline at (409) 847-0321 which lists community events. Lots of activities are planned for the semester, with a focus on education.

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students [GLBS] of Texas Tech University in Lubbock is another organization that has had its share of problems.

Steven Brooks, president of GLBS since September of last year, is an advertising major who will graduate this May. He says he wishes the group could have done more. "We've been very unorganized the past couple of years," says Brooks, "but we're doing better."

GLBS defines its purpose as welcoming new students and educating the Texas Tech community at large. Brooks admits there is some hostility on campus, which takes forms like negative messages left on answering machines, but he believes the climate is getting better.

Brooks says that having an open-minded newspaper staff has been a positive, since it has meant nonbiased reporting on gay events and issues like National Coming Out Day. The school's faculty has taken a neutral stance on his group's activities, but he adds that one professor has shown an interest in GLBS.

"Lubbock is basically the only center of activity in West Texas," says Brooks, "because Amarillo is the next biggest city, but doesn't have much of a community there." GLBS members plan to attend the "Texas March to Stop the Violence, Stop the Hate" in Austin on April 2.

GLBS has 40 members, with most meetings averaging 15 to 20 in attendance. Members get together the first and third Thursdays of every month at 8 p.m. at the University Center or at MCC Lubbock. For more information, call Brooks at (806) 747-5507, vice president Brian Hawker at (806) 791-4177 or Roy Mendoza at (806) 762-4980. The mailing address is GLBS; SOS University Center; TTU Box 2031-08; Lubbock, TX 79409.

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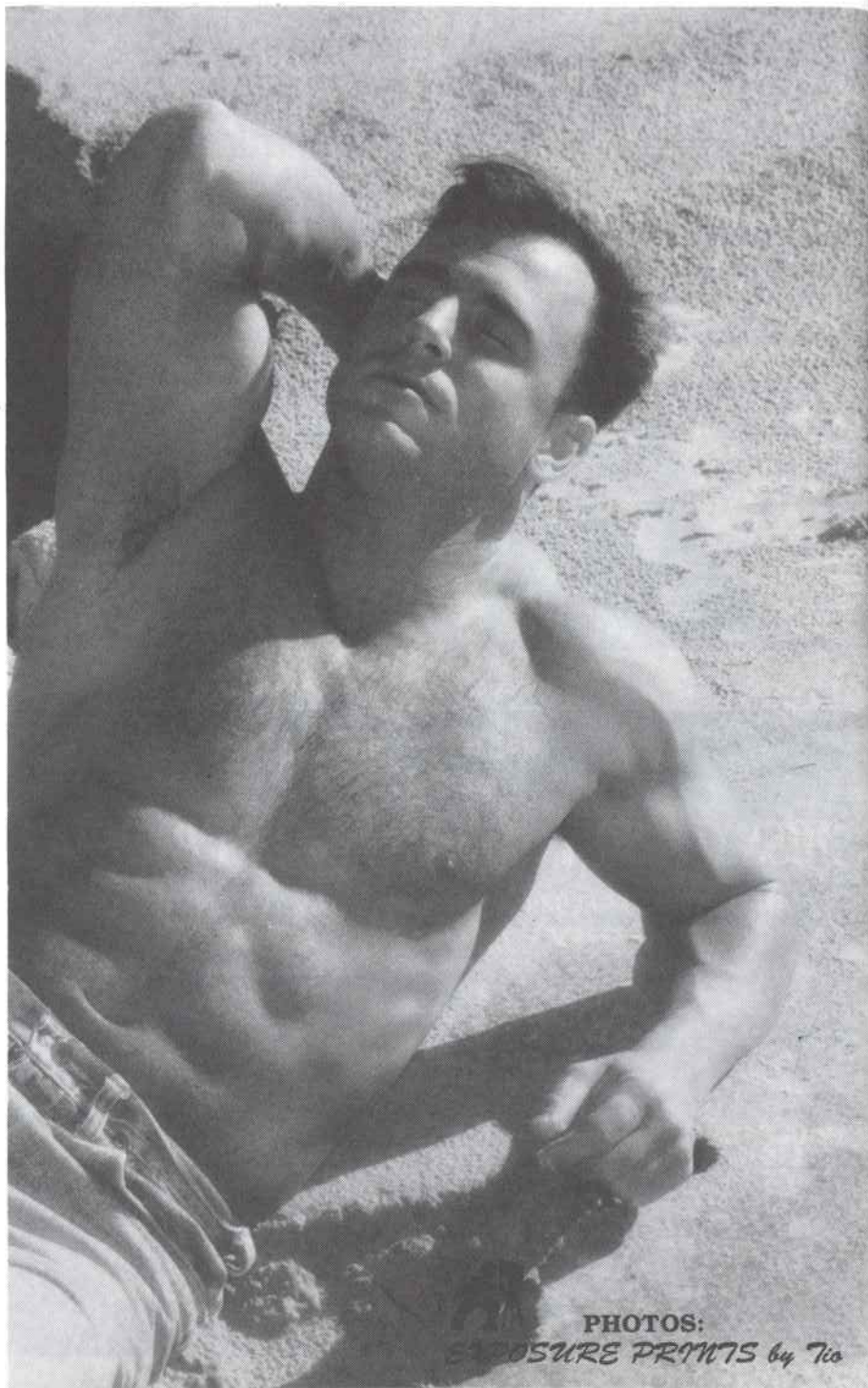
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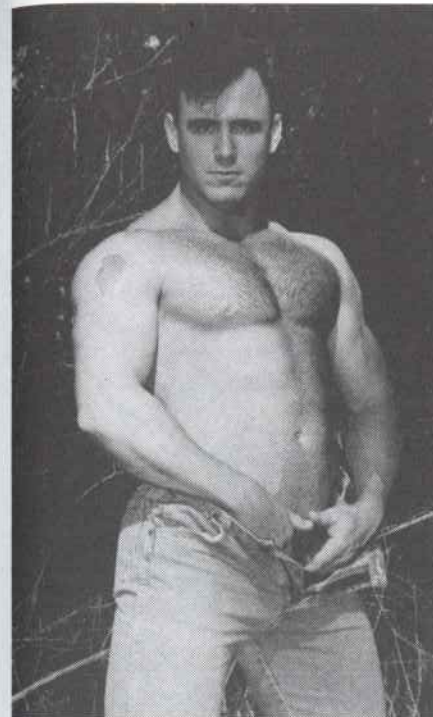
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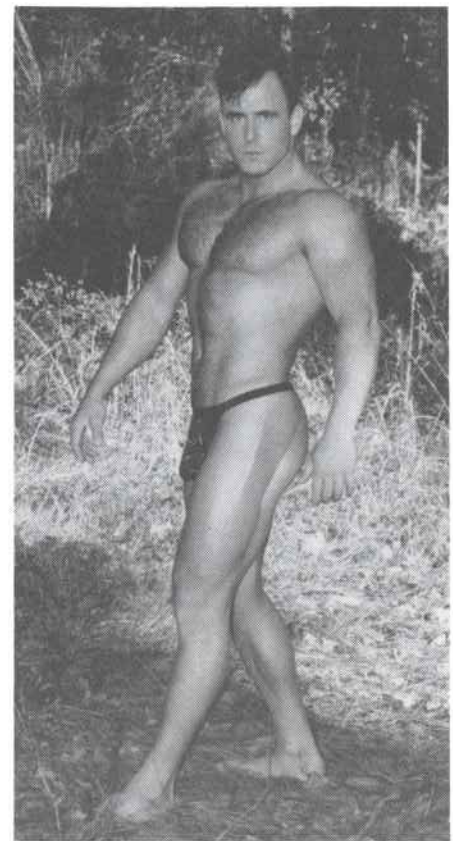
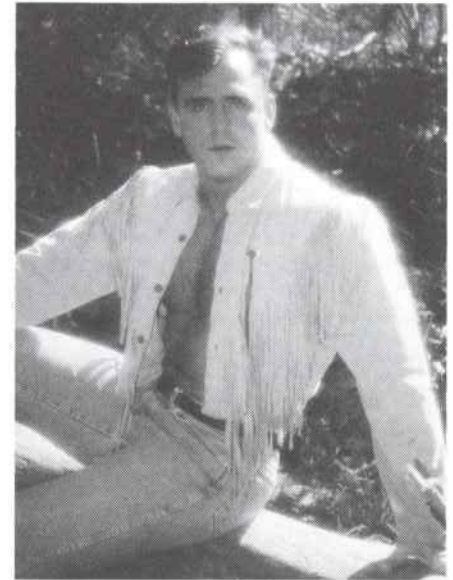
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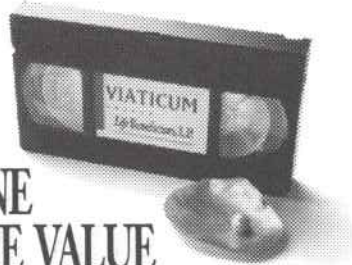
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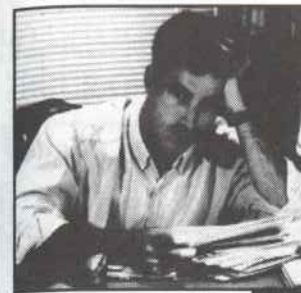
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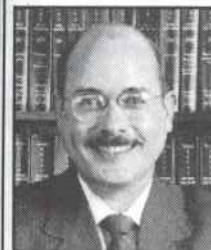
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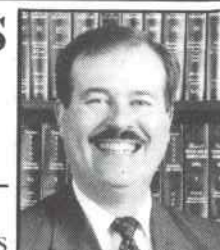
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Out Youth Austin now meets on Wednesdays from 7-9:30 p.m. and Sundays from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MCC, 425 Woodward St. The group's new phone number is (512) 326-1234, the new Helpline (512) 416-6075.

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Cathedral of Hope-MCC will add a new worship service beginning Saturday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. The eucharistic service will offer a more formal liturgy to those who come from Catholic and other liturgical traditions. MCC is located at 5910 Cedar Springs Rd. For more information, call Susan Heiskell at (214) 351-1901.

The **Dallas Metro Chapter** of the **NAMES Project** will hold a workshop for anyone wanting to make a panel for the AIDS Memorial Quilt this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25 and 26, from noon-3 p.m. at White Rock Community Church, 722 Tenison at Memorial Dr. For more information, call (214) 823-3899.

The **Foundation for Human Understanding** has begun a drive to add more works to the Phil Johnson Historic Archives and Research Library. The Foundation is asking the community to purchase books to contribute to the Archives. A 20% discount is being offered on books at Crossroads Market. A list of books needed is available at that store and at the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance, 2701 Reagan St. For more information, call (214) 528-9254.

Men of All Colors Together [MACT] will hold Rapp session at the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St., on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. For more information, call (214) 521-5503.

The **Turtle Creek Chorale** holds rehearsals next Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. For more details, call (214) 526-3214.

Grupo de Apoyo-Hispano, a Spanish-speaking HIV-positive/AIDS support group, meets Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at Parkland Outpatient Clinic. For more information, call (214) 590-5415.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Young Adults of Dallas will meet Thursday, March 2 at 7



p.m. at the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. Meetings are open to interested youth from the age of consent up to 25 years of age. For more information, call (214) 521-5342, ext. 260.

DENTON

The **P-FLAG/Denton** support group meets Monday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 633 Hobson Lane. For more information, call (817) 387-1491.

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Rehearsals have begun for the 1995 spring and fall concert seasons of the **Fort Worth Men's Chorus**. All vocal ranges are needed, especially first tenors. For auditions or more information, call (817) 731-0122.

Agape-MCC will hold Ash Wednesday services Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 4615 SE Loop 820. For more details, call (817) 535-5002.

The **El Sol Women's Group**, a wellness support group for women challenged by HIV, meets Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 11:30 a.m. at the Tarrant County AIDS Interfaith, 603 W. Magnolia, Suite 207. For more information, call (817) 927-2437.

HOUSTON

The topic of the next meeting of the **Men's Network**, 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, is "The History of Gay Houston," with Ray Hill speaking. Meetings of the Men's Network are held at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. For more information, call (713) 529-0037.

The **Montrose Counseling Center**, 701 Richmond, announces a 12-week counseling group for gay and bisexual men who were sexually abused as children. The group will meet Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information, call the Montrose Counseling Center at (713) 529-0037.

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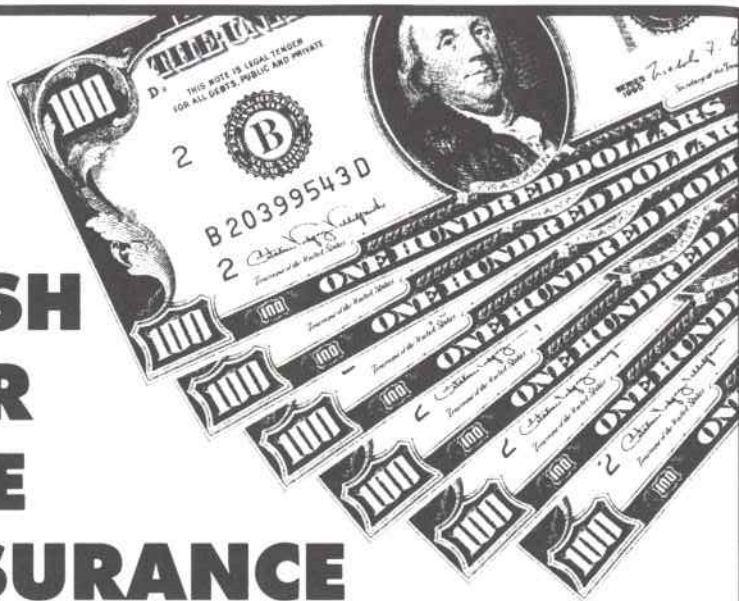
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Ken Sherrill, a professor of political science at Hunter College in New York and editor of *Gays in the Military*, will speak on "The Myths and Reality of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Political Power" at Rice University on Monday, March 13. The public lecture, sponsored by PRIDE, the Department of Sociology and the House Master of the Graduate House, is at 8 p.m. in Sewall Hall 301.

GLOBAL [the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the University of Houston], a social, political and support group, meets weekly on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the University Center. For more information, call Ruben at (713)743-7539 or e-mail at ST586@JETSON.UH.EDU.

"+ Passion," the **Dizinger Art Gallery's** second presentation of works by artists with HIV/AIDS, opens Sunday, March 5. There will be an opening public reception from 2-6 p.m. at the Gallery, 214 Avondale. All proceeds from art sales will benefit the Dizinger Foundation's "Positive Power of Art" program. For more information, call (713) 527-8490.

The Sanctuary Choir of **Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection** is requesting donations of goods or services for an April 1 auction, with proceeds going to the church's choir fund. For more information, call MCCR at (713)861-9149.

The **Movie Club** now has a 24-hour voice-mail line so callers can get all the information necessary to take part in the group's activities. Information will include not only where members will meet for dinner and what movie they plan to see, but also about the group's new matchmaking service. For more details, call (713)867-9454.

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The **First Unitarian-Universalist Church of San Antonio** will conduct an eight-session curriculum on making the church a "Welcoming Congregation" for gays, lesbians and bisexuals. The series kicks off with a meeting at the church Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (lunch included). The curriculum begins Sunday, Feb. 26 from 7-9 p.m. at the church, 7150 IH-10, and continues for the next seven Sunday evenings. For more information, call the church at (210)492-4799.

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Houston's 'Mix 96.5' Radio Responds on Dedications

The following letter is in response to a previously printed letter by Paul Sumrall sent to Houston radio station 96.5 ["Houston's 'Mix 96.5' Doesn't Acknowledge Gay Couples," Vol. 20, No. 45].

Dear Mr. Sumrall:

In response to your letter dated Dec. 20, 1994, I'd like to take a few moments to address your concerns.

First and foremost, let me apologize for any appearance of insensitivity to anyone's sexual orientation. It is my personal policy, and that of our station, that any type of discrimination, including sexual orientation, not be tolerated.

It is unfortunate that the person you spoke with on the phone told you we had a policy of banning "same sex" dedications. Let me assure you that this is not true. If it were true, your call would not have been aired. After speaking with our host, Sheryl Vaughn, I am convinced that the deletion of the word "partner" and the phrase "partner of six years" was not done to alter the appearance of a same-sex dedication. The word "partner" could be referring to any number of different types of relationships. The deletion of this word would certainly not either indicate or not indicate that the caller was "gay" or "straight." Virtually every call we receive is edited to some extent in the interest of time and fairness. We try to maintain the integrity of each call; however, sometimes editing is necessary for time purposes so we can include as many callers as possible in the program. Even the deletion of a word or short phrase, when done to a number of calls, can allow us to air another call or two, which is very, very important to us.

Let me assure you that we have absolutely no policy against gay/lesbian dedications. We treat them the same as heterosexual

dedications. Some are appropriate; some aren't. The same criteria is used for all calls, no matter what the sexual orientation of the caller is. Needless to say, many calls never get on the air because of the sheer volume of dedications, but as I mentioned earlier, we do our best to get as many calls on as possible.

In closing, you should know that I've talked to everyone involved in "Mix After Dark" and have readdressed our policy of nondiscrimination against anybody for any reason, including sexual orientation. While I don't think the edits you heard in your call had anything to do with "hiding" your sexual preference, your letter served a very valid purpose in forcing us to readdress this issue with all those involved in the program....

Pat Paxton
Program Director/Mix 96.5
Houston, TX

SPARC Testing Marathon

Dear TWT:

If you give it, they will come!
On Saturday, Feb. 11, South Plains AIDS Resource Center [SPARC] in Lubbock hosted a 24-hour HIV Testing Marathon. The good news is that the community responded and the event was a resounding success. During the 24-hour period, 94 persons were voluntarily tested for the human immunodeficiency virus which causes AIDS. These tests were provided anonymously and confidentially and were free. [Since it was] a first-time event, we at SPARC had no idea what to project as far as numbers; however, we can gauge the success of the event by the fact that in a normal month, we test an average of 84 people. Also, the demographics of the event are of great interest. Eighty-two percent of the 94 people tested were heterosexual and represented a wide

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The success of the Testing Marathon is due not only to the number of persons who were tested, but also to the community for responding to the need for such an event. We are very aware that without the help of concerned and compassionate businesses and organizations in Lubbock, this event would not have reached the number of people that it did. We at SPARC would like to thank the local media, especially KFMX-FM and KLLL-FM for sponsoring the event and getting the word out. Also, we must thank the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*, the *CapRock Sun*, *The University Daily*, KCBD-TV, KAMC-TV and KLBK-TV for faithful and consistent coverage. Food for the event was donated by McDonald's, Olive Garden and Don Pablo's. For the generosity of spirit and goods, we are very thankful.

It is true that South Plains AIDS Resource Center is dedicated to providing essential services to 179 persons living with HIV/AIDS in Lubbock and the 15 surrounding counties. However, SPARC is equally dedicated to educating the community about HIV/AIDS. By providing free, confidential, anonymous testing to the community, SPARC is able to provide counseling and education which hopefully will affect decision-making habits in the future; provide early prevention information; and provide those testing positive with early health care in order to slow the onset of AIDS and the diseases which accompany AIDS. Knowledge can only protect you and your loved ones. By providing the opportunity for the community to become more aware of HIV/AIDS, SPARC feels that we are accomplishing this goal. The success of the Testing Marathon and the response of the community to an event of this type informs SPARC that we are on the right track.

The community should also know that testing and HIV counselors are available on a regular basis in our office, Monday through Friday. We encourage anyone who is concerned or even curious to call and make an appointment at your convenience.

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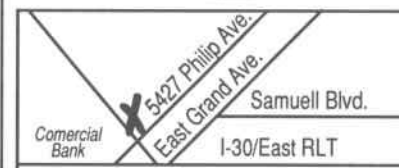
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The Turtle Creek Chorale, Dallas' world-renowned 200-member male chorus, mark their 15th anniversary with a concert entitled "B Is for Birthday and Bon Voyage" at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center on Sunday, March 5 and Wednesday, March 8 at 8 p.m. each evening. Under the guidance of Artistic Director Dr. Timothy Seelig, the group will celebrate their 15th birthday with an array of music with friends from the Women's Chorus of Dallas and Ballet Dallas. The evening is a tribute to the past decade and a half as well as a look forward to TCC's European concert tour coming up in June. For tickets (\$10-25), call (214)520-ARTS.

Singer/pianist **Michael Feinstein**, who has graced the Broadway stage and performed at Carnegie Hall and the White House as well as on numerous television shows, will be the 1995 Vogel Arts presentation in "An Evening with Michael Feins-



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Singer/pianist **Michael Feinstein** performs at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas on April 6.

tein" on Thursday, April 6 at 8 p.m. at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. Feinstein's performance will benefit the Vogel Homeless Child Care Center. Tickets (\$20-\$375) are on sale now and expected to sell out quickly for this special show, so call (214) 520-ARTS.

The International Theatrical Arts Society [TITAS] is bringing pop singer and performance artist **Laurie Anderson** to Dallas after a five-year absence. Her new show, "The Nerve Bible," will be presented Saturday, March 4 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at SMU's McFarlin Auditorium. Tickets (\$7-\$40) may be purchased at the TITAS box office at 3624 Oak Lawn, Suite 110 or by calling (214)528-5576.

The Museum of Fine Arts in Houston [MFA] presents the local premiere of *Black*



Is, Black Ain't, an exploration of African-American identity directed by the late **Marlon Riggs**. This was the last work by the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning filmmaker, who died of AIDS last April and whose controversial earlier film about black gay life, *Tongues Untied*, drew the ire of right-wing figures like Patrick Buchanan. *Black Is, Black Ain't* features the filmmaker himself as well as cultural critics Angela Davis, bell hooks and Cornel West, dancer Bill T. Jones and poet Essex Hemphill in a consideration of how African-Americans define themselves. Screenings are this evening (Friday, Feb. 24) at 8 p.m., March 3 at 8 p.m., March 4 at 7:30 p.m. and March 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets (\$5 general public, \$4 for members, seniors and students) go on sale 30 minutes prior to each screening. For more details, call (713)639-7515.

On Friday, March 3 at Stages, 3201 Allen Parkway, writer/director **Ronnie Larsen** will introduce Houston audiences to his *Scenes from My Love Life*, a look at the love lives of eight gay men representing a wide spectrum, from leather to business suits, shy to loud and everything in between. Spectrum '95 benefits from the Saturday, March 4 performance, which will be followed by a reception with the cast. Tickets for that performance are \$15 (show only) and \$25 (show and reception), and available by calling (713)526-2853.

The Actors Workshop in Houston presents *The Boys Next Door*, **Tom Griffin's** off-Broadway hit focusing on the lives of four retarded men who share a communal residence under the watchful eye of a sincere but increasingly despairing social worker. In the daily lives of these men, "little things" sometimes become momentous and the playwright reminds us that the handicapped, like the rest of us, want only to love, laugh and find some meaning in their lives. Shows are Thursdays-Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 5 March 3-April 9. For tickets (\$10, \$12 and \$15; \$17 for opening night including reception), call (713)236-1844.

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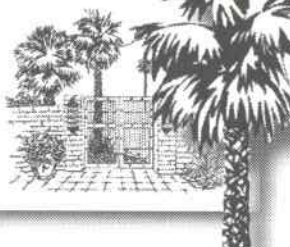
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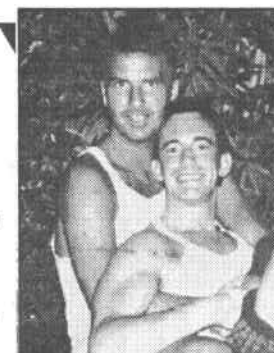
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A new month arrives! Let us examine the month of March in its entirety this week. I love the old saying, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb," but I hope it's not really true. I want March to go out loud and proud and not meek and mild. Isn't that what we are all trying to do? Read ahead to see how the planets show their colors in March for each sign.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) Welcome to center stage, darling! Use the spotlight to your advantage. Meet and greet as many new people as possible because you can impress them with your aptitude and motivation. Remember, first impressions are lasting impressions. Launch new projects and explore new directions. Begin to think about future goals and attainments. The sky is the limit—don't be shy.

ARIES: (March 21 - April 20) Do a little something for yourself this month, including a little spring cleaning in that psychological closet of yours. It's time to reevaluate your ideals; what you believe to be true will come under greater scrutiny and may be tossed (much to your dismay or possible relief). Good! It is counterproductive to force yourself to adopt mainstream standards, especially when they hinder your lifestyle and true happiness.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) Friends may force you to choose sides, but be independent. Take a personal stand and face the fact that you are no longer satisfied with just going along with the crowd (any crowd) and the "group think" (any group). Come out in the world on your own terms, whatever "they" may say. Taureans are stubbornly pioneering when they set their mind to it and your mind is set! Go for it.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) It's time to put your career on the front burner. The planets dictate that professional aspirations must be addressed now rather than later. You have allowed yourself to drift along



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with the political tide, getting tossed, turned and jostled along the way. This will no longer suffice. Take a firm hand to make or break your reputation. I believe you will succeed admirably.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) Cancers often feel more comfortable in the closeted security of their home, but this is not the time to hide! Instead, it's time to embark on a world experience; any activity that takes you beyond your most familiar surroundings will be highlighted. Great rewards are possible for those Crabs who travel beyond their front door and taste the exotic. Get out of your shell and show the world what you can do.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23) Matters of deep personal involvement will take on a greater importance this month. This means that you may be highly charged and sexually active, or there may be intense introspection and self-appraisal. Keep in mind that sex can be an avenue of enlightenment or an escape route. It's the wise and regal Lion who proudly seeks the answer to the question "Who am I?" You may even like the answer....

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) You yearn for a strong and stable partnership. If you have one, enjoy March's planetary spark. If you don't, you face a choice: change what doesn't work or seek someone new. Virgos are very adept at assessing the good and bad aspects of a particular situation. Some problems are solvable but some are not, or require great compromise.

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on the job. Day-to-day tasks may be piling
up, but you have sufficient energy and get-
up-and-go to handle them efficiently and
quickly. One word of warning: the incentive
to perform can be delayed by problems
related to stress or colds. Work, but know
when to relax and recharge your energies.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) Is it
possible to have too much of a good thing?
Not bloody likely! You are ready to get out
there and have fun, fun, fun, but the key
word here is *selective* enjoyment. Don't
gamble or risk any cash on speculation;
you'll probably lose. Divert your jolly en-
ergies into more creative and artistic
endeavors. Join a theatre group or go to a
concert. At the very least, get out and
dance all night. Strut your stuff!

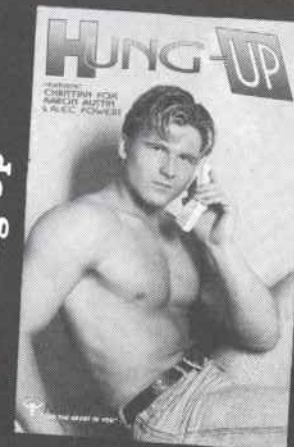
SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 22)
Thoughts and energies are all centered on
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hanging around the house this month. It may
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place and invite a few friends over for a
fabulous and intimate dinner party. Another
area of interest is in your roots. Ask relatives
about your family tree; you may be surprised
at what you discover.

CAPRICORN: (December 23 - January 20) Gay
Capricorns are usually very tempted to say
exactly what's on their mind, but I advise you
to watch what you say and how you say it
right now. Yes, your thoughts are on target;
yes, you have legitimate complaints; but
your two cents will only exacerbate the
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AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) The
flow of money now becomes a rushing river.
Funds come in and go out again fairly rapidly.
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of dough in the process, but be careful
about how you invest it. You're tempted to
take the easy way out by letting others do
the investing for you. I always say it's wise
to get involved. Only you know what is and
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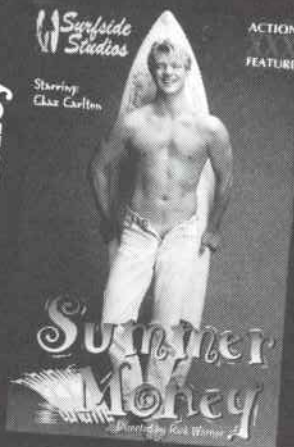
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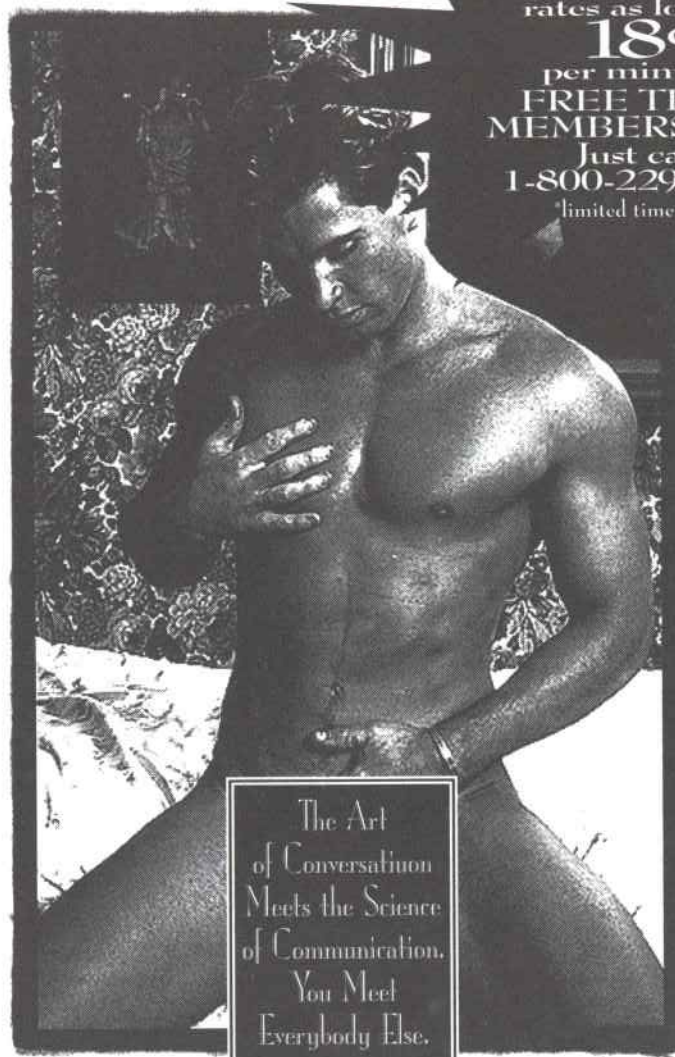
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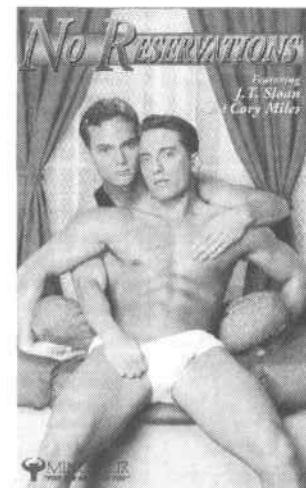
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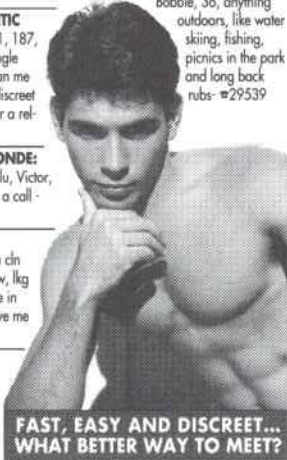
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903 area code HORSEBACK RIDING: Roy, like for you to give me a call, like horseback, 6'1 198, good build, well end d like phone fun, like to get together and start a rel- #28817

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Dallas TWO STEPPERS! Kevin, 31 6' 175, like c/w music, like roundup, two step- I follow, iso other people who wear Wranglers and like to c/w dance- I live near turtle creek- #28922

Garland CHRISTIAN MEN: Thomas, 23, 5'11, 205, lkg for someone who is a Christian, doesn't go to bars 19-24 like swimming skiing, just moved to the area, like the yuppie type, int in going to Church, lv a message- #29069

Dallas HUNTING AND FISHING: Alex, Spanish 5'7 164, like going out movies, hunting, fishing, 35, like to meet some people out here 18-30- #29128

903 area code LAID BACK GUY: Jason, lkg for guys interesting, laid back kind of person 6'1 225, like to work out, not into bars, give me a call- #29331

Gainesville SINGLE PARENT: Johnny, 30 5'7 130 brn/bm single parent, 12 yr old son, love outdoors, iso someone for friendship poss rel, honest caring open person, like to get to know me better give me a call- #29372

Fr. Worth MARK 20 HM: brn/bm 155 5'9, lkg to meet all kinds of guys, 25-40 masc dom and tips, I go to school full time, movies dinner, clubs once in a while- #29774

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TX WOODWORKING AND FISHING: GBF, like all sports, water sports, soft ball, wood working, picnics and fishing, long walks in the park- #29216

Dallas LATINO MALE: Cute, 23, latino male, 5'5 130 brn/bm, btm iso a gdlkg masc tp, int are running, tennis and going out to dinner iso a ser monog rel, int in GWM who is seeking a rel- give me a call- #29986

Fr. Worth SPORTS FAN: Caleb, blond/blu, gdlkg, like to meet others 18-24 gdlkg and have the same ht/wt, 160, 5'9 like outdoors, and sports, TV just anything, sounds good lv a message- #9613

Fr. Worth GWM 19, brn/grn iso fun poss rel, like life and have a good time lkg for same- #30715

Lewisburg FRANK, tp, looking for someone 25-30- #30835

Dallas FAST CARS AND HOT MEN: James 27 slim build, gdlkg hot btm, like quiet eves, out to clubs, meeting nice people fun, fast cars hot men good times iso long term rel- #30936

Wichita Falls WANT A RELATIONSHIP: Walter, Gay looking for a guy 18-25 just want to start a rel with someone- #31246

Longview DUANE 23, int in meeting someone fun, outgoing and loves music- #31393

N. Dallas DO YOU BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION? iso someone who is born in Leo, clean and sober, love books movies dining out, Taurus/Gemini, love books, monog try to get crazy on a reg basis- WM 6'1, hzl/bm 185 #30711

Wichita Falls 18 BM, int in finding a young hisp male, if ur int give me a call- int in trading pictures caring, having fun- #30288

Fr. Worth HOPEFUL ROMANTIC, me intelligent, articulate handsome sexy GWM educ, 35, 6'1 175, work out preppy type boy next door, into happy hilly home life, companionship sharing dogs kids, u be same share w/ your soulmate- #30424

Lubbock DINNER AND DANCING: Ben, WM 32, 5'11, 135

brn/bm chn shaven iso hisp males 18-40 who are vers like to have a good time, pref tp, can be btm like movies, dinner, dancing, good music, give me a call- #30645

Lubbock HISPANIC MEN: Ben, WM 32, 5'11 135, shrt brn/bm chn cut chn shaven hairy chest attr, looking to meet hisp men like to get together- int are dancing music movies, quiet eves with the right guy- #30645

Fr. Worth SLIGHTLY HAIRY: James, btm 6'2, 175 med slightly hairy mid 40s, int in sharing time, poss rel- #31190

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Fr. Stockton THE OTHER HALF: looking for the other half hisp male brn/bm, 22, 5'7 130 slim chn shaven work out, lkg for guys 18-28 looking for Mr. Right lv a message- #31416

Granbury STOCKY TEDDY BEAR: David, 27, 210, 5'3, brn/blu mustache stocky hairy teddy bear iso friend poss rel, like tennis outdoors ice and rollerskating, just staying home and being romantic, if this int you, give me a call- #31525

Tyler MUSCULAR AND HAIRY: Bruce, looking for a rel, 6', 185, musc and hairy, like to meet sim, who is interested in a rel- #31542

Wichita Falls WEEKEND FUN: Devin, looking to meet guys in the Dallas area to hang out with on the weekends, 21, 6'1 185, blond/blu, if ud like to get together lv a message- #31550

Waco RAY 18, lkg for someone 18-25, in the Dallas/Austin are, like to know more, give me a call- #31782

Abilene SMOOTH AND SLENDER: Single GWM 46, brn/hzl, 6', 175, not into bars or gay scene, like outdoors, biking photog TV

videos and music iso cute smooth slender guys 18-24 int in older guys, friendship fun and poss rel- #31783

Pasadena ROBERT 19 Y/O, 5'7, 145, blond brn med build work out 3x a week, like to be spontaneous, clubs out to eat movies, wherever like to sit home, watch a movie iso 18-26 WM likes to have fun, if this sounds interesting lv a msg- #28403

Galveston GOODLOOKING GUYS: Victor, 31 WM 5'10, 160 blond/blu iso good looking guys in the area give me a call- #28734

Nacogdoches SHE MALE WANTED: Brian, lkg for a she male int in nature, 18-25, 19 just looking for someone to have a relationship with- #29044

Houston TWISTED FUN: Mike, lkg for some twisted fun, lets see what happens- #29235

Gittings HELP ME OUT OF THE CLOSET: Married WM never been with a man, like to try 34, stocky, give me a try, help me out- #24592

Houston CAMPING AND FISHING: Alan, 28 5'4 blond blu, int in camping, fishing, movies, malls, like to meet 29-32, 5'9-6'3 well built masc, some body hair, give me a call- #1514

Galveston HOT GUYS: Victor, 31 WM 5'10 155, blond/blu, lkg for hot guys, 18-32, for a good time poss friendship give me a call lets get together- #29937

Houston CURLY HAIR: James, GBM 5'6, 125 very curly hair, prof iso WM 5'6-6' give me a call- #30999

Houston SINGLES AND COUPLES: David, 29 gdlkg WM brn/grn 135, well end d iso singles and couples for playtime adventure lets have a ball call me now #31092

Houston MR. DRUMMER, ARE YOU OUT THERE? Paul, 30, blond/blu, 6'1 190, in good shape gdlkg hard working iso someone ready for intimate rel, where is my Mr. Drummer? ages 20-45- #31787

Houston NIGHTTIME FUN: Dustin, looking for some good night fun, if ur 18-29, give me a call #31902

SAN ANTONIO ALOT TO OFFER: travel to San Antonio often, GWM subm, enjoy GBM who know what they want how to get it and have alot to offer, give me a call- #25073

SAN ANTONIO LEAN AND SMOOTH: Very attr 31 bi male, 6', lean smooth good body want to have fun with some fit attr top guys no strings- #25422

San Antonio LIKES TALL MEN: Mike, 40, well built, looking for the right man, so if 5'10 170+, pref someone 6'+ pls give me a call thanks- #25642

San Antonio TALL AND HAIRY: gdlkg 24, male, 5'7, blk/brn thin hairy chest iso taller tp man over 28 prefer hairy- #25692

San Antonio LONG HAIR AND BROWN EYES: Robert, 5'4, 150, long hair brn eyes if ur int give me a call thnx- #25926

San Antonio TAKE CHARGE KINDA GUY: Phil, 5'9 170, 39, gdlkg really looking for a person to show me around and take charge- #26191

San Antonio YOUNG AND HAIRY: Ray, 44, Gay prof male, int in meeting younger men w/hairy chest who like to spend time good conversation eating out travel that kind of thing, int, give me a call- #26299

San Antonio OUT OF TOWNERS: Russ, 6'1, blond blu, 160, like couples, Mexicans, like out of town people- thanks bye- #25971

Austin SLENDER WHITE MALE 30s, lkg for other slend WM AM or HM 18-40 for hot times and fun, like going out quiet eves iso poss rel- #26379

San Antonio FIT MEN: GHM 5'4, 150, dk hair hzl t skin iso gdlkg educ phys fit real men for some fun times, lv a message and I'll call #26538

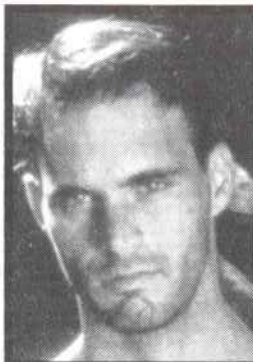
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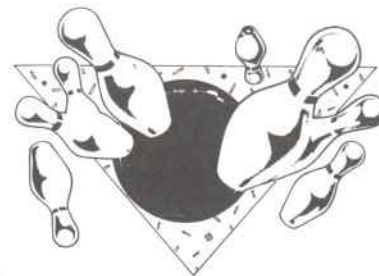
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HOUSTON BOWLING

Houston — The four Houston bowling leagues have reported the following standings to TWT SPORTS [as of 2/20/95]:

The Inner Loop Alternative Sunday Evening League: 1—Fish-N-Pole, 2—Sticky Wickets and 3—Gone Swishin'. For the men, high scratch game (257) was bowled by Mace Adams and series (671) by Rodney Seiler. For the women, Diann Thomson bowled high scratch game (236) and Margie Martinez bowled high series (590). For league information, call Tom at (713)522-9612.

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League: In Div. A, 1—4 Non-Blondes, 2—Pin Ups and 3—Mixed Nuts; in Div. B, 1—The Point After, 2—Nellie by Choice and 3—Gutter Gamblers. High scratch game (264) and series (614) were bowled by Richard Dauchy. For more information, call Gardy at (713)641-5424.

The Monday Nite Women's League: 1—Maybe, Maybe Not, 2—Balls R Out, 3—Can't Bowl Straight and 4—We Try Harder. For more information, call Pat at (713)437-6218.

The Houston Thursday Nite Mixers: 1—Download and Unzip, 2—Pat & Company and 3—TD2. For the men, high scratch game (226) was bowled by Roy Rainwater and high series (546) by Marty Rutherford. For the women, Terry Shannon bowled high scratch game (201) and Dana Howard bowled series (540). For more information, call Tom at (713)522-9612.

Houston bowlers Jerry Petrizzo and Tom O'Dell brought back a second place Doubles trophy from the Phoenix Regional Invitational Tournament [PRIT] last weekend. Petrizzo also placed 21st in the Singles event. PRIT is one of the largest regional International Gay Bowling Organization tournaments, and this year attracted 400 bowlers from all over America.

OAK LAWN SOCCER SEEKS COACH

Dallas — The Oak Lawn Soccer Club is seeking a coach for its adult co-ed team. The



Club plans to field a team this spring in the local league, as well as in various tournaments this spring and summer. The coach will be responsible for weekly practices and games, but will not play in games. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Michael Moore at (214)942-9537.

Oak Lawn Soccer practices Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. The team still has openings left on its spring co-ed league roster. Season play starts March 10, and games are every Friday evening. Late registration fees will apply. For location and more information on practices, or to register, contact Moore at (214)942-9537.

LONGHORN BOWLING

Fort Worth — The Longhorn Bowling Association has reported the following standings to TWT SPORTS [as of 2/14/95]:

1—3 Angels & Shamu, 2—3 Blow Boys and 3—The Best Ones.

There will be a fund-raiser for the Texas Roll-Off Tournament, Healing Wings and the AIDS Outreach Center on Saturday, March 4 at the 651 Arlington. For more details, call Tony at (817)860-2376.

LAMBDA SKATING

Houston — Lambda Rollerskating Club holds its first picnic of the season in Memorial Park this Sunday, Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. Members will meet on the picnic side at 100 Picnic Lane. Look for the Lambda Rollerskating Club banner. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish; drinks will be provided. For more information, call (713)933-5818.

Lambda hosts its next Skate Night on Wednesday, March 1 at the Dairy Ashford Skating Rink, 1820 Dairy Ashford. Skate time is 8–10 p.m. Everyone is welcome to take part; membership in the club is not necessary to attend. Admission is \$5, which includes skates. Those taking part may bring their own skates (in-line skates are welcome). For more information, call (713)933-5818.

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HOUSTON ACTIVISTS SAY ANTI-GAY BIAS VIOLATED INMATE'S RIGHT TO FAIR TRIAL

Effectiveness of Defense Lawyer, Prejudice on Part of Prosecutor Cited in Case of Calvin Burdine.

HOUSTON — Claiming that a death row inmate failed to receive a fair trial because of anti-gay prejudice and ineffectiveness on the part of his lawyer, a group of gay activists and civil rights figures are saying the man's case deserves a second hearing.

In January of 1984, Calvin Burdine was convicted of murder in Harris County in the 1983 death of his lover, W.T. Wise, and sentenced to death. Burdine had also had an intimate relationship with his co-defendant, Douglas McCreight. The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas has taken on Burdine's case because of what an attorney with the group calls "the particularly egregious gay discrimination that permeated [his] trial and sentencing."

In a press briefing held last Tuesday, Houston attorney Mitchell Katine and representatives of civil rights and gay organizations pointed to what they called instances of anti-gay bias on the part of both Burdine's original defense attorney, Joe Cannon, and the prosecutor in his case, Ned Morris. The activists claim those factors tainted Burdine's trial and sentencing.

Katine cited a statement by Morris to the jury that Burdine should receive the death penalty because "sending a homosexual to the penitentiary certainly isn't a very bad punishment for a homosexual, and that is what he's asking you to do," apparently implying that gay men actually look forward to the sexual assaults common in prisons.

"It is difficult for me to believe that in 20th-century America a prosecutor can be allowed to appeal to a jury's prejudice in such a blatant and deliberate fashion," said ACLU attorney Deborah Gilman, who is representing Burdine in his efforts to secure a new trial.

Also at issue is the handling of Burdine's defense by his original attorney. Katine noted that the foreman of the jury during Burdine's trial said he had seen Cannon fall asleep several times in court,

and that by his own admission Cannon had not interviewed a single potential witness in preparation for trial. Cannon has said he did the best he could given the fact that Burdine made a full confession; he also denies that he ever dozed off, saying that he was thinking on those occasions when he closed his eyes.

Katine also noted that Cannon had failed during the jury selection phase of Burdine's trial to challenge the competence of three prospective jurors who admitted being prejudiced against gays.

On Jan. 12, state District Judge Jay Burnett stayed Burdine's execution date until Feb. 28. Late Tuesday afternoon, Burnett extended that stay until April 11 to allow him more time to consider the ACLU's claims on Burdine's behalf.

DEAN OF DALLAS GAY CHURCH ARRESTED IN EFFORT TO MEET WITH PAT ROBERTSON

Rev. Mel White Pledges to Continue Fasting in Virginia Beach Jail.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA — The Rev. Mel White, Dean of Dallas' Cathedral of Hope-MCC, the nation's largest church with a primary outreach to gays and lesbians, was arrested in Virginia Beach, Virginia last Friday after he refused to leave the offices of the Christian Broadcasting Network [CBN]. White had been asked to leave by CBN spokesperson Gene Kapp, who accepted a letter to Pat Robertson from White.

"As an act of civil disobedience and in the name of Christ, I choose to stay," White said when asked to leave.

At press time, White was in his seventh day of incarceration in a Virginia Beach jail under a \$2,500 bond. He vowed to continue a fast he had begun a day earlier until Robertson agreed to meet with him.

In his letter addressed to Robertson, White described his group's attempt to meet with the conservative televangelist and former Republican presidential candidate the previous day, "only to be met at the gate by a small army of security officers who informed us that we were not welcome."

White stayed, but the rest of his delegation left under threat of arrest. White then proceeded to a nearby bookstore and pur-

chased the book he had ghostwritten for Robertson, *America's Dates With Destiny*, and sat down and began reading it. At 5:30 p.m. he was forcibly ejected from CBN offices by security officers.

CBN Chaplain Mark Johnson told White that Robertson did not want to meet with him because "Homosexuals represent the cult of death because you don't procreate. If Pat meets with you, he would give your movement credibility."

"We don't come to change your mind about the nature or theology of homosexuality," White said in his letter to Robertson. "We come simply to talk to you about the plight of gay and lesbian Americans who, because of their sexual orientation alone, are abandoned by their families, excommunicated from their churches, fired from their jobs, evicted from their apartments...deprived of the rights guaranteed them by the Constitution, harassed in public and private, terrorized, beaten and murdered."

"We thought you would be interested in the anti-gay hate crime statistics we have gathered. And because we know that you deplore violence, we wanted to demonstrate to you how, inadvertently, your false charges against us contribute to that violence as they are repeated endlessly on *The 700 Club*, in your fund-raising letters and in the materials of the Christian Coalition."

White, whose book *Stranger at the Gate* details the years he spent ghostwriting for Robertson and other Christian leaders before coming out as a gay man, also told of his repeated requests to meet with Robertson in the past 20 months. Robertson rebuffed his attempts then and has since refused even to meet with White, sending representatives to deal with him.

STATE'S LESBIAN, GAY JOURNALISTS HOLD CONVENTION

Keynote Speeches Tafel, Cisneros And Awards Highlight Weekend.

SAN ANTONIO — The Texas Chapter of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association held its third annual conference last weekend at the Ramada Emily Morgan Hotel in San Antonio. Approximately 50 people took part, including 35 paid registrants.

Richard Tafel, executive director of the



Log Cabin Republicans' national group, gave the keynote speech at the opening session Saturday. San Antonio author Sandra Cisneros addressed Saturday's luncheon, and Evan Wolfson, a senior staff attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund [LLDEF], spoke Sunday.

Panel discussions were held during the convention on topics ranging from the "family values" expressed on the opinion pages of newspapers and magazines and coverage of child custody issues to same-sex marriages and wedding announcements in mainstream papers.

"Marriage is coming; we're going to win this right," said Wolfson, who added that he anticipates victory this year in a suit in Hawaii, where LLDEF is co-counsel for three couples—two lesbian and one gay male—who are battling the state's marriage laws. Wolfson said gays and lesbians should start planning how they will defend that potential victory against conservative or legislative backlashes.

Tim Halley Achievement Recognition Awards were presented during the conference. Among recipients were journalists from the *San Antonio Express-News*, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Houston Post* and *Daily News of Galveston County*. The awards are named for Halley, a founding member of the Texas NLGJA chapter and reporter and editor at the *Beaumont Enterprise* who died last Sept. 12 of AIDS complications.

The possibility of protests outside the convention over the awards won by the *Express-News* did not materialize. Members of the local community met with Texas NLGJA board members on Friday, stressing their concerns that the *Express-News* was hostile to the community and had had an indirect hand in the suicide last summer of closeted gay man Benny Hogan, whose name was on a list the paper published of homosexuals arrested in a local park during a police sting opera-

tion. Board members pointed out that the awards were being shared by individual staff members of the *Express-News* for their positive efforts, and that the paper itself was not being honored.

"It was a very productive and enjoyable weekend," said board member Clifford Pugh of the *The Houston Post*. "I think anyone who goes comes away gratified, excited by the progress we've made—though it never seems like enough." Pugh added that next year's convention will be in Houston, with a site and date (probably in March) to be announced later.

NAMES PROJECT BRINGING DISPLAY OF QUILT TO HOUSTON

*Volunteers Needed for Exhibit at
George R. Brown Convention Center
March 29-30 and April 1-2.*

HOUSTON — Large crowds are expected to attend when panels from the National AIDS Memorial Quilt go on display next month at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. The exhibit, which is being sponsored by NAMES Project Houston, private donors and corporate underwriters, runs March 29 and 30 and April 1 and 2. Through the efforts of Mayor Bob Lanier, his wife Elyse and others, George R. Brown is being provided free of charge as the display site. Continental Airlines will fly the Quilt panels to Houston from their home in San Francisco.

David Jackson, co-chairman of the display and a member of the NAMES Project's board, calls the Quilt "a living tapestry of compassion and hope; hope for the future, hope for understanding, hope for tolerance and hope for those few who will be moved to action."

Those memorialized range from year-old babies to aged grandmothers and include both genders and all races, religions and sexual orientations. Friends and loved ones of those lost to the disease may make as many panels as they wish.

A dedication ceremony will be held at George R. Brown at the conclusion of the display, and sponsors are expecting 200 to 300 new additions to the Quilt. As of last month, nearly 29,000 panels had been created, a number that represents only 12 percent of all those who have died of AIDS.

"Basically, the Quilt shows the names

behind the statistics," Jackson says. "Each panel details who the person was who actually died, and shows compassion for the individuals. Making a panel provides a way for people who have had a loved one die of AIDS to release their emotions."

The Quilt also educates the public about HIV awareness. An estimated 1,500 students from the Houston Independent School District will view the panels and receive information on HIV and AIDS.

Approximately 1,200 volunteers are needed to help put on the display. Volunteers will be in charge of monitoring the Quilt, providing information and support, and collecting new panels as they come in.

Jackson became involved with the NAMES Project about a year ago when his lover died of AIDS. He's also had friends who have died, and says working on the display project is his way of giving back to the community.

All money raised from the Quilt display will go to AIDS service organizations. To volunteer to help with the Houston display, contact Volunteer Chairperson Barbara Lerner at (713)526-2637. For more information on how to create a panel, call the same number or visit the group's workshop at 2410 Woodhead. Volunteers are available to offer ideas, and some materials are available.

ACTIVISTS CONDEMN HATE CRIME AT TYLER RALLY

*Second Annual Event Draws
Around 250 to City's Bergfield Park.*

TYLER — A lone counterdemonstrator marching up and down the sidewalk carrying placards bearing religious anti-gay messages did nothing to mar the enthusiasm of last Saturday's second annual Stop The Hate Rally in Tyler, Texas.

The first such event, held in January of last year, was organized after Nicholas Ray West, a 23-year-old Tyler resident, was abducted by three men and viciously shot nine times. West was singled out because he was gay.

"This year's rally went really well," says Michael Garbarino, acting executive director of the Texas Human Rights Foundation. "Last year we had more participants, but many of them had driven in from Dallas. What we really tried to emphasize this year was advertising the event to the locals

and just making it a local event, and I think we succeeded. This area of Texas has always been extremely closeted, and for good reason, and we can see that it's now changing. Many people took the risk of being seen on TV at a public event concerning gay and lesbian rights."

A reception the evening before the rally drew around 100 people.

"I'm extremely pleased with the success of the event," Garbarino added, "and also very pleased that THRF has been able to coordinate efforts with the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby to maintain visibility of this important issue and to pressure the Legislature to take action."

Wesley Beard, primary organizer of last Saturday's rally, said about 250 people attended the event, held in Bergfield Park near downtown Tyler. Beard is the founder of the East Texas Lesbian/Gay Alliance and a THRF trustee.

The rally lasted for about two hours, and among the many speakers were Pat Stone, president of PFLAG Dallas, and her husband Dan. Keith Pruitt, an actor featured on the daytime drama *Guiding Light*, and his partner Jacques Rosas were on hand to share their own personal story of gay bashing in New York City. CeCe Cox, president of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance, and Parker Wilson, president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Central Texas in Waco, also spoke.

"We took a look at what has happened since the last rally," said Beard, "and how much national media has been focused on Texas. The rally was really a call to end the violence and hate. Here in Tyler where I live, I think it's been an open season on gays and lesbians. It's not a question of when it's going to stop...it's a question of who's next."

ALGPC FORUM DISCUSSES MEDIA AND GAY COMMUNITY

*Participants Call for Increasing
Awareness of Issues.*

AUSTIN — Roseana Auten succinctly summarized the problematic gap between the lesbian/gay/bisexual community and media organizations, especially mainstream, high-circulation daily newspapers.

"We haven't done a great job covering gay and lesbian issues," the education writer of the weekly *Austin Chronicle* told

an audience of about 20 people Tuesday evening at the University of Texas Law School. "I think some of us are clueless on what is a gay/lesbian issue. AIDS has moved beyond that; now it's everybody's issue. Other than that, we probably don't know what your important issues are."

Auten, *Texas Triangle* publisher/editor Kay Longcope and Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby board member Allan Baker were panelists on "Where in the Medium Is Our Message?" the last in a series of open forums sponsored by the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus [ALGPC]. A representative of the *Austin American-Statesman* was invited and confirmed, but failed to show; Austin television and radio representatives failed to respond to invitations from ALGPC to participate.

The discussions ranged from ABC's recent *Prime Time Live* broadcast on hate crimes and gay-bashing to how to get desired coverage of community activities such as the march on the state Capitol coming up on April 2.

"The media has become the window through which we observe ourselves in the world," said ALGPC's Paul David Wadler, who served as moderator. "...Most of us want to be covered [as people, as Valentine's Day lovers, etc.], not as just murder victims."

"Events drive the media," Longcope noted. "There's going to be press coverage. We're not going to have control over it, but we can have an influence on it. People have to speak up on what they like and don't like, and let their feelings be known to the people who run the media."

Auten agreed, adding, "If you want something, you have to ask for it. I know that I don't think of everything."

The diversity of the community was stressed, and many in the audience mentioned how things had gone from hanging out in clubs as a way to be safe and feel community to more openness with places like The Cornerstone, a community center set to open in Austin later this year. The terror of hate crimes is the number one target of LGRL, and educating the general public and the media about what's really going on is an important responsibility of the gay community, panelists said.

"One thing we need to be able to do is help our friends," Baker said. "We have to raise consciousness, build a counter-attack against the hate and the naysayers. When the straight media does something we like, we need to say thank you."

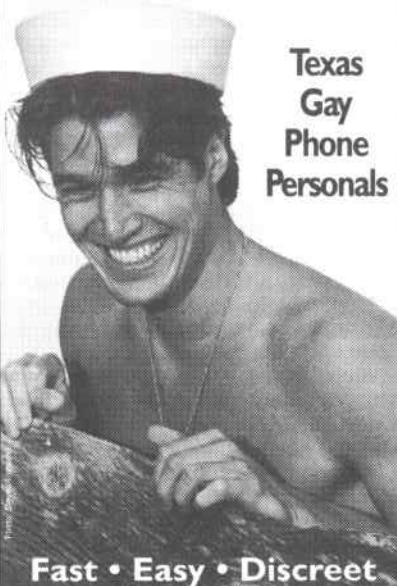
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HOUSTON HOTTea — Here's what's going on **THIS WEEK IN HOUSTON** from Bayou City HOT TEA....

Gentry is a great place for benefit shows. The "TGRA Celebrating Life" extravaganza raised \$1,200 for the Bering Care Center through Soiree Aubergine and featured fabulous entertainers like [above, l-r] Miss TGRA candidate Shelby St. John, Mr. TGRA candidate Eddie Taylor, Mr. TGRA 1995 Virgil Burke and Miss TGRA 1995 Divine Mike. This Sunday, Mr. and Miss Gentry Thomas Rodriguez and Catia Lee Love present "Flashback Follies" featuring the music of the '70s and '80s while "The Imperial Court Salutes Broadway and Bering" is slated for next Sunday, March 5. The Soiree Aubergine silent auction opens at the club on Saturday, March 4 and features over \$15,000 in original artwork, travel and entertainment, home accessories, professional services and fashion. Both shows and the auction benefit Soiree's efforts for the Bering Care Center....



Speaking of incredible benefits, "Happy Valentine's Day, Baby!" at the BRB brought in over \$1,700 for the Loving Arms Foundation. The show was hosted by Mr. TGRA 1988 David Chapman [above, r] along with emcee Creath Robinson [l]. We especially liked Lady Naugahyde and the Snackwell Sisters! Tomorrow, the BRB's bus trip for Mardi Gras in Galveston leaves at 10 a.m.; make your reservations now. On Sunday, country's coolest chick, Scooter



Lee, returns to the club for another exciting performance at 8 p.m. Delightful dining at the BRB continues with Steak Night on Sundays and hamburgers and chili on Thursdays....

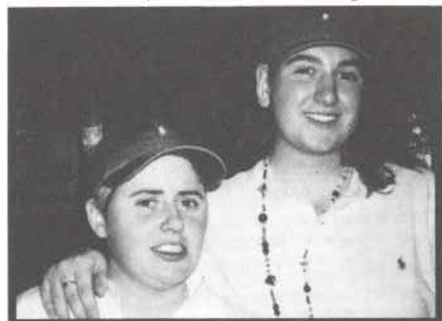
On Saturday, March 25 at The Houston Club, the Diana Foundation will present its forty-second annual awards show, "Glamour Is Everything." Special guest for the evening will be none other than the dynamic drag artiste Lipsinka. For ticket information, call (713)639-2000. Get yours now; they're going fast....



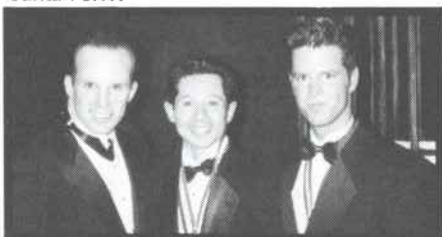
Heaven was the site of Soiree Aubergine's "Creme de la Creme" night of a thousand stars. Backstage, hostesses Crystal Rae Lee Love, Lindsay Love and Michelle Michaels [above, l-r] were all smiles about the more than \$850 the show brought in for Bering Care Center. This Sunday, Heaven presents "Decadence," the Mardi Gras flashlight/undergear party of the year. In addition to South Beach Sea Dance, special guest adult video star Marco Rossi takes to the stage at 11 p.m. for a super sexy show followed by an up close and personal autograph party and photo shoot. This one is going to be hot! Don't forget about the club's RetroRave Wednesdays with groovemaster deejay Michael DeGrace. See you there....

Since this Tuesday is also Fat Tuesday, Houston's biggest weeknight party at JR's is sure to be even bigger and better. The club's Mardi Gras celebration includes an All-American happy hour until 10 p.m.,

additional drink specials all night long and Grab for Cash at midnight. New Orleans comes to Houston with JR's delightfully daring jockey shorts contest; show them your underwear and they'll show you some beads. While you're there frolicking the

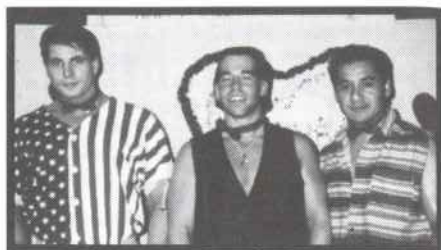


night away, be sure to say hello to the club's newest staffer, Paris Antoin [above, l], and girlfriend Susannah St. Clair [r]. Double your pleasure, double your fun at JR's and Santa Fe....



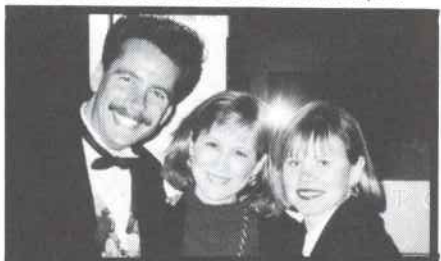
Recently, Pacific Street hosted the first annual Mr. Gay Pride All-American contest. After some exciting competition, winner Thomas Rodriguez [above, c] was joined by Mr. Freedom All-American Christopher Graham [l] and Mr. Gay All-American 1995 John Reny [r]. Congratulations on a job well done! Tonight at Pacific Street, they'll be kicking off a five-day Mardi Gras celebration that includes a leather and costume ball on Saturday, a Bourbon Street balcony party on Sunday and Decadance and Debauchery on Tuesday. Lose your inhibitions and join the sin-sational pleasures at Pacific Street....

Next weekend, the Houston Council of Clubs presents "Let Us Entertain You" and Leather by Boots wants you to be ready. Right now, they're offering 10 percent off everything in their Houston stores. Hurry on over and check out this great sale. Also for LUEY weekend, Leather by Boots welcomes back piercing specialist Mike Miller; make your appointment now....



The Midtowne Spa's "Hearts Afire" Valentine's party featured a wonderful array of entertainment that included dancers Kyle, Tony and Victor [above, l-r]. Sensual performers like these strut their stuff at the spa every Tuesday and Thursday. Midtowne's list of weekly specials features half-price lockers, rooms and video rooms on Wednesdays and Thursdays and half-price lockers every Monday. An adventure is waiting for you at the Midtowne Spa....

The sounds of the '70s are alive and well at Rich's Trash Disco Fridays. Our sources tell us that tonight there's going to be a surprise appearance by Disco Dolly Parton, aka Kourtney Van Wales. Next Friday, March 3, they're having a Mirror Ball Party with lots of souvenir giveaways. Tomorrow night from 9 p.m.-midnight, the club is hosting an opening night reception for the works of artist Bruce Turner. Check out the fun and fashion at Houston's downtown hotspot.



The Penthouse Club celebrated Valentine's Day with a special version of the Dating Game hosted by Eric Kugler, Sherry Gilbert and Malinda Shaver [above, l-r] of Introductions, Ltd. Thanks to them, many people met their match that night. Next Friday, March 3, Soiree Aubergine presents "La Soir Au Cabaret" with emcee Gail Gerrard. A light buffet will be served at 6 p.m. prior to the 7 p.m. show. Once again, this hand-clapping, toe-tapping event will benefit the Bering Care Center....

The Club's "Honey, I Love You But I've Gone to the Tubs" Valentine's celebration

was a feast for all the senses. During the festivities, we focused in on manager



Damion Sondergaard [above, l] cozying up to staffers Jerial Knight [r] and the oh-so-shy Stanley Washington [kneeling]. In preparation for the upcoming warm weather seasons, the Club is offering one month free when you purchase a two-month gym pass and a ten-session tanning card for only \$15....

TEXAS TELETYPE — Tonight at 8 p.m. in Galveston, the eighth annual Silk Stocking Ball presents "A Rainbow of Color" at the West Arena of Moody Gardens, Two Hope Blvd. Entertainment for the evening will include Sharon Montgomery, Claudia Burson and Doctor Rockit as well as a parade of costumes. All proceeds will benefit the AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas and other AIDS-related charities....

The Club in Bryan (formerly Club 202) has moved and is gearing up for its grand opening next Friday, March 3. The celebration will feature a special show starring Tommie Ross, Celeste Martinez, Tahna Mason, Monica Powers and Sierra Scott. Also, be on the lookout for the Miss Brazos Valley Pageant coming in April....

Here she comes again! During the month of March, Jimmy James returns to Texas with his all-new "Love Goddess Tour." Along with his legendary illusions, this show will feature Jimmy's first dance single, "Love Goddess," along with a tribute to Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. For available booking dates, contact Bubba McNeely at (713)338-1721.

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

Take a journey back to your childhood and play musical chairs Mondays at the Paper Moon, hosted by gamemasters-in-action

Victoria West and Cruella Divine at midnight. Tuesday, Pauletta Leigh's February Talent Night finals are set for 11:30 p.m. with newly crowned Newcomer of the Year Dita Marlo as special guest. Coming to the Paper Moon Saturday, March 4, it's Abigail in concert. Gowns and crowns were the order



of the day at last weekend's Miss Gay San Antonio Pageant. At the end of the contest, the **CRUISE CAMERA** captured winner Erica Foxx [above, c], surrounded by [l-r] last year's winner Catia Lee Love, second runner-up Raquel DeCastro, Miss Gay Texas Celeste Martinez and first runner-up Amanda Hall....

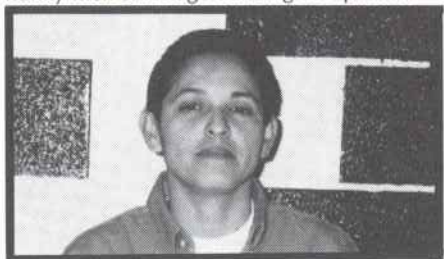
Speaking of pageants, the Bonham Exchange is setting the stage for the first annual Miss Gay Bexar County/USA Pageant, to be held Friday, March 3 in the ballroom. Happy birthday wishes are extended to club manager Robby Mahan, born Feb. 28....



Here's your invitation to the Nite Owl's grand opening party, which kicks off tonight, continues on Saturday and comes to a conclusion on Sunday. Enjoy complimentary food, festive drink specials and pleasant banter with likable Nite Owl bartender Scott Orcutt [above]....

Wild Country will have a Mardi Gras party Saturday night beginning at 10 p.m. with shot specials in effect all evening. Campy costumes are encouraged! Male dancers add to the festive feeling, taking it down to a bare minimum at 11:30 p.m....

Feast your eyes on musclebound cowboys boot scootin' to a stripper's beat at 9 p.m. Saturdays at the Silver Dollar Saloon, where you can pick up coupons for one dollar off admission at the Paper Moon for after hours. Deejays Johnny T. and Mauro Garza take out the garbage with trash disco jumping into gear at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, and hunky men sidestage dancing at 7 p.m....



Check out the sounds of deejay Mad Max, who spins a comfortable mix of dance and Tejano hits every Friday and Saturday at Lorraine's. Popular bartender Elida Lambaria [above] can be found slinging drinks Sunday nights when physically fit male and female strippers do their thing at 11 p.m....



Adult video trio Bo Summers, Crystal Crawford and Hunter Scott [above, l-r] wore out San Antonio with their provocative revue presented at Wild Club over Valentine's weekend. "Club W" at the Wild is the place to be each Wednesday, and it was full of surprises last week. You gotta hear it (and see it) to believe it! The normally nimblefooted Sweet Savage took a nosedive recently, putting her down for the count, flat on her back with her legs in the air, requiring 164 stitches and a month off stage convalescing. A special surprise benefit show to help Savage defer medical expenses incurred getting her battered gam repaired will be held Thursday, March 9 at 11 p.m. at Wild Club. All performers are invited to participate (and Sweet Savage is encouraged to watch her step!).

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

Fifth Street Station is the place to be this weekend to celebrate Mardi Gras. Come out for the hottest country party this side of New Orleans as TGRA hosts the Mardi Gras Tea Dance this Sunday from 5-9 p.m. There'll be a Cajun cookout on the patio, pool and dart tournaments and a Cajun waltz contest. Sid Spencer will be performing live with two shows at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. There'll also be beads, beads and more beads....



In the shadows of the Capitol, Charlie's is all primed and ready to celebrate Mardi Gras. The **CRUISE CAMERA** caught Doc and J.R. [above] getting ready to party down. The weekend starts off Friday with a free buffet and the best-looking dancers in town. There are party favors all week long and costume contests all weekend with cash prizes. On Fat Tuesday, come out to the biggest party in town with deejay Greg C. Austin's living legend Nicole returns home for Wicked Wednesdays at midnight. Only at Charlie's....

'Bout Time says if you don't want to mess with the downtown hassles, come to the best neighborhood bar in town. Mardi Gras has made its way up north, and Kevin and the gang say you'll have the time of your life. With the weather so springlike lately, they're starting to get the volleyball courts ready for action. Check with your favorite bartender for details on upcoming volleyball action....

Oil Can's is pulling out all the stops to bring you the best Mardi Gras weekend in town. They promise to put the Cajun in you! The weekend starts off with a great buffet and great-looking dancers. The party runs till Ash Wednesday nonstop. Steve Higgenbotham says you haven't partied till

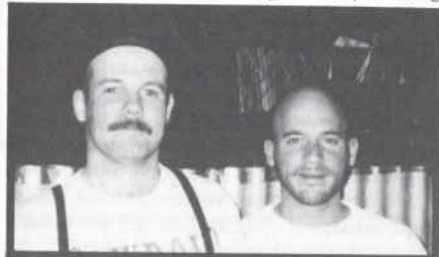
you come to Oil Can's. Party is what they'll be doing on March 3 in celebration of Steve's birthday. At his age and still going strong! This Friday, the Classic Chassis Car Club is having a happy hour party....



The crew at Auntie Mame's invites everyone out this Saturday to help Margie [above, r] celebrate her birthday. Performing for this special occasion will be Patty, along with male and female strippers. The action starts around 7 p.m. Roger is now bartending full time, so if you don't catch him this weekend, you can say hi on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Steak nights are still the best in town on Mondays, with Margaret Wright on the piano to make your dinner even more enjoyable....

DJ's is doing things with style. They have dancers six nights a week, Sundays through Fridays, while on Thursdays and Sundays they present lounge singer Louria. Biss Mitch presents a strip show on Mondays, while on Wednesday nights it's Dirty Drag with Christian Kobey as your host at 11 p.m. Kendall and Joey invite you to the club's 1-2-3 happy hour on Sundays, with a cookout on the patio. They're going all out on their buffets, which they offer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This Sunday, Feb. 26, there'll be free HIV testing from 6-9 p.m....

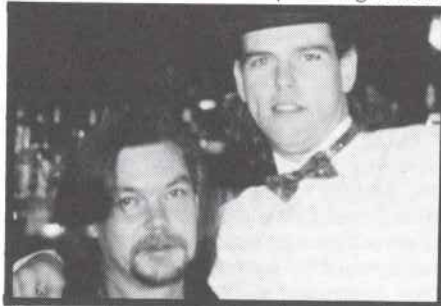
The Chain Drive had a great welcome party last Saturday for new manager Rocky. Joining



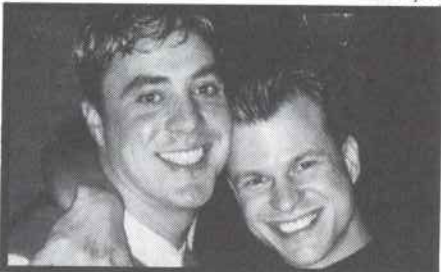
in the festivities were Brice [above, r] and special guest deejay Eric [l]. Plans are in the works now for a new and improved sound

system. This Sunday, the Austin chapter of the National Leather Association hosts the cookout and beer bust. For the newest in leather or that special gift, check out the Leather Chest....

Cowboys has the best in country music and more, including the largest and best dance floor for that two-step. Taking a break



from the dance floor recently were Robbie and Kyle [above, l-r]. If you don't know how to country dance, Colton and Ralph can help with their Monday and Tuesday night dance lessons. The Lone Star dancers make their way to the club on Wednesdays.



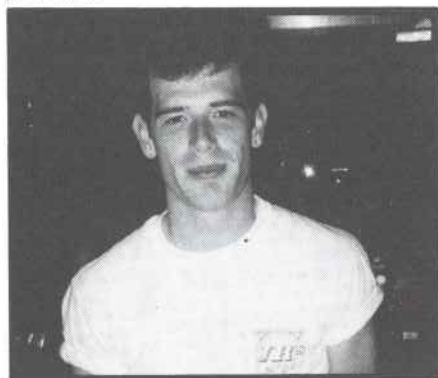
DALLAS TEA — Here's what's happening **THIS WEEK IN DALLAS** from Big D **HOT TEA**....

Our **CRUISE CAMERA** spotted Rick Johnson and Steve Cox [above, l-r] at Village Station, one of the city's fiercest dance clubs. We're sure they'll be headed for the afternoon T-Dance this Sunday from 5-9 p.m., followed by the even hotter Trash Disco from 9 p.m. until closing. Assistant Manager Chris Bengston is rolling the dice these days, celebrating her birthday in Las Vegas with baby Alex in tow....

With all the warm weather this week, the patio at Sue Ellen's has been busy. Just think, in a few short weeks spring will be here and all those SMU jocks and jockettes will once again be out there with bartendress Cat serving them in style. Style is certainly what this Sunday night's band, Blanche

Fury, has. They've become a popular attraction and so has Tuesday night's Trash Disco, when the club brings back hits from the golden days of the disco years...

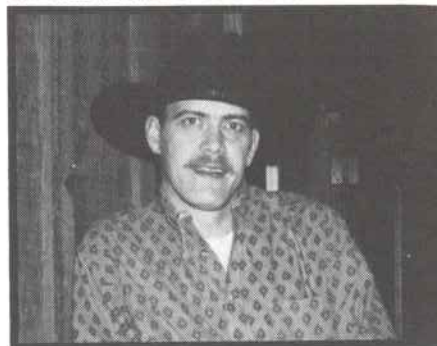
The party never seems to end at the Brickbar, with Mardi Gras Madness about to hit the Maple Ave. club on Saturday, March 4. Bartender Steve Mies promises it will be as big as the Black Party. An extra dance floor will be added for the occasion along with deejays Ric Herrington and Chet Green, imported from New Orleans. So put on your best mask and a revealing outfit and try to score some beads that night. Deejay Tony Aco is hoping you'll find some trade at the new Trade Thursdays, which feature not only him spinning the discs, but special drink prices from 2 p.m.-2 a.m., with the bar open until 3 a.m. **HOT TEA** welcomes their newest staffer, Tony Fairbon, who seems to have all his tattoos in the right places...



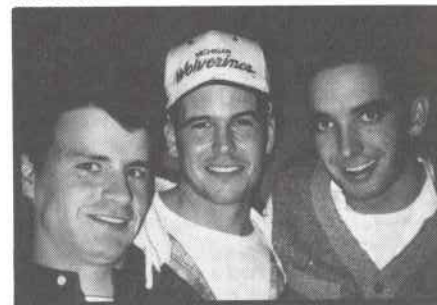
Last week, we featured bartender Clay of JR's and this week we bring you another fine specimen, Richard "Button" Neyen [above], from the collection of staffers at the Cedar Springs club. Has Brett "The Taz" Fowler taken him shopping again? Speaking of Brett, it was a sight to behold when he stole the spotlight from the hunky go-go dancers last Saturday night, putting on his own show on top of the bar. We didn't know the bar could stand that much weight! We're told bartender Darren Demottier should take a memory course so he can remember where he leaves his car. And why is everyone asking him about his black hole theory?...

Robert Nugent, dubbed "King of the Dallas scene" recently, will be the ringmaster at Club One's *Cirque de la Nuit* (Circus of the

Night) March 3, with the "Gauche" fashion show overseen by Dallas designer Xavier. We hear it will be "one"derful!...



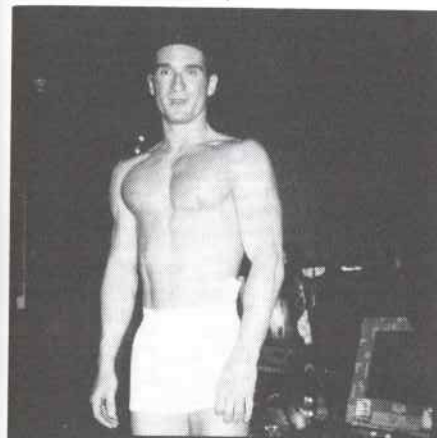
The Rent-A-Cowboy fund-raiser at the Round Up Saloon for OLC's Buddy Project was a rousing success last weekend, bringing in \$2,100. Bartender Buzz Bean [above] disappointed more than a few people by not being available for rent—at least he wasn't that night. There were a lot of people wanting him to get off, however—get off from Monday cleanup, that is—by helping him sell the most tickets to the show, which he did. We can't believe it, but bartender Dwight Matthews says he hasn't broken in his new Jeep yet—are there any takers out there?...



Tuesday's show tune night at Moby Dick is what brought Kevin Nicholson, Cameron Patz and Lance Arnold [above, l-r] out one evening. We don't care if they can sing or not, but we're sure they have other hidden talents. Apparently everything was out in the open during deejays Jeff Scott's and Steven Navarez's outing last weekend in the wilds. And barback Rich Cranshaw got an eyeful last weekend while he was watching his neighbors, so much so that it apparently made him sick—or something from earlier that evening did...

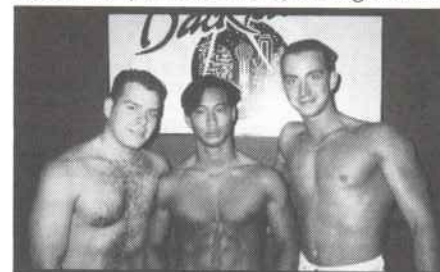


We're sure you'll see customers Michael Faccone and Jim "Tallulah" Deweese [above, l-r] at TMC, since they're members of the Leather Knights, who call the club their home. We were told Michael's nickname is no longer "dog boy" but "crash test dummy" after his recent pickup truck incident. Ever-studly bartender Joe Root and staffer Jimmy Roberts both had birthdays recently—two party animals of the highest order. Sundays are back to normal now, with the Bear Buns contest back on track, revealing some of Dallas' best assets starting around 10:30 p.m....



Crews Inn keeps bringing in gorgeous dancers, like recent find Joe Rigamonti [above], and they're importing even hunkier ones this weekend. The one and only Maverick will be showing you his stuff (so to speak) Saturday night along with the very special Cruise. Friday, it will be Rusty and one of the club's biggest dancers, Ron Jones. Remember, if anyone knows how to celebrate Fat Tuesday, it's Louisianan Mona Monier, who'll be turning the bar into Bourbon Street Tuesday night with special Mardi Gras dancers—plus their usual

Tuesday night crowd. Couple of the Year must go to staffers Jerry Harris and his cute lover BJ; we've always wondered who wears the pants in the family, until we were told Mr. Harris' plans—or something—go up in the air every time he and BJ are together...



Coleby, C.J. and Chance [above, l-r] were just some of the dancers at Backstreet's recent dancerfest, which featured 16 dancers dazzling the customers. You can catch go-go boys at the club every day starting at 5 p.m. You can also see our old friend, bartender Freddy Govantes, there now that he's made the move to the club...



A cavalcade of Latin lovelies, including Vanessa DuVall [above], performed in a tribute to late Bamboleo's co-owner Jim Coronado. Rumors are floating that the bar may be moving, so watch **HOT TEA** for further details....

At Zippers you'll find luscious dancers every night starting at 9 p.m. This weekend, catch Cruise and Maverick showing you their moves on Friday night. Saturday, you can lust after Rusty and David. New bartender Rob "Mr. Jeffrey Giraffe" Martin has apparently been showing some of his moves lately at a local gym, taking Michael "Fluffy" Teal's title as queen of that fitness club away from him!



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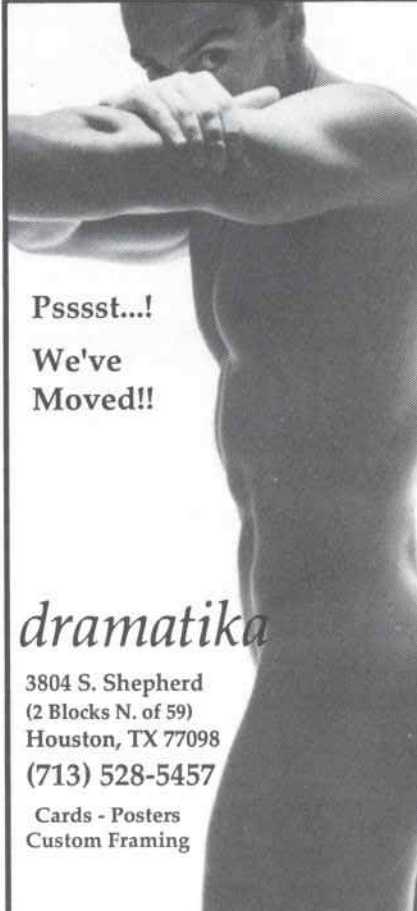
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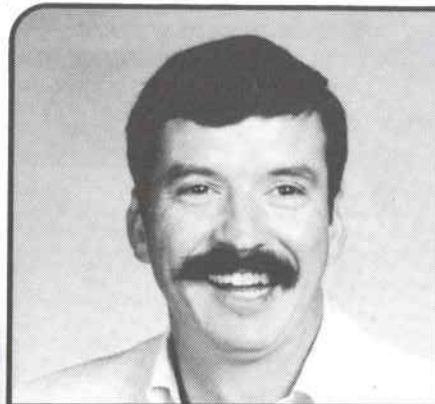
Tandi was born in San Antonio on December 22, 1964 and left this life at 10:25 AM on Thursday, February 16, 1995 at the home of her best friend and caregiver, Raphael Velasco in San Antonio.

During Tandi's brief time on Earth, she was an inspiration to many and took the art of female illusion into a new era. A true Goddess, Tandi captured the titles of Miss Gay USA, Miss Gay Continental USA, Texas Entertainer of the Year, Miss Gay National and a host of city and state titles. Adding to her achievements, she made numerous national television appearances and became known to millions of new admirers.

To say that she will be greatly missed is an understatement. There will not be another like her.

A memorial service will be held at 4 PM this Sunday, February 26 at the River City Living Church, 202 Holland Street in San Antonio. All of Tandi's friends and fans are invited to attend.

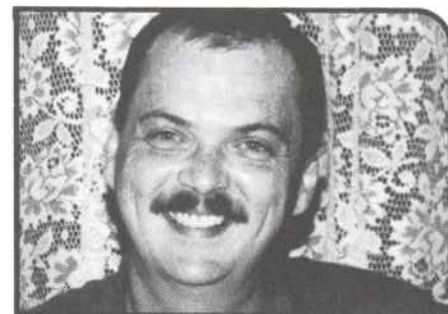
OBITUARIES



Erick Franklin Knapp [above]

Erick Franklin Knapp, age 43, passed away Jan. 12, 1995 in Lewisville. He was born Feb. 11, 1951 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was a graduate of Galena Park High School in 1969 in Galena Park, Texas and a graduate of North Texas University in 1976. He taught science at Milliken Middle School in Lewisville for three years and Calhoun Middle School in Denton for 11 years. Erick was also a board member of AIDS Services of Denton County.

He is survived by his lover, Michael Moman of Lewisville; sister, Karen Holiman of Pasadena, Texas; brothers, Cecil Hinkie and Mark Hinkie, both of Pasadena, and Paul Hinkie, Sr. of Galena Park, Texas; several nieces and nephews; and extended family Frank Bishop, Candyce and Dorothy.



William Lee Piercefield [above]

Feb. 18, 1954 - Feb. 2, 1995
William (Bill) Piercefield passed away on Thursday, Feb. 2 after a courageous struggle against AIDS. He died at home in his lover's arms surrounded by people and things he loved.

Bill moved to Houston from Michigan in 1981 and was a successful hairstylist. He was a sweet, gentle man with a kind, compassionate heart and a wonderful sense of humor. His life was truly filled with love and joy. His love for animals was legendary, especially his dogs Patty and Lucy. Bill found something good in everyone he met. He always maintained a positive outlook and concentrated on living each day to its fullest. His courage during his illness was a source of inspiration to all who knew him.

Bill is survived by his life partner of 13 years, Joe Anders of Houston, with whom he shared a deep and abiding love and commitment. His funeral was held Saturday, Feb. 4 at Heights Funeral Home, and he was buried in Mulliken, Michigan near his family. Friends wishing to celebrate Bill's life are asked to make donations to charities for AIDS research, education and assistance to PWAs.

My beloved Billy, I will always love you. Joe



David Craig Zacharevitz [above]

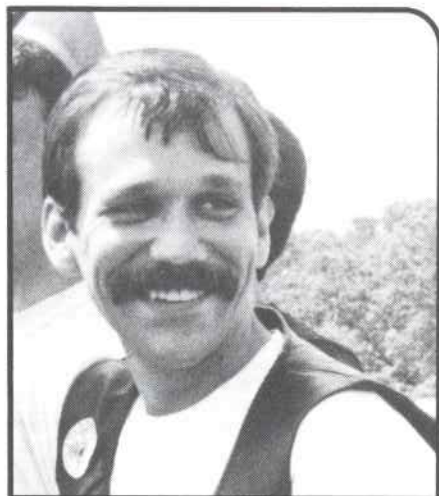
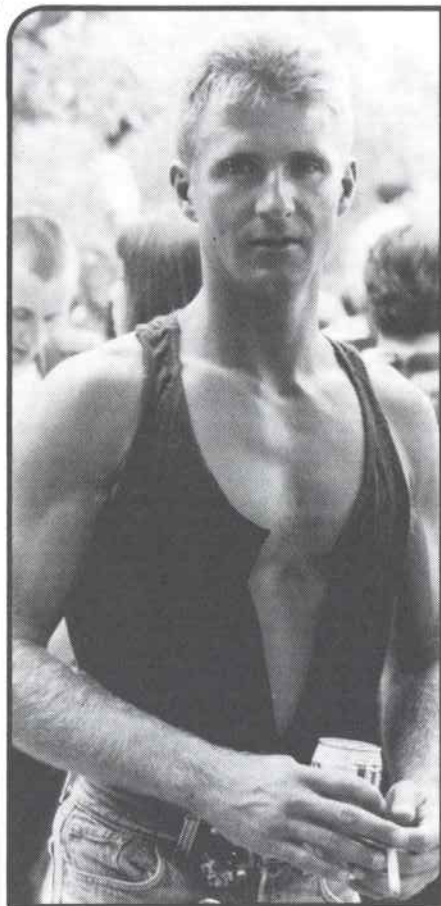
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David was yet another victim of the deadly virus. He was a bartender in the Oak Lawn area for many years. Many people knew David and loved him. He will truly be missed. He was truly a good person. There is no doubt he is now enjoying the rewards waiting for all good people when they leave this world. He had many dreams and ambitions, but not enough time to make them all come true. He was always a happy person and he wanted everyone to remember him with a smile.

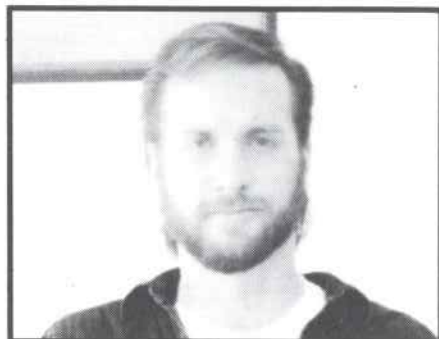
Daniel Campos, age 26, departed our mortal world on Sept. 21, 1994 at 6:24 a.m. with his mother Naomi, lover Peter and good friend Fran at his side. Daniel graduated from Del Rio High School and attended South West Texas Junior College in Uvalde before moving to San Antonio in 1987. Daniel worked at the San Antonio International Airport, where he met his partner in life, Peter Peterson. In 1991, after being diagnosed with AIDS, Daniel began his work as a case manager for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Daniel began his AIDS service at the San Antonio AIDS Foundation under the direction of Fran Mendez and Papa Bear Edwards before moving on to the BEAT AIDS Coalition, where he also was a case manager. Finally, last year he became the HOPWA case manager at the AIDS Resource Center, where he remained until July of 1994, at which time he resigned for health reasons.

Daniel is survived by his partner in life, Peter Peterson, San Antonio; mother, Naomi Campos Perez, Del Rio; brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Celestina Campos, Eagle Pass; grandmother, Antonia Campos, Mexico; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, cousins and one nephew, and special friends Hector Sanchez, Luis Vargas and Fran Mendez of San Antonio.

At Daniel's request, donations may be made to the Camden Clinic; Positive Medication Account; 515 Camden; San Antonio, TX 78215, or to the AIDS service agency of your choice.



In Loving Memory
Rick Kellogg [above]
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Scott Michael Stewart [above]
Nov. 17, 1964 - Jan. 10, 1995

Tom left us for a better life after a courageous battle with AIDS in Hayward, California. He is survived by his parents, Al and Dorothy Strom of Hayward, and many friends in Dallas and California. Tom resided in Dallas for several years prior to returning to the Bay area in 1992.

Tom, you were, and still are, a beacon of light and hope that draws us to you. You brought us all together as friends and ultimately as a family. You never had an unkind word for anyone. You were never too busy or inconvenienced to help someone in need. Your love of nature and animals was carried over into your selfless love for your friends. Whenever we see the sun or a star, we will think of you with your brilliant smile, your twinkling eyes and your generous heart. Sleep well, our friend, our brother, for we will all be together again at the dawn of each new day.

All our love, always,
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Donations made to the AIDS charity of your choice in Tom's name will be greatly appreciated.

Scott now walks with the angels. He just turned 30 years old. In 1988 Scott moved to Houston, where he worked as a carpenter, then an antique dealer with his partner Thom.

Scott is survived by his mother Bonnie Stewart and brother Sean Stewart of Buffalo, New York; father Jimmy Stewart of Naples, Florida; grandmother Virginia Gillingham of Marietta, Georgia; and grandfather Charles Gillingham of Rocky River, Ohio. He also leaves behind many friends.

We want to especially thank his wonderful doctor, Dr. Carlos Farinas, who took excellent care of Scott. You went above and beyond your call of duty as a doctor. Thank you!

There will be a memorial service this Sunday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. at MCCR, 1919 Decatur. Please make donations to the Montrose Counseling Center in Scott's name. (713)529-0037.

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