

An admitted killer walked free

Judge Terrence McDonald, who sits the bench in the 186th District Court in Bexar County, sentenced Nicolo Giangrasso to 10 years deferred adjudication for the bludgeoning death of Charles Resendez. This hate crime murder occurred on New Year's Day, 1990, in a San Antonio motel room. Giangrasso, who at the time was a Private in the US Marine Corps, stomped and beat Resendez to death. Patricia Perez described her brother's

body as having "his face

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bashed in" and imprints of Giangrasso's sneakers still clearly "visible in Charlie's back." During the course of the initial investigation Giangrasso told authorities one story, during his trial in Judge McDonald's court he related two separate versions.

On September 11 a press conference was called at the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center.

Present at the conference was Patricia Perez, sister of Resendez, and Robert Resendez, his brother. Representatives for community organizations such as LULAC, MALDEF, SALGA, Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, and the Lesbian & Gay Media Watch Program were present to show their support and outrage at this gross miscarriage of justice. It was heartening to see that every television station, several radio stations and both

daily newspapers of San

Antonio were there for coverage. Many people feel that this outcry is on account of Resendez having been Gay. During the course of the conference the word Gay was used in describing Resendez but once, all other times he was simply described as a human being. Those present representing Gay and Lesbian groups were there not as Gays and Lesbians per se, but as concerned citizens of this state and city. Judge McDonald claimed in two

separate interviews (one radio, one television) that this issue was being raised solely to force others to accept homosexual behavior. During the airing of a second clip of his interview with KSAT-TV at 10 PM, a "toned down" version was broadcast, wherein he claimed that sentencing Giangrasso to prison would have accomplished nothing.

During an interview with Radio WOAI, District Attorney Steve Hilbig defended the judge, his office and the sentence with only two pat answers. "We were not aware of information that was available to the judge prior to sentencing," was one of Hilbig's answers to many questions, the other, "we could not have successfully convinced a jury beyond a shadow of a doubt that this wasn't a crime of passion." There are at least two flaws with these answers, the obvious flaw, it was not a jury trial, the second, the prosecution was grossly mishandled. Both the Bexar County District Attorney's office and the 186th District Court were accomplices to a hate crime.

Bexar County HIV/AIDS Consortium

MICHAEL HOPPER

There is an enormous volume of words being written and spoken concerning this entity. To be fair to all sides, it appears at first glance that there are valid points both pro and con. The simplest way to understand exactly what the Consortium is and how it came about is to examine its newly

adopted by-laws and look at the Federal legislation which created consortia.

A consortium has been or is being established in every major community from Coast to Coast. The reason behind this is the much talked about

Ryan White money. When these new Federal Grant monies were allocated by Congress a string was attached. Congress legislated that in order to receive Ryan White money there will be cooperation and equity in the distribution of those funds, based upon a community's collective needs and individual groups' specific needs. In other words the pie is given whole by the government and must be sliced by the community.

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Software Company Covers Gay Lovers

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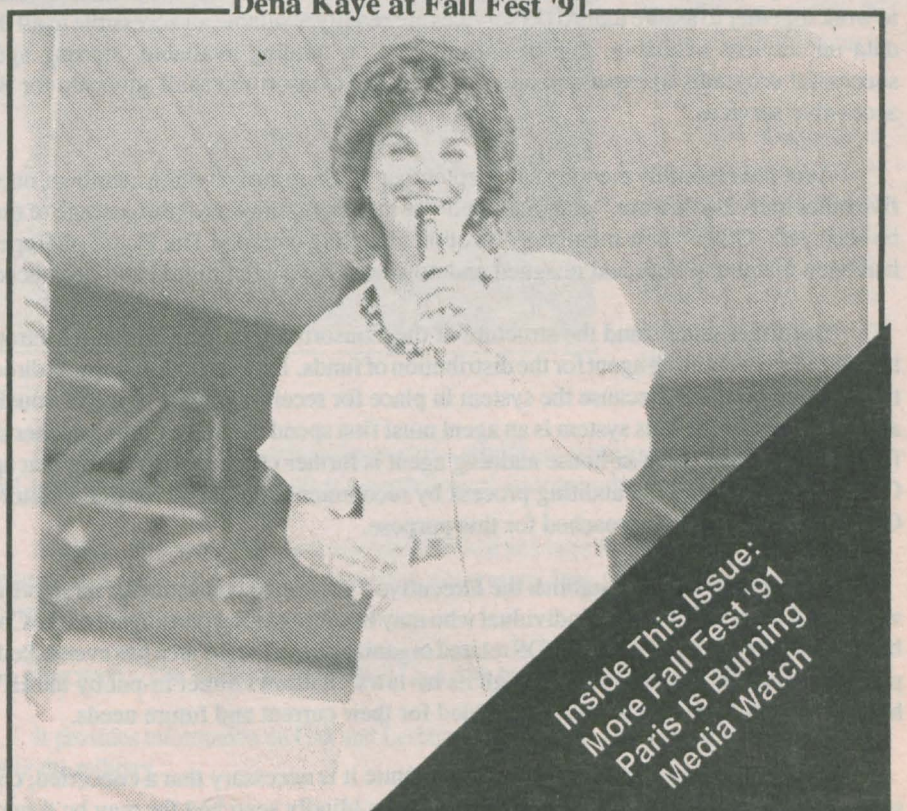
Lotus Development Corporation, a large computer-software company based in Cambridge, Mass., has become one of the first major American corporation to extend all spouse-related benefits to Gay/Lesbian employees and their lovers. Gay and Lesbian couples are required to sign a legal contract swearing they live together and have a long-term commitment.

"We'll offer the same level of benefits that we're offering to our heterosexual married employees," said Lotus Vice President Russ Campanello. "We fundamentally believe it's the fair and equitable thing to do."

Unmarried heterosexual couples are not included in the new policy, since they have the option of getting married, the company said. Until homosexuals are granted the right to marry, they are entitled to special treatment, Campanello explained.

A spokeswoman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said heterosexuals should have been included in the policy, which she otherwise praised. Lotus estimates that 10 percent of its 3,100 employees are Gay.

Dena Kaye at Fall Fest '91



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SOAPBOX

READER'S COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS

Dear Soapbox,

My heart goes out to the Resendez family. To lose a family member is heart breaking enough but, the circumstances in which Charles died, is even worse.

It is more than disturbing to see how the District Attorney's office handled this case. D.A. Hilbig stated that it would have been too difficult to convince a jury that it was not "a crime of passion." It's too bad he didn't even give it a try. I don't think it would have been easy but, not as impossible as he claims. He didn't even make an honest attempt...I certainly have reason to doubt.

On sentencing, Judge McDonald explained his lenient sentence by saying "It was his (Giangrasso) first offense and putting him in prison wouldn't have done any good...he couldn't bring Resendez back." That is what is known as a cop-out. If the reasons he gave ever factored into sentencing, we wouldn't have the over crowding problem in our prisons.

There are women serving prison sentences for killing their husbands, after years of abuse and living in fear. Do these cases fall under the category of unjustifiable causes for murder? Does that mean that if you "think" you may have been raped, and you murder someone it's justifiable? I am confused.

The scales of justice seem to be extremely unbalanced. This case is full of unanswered questions, and thanks to the D.A.'s unwillingness to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law, they may never be answered.

Q. If Giangrasso was so drunk (and under aged) that he doesn't remember anything, is it not possible that he was the one who used the condom?

Q. What did the autopsy performed on Resendez, show? Had he engaged in sex that evening? What happened and why? Was it a case of rape or shame?

I wonder how the District Attorney's office would have handled the case, if Giangrasso had awoken in the bed with a prostitute? What if the person had been a city council member, the district attorney or maybe even a district judge? Would the case have been swept under the rug in any of those situations?

I urge everyone to register to vote and to take it a step further...actually vote! I am going to do everything in my power to see to it that Judge McDonald and District Attorney Hilbig do not receive anymore of my tax dollars.

In closing I say, Nicolo Giangrasso played judge, jury and executioner, he was aided and abetted by Judge McDonald and District Attorney Hilbig. So, add one more point to the good ol' boys score...or do fags count five?

Sincerely

Conni Brenner

Dear OISA:

District Attorney Steve Hilbig, Judge Terry McDonald and Defense Attorney Eddie Garcia certainly must be slapping each other on the back over their tongue-in-cheek punishment of the marine who murdered because of gay advances. (proof not necessary)

Marine Nicolo received probation for his murder of Charles Resendez. Charles is dead and Nicolo says he was so drunk he doesn't remember anything that happened that night. He does know that the next morning he awoke to find himself and Charles in bed together and a used condom on the floor. Then Nicolo bludgeoned Charles to death in his sleep.

The gay community will find it interesting to know that strangers from out of state can murder native Texan's call us queer and get a wink of disapproval from the court system. (Good-Ol-Boy justice rides again)

Does this probation include regular interaction with the gay community? If the marine is scared of homosexuals, maybe we should try to find out why.

Gene Elder

Consortium : Continued from Front Page

To quote the Bexar County HIV/AIDS Consortium's by-laws as per the statement of purpose: "The Consortium shall be a community forum for coordinating and improving HIV/AIDS prevention and care in the San Antonio - Bexar County and surrounding areas. The purpose of the Consortium shall be to provide a network for the AIDS related agencies and/or organizations in the county to work together to assure that AIDS services are readily available an accessible to all those who need them, and that through compiling data on services available, sharing information on funding available, alerting agencies to all available resources, encouraging successful programs to expand in areas of need, the Consortium shall advocate for Bexar County to provide effective, efficient and accessible services."

As of their monthly meeting held September 11, there are 35 voting members, one of those an individual. Also during that meeting five other individuals were "grandfathered" as members, since as of the passage of the new by-laws no new individual members shall be accepted. Other "new members" as of that meeting included The House of Hope and The San Antonio AIDS Foundation. Both had been members, both had resigned and now both have resubmitted and been accepted into membership.

To further understand the structure of the Consortium, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) as a member is charged as an auditing agent for the distribution of funds. Dr. Fernando Guerra as director of the SAMHD is responsible for overseeing the auditing process. Because the system in place for receiving funds is one of vouchers, it is necessary to have a financially strong agency responsible. This system is an agent must first spend the money then voucher the Consortium, which in turn vouchers the state for reimbursement. The in-house auditing agent is further charged with seeing that appropriated monies are spent as budgeted. The Consortium extended the auditing process by recommending that an outside auditor be brought in and the Alamo Area Council of Governments is to be approached for this purpose.

The by-laws further establish the Executive Committee consisting of three officers and "four at large members at least two of whom will be an HIV positive individual who may be a non-voting participant of the Consortium." This is a very positive step forward, because to date, no known HIV/AIDS related organization in the SA area has even asked an HIV positive individual to sit in an executive position, let alone mandate this through its by-laws. It allows direct in-put by the HIV+ members of the community in determining how money and services are to be provided for their current and future needs.

In order to successfully combat the epidemic it is necessary that a concerted, cooperative effort be mounted. Through entities such as the Consortium the answer which all have blindly searched for may be found. The old adage, united we stand, divided we fall; aptly applies.

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International

BRAZIL: Soccer hero Pele will appear in a Ministry of Health-sponsored TV ad campaign to promote safe sex and discourage discrimination against HIV-positives, according to London's *Gay Times*.

CANADA: The Ottawa-based "Doc and Raider" comic strip, which runs in twenty Gay newspapers, has been acquired by the National Archives of Canada. "This is part of the archives' drive to bring different political and social sensibilities to the collection," said curator Susan North. The strip chronicles the lives of two happily married Gay men and has tackled topics ranging from shopping to domestic violence. Cartoonist Sean Martin works full time as a designer for an Ottawa advertising firm. (*Alberta Gay and Lesbian Press*)

COSTA RICA: A group of San José Gays and Lesbians erected a mural in the National Park June 27th. According to the Gay newspaper *Confidential*, it was composed of objects that represent, "Lesbians and Homosexuals who cannot come out of the closet...and are each day more invisibilized by the system." The main inscription read: "Homosexuals and Lesbians. We Demand Respect. Our International Day."

DENMARK: A new survey by the University of Copenhagen found that 84% of Danish Gay men are out to their families. Most of the respondents knew they were Gay by age 15 and came out by age 21. Half of Danish Gay men live alone while 30% live with a lover, the survey found. Researchers were surprised that 12% of the men had children. More than half of the respondents never go to Gay bars and discotheques. Twenty-five percent had been to a Gay meeting of event in the past year, while 37% had been to a bathhouse or "porno club".

ENGLAND: The Whores of Babylon, a sub-group of the direct-action group OutRage, staged an exorcism of the "demon of homophobia" from Lambeth Palace, the Archbishop of Canterbury's London residence. "We're here to cure a state institution that's possessed by a vicious, malignant, horrifying demon: homophobia," said the group's 'priest.' "In the name of unconditional love the church has beaten, tortured, imprisoned and damned us, burned us at the stake, and silently supported queer-bashers and the murderers of Gay men." Passers-by shouted "Hallelujah" and flung their arms in the air, said *Capital Gay*.

GERMANY: Rita Suessmuth, president of the Bundestag, the German Parliament, recently said Gay and Lesbian couples should have access to "fiscal advantages and assistance" in the case of a partners death. (*Gei Peid*)

ICELAND: If you speak Icelandic and groove on the Gay press, Iceland is back on the map. The national Gay group Samtökin 78 is publishing *Sjómál* (*View*) six times yearly. Write Pósthólf 1262, IS-121 Reykjavík, Iceland.

INDIA: Urban yuppies are coming out of the closet, gathering at bars, cruising at train stations, and holding hands at public parks, according to *The New York Times*.

"This explosion of open Gay behavior is startling" to Indian society, the *Times* believes. But Sultan Khan, a writer for *Bombay Dost*, India's first Gay magazine, disagreed.

"I don't think a homophobic culture exists in India," Khan said. "We've never had the type of physical barbarism and cruelty you had in Europe, so I don't see why we can't have a Gay culture...People are recognizing it's OK to be single."

Bombay Dost hopes to advance the process by changing the word "khush," which means "happy," into the equivalent of "Gay."

MÉXICO: México City police closed the bar/cultural center Bugambilia in August citing "noise pollution" statutes. The bar had been shut down from last November to this February as well, and only reopened after owners paid a hefty city "fine". Patrons protested the new closure, tacking a sign to the door that said, "We... repudiate the unjustified closure of our best cultural and entertainment center. In spite of pseudomoralistic opinions, we support our forum. Then

México's best-known Gay actor, Tito Vasconcelos, went public in the daily newspaper *La Jornada*. "This is... intolerable proof of the hostility that the authorities exercise against the Gay community," he said. "We will struggle to the bitter end for our space." On August 16th Bugambilia supporters delivered a petition to police containing signatures of 600 artists, intellectuals and club patrons. But police have not backed down. For fax numbers of Mexican officials, phone the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Committee (415) 647-0453.

NETHERLANDS: Gay Pride, which bounces around the country each year, was held in beautiful downtown Alkmaar this year. The celebration was dedicated to the emerging gay/lesbian movements of Eastern Europe, which were represented by 40 official visitors. About 15,000 homosexuals marched through the town center. Justice Minister Aud Kosto spoke at the rally and announced that gays from countries that severely punish homosexuality can qualify for political-refugee status in Holland.

New Zealand: A coalition of Gay groups in Auckland publicly disassociated themselves from the Aotearoa (New Zealand) Man/Boy Love Association, following mainstream media interest the

organization.

In a press release, the groups said pedophiles should not claim to be a legitimate part of the Gay Community because pedophilia is a psychological disorder rather than a sexual orientation.

AMBLA responded that it merely supports men and boys involved in romantic relationships and "in no way...condones, supports or encourages any form of abuse by one person against another."

Norway: "The Military's Little Pink" is a new brochure presented to all new recruits.

It provides information on Gay and Lesbian organizations as well as supportive contacts within the military.

"Homosexuals comprise a large minority in the military and many of the need to know who they can turn to if they want to talk," noted brochure authors Nicolai Geelmuyden and Svein-Ove Kirkhorn. (*Blikk*)



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MEDIA

The following is the prepared statement presented at the September 11 press conference concerning the murder of Charles P. Resendez and the subsequent deferred adjudication sentence handed his killer, Nicolo Giangrasso, by 186th District Court Judge Terrence McDonald.

DENNIS POPLIN

an indifferent attitude towards the value of a Gay and Hispanic life. We believe that if the killer were a brown man or a black man instead of white, he would be in jail. Hilbig and McDonald have sent a message that it is no crime to kill Gay men. We believe that there is no justice in San Antonio for Lesbians, Gay men, and people of color while Steve Hilbig is District Attorney.

Anti-Lesbian and anti-Gay bigotry is the last form of discrimination deemed acceptable by our society. Charlie Resendez is described by his family and friends as a timid, overweight, 37 year old man who worked as a substitute teacher; District Attorney Hilbig and Judge McDonald describe him, without any evidence, as a man who drugged and sexually assaulted an 18 year old Marine just out of boot camp. Why are these straight white men blaming a Gay Hispanic victim for his own death? Why do they insist this is a crime of passion? We know that it is a crime motivated by the hatred of Gay men. We believe that the non-existent prosecution and the irresponsible sentencing of Private Giangrasso is a hate crime perpetrated by the Criminal Justice system against all Lesbians, Gay men, and people of color.

San Antonio Lesbian & Gay Media Project: We are here this morning to discuss the brutal murder of a Gay Hispanic man and the lenient sentencing of his killer. We believe that the sentence of 10 years deferred adjudication given to Marine Private Nicolo Giangrasso for the beating death of Charles Perez Resendez is judicial Gay bashing motivated by both homophobic and racial bias on the part of District Attorney Steve Hilbig and Judge Terry McDonald.

District Attorney Steve Hilbig was elected on the campaign promise to get tough on crime, and yet, the murderer of Charles Resendez has gone back to New Jersey to work in the family business.

Why is someone who beat and stomped a man to death and then robbed him walking the streets? And why did a judge agree to set the murderer free? There is something wrong with this case. We believe that evidence may have been both ignored and suppressed by the District Attorney's office. We believe that the judge has a callous

Being Lesbian or Gay in America is to be an outsider. Being a Lesbian or Gay man of Color is to be placed on the furthest edge of acceptable and visible society. Lesbians and Gay men are exposed daily to contempt, ridicule and abuse. Lesbians and Gay men often are treated as sub-human. Many choose to hide behind the facade of being straight rather than face the reality of anti-Lesbian and anti-Gay discrimination. We believe that such self-hatred often leads to violence and that this may be the reality of this case.

Why were the contradictory statements of the murderer and his friends accepted as the only truth? Why was the Resendez family never asked to make a statement? Why were the murdered man's friends never questioned? Why was the D.A.'s office and Judge McDonald willing to believe an absurd story told by a killer - a story that has no physical evidence to support it? Why are the D.A. and Judge McDonald making excuses for the murderer to justify his crime? The answer is clear.

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Mr. Hilbig and Judge McDonald must be held accountable by voters for the homophobic and racist handling of this case. Lesbians and Gay men are no longer willing to be the silent victims of violence, abuse and discrimination.

Queer-bashing can be on a personal or on an institutional level. It can happen in a motel room or in a court room. It can happen in a newspaper or at a newsstand. District Attorney Hilbig and District Judge McDonald assumed that no one would care about a dead Queer. They were wrong. This morning the Lesbian and Gay Media Project states that an attack upon one of us is now

an attack upon all of us, and we are determined to see that these attacks are stopped.

Mainstream Media Coverage

ROB WHITEHEAD

Overall, the San Antonio media widely covered the miscarriage of justice surrounding the good ol' boy conspiracy between District Attorney Steve Hilbig and Judge Terry McDonald to free a gay-bashing U.S. Marine who admitted killing a local school teacher.

The Marine is back in New Jersey, working in the family business, while the San Antonio family of Charles Perez Resendez, 37, tries to figure out why these local "law enforcement" officials let the killer free. The reason, which becomes obvious after reading media reports, was because Resendez was Gay and Hispanic.

But this overall good media rating is due primarily to the San Antonio Light which kept the scandal on its front pages and, later, on its editorial page, while the Gay and

Lesbian Community organized a follow-up press conference.

As usual, the heterosexist San Antonio Express-News covered no more than was absolutely necessary to cling to its feeble claim of being a city-wide newspaper.

And this was only because of the relentless coverage of its chief competitor, the San Antonio Light. While the Light was running front page articles about the injustice, the Express-News ran a four-paragraph story buried "Metro Briefs." While the Light was running front page stories and the local radio and television news were displaying the press conference prominently, the Express-News grudgingly ran a marginally comprehensible story by a James Coburn on page 13A.

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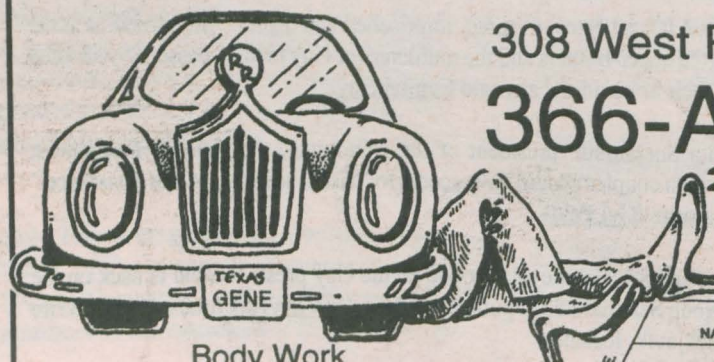
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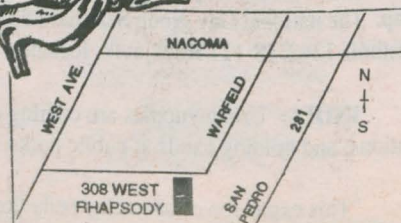
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Patricia Perez stated during the conference that her brother was a timid person, also that in all three versions of the murder told by Giangrosso, "the only consistency was that he beat Charlie to death." The family refuted the statements in the press that they had agreed to the reduced charge of manslaughter.

Robert Resendez said, "We were told a few days after the murder the charge was capital murder. Thirty days later we were told the charge had been reduced from capital murder to murder to manslaughter." He claims there was no further communication originating from the D.A.'s office after that call. Both Perez and Resendez stated that the family was not informed that the defense attorney and the judge had been partners in a law firm. On this point McDonald should have disqualified himself. McDonald stated in an interview that if he had been asked to step down from the case he would have. A man of ethics would not have had to have been asked. A closer scrutiny of Judge McDonald's sentencing practices is currently being made by the Lesbian and Gay Media Watch Project. On September 3, McDonald sentenced Domingo Martinez to 40 years with a mandatory 10 years before eligible for parole, in the killing of George Waters. Point for contemplation: An Hispanic is sentenced to 40 years for murdering an Anglo; a young white male is freed for murdering an Hispanic. By

the term freed, Giangrosso's sentence means he is now home in New Jersey working in his family's business and in ten years his slate will be wiped clean. Robert Resendez said it best, "his family got him back, what do we have?"

Another aspect to be concerned about: The US Marine Corps simply discharged Giangrosso. At this time the circumstances surrounding the contents of the discharge are unknown. It is a reasonable assumption that the discharge reads; other than honorable for the good of the service. Giangrosso could have received a Court Marshall for killing a civilian, but it does not appear to be the case.

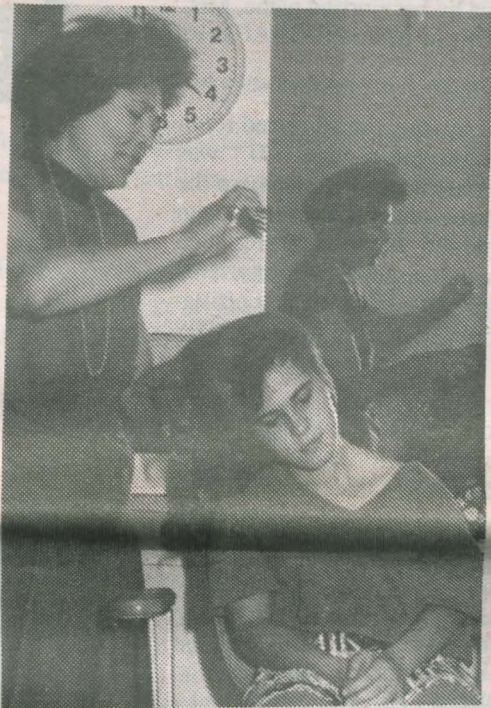
Martha Fitzwater accompanied the family not as their attorney of record, but as a representative from Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund. She plainly pointed out that up to this point the family had not been given an opportunity to make a decision and that the family was in the process of discussing several options.

As a Community we have several options; we can sit back and do nothing or we can act. Action can include letters and phone calls to Judge McDonald's office protesting his actions; letters and phone calls to the District Attorney's office protesting the negligence in prosecuting this case; contacting the State Attorney's General office

demanding an investigation of the handling of this case; letters to The Secretary of State demanding a recall election of both Judge McDonald and District Attorney Hilbig. These are but a few of our Community's options. The final, end-all option is to make sure that Hilbig and McDonald are never again elected to a Texas public post. While persons such as Hilbig and McDonald are charged with protecting our rights no one who is of a minority is safe. They themselves have proven this beyond a reasonable doubt.

"Mr. Hilbig and his associates imposed their own heterosexist views and decided that an assumed gay male was not worth justice and that he was an Hispanic gay male factored the further judgement that he was not worth a jury of citizens. In reviewing the facts surrounding this case and how it was handled, it truly does shock the conscience," according to the written statement supplied by SALGA.

In San Antonio you can telephone Judge Terrence McDonald at 220-2505, the District Attorney's office can be reached at 220-2311. The toll-free number for the Texas Attorney General is 1-800-252-8011. Letters to the Texas Secretary of State can be directed to The State Capital Building, Austin, TX 78701.



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Controversy seems to be a way of life in San Antonio, and the Community generally winds up right in the middle of any that is note worthy. The city has many factions all vying for attention, so many in fact that none ever really end up in the winner's circle. The losers are the HIV/AIDS citizenry of the community.

The key members of the ongoing battle are The San Antonio AIDS Foundation, The Metropolitan Health District, The Bexar County HIV/AIDS Consortium, H.A.C.E.R., A.R.C., and a new player The PWA Funding Watch Committee and a host of other assorted organizations and individuals who have accepted the responsibility of caring for those among us who are no longer in a position to care wholly for themselves due to the pandemic.

First let us look at the basis for this controversy, money. The federal government is offering money to agencies, organizations and individuals who provide direct care to persons stricken with HIV and those who have progressed to the point of being diagnosed with full-blown AIDS. The amount targeted for San Antonio/Bexar County is between \$567,000 and \$577,000, depending upon who you ask. This money is known as the Ryan White II grant. Within the structure of the legislation creating this federal grant program, it is stated that all monies shall be dispersed through a consortium of agencies and that a sole grant application shall be entertained from each community. In the event that more than one grant application is submitted from a community, then neither shall be entertained. The federal government is mandating cooperation within all communities which are actively battling the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

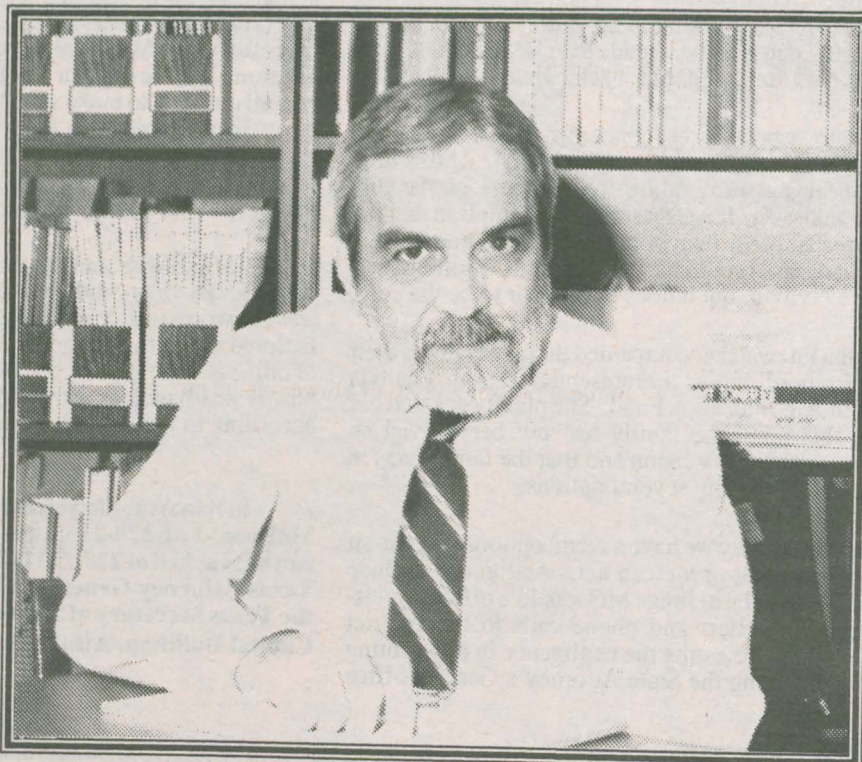
Two "News Releases" have been received at this paper from the PWA Funding Watch Committee. The first, dated July 16, originating from SAAF, alleges that H.A.C.E.R. is mismanaging and wasting valuable funds made available through Ryan White II. It further alleges that these monies are being used to "create additional layers of bureaucratic jobs thereby eliminating direct payments to PWA's." To date there have been no dispersals of any Ryan White II monies. The first of these monies will come down in early October.

The second "News Release", dated August 13, also originating from SAAF, concerns allegations reflecting upon Dr. Fernando Guerra's ability to oversee the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, it further alleges that "over \$180,000 (29%) will be diverted to overhead items such as travel, magazine subscriptions, office furniture, and additional fringe benefits." These are serious allegations. Mention is also made of the petition for the removal from his post which was presented to the San Antonio City Council on July 25. Questions have been raised concerning the validity of some of those signatures on the petition. In one instance, signatures were acquired from Mrs. Ella Mae Willis and a friend of hers, both of whom were representing PFLAG at the Pride Picnic. These two women were told that the petition was to remove Dr. Guerra because "he was personally out to destroy SAAF House." One other person, who wishes to remain anonymous, stated that his name is on the petition; that he never signed it and that the only thing he has ever signed concerning the Foundation was the guest registry during the open house for the new location on East Grayson. It is plain that no one is opposed to nor discredits the work done by the Foundation; however, it is clear that there are citizens within our community who feel Robert (Papa Bear) Edwards is no longer the proper person to act as its executive director.

In our efforts to be unbiased and factual we have tried to make contact with all parties. The "News Releases" list as contact for the PWA Funding Watch Committee, David Nelson (SAAF House resident), the committee's address is listed as both 1919 and 1922 Goliad Road. The Law office of Barker & Barker is located at 1922 Goliad and there is no such address as 1919 Goliad. The receptionist at Barker & Barker said, "Brooks Barker is the only one in the office who knows anything about that (PWA Funding Watch Committee) and he is unavailable for an indeterminate amount of time."

When David Nelson was contacted by telephone to answer our questions concerning the committee that he is named as the contact person, his response was, "I don't know anything about it. You have to talk to Papa Bear (Edwards) about it." A little later in the conversation Nelson said, "I just put my name on it (the news release) for Papa Bear. Again you have to talk to Papa Bear about them (the committee and the news release)."

In a telephone interview with Robert Edwards at SAAF, he denied any connection with the PWA Funding Watch Committee. He said, "that's David's project, I have nothing to do with it." He further denied any knowledge of the contents of the "news releases", however when the address at 1919 Goliad Road was told to him he quickly responded that that address was incorrect and the correct address was 1922. When informed that this



Dr. Fernando Guerra, Director SAMHD

Connie Little and Stanley Patton. The committee is listed with the Secretary of State in Austin. Connie Little is also known by her married name, Mrs. Robert Edwards, and Stanley Patton has been on the payroll of SAAF as its accountant.

When asked about the alleged fraud of misspent/misdirected Ryan White II monies, Edwards only stated that the figure of \$180,000 "was public record as reported on the TV." He could not say from where the figure originally obtained. This reporter believes Edwards was referring to the televised City Council Meeting where Little and Sharen Rupp presented the petition. Little's comments were also televised as she answered Councilwoman Helen Dutmer's direct question about having any affiliation with SAAF. Little denied any connection with the San Antonio AIDS Foundation.

Dr. Fernando Guerra was contacted concerning the allegations. He refuted the claim that \$180,000 had been set aside for use as alleged, he said, "the city has budgeted between \$30,000 and \$31,000 for administration." He further stated that the Metropolitan Health District would have no direct contact with the Ryan White II money, that the only responsibility the district would have would be that of auditing the funds made available to the various agencies of the Bexar County HIV/AIDS Consortium. Ryan White II money is legislated for direct care services and not for overhead nor administrative costs and auditing will assure this. Guerra also said that the San Antonio AIDS Foundation as well as Robert Edwards have been invited repeatedly to rejoin the Consortium, but that Edwards has refused and has walked out of its meetings. As of September 11, Edwards has permitted the Foundation to rejoin the Consortium as a voting member.

When the subject of Dr. Guerra's qualifications was brought up with concern to heading the SAMHD, he replied, "I have my Masters in Public Health from Harvard and I interned at San Francisco General. I also helped to establish the free-clinic in San Antonio's barrio, and worked with the first free-clinic established in San Francisco."

The PWA Funding Watch Committee's "News Release" alluded in print that Guerra is homophobic; Edwards said in his interview, "trust me, I know, Dr. Guerra is homophobic. Because I'm not Homosexual, heterosexuals tend to be more open about this sort of thing with me." On that point, it has to be assumed these allegations are unfounded. Dr. Guerra's wife has been employed in the fashion industry for many years and Guerra has been seen attending Gay functions such as the displaying of the Quilt in SA and the Heartstrings Concert last year, in fact, Mrs. Guerra is now on the Heartstrings Committee. Guerra has on staff at SAMHD an openly Gay physician, too. Interning at San Francisco General would also have brought him into immense contact with the Gay Community there. Lastly, after having spent over an hour in his office interviewing him, I sensed no homophobic tendencies in him, and I feel after having lived openly Gay for over 25 years that I have a better feeling about who is and who is not homophobic.

During the investigation for this story contact was made with the Centers for Disease Control's National AIDS Awareness Hot Line. According to CDC information, San Antonio has over 40 agencies, organizations and individuals listed as dealing with HIV/AIDS. It has the third largest AIDS Hospice in the nation; however, over 38% of all calls monitored on the Hot Line requesting information, direction and help originate from the San Antonio Metropolitan area. Dr. Guerra said he was aware of approximately 27 of these provider services.

No one disputes the marvelous job that the Foundation has done for the community in the past, nor does anyone want to discredit its continuing benefit. So much controversy and bickering, however, is causing persons in desperate need of services to seek information from elsewhere. This is an horrendous situation. When there are so many sources of care for the HIV/AIDS citizenry of Bexar County, yet so many find it necessary to contact the CDC in Atlanta, Georgia in order to find appropriate, non-controversial assistance; What's going on?

reporter had spoken with David Nelson, and that Nelson said he "was just putting his name on it for Papa Bear." Edwards' reply was, "I'm sorry he said that, but you have to understand that David has not been having a good day lately."

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AIDS Activists Inflate Giant Condom On Jesse Helm's House

By Rex Wockner

AIDS activists inflated a giant "reservoir-tipped condom" over U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms' house Sept. 5 in Arlington, Va., a suburb of Washington, D.C.

Helms, a North Carolina Republican, is Congress' most outspoken opponent of safe-sex education, AIDS funding and gay liberation.

"We need protection against Helms' bigotry and ignorance," said James Serafini, one of the seven activists who carried out the stunt. "Condoms have worked pretty well in protecting against HIV, so we decided to try one on the senator."

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and ignorance."

Added activist Peter Staley, "Jesse Helms is willfully propagating this epidemic and he must be stopped."

Helms' office had no comment on the condom. There were no arrests.

The ACT UP activists--who said they have formed a new direct-action group called Treatment Action Guerrillas--transported the large prophylactic to Arlington in a U-Haul trailer.

They had conducted surveillance on Helms' home for over a month and determined that no one would be at home during the action. They learned where Helms lived by examining public mortgage records.

Upon arrival, TAG members set up a portable generator, climbed to the roof with the condom and a cold-air blower on the ground (to inflate the bottom rim of the condom), and initiated the action.

The inflated rubber extended 15 feet in the air and covered most of Helms' roof. In the front yard, the bottom part of the condom draped down to the ground--obscuring the house's facade. The device was made of "parachute material," the activists said.

Large printing on the section that covered the front of the house read: "A condom to stop unsafe politics. Helms is deadlier than a virus."

17 Years of Stalling

Amnesty International to Adopt Gays

Rex Wockner

Following 17 years of campaigning by Gay/Lesbian activists, Amnesty International reached consensus Sept. 7 in favor of adopting jailed Gays and Lesbians as "prisoners of conscience."

At the end of its annual International Council Meeting, held this year in Yokohama, Japan, Amnesty embraced the most far-reaching proposal that had been presented on Gay issues. The group will consider for adoption both Gays and Lesbians jailed for their sexual identity and those imprisoned for violation of sodomy laws.

Gay activists worldwide hailed the move, which had been first suggested in 1974 by Danish Amnesty members but was consistently blocked by Third World Amnesty sections, which feared their societies were not ready to support the human rights of homosexuals.

In deference to those sections, the final version of Amnesty Resolution 563 included the phrase, "realizing fully that this decision increases the difficulty of the development of our movement in many parts of the world."

The proposal to begin adopting Gays, including those jailed for consensual sex acts, was carried to Yokohama by Amnesty International USA.

"Our whole delegation ended up hugging and crying," said Amnesty USA executive director John Healey. "It was a very historical moment. It's everything we fought for, for 17 years. It is fitting that in its 30th year, Amnesty International has recognized the need to grow and expand, to live up to its highest ideals."

AIUSA board chair Carole Nagengast added: "We are delighted that the movement, after years of debate...has reached consensus. The AIUSA delegation was carrying a mandate from our membership...on the issue of Gay rights and we are very satisfied with the outcome."

Amnesty previously adopted homosexuals only when their arrests resulted from speaking out for Gay rights (i.e. when it was a free-speech issue) or when they were subjected to prison "treatment" designed to make them heterosexual. Gays and Lesbians arrested simply for being Gay, those nabbed for belonging to Gay organizations, rounded up in bar raids, or jailed for violating laws against Gay sex, among others, did not qualify.

"Amnesty's move is absolutely wonderful news," said Lisa Power, co-secretary general of the International Lesbian and Gay Association, speaking by telephone from London. "So many years of hard work by so many people all over the world have finally paid off. ILGA has been running this campaign for the whole of our existence in over 40 countries. It was one of our founding concerns. We are delighted. Of course it means a lot more for us--working alongside Amnesty to insure that Gay prisoners are identified, targeted and supported."

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Growing What Comes Naturally

Xeriscape - Part 6 - Maintenance

Scott Stover

Perhaps the most important aspect of xeriscape landscapes, in fact of all landscapes, is maintenance. Too many times excellent gardens and designs have been ruined because of poor maintenance, which most of the times is a result of over-maintenance. A lot of the blame should be put on the landscape maintenance companies which overprune, overtrim and overdo everything. But blame also rests on the property owner who should be more self-educated about proper techniques, and how things should be done.

Xeriscape landscapes require maintenance, but they require less than an ordinary landscape. To learn proper maintenance and to follow it is important because a properly maintained landscape is healthier, and hardier. (They are better able to withstand drought, freezes, pests and disease attacks.) The following is a discussion of maintenance practices and what you should be doing.

1. Pruning - The majority of landscapes are overpruned. People who are bored I suppose take it out on their trees and shrubs by whacking, butchering, and chopping till there is nothing left. This is all a waste of time, time that would be better spent reading materials that would educate on proper pruning techniques. If you have a good design and proper plants are chosen. Then your required pruning will be at a minimal. As a rule, you should check woody trees and shrubs for pruning once per year. If there is dead, dying, diseased, or damaged wood, prune as needed any time of the year. If you must prune for appearance or to thin out, prune in late winter (January or February) while the plants are still dormant, but before new spring growth appears.

If you are in doubt about how, what, or when to prune consult a licensed arborist, a nurseryman, or call the Bexar

County Agricultural Extension Service for information. The Extension Service has free publications on pruning (and xeriscape).

2. Pest/Disease Control - The majority of plants used in xeriscape landscapes are native or adapted species. These plants are naturally pest and disease resistant. But if problems do occur use only organic controls because chemical applications not only destroy beneficial as well as harmful insects, they also cause damage to the environment. Take a sample of the sick plant to your local nurseryman. Make sure the cutting is fresh and large enough for him to examine. Also, if it is possible, collect samples of the insects causing the problem. Put all your samples in ziploc bags. A horticulturist will be able to tell you what it is and how to control it. *But insist on organic controls!* If they persist in selling you chemical treatments, find another nurseryman. Excellent sources of organic techniques can be found in Howard J. Garretts manual entitled *Organic Landscaping*, available at the Bookstop or at Gardenville on Loop 1604. Gardenville also sells a large amount of organic controls, from sprays, powders, and granules to traps, ladybugs, and praying mantises. (Yes, other voracious insects are probably the best organic control)

3. Fertilizer - Native plants do not need fertilizers as they are naturally adapted to local soil conditions. If you feel the need to fertilize, be careful not to overfertilize and use only organic fertilizers, as these will not harm beneficial soil organisms. Use of "traditional" chemical fertilizers wastes money, increases water and maintenance demands, and can harm the environment if the chemicals find their way into our water supply. For information and organic fertilizers contact or visit Gardenville and Howard J. Garretts manual.

4. Mulch - Mulch, as discussed in the last issue of OISA, is an important last step to new xeriscape planting. But it is also important to keep a good 3" - 4" layer on planting beds year round. Mulch reduces soil water loss by evaporation, reduces erosion and keeps soil temperatures moderate. It also keeps weeds under control. Use the native bark mulch

available at Gardenville for about \$14 per cubic yard, or from the city brush dump behind the airport for free. (Load your own)

5. Mowing - Mowing is the most time consuming maintenance task. Proper mowing heights can help lawns use less water. Grass that is cut too short stresses out and can die. Bermuda lawns should be kept between 1 1/2" - 2 1/2" high; Buffalo grass lawns should be kept between 3" - 4" high (or unmowed); Zoysia lawns should be kept around 2" high (or unmowed); and St. Augustine lawns should be kept between 2" - 3" high.

Starting with this issue of OISA and continuing in every other issue or so will be a checklist of maintenance tasks that need to be completed each month. For September and the first part of October, the following chores should be performed:

1) Fall is the best season of the year for planting new shrubs and trees. Most nurseries also have 50% - 75% off on prices so they can get rid of their remaining stock before winter.

2) If you wish to have a "green" lawn this winter, now is the time to seed annual Rye grass into your lawn. Rye grass lawns look lush and bright green all winter long, adding color to a possibly otherwise dull landscape. Deer also love it.

3) Keep lawns mowed at 2 1/2" height.

4) Keep winter weeds under control by hand weeding as soon as they appear.

5) Fertilize, if you choose, all shrub and ground cover planting with an organic fertilizer such as Fertilaid, available at Gardenville.

6) If you have roses, mulch around them with 4" - 6" of mulch. All other planting should be mulched with 2" - 3" of additional mulch. You can use leaves that fall from yours or your neighbors trees, as these make an excellent mulch.

7) Water only as necessary.

8) Seed wildflower seeds, such as Bluebonnets, now for spring blooms. King Seed Company here in town has seeds, including mixtures for a variety of blooms.

PFLAG Appoints New Development Director

Washington DC: Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) has chosen Louis R. Mendosa as its new Development Director. Mendosa was chosen after a nationwide search and comes to PFLAG with ten years of fund-raising experience.

Mendosa will work with the Executive Director and the Board of Directors of PFLAG to determine development goals and strategy to achieve the financial support required to enable PFLAG to meet its program goals. The Development Director will oversee all aspects of PFLAG's fund-raising efforts, including corporate and foundation solicitations, major gifts, direct mail, and special events.

As the parent of a Lesbian teenager, Mendosa sees his new position as a special opportunity for himself and his family. "I have spent the majority of my adult life developing my skills as a fund-raiser and have worked with many worthy non-profit groups," he said. "I never imagined that I would have the opportunity to work for a cause so valuable and an organization so dedicated as this great group of Parents and Friends."

Founded in 1981, the Federation of PFLAG is a tax-exempt, non-profit network of over 270 chapters, support groups, and helplines in the United States and eight other countries. The Federation's mission is to help families learn to understand, accept, and respect their Gay and Lesbian members; and to advocate for the civil and human rights of Gays and Lesbian members; and to advocate for the civil and human rights of Lesbians and Gay men.

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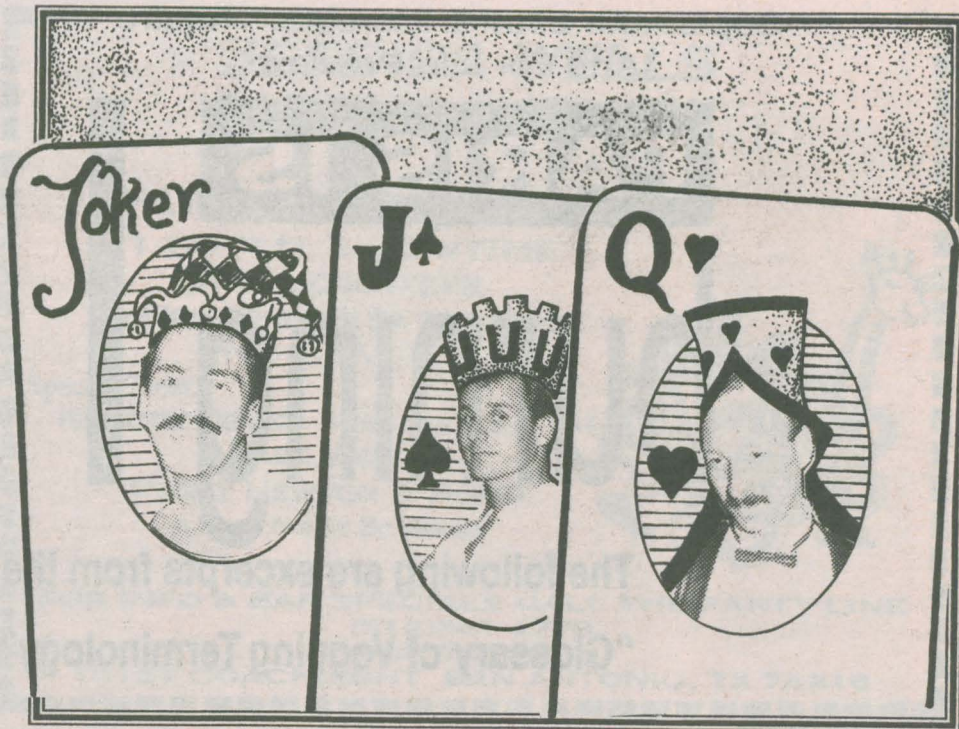
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In addition to quality concerns, environmental issues have played a major role in product selection and development. For example, stationery items are made of 100% recycled paper, and whenever possible, products will be shipped in "environmentally friendly" packing. The catalog itself is printed with vegetable based inks.

Shocking Gray Corp. plans to distribute the catalog nationally in time for the Christmas holidays, 1991, and expects catalog orders to be filled within two weeks of receipt. While the primary market will be gays and lesbians, Shocking Gray Corp. welcomes all consumers interested in purchasing high quality merchandise.

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More \$'s added to the growing pot

MICHAEL HOPPER

With a little help from the Community, Mike Patton, owner of the Hard Hat, has been able to donate, to the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, approximately \$700 from two successful Casino Nights. The last Casino Night was September 13.

The high rollers participated in high stakes, fun filled nights. The action was brisk from the crap table to the black jack table. The crowds fluctuated a little more during the second Casino Night, but both evenings were successful.

Mike is planning a third fund-raiser in the near future. So, if you have been bitten by the gambling and have not been winning at the Bingo hall down the street, then look for the Hard Hat's next Casino Night, to be announced, and drop in, because when you play the tables at a Casino Night, everyone comes away a winner. Especially our HIV/AIDS citizens. You win because you have had a great evening and helped people who can not always help themselves.

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September 26th Crossroads Theatre
Arts For Life Preview

PARIS IS burning

By Dan Castor

The following are excerpts from the
"Glossary of Voguing Terminology":

Ball - A type of fashion show originating in Harlem, where minority men and women compete for trophies in a variety of categories.

Butch Queen - A masculine Gay man; in Ball terminology, a man who competes in men's clothing.

Femme Queen - In Ball terminology, a man who competes in women's clothing. Often these men dress as women in their daily lives. Various surgical improvements are not uncommon.

House - An organization of Ball-walkers, a Gay street gang. Houses can be named after a designer, as in House Of Chanel; after a House founder or Mother, as in House of Labelja; or simply for impact, as in House of Ninja. Houses provide support for the ball-walkers in preparing for competition, and serve as surrogate families for younger members



Angela Jendell, from the House of Jendell walking as futuristic femme queen.

who are orphaned or rejected by their families.

Luscious Body - A category for fat, curvaceous, sexy Femme Queens; also billed as "Femme Queen - 300 pounds and Over", proving that Ball standards don't always adhere to

conventional ideals of feminine beauty.

Mother - A leader, often founder of a House, either Butch or Femme Queens. Mothers must be very talented, popular, hardworking and wise and compassionate. A Mother acts as a surrogate parent to her Children, the younger Ball-walkers or members of a House, both in and out of competition.

VOGUING - A Ball category in which dancers recreate the poses of models, integrating acrobatic moves and complex expressive gestures. Named for the magazine.

Children from the House of Pendavis.



1990 Los Angeles Film Critics Award for Best Documentary

1991 Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize for Best Documentary

1990 International Documentary Achievement Award

1991 Jury Prize at The Torino Gay Film Festival

1991 Seattle Film Festival Best Documentary Prize

1990 New Festival Audience Award

1990 San Francisco Gay Festival Audience Award

1991 Berlin Film Festival Teddy Bear Award



Dorian Corey and Willi Ninja.

This is only a partial list of terms, the remainder of which will be documented by the individuals involved in the production of Paris Is Burning, a film by Jennie Livingston distributed by Prestige films and brought to our city by Santikos Theaters.

The Voguing terminology is only a part of this award-winning film about the sub-culture of minority Gay's in New York City. These people have developed a creative response to racism and homophobia incomparable to anything in society. While there has been some exposure by the Media, especially due to Madonna's hit single Vogue, the realities of the sub-culture remain largely unfamiliar to the Gay community and the general public. Not any longer. Paris Is Burning opened nationwide on August 9th to a very receptive national audience.

Of course, as with any film, painting, novel, or other work about a Gay experience, the homophobic American Family Association has launched a campaign blasting the National Endowment for the Arts, which provided partial funding for the film. The AFA said the film "promotes

homosexuality as a viable lifestyle for young people." The films director and producer Jennie Livingston in the media promotional package for the film states, "We prayed, yes Jesse, (referring to extreme right-wing writers expletives deleted Senator Jesse Helms), that no one in the far right would find out that the NEA funded our film about minority drag queens." Unfortunately, they did find out but too little too late. Darn!

It is so ironic that a film representing the creative expression of so many people suffering discrimination be the target of those who would censor it.

Thanks to the consideration of Santikos Theaters, the Arts For Life Steering Committee has arranged an exclusive preview screening of Paris Is Burning to benefit the groups efforts to impact the AIDS crisis locally. This

screening will be one of several Arts events organized by Arts For Life. Other events include Performing Arts For Life at the Carver Community Cultural Center and Guadalupe Theater on October 13th and 18th and 19th, respectively, and Rock For Life at La Villita Assembly Hall on October 27th. Further events are pending and will be covered in more detail in future issues of OISA.

The benefit screening of Paris Is Burning will be held Thursday September 26th, at 8:00 P.M. at Crossroads Theater, Crossroads Mall. Pre-sale tickets are available at Grasshopper, 4026 McCullough, To-A-Tee, 806 E. Mistletoe, Jump-START Theater, 1305 S. Alamo, and Arts For Life volunteers will be distributing tickets for a \$6.00 donation at the Bonham Exchange this weekend. Seating for the screening is limited and persons interested in supporting the film and the cause are encouraged to get tickets early as event organizers expect a sellout.



On The Positive Side

Linda Bynum

Unfortunately, due to an illness, this may be the last of Rev. Bynum's columns for awhile. We along with all our readers wish Rev. Bynum a speedy recovery and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Loving

Loving means listening with heart as well as ears to whatever matters to each other.

Loving means planning and doing to keep the romance alive in your relationship, remembering special days, and making ordinary days special.

Loving means giving each other the benefit of the doubt and always assuming first that you're on the same team, wanting the best for one another.

Loving means giving up the right to "win" every time and really working together through every struggle to ensure that you both come out winners.

Loving means sharing your faith, from regular prayer times and studying the Word together, to challenging each other to grow and to building a home where others will find safe harbor and the peaceful presence of the Holy Spirit.

Loving means sharing the mundane chores of life with a gracious smile and willing spirit.

Loving means staying true to your commitment even during the storms and desert stretches. It means you're both in this "for the long haul".

Loving means both daring to risk with each other and creating a safety zone for the other's risking. It means really trying to say what's in your hearts and forgoing mental games.

Loving means each of you setting your individual boundaries and respecting them in one another while truly enjoying your places of connection.

Loving means deliberately setting aside time to have fun with each other and to nurture the child within each of you.

Loving means encouraging and supporting growth in one another even when that may mean some separate interests of friends. It means knowing you can't be everything for each other and that's ok.

Loving means finding a new way every day to say, in words and actions, "I love you; I choose you again today"

Loving means never losing interest in knowing each other: discovering one more facet, one more profound thought, one more tenderspot, one more memory, one more dream, one more broken place or hidden secret to cherish, to share, to love into wholeness.

Loving means always remembering to give God praise for the gift of one another. What one treasures in the heart, one will find it a joy to take good care of.

Success at B.B.'s

Auction benefits S.A.A.F.

MICHAEL HOPPER

A very exuberant Donna Barton, owner of B.B.'s Pub, announced that the three hour auction held Sept. 8 at her club raised \$2,175.00, and the total is still climbing. "My personal goal is to reach \$2,500," she said.

According to Donna the whole evening was very up-beat. An Anita Bryant album fetched \$17.50 with the purchaser receiving the right to break it over Pam Bailey's head. Pam is the club manager.

One can always expect something fun and different to be cooked up by Donna and Pam (Barton and Bailey). The total raised is still climbing due to a raffle for a matching set of bar lights. Tickets are \$2.00 each and the drawing will be held Sept. 22.

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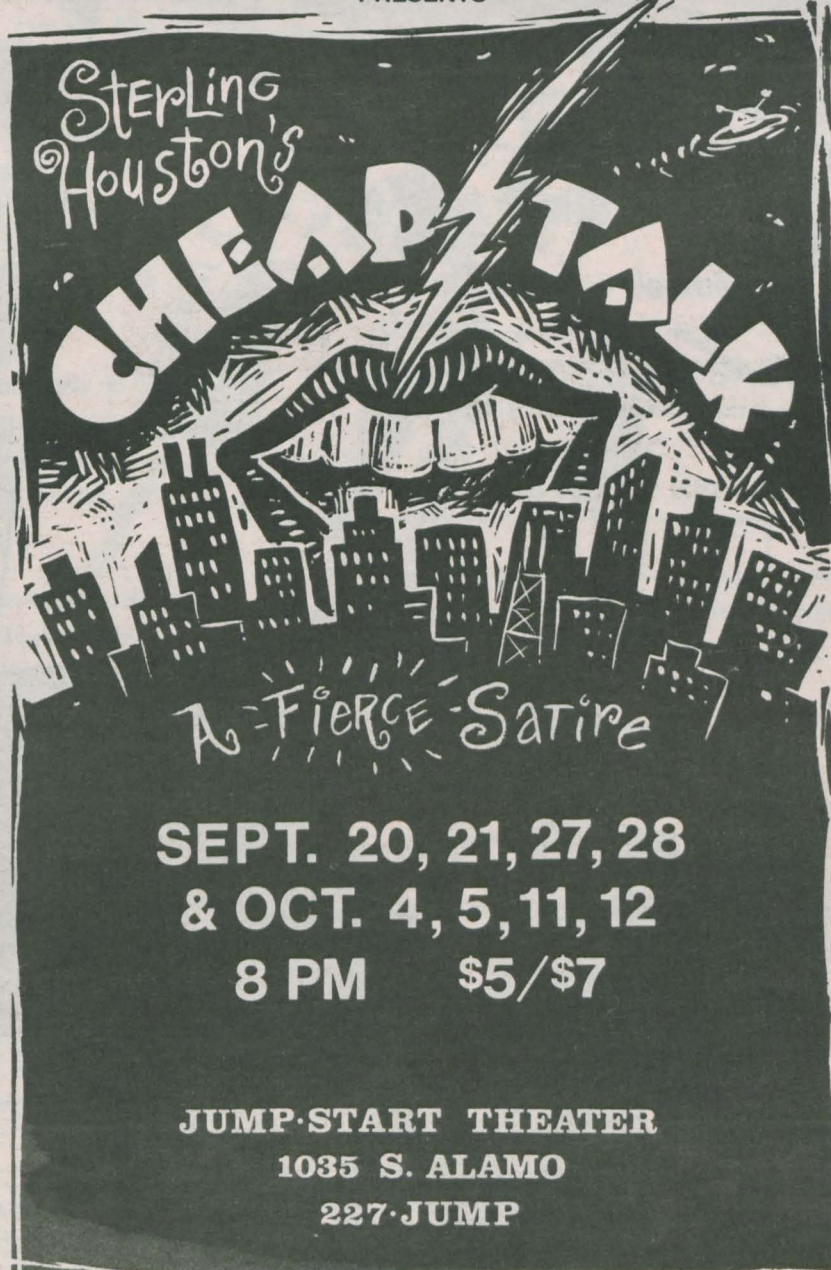
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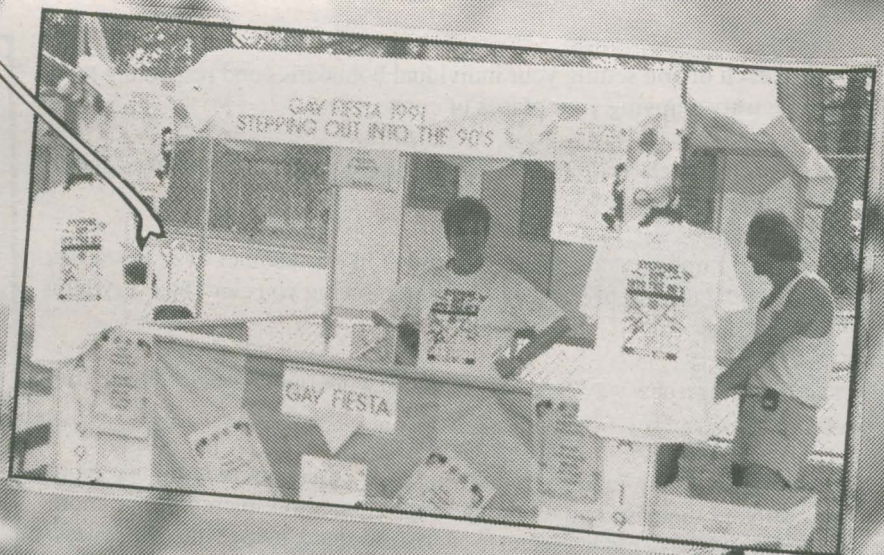
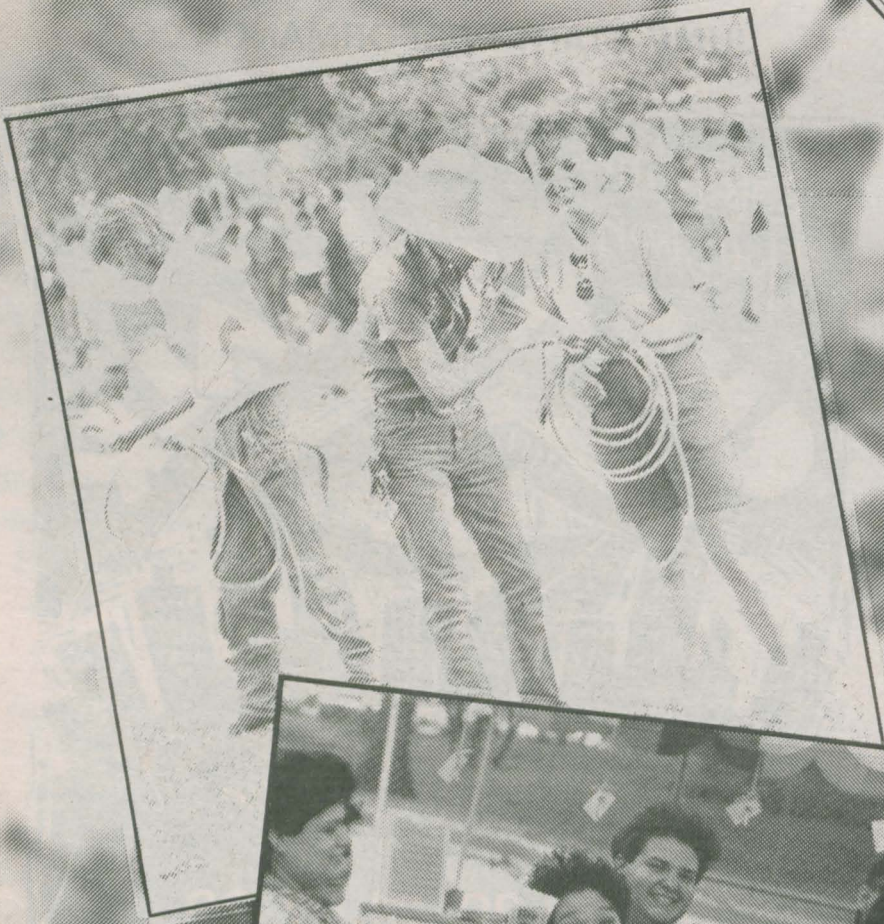
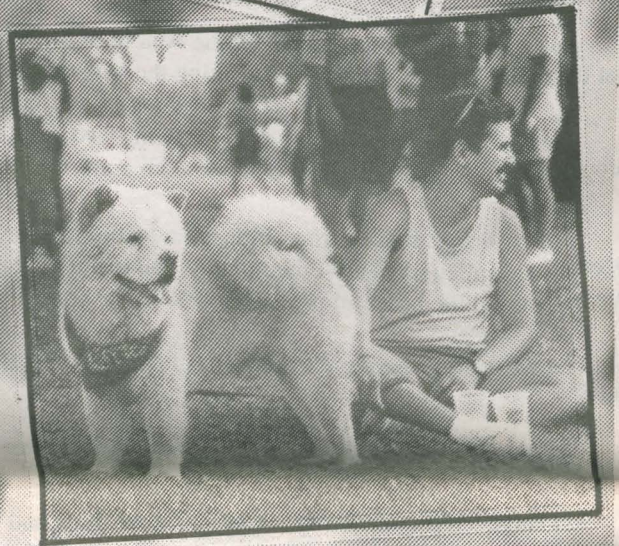
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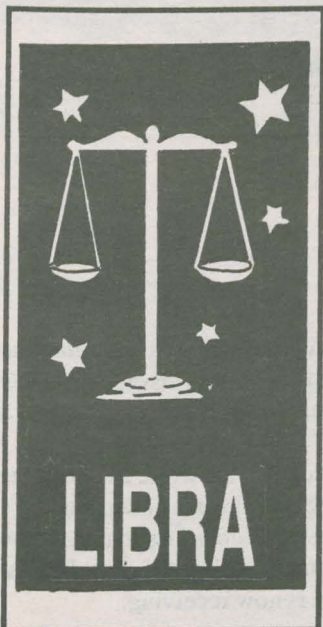


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Astrology

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Aries: Changes in career efforts could strike with lightning speed over the next two weeks. Do not pass up an opportunity to mix and mingle with important people in your field of endeavor. Teaming up an opportunity to mix and mingle with important people in your field of endeavor. Teaming up with someone older, wiser & more experienced is a definite advantage. Towards the end of September put "chores" to the side temporarily and enjoy your favorite recreational pastime. The last day of September could be quite hectic, so get some relaxation in before hand. Best days: 23rd, 24th, & 27th.

Taurus: Your main interests should be focused on home & loved ones at this particular time, but do not overlook any possible career opportunity that could be lurking just around the corner. Pay close attention career-wise between the 23rd and 27th. Closer to September's end will find you in a party mood, ready to go at the drop of a hat; try not to let emotions overshadow logic. Best days: 20th, 22nd, & 2nd.

Gemini: As the last week of September gets underway, be leery, for someone could try to pull the rug out from under you. Show that you are not as gullible as you appear by being quick with counteracting moves. Be cautious with your money especially on the last day of the month, for money will be a source of frustration which will clear away early in October. The full moon on the 23rd will play its normal havoc, nothing unusual. Best days: 25th, 28th, 30th, & 1st.

Cancer: During the full moon phase do not look for cooperation nor understanding, both will be in short supply. Tread lightly, because a work/home conflict is brewing. Also do not think you can just crawl back into your protective shell to avoid an unpleasant situation. Try to figure out a way to spend a weekend just to relax, it will decrease your current stress level. Early days of October look promising. Best days: 25th, 27th & 3rd.

Leo: Being rash over what is really insignificant differences could lead you to really putting yourself in jeopardy with your mate/partner. On-the-job pressures or an unrecognized health problem might very well be at the bottom of any potential blow-up. The weekend of the 28th/29th looks especially promising for socializing and all forms of entertainment. However, keep an eagle-eye on spending. Chances are strong you will need a little extra money early in October. Best days: 27th, 28th and 29th.

Virgo: The full moon on the 23rd brings with it a big decision affecting a partnership. There may be no way to avoid a showdown now. The course of true love could be more bumpy than expected. Conversations with close friends and family members could give you a fresh perspective on your present position. Evaluate your eating habits, too many sweets could be the cause of recent run-down feelings. Best days: 25th and 29th.

Libra: Look forward to improving finances which will clear up uncertainties arising from the past. The 23rd's full moon will cause emotions around you to run high. After the phase look for things to settle down to a dull roar. Expect cooperation from normally uncooperative sources. However, try focusing on long-term goals, which should include a additional course of study. You can accomplish anything you set your mind to, if you concentrate your energies starting now. The 30th looks promising to ask for that needed extra day off. Be sure to spend it quietly and regroup-otherwise you will find yourself totally out of balance. Best days: 24th, 27th, 30th and 3rd.

Scorpio: The only cloud on the horizon appear late on the 22nd and does not dissolve until early on the 24th. During this time frame feelings could easily be trampled on due to unkind, unthinking or careless remarks. Allow logic to prevail. Practice positive thinking, you could be amazed by the difference. Look for a clearing in your chaotic thinking beginning about the 26th. Get-togethers with those especially close to you are very favorable during the last weekend of September. Best days: 26th, 28th, 29th and 1st.

Sagittarius: Try to settle differences with another person P.D.Q. You are not a grudge-holding type person. On the contrary, you are a gentle as well as tactful person. The full moon on the 23rd will agitate others, but you remain unphased by it. Allow others, to make arrangements and you will not be disappointed. You might be less than thrilled when it comes to budget balancing, because it curbs your desire to be free spending. Best days: 24th, 25th and 1st.

Capricorn: During the full moon phase try to hold back on signing a real estate or property deal. However, it will help shed light on a domestic situation that remained unresolved up to now. The weekend of the 21st/22nd is your best socializing time and the last weekend of September is your best quiet time. Do yourself a favor and try an equal balancing of business to pleasure for a change. Best days: 19th, 26th and 27th.

Aquarius: Follow your intuition and you will not be disappointed. Others will respond to your persuasive talents if you take the lead. During the full moon phase lunar energy might prompt a reassessment of goals, go with it, you will find yourself in a better position. Towards the 1st you discover yourself in a somewhat contradictory phase. Do not try to set the world ablaze until you have fulfilled present obligations. Best days: 20th, 22nd, 28th, 29th and 2nd.

Pisces: Do not fall for an old pick-up line someone gives you, so obviously do not appear gullible. Also, you can ill afford to take money matters lightly, but worrying about them will change nothing. Handling mutual funds will be a source of aggravation particularly when it is necessary to curb a mate's extravagant spending habits. Discipline exerted now is more likely to pay bigger dividends later. Hang tough and hold your ground. Best days: 21st, 30th and 1st.

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Other cities across Texas face same in-fighting

MICHAEL HOPPER

Take heart San Antonians we are not unique within the state because of all the in-fighting which has been occurring concerning AIDS/HIV funding problems. Dr. Charles Bell, Chief of the HIV Division of the Texas Department of Health (TDH) said, "the type of struggle you are experiencing in San Antonio is not unique among Texas cities. We at TDH are seeing the same battles being waged from Muleshoe to Houston, from Beaumont to Dalhart." Dr. Bell was contacted to try to help clarify the situation here between the Bexar County HIV/AIDS Consortium and Robert Edwards of the San Antonio AIDS Foundation. Bell's position within TDH places him as the one directing funds to all provider districts within the state.

Trying to decipher the nuances and intrigue surrounding federal, state, local, and grant monies can easily make one's head spin. In order to understand the situation today it is necessary to backtrack two years. There are 26 provider districts in Texas, 21 of those districts are set up with consortia responsible for distributing monies to sub-contractors providing all services in those regions for HIV/AIDS treatment. Two years ago, each sub-contractor for these services vouchered the funding agencies directly. Last year, with the advent of the consortia, everything changed.

According to Bell all federal and state monies are now funneled through TDH. Texas Department of Health has a set of criteria for how much money each provider district will receive. The criteria is based upon the number of cases of AIDS reported over the past two years, the poverty index and the population of each district as determined by the US Census Bureau.

The situation in 1990 was that three sub-contractors presented applications from Bexar County to TDH for funding. They were the Bexar County Hospital District, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District and San Antonio AIDS Foundation. All three applications requested the total sum due Bexar County. Due to these three separate applications, TDH was placed in the situation of having to decide which agency would get the funds. In their infinite wisdom TDH officials refused to decide Bexar County's problem and sent back the applications with instructions that the three sit down and work it out. The options were simple and clear; they could submit three separate applications requesting the sums they had determined amongst themselves or they could submit a single

application for the total as a single entity. Shortly thereafter Edwards submitted an emergency funding application in SAAF's behalf and was sent one-sixth of his organization's 1991 funding, which is standard TDH procedure according to Bell.

Dr. Bell speculated, "First of all I want to say I recognize the work, as one of the first, that SAAF does for the San Antonio community, however, I can't understand how he (Edwards) could be out of money. He received emergency funds less than a month before receiving his regular money, so he should be two months ahead." In Edwards' defense, he claims it costs more to operate SAAF than he is now receiving.

However, this year, the same ploy was attempted; The Bexar County HIV/AIDS Consortium and a Consortium formed by The San Antonio AIDS Foundation both submitted applications, but this time TDH did choose: The Bexar County HIV/AIDS Consortium as the sole responsible entity. The San Antonio AIDS Foundation finally had to re-submit its membership to the Consortium. Dr. Bell stated he was very pleased that Mr. Edwards, though reluctant, did rejoin the other organizations and groups which make up the Bexar County HIV/AIDS Consortium.

"It is the best possible solution," Bell said, "after all, neither the city nor the county could afford to absorb the clients should the Foundation close." He added, "however there are systems in place which all health care agencies must have in order to be licensed. So even if SAAF was forced to cease operations, those people being cared for there would not end up 'out on the streets'." Bell was referring to two nursing homes which are listed to provide emergency care in the event something should happen should a licensed facility have to cease its operations.

When discussing funding one needs to realize that there are two separate sources of money coming through TDH and being passed down to the various provider consortia. Bell referred to these sources as "old money and new money". Old money is funding already established, and it is true that as far as old money is concerned the Foundation is losing some due to redistribution elsewhere within the state. In terms of new money, Ryan White II funding, the off-set of this money will mean that the Foundation will receive approximately \$40,000 more than it received for 1991.

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Other Places...

Indian Gays are Coming Out

Rex Wockner

A Gay movement has been born in India, according to a lengthy report published in *The New York Times*. The newspaper said urban yuppies are coming out of the closet, gathering at bars, cruising at train stations, and holding hands in public parks.

"This explosion of open Gay behavior is startling" to Indian society, the *Times* believes. But Sultan Khan, a writer for *Bombay Dost*, India's first Gay magazine, disagreed. "I didn't think a homophobic culture exists in India," Khan said. "We've never had the type of physical barbarism and cruelty you had in Europe. So I don't see why we can't have a Gay culture."

"There have always been opportunities for Gay sex," Khan added. "The point is that it is now a movement....People are recognizing that it's OK to be single." "It's easier to do it if you're in the city," Khan said. "In the countryside, everybody spies on you. Consciousness-raising is going to take a long time."

Bombay Dost hopes to advance the process by changing the word "khush," which means "happy," into the equivalent of "Gay." "Most people wouldn't know what it means yet," Khan said, "but that will change."

Bombay Dost editor Ashok Row Kavi, who, *The New York Times* noted, has "lightly kennaed hair," a "gold chain around the neck and (a) jeweled index finger," is equally enthusiastic, but says Gay rights is a pretty 'advanced' issue for a poverty-stricken country.

"According to Bombay City, two out of ten people are living on the pavement here," Kavi said. "So if 20,000 Gays marched for sexual rights, no one would care." "Probably no one should care," he added.

For more information, write Ashok Row Kavi, *The Sunday Mail*, Kushesh Mansion, 48/54 Janmabhoomi Marg, Fort Bombay 400 001, India.

More Mexican Homophobia

Rex Wockner

In the wake of the mess in Guadalajara that led to the cancellation of the International Lesbian and Gay Association conference (OISA, June 20th, 1991), authorities in Mexico City have closed down a popular gay-culture center. But as in Guadalajara, Gays and Lesbians are fighting back.

Police placed a sign across the front door of the culture center and bar Bugambilia August 9 stating that the establishment had been closed for security reasons.

The sign charged the club with "noise pollution" under Articles 89, 90, and 91 of the Mexico City Law of Urban Development.

It was the club's second closure in a year. Bugambilia was out-of-business from last November until this February and only reopened after owners paid a hefty city "fine".

Following the August 9 police action, a second sign appeared on the door reading, "We, the neighbors united with Bugambilia, repudiate the unjustified closure of our best cultural and entertainment center. In spite of pseudomoralistic opinions, we support our forum".

Then Mexico's best-known Gay actor, Tito Vasconcelos, went public in the daily newspaper *La Jornada*.

"This is serious and intolerable proof of the hostility that the authorities exercise against the Gay community," Vasconcelos said. "Without exception, we artists will struggle to the bitter end for the reopening of our space."

On August 16, a petition containing more than 600 signatures of artists, intellectuals and Bugambilia clients was delivered to Mexico City authorities in support of the club.

On August 21, the San Francisco-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission got involved, staging a picket at the Mexican consulate.

For information on how to register a complaint with Mexican authorities, contact IGLHRC's Julie Dorf at (415)647-0453.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

GENE WESLEY ELDER

Many American are aware that the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is currently under construction in the heart of Washington DC. This will be the central, national institution for Holocaust study. The Museum is designed for exhibitions, education, and research. In addition to the permanent exhibition, there will be two changing exhibition galleries, a scholar's center, an educational and cultural center, a photo and general archive, and a library.

At present the Director of Photo Research, Dr. Radu Ionanid, is looking for photos that illustrate Nazi repression against Gays and Lesbians, e. g. street violence, arrests and closings of Gay and Lesbian bars. Dr. Ionanid is also wanting photos of Gay or Lesbian concentration camp inmates. This could include mugshots and portraits of individuals who were subsequently imprisoned by the Nazis as well as images taken in the camps. Anyone who has this kind of documentation can reach Dr. Radu Ionanid at USHMM 2000 I. Street NW, Suite 717, Washington DC, 20036 (202) 822-6464.

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Military Gay Ban in Big Trouble

REX WOCKNER

Whenever you ask the Pentagon why homosexuals can't serve in the military, they quote Department of Defense Directive 1332.14, which begins, "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

And that's the end of the discussion. But now those days are over.

A new federal court ruling in California has cleared the way for a trial in which DoD will be required to prove that homosexuality is incompatible with military service. And Gay activists and others think they (the DoD) can't do it.

Activists correctly point out that most of 1332.14 boils down to the Pentagon saying Gays can't be in the military because their presence might upset straight soldiers.

But the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals said it's not interested in that argument, that straight prejudice is not sufficient reason to ban Gays.

Only six words of 1332.14 do not concern subjective prejudice, activist note, namely the allegation that military Gays would endanger national security. If the military could prove this, perhaps the Gay ban would be allowed to stand.

But Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney recently told national TV viewers that the security risk argument is a "bit of an old chestnut."

The case that could end the military's Gay ban involves Capt. Rev. Dusty Pruitt. She was honorably discharged from the Army Reserves in 1986 after she told a newspaper she is a Lesbian.

A lower court upheld the discharge, because homosexuality is incompatible with military service, but the

appeals court reinstated Pruitt's case, demanding that the military prove it.

"We will not spare the Army the task of offering a rational basis for its regulations, nor will we deprive Pruitt of the opportunity to contest that basis," wrote Judge William Canby.

"The Pentagon must submit legitimate evidence to the trial court which is not based upon the alleged fears of heterosexual servicemembers," said Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund attorney Mary Newcombe.

"...we will be allowed to show that the emperor has no clothes."

"For the first time, we will be allowed to give evidence about the irrationality of the military's policy. Under this ruling, we will be permitted to obtain copies of suppressed Pentagon studies which found no justification for the policy, and [will be able to] depose senior Pentagon officials, including... Cheney, about the purported justifications of the policy."

"For the first time, we will be allowed to show that the emperor has no clothes," Newcombe said.

Directive 1332.12 reads: "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service. The presence in the military environment of persons who engage in homosexual conduct, seriously impairs the accomplishment of the military mission. The presence of such members adversely affects the ability of the Armed Forces to maintain discipline, good order, and morale; to foster mutual trust and confidence among servicemembers; to ensure the integrity of the system of rank and command; to facilitate assignment and worldwide deployment of servicemembers who frequently must live and work under close conditions affording minimal privacy; to recruit and retain members of the Armed Forces; to maintain the public acceptability of military service; and to prevent breaches of security."

'Normal Heart' Actor Dies Of AIDS

by Rex Wockner

The actor who played Ned Weeks in Larry Kramer's "The Normal Heart" when it debuted in 1985 died of AIDS Sept. 10.

Brad Davis was better known for his roles in "Midnight Express," for which he won a Golden Globe award, "Chariots of Fire," and as the lead in the CBS mini-series "Robert Kennedy and His Times" and Rainer Fassbinder's "Querelle."

Davis' wife Susan Bluestein stressed to reporters that Davis contracted HIV by sharing needles while shooting drugs when he was younger.

Kramer confirmed this, adding, "Brad was straight."

Bluestein told UPI: "Brad had known he was HIV-positive since 1985. We all kept this a secret because he was afraid that if it were known he had AIDS, he would never be able to work as an actor."

Belinda Mason Dies Of AIDS

By Rex Wockner

The only person with AIDS ever to sit on President Bush's National Commission on AIDS died of the disease Sept. 9.

Belinda Mason, 33, died of pneumonia in Nashville; she hailed from Utica, Ky.

"The president is sad to hear of her death," said White House spokeswoman Judy Smith. "The president and Mrs. Bush send their sympathy to the family."

Mason had criticized Bush as recently as Aug. 2, when she published a letter denouncing proposed mandatory HIV testing of health-care workers and the immigration ban of HIV-positives.

Mason founded Kentucky's first organization of HIV-positives in 1988 and later served as president of the National Association of People With AIDS.

AIDS Conference Moves to Holland

In protest of U.S. Immigration Ban

REX WOCKNER

Next Summer's cancelled Eighth International Conference on AIDS has been revived and relocated to Amsterdam, scheduled for July 19-24.

The huge annual gathering had been planned for Boston but was scrapped in August by its sponsor, the Harvard AIDS Institute, to protest the US immigration restrictions on

HIV positive visitors and the ban on HIV positive immigrants.

Many AIDS activists and others felt the US should be punished and embarrassed for its immigration policies. But recently, some AIDS activists have criticized the decision to move the conference, saying it would have presented an unprecedented opportunity to focus media attention on AIDS issues during a US presidential election year.

"The winners," says Martin Delaney, executive director of San Francisco's Project Inform, a prominent AIDS treatment information foundation, "(are) George Bush and the Department of Justice. Both really wanted to get this conference out of their hair during the election and wanted to maintain the immigration ban."

"The losers?" Delaney continued. "Those who most wanted to change the immigration policy. They scored a victory on principle but lost an irreplaceable opportunity to fight for their cause... There may never again be as good an opportunity to confront the administration publicly on its AIDS and health care policies."

The relocated conference will be at Amsterdam's RAI Exhibition Center. It is expected to draw between 10,000 and 14,000 participants. If the conference should happen to lose money, the Dutch government said it will make up the difference.

If you are Gay, Amsterdam is considered the San Francisco of Europe. A large presence by rowdy direct action groups such as ACT-UP and superb hospitality for Gay and Lesbian delegates are all but guaranteed. Further, the International Lesbian and Gay Association's 14th World Conference will be held in Paris either immediately before or after the AIDS gathering...meaning the large number of Gays who routinely attend both events can kill two birds with one airline ticket.



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Part one of two parts: One night in Bangkok (is not enough!)

When most people think of Bangkok, the words foreign, hot and intriguing come to mind. Unfortunately, there is really no way to understand what the Thai experience is all about without actually being there. If you read this article and try to combine all the key words into one big sensation, you might get the idea.

So how about...

Peaceful For many, Bangkok seems to be a big, bustling city, the capital of Thailand with a population of over 6 million, could not possibly be peaceful. In this city where rush hour traffic jams can cause a cross town trip to take over an hour; where there are so many people on the street that you can't even see more than a block ahead of you. But, take a turn up the right tree lined street and you just may find yourself in the midst of one of hundreds of Buddhist temples scattered throughout Bangkok. One such Temple, or Wat, as they are by called by the Thais, is Po Monastery, a three square block temple, monastery and holy ground. Jewel encrusted towers surround the entrance to this palatial temple, and are in sharp contrast to the, literally hundreds of street vendors, who surround the temple gates, hawking everything from clothing and food, to the chance to have a picture taken holding a ten foot long live boa constrictor. Although most Gay travelers refrain from taking advantage of the snake vendors offer, few, if any, are able to resist at least one offer of an inexpensive trophy to commemorate their trip to Bangkok. One thing no one can take home with them is the unbelievable feeling of contentment one feels when inside of the monastery grounds. To think you were inside of a major city is crazy. But with one step you are back on a busy street. Fortunately,

there are many such historic and grand places to visit in the city. Some even contain solid gold Buddhas surrounded by hand carved decorations. Surprisingly, another word to associate with Thailand is...

Inexpensive By U.S. standards anyway. Everyone is constantly amazed by the prices on everything. Four people could eat a wonderful dinner, including lobster, fresh fish, beef or duck, vegetables, soup, drinks and dessert for \$32.00 U.S. total. The tip is included on most bills as a service charge of 10%, but a small additional gratuity always garnishes a Wai from a grateful waiter. (A Wai is a Thai customary bow given to someone to whom you wish to show great respect.) Americans are Wai'd regularly by virtue of their greatness as an international power. Along with the Wai everyone is enthralled by the Thai smile, an almost indescribable smile, which comes often and for absolutely no reason other than the fact that Thais are happy to see you and want to be your friend. Which brings me to my next word which says more about Thailand than any other...

Happy Everyone from the cab driver to the waiter to the man selling his wares on the street, everyone smiles. Some people have nick-named Thailand "The Land of Smiles." At first thought, one might feel that it might be the American dollar that is causing so much goodwill, but once one begins to understand the Thai mentality; money is not all that important to them. True Thai happiness comes from giving pleasure to others, which their religious teachings say will ensure them their spiritual well being for eternity. They smile...you smile...and everything is O.k., or Sanuk as they say in Thai. From this belief comes the Thai acceptance of Gays. It was only a few years ago that the word for Gay was entered into their language. Prior to that, the fact that two men were close, and possibly intimate was an accepted fact of life. In complete contrast to the thinking of most cultures, the closeness between males is considered to be a healthy union. It is not unusual to see two male friends walking hand in hand down any street! A Gay traveler in Thailand will find that he or she is treated with

the utmost respect without regard to race, age, or physical beauty. You are a person in the eyes of a Thai. Not a rich one, a fat one, or a young one, just one looking for happiness through friendship...

Exciting Many Gay tourists who go to Thailand are in search of the nearly endless night life which has faded here in the U.S. The night life in Thailand is unequalled anywhere! There are no less than 75 Gay establishments in Bangkok alone. These include discos, bars, show bars, health clubs, restaurants, etc. Everything from high tech discos complete with laser lights, to laid back cocktail lounges with soft music, are available. Many of the bars have a variety of live shows which include strippers, go-go dancers, and even hard core live sex shows. A popular option many Gay tourists choose is a host bar. This is a bar where you can meet dozens of handsome Thai men who act as hosts at the club. Imagine sitting down at a table, and in less than 5 minutes you are greeted by a bevy of G-string clad young men eager for your company. Your drinks are served to you while 10 or 12 different dancers perform on elevated platforms around the room. If you want to meet any of the dancers, no problem... they all wear badges displaying a number pinned to their bikinis. Just ask your waiter to have the dancer join you at your table for a drink. Physically, Thais seem to be a mixture of Oriental, European, and Middle Eastern. In Thailand you can find a full assortment men available, willing and able to be very friendly. Clubs generally open between 5 and 6 PM and close between 2 and 3 AM. There are loads of cafes and health spas which operate 24 hours a day. You can be sure that the night life in Bangkok, as well as, all of Thailand will be exciting enough for everyone!

Next time I will discuss shopping, food and the variety only Thailand can offer the Gay tourist.. If you can not wait to know more about Thailand, then I suggest you contact your favorite Gay travel agent for more information.

'Til next time...

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Soviet Gays and Lesbians Fought Coup

News Analysis by REX WOCKNER

The faces of Gays and Lesbians were repeatedly visible in the television footage of the grassroots uprising against the failed Communist in the Soviet Union, say American activists back from July and August's groundbreaking Gay pride celebrations in Leningrad and Moscow.

Nearly 20,000 Soviet Gays and Lesbians took part in one aspect or another of the two weeks of film festivals, conferences and demonstrations, organizers say.

Soviet Gay movement founder Roman Kalinin and many other Russian Gay activists cut their teeth in the democracy movement.

"The two (movements) have been unified - to help one is to help the other," explained Tom Boellstorff, and American who staffs the new Moscow office of the San Francisco-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, which co-organized the pride events.

New alliances were forged between Soviet Gay activists and pro-democracy forces during the days of the coup, said IGLHRC co-founder Julie Dorf said. "If anything, the soviet Gay movement is now in a better position than before," Dorf said.

During the coup, Boellstorff and Kalinin ran off 4,000 extra copies of *Tema*, the Moscow Gay newspaper, combined it with copies of Boris Yeltsin's anti-coup proclamation, and distributed both to people in the streets and even soldiers in the tanks. "We had the only (available) Macintosh computer in Moscow," said Boellstorff.

American activists delivered two Macs, a laser printer and a monitor to Kalinin of July 23 in Leningrad. Customs officials socked duties on the computers equipment equivalent to six years of the average Soviet worker's income. Fortunately, IGLHRC had smuggled dollars to Kalinin a week earlier for conversion on the black market, reducing the damage to about \$600 U.S. The average Soviet worker makes \$100 a year, at the current exchange rate. Customs agents were stunned when Kalinin plopped six years' worth of income on the conveyor belt of the Leningrad airport X-ray machine.

We're all connected. (This phrase is an advertising slogan)

Dorf and Kalinin were in constant contact during the days of the coup after the ever-industrious Kalinin figured out how to use Dorf's telephone credit card and American Telephone & Telegraph's handy "USA Direct" service to get calls out of Moscow when no one else was able to. In one of those so-called flukes of history, Dorf and Kalinin were also on the telephone together at the precise moment the coup began, talking about something else, obviously.

"Our lines here in San Francisco started ringing with the reports coming in from CNN (Cable News Network)," Dorf remembered. "At first, it was just that Gorbachev was sick and the vice-president was in his place, so, well, Roman and I finished our call and hung up. Then the rest of the news piled in. I started dialing back immediately."

"The first words out of Roman's mouth were, 'Julie! Why didn't you tell me!'" Dorf said. "He, said, 'This is the worst thing possible. It's a military takeover. Everyone is panicked. I don't know what to do....I've got to go. We've got to get to work.'" And get to work they did - along with hundreds of thousands of other Soviet citizens.

"No power in the world can stop people who want democracy and are determined to have their civil rights," said former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher when she was informed the coup had taken place.

Looks like she got that right!



Donna Worthington

Bar owner burn-out, perhaps?

Staff Writer

Well, fellow San Antonians, it has been official for nearly a week. Yes, Donna Worthington is no longer the owner of Memories. The proud new owner of Memories is none other than Miriam Ferrer. Donna was last seen lounging around, enjoying herself with Lover Barbara at Fall Fest '91. She was also seen recently leaving Grasshopper with an impish grin on her face.

When asked what her future plans were, she said, "REST!" She said she had really enjoyed owning and operating a neighborhood bar, however it was time to take it a little easier.

Rick Breitschopf, OISA Ad Rep., reports it did not take Miriam long to make some alterations to the place. Memories will operate as Memories until the new TABC license arrives. All of San Antonio's Community wish Miriam and Barb the very best of luck, and you can be sure, most of them will be stopping in to check out what's new and what ain't.

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Why do we hide WHAT WE FOUND,

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PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE ALL looking for LOVE.

What's in a name: THRF

Sullivan Caves in on Immigration Policy

Suzy Wagers

In January 1991, Secretary Louis Sullivan of the United States Department of Health and Human Services proposed a new list of "communicable diseases of public health significance" for which individuals could be barred from entering the U.S. The new list, which was to become final on June 1, 1991, included only active tuberculosis.

Sullivan's proposal has been unequivocally supported by public health officials, immigrant service providers, AIDS service providers, and gay and lesbian organizations. The proposed regulation acknowledged the undisputed consensus of public health authorities that HIV infection is not spread through casual contact and that there is no public health justification for any exclusion based on HIV status. Any attempt to reintroduce HIV infection on the exclusion list would be contrary to this consensus.

On June 1, however, Secretary Sullivan reversed himself by reinstating the old list of "dangerous and contagious disease," including HIV, which has been used to exclude travelers and immigrants since 1987. Since 1987, immigrants who are HIV+ are excludable from entry into the U.S. unless they qualify for a waiver of exclusion. The waivers, which are extremely difficult to obtain, are based on proof of the following three conditions:

- 1) that the danger to the public health of the U.S. created by the alien's admission is minimal; and
- 2) that the possibility of the spread of the infection created by applicant's admission is minimal; and
- 3) that there will be no cost incurred by any government agency without prior consent of that agency.

The third condition has been interpreted extremely narrowly and generally cannot be satisfied unless the applicant is covered by a health insurance policy or has family

members willing to guarantee payment of all future life and medical expenses.

In backing down from implementation of proposed regulations, Secretary Sullivan indicated that, given the extent and diversity of public opinion on this matter, additional time was required to consider the final list. Sullivan's reversal can be attributed to pressure from conservative politicians and the Bush administration who insist, despite all evidence to the contrary, that immigrants pose a great threat to the health of U.S. citizens and that HIV+ immigrants will pose too great an economic burden of U.S. health services.

If the old rule remains in effect, many of the "immigrants" who would continue to be excluded are already physically present in the U.S. and only changing from one immigration status to another. These persons have lived and worked in the U.S. for many years, supporting themselves and their families, paying taxes and making social and economic contributions to their communities. Denying them legal status because they are HIV seropositive will have no effect on the rate of HIV seroprevalence in the U.S.

As Lawrence Gostin, Executive Director of the American Society of Law and Medicine has stated, it seems clear "that cost, not public health, is the Government's driving consideration. But what is the financial justification for excluding people with HIV, but not people with other chronic costly diseases, such as cancer and heart disease? Could fear, ignorance or prejudice be a motive?" (NY Times editorial 6/12/91)

As of this writing, the old exclusion law is still in effect, the 60 day comment period on Sullivan's new proposal has ended, and a final decision is expected to be announced sometime after Labor Day. It will appear that the U.S. will continue to bar HIV+ immigrants while allowing "visitors" to enter the country for specific, limited periods of time. This policy, if implemented, will imply that our immigration exclusion policy, rather than prevention education, research and treatment, can control the spread of HIV infection. Such a policy will reinforce the notion that HIV is a problem not of United States but of "aliens", be they gay, intravenous drug users, the poor, or immigrants.



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Dear Granny

Dear Grandma,

I really appreciate your column that appears in this periodical. The candid advice you offer is often spiced with just the right humorous tone. No matter how ridiculously mundane or interesting the letter you receive is, your responses always attract me to your column first, when I pick up an issue of "Out in San Antonio".

However, I think that most of the inquiries printed in each publication can be condensed into one major question. I would like for you to give your answer to this question in your most insightful, articulate and humorous manner. I believe the Community is waiting for your advice. The question is: How do I become wealthy, happy, sexy, popular and well respected and find the right person to share this with?

Pragmatic

Dear Prag or was that Prig,

OK, kiddo; it's like this. If you can figure out how to be wealthy then popular and well respected automatically follow. Sexy, you can buy, so that just leaves us with two last challenges. If you find the right person then you are bound to be happy. So really our only question is how to find the right person. You can either take someone else's mate, after all he is already housebroken, or you can follow Gran's five steps to increasing your possibilities. One: Keep a high profile in very few places. It makes it easier with fewer places, also it helps if someone is looking for you. They don't have to search all over town. Two: Keep your expectations to a minimum. Something like he must have a job or source of income; he must be in fair health; he must have enough intelligence not to embarrass you in front of your friends. Three: Throw in a requirement you feel you can't live without like no snoring, or no fatties, or you like hair or whatever. Four: Be available. Many times someone is studying you and taking their time about making a decision and when they are ready, you are either impossible to find or you are not in the mood. Five: Don't think you can have "The Perfect Mate". There aren't any. Just find one who is personable and has something in common with you. You can build from there. Of course he should be in the same species. Remember darling, you can't rollerskate in a Buffalo herd.

Luv Gran

Granny,

I really don't understand how some of those toads get such great dates. I mean a friend of mine looks like a troll doll but he always has a good looking date for the weekends. What is it that these ugly people have that us average nice guys are missing?

Confused

Dear Confused,

The trolls of the world have either money or a great personality, and sometimes both as well as secret weapons used only in the dark.

Cheers Hon

Dear Granny,

I have no friends, no prospects, no luck, no job, no money. What's wrong with me?

Lost Soul

Dear Lost,

Get a LIFE, Mary

Dear Granny,

Please give me some advice on how I should approach a guy that I'd like to know better, even intimately. Usually I would be confident enough to feel comfortable asking for a date. But, there is a slight problem.

The guy I'm interested in is very attractive and a generous gentleman, who has a wonderful sense of humor that seems to resonate with mine. I've only gotten to know him in social situations, but have noticed him for quite a while.

The difficulty is that this really wonderful person is starting to date another great friend of mine. This would be all right except that the clues I pick up from my friend is that a relationship is not developing. The other aspect (bad cliché) he wants to get to know me better. How do I go about testing my instinct without insulting a very good friend?

St. Anxious of the bad cliché

My Dear Saint,

All's fair in love and war. Friends are the flowers in life's garden, don't spit into the wind. Now Honey, those are bad clichés.

Now, on with the dilemma. First, next time you meet Mr. Wonderful, swoop him away from the maddening crowd and ask him to dinner. This serves two purposes; it allows lets you test your instinct and just in case your friend finds out, you have a great excuse: Tell him you were working on his (your friend's) X-mas present. If it turns out that you click, then you can worry about how to tell your friend. Hang in there Babe, a good man is hard to find and a hard man is even better.

Granny

If you have a question, problem, or want an opinion; drop a line to Dear Granny in care of Out in San Antonio. Granny will gladly tackle whatever is bothering you. If your letter is used in the column, you will receive a coupon worth 1 free Video Rental



Keeping Covered

SLATER ANDERSON

Maybe your Aunt Nellie called you two weeks after the stock market tumbled, to nag: "I told you so. If you had bought a nice life insurance policy or a safe-and-sound annuity, as I did, you would be sitting pretty right now."

If she did call, the old girl has a point. Those stodgy repositories look more reassuring today than buttered toast and chicken soup.

Many insurance companies are now offering guaranteed net returns of 7.5% - 9% on single premium life policies. That beats money-market yields by a point or two. Further, the savings you pour into these plans build up tax deferred.

Annuities work best for people who have a pot of cash to stash and want it to generate a steady return. You invest a specified amount up front, it can be the \$5,000 minimum or as much as \$500,000, for income retirement. Most insurance companies guarantee you a fixed interest rate for a limited time period; after that, your earnings follow the bond market up or down in each successive period.

Rate-of-return guarantees may run initially for as short a time as three months or as long as five years.

Some aggressive annuity marketers give you a bail-out clause. It allows you an escape from the deal without a surrender charge if the interest rate falls one or two percentage points behind the rate you got to start or the rate of the company's new offering. You still have to pay tax on the earnings, however.

As an alternative safe haven for sizable chunks of cash is a single-premium whole life policy. For that one lump sum payment of \$5,000 or more, your heirs get a

death benefit and your savings build up at steady and fixed rates. Also, this growth is un-encumbered by taxes.

Single premium life, however, is designed more for tax shelter than for partner protection. The death benefit, like the back seat of a sporty two-door, is usually too small to do much good. A \$20,000 premium, for example, would buy a 30 year old only a \$100,000 death benefit.

A better choice for Lesbians and Gay couples is universal life. You pay a much smaller premium, but you pay it monthly, quarterly or annually.

"If you are looking for insurance and savings wrapped up together, universal life is one of the best choices," says Michael Nicholson, a trustee of the National Association of Life Underwriters, a trade group.

This policy works well for Lesbian/Gay couples who are certain how much insurance coverage they will need over time. They can pick a fixed or increasing death benefit and then raise or lower it from year to year by calling their agent or the company.

Furthermore, policyholders can raise or reduce the premium and even skip an occasional year if, say, the household budget is strained.

Currently, universal life policies pay about 8% - 9.5%.

Flexible premiums and coverage make universal life far less rigid than conventional whole life and usually about a third less expensive. A life review with a qualified agent may lead to increase savings as well as a possible increase in the death benefit without costing more money. For couples wanting to save for a house, car or early

retirement, universal life affords the opportunity to withdraw the cash value when needed.

Universal life, also, never increases in price as term does, and you can pay it up in as little as five to eight years. Many homeowners have replaced their costly mortgage insurance with universal life because it never increases in price, remains level through the mortgage period and pays back the premiums at 8% - 9% interest.

Lesbian and Gay couples concerned with lifestyle, blood testing or medical examinations can relax. Certain companies only require exams if a policy holder purchases over \$100,000 in life insurance. Many companies will place insurance in same-sex households.

Knowing an agent who is sensitive to your needs and situation is extremely important in making a sound insurance decision.

Slater Anderson is a financial planner and owns Anderson Investments and Insurance. His company handles health, life, disability and group health insurance as well as employee benefits, IRA's and annuities. If you have a question for Mr. Anderson, you may write him c/o Out in San Antonio or call his office, address and phone can be found in The Directory of S.A. Community Supporters.



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RESPECTFULLY,
Randy Cuniff
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Around The Capitol

LAURIE EISERLOH

As a result of the brutal murder of Charles Perez Resendez, the Lesbian and Gay Community has been subjected to yet another round of Gay bashing, this time at the hands of the Bexar County District Attorney Steve Hilbig. I am sure that most of you are familiar with the facts, however, I will briefly recount them for those of you who may not have heard about this shocking case.

On January 1, 1990, Charles Perez Resendez, a Gay man from San Antonio, was beaten to death in his motel room by Marine Cadet Nicolo Giangrosso. Giangrosso stated that he killed Resendez, because Resendez had made sexual advances toward him. Although Giangrosso was indicted with murder, he plead voluntary manslaughter. As the result of a plea bargain, Giangrosso was given a ten year suspended sentence with deferred adjudication. This means that Giangrosso will not go to jail and, if he maintains good conduct for the next ten years, his record will be clean.

When faced with an outrageous situation such as this, it is important to know what we can do and cannot do as a community. Although some of us would like to see Giangrosso retried, this is not possible because no one may be tried twice for the same offense. I believe that the best course of action for our Community at this time is to raise negative publicity against the District Attorney and others involved in this case. In addition, LGRL will attempt to file a complaint against the District Attorney and perhaps the Judge, Terrence McDonald, with the Texas Bar Association. This complaint may be somewhat difficult to file because there was no trial, and therefore, no trial transcript. Without a trial transcript, it will be difficult to gather specific allegations as required by the complaint procedure. In future columns I will discuss the progress of these complaints.

It is also important for individuals to write directly to the District Attorney and express outrage at his decision in this case. Your letters should not be a personal attack against the District Attorney, but should state that he abused his description in this case by agreeing to such light sentence and that he betrayed the people of San Antonio by

allowing a murderer to go free. The District Attorney's address is: 300 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas, 78205. Also, remember that the District Attorney is an elected official and the best place to express your against him is in the polling booth.

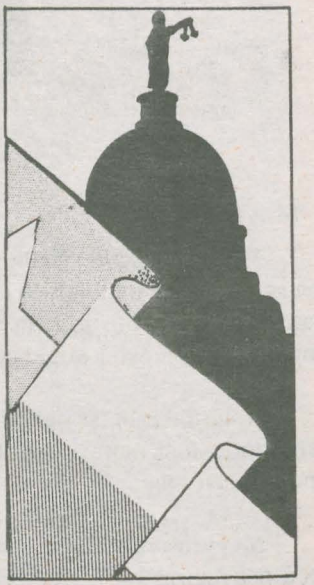
It is important that we all respond to this breach of justice. All Judges, District Attorneys, elected and appointed officials must know that their actions will not go unnoticed when they discriminate against Gay and Lesbian people.

Another important issue that we must all act upon this week is the proposed nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court of the United States. Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas joins with the National Abortion Rights Action League, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the NAACP, the AFL-CIO, the National Women's Political Caucus and many others in opposing the nomination of Clarence Thomas. Judge Thomas' belief in the arcane concept of Natural Law is decidedly anti-Lesbian and Gay. His criticism of privacy cases such as Griswald v. Connecticut and Roe v. Wade demonstrates his opposition to fundamental constitutional privacy issues including Lesbian/Gay rights. He has also opposed civil rights laws that protect against job discrimination and school segregation.

Please write Senators Benson and Gramm immediately and tell them that you oppose the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. In your letters, explain why you find the nomination of Clarence Thomas unacceptable (even a simple statement such as "Clarence Thomas has opposed issues of fundamental civil rights" is sufficient). Your letters should be clear, concise and handwritten.

Write to Senator Benson and Senator Gramm, US Senate, Washington DC, 20510.

Please write your letters today. Our recent experiences with Steve Hilbig demonstrate the harm that ill intentioned officials can inflict upon our Community through the legal system. It is important that we stop these individuals before they are allowed to take office.



Laurie Eiserloh

Out and About in SA

MS MAIN DISH

The message was clear: "Pay up or we're going to cut your water off."

We left work early and roared downtown to the Rivercenter Mall parking garage (to park free for two hours, by having a cute clerk at one the mall stores validated the parking receipt) and trudged over to the City Water Board, to pay the bill.

The day was young; we were thirsty, so Ms. Dish went to The Crew for a brew and a cheery chat with Sam. He opens the bar at 9 AM, and by the time we visited at 1 PM, was in his most hospitable form.

So was Orca, venerable columnist for an-

other newspaper, who was perched on a bar stool essaying his column.

We enjoyed the collegiality but decided to visit Billy Walker, who opens El Jardin, the other downtown watering hole, at 9 a.m. When Ms. Dish was a mere teenager, she remembers the wall to wall bodies that characterized Sunday afternoon tea dances at El Jardin. But then Ms. Dish got married and settled down. After the divorce, it seemed that the tea dances didn't have the pizzazz they had in yesteryears.

Ah, those golden days of the meat rack at the San Antonio Country. Gone forever the happy hours at Penny's Pub. But El Jardin, The Crew, Sam and Billy are still part of our San Antonio out-and-about, and for that we are truly grateful. (We don't mean to leave out Sonny from the Silver Dollar, Ms. Dish has indelibly inscribed in her visual memory the pictures she saw of him at Buddy's on Roosevelt. Buddy's got two or three more names before being reincarnated as today's Circle J.)

Ms. Dish was feeling so nostalgic that she led a tribe to the Bonham for happy hour. Darling Daryl, the King of King William, was there, another venerable San Antonio institution but still a "goodie."

Ah, those days of yore! But Ms. Dish lives, lives, lives for the future, my dear reader, was so excited when driving up San Pedro one recent evening to see Gene Evans working inside his soon to open saloon. Ms. Dish was on her way to Lolly Johnson's Noo Zoo, another place that brings back precious memories. Has it already been two years since the summer of '89 when Ms. Dish found her chicken-of-the-decade at the Noo Zoo?

Now it's the decade of the 90's and Ms. Dish in on the prowl for poultry again. Isn't decadence divine, dear readers? Ms. Dish highly recommends it.

Let's try again this fall to recreate the tea dances at El Jardin on Sunday. Until then, here's to Sam, Billy, Sonny, Lolly, Gene and all the rest, named or not named here, living or dead, who have helped us find amusement and joy during grim times of oppression and the plague. Play it again, Billy, on the jukebox, that Judy Garland song. We'll be back soon.

Ms. Dish welcomes suggestions of places in our community to visit for out-and-about. And she reminds all her readers to support TGRA's Terry Neal in his Community Choice Awards project so we can raise much needed money to help our brothers and sisters at the San Antonio AIDS Foundation.



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The Spontaneity of Bondage

Staff Writer

If you consider yourself an up and coming artist and are seeking an opportunity to exhibit your work, then you need to read this article.

"The Bondage of Spontaneity" a mail art show should be right up your alley. This show is to explore sensuality, sexuality, eroticism and intimacy in the Age of AIDS. There are no fees, no juries, and absolutely no rejections for this showing. Each person who participates will receive documentation of the show and an exhibition at The Art Cellar Gallery. This gallery is truly a contemporary art space which encourages all artists from the San Antonio area.

To enter just send your entry to: The Queen of Chain Mail at 1018 W. Thorain, San Antonio, TX 78201. The deadline is rapidly approaching, it is October 5, 1991. So send your flat art or photograph up to 8 1/2" x 11", unfortunately it can not be returned, that expresses your views and/or experiences. It would be nice to have a photograph of the artist as well, however, it is not necessary.

Gay Fiesta is right around the corner

The annual Gay Fiesta of South Central Texas will be held Sunday, October 13 from noon to 8 PM at La Villita Assembly Hall. Located at Presa at Villita Streets in downtown SA.

Approximately 5,000 people are expected to roam the Hall where booths and tables will represent a variety of agencies, organizations and businesses. There will be a \$5 admission which, along with proceeds from sponsors, will be donated to the San Antonio AIDS Foundation.

Raffle prizes will include a travel package, restaurant tour, and a South Padre Island weekend. Also this year there will be an original fashion show sponsored by the San Antonio Couples.

A souvenir program will be inaugurated at this year's Gay Fiesta. It will include advertising by local Community businesses and acknowledgments of major underwriters.

Another new feature will be the "Take One" table where national organization publications will be available.

For additional information, to sponsor an event or seek booth rental information during Gay Fiesta contact Evan Pope or Byron C. Trott, (512) 225-4715.

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 CHOICE OVERALL ENTERTAINER
- II. NIGHTS CLUB
 CHOICE MALE BARTENDER
 CHOICE FEMALE BARTENDER
 CHOICE D. J.
 CHOICE C & W BAR
 CHOICE DANCE BAR
 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD BAR
- III. COMMUNITY SERVICE
 CHOICE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
 CHOICE COMMUNITY INDIVIDUAL
 CHOICE COMMUNITY EVENT
 CHOICE COMMUNITY PUBLICATION
 CHOICE OVERALL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
- IV. ARTHUR "HAP" VELTMAN, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD

Alamo Gay Community Choice Awards Rules

1. Mail Ballot to: TGRA, c/o AGCCA, PO Box 12651 SA, TX 78212
2. Only ONE ballot per envelope.
3. Any ballot altered in any manner will be considered null and void.
4. Deadline for AGCCA Committee to RECEIVE ballots will be midnight Sunday, October 31, 1991.
5. All nominees must be from the San Antonio area.
6. Because this is a fund-raising event for SAAF House, this ballot will be counted once for every dollar donation sent in with it. A minimum donation of \$1.00 per ballot is required. Ballots sent in without a minimum donation will be void. Please make checks or money orders out to SAAF House.
7. The AGCCA's will be presented Friday, October 18, 1991, The Bonham Exchange, 7:30 PM.
8. All ballots will be counted and verified by an AGCCA Committee which will consist of a representative from TGRA, SAAF, AGCCA, Tavern Guild, and The Bonham Exchange.
9. An outside audit of the votes will be conducted prior to the presentation of the awards.

Directory of Community Supporters

S. A. Calendar of Events

Businesses and Services

AAA Valet		
Pager: 720-9117	223-9622	
Accent Business Systems		
Digital Pager 222-8680	590-2438	
Affirmative Lifestyles	1-800-876-2991	
1100 NW Loop 210 Suite 207		
Affordable Transmission		
2201 San Pedro	732-1287	
1060 Bandera Rd	737-2287	
Anchors Aweigh Cruises & Tours		
Scott Gambuti, Agent	493-3388	
11870 Wurzbach		
Anderson Insurance	734-7911	
1803 W. Gramercy #100		
Art Beauty Salon	822-5152	
4003 McCullough		
Carter Creative, Advertising	824-2743	
Cristadale's	826-9871	
5046 Broadway		
The Crystal Vase	736-1516	
2021 San Pedro		
Encore Video	821-5345	
8546 Broadway		
The Flower Gallery	736-2208	
2208 San Pedro		
Friends of a Feather	646-7300	
13777 Judson Rd.		
Angelica Montelongo, Mary Kay Consultant		
	493-8067	
Gavin Metalsmith	821-5254	
4024 McCullough		
William F. Goodman, Atty. at Law	525-8122	
45 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 545		
Grasshopper	826-7800	
4026 McCullough		
Dan Hamill, Ph.D.	734-6668	
610 Vance Jackson		
Homeland of San Antonio	673-7537	
George Inskeep, Insurance Agent	828-5625	
1550 N.E. Loop 410, Ste 220		
Irene & Jerry Hair Studio	735-7746	
2500 McCullough		
Keepers	615 N Austin (512) 379-6869	
Law Office of Martha Fitzwater	826-3733	
3308 Broadway, 3rd. Floor		
Liberty Books	(512) 495-9737	
1014 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78703		
The Look Hair Salon	227-5665	
1428 Nogalitos		
Zelda J. Martinez, J. Cooper Haircutters	828-9895	
3602 Broadway, Studio 2		
Max's Appliances	734-3547	
1023 West Magnolia		
Nails by Amanda	523-8739	
Night Hawk Lock & Key	657-1772	
Answered 24 hours		
Northridge Liquors Living Well	824-6695	
131 West Sunset		
NSA, Filtered Water System	493-7026	
O.T.S. Graphics	829-0633	
On The Spot, Carpet & Upholstery Cleaners		
	680-4200	
Prentiss Jewelry	828-1761	
186 Thorain		
Professional Car Care By Bo	803-0266	
PVB Services (Plumbing)	493-7675	
24 hr. Answering Service		
Regency Automotive	366-2886	
308 W. Rhapsody		
Rick's	734-2851	
518 W. Hildebrand		
Randall Sherman, Bookkeeping	737-1404	
Scott Stover, Landscape Architect	732-3462	
To A Tee	732-2215	
806 E. Mistletoe		
Hannah Trad, CRMT	822-5982	
250 Wolmos Suite 200		

Eateries

Cafe Camille	517 E. Woodlawn	735-2307
Little Naples Italian Restuarant		734-2448
1923 Blanco Rd.		
Magnolia Gardens	2520 W. Main	737-2710
Rosario's Mexican Restuarant		223-1806
1014 S. Alamo		
Zulu T Box	517 E. Woodlawn	735-2307

San Antonio Organizations

Alamo Business Council		
P.O. Box 15481, SA, TX 78212		
Alamo City Men's Chorale	822-6325	
P. O. Box 120243, SA, TX 78212		
Alamo City Wrangler		
P.O. Box 4866 SA, TX 78285		
Alamo Couples	P.O. Box 12446 SA, TX 78212	
Arts For Life	1305 N. Flores	622-9616
Blue Light Candle Project		736-6389
P.O. Box 12444 SA, TX 78212		
Gay & Lesbian Parent Coalition		
2839 N. W. Military SA, TX 78231		
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard		733-7300
P.O. Box 120402 SA, Tx 78212		
H.A.C.E.R. 1017 N. Main Suite 208		227-2204
Happy Foundation 411 Bonham		271-3811
Lambda AA 132 Blue Star		225-5611
LISA (Lesbian Information of San Antonio)		
		828-5472
MCC of San Antonio 1136 W. Woodlawn		734-0048
Parents of Gays		736-6847
Positive Alliance of San Antonio (PASA)		
P.O. Box 12776 SA, TX 78212		841-2314
PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays)		
Frances Timmins		732-0751
Brent Fisher		822-4135
River City Living MCC 202 Holland		
San Antonio AIDS Foundation		
818 E. Grayson		225-4715
San Antonio Firedancers		
5119 Staplehurst SA, Tx 78228		
San Antonio Lesbian & Gay Assembly (SALGA)		
P.O. Box 12614 SA, TX 78212		697-9548
San Antonio Lambda Students Alliance (SALSA)		
P. O. Box 12715 SA, TX 78212		733-1225
San Antonio Tavern Guild		
P.O. Box 12712 SA, TX 78212		
Tejas Motorcycle Club		223-6620
P.O. Box 120295 SA, TX 78212		
TGRA of San Antonio		735-0150
P.O. Box 12651 SA, TX 78212		
Villa De Paz Orthodox Old Catholic Church		
3114 W. Ashby		734-2843

Bars, Lounges and Nightclubs

Bar Line		734-2833
AB's Westernaire	722 San Pedro	227-9258
B.B.'s		828-4222
5307 McCullough, The Back Yard		
The Bonham Exchange		271-3811
411 Bonham		
Circle J Bar	622 Roosevelt Ave.	533-9928
El Jardin	106 Navarro	223-7177
Las Gueras	5930 S. Flores	923-7944
Memories	6402 Callaghan	340-1241
New Ponderosa	5007 S. Flores	924-6322
Nexus II	8021 Pinebrook	Opening Soon
The Nite Owl	330 San Pedro	223-6957
The Noo Zoo	10127 Coachlight	341-4778
One-O-Six Off Broadway		820-0906
106 Pershing		
Paper Moon	1430 N. Main	225-7330
The Pump House	2022 McCullough	737-3938
Silver Dollar Saloon	1418 N. Main	227-2623
The Country Club	115 General Krueger	344-9720
The Crew	309 W. Market	223-0333
The Hard Hat	8011 Weebles	653-9941
The Stallion	2003 McCullough	734-7977
2015 Place	2015 San Pedro	733-3365
Wild Club	820 San Pedro	226-2620

State and National Organizations

AIDS Legal Resource Project	(800) 828-6417
Consumer Affairs Ombudsman	(512) 476-5151
Human Rights Campaign Fund	
1012 14th St NW, Suite 607, Washington DC 20005	
Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby	
P.O. Box 2579 Austin, TX 78768	(512) 474-5475
Texas Human Rights Foundation	(512) 479-8473
P.O. Box 49740 Austin, TX 78765	

Entertainment

Main Avenue Studio	1608 North Main	227-2872
Jump-START	1035 S Alamo	227-2867
San Antonio Little Theatre (SALT)		733-7258
San Pedro Playhouse		

Thursday, Sept. 19

Cafe Camille: Flaminco Dancers
 Memories: Male & Female Strippers 8:30 PM
 NAMES Project: Meeting 7 PM @ SAAF House
 Noo Zoo: Show 11 PM w/Jessica Wells
 One-O-Six: Steak Night, 6-10 PM
 The Country Club: Girls Night Out, Line Dance Lessons
 The Hard Hat: Hot Oil Wrestling & Dart League
 Wild Club: Amateur Strip \$75 1st Place

Friday, Sept. 20

ATSA: Chicago, curtain 8 PM, The Oxy-Morons, curtain 10:58 PM
 Cafe Camille: Soft Jazz
 Circle "J" Bar: Dancers 11 PM
 Jump-START: Cheap Talk curtain 8 PM
 Lambda Students: TV Theater 7-10 PM
 Student Center
 Nite Owl: Men & Munchies
 Noo Zoo: Strip Show @ Midnight w/Charci & George Michael
 Wild Club: Wild Dancers 11 PM; After Hours

Saturday, Sept. 21

Arts For Life: Meeting 1 PM Magnolia Gardens
 ATSA: Chicago, curtain 8 PM; Vampire Lesbians of Sodom, curtain 10:59 PM
 B.B.'s: Pub Grub
 Cafe Camille: Sergio Lara
 Circle "J" Bar: Show Night 10:30 PM
 ELLAS: Meeting Esperanza 7 PM
 Jump-START: Cheap Talk curtain 8 PM
 Memories: Live Band "After Dark" 9 PM
 The Nite Owl: Male Dancer 10:30 PM
 The Noo Zoo: After Hours
 Rosario's: \$2.99 Lunch Special
 The Country Club: Dancers & After Hours
 T.G.R.A.: State Board Meeting Round Up Saloon, Dallas
 Wild Club: Wild Dancers; After Hours

Sunday, Sept. 22

Texas Freedom Parade: Dallas
 B.B.'s: Hippy Party
 Circle "J" Bar: Barbecue 7 PM
 The Nite Owl: Buck Burgers benefiting Switchboard
 The Noo Zoo: After the Park Party
 One-O-Six: Free Munchies 12-8 PM
 Rosario's: \$2.99 Lunch Special
 The Country Club: "In House" Pool Tournament, Super Sunday Football
 Wild Club: Wild Dancers

Monday, Sept. 23

AB's Westernaire: Doubles Pool Tournament 8:30 PM
 B.B.'s: Movie Night
 Lambda Students: Literary Topics, 7-9 PM @ Student Center
 SALGA: Community Meeting, Esperanza 7:30 PM
 Rosario's: Football
 Wild Club: Mad Money Mondays

Tuesday, Sept. 24

AB's Westernaire: Progressive Pool
 Alamo City Men's Chorale: Rehearsal 7:30 PM, 818 E Grayson
 Cafe Camille: World Music in the Court-yard
 HEMP: Meeting at Esperanza 7 PM
 Memories: Steak & Chicken Night 6-9 PM
 The Noo Zoo: Pool Tournament 10 PM \$25 prize
 PASA: Support Group Meeting, 7 PM MCCA
 Wild Club: The Wild Wheel

Wednesday, Sept. 25

AB's Westernaire: Steak Night
 ATSA: Comedy Night! curtain 8:30 PM
 The Nite Owl: Open Pool Tournament 8 PM
 The Noo Zoo: Free Pool
 The Country Club: Dash for Cash & Steak Night
 The Hard Hat: Dart League
 Wild Club: Wild Dancers 11 PM

Thursday, Sept. 26

AB's Westernaire: River City Pool League 8:15 PM
 Amnesty International: Zion Lutheran Church 1604 at Braun 7:30 PM

Cafe Camille: Flaminco Dancers
 Memories: Male & Female Strippers 8:30 PM
 NAMES Project: Meeting 7 PM SAAF House
 The Noo Zoo: Show @ midnight w/Jessica Wells
 One-O-Six: Steak Night 6-10 PM
 The Country Club: Girls Night Out, Line Dance Lessons
 The Hard Hat: Hot Oil Wrestling, Pool League
 Wild Club: Amateur Strip Show \$75 1st Place

Friday, Sept. 27

ATSA: Chicago curtain 8 PM, The Oxy-Morons curtain 10:58 PM
 Cafe Camille: Soft Jazz
 Circle "J" Bar: Dancers 11 PM
 Jump-START: Cheap Talk curtain 8 PM
 Lambda Students: TV Theater 7-10 PM @ Student Center
 The Nite Owl: Men & Munchies
 The Noo Zoo: Male & Female Dancers, After Hours
 Wild Club: Wild Dancers & After Hours

Saturday, Sept. 28

Arts For Life: Meeting 1 PM Magnolia Gardens
 ATSA: Chicago curtain 8 PM, Vampire Lesbians of Sodom curtain 10:59 PM
 B.B.'s Pub: Pub Grub
 Cafe Camille: Sergio Lara
 Circle "J" Bar: Show Night 10:30 PM
 Jump START: Cheap Talk curtain 8 PM
 The Nite Owl: Male Dancers 10:30 PM
 Rosario's: \$2.99 Lunch Special
 The Country Club: Dancers & After Hours
 The Hard Hat: Jockey Shorts Contest
 Wild Club: Wild Dancers & After Hours

Sunday, Sept. 29

Circle "J" Bar: Barbecue 7 PM
 The Nite Owl: Buck Burgers Benefiting Switchboard
 The Noo Zoo: After The Park Party
 One-O-Six: Free Munchies 12-8 PM
 Rosario's: \$2.99 Lunch Special
 The Country Club: "In House" Pool Tournament
 Wild Club: Wild Dancers 11 PM

Monday, Sept. 30

TOWN HALL MEETING: Esperanza 7 PM
 AB's Westernaire: Doubles Pool Tournament 8:30 PM
 B.B.'s Pub: Movie Night 7 PM
 Lambda Students: Literary Topics 7-9 PM @ Student Center
 Rosario's: Football
 The Country Club: Football Night
 Wild Club: Mad Money Monday

Tuesday, Oct. 1

AB's Westernaire: Progressive Pool
 Alamo City Men's Chorale: Rehearsal 7:30 PM @ 818 E Grayson
 Cafe Camille: World Music in the court-yard
 Memories: Steak & Chicken Night 6-9 PM
 The Nite Owl: Male Dancer 9 PM
 The Noo Zoo: Pool Tournament 10 PM \$25 Prize
 PASA: Support Group Meeting 7 PM @ MCCA
 The Hard Hat: Dancers
 Wild Club: The Wild Wheel

Wednesday, Oct. 2

AB's Westernaire: Steak Night 7 PM
 ATSA: Comedy Night! curtain 8:30 PM
 The Nite Owl: Open Pool Tournament
 The Noo Zoo: Free Pool
 The Country Club: Steak Night
 The Hard Hat: Dart League
 Wild Club: Male Dancers 11 PM

Thursday, Oct 3

Cafe Camille: Flaminco Dancers
 Memories: Male & Female Strippers 8:30 PM
 NAMES Project: Meeting 7 PM @ SAAF House
 The Country Club: Girls Night Out, Line Dance Lessons
 The Hard Hat: Hot Oil Wrestling & Dart League
 Wild Club: Amateur Strip \$75 1st place