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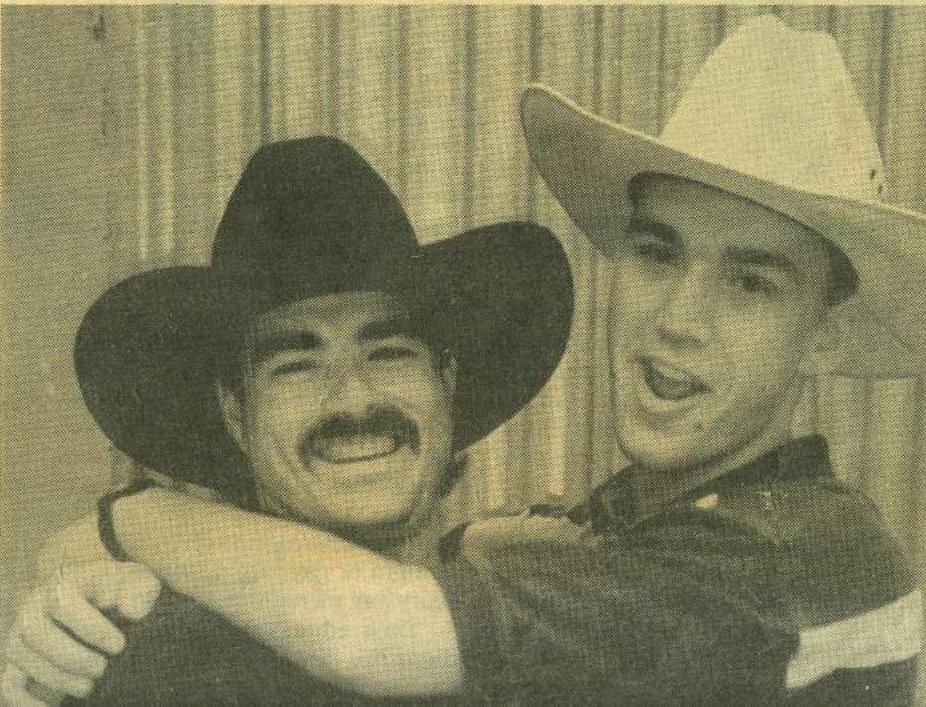
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Inside the livestock arenas of the Oklahoma State Fair Grounds, the restrooms are labeled COWBOYS and COWGIRLS, and I wondered whether the straight rodeo crowd that uses these facilities most of the year feels the thrill which that sort of designation has for many gay men and women. We're lucky to enjoy the rodeo with an extra edge of pleasure—a touch of sexuality.

But sexual thrills is only one of several reasons that gay rodeos exist. Roger Bergman, president of the International Gay Rodeo Association, said in an interview that the IGRA "started years ago in Reno as a fundraiser, and that purpose continues today."

"We raise money for AIDS charities," said Oklahoma rodeo director Glenn Gore. "Last year this particular rodeo donated almost \$12,000 profits to charities in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, and this year we expect to raise over \$15,000."

"And," added Glenn, "it's a time of cooperation, of friendship, of once-a-year contacts. You'll see butch guys and nelly guys and drag guys, tough women and southern belles, all in one great atmosphere, all having fun together."

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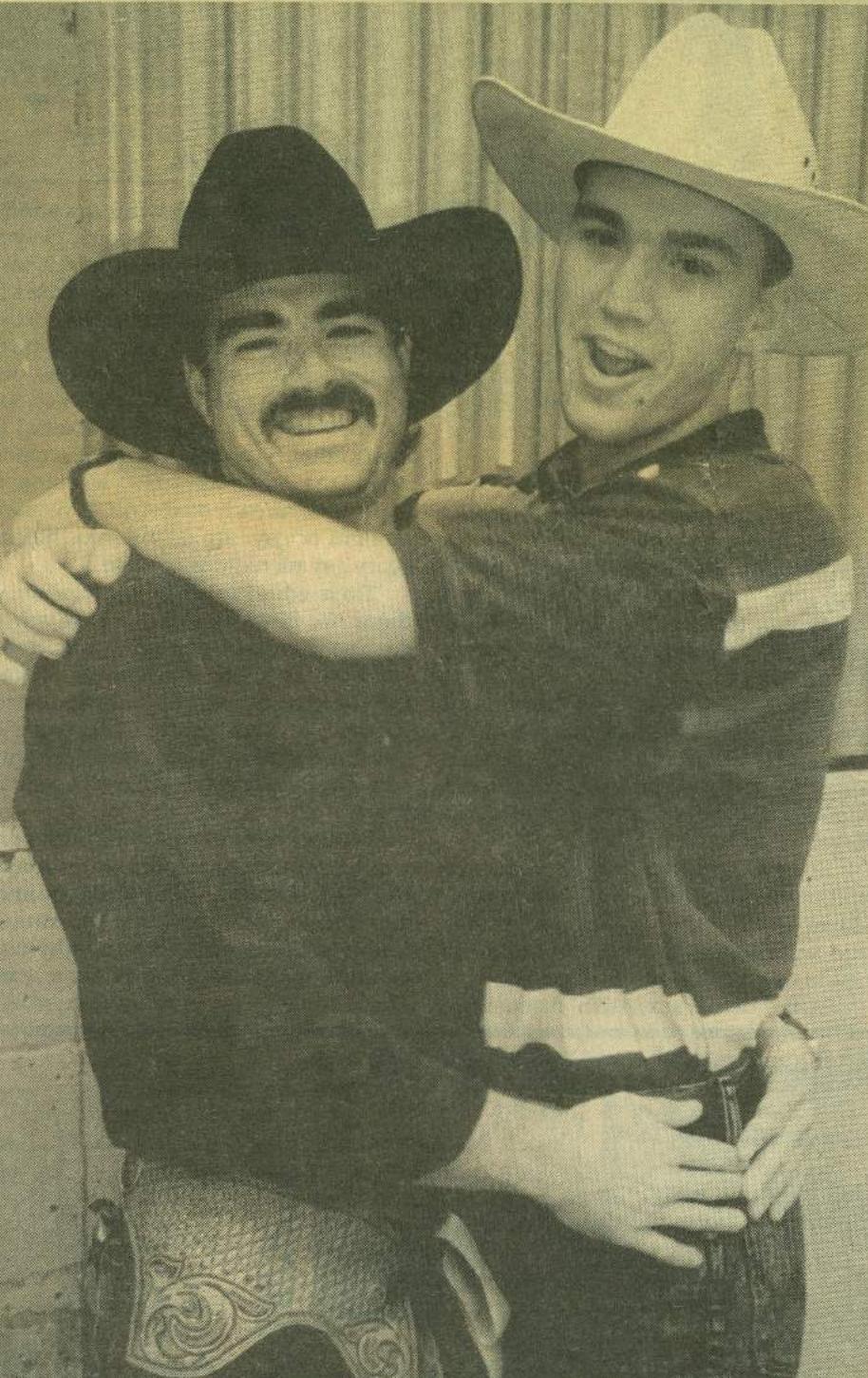


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DeBerry, 28, contracted HIV through a dirty needle when she got a tattoo in January of 1992. She was diagnosed that April 5—ironically, almost a year to the day before the phone calls started. She'd become accustomed to some "rudeness" as she became a visible AIDS educator who got the message out that anyone—including lesbians—can get HIV/AIDS.

But the second threatening phone call at 8:00am the next morning scared her: "If you march, your house will burn." DeBerry yelled back at the "scoffy voiced," older sounding woman. "I didn't know I had an enemy in the world," DeBerry said later. "It blew my mind."

She called GTE and the Tampa Police, reported the calls, asked for a phone tap, and started keeping a log, as advised. The third call a few

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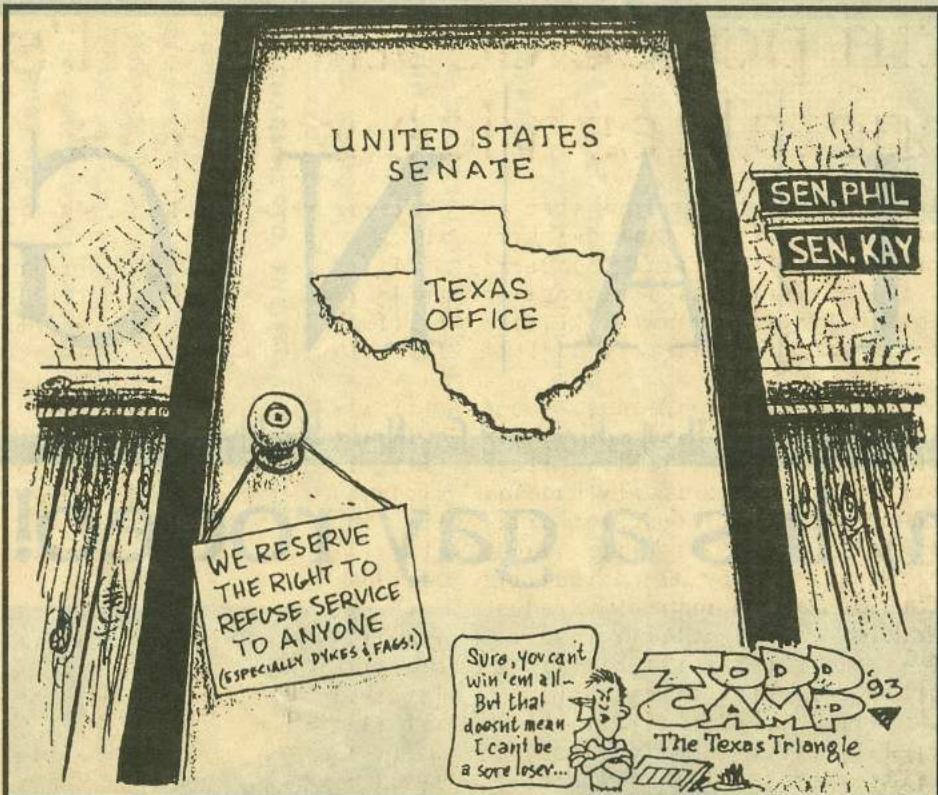
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Former Sen. Bob Krueger on his 2-to-1 trouncing by Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison

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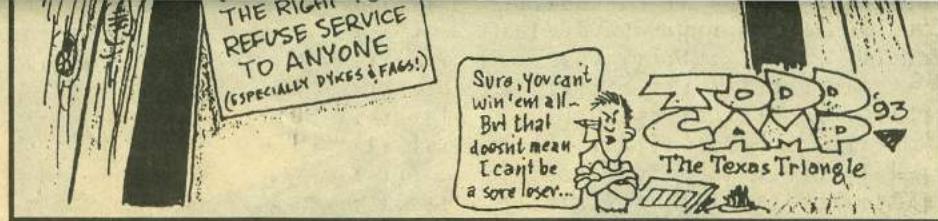
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However, I feel the current popularity and reality of bisexuality is a cause for alarm and the cause of increasing risk and infection of women with HIV—no one is talking about that either!!

In my "Before sex/AIDS" discussion,

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I am not happy with giving my money to AIDS organizations that still primarily deal with gay men, when 40,000 women die each year of breast cancer. However, I get equally upset at our apathy as a community to address, educate, and

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Former Texas attorney general Jim Mattox, who quit the Senate race after failing to win endorsement by the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus

"On the one hand, I'm really sick about Hutchison getting elected. On the other hand, I'm really mad at the Democrats for not picking a stronger candidate."

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas executive director Laurie Eiserloh

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Beware Austin police department's soap-and-vegetables vice squads

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VALUES
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*Background: According to the May 21 edition of **The Austin Chronicle**, the Austin Vice Squad raided Planet K stores and arrested employees on April 23, 1993, for selling obscene objects in violation of the Texas Penal Code.*

Recent Vice Squad activity in Austin has me concerned about the future of our fair city. My alarm begins with produce sales and grocery clerks. Now that our moral knights have cleansed the Planet K's, businesses that sell carrots and cucumbers must be next on the list!

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hard to get us to eat carrots when we were little. Did they know they were subconsciously training us for oral sex?

Oh, the Butts must be turning over in their graves about now. H.E.B. may be dirtying the entire moral fabric of TEXAS!

I feel a little better, though, about those clean, approved beer commercials on television ... just having a beer means I don't have to ask why! It means beautiful men and women can be attracted to each others' dates and it doesn't matter. Why, it's a dream come true! Beer equals unquestionable lust and then ... well, who knows what else! (I wonder if people use beer or the bottles to stimulate their genitals.)

Then I start to think about the blow-up sheep that the Austin cops snatched up. What happened to the poor thing? Did it ever get to sleep next to a nice, warm body? Or was it doomed to stay packed and plastic-smelling in an evacuated, shrunken wrapper?

Gosh, I wonder if garage sales are safe? We need extra Vice Squad people to patrol all the garage sales. What if some poor, old lady accidentally forgets to take her aged enema bottle out of the junk box. Behind bars *that fast*, poor dear. (Don't mention the unknowable pleasure the devices might give to its new owner.)

Most of all, I'm sad to think that my mom is a criminal. All those soaps-on-a-rope she sold door-to-door for Avon.

She even gave me some to take showers with.

My god, Mom may have turned me gay by giving me Avon soap! Please don't feel guilty, Mom, if you read this. It wasn't you, I swear. (It wasn't even the soap—though I admit the slippery lather was kind of fun.)

Now, the more I look around my house, the more scared I become. Everywhere there's something forbidden. Why, pens, pencils ... candles. That refrigerator. Eeek ... the produce drawer! Don't look!

Oh, Ms. Watson, please don't send your bad boys after me. I didn't know the world was so full of pleasurable objects until your peace keepers made such a big deal out of it.

And what about the yahoos in the legislature who made these stupid laws? Somebody better run in and take the seats of the toilets lest they gently brush against some old codger's genitals and cause ???...

What's more, how are any of us to take showers? Running water over breasts ... Arrghh. Washcloths over naughty bits ... Towels dragging across erogenous zones ...

You know what this means? No towels. No showers. We Austinites are headed for a life of filth and disease. Not to mention blindness since carrots are off limits too.

Waste my tax dollars some more, you @#! holes.

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confront lesbians and AIDS, and discontinue the myth that lesbians are "safe."

Safe sex practices and "know thy partner" still has not sunk into lesbian libidos. Does our "Rock Hudson" have to be Sarah Bernhart or k.d. lang? How many of us have to die before we finally face the facts?

Karen Stewart
Austin

To the Editor:

While attending the March on Washington, I learned that the leader of the grape boycott and the United Farm Workers Union, Cesar Chavez, had died in Arizona. I was privileged to have heard Cesar Chavez at the 1987 March on Washington. His message then, of solidarity and union, was still very much alive at this year's March.

Cesar Chavez was a friend of the gay and lesbian community and he will be missed. But his spirit for equal justice will never die. Those of us who were in Washington, D.C., this year, and yes we were one million strong, have a responsibility to tell everyone that we were there in numbers and that we must continue the fight against oppression.

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Straight military men: violence waiting to happen

OPINION

By Joe Starr
TRIANGLE Staff

NOW we have it! It's the straight people who can't control themselves. The debate on gays in the military has gone on long enough for America to hear from the military what the real problem is: straight men are just violence looking for an opportunity.

The argument that gays should not be allowed in the military because they could not control their "sexual urges" seems to have been replaced by the argument that if gays enter the ranks of the enlisted, straight men will not be able to control their *violent* urges.

Col. Fred Peck, in testimony before the Senate this month, admitted that though his gay son would be "a recruiter's dream" (not fantasy, we hope), his life would be in danger were he to enter the military because of potential straight violence.

So this military force that's so spec-

tacularly trained and fine-tuned cannot be trusted not to murder one of its own members. Allowing gays to enter the military is conjectured to tamper with the superb morale and camaraderie of our fighting forces. But I would have to say our soldiers are already walking a pretty fine psychological line if their own officers think they're all potential murderers.

And what does it say about order and discipline in this masterpiece of martial readiness that the higher-ups don't even consider that they might be able to prevent such behavior? Peck seems to be resigned to this straight-boys-will-be-straight-boys (read murderers) attitude which straight men everywhere should find highly insulting.

Anyone observing would have to say gays have won the self-control issue that was the original objection raised in this battle. Consider some of the last year's major stories involving the military. Compare the (gay) Soldier of the Year with the (straight) Tailhook scan-

dal. What do these things tell you about self-control?

Meanwhile, on the distaff side, we see a depressing conventionality that mocks women's recent gains with regard to military service. I saw a woman on CNN claiming that having someone possibly "look at her in the shower" would remove her last shred of dignity.

Could someone please explain to me this sudden national obsession with not being looked at in the shower? When did the communal shower become this inviolate shrine of vestal modesty? And please remember, these are the same women who have apparently come to grips with the idea that, now that the military has met their demand to fly combat missions, they might fall into enemy hands and be raped or tortured. But *stared at*? No way!

Part of any liberation philosophy must be the acceptance of the added responsibility that comes with the new freedom. These women say that they want to be treated like men, that they are up to

the challenges of all aspects of the military just as much as men. But I would have to question whether that woman testifying has really thought about the equal jeopardy she assumed along with the equal opportunity.

At one time I would have said this gives the lie to the contention that women are as emotionally capable of dealing with the stress of combat as men, but now we all know how equally terrified straight men are of being stared at. Apparently the only people who can bear the horrible strain of being stared at are gay men and women. What superhuman beings they are!

No argument brought up yet for denying gays the right to serve has been substantial. In the end, this is all boiling down to "We don't want to play with you, and we don't have to if we don't want to." Clinton's resolve will truly be put to the test by this issue because he stands to gain very little from it. It will be interesting to see what happens when realpolitik meets principle.

Act now to keep homophobic textbooks out of schools

OPINION

David E. Walker
Special to the TRIANGLE

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Col. Fred Peck, in testimony before the Senate this month, admitted that though his gay son would be "a recruiter's dream" (not fantasy, we hope), his life would be in danger were he to enter the military because of potential straight violence.

So this military force that's so spec-

ial to gay boys (and men), should which straight men everywhere should find highly insulting.

Anyone observing would have to say gays have won the self-control issue that was the original objection raised in this battle. Consider some of the last year's major stories involving the military. Compare the (gay) Soldier of the Year with the (straight) Tailhook scan-

gups with the Tailhook, how the military has met their demand to fly combat missions, they might fall into enemy hands and be raped or tortured. But stared at? No way!

Part of any liberation philosophy must be the acceptance of the added responsibility that comes with the new freedom. These women say that they want to be treated like men, that they are up to

the argument brought up yet for denying gays the right to serve has been substantial. In the end, this is all boiling down to "We don't want to play with you, and we don't have to if we don't want to." Clinton's resolve will truly be put to the test by this issue because he stands to gain very little from it. It will be interesting to see what happens when realpolitik meets principle.

Act now to keep homophobic textbooks out of schools

OPINION

David E. Walker
Special to the TRIANGLE

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Currently, the Texas Education Agency is considering for adoption seven health texts for grades 9-12 which include a major sexuality component. One

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These texts can be checked out for one week at a time at one of the twenty Regional Education Service Centers (Region I-XX) throughout the state. The address for Region XIII in Austin is 5701 Springdale Rd., phone (512) 929-1313. Residents in the Austin area may also review excerpts of these texts at Liberty Books, 1014 N. Lamar, behind Sound Warehouse on the corner of W. 11th and Lamar streets. Written reviews either in

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For more information concerning the texts themselves, you may contact David E. Walker, at (512) 476-3990. For more information on how to get involved in Project 21, contact Robert Birle, Midwest Coordinator, at 4600 Winchester Ave., Kansas City, MO 64117.

Homophobia, sexism oppressive to heterosexuals, too

OPINION

By Suzanne Pinnette
Special to the TRIANGLE

Have you ever thought about how the oppression of homosexuals affects non-homosexuals? If we are to win our freedom, we need to think about how to convince heterosexuals to support us. We are, after all, still a minority, I think...

We have lately succeeded in getting the general public to think more about us. Most decent people will get it right away. Even if they don't understand why

we love each other, they won't support hurting us once they become aware. They want to do the right thing. They are not mean.

Unfortunately, these good people who may not know us very well can easily be swayed by misinformation. For example, some might be led to believe that our love is sinful, dangerous to children and other living things (e.g., military personnel), or that we are asking for more than our share. They might even be led to believe that we should be hurt for our own good!

They need accurate and meaningful information that makes sense to them. They need the kind of information that they can evaluate from a personal standpoint. For example, many heterosexuals have been able to reevaluate their irrational fear of homosexuality when a family member finally got enough courage to come out to them.

Love is so much more powerful towards making the right decision than hate which clouds the thinking. Loving someone who is being hurt by irrational hate and prejudice makes it easier to see

why the oppression is wrong.

The fact is that all heterosexuals have a very intimate relationship with homophobia. They have all been subject to its prejudices and oppressions since early childhood. Homophobia is responsible for the often insidious and always restrictive social mores defining sex roles. Every little boy knew early in life that if he cried too much or wanted to play with dolls he would be called a sissy.

Heterosexual men and women have known for decades that one of the things

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United Way grant to gay/lesbian group stirs controversy

By Rick Antoine
TRIANGLE Staff

AUSTIN—At \$20,000, the new grant given to Informe SIDA by the United Way-Capital Area last week was one of the smallest awarded, but with other local agencies simultaneously losing more than \$500,000 in annual funding, some citizens did not take kindly to any support of a lesbian/gay project.

Angry phone callers debated on a radio talk-show and threatened to cancel their pledges the morning after United Way announced June 1 that the Austin Latina/o Lesbian and Gay Organization and its Informe SIDA project had been made a member agency and would receive \$20,000 the first year.

United Way awarded 43 other annual grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$501,000, but reduced funding to 32 of those agencies and eliminated three to compensate for a \$535,000 shortfall compared to the \$5.1 million that was available last year.

The \$4.6 million available this year was allocated according to the priorities established by an April survey of community and corporate leaders who ranked AIDS their third main concern after fam-

ily violence and juvenile delinquency.

However, an article about the funding cuts in the daily newspaper named ALLGO as the new recipient without identifying Informe SIDA (Spanish for AIDS Information) as a prevention education program targeting communities of color and of low-to-moderate incomes.

Had the *Austin American-Statesman* described the ALLGO program, Austin-Travis County HIV Commission chairman Eugene Sepulveda said, gay/lesbian critics might have been "less offended."

As it was, the United Way received 52 negative—compared to 18 positive—phone calls during the first two days following the announcement, and ALLGO co-chair Saul Gonzalez found himself subjected to hostile interrogation by the hosts of an AM-radio talk-show.

Christina Garrison, United Way vice president of marketing and communications, said the initially negative reaction dwindled after the first two days and that a week later, the number of supportive callers nearly equaled the objectors.

Gonzalez, who telephoned the KVET-AM talk-show after what turned out to be a two-hour debate already had begun, said he could "stomach" the gay

and lesbian bashing from other listeners, but was more disturbed by the inflammatory attitudes and questioning from the show's hosts.

"They did an incredible disservice to the community," Gonzalez said. "It seems to me the hosts of a live radio broadcast have some obligation to the public not to spread hatred."

Although he was treated better in an appearance on talk-show rival KLBJ-AM the next day, Gonzalez said the overall nature of the discussion detracted from the real achievement—that a lesbian/gay-identified agency had secured the first annual funding for AIDS ever issued by the Capitol Area United Way.

"We're the only openly gay and lesbian AIDS program in Travis County and one of the few in the entire nation," Gonzalez said. "I think it speaks well for ALLGO and the community as a whole that the United Way sees the merit of our program."

United Way's Garrison said that while ALLGO was the only Capital Area AIDS agency to ask for annual funding this year, the board of directors unanimously agreed Informe SIDA met the "accountable, efficient and effective" criteria.

Sepulveda said that with the virus' rapid spread among Austin's communities of color, and particularly in women, Informe SIDA's outreach to those communities becomes even more important.

"The United Way did not fund a program to promote acceptance, understanding or even tolerance of gays and lesbians," Sepulveda said in a letter to the editor of the local daily. "It funded the only known prevention of a fatal, infectious epidemic—education."

Garrison said the United Way will continue to expand its funding for AIDS, regardless of sexuality issues. While ALLGO/Informe SIDA is the first member agency, one-time grants of capital or equipment have been issued to the Austin/Travis County HIV Dental Project, Christopher House intermediate-care facility and East Austin AIDS Coalition. The availability of an additional \$150,000 will be advertised soon, Garrison said.

"United Way is really ponying up to the table, and we need to be supportive," Sepulveda said. "Our community needs all the help we can get in fighting this disease."

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Avant Garage party raises
\$9,000 for HRCF, THRF

AUSTIN — Memorial Day weekend's Avant Garage Party raised about \$9,000, organizers said after tallying advance ticket sales and other proceeds.

Nearly 900 people attended the first-time fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign Fund and Texas Human Rights Foundation, with ticket sales at the entrance amounting to about \$4,000. Project Transitions, an AIDS hospice, raised \$2,300 by selling merchandise from its Top Drawer retail shop and conducting an auction of donated art.

Eugene Sepulveda, a member of both HRCF and THRF, said organizers plan to make the Avant Garage Party an annual event and that anyone can help or make suggestions by calling him at (512) 454-9801.

Another benefit that weekend, the ninth annual Spring Cotillion, raised an estimated \$9,100 for AIDS Services of Austin, the "best ever," although figures will not be finalized until mid-month, organizer Michael Penning said.

Benefit funds court costs for arrested Lesbian Avengers

By Kevin Taggart
TRIANGLE Staff

AUSTIN — It was a wild and fast-moving stage show under a full moon at Chances last Friday, where the Lesbian Avengers and nearly 100 supporters gathered to raise money for eight Lesbian Avengers and three male supporters arrested May 31 at the Capitol after unfurling banners protesting inclusion of 21.06 in the state's new penal code.

During performances by Austin's Girls in the Nose and The Fried Pipers, the Lesbian Avengers sold T-shirts and asked for donations to pay fines and court costs.

"It was a valuable learning experience but an expensive one," said Kathryn Baker, one of those who spent between 12 and 15 hours in jail. All were released by 5 a.m. the following morning.

The group is being represented by Austin attorney Malcolm Greenstein, "who refuses to charge for political cases, [asking only] that we make contributions to non-profit organizations, but fines and court costs will add up quickly," Baker added.

Local Lesbian Avenger organizer Beth Wilson said that the community's men and women have been extremely sup-

portive following arrests: "People out there are pissed off [about the passage of the penal code] and they're glad that someone is out there on the line," she said, noting that the concert provided opportunity for "budding activists to know what we're about and to join us."

The Austin chapter of the Lesbian Avengers, a national direct-action group "focused on issues vital to lesbian survival and visibility," was formed in January to give lesbians "a role and direction in a political debate from which they have been historically excluded," said Wilson.

After the Fried Pipers played, the "vulvacentric" Girls in the Nose followed, accompanied by their smoothly kitsch "goddess-garbed" dancers, "Lez Nez." The Lesbian Avengers cavorted, celebrating the impact of their statement in the Capitol. A few voiced fears about legal problems and asked for support from the audience.

The highlight of the evening came when the Avengers gathered in front of the audience for a "fire-eating ritual." As the women lit long cotton-tipped rods, they chanted: "Their fire will not consume us/We take it and make it our own." The chant was a description of their strategy as a group of fighting on

the frontlines of what seems to be a long, pitched battle for civil rights in Texas.

In a joint statement released Monday to the *Triangle*, those arrested said that, up to the last day of the legislative session, "we had played by the established rules and had kept our issues on the back burner in order to avoid putting pressure on the legislature [during the debate of 21.06]. But once again, playing by the rules and not drawing attention to ourselves meant that lesbian and gay Texans were betrayed, and the Lesbian Avengers felt that it was time to let the House of Representatives know that we weren't happy and we weren't passively accepting their condemnation, even though we had been quiet for months."

The demonstration, which lasted less than 10 minutes, said Baker, ended with all 11 participants in handcuffs and charged with public disturbance of the peace, a Class B Misdemeanor carrying a maximum penalty of a \$1,500 fine and/or six months in jail.

Those arrested, in addition to Baker, were Kim Emery, Carrie Gaskill, Chris Rincon, Linda McCullough, Mary Ann Messina, Alison Regan, James Perriguey, Sarah Connors, Enrique Rodriguez, and JoAnn Pavletich, all of Austin.

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And when one of the early awards went to Stephen Spinella for featured actor in a play—"Angels in America"—and the camera panned to his seat in the audience just in time to catch his lip-to-lip kiss with his lover, his acceptance speech seemed almost anticlimactic as he thanked his lover by name and called him his "husband in my heart."

With "Angels in America" and "Kiss of the Spider Woman" capturing a number of Tonys it was easy to overlook the well-received The Who's "Tommy" whose author, Peter Townshend, came out only last year, or gay playwright Lanford Wilson's "Redwood Garden" — now closed — which managed the award for feature actress in a play.

If Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson had been watching, and we know they weren't, this parade of queers and dykes on prime time, flaunting their gayness, would have turned their hearts to the stonelike substance that now beats in the chest of Jesse Helms.

As we were wont to say a couple of decades ago, "Baby, we've come a long way." That's a long way since John Cline, on accepting his Tony for producing "Torch Song Trilogy," first mentioned a gay lover on the awards. Now we have men kissing on the small screen (they couldn't do that on "Thirtysomething"). Where will it end? Maybe, just maybe, with the realization that we are here and we are not going away.

Most people — all but the tourists clamoring for tickets to another mindless musical — already knew that gays were everywhere on the Great White Way. But a little acknowledgement can't hurt. And with Broadway already suffering from a variety of ills, more openness along with such new products as "Angels" and "Spider Woman" might bode well in the long run.

In any event, after watching Krueger crash and burn, and seeing Clinton backing away from his commitment on the military ban, the Gay White Way and the Tonys provided just the right amount of escapism and realism. No matter what, they can't take that away from us.

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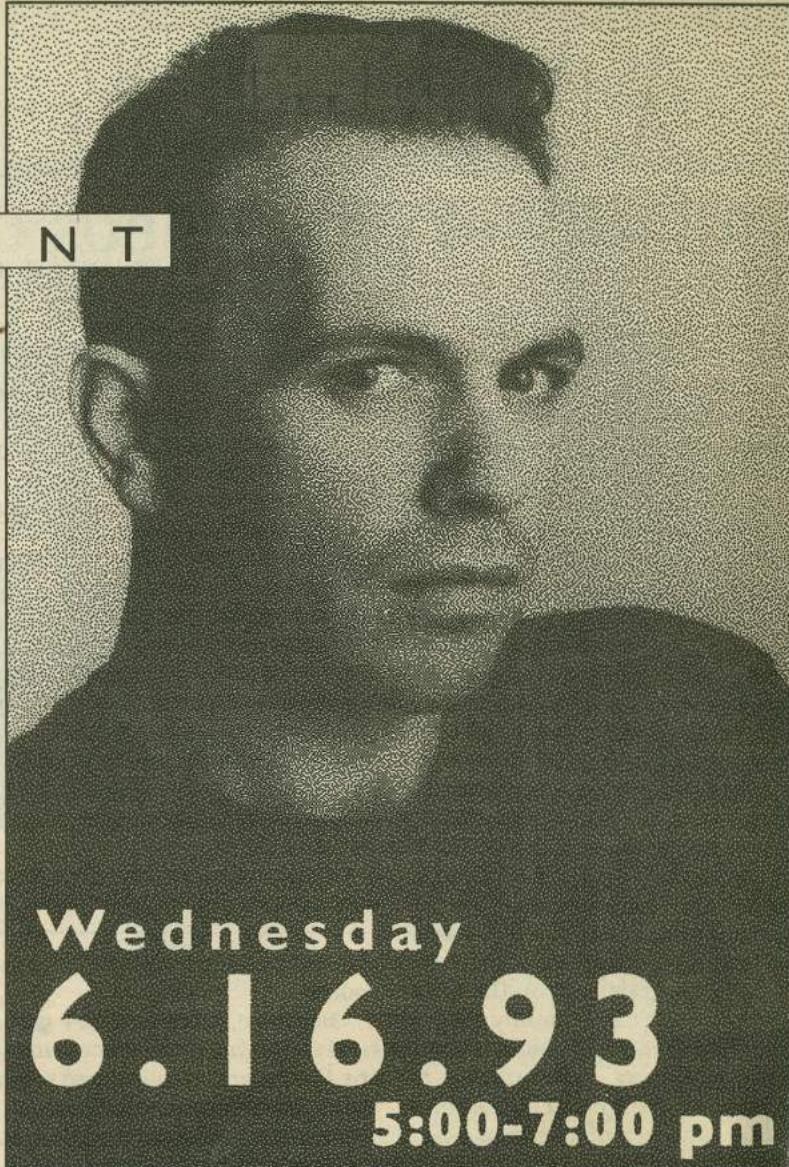


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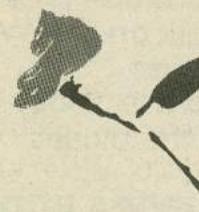
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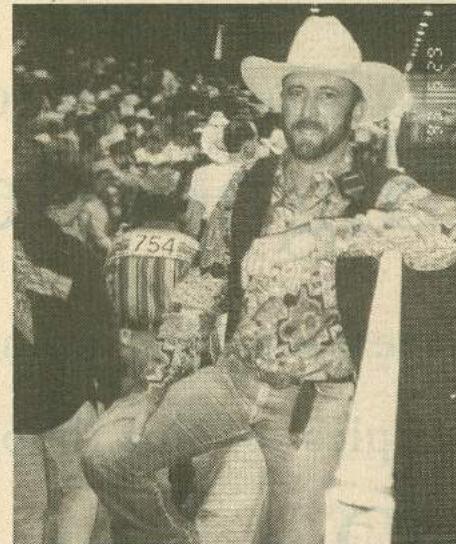
occasion for everyone to loosen up, get away from the everyday grind, hold hands openly, maybe even meet a lover."

Many standard rodeo events were part of Oklahoma City's two-day schedule: Barrel Racing, Chute Dogging, Bareback Bronc Riding, Wild Steer Riding. There also was the Flag Race and additional events to allow participation by those who didn't have a horse (and those not up for the bone-crunching dangers of riding a bucking beast). Calf Roping on Foot and Steer Decorating (tie a ribbon around his tail while your teammates try to control the rebellious animal) were two such events.

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Rodeos have always been bastions of major machismo. At straight rodeos, gay participants generally meet with ridicule or rejection. And, if it's tough for a gay man to compete in a straight rodeo, it's even tougher for a woman. Whether straight or lesbian, women have always been relegated to the status of mascots,



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Glenn Gore encourages "everyone with the least bit of interest in rodeos, or cowboys" to come on out. "Your life will change," he insists. "Just look at how everyone is starched and pressed. These are proud people, not sloppy." But if you leave a gay rodeo with the smell of snuff

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Workshop reflects growing awareness of battering in gay community

By Mandy Woods
TRIANGLE Staff

AUSTIN—Lesbian battering, an issue that even the Battered Women's Movement ignored until recently, is the focus of a meeting here next Friday.

"I hope anyone who's interested, anyone who's ever been battered, anyone who's concerned about a friend being battered, or even who is a batterer, will come," said Tricia Rickey, facilitator of the only support group in Texas for lesbians in abusive relationships. "I really think our whole community needs to be more aware of [the problem]."

Rickey will be the keynote speaker at the meeting, which will be sponsored by SapphFire, a social group for lesbians. It will be held from 7-9 p.m. at AIDS Services of Austin.

"The essential element (of an abusive relationship) is where one person ... seeks to have all the power and control," said Rickey in a recent interview. Abuse, she added, may be physical, verbal, or both. Either way, she said, the dominant person makes life untenable for the person targeted, tearing down self-image day by day.

Austinite Kayla Worley agrees, and

she should know. Ten years ago, while living in Lubbock, she experienced abuse firsthand, when her first lover virtually took over her life. "It's a brainwashing," she said. "She controlled my phone conversations, my paychecks ... if she didn't like something I did, she got very physical. One time, I couldn't go to work for a week because she'd beaten my face."

For Worley, a member of a self-help group started three years at the Center for Battered Women's outreach shelter, which was temporarily disbanded last summer, the process of accepting the fact that she was in an abusive relationship was hard. She did accept that fact, and she escaped—literally—from it. The process of learning to be an independent person again, she said, was slow and painful. Equally difficult was coming to terms with what had happened to her.

"I felt very foolish and didn't talk about it for a long time," said Worley. She said she finally was able to talk about the experience after moving to Austin and becoming acquainted with the Center for Battered Women and its self-help group. "It's a support," she said.

Though the meeting Friday will focus only on lesbian battering, the problem

exists, too, among gay men, for whom the stigma, denial, and difficulty of finding somewhere to turn for help are just as intense, according to therapists.

"I think some of [the denial] is male socialization, [the idea] that physical fighting is okay between men," said Jay Erwin-Grotsky, a staff therapist at Austin's Waterloo Counseling Center. Erwin-Grotsky, an HIV/AIDS specialist, says he has seen cases of emotional abuse among his clients. "If one partner is HIV positive, even if he feels abused, he may stay out of fear that there wouldn't be another relationship." He described emotional abuse as "being condescending, passive/aggressive, not really say-

ing what's going on and then acting out angrily in some other way."

Waterloo therapist Polly Brannen included "threatening gestures and emotional blackmail" as abuse. Less common, she said, is actual hitting which "is always connected with alcohol." She said that individual or couples' therapy are alternatives to self-help groups. Important to coping, she added, is to scrutinize an individual's internalized belief system, including sense of self-worth and "what love looks like."

For information on the SapphFire meeting, call (512) 450-0659. For details on the self-help group, call the Center for Battered Women, (512) 385-5181.

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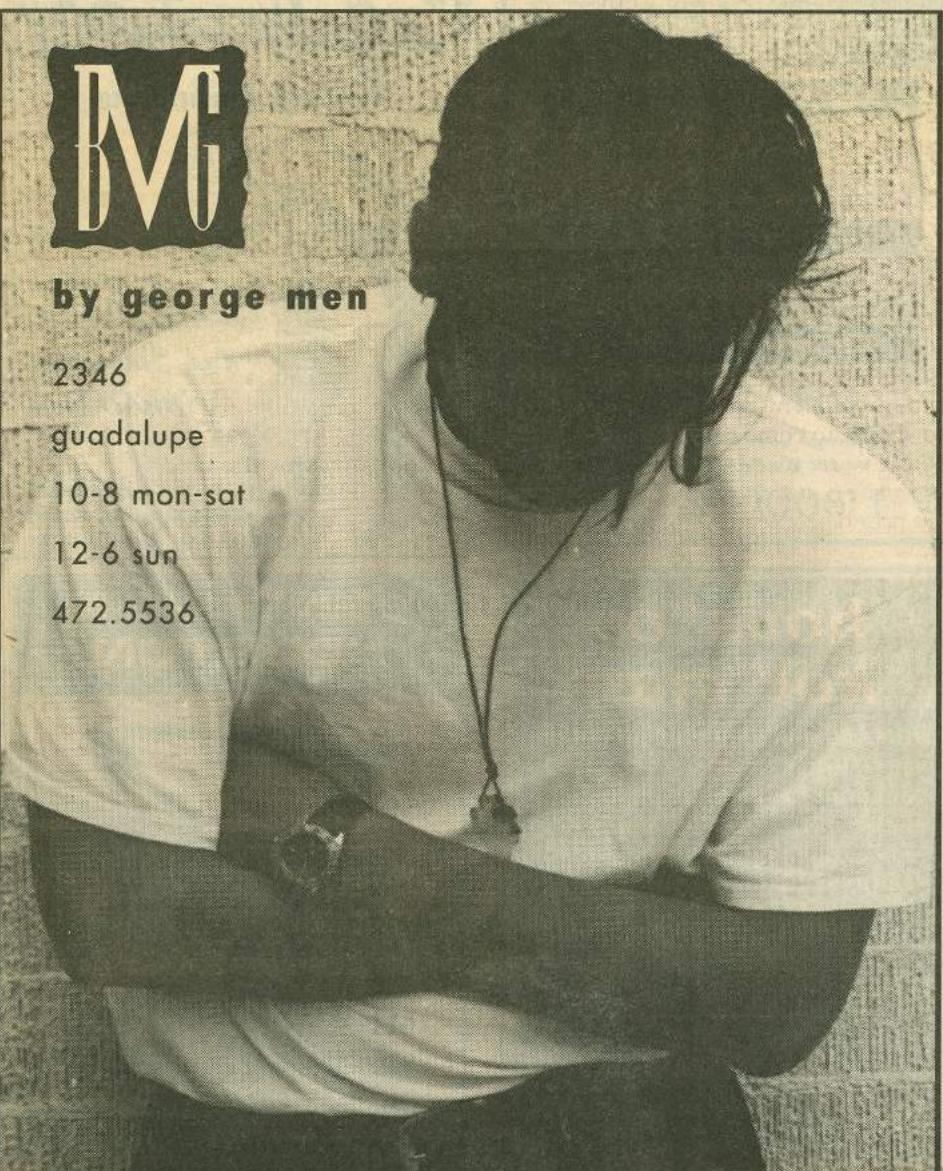
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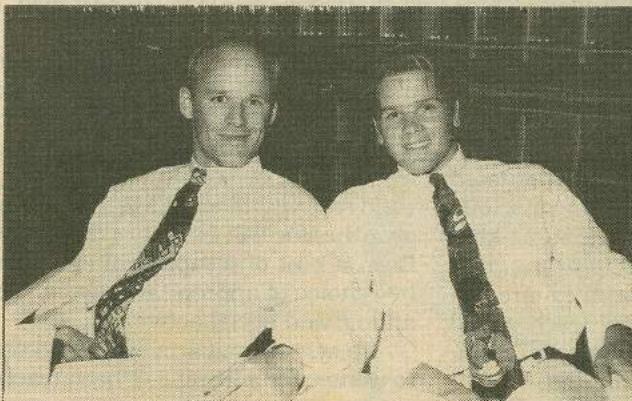
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Out Youth Austin holds annual "Alternative Prom"



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Ever imagine what it would have been like to take a same-sex date to the prom?

Out Youth Austin and The 404 club gave young and old alike that opportunity last week by staging a "Phantom of the Opera Alternative Prom."

Festooned in fashions that ranged from

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Gay and lesbian couples at this "Alter-

native Prom" did what all high schoolers do on prom night: they drank punch, danced with each other and socialized with friends.

Then those who had a curfew went home, and some of the "older" couples found a safe spot where they could sit together and watch the sun rise.

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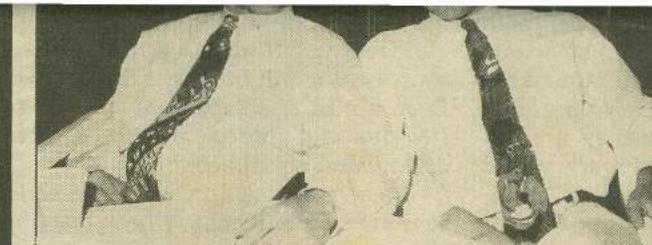
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Want to see sexism? Be a woman with a black belt

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which prevents intimacy between heterosexual couples is the man's difficulty in feeling safe to express feelings, to nurture, to share his vulnerability. Most people see this as an effect of sexism in childrearing and of course that is true. It is also a child's first experience of homophobia. The child is threatened with loss of love and his identity as a male. In self-defense he learns to hate anything which is culturally defined as female, especially when it is found in male behavior. The homophobia he is subjected to is thus internalized and becomes unconscious.

Societal homophobia is perpetuated as it becomes part of the unconscious worldview of each child. The same kind of early conditioning affects young girls. They quickly learn that they are expected to avoid behaviors which would label them as less than "ideally" feminine.

Fortunately, this is changing as feminist ideas have produced parenting atti-

tudes which encourage and support a much wider range of activities for girls than ever before in our history. Most liberal-minded parents give their children a choice of toys and sports activities. Still, the societal conditioning runs deep, and there is a lot of it.

Girls get the idea that they should be vulnerable and dress seductively to get approval. Otherwise, they risk being labeled as less than fully female (read butch) and consequently less deserving of love. Their role is to support men, not to act powerfully themselves.

They get it from television. They get it from movies. The result is internalized homophobia. Whether we decide to rebel against the conditioning, as many young lesbians do, or buckle under, every girl child receives the message that stepping over the line will bring her disapproval. Even a hint of disapproval can control her choice of appropriate career, recreational and social activities.

I teach martial arts and self-defense to women for a living. I've been teaching women exclusively for eight years (four in Austin). During this time I have had

mostly lesbian students. It's not that we have sought to exclude non-lesbian women, however. We have actively sought to bring heterosexual women into the school and to create an inclusive training environment in which they would feel as comfortable as lesbian students.

We have had almost as many heterosexual and lesbian women start training. But for some reason the heterosexual women drop out much more quickly. Why? The best answer I can give myself is that they are being intimidated. It's not the school or the other students who scare them away (the classes are small and supportive, and each woman can progress at her own pace regardless of initial physical condition), and it's not the cost of the training (any woman can have whatever scholarship assistance she requests). The intimidation comes from outside.

One woman quit because her husband told her that he was worried about her going out at night. End of training. Another woman quit because her lover thought she should do something "normal" like aerobics.

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men. Lesbians are more likely to say, "Gee. I tried karate once and quit because I didn't feel accepted," or "Wow, that's really cool. I should come down and train with you." Heterosexual women often say the same thing but are less likely to come and try.

The bottom line is that martial arts training is perceived as a powerful (male) activity and it is considered especially weird for women to train without men. Women are supposed to do sports to meet men or be attractive to men, not solely for themselves. Only a dyke would want to do a physically powerful activity for her own sake.

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Societal homophobia is perpetuated as it becomes part of the unconscious worldview of each child. The same kind of early conditioning affects young girls. They quickly learn that they are expected to avoid behaviors which would label them as less than "ideally" feminine.

Fortunately, this is changing as feminist ideas have produced parenting attitudes

against the conditioning, as many young lesbians do, or buckle under, every girl child receives the message that stepping over the line will bring her disapproval. Even a hint of disapproval can control her choice of appropriate career, recreational and social activities.

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The same goes for gay men. They are all wonderfully and completely male. The most beautiful and graceful drag queen on earth is masculine and completely male. So is the body builder who happens to be gay. There are an infinity of male behaviors that he can choose from and we should celebrate his freedom. And what a relief for our heterosexual allies! The possibility of being mistaken for gay or lesbian is no longer a threat to your identity as a man or a woman. It is our birthright as complete human beings.

It is my belief that social change requires that we all work together. A significant part of the liberation of homosexuals will be the liberation of straights from the fear of being loaded down with the oppression aimed at homosexuals. We need to get them to understand that it is homophobia which causes the problem, not those who are the targets of the oppression. We need to point out to them that they themselves have suffered directly.

It may seem strange to think about how straights have been hurt by homophobia, but it can open up a whole new path to greater freedom and acceptance for everyone.

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Openly gay man elected to Dallas city council

DALLAS—Craig McDaniel, an openly gay city council candidate who, in a run-off election, defeated Sharon Boyd in District 14 (most of Oak Lawn and part of East Dallas), last Monday took the oath of office.

"My goal in representing the gay and lesbian community is to demonstrate that we are, in every important way, just like everyone else in society," he said before the ceremony at the

Dallas Convention Center.

In chalking up more than a two-to-one win over Boyd, McDaniel said, "I did well throughout the district, in conservative areas, Republican areas, lesbian and gay areas, and my home base here in East Dallas ... Mine was a very clear mandate that delivered the message about what kind of person voters want to represent the district."

Boycott of dental center protests HIV policy

HOUSTON—Last Sunday members of ACTUP/Gulf Coast protested Castle Dental Center's refusal to treat individuals infected with HIV. Accusations go back to 1991, when Harrison Totten became a patient for orthodontic work. He was treated at Castle until May 1992, when he was supposed to receive a routine dental cleaning; but first, he was required to complete a patient information form that included HIV status. Totten was truthful about being HIV-positive.

He received this response from his orthodontist, Dr. Robert Natoli: "Due to the recent discovery of your health

problems ... Castle Dental Center has decided to cease providing you with orthodontal treatment ... to protect the health of [Castle] employees."

Totten filed a lawsuit last February, alleging violations of the Americans With Disabilities Act, which bans discrimination against persons with AIDS or persons perceived to have the disease. The suit is pending in the 269th District Court of Harris County.

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Victim's mom plea bargains with convicted gay-bashers

By Craig Albiston, J.D.
TRIANGLE Staff

HOUSTON — In what may very well be a Texas first, a Houston area mother negotiated a plea bargain with five youths who were involved with the gay-bashing death of her son. So far, 10 teens have been charged in the stabbing death of Houstonian Paul Broussard. Broussard was attacked, according to one gay activist, by a "pack of wolves" on July 4, 1991, outside of a Montrose bar. Derrick Attard, Raphael Gonzales, Brian Spake, Gayland Randle and Jeffery Valentine, all 19 and from the Woodlands, each pleaded guilty to murder on Tuesday, June 2nd, in the 176th Criminal District Court of Harris County.

While these teens met in the Woodlands with another five to gather "queer rocks," then planned to drive to Montrose in order to "beat up some queers," and were present during the attack on Broussard, they did not actively participate in the killing of Broussard. Broussard was severely beaten and stabbed by Jon Boice who, after pleading guilty to murder in May 1992, is serving a 45-year prison sentence. The final defendant, Paul C. Dillon, currently awaits his murder trial behind bars while serving 15 years for a Montgomery County burglary.

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lesbians are "real people" rather than "objects" to be hated. Of the five, only Spake appeared remorseful at the sentencing.

According to Chris Bacon, President of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and a Vinson & Elkins Attorney, prosecutor Mike Anderson went out of his way to include Broussard's family in the sentencing process and "work with them." Bacon commented that, "although some people might think that the teens should have gotten a tougher sentence," given the particular facts and circumstances, he believes that "the DA conscientiously prosecuted this case."

Nancy Rodriguez, Broussard's mother, told the press that it's "not what I want, but in all reality, you can't get what you want." In a perfect world, she said her son's teen killers would spend the rest of their lives in prison. If they did go to prison, their sentences could have been commuted or the youths paroled. This way, at least they will be spending 500 hours with the very kind of people they planned to beat up.

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Formed last March, GLBV of Central Texas is sponsoring the news conference to show local support for national Campaign for Military Service efforts to lift the ban, coordinator Edward S. Meadows said. Pastors who cannot attend have been asked to send statements to the news conference set for 1 p.m. on the south steps of the Capitol, Meadows said.

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for Military Service, said from Washington, D.C., this week that the local publicity is appreciated and important, especially since the "media spin doctors from D.C. are saying it's all over."

Shalom, who founded the national Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America organization, urged supporters of lifting the ban to contact their legislators by phone, writing or in person as 60 percent of the sentiment reaching the U.S. Congress continues to favor retaining the ban.

"The name of the game right now is pressure. If we don't keep up the pressure, we will lose," Shalom said. "If we lose this, you can kiss the gay civil rights bill good-bye."

San Antonio AIDS Foundation shifts focus

SAN ANTONIO—With local demand for residential hospice and in-patient health care continuing to increase, the San Antonio AIDS Foundation will phase out most of its remaining out-patient programs by July to concentrate its resources on that growing need.

In a meeting with representatives of eight other AIDS service agencies last Tuesday, May 25, the SAAF board of directors said a three-month evaluation prompted the discontinuance of out-patient programs the agency began offering in 1986 and a renewed emphasis on its 23-bed, state-licensed

hospice and related support services.

"The increasing demand for AIDS-related services over the past seven years has created a number of organizations which are providing excellent out-patient services in the San Antonio area," said the Rev. Mark Buchanan, SAAF board chairman. "The past months have seen an unprecedented jump in the need for hospice care, with as many as 10 on the waiting list."

SAAF will continue to provide community outreach for education and information programs in schools, churches and civic organizations, Buchanan said.

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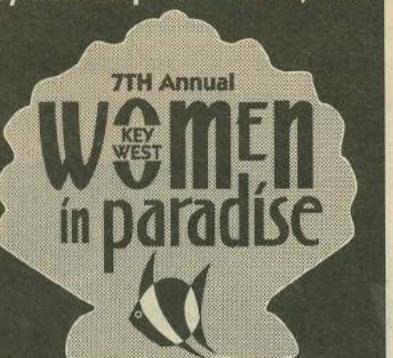
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Men with AIDS win unique suit against harassing neighbor

By Christopher Muther
Special to the TRIANGLE

PROVINCETOWN, Ma.—In the first case of its kind, a Provincetown man could face a \$10,000 fine or 10 years in jail if he continues to harass two men with AIDS whom he has been accused of terrorizing over the past year.

The state attorney general's office obtained a preliminary injunction last month against Edward Sheahan, 47, for allegedly harassing two of his neighbors who have AIDS. This injunction was sought under the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act.

According to Assistant Attorney General Judy Beals, this is the first time the civil rights act has been used to protect someone against AIDS-related harassment. Four years ago, it was first extended to protect gay men and lesbians.

In a complaint filed in Barnstable Superior Court, the state attorney general's office alleged that Sheahan has continually threatened, intimidated and harassed the men since last spring because of their AIDS-related disabilities.

"This is really an extreme case," said Emily Den, an assistant attorney general in the civil rights division who

handled the case. "The level of threats and harassment were very upsetting."

Den said the incidents began in late spring of 1992 and continued into this spring. The three men live on the same floor of an apartment building in Provincetown, with one harassment victim living in an apartment that abuts Sheahan's apartment. His immediate neighbor received the brunt of the harassment.

Ironically, Sheahan, who was formerly employed by the Family Care Program of Cape Cod Hospital, was assigned to be the caregiver of one of the men who sought the injunction. According to court documents, Sheahan did not properly do his job. When the victim explained to Sheahan that he had a bacterial infection that required he stay away from birds and small animals, Sheahan started throwing bird bones at the man's door and putting them in his mailbox.

Sheahan was fired as the man's caregiver several months after the harassment began. When he was fired, he said to his former bosses, "People with AIDS get all the attention and if you don't have AIDS you get nothing. Why can't

somebody help me?"

After he was fired from his position, the attorney general's office said the abuse against the two became worse. A few of the 30 cases of alleged harassment reported were:

- Sheahan yelled threats through the common wall between his apartment and the apartment of one of the men he had been harassing, including "The two AIDS queens, they'll pay for this!" "I'll put him in the oven and make him fry," "I'll put them in a boat and burn them just like the bubonic plague."

- He also yelled remarks about Karposi's Sarcoma lesions that the two men have, like "Spot one, spot two, the spot sisters!" and "Poor spot one, poor spot two, they both have dementia!"

- He destroyed property owned by both men, including destroying one of the victim's gardens virtually every week last summer. He smashed a trellis, several potted plants and he slashed a tire of the victim's truck.

- Sheahan threw eggs at one victim's door, repeatedly called and hung up, and also would go through the victim's mail, once taking a benefits check.

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port, Sheahan would brag about harassment publicly.

The preliminary injunction, which is equivalent to a criminal offense, orders Sheahan to stay away from the two men, not to talk to them and to stop any further bias-motivated harassment or assaults. He is required to stop yelling through the common wall and to be quiet after 10:30pm.

If he fails to comply with the injunction, he could face a fine of up to \$5,000 or 2 1/2 years in prison. If he injures either of the men, he would be subject to a \$10,000 fine, or up to 10 years in prison.

R. Steven Taylor, victim advocate at the Fenway Community Center's Victim Recovery Program in Boston, said last year there were 30 reported cases of AIDS-related harassment, although not all as severe as the Provincetown case. Although all forms of harassment can be difficult on the victims, he said AIDS-related harassment can be especially difficult.

"They're being re-victimized," Taylor said. "They're being blamed for the disease, physically reaffirming what society is telling them already, which is ludicrous."

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SAN FRANCISCO—here and in Ne refugees detaine gration and Guantanamo Bay, 18 months say a mass suicide

According to court documents, 160 adults are being detained and infected with AIDS. After fleeing the civil war, they find themselves in government facilities for long time. The refugees, who have lost their own lives in the process, fear could end up in a mass suicide.

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Hay founded the first organization in 1950. The organization has appeared in "Word is Out" and his life is the subject of a biography by Stuart Hay. With Harry Hay and

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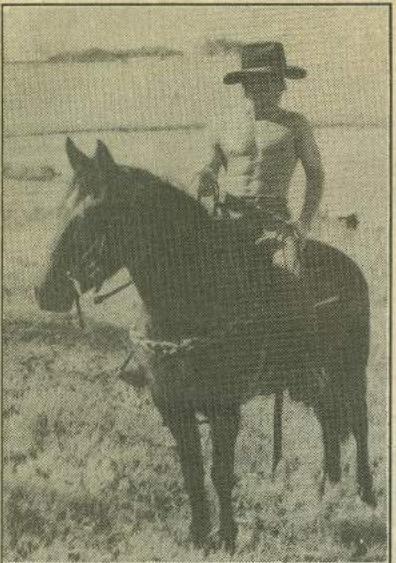
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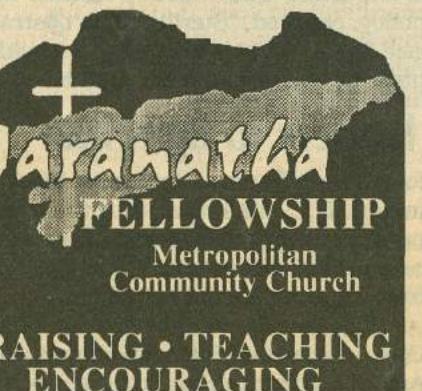
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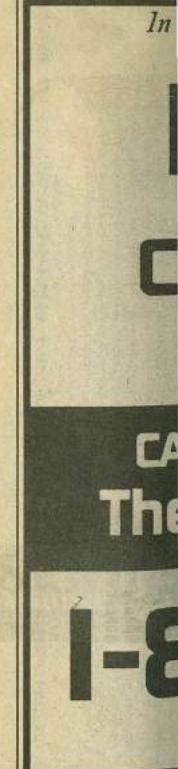
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Haitians threaten mass suicide, attorneys say

By Keith Clark
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SAN FRANCISCO — The attorneys here and in New York for 175 Haitian refugees detained by United States immigration and military officials at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba for the past 18 months say their clients have signed a mass suicide agreement.

According to Robert Rubin, their clients, 160 adults and 15 children who are being detained because they are infected with HIV, are deported after fleeing the civil turmoil in Haiti only to find themselves imprisoned by the U.S. government for a seemingly indefinite time. The refugees have vowed to take their own lives in what the two attorneys fear could end in an international tragedy potentially as grim as the fiery deaths

at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas.

Rubin, an immigration attorney with the San Francisco-based Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights who is representing the Haitian refugees in their appeal for asylum before the U.S. Supreme Court, said he had arranged to fly to the Guantanamo Bay base on Tuesday, May 18, hoping to avert a possible tragedy.

Instead the U.S. military refused to give Rubin the clearance necessary to enter the base and see his clients detained there.

"There's the possibility we could be looking at another Waco," Rubin said. "All hell is going to break loose. They've got a volatile situation down there, and I can be a stabilizing influence."

Federal officials declined to comment

on the refusal to allow Rubin admission to the base in Cuba, but the U.S. military reportedly refused to let the attorney see his clients because they consider him a security risk who might actually inflame the situation.

Rubin's co-counsel, Yale University law Professor Michael Ratner, an attorney with the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights, accused the U.S. military of "lying" about his fellow lawyer.

"They've accused Robert of participating in demonstrations [at the camp]," Ratner said. "What he actually did was keep the people from leaving the camp. He knows the people the best. He can calm the camp better than anyone else."

Ratner said that federal officials had told him in late April that the situation at

the camp was "ready to blow."

Federal officials at the base have dismissed the two attorney's concerns and have said there is no danger.

The Haitians being held at the base have claimed political refugee status and, although the U.S. government recognizes their claim, both the Bush and Clinton administrations have cited a U.S. immigration ban on HIV-infected people as the basis for continuing to exclude them.

In March, a federal judge ordered the federal government to allow the sickest Haitians into the U.S. for treatment that is unavailable at the base. Joel Saintil, a 26-year-old refugee from the camp, died of an AIDS-related illness two weeks after being allowed into the U.S. for treatment.

Mattachine founder Hay burned out of L.A. home

By Will Roscoe
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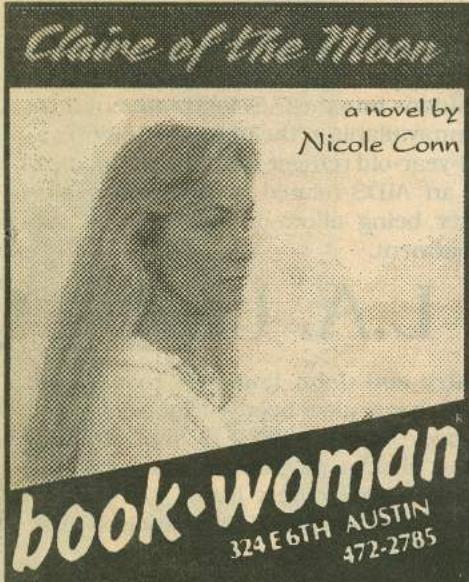
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Tampa woman's home firebombed during march

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 days later was a long silence.

DeBerry changed her strict Virgo routine, convinced that the caller knew her every move. She called her friend Nadine Smith, a March co-chair in Washington, who said that scores of people were calling the March headquarters also reporting threats and harassment.



But the fourth call "spooked" DeBerry so much she didn't even "cuss" back. "You lesbian, dyke, bitch. If you do this Ride For Life you're going to die," the caller said.

"My mind went crazy. Someone threatened to kill me," DeBerry recalled in a May 21 phone interview. That night at a March kick-off party Todd Simmons of the Human Rights Task Force talked about DeBerry threats and vandalism directed against two local lesbians. By the fifth call, DeBerry couldn't wait to get to the March.

Unfortunately the leather-clad, five foot two, 95-pound DeBerry was no match for the 45-50 knot winds whipped up by a storm front blowing across the Interstate. Unable to hold the motorcycle up, a heartbroken DeBerry parked the bike in a safe space and continued the journey with her back-up, four friends from ACT UP/Tampa. After an overnight stay with her supportive Baptist mother, the lesbians went to Washington.

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and joined over 20,000 others for the Dyke March down Connecticut Avenue.

It wasn't until early Monday morning, continuing the March celebration, that DeBerry found out that someone had firebombed her triple-wide, four bedroom mobile home on Windward Lakes. It was a miracle that no one was killed. Kevin was at work. But her elderly neighbors in the trailer park lived only 10-12 feet away.

It was a four-alarm fire. The intensity of the heat forced the firefighters to give up on her home and make sure the flames didn't catch any others. Later the Fire Marshall called the fire arson, noting that it was "very professional." The fire was set in three different areas. The trailer had been "shut and sealed tight." They found traces of chemicals, evidence of burglary, and surprisingly, a portion of the phonebook. But the section where DeBerry had kept her log had clearly been ripped out.

Despite the phone threats, the police reports, and a sympathetic Mayor and Fire Marshall, the firebombing of DeBerry's home has not yet been labeled a hate crime because of Tampa's strict standards.

"We don't have enough criteria that she was specifically targeted," says Tampa Police spokesperson Scott Guffey whose brother is gay. "We also have to show that sexual preference figured into the suspect's specific motivation in setting the fire. We don't have that." However, Guffey points out, the Fire Marshall is diligently working on the felony case and has identified some suspects.

DeBerry has been moving around in fear for her life. The American Family Association, the right-wing extremists who succeeded in having a gay rights ordinance overturned last November, has produced a videotape called "The Gay Agenda" to promote a statewide anti-gay referendum. DeBerry is featured during the last fifteen minutes of the tape—marching on Washington.

To draw attention to DeBerry's plight and the need to Fight the Right in Florida, ACT UP/Tampa and the Tampa chapter of the Lesbian Avengers have called for a march and rally on June 12-14 in Tampa.

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Key West invites women to paradise

By Barbara Wohlgemuth
TRIANGLE Staff

KEYWEST—Kate Clinton will be here. So will Nadine Strossen of the National ACLU. And, says planner Vicki Weeks, with crossed fingers, maybe Martina Navratilova will drop in, too.

In fact, over 1,200 women from around the world are expected this year for the seventh annual "Women in Paradise" event sponsored by the Key West Business Guild. The week of September 13th through the 19th is packed with events and entertainment—concerts, women's theatre, dances, watersport activities, sporting events and other activities—all designed for women.

The kickoff will be a "Welcome to Key West" party, held at the Key West Cabaret (formerly the Cafe 416).

Sports will play an integral part in the event. For the second year, Women in Paradise will sponsor the Florida State Women's Flag Football Tournament, beginning Wednesday, September 15 with finals on Sunday, September 19.

For those who love watersports, there will be a variety of activities. Women on the Water will offer intimate women-only day sails, snorkeling trips, and sunset sails. Watersport People will host a variety of special trips including a scuba diving expedition. A new event this year will be a miniature golf outing.

A street fair will be held on Saturday with arts and crafts, food, fun, games, and the annual "Sisters for Brothers" blood drive. The Red Barn Theatre will host a women's theatre production all week, with a post-play opening night party to meet the cast on Tuesday.

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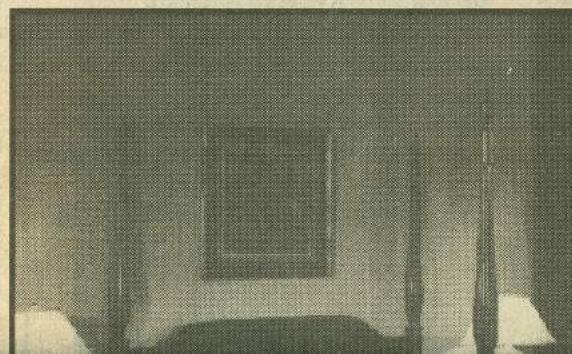


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Package rates are available at many of Key West's guest houses for the week, and many Key West attractions are offering discounted rates to participants.

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Kate Clinton will appear on Thursday night with an all-new act. On Friday morning there will be a guided tour, "Famous and Infamous Key West Women."

An "Island Adventure" is scheduled for Saturday, with a sail to secluded Woman Key for a beach party. Also that day is a wet T-shirt contest at the Atlantic Shores Pool Bar.

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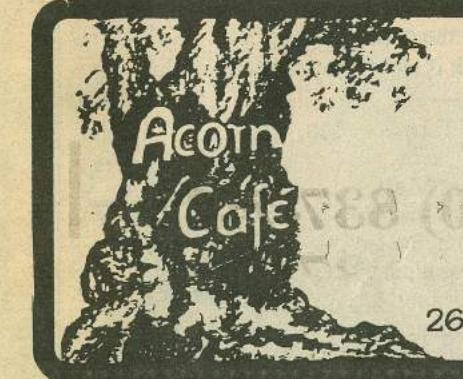
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Mangin examines Hollywood stereotypes of gays and lesbians

By Paul Bonin-Rodriguez
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SAN ANTONIO—At a time in the year when most film watchers are focused on the upcoming rush of summer movies, film historian Daniel Mangin has turned his attention to radio and T.V.

"I've been more preoccupied with the dialogue that the culture is having with gays and lesbians these past few months, the senate hearings, the newscasts, the talk shows," he said, during a phone interview from his home in San Francisco.

Mangin has been watching for "the stereotypes coming out of people, even those on our side, which make me realize just how deeply ingrained the negative views [of lesbians and gays] in this culture."

For Mangin, the interrelated aspects of lesbian and gay portrayal from real life to reel life have become a full-time occupation. A professor at City College of San Francisco, Mangin has turned his notably entertaining lectures into a career.

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presentation tracing the negative portrayals of lesbians and gays in the last 70 years. International in scope, *Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters* presents celluloid gays and lesbians in their most frequent roles, those of psychopathic killers and dangerous predators, respectively.

Interestingly, the clips and information in *Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters* were first compiled at the request of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLADD) when the advocacy group was preparing to meet with producers of the then unfilmed *Basic Instinct*.

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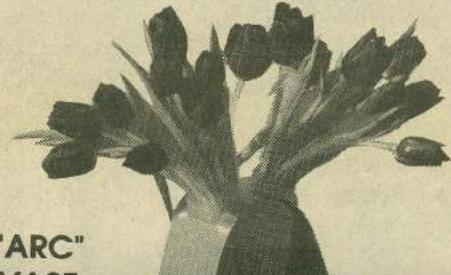
When *The Crying Game* is offered as an indication, he notes it "had a little more texture than the average film. I asked the director (Neal Jordan) if they were repeating stereotypes, and he responded that there were other aspects that were gay-positive. Ultimately, he wasn't making a polemic statement. It was about making love in any form. The dramatic tension was maintained by the male characters' rejection, and his subsequent coming around."

Asked why the male character, Fergus, had to throw up when he discovered that the woman he was attracted to was actually a man, Mangin tells of one of his latest projects, a lecture and film-clip presentation of transvestite/transgender individuals with transgender performance artist Kate Bornstein. "Kate notes that anytime there's a trans in a film, someone throws up."

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"When President Clinton first announced his intention to lift the ban, 45-47% announced that they were against it; but in the same survey, people who knew gays and lesbians were counted at 63% in favor of lifting the ban. Obviously there's a need for more people to come out, but how gay people are depicted in the media can break the ice."

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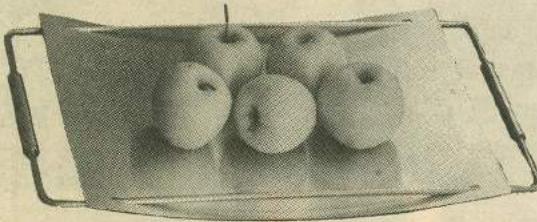
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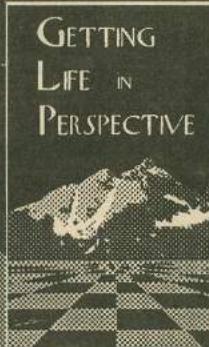
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Flirtations show political correctness can be fun

By Sheri Cohen Darbonne
TRIANGLE Staff

HOUSTON — "The world's most famous openly gay, politically active, multi-cultural a capella singing group" is how their promotional material describes The Flirtations, a nationally known, unique vocal team who will make their first appearance in Houston Saturday, June 12.

Jon Arterton, managing member of the all-male, but oh-so-politically-correct quartet, wryly puts these claims into musical perspectives: "We like to view ourselves as sort of a cross between The Nylons and Sweet Honey In The Rock."

Indeed, the group's repertoire ranges from campy covers of such doo-wop classics as "Johnny Angel" and "The Boy from New York City" to self-exploratory and painstakingly socially conscious original material. But The Flirtations — a name chosen specifically for its teasing lightness — also work hard at not getting too heavy, Arterton asserted in a telephone interview this week. "We like the idea of being an openly gay, and openly political group. But our focus is primarily entertainment, and humor is a big part of the act. The result is that the messages come through, but in a somewhat sugar-coated form," he said.

The group, formerly a quintet, is minus its most famous member in the last stretches of touring for the Flirts' most recent album, *Out On The Road*. Michael Callen, known as much as an author (*Surviving AIDS*), activist and accomplished solo performer as for his involvement with the group, "is a little too tired now to be constantly on the road," Arterton explained. The Flirtations' tour has been a success, with



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The Flirtations (left to right, Jon Arterton, Cliff Townsend, Aurelio Font, Michael Callen, and Jimmy Rutland) will perform Saturday, June 12 at Fitzgerald's in Houston.

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called 'One of Us,' it's one of two or three original songs (on *Out On The Road*), that goes through a wide variety of experiences that members of the group have had," he said. "When we explain how different we are to people, we tell people that two of us come from families that employed maids, and the other two had family members that worked as maids. Our group spans two generations and three races...some of us came out at an early age, some much later," he said.

Their bond, to which they hope most of their fans can also connect in spite of differences in age, race, economic background and experience, is that they are "openly and outwardly" gay, proud and happy with themselves. "Once you've said that, it's pretty easy to say just about anything."

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classics as "Johnny Angel" and "The Boy from New York City" to self-exploratory and painstakingly socially conscious original material. But The Flirtations — a name chosen specifically for its teasing lightness — also work hard at not getting too heavy, Arterton asserted in a telephone interview this week. "We like the idea of being an openly gay, and openly political group. But our focus is primarily entertainment, and humor is a big part of the act. The result is that the messages come through, but in a somewhat sugar-coated form," he said.

The group, formerly a quintet, is minus its most famous member in the last stretches of touring for the Flirts' most recent album, *Out On The Road*. Michael Callen, known as much as an author (*Surviving AIDS*), activist and accomplished solo performer as for his involvement with the group, "is a little too tired now to be constantly on the road," Arterton explained. The Flirtations, whose career literally started on the streets of Greenwich Village five years ago, now enjoy such popularity on the national festival and nightclub circuit that they are traveling over 60 percent of the time, Arterton said. And while most audiences are gay, the group now is called to perform in a variety of venues.

"Generally, we've been very well received by non-gay audiences," Arterton said. "There was a time right before the last election when we were playing at a music festival in Eugene, Oregon, and we hadn't been introduced as a gay group. The audience had no idea, no



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"We thought maybe we could sing at a few lesbian/gay events," he said. A few short years later, however, they had appeared on *Phil Donahue*, *Good Morning, America* and *Nightwatch*, as well as public television's gay-targeted program, *In the Life*, and the act had become a full-time career.

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Dallas' Turtle Creek Chorale renews favorite movie tunes

By Kerry O'Quinn
Special to the TRIANGLE

DALLAS—There's Judy Garland in that most famous scene from the black-and-white opening section of *The Wizard of Oz* in which Dorothy and Toto wander off by themselves and she croons an idealistic dream: "Over the Rainbow." The song became Garland's theme, and we've heard her sing it a thousand times, but tonight her performance is different.

Tonight, Judy Garland is being accompanied by more than 200 male voices, singing rich backup harmonies. The effect is grand!

Footage from the movie is being projected on two huge screens, while the Turtle Creek Chorale stands on a panoramic arc of risers—their individual, handsome, smiling faces emphasized by the regular, black formality of their tuxedoes. Their artistic director, Dr. Timothy Seelig, conducts the group.

This is only one of many magical moments, as the Turtle Creek Chorale completes its 13th season with "Movies," a tribute to legends of the silver screen, at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas.

The spectacular concert hall is a perfect setting for this particular program, for the interior design of the Meyerson is reminiscent of the Golden Age of Deco Movie Palaces. From the enormously high-domed ceiling, to the deep narrow orchestra seats with virtually perfect acoustics, and the dramatic Frank Lloyd Wright-esque overhang which crowns the stage with angular patterns of golden lights, this house is truly a temple of creative worship.

The evening last Sunday started with Gene Kelly's "Singing In the Rain," accompanied by the Chorale and a troupe of about two dozen dancers, then moved to the "Hallelujah Chorus," sung as a hymn to Bette Davis, and included a special choral arrangement of instrumental movie themes, called "Atextual Tunes," followed by emotionally-moving sequences from *Amadeus* and *The Mission*. Act One ended with a Disney spectacular, with all the classics, such as "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah," "Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo," and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."

Act Two opened with a James Bond extravaganza—staged "The Madison" from *Hairspray*, complete with dancers

in '60s costumes and wigs—presented an Elvis tribute, "I Will Follow Him" from *Sister Act*, Kermit singing "The Rainbow Connection"—and "There's a Light" from *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, during which the entire TCC company appeared with flashlights throughout the dark, multi-level Meyerson auditorium and slowly descended to the stage as Brad and Janet braved thunder and lightning, approaching the mysterious castle in which their lives will be changed.

The emotional peak of the evening, however, was a lush rendition of "Secret Love," the Doris Day ballad from *Calamity Jane*. During this number, clips from various films showed moments of passion between two women and two men. The lyrics, "Once I had a secret love, which lived within the heart of me," raised goosebumps as it reached the crescendo, "Now I shout it from the highest hill," and the timid Hollywood glimpses of homosexual love gained new impact.

My only complaint of the evening was that there was so much choreography and costumes on stage, in addition to the best scenes from some of the best movies of all times, that it was difficult to

be aware of the real stars. The Chorale was almost constantly overwhelmed by Scarlet and Cinderella, by Margo Channing and Mary Poppins, by Pussy Galore and Holly Golightly. Those gals are hard to top.

A great deal of the proceeds from the Turtle Creek Chorale goes to AIDS organizations, for research, education and services. Dr. Seelig, who narrated the concert with wit and warmth, publicly replied to those fans who requested that he not bring up AIDS at every performance. "We don't come to the theatre to hear about AIDS," they said.

"My message to you," he said, "is, DON'T COME." The audience clapped approval.

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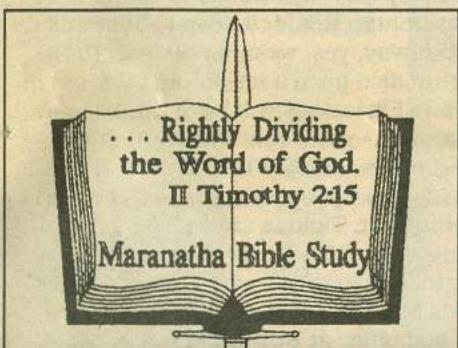
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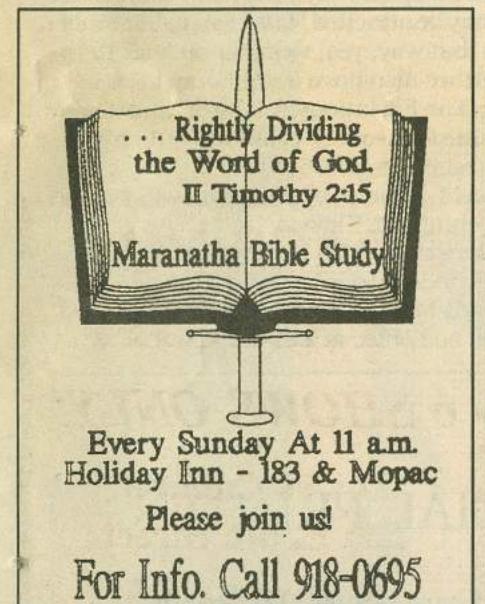


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Other scheduled performances: "The Wizard of Oz," Oct. 22-24; "A Roamin' Holiday," Dec. 19, 21, 22; "United We Sing," March 13 and 16, 1994; "There's No Place Like Home," June 5 and 8, 1994. For subscriptions and ticket information: 214-526-3214.

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Gay images abound at Tony (Kushner) Awards

THEATER
REVIEW
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It was Tony's night at the Tonys.

Last October, this column trumpeted the arrival of gay playwright Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*, as it began its journey from Los Angeles' Mark Taper Forum to Broadway, where it won four Tony Awards—including Best Play.

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PHOTOS BY JIM CALDWELL

Left: James Black and Shelley Williams star in *Macbeth*; Thomas Derrah, Peter Webster, and Annalee Jeffries star in *Death and the Maiden*; both play at Houston's Alley Theater (615 Texas Ave.) through June 13th. Phone: 713-228-8421.

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Besides the frank (for television) language, the male role of Henry was played by a female actor, Kathleen Chalfont.

COMING ATTRACTIONS...

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I Pass For Straight, a musical review about homophobia, returns to Diva's Cabaret for six performances, June 10-12, 17-19. Originally conceived by Doug Dyer (who died in April of 1991), the current production con-

tinues to satirize both the gay and straight communities—from the home to the classroom to the military [Phone: 512-474-6997 ...]

A Rodgers & Hammerstein Hit Parade returns for four performances at Austin's Capitol City Playhouse on June 19 and July 10 at 2pm and 8pm. Jerry Conn and Katharine Shields are back in this tuneful revue with John Bustin as Master of Ceremonies. [Phone: 512-472-2966]...

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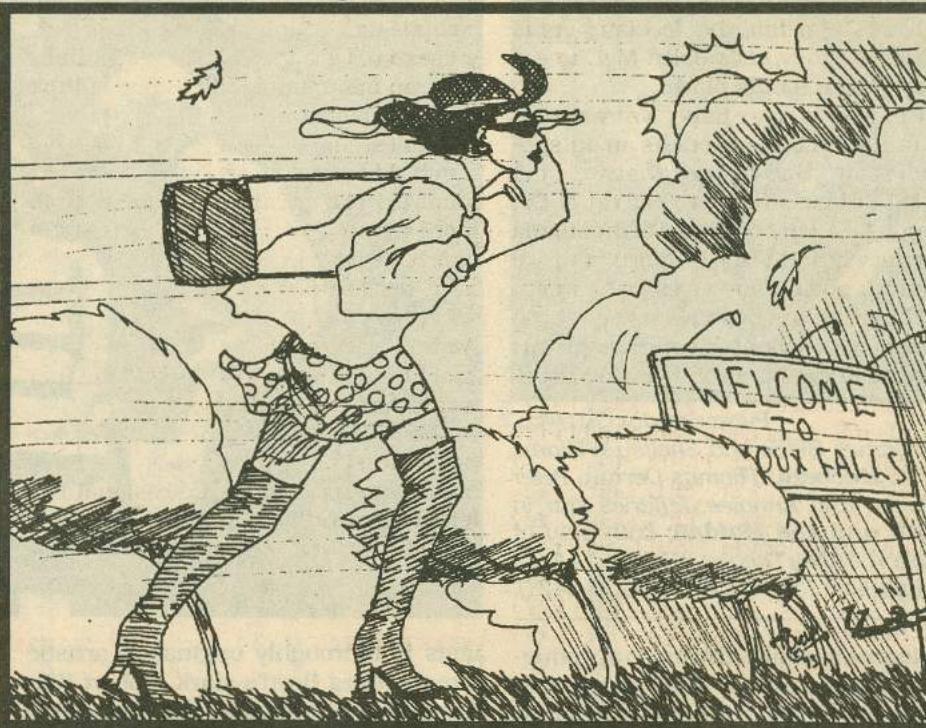
Amanda visits family in the Great White North

By Amanda B. Recondwith
TRIANGLE Staff

Dear Fans, Amanda has just wrenched herself out of her Yeti shawl and matching whale-blubber-lined MukLuk boots after her latest visit to the frigid wastelands of South Dakota for Memorial Day weekend. We have ONE thing to say—we better stay away from them parts of the woods!!

The worst thing about South Dakota at any given time, Dear Fans, is the weather! We first flew into Minneapolis, wearing a most fetching tropical lizard green sheen silk shamoose with delicate Agent 99 chiffon sheath and matching purple goose pimple pumps. But when we got off the jet, we were met by howling north winds, and a frigid blast up our mini skirt that sent our pantyhose running off without us for shelter!

Our dear Republican younger brother met us, looking like a battle ship in his wool double breasted suit. He reminded us of old Russian Politburo members from the '60s—bald spot and all. We jumped into his Jeep Cherokee and sped off to the nether suburbs, where he ensconced us in his plywood villa that had a tasty view of all the other pasty villas, along with the massive glacier



that was stealthing down upon us from the north.

Well, we eventually made it across Minnesota to our parents' lake house, Dear Fans. It's on a (what else?) glacial

lake in the northern part of the state, where the lilac blossoms chattered together from the cold like silver castanets and dogs roamed in packs so tight for warmth that they looked like huge furry spiders. Our dear parents were of course overjoyed to see us, although our mother had to comment upon our decollage. She especially disapproved of our rather risqué platform shoes until she saw that they had practical snow spikes under the heels.

Well, we drank more beer than Amanda would care to admit, and we laughed a lot and played cards and had one day of sunshine where we could actually sit on the grass without the

Then, the day we left, it went right back to the same freezing roaring rain and wind.

We realize why we moved south so long ago, Dear Fans. It wasn't that the culture was so droll, or that the fashions were so dull, or that the people were so backward—it was because we were simply COLD ALL THE TIME!

Of course, there were the usual problems. Our three brothers are ultra conservative, and they were happy that we didn't bring Sebastian this time, since his huge bulging bulking beautiful body simply distracted them to nervous fits and rashes the year before. One brother said he "didn't have a problem" with the KKK, and another said he thought everyone should carry a gun all the time, and another said he couldn't bring his child up with him because he didn't want to expose her to our sinful ways. Our parents merely sat and watched it all, and tried to find middle ground where we could all be comfortable.

You see, Dear Fans, in families as complex as ours, where homophobia, suspicion, Republicanism and bigotry collide with tolerance, intelligence, Democracy and fashion, the parents are the only middle ground there is. They did a wonderful job. Our dear mother sat at her kitchen table, pencilng out the interior of her new mobile home—the one she and our father will escape in come September—and she laughed as our one brother told racist jokes, then giggled as we told her about the terrible wig one of our gay friends had beaten into submission for the upcoming Garden Party. Then, she folded the paper up and put it aside and let out a loud sigh. "We'll be down in the fall," she said. "I'll

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lake in the northern part of the state, where the lilac blossoms chattered together from the cold like silver castanets and dogs roamed in packs so tight for warmth that they looked like huge furry spiders. Our dear parents were of course overjoyed to see us, although our mother had to comment upon our decollage. She especially disapproved of our rather risqué platform shoes until she saw that they had practical snow spikes under the heels.

Well, we drank more beer than Amanda would care to admit, and we laughed a lot and played cards and had one day of sunshine where we could actually sit on the grass without the wind ravaging our tulle billow buffs.

said he didn't have a problem with the KKK, and another said he thought everyone should carry a gun all the time, and another said he couldn't bring his child up with him because he didn't want to expose her to our sinful ways. Our parents merely sat and watched it all, and tried to find middle ground where we could all be comfortable.

You see, Dear Fans, in families as complex as ours, where homophobia, suspicion, Republicanism and bigotry collide with tolerance, intelligence, Democracy and fashion, the parents are the only middle ground there is. They did a wonderful job. Our dear mother sat at her kitchen table, penciling out the interior of her new mobile home—the one she and our father will escape in come September—and she laughed as our one brother told racist jokes, then giggled as we told her about the terrible wig one of our gay friends had beaten into submission for the upcoming Garden Party. Then, she folded the paper up and put it aside and let out a loud sigh. "We'll be down in the fall," she said. "I'll be so happy to get away from the cold."

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ONGOING

ALGA meets 1st Tues. each month, 7:15pm, MCC at 2123 S. Polk. Info: 806-373-5725.

AUSTIN

FRIDAY 6/11

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6/11 - 6/13

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6/12 - 6/13

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MONDAY 6/21

THE WOMEN'S PROJECT pot luck gathering, 6:30-9:30pm, Bank One, 3811 Bee Caves. Info: 836-9466.

ONGOING

TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT offers free, anonymous & confidential HIV testing. June 20, 6-9pm at 'Bout Time, 9601 N. IH 35.

Wednesdays

ACT-UP Weekly Meetings, 8 pm, Grassroots Peace Bldg, 227 Congress Ave.

Thursdays

NATIONAL ASSOC. FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF GAY PEOPLE, write for place and time: P.O. Box 26335, Austin, TX, 78755. If you wish to donate, send with letter.

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ASA VOLUNTEER HELP NIGHT, 6-9 pm, every 2nd & 4th Thurs., ASA #E103. Info: (512) 406-6150.

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PRIDE WEEK KICKOFF with workshop "Living With Pride and Power Affirming Our Gay and Lesbian Identities," 9am-4:30pm, Oak Lawn Community Services, 3434 Fairmont (\$40 in advance, \$45 at the door). Info: 214/520-8108x42.

P-FLAG/Ft. WORTH picnic, 12pm-???, Greenway Park. Info: 214/550-8326.

RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS, at the Bomb Factory in Deep Ellum.

SUNDAY 6/13

HARVEST MCC Special Congregational Meeting for Board Elections, 12:45pm.

MONDAY 6/14

MEET THE CANDIDATES for the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance Board of Directors, 7:30pm, Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan at Brown. Info: 214/528-4233.

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SATURDAY 6/19

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P-FLAG HELPLINE 817/387-1491.

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Fridays

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HOUSTON

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, worship service, 9 & 11 am, 425 Woodward. The 11am service is interpreted for the deaf & child care provided. Info: (512) 416-1170.

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SUNDAY 6/10

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P-FLAG FT. WORTH Monthly Meeting, 1st Thurs each month, 7pm, First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane. Info: (817) 498-5607 or 498-4855.

LESBIAN VISIONARIES Meetings, 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm, Gay & Lesbian Community Center.

Sundays

GAY/LESBIAN GARDENERS, meets 1st Sunday each month, 1 pm. Info: (214) 339-0787 or PO BOX 190552, Dallas, 75219.

CIRCLE OF LIGHT, empowerment group, 7-9 pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 6525 Inwood. Info: Todd (214) 942-3062.

LAMBDA WEEKLY on KNON-FM 89.3, Sundays, 2-4 pm, hosted by Steve Walters. Info: (214) 520-1375.

POSITIVE YOUTH meeting, 1 pm, Gay & Lesbian Community Center.

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UT-ARLINGTON Dept. of Psych. needs volunteers both HIV+/- for study. 2701 Reagan. Info: Dr. Vince Brown or Dr. Harriett Amster (817) 273-3245.

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GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF HOUSTON will open for the Flirtations at Fitzgerald's, 2706 White Oak. Info: 862-3838, M-F 8:30am-5pm.

HOUSTON CHAIN GANG BICYCLE CLUB, San Jacinto, 9am, I-10 East to first exit after San Jacinto River. Info: 522-4481.

SUNDAY 6/13

RICE GAY/LESBIAN ALUMNI ASSOC. Houston area potluck dinner, 7pm, Annie's house. Info/location/dinner coordination: Bill at 528-4158 or Anderson at 797-1732.

HOUSTON CHAIN GANG BICYCLE CLUB, West Oaks, 9am, SW entrance of West Oaks Mall, Hwy. 6 & Westheimer. Info: 522-4481.

THE WOMEN'S GROUP, 10am, Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. Info: Iris at 529-8571.

TUESDAY 6/15

AIDS EQUITY LEAGUE, 12 noon, Charlie's Restaurant, Westheimer at Waugh.

HOUSTON LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE WEEK, mandatory meeting for all parade participants, 7-9pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. Info: 529-6979.

WEDNESDAY 6/16

MEN'S NETWORK presents "Is This The Time To Be Out?" at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 7-9pm, free, donations requested. Info: 529-0037.

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FACE THE FAX offers Lesbian/Gay/AIDS Action Alerts. Contact FACE THE FAX, P.O. Box 66791, Houston, TX 77266-6791 or call and leave fax number at: 713/522-0100.

JUST FOR US, social group for teenagers with gay/lesbian parents. Info: Dawn or Ray (713) 666-8256.

Mondays

ALTERNATIVE BROADCASTING SERVICE meets at 7pm at 709 Pacific St. Info: 526-3425.

LONE STAR SYMPHONIC BAND, gay/lesbian band is looking for new musicians. All welcome. Rehearsals at MCCR at 7:30. Info: (713) 524-0218.

Tuesdays

AIDS EQUITY LEAGUE meets 2nd Tues. at noon & 4th Tues. 5:30 pm at Charlie's.

WOMEN'S HOUR, KTRU 91.7 FM, 6-7 pm. Info: (713) 527-4050.

QUEERNATION, 7:30 pm, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada @ Commonwealth.

Wednesdays

WOMEN'S ACTION COALITION, meeting, 7 pm. Info: (713) 867-9581.

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Thursdays

EN-LIGHT-EN UP, new age spirituality for gay men. 7:30 pm, Crystal Dolphin, 3400 W. Lamar. Info: (713) 520-6996.

COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH service, 7:30 pm, 501 E. 18th. Info: (713) 880-9235.

ACT-UP Gulf Coast Meeting, 7:30 pm, Montrose Activity Center, 3330 Gravstark. Info: 713/942-1006

Fridays

PRIDE RADIO-LESBIAN & GAY VOICES, KPFT 90.1 FM, 6-8 pm. Info: (713) 526-4000. on-air 526-KPFT.

Q-PATROL, training sessions, 11:30 pm-

ones who have died of AIDS, 1-5 pm, 2410 Woodhead. Info: (713) 522-NAMES.

AMIGA de HOUSTON business meeting & potluck, 3rd Sundays, 5pm. Info: 520-5667.

LOAF (Lesbians Over Age 50) meets 3rd Sundays, 2-4 pm, 1505 Nevada (Montrose Palace). Info: (713) 661-1482.

OPEN 12-STEP, meeting, 5:30-7 pm, MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur. Info: (713) 861-9149.

DAWN OF FAITH MCC, service, 10 am, 10595 Telephone Rd. Info: (713) 991-6766.

MARANATHA FELLOWSHIP, service, 10 am-noon, Holiday Inn W. Loop, 3131 W. Loop South, Afton Oaks Room.

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of the Resurrection services 8:30am (Holy Eucharist), 10:45am (Traditional), 6pm (PRAISE Evangelical), 1919 Decatur St. Info: 861-9149.

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BODY POSITIVE, buddy training. Info: (713) 524-2374.

SAN ANTONIO

SUNDAY 6/13

PRIDE ECUMENICAL SERVICE by MCCSA, River City Living Church, and Dignity, St. Ann's Catholic Church, 210 St. Ann.

SAN ANTONIO PRIME TIMERS monthly meeting, 4pm, MCC, 1136 W. Woodlawn.

MONDAY 6/14

SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION BOARD meeting, 818 E. Grayson.

SAN ANTONIO GAY, LESBIAN, BI VETERANS OF AMERICA meeting, MCCSA Community Center, 1142 W. Woodlawn, 554-9918.

SUNDAY 6/20

1993 PRIDE PICNIC, sponsored by the San Antonio Lesbian and Gay Assembly, 12-8pm at San Pedro Park. Info: 210/695-2825.

TUESDAY 6/22

Gay Couples," Nexus, 8021 Pinebrook.

ONGOING

Tuesdays

ALAMO CITY MEN'S CHORALE, rehearsals, new members 18+ welcome, 7:30 pm, River City MCC, 202 Holland. Info: 979-7654 or 734-7226.

Wednesdays

ORTHODOX OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH, alternating Wed., Divine Liturgy or a healing service at 3114 W. Ashby Place, 7:30pm. Info: (210) 734-2843.

Sundays

DIGNITY Mass at 5:30 pm, St. Anne's Convent, 210 St. Anne's. Info: (210) 558-3287.

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ESPERANZA PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER presents "Closets: Queer Experiences," June 27 through July at the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, 1305 N. Flores. Info: 228-0201.

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SUNDAY 6/13

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF CENTRAL TEXAS monthly open Board of Directors, MCC, 1pm. Info: 755-8922.

ONGOING

P-FLAG helpline number: 817-750-7211. Call for monthly meeting times and dates.

Wednesdays

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH Bible Study, 7:30pm, 1601 Clay St.

Sundays

MCC Worship Service, 11am, 1601 Clay St. MCC Prav Service & Fellowship, 7:30pm.

SPORTS CALENDAR

DALLAS

GAY/LESBIAN SWIM CLUB practice Mon & Wed, 8:30-9:30 pm. Info: (214) 821-1653.

A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN bowling league, Thursdays, 8:45 pm, Don Carter East, 6343 E. Northwest Highway. Info: Danny (214) 871-9044.

PWA Exercise Class every Tues & Thurs, 1pm, free, Reverchon Rec. Center.

HOUSTON

LONE STAR VOLLEYBALL ASSOC, slight fee, Sundays, Univ St. Thomas-Jerabeck Activity Center, PO Box 130423, Houston, 77219-0423.

MONTROSE SKI CLUB. Info: Alex (713) 526-2268.

CHAIN GANG BIKE CLUB. Info: (713) 522-4481.

ICE SKATE NIGHT, benefits HIPY. Info: (713) 523-6381.

LAMBDA ROLLERSKATING, 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 pm-10:30 pm, \$5 includes skates to benefit HIPY, closed to general public, Hobby Skate World located at 6804 Easthaven. Info: (713) 862-4875.

LAMBDA OUTDOOR ROLLERSKATING, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 1:30 pm, weather permitting, 100 Picnic Lane, Memorial Park. Info: Ray (713) 862-4875.

FRONT RUNNERS running group, every Sunday, 9 am, & every Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Memorial Park. Info: (713) 522-0899.

HOUSTON TENNIS CLUB recreational & competitive (\$3), 7:30-9 pm, Tennis Center @ Memorial Park. Info: (713) 523-4241.

HOUSTON WOMEN'S RUGBY CLUB, Tuesdays, Bellaire YMCA. Info: (713) 955-1720.

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DIGNITY/HOUSTON liturgy & social hour, 7:30 pm, 1307 Yale, Suite H (just north of 13th St.). Info: (713) 880-2872.

AFTER HOURS, Gay & Lesbian Radio Show, KPFT 90.1 FM, 1-3 am. Info: (713) 526-5738.

Q-PATROL, training sessions, 11:30 pm-3 am, Montrose Storefront Police Station, 802 Westheimer. Info: Connie, 666-3125.

Sundays

LIVE OAK FRIENDS MEETING (QUAKERS), worship 11am, 1003 Alexander St. Info: 713/523-6760.

THE COMMUNITY OF THE RECONCILING SERVANT, inclusive service in the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition, 10am, 2536-B Times Blvd. @ Kirby Drive ("Ovations"). Info: 713/462-7154.

WOMEN'S GROUP, lectures & presentations, 10 am, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. Info: Iris 529-8571 or Janet 942-7717.

HOUSTON NAMES PROJECT, weekly workshop to create memorial panels for loved

Continuing
BODY POSITIVE, buddy training. Info: (713) 524-2374.

SAN ANTONIO

SUNDAY 6 / 13

PRIDE ECUMENICAL SERVICE by MCCSA, River City Living Church, and Dignity, St. Ann's Catholic Church, 210 St. Ann.

SAN ANTONIO PRIME TIMERS monthly meeting, 4pm, MCC, 1136 W. Woodlawn.

MONDAY 6 / 14

SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION BOARD meeting, 818 E. Grayson.

SAN ANTONIO GAY, LESBIAN, BI VETERANS OF AMERICA meeting, MCCSA Community Center, 1142 W. Woodlawn, 554-9918.

SUNDAY 6 / 20

1993 PRIDE PICNIC, sponsored by the San Antonio Lesbian and Gay Assembly, 12-8pm at San Pedro Park. Info: 210/695-2825.

TUESDAY 6 / 22

DISCUSSION, "Long Term Lesbian and

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ESPERANZA PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER presents "Closets: Queer Experiences," June 27 through July at the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, 1305 N. Flores. Info: 228-0201.

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SUNDAY 6 / 13

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF CENTRAL TEXAS monthly open Board of Directors, MCC, 1pm. Info: 755-8922.

ONGOING

P-FLAG helpline number: 817-750-7211. Call for monthly meeting times and dates.

Wednesdays

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH Bible Study, 7:30pm, 1601 Clay St.

Sundays

MCC Worship Service, 11am, 1601 Clay St. MCC Pray Service & Fellowship, 7:30pm, 1601 Clay St.

MONTROSE SKI CLUB. Info: Alex (713) 526-2268.

CHAIN GANG BIKE CLUB. Info: (713) 522-4481.

ICE SKATE NIGHT, benefits HIPY. Info: (713) 523-6381.

LAMBDA ROLLERSKATING, 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 pm-10:30 pm, \$5 includes skates to benefit HIPY, closed to general public, Hobby Skate World located at 6804 Easthaven. Info: (713) 862-4875.

LAMBDA OUTDOOR ROLLER-SKATING, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 1:30 pm, weather permitting, 100 Picnic Lane, Memorial Park. Info: Ray (713) 862-4875.

FRONT RUNNERS running group, every Sunday, 9 am, & every Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Memorial Park. Info: (713) 522-0899.

HOUSTON TENNIS CLUB recreational & competitive (\$3), 7:30-9 pm, Tennis Center @ Memorial Park. Info: (713) 523-4241.

HOUSTON WOMEN'S RUGBY CLUB, Tuesdays, Bellaire YMCA. Info: (713) 955-1720.

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