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'Spectrum' test run yields mixed results

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(HOUSTON)—An ambitious—and expensive—first-of-its-kind community event designed to pull together diverse elements of the area's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and gay-friendly populations, Spectrum '95 laid claim to Houston's AstroArena last Sunday, June 18. The experimental all-day, all—gay affair yielded

decidedly mixed results.

A well-stocked, well-attended business exposition did brisk, enthusiastic business throughout the day, while a heavily publicized all-star concert—which was to have been the event's financial balance bar—drew a disappointing door crowd, whose ranks would dwindle much more before the national headliners even took the stage.

Spectrum organizer Alan Bourgeois said Monday the event, billed early on as a fundraiser, may have lost as much as \$40,000; although, he said, two donors who attended the event have offered to cover about \$24,000 of the shortfall. "We haven't gotten all the figures in yet...but it's not a pretty picture."

Still, Bourgeois called the event a success in that "It happened...we proved we could pull it off." Skep-

President
apologizes to gay
and lesbian
officials



The celebration continues...?" (Photo by David Goetz)

Follow parade to fab free fest

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade '95 starts at 2:00 p.m. Sunday along its usual Westheimer Route. This year, though, revelers won't have to drive, hike or shuttle their way to the big post-parade event.

The festive parade, with around 100 entries, will wind its way from Woodhead to Whitney; then the participants will head to the nearby site of Pride-Fest '95 (see map). The crowd watching the parade will be encouraged to join the march after the final units pass and literally follow the parade as it heads to Lovett Street. The post-parade festival features a free outdoor concert headlined by dance music divas Dajae and Fem 2 Fem. See you there!

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

(WASHINGTON)—President Clinton apologized Monday to gay and lesbian elected officials for the behavior of Secret Service officers who had donned rubber gloves before admitting the officials to the White House for a meeting last week.

In a letter sent Saturday, Clinton offered his apologies to the officials and said Secret Service Director Eljay Bowman was taking steps to ensure it did not happen again, spokesperson Ginny Terzano said late Sunday.

The officials, invited to the White House for a briefing Tuesday, complained that security guards greeted them wearing blue rubber gloves. The visitors inferred that the guards were demonstrating fears about being infected with the AIDS virus, even though the disease, which afflicts many in the gay community, is not communicable through casual contact.

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"...played we could pull it off." Skeptics, he noted, had assailed the event throughout the planning process as something that could not be done.

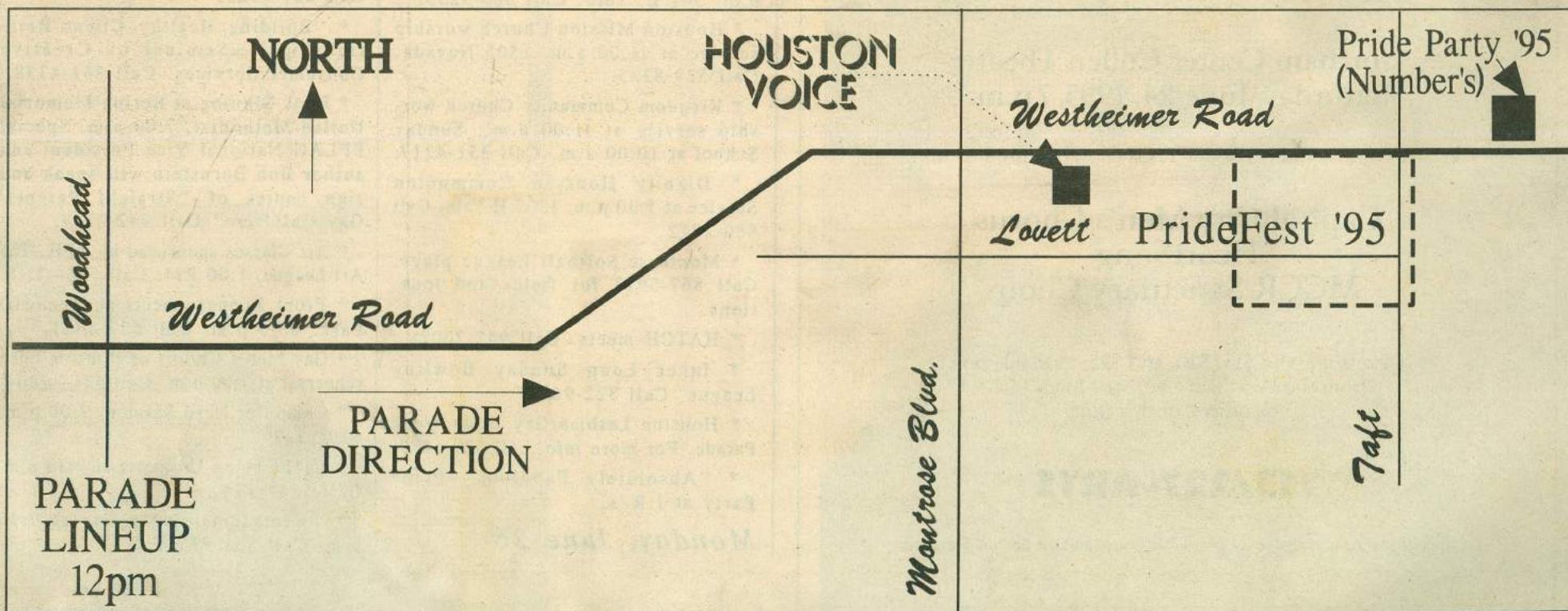
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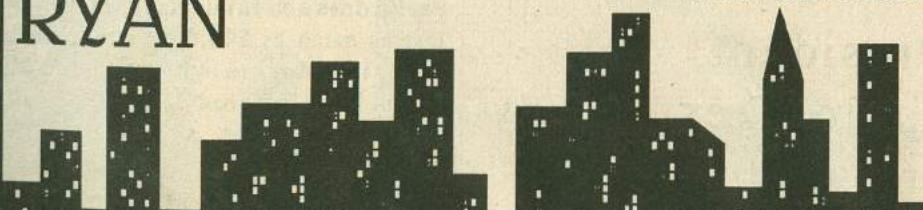
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Community Calendar

by Carolyn Roberts

If you would like an event listed in this section, please feel free to call me at 529-8490 or fax the facts to me at 529-9531.

The Official Pride Week Calendar of Events is on Page 3.

Friday, June 23

* "NLA:H's "Hot Night" at the Venture-N

* "Absolutely Fabulous" Pride Party at Heaven.

* Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. Call 782-6066.

* HIV Art classes at the Art League. Call 225-9411.

* Lesbian/Gay Voices on KPFT 90.1 FM 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

* HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.

* CODA meets at MCCR at 7:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.

* The Houston Symphony's 55th season at Miller Outdoor. Free. 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 24

* Volunteer Meeting for Pride Parade. Call 529-6979 for more info.

* Gay Men's Chorus of Houston performs at the Wortham. Tickets: call 227-ARTS.

* Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club rides. Call 520-1809.

* After Hours on KPFT 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. 90.1 FM. Call 526-5738.

* Midnight showing of "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" at the River Oaks 3. Call 524-2175.

* Sign Language classes at the Brazos River Bottom. Free 7:00 p.m.

* AFH Creative Writing Class. 3:00 p.m. Call 623-6796.

* Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8:00 p.m. Call 861-6181.

* MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.

* Deb Price and Joyce Murdoch at Crossroads for signing and readings. 7:30 p.m. Call 942-0147.

Tuesday, June 27

* MCCR: CODA Support group meets at 7:00 p.m., Empowerment for Living support group and pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m., Gloryland Singers at 8:00 p.m., The Gospel Ensemble at 6:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.

* "Establishing Effective Case Management Units"—Seminar by Creative Consultant Services. Call 861-4338.

* Front Runners meet at Memorial Park. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-8021.

* PROTECT meets at Bering Church. Call 520-7870.

* Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 1509 Fairview. 8:00 p.m. Call 495-8009.

Wednesday, June 28

* Bear's Night Out at the Montrose Mining Company. Call 529-7488.

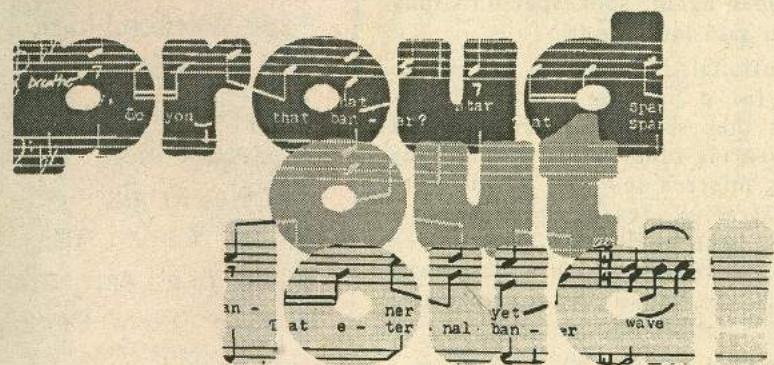
* Bear of the Month Contest at the Montrose Mining Company.

* Sheila Lennon performs at Chances. 9:00 p.m. Call 523-7217.

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* Dignity Houston meets for liturgy and social hour. Mass at 7:30 p.m. 1307 Yale. Call 880-2872.

* Fundraiser at the Venture-N Hot Leather Night. Presented by Don Gill and the women of FIST.

* The Houston Symphony's 55th season at Miller Outdoor. Free. 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 25

* Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. Call 520-1809.

* Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection worship services. 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.

* Front Runners meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Tennis center in Memorial Park. Call 522-8021.

* Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services at 10:00 a.m. New Location 3400 Montrose Suite 600. Call 528-6756.

* Community Gospel Church worship service at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9235.

* Houston Mission Church worship service at 11:00 a.m. 1505 Nevada. Call 529-8225.

* Kingdom Community Church worship service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Call 351-4217.

* Dignity Houston Communion Service at 5:30 p.m. 1307 H Yale. Call 880-2872.

* Montrose Softball League plays. Call 867-3913 for fields and locations.

* HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.

* Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League. Call 522-9612.

* Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Parade. For more info, call 529-6979.

* "Absolutely Fabulous" Pride Party at J.R.'s.

Monday, June 26

* MCCR: BiNet Support Group meets at 7:00 p.m., Jubilation Mixed Ensemble meets at 6:30 p.m., Mid-week uplift service at 7:00 p.m., Bible Study, Lecture Series and Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. 1919 Decatur. 861-9149.

* "Light Company" performs at Community Gospel Church. 7:30 p.m. Call 880-9235.

* Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. Call 524-0218.

* GLOBAL meets at 4:00 p.m. Call 743-7539.

Thursday, June 29

* "Light Company" performs at Community Gospel Church. 7:30 p.m. Call 880-9235.

* Montrose Ice Picks skate at the Galleria. 8:00 P.M. Call 629-1432.

* Broadway Showtunes at J.R.'s. 9:00 p.m. Call 521-2519.

* Community Gospel Church worship service. 7:30 p.m. 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9325.

* "Building Healthy Client Relationships"—Seminar by Creative Consumer Services. Call 861-4338.

* Book Signing at Bering Memorial United Methodist. 7:00 p.m. Special PFLAG National Vice President and author Bob Bernstein will speak and sign copies of "Straight Parents/Gay Children." Call 942-0147.

* Art Classes sponsored by AFH. The Art League. 1:00 P.M. Call 526-1118.

* Front Runners meets at Memorial Park. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-8021.

* Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. Call 521-7464.

* Computer Nerd Session. 7:00 p.m. 529-1223.

* En*Light*en Up meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 528-6174.

* Twentysomething meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 531-9396.

*Gay and
Lesbian Pride
Week event
calendar*

Friday, June 23

* Absolutely Fabulous Pride party, themed around the Britcom that has become a gay phenomenon in the U.S. Heaven, 810 Pacific, 521-0107

* Lesbian and Gay Voices. A special show on the future of Pride Week and the houston Gay and Lesbian Community. 6:00-10:00 p.m. KPFT 90.1 FM. On air line 526-KPFT

* Theater Night: "Me and Jezebel," The Company We Keep. \$12, 8:00 p.m. New Heights theater, 339 W. 19th, 523-9000

* Theater Night: "Soul Survivor," The Group. \$12, 8:00 and 10:30 p.m. Curtains Theater, 3722 Washington, 522-2204

* Houston's Hot VII: A Night in Black Leather, National Leather Association: Houston. 10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. Venture-N, 2923 Main 527-9666

Saturday, June 25

* Leather Forum and Symposium, 1:00—4:00 p.m., 527-9666

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* HATCH Prom. \$15, fundraiser for the Houston Area teen Coalition of Homosexuals. 8:00 p.m., Majestic Metro, 911 Preston, 942-7002

* BAILE '95. The largest pride event indoors. Live Tejano Band. \$25 benefits gay charities. 8:00 p.m.—2:00 a.m. Adam's Mark Hotel, 2900 Briar Park

Sunday, June 25

* Pride Sunday at MCCR. Choruses to perform, 10:45 a.m., 1919 Decatur, 861—9149

* HOUSTON GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE! Grand Marshals Suzanne Anderson and Don Gill. 2:00 p.m. Map, Page 1

* PRIDE FEST '95! Free concert features hot stars Fem 2 Fem and Dajae. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Map, Page 1

* Loading Dock Party '95. Leather/Levi dance co-hosted by NLA:Houston and Pacific Street. 710 Pacific, 523-0213

* Absolutely Fabulous After Parade Party. J.R.'s Bar and Grill, 5:00 p.m. 808 Pacific, 521-2519

* After-Parade Beer Bust. Montrose Mining Company, 805 Pacific, 5:00 p.m. 529-7488

* Official After Fest Party. DJ John Sims spins records from the 70's and 80's at Numbers, 5:00-11:00 p.m. Numbers, 300 Westheimer, 529-6979.

* Temple presents "The Nellie Ribbon Encore Party," Special guest Rozella, 7:00 p.m., Rich's, 759-9606

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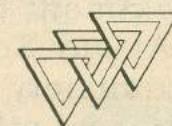
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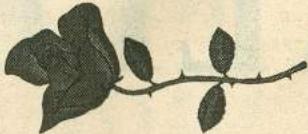
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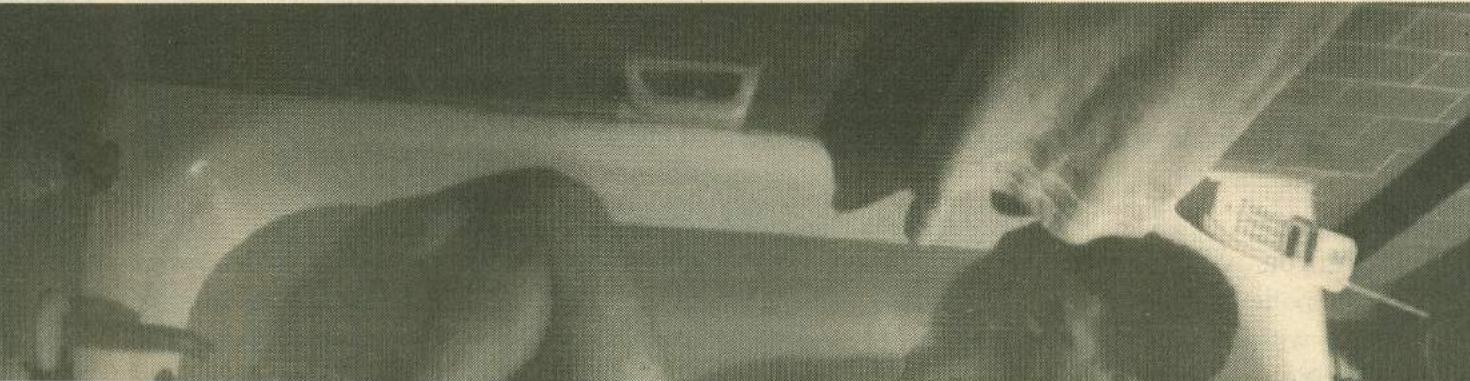
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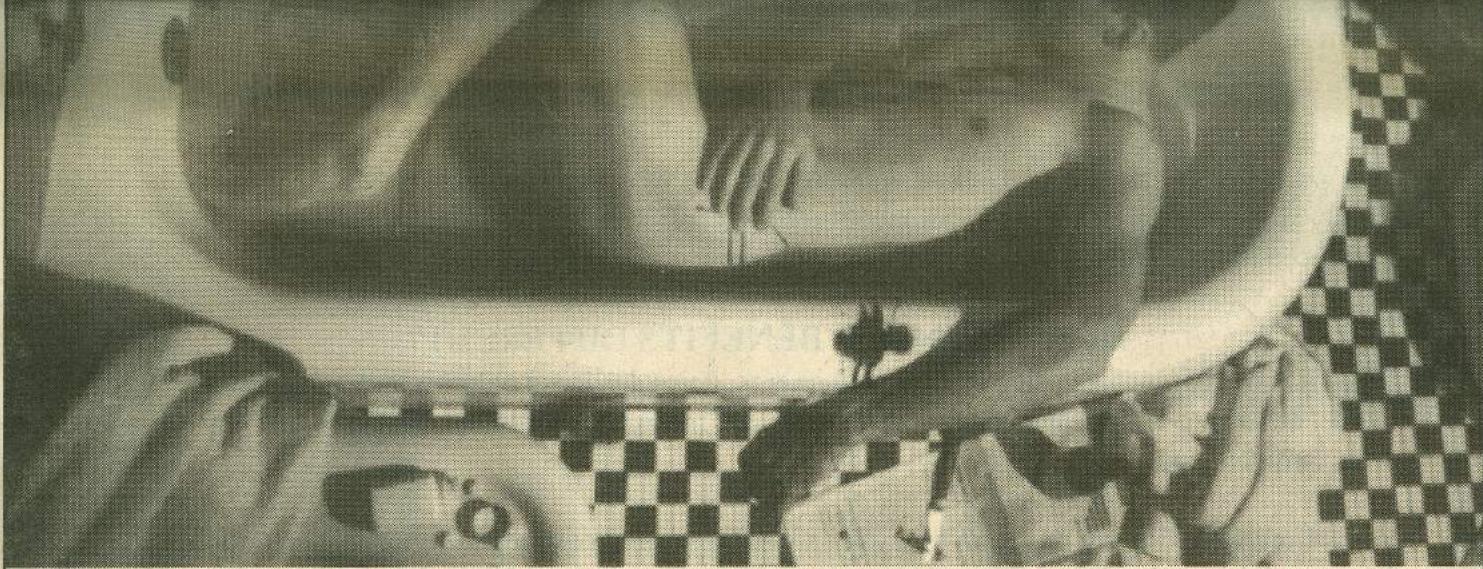
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Attendance, responses vary at Spectrum '95 events



Diverse businesses hawk gimmicks, gadgets and lots of good will to the Houston gay and lesbian community at the Business Expo (photo by Frank Parsley)

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Despite smaller than anticipated numbers for some events, dissatisfaction seemed nowhere in evidence among the jubilant throngs who whisked through the pride symbol-festooned booths on Sunday afternoon, gathering giveaway trinkets and information on community businesses, services and organizations.

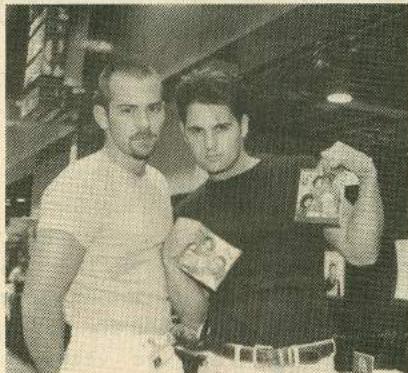
Organizers estimated that a total of 2000 people turned out for the day's events, with the largest numbers touring the spread of business, organizational and art booths.

Attendance at most Speaker Forum events met or exceeded presenters' expectations. But what might have been the most popular workshop, focusing on "Starting Your Own Business," had to be canceled due to illness of the scheduled presenter, Victory! Magazine publisher M.J. McKean.

One of the scheduled acts at the Concert of the Stars, the Gay Comedy Jam team of Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye, also had to be canceled. The duo was unable to get a flight out of Vancouver to make it in time for the show, according to Bourgeois. Just under 1000 concert tickets were sold and the opening crowd was enthusiastic and animated, but the extended event (performances ran overtime by more than an hour) saw its audience trim down as the night wore on.

Town Meeting

Fewer than 35 people wound up taking part in Town Meeting II, a community planning meeting around which the initial inspiration for Spectrum had evolved. Patterned after the historic Town Meeting of 1978, in which an estimated 4000 people participated, TM II drew only a handful of participants who were not directly involved in either the structuring of the event or preparation of several previously released



Rap duo and concert act "DV-8" mug for the press while giving away CD's (photo by Gabriel T.)

TM II, chaired by Deborah Bell and moderated by Linda Morales, nonetheless got down to business, passing quickly and with very minimal discussion the three resolutions dealing with maximizing local gay and lesbian economic strength and clout and a total of 11 resolutions proposed by transgender activists.

Participating representatives of the Houston Transgender Caucus appeared thrilled at the uncontested votes.

Transgender activists, thwarted in recent efforts at lobbying local, state and national gay rights organizations to specifically include their community and its issues, emerged a dominant force at TM II. The conference passed resolutions supporting political inclusion of transgendered persons in the gay/lesbian community and inclusion in proposed hate crimes legislation, along with provisions of the "International Bill of Gender Rights." Other resolutions adopted support education about transgender issues for youth, resource and support organizations, sensitivity training on transgender issues for social service agencies and health service providers and increased efforts to improve relationships with law enforcement groups and religious rights for the transgendered community, as well as a resolution declaring "union of purpose" in working toward the repeal of Texas Penal Code statute 21.06. As the meeting closed, a teary Phyllis Frye, Houston attorney and long-time transgender advocate, recalled the defeat of similar planks at

the original Town Meeting. "I've been waiting 20 years for this," she said.

Noting that plans are already underway for a Spectrum '96, Bourgeois gives an optimistic overview: the success of the Business Expo, in terms of both turnout and exhibitor feedback, is encouraging and inspiring, he said, and the organizers have learned valuable lessons to incorporate in the coming year's planning. The Spectrum organization, like other event committees, will hold various fundraising events to pay off the '95 debt and to raise seed money for next year, he said.

Spectrum '96 will be held in early June instead of during Lesbian and Gay Pride Week and will not include a Town meeting, Bourgeois said, adding that a number of community groups have already expressed an interest in working on the event.



Houston artist Kermit Eisenhut at Spectrum '95 Art Expo (photo by Gabriel T.)

of the scheduled presenter, Victory Magazine publisher M.J. McKean-Reich.

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Houston Arts Commission at Spectrum 95 Art Expo (photo by Gabriel T.)

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Gay Today

by Glen Webber



Gay Pride Notebook, Part IV

Welcome to week four of GAY PRIDE MONTH. The excitement is in the air. It is time to remind Houston who we are. We are no longer going to sit back and be verbally abused or physically attacked any more. Our strength is in our numbers and our community is thousands strong.

The success of the Spectrum '95 Business Expo made me realize something. Not only do we have power through voting, we have power through the almighty dollar. We are empowered by who we do business with.

At Spectrum 95, there were businesses who clearly wanted our money and support. They were saying to us that we are important, that our needs can be met, and our problems can be solved. They showed us they were gay friendly. I know there were other businesses that were afraid to show up. They were afraid of going public with their support. That's fine, but if a business is afraid to come out publicly and ask for my business, I'll be afraid to give them my money! We need to update our list of gay friendly businesses, then remind everyone else that our quite large disposable income will go to those businesses on the list. Think of every dollar you spend as a vote. And don't ever forget to think "Gay First."

As we celebrate with our parade, we

talked on the phone every day. He taught me how to relax and enjoy the party. His death was the first of my close friends. I remember George Blair, for years my workout partner at the gym. He was one of those handsome well-built men without an once of attitude. He inspired me with the success he achieved both personally and professionally, and we shared a comparable sense of humor. He was the best friend anyone could ever hope to have.

I remember Norman Guttman, a political powerhouse, who never hesitated to speak his mind, and demanded to be respected as a gay man. He also threw fabulous parties and had the most diverse and unusual group of friends I've ever seen. He was intelligent, educated, well spoken and proud of who he was, and he taught me a lot about who I was.

Dr. John Conti was my friend since we were young adults in San Antonio. He was a Marine Corps doctor, a lover of music, and a body builder who taught me to me to take care of my body as well as my mind. He was very funny. We always laughed and had a joyous time together. He brought a love of life to everything he did. Our paths crossed over the years in many different cities, and I loved him very much.

And of course, Kelse Anderson, who I shared my life with for 13 years. He was a quiet man whose actions spoke louder than words. While we led separate lives most of the time, the bond

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As we celebrate with our parade, we also need to remember that we are being watched and judged. We are once again showing the world we are part of the world community. It's important that we dress to be comfortable, due to the heat. But please keep the Halloween outfits in the closet until Halloween. Let's party and let's have our nellie ribbons. But personally, I'm insulted by those who come out in outrageous outfits to attract attention. This is not the time to do it. For the sake of all the hard working adults who want to be taken seriously, who want to be Gay and Proud, now is the time to act responsibly.

The day of the parade is also a time to remember our friends. I frequently think of my friends who can't be here to celebrate with us. I remember meeting my good friend, Mike Lefleur, during our parade many years ago. He was one of those handsome men who attracted people with his beautiful smile and warm personality. We

lives most of the time, the bond between us, the support we gave each other, and the love we shared will never be forgotten. He taught me more than I'll ever remember.

There are, of course, many more friendships that made me who I am today. Among them was Sgt. Leonard Matlovich, the first openly gay soldier, who lost his career but gained a self-respect that carried him through life. He told me to never shy away from the truth, and that's a lesson I've finally learned all these years later. Another was Bob Damron, founder of the Damron Gay Guide, who brought me to San Francisco in 1981, to work for him on publishing the Guide book. What a dear man. He was very giving, and we stayed friends until his death. He made traveling the gay thing to do.

So enjoy the parade, party with your friends both here and in your heart, and be proud. And give me a hug when you see me.

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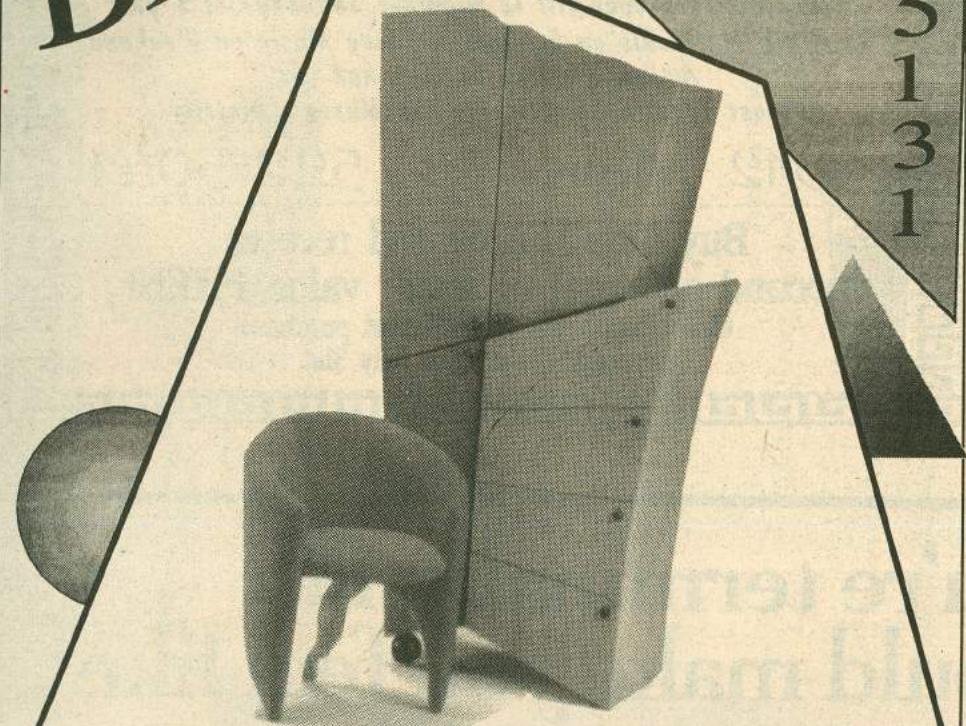
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Editorial

by Sheri Cohen Darbonne

From Celebration To...?

Since last week, when we ran the "Silence to Celebration" logo of Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995 on our front page, we at the Houston Voice have gotten a few unexpected inquiries. The more surprising questions were along the line of, "What is that thing, anyway?" The more thought-provoking: "What's it supposed to mean?"

The "Silence to Celebration" theme, adopted by several cities' Gay and Lesbian Pride Week coordinators for this year's observances, of course refers to the long trek from the dark ages of universal closets, scandal and secret societies to the presumably free, open and "gay-friendly" 1990's.

There is certainly much to celebrate about today's cultural freedoms and the progress won through the visibility of out-of-the-closet gay men and lesbians at every level and in every corner of society. But a quick look at the headlines of the day reminds us that much work remains to be done before we can truly escape the trappings of a voiceless past.

The desperate attempts of a young gay man to come out publicly (and to defend a friend branded across the nation as a pedophile because officials at first suspected he was 18, not 16) are still being smothered by the

checking the groups' belongings and shaking hands.

In a state to the east of this one, where I spent four rather confused years of my own life and to which I've had occasional daydreams of returning, an expected candidate for governor has suggested tattooing HIV-positive people, and a legislator has reportedly introduced a bill allowing killers of HIV-positive people to claim justifiable homicide if they feel threatened. And in every state, our community's political strength and interest in the gay and lesbian movement is dying down, at the same time as the strength and organization of groups whose very existence is dedicated to denying us our rights are at an all-time high.

As we take a long, close look at the theme and logo of Houston's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week '95, we can take stock of both our successes and our shortfalls.

For many people in our community, "Silence to Celebration" is not the intended assessment of how far we have come as a community, from the pre-Stonewall era to the cultural successes of today. For too many, it is a description of a transition routinely made from day to night, or weekday to weekend, in the confusion of a society that does not acknowledge our existence and refuses to validate our relationships.

Hopefully, however, the meaning

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outrageous claims of his parents and others in the media.

Last week at the White House, a delegation of gay and lesbian ELECTED OFFICIALS were greeted by Secret Service personnel who wore rubber gloves "for protection" when

for many during the emotion-charged events of this weekend. And hopefully, after the celebration, fewer will be content fade back into the illusory comfort of their silence, emerging only to criticize others for speaking up.

Kent, Washington welcomes 4000 gay-lesbian softball players

KENT, Wash., Thursday, June 15 (AP)—Some officials in this south Seattle suburb are ready to welcome 4000 gay and lesbian softball players to a mid-August tournament that could bring the community as much as \$4 million.

But Mayor Jim White says he will not be available that week and "won't be here to welcome them."

The Catch the Spirit World Series, scheduled Aug. 14-20 by the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association, is "one of the biggest tournaments we've ever hosted," said Kent Parks program coordinator Gary Quantz.

"They're expecting a huge turnout," Quantz said, adding, "The city will definitely benefit."

White said he's not sure the event will be good for Kent. At the same time, he said the organization "is just another group as far as I'm concerned. ... I'm not opposed to it if that's what you're asking."

Buz Fleming, who has the concession contract for city softball fields, said area merchants should be sure to make themselves available.

A small weekend tournament was sponsored here last year by the Emerald City Softball Association, a

Seattle-based gay and lesbian league, she recalled.

"They are big spenders," Fleming said. "They're very friendly, very happy."

Last year's tourney didn't have the heavy competitive atmosphere of some such contests, she noted.

"These people are having fun. ... I enjoyed working with them," Fleming said.

Tournament director Gail Britto said 3000 of the players will be from outside the area, mostly the East Coast. About 1000 rooms have been reserved at area hotels.

"The rooms should bring in well over \$500,000," said tourney travel agent Karen Farrell. "We anticipate well over 700 (rental) cars, well over \$100,000."

Another \$500,000 is going to air fare. The remaining millions are expected to be spent on food, merchandise and entertainment.

"They appear to have the bucks and they want to spend them," Farrell said.

The group also is spending \$15,000 to \$20,000 for city field rentals, and has bought a \$5,500 lighted scoreboard that will be donated to the city.

NATION/WORLD

Supreme Court: Boston St. Patrick's Day parade can exclude gays

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

(WASHINGTON)—The U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously Monday that the organizers of a St. Patrick's Day Parade in Boston have a free-speech right to exclude a group of gay and lesbian Irish-American marchers.

The high court said the organizers' free-speech rights under the Constitution's First Amendment takes precedence over a state public accommodation law barring discrimination based on sexual orientation in public places.

"The issue in this case is whether Massachusetts may require private citizens who organize a parade to include among the marchers a group imparting a message the organizers do not wish to convey,"

Justice David Souter said for the court in the 24-page opinion.

"We hold that such a mandate violates the First Amendment," he concluded.

The Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston sued after the parade's organizers, the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, excluded them in 1992 and 1993 from the parade that also commemorates the March 17, 1776, departure of British troops from Boston.

A trial judge called the parade a recreational event open to the public and ruled that the gay and lesbian group cannot be excluded just because of its members' sexual orientation. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court agreed.

But Souter declared the state court wrong, holding that parades were a form of constitutionally protected expression that convey a message to bystanders.

If the gay marchers prevailed under the state law, then any group with a particular message would have the right to take part in the parade, he said. That would violate the First Amendment's fundamental rule that the government lacks the power to control the choice of a speaker.

"While the law is free to promote all sorts of conduct in place of harmful behavior, it is not free to interfere with speech for no better reason than promoting an approved message or discouraging a disfavored one, however enlightened either purpose may strike the government,"

Souter said.

He emphasized the decision was based on a commitment to protect free speech and expressed no view about the message conveyed by the parade's organizers in refusing to allow the gay marchers.

"Today's decision was not a broad pronouncement on the rights of gay and lesbian people in American society generally," a lawyer for the gay and lesbian rights group, Mary Bonauto, said in a statement.

"In fact the Court reaffirmed the basic principle that discrimination against gay, lesbian and bisexual people is wrong. Instead, today's ruling is limited to a disagreement about what constitutes discrimination in this very narrow and unique set of circumstances," she said.

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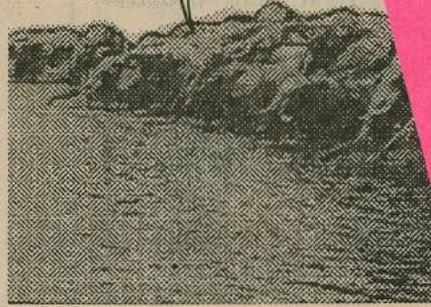
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Gay-O-Rama at DiverseWorks

Entertainment Notes

What's the final step "Beyond Desire?" At DiverseWorks Artspace, It's "Gay-O-Rama"—a pride-filled trio of playlets that teams two top talents in local alternative theater—Joe Watts and Gerald LaBita. The presentation shares a double bill this Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24, with Travis Mader's consciousness work "unconscious studies" as the finale of this year's Beyond Desire: Gay and Lesbian Performance Series. Performances begin at 8:00 p.m.

For Gay-o-Rama, TheaterLaB impresario LaBita and Watts, of The Group Theatre Workshop, will present three short playlets, featuring a total of five actors and focusing on gay and lesbian identity and relationships.

"Touch" by David Demchuk is an affectionate look at two gay lovers as they ponder questions about keeping the erotic ablaze in their relationship. David Dukes and Chris Craigs make up the cast.

Dukes and Craigs also appear in Watts' "Mornings," with Becky



Suzanne Anderson is featured in "Secret Ingredient"

Byars and Kim Seiver. In this piece, a unique relationship between a lesbian and a gay man wreaks havoc on their significant partners.

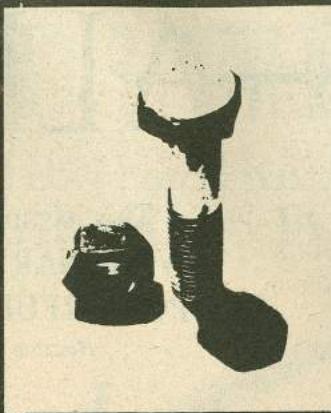
"Secret ingredient," starring this year's Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week female grand marshal, Suzanne Anderson, traces a lesbian's odyssey from her Baptist upbringing in Tulsa to the March on Washington. The playlet was written by Anderson's partner, Judith Meyer.

Tickets are \$12 (\$10 for DiverseWorks members, \$7 for students). For reservations, call 228-0914.

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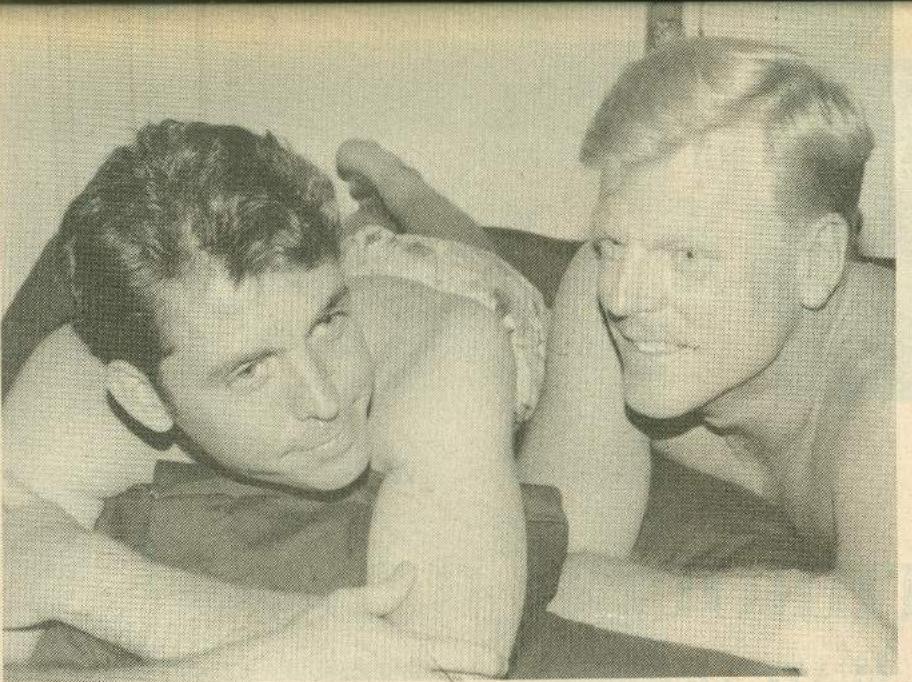
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Chris Craig and David M. Dukes share a moment from "Touch" by David Demchuk, one of three short playlets in "Gay-O-Rama," June 23-24 at Diverse-Works

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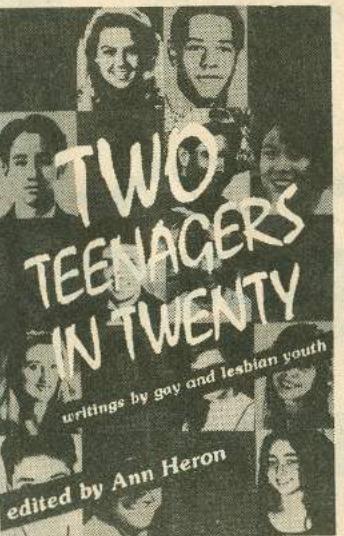
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Past Events

This past Sunday, Spectrum '95 took place at the Astro Arena. There was a business expo, art show, entertainment, and the "Concert of the Stars." We look forward to Spectrum '96 on June 1 & 2 1996!

Congratulations to the new Miss Life Today: Houston's PWA Sweetheart Brittany Paige and runner up Sivi Ross. This annual pride week contest was held last Sunday at E/J's.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. Da Vohn, who swept away the Mr. Club 403 contest held at Club 403 on

day! \$443 was raised for the Montrose Clinic. But, this is matched times 7, that means \$3101 was raised!!!! Yeah Team!! A special thanks to Jim Grove for his hearty donation!

Friday, June 23

The National Leather Association: Houston presents: "Hot Night VII: A Night in Black Leather" tonight at

the Venture-N. This is an official pride week function! Sign up starts at 10:00 p.m.

"Celebri-tease" tonight at Club 403. This week's talent include: "Reba McEntire," "Donna Summer," and "Tina Turner." Don't miss these fabulous "impersonators!" The show starts at 10:30 p.m.

Heaven is hosting the "Absolutely Fabulous" party tonight! They will be showing clips from the new season and giving a-way t-shirts, caps, buttons, books, and much, much more.

"Unchain!!" Trash disco is the sight and sound at Rich's tonight! Drag out your platform shoes and bell bottoms and dance the night away!

Don (Schnauzer) Dowden is look-

way to cool down and enjoy your favorite shot at the same time!

Brittany Paige is your hostess tonight for the Super Saturday Show at E/J's. This week's talent includes: Tara Dion—Miss E/J's '95, Chevelle Brooks—Miss Gay Houston at LARGE, and LaWanda Jackson—Miss Texas National. The show starts at 11:00 p.m.

Ean's Cabaret is just for ladies on Saturday nights! Super sexy topless female dancers are on stage and up close for your enjoyment. Ean's is located at 112 Travis. Cut the coupon on page 7 to get in free! If you are taking a group, call 227-0505 and reserve special tables!

Wayne Gray tickles the ivories every Saturday at the BriarPatch!

Sunday, June 25

PARADE.. PARADE.. PARADE.. PARADE.. PARADE.. 2:00 P.M.

Club 403 has cold beer to go today before, during, and after the parade.

The Venture-N will be serving a "Pre-Parade" brunch today starting at 10:00 a.m. with food, \$1 Screws and Bloody's until 2:00 p.m.

Chances is opening up the beer garden today for the parade. "Painted Ladies" will be serving cocktails and beer, with all of their tips going to the Montrose Clinic. Bleacher seats will be available for \$7.50, with every penny of that going to the Montrose Clinic. This sounds like a great way to enjoy our parade! If you



David plays with Pussy at Heaven

The Pre-Parade Party, Inc. will be having a "post" parade party at the Venture-N from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be pfinger pfoods, pfun, pfriends! \$1.50 well and beer, with a suggested \$5 donation to PWA Charities!

The Brazos River Bottom and Virgil Burke, Candidate for Mr. IGRA presents: "TGRA Celebrates Gay Pride As We Show Freedom," a benefit show for TGRA (State). Join Bill Havard and the Staff for one heck of a show starting at 8:00 p.m.

Lip-smackin' BBQ will be served this afternoon at the ToyBox. They also have open pool tables all day!

Monday, June 26

Honky Tonk nights are at Gentry tonight and tomorrow! Gentry has open pool tables and juke box, and great drink specials. My favorite is the \$2 Cuervo shot special! Go Figure! They also offer 75¢ schnapps!

Congratulations to Mr. Da Vohn, who swept away the Mr. Club 403 contest held at Club 403 on June 17. Runner up was Mr. Adam. A "Community Achievement Award" was presented to Roxanne Lee Love for her fund-raising efforts! Keep up the good work girl!

Congratulations to Cheryl Lankenship on winning the title of Ms. Club 403!

What is the difference between a "Daddy" and "Daddy-O?" Just ask Daddy Mark aka Marlene of Chances. S/he won the title of "Daddy of Montrose" contest this past Sunday of Mary's. Oh Daddy!

The New Mr. Venture-N '95 is Alan! The runner is Don Welch! This contest was held last Sunday at the Venture-N. \$200 was raised, with some going to the Pride Committee of Houston and some to the Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Fund! Congrats all!

The 2 Dons (Don Gill and Don Dowden) held a show at Chances last Sun-

away!

Don (Schnauzer) Dowden is looking for a hard time! You can find him tonight behind the patio bar at the Brazos River Bottom!

Saturday, June 24

The Rainbow Ranglers guest bartend on the patio of the Brazos River Bottom tonight! Waltz over and say Hi!

Don Gill and FIST (Females in Search of Trouble) present: "Hot Leather Night" tonight at the Venture-N. This is a fundraiser for the Loving Arms Foundation and the FIST Titleholder's Travel Fund. There will be entertainment and demo's and fun! Be there by 9:30 p.m. to get a good seat!

The Montrose Counseling Center's MSL Softball team is washing cars and truck today at Gentry from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For only \$7 you can get both inside and outside done. Don't forget to wander inside to enjoy power hour prices from noon until 5:00 p.m.

There is a "Pre-Parade" show and party at Club 403 tonight staring at 9:00 p.m.

Get out your raincoats and rubbers! Marlene of Chances and Nick of Charlie's will bring out "The Luge" again this weekend! This thing is so cool! They take a 300 lb. block of ice and carve out a groove down the middle. Then, a specially trained bartender will pour one of your favorite shots down the groove! It is a great

Montrose Clinic. This sounds like a great way to enjoy our parade! If you would like more info, call Chances at 523-7217. Also, before and after the parade, Susan Masar and the 13 Hour Pride Band will be on stage!

After the parade...

PrideFest '95 is the place to be!

If you can't stand the heat, head over to Gentry. Starting at 6:00 p.m. they will be showing this year's parade in cool comfort, on the tv screens.

E/J's is having a star-studded show, featuring the "E/J's Royalty" with special guests: Vanessa Raye and Catia Lee Love. Show time is 8:00 p.m.

J.R.'s is hosting the "Absolutely Fabulous" party! There will be a give-aways galore, clips from the show, and tons of fun!

Super Sexy porno star Lex Baldwin will be displaying his talents tonight at Heaven. The sights start at 11:00 p.m.

The Montrose Mining Company has "Pride Bust!" The beer is cold and cheap! \$1 domestic long-necks or \$2 optional buy-in and 50¢ refills of Miller Lite Draft on the patio!

"Loading Dock, The Party '95" at Pacific Street hosted by the National Leather Association: Houston. The doors open right after the parade!

"Nellie Ribbons" Encore Party is tonight at Rich's. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. EPIC recording star Rozalla will be on stage later in the evening!

ure! They also offer 75¢ schnapps!

Syndicated journalist Deb Price and her lover Joyce Murdoch will read from and sign copies of "And Say Hi to Joyce" tonight at Crossroads Markets and Bookstore. A free reception will follow. Crossroads is located at 610 W. Alabama. Call 942-0147 for more info.

Clubber's night at Pacific Street! Wear your Club Colors OR show your recent pay stub from a local bar or restaurant and get in free! The doors open at 9:00 p.m.

Clint is still doing it! He is still playing the songs you want to hear at the BriarPatch!

The Ripcord has a cash pool tournament tonight at 8:00 p.m. There is a \$3 buy-in and the bar matches the pot! Chalk up your cue!

The ToyBox is hosting the "Miss Southeast Texas Pageant" tonight. This is a regional contest. If you would like more information, please call 529-3367.



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Jay...do you have a new girlfriend?

(HOUSTON SOAP, continued from preceding page)

Tuesday, June 27

It is week #7 in the search for new talent at E/J's.

J.R.'s Bar and Grill has a super drink special tonight. \$1 domestic long-necks all night long! A great way to beat the Texas Heat! Also at J.R.'s tonight, KOFI takes the stage at 11:00 p.m. and grab for cash is at midnight!

Marci "and the Raelets" are the line-up tonight at the BriarPatch!

Wednesday, June 28

Hot nights and hot boys at Gentry tonight. The weekly male strip con-

Parents/Gay Children." For more information, call 942-0147.

Wayne Gray pulls up the piano bench tonight at the BriarPatch.

The Club Houston and Pacific Street have teamed up to bring you "SEXX!" Show your Club Houston card, or any other valid gym card and get in free. There is good "SEXX" at Pacific street and the Club Houston!

Nancy (Bite Me!) Ford is on stage tonight at Ms. B's. Safer Sex for Lesbians is the topic of the night! Stop in and hear how only Nancy can tell you the safest way to enjoy someone else's body!

Other Important Stuff

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"Miss Saigon" opens at Jones Hall on July 16. Order your tickets now by calling 629-3700.

"Angels in America" has been extended thru July 9. Call 228-8421 to reserve tickets!

Attention Coupon Clippers! El Palacio has a coupon on page 9, Cafe Brasil on page 13, Aphrodite Salon

My-o-my the little rodents have been fiesty this week! Laser Wizard and I have been sooo busy that the little critters.

spent 2 days in their cages! I'll never do that again! It took them days to calm down! I scraped the cage and found the flowing information. I guess Harvey and Ratrat get "out" when I'm at the office, hang around Gay/Lesbian places and eavesdrop! Bad Rats! I wonder if they want me to get them on the payroll of the Houston Voice?

Jessica (Hangs at E/J's and Gentry): What's this I hear about you starting a drag queen taxi? Why did your husband want to bring you home motor oil and condoms?

Paivi: Who is this John Gonzalez you spend so much time with? Is he a stud? Won't Jack be jealous?

Roxanne Lee Love: Is it true?



Kurt, Charlie, Richard and David celebrating the 17th anniversary at the Mine

whore working for you... a boy named Sue, that's Tommie Sue!

Don (Schnauzer): I hear you can get more than just a haircut at your house! Talk about full service!

Randy McCarble (MCC Softball Team): No matter what Doc Nowlin tells you, she IS eligible for Social Security!

Miss Alabama (BRB): What do you call a 3 way...precious?

Curtis (Cousins): Is it true that you haven't had it in sooooo long that you don't know which hole to plug your

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tonight. The weekly male strip contest starts at 11:00 p.m. With the rising heat outside, it will be hot, hot, hot, inside at Gentry!

"Bear of the Month" contest is tonight at the Montrose Mining Company. This monthly contest is sponsored by the Mine, Don Gill's Studio 911, and Leather Forever. The contest starts at 10:00 p.m. Be sure to enjoy the \$1 domestic long-necks all night! There is free pizza on the patio at midnight!

Cy Brinson delights you with music and song at the BriarPatch tonight!

Thursday, June 29

The weekly talent search hosted by Roxanne Lee Love at Club 403 starts at 11:00 p.m. If you want to be in the show, be there for sign up by 10:00 p.m.

Robert Bernstein, author, will be at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church tonight at 7:00 p.m. to speak and sign copies of "Straight

Brush" on page 15, *Apparition* Salon on page 29, Ean's on page 7 and Bistro 224 on page 7. Cut these out and stick 'em in your wallet. Use them when spending your gay dollars!

The BriarPatch really will "save you money" with domestic beer and all well drink prices at \$1.50 daily until 5:00 p.m. The Summer dull-drums have not hit the BriarPatch; they have top talent lined up nightly. Sing, laugh, cruise, play pool, and even score at the BriarPatch, as they do it live. ... every night!!!

Plan for the 4th! The Club Houston is having a great weekend party!

Birthdays And Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Jerry and Chris of the Texas Riders! 2 years and still going!

Happy Anniversary to Jessi (Pot Pie) and Jimmy!

Happy Birthdays to: The Houston Voice Editor-Sheri Cohen Dar-

bonne, Sid Stevens, and Bobby Fife. If you would like to send a greeting to someone, please feel free to call me @ 529-8490!

Rodent Drop-pings

Disclaimer, disclaimer! This part is not news, just stuff I overhear, find written on bathroom walls or my spies fax to me! I take no responsibility on verifying facts, or doing the things a REAL reporter would do, I just print what I hear! I know, I know, I'm just a witch with a poison pen and a computer!

Enquiring minds want to know if you will be the next "diva" of the public access TV?

Ken Brown (Alternative Visions): Such a butch haircut! And... What is Vertigo? Trust me, you can't get it by having unsafe sex!

Armand (Chances): Honey, you change jobs as often as I change earrings! Good luck at Chances! Look out for that mean "Daddy," s/he has a low tolerance for Southern Comfort!

Rita Blvd.: I hear you caused a riot at the last shoe sale at Neiman's. I know, but really girl, screaming out "those are mine... you'll never get your hooves into those pumps" over the loud speaker is just a bit inappropriate for Neiman's!

Doc Nowlin: Did they get your name plate properly installed on the door of room 43 at Richmond News? Also, is it true that all of your softball players had to schedule personal interviews in above-mentioned room?

Keith (TGRA): I hear you have created a new designer cocktail. V and V. That is Vodka and Velveeta with a foreskin garnish!

Dwayne (hangs at the ToyBox): Just what did you and that banana do in the pool?

Tim (Sojourns): What is the name of your new hair tonic? Duayne's Butt Butter? It sure gives you a nice bounce!

Bill Havard (BRB): You flew all the way to Nashville to get some brochures for Jeff (ToyBox)? You must want in his britches real bad!! Also, I hear you were introduced at the Mayflower Madam... because you have one

don't know which hole to plug your cable into? But really.. calling Steve (BRB) for advice!

Pearl: I hear you give haircuts at the BRB. What do you charge... a trip to the dumpster?

Eric (Hangs at BRB): I hear you went to Pacific Street to find a man, but picked up your x-husband instead!

d'Artagnan: You are a slut!

Marlene (Chances): Won the title, lost the beard! Did you wake up feeling like you had been sleeping in the back of a pick-up truck?

Thumper (ToyBox): We have given you a new name, Thumper-a-nator!

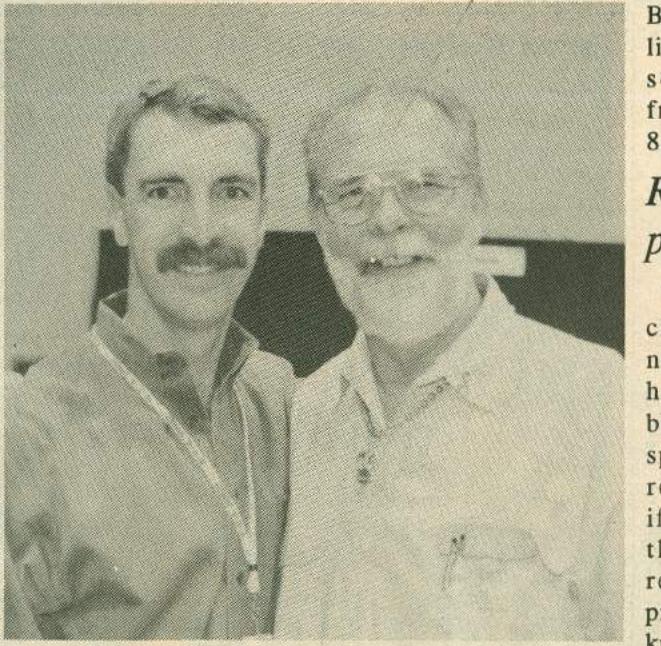
Lee Davis (MSL): How did you break your arm? I hear you were trying to slide in to home bar stool... not home base!

David (Ripcord): OK, I guess it was a 4x4 not a 2-2! I hope there was enough left of the tu-tu to cover your hiney!

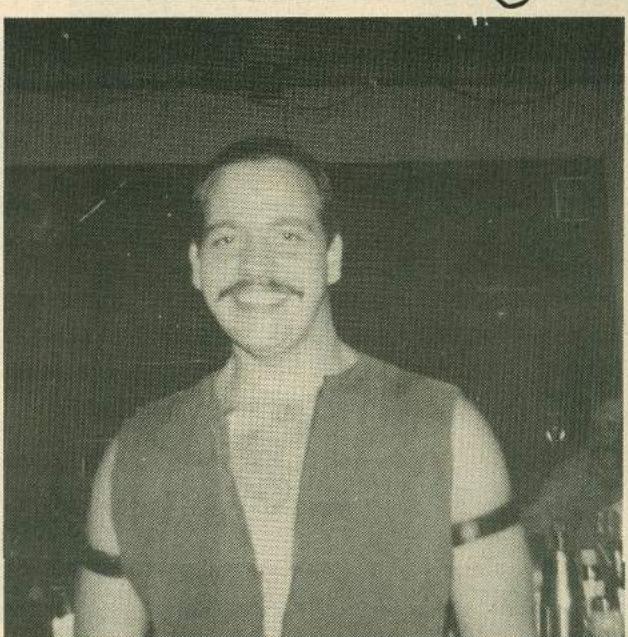
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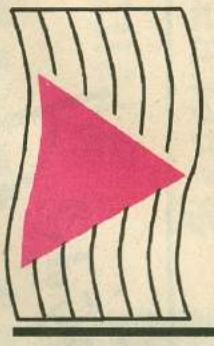


Alan Bourgeois (founder/director) and Ray Hill (president) at Spectrum '95



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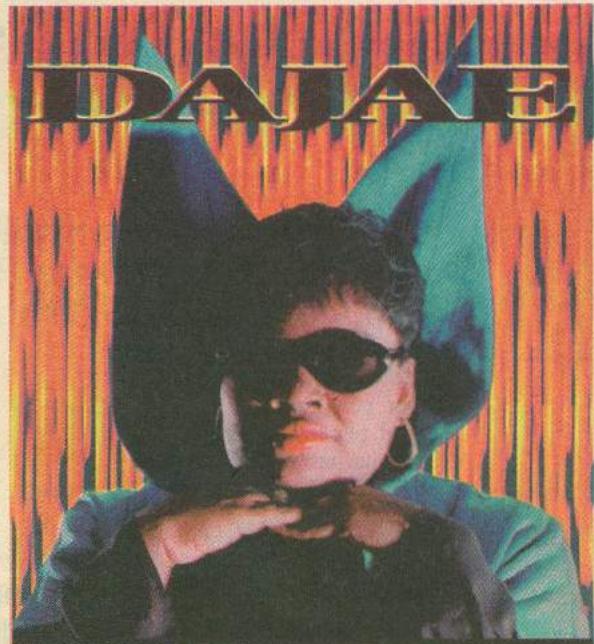
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Sizzling Celebration

(HOUSTON)—An estimated 15-20,000 people, the probable peak crowd since the decade began, turned out despite sizzling temperatures and sweltering humidity to watch last Sunday's festive Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade. With the Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week theme of "Silence to Celebration," the 100-unit parade translated an upbeat and hopeful message into an abundance of splashy, colorful floats, banners and signs. It concluded in a march to

The Pride Trophy, for best motorized entry other than a float, went to the Pet Patrol, while the Unity Trophy for best non-motorized entry was awarded to P-FLAG. The Texas Trophy (best professional float) went to MCCR.

Outrage '95, a fund raising organization took the Houston Trophy, which honors the best non-professional float. The group, which hosts an annual party that benefits AIDS service organizations, had



splashy, colorful floats, banners and signs. It concluded in a march to the first pride festival in years held in a central Montrose location.

Winning the Grand Marshal Trophy for best interpretation by a non-profit organization was the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard/Houston, whose float featured a larger-than-life mobile sculpture, incorporating metallic mannequins with live volunteers, telephones and wires and brightly colored geometric patterns. The "Spirit of Montrose" trophy (best interpretation by a business or other than non-profit group) went to the monthly magazine OutSmart, which plastered its entry with mock magazine covers blaring optimistic "Headlines of the future"—including the announcement of the cure for AIDS and the crowning of "the first openly lesbian Miss America." OutSmart also received the Judge's Trophy as the judging panel's selection for best overall parade entry.

an annual party that benefits AIDS service organizations, had entered the parade for the first time this year.

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Proud Crowd...an estimated 15,000-20,000 people braved temperatures in the high 90's to attend last weekend's Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade.

Gay community grapples with multiple loss

By STEVE CHRYSLER

For the Houston Voice

The worst damage done by the AIDS pandemic might not be to the dead and dying but to the survivors and the gay community itself, by pushing the entire group into a helpless apathy of bitterness, confusion, and depression.

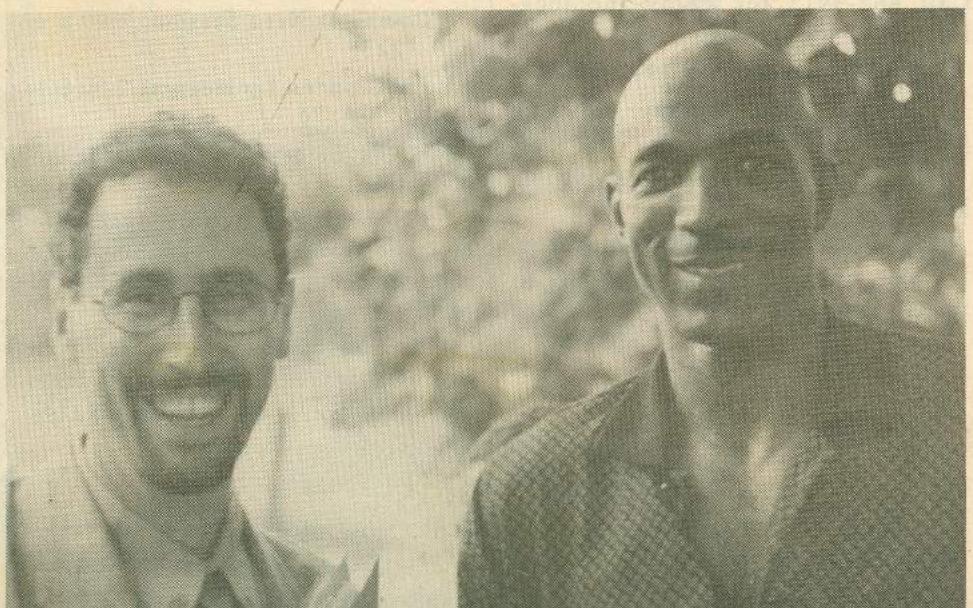
Psychologist Sandra Jacoby Klein, a leader in the research of the strange and devastating effects of the AIDS pandemic on survivors since 1981, will share her most recent data on AIDS Related Multiple Loss Syndrome at a national conference for the Metropolitan Community Church's clergy and other counselors next month in Atlanta. AIDS Related Multiple Loss Syndrome defines the

condition formerly categorized with the terms "grief overload" and "bereavement burnout" which were used to describe mourners who have insufficient time to complete the normal bereavement process leading to recovery before other deaths compound the situation.

In her research, Jacoby-Klein found that never before in modern history has such a young group been forced to endure so much ongoing death and loss of their peers. An average person goes into a 3-6 month depression after the loss of someone close to them, but in the modern gay community, many experience repeated losses before coming to closure for the initial losses. This results in a constant depression, feelings of hopelessness, lack of planning for the future, and reckless living, and apathy. It is not uncommon for a gay male in Los Angeles, for example, to have

lost more than 50 friends and acquaintances over the last several years. The people with AIDS and their survivors are generally under 40. Klein reported that, "The ever present possibility of early death leads to a sense of fatalism, with a lack of enthusiasm for long term goal planning. There is simply no equivalent to this experience in the non gay-community. While a pandemic might be compared to natural disasters in which a large proportion of a particular community is wiped out, there are important differences. (Ordinarily when a) disaster occurs, broad emotional and financial support (e.g. validation) for the survivors becomes available. For the survivors of AIDS, however, discrimination and homophobia conspire to keep them socially isolated and stigmatized."

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Out of This World...What are "Angels in America" playwright Tony Kushner and Houston Rocket Clyde Drexler doing in the same picture? Story, Page 3

Gay activist arrested

(HOUSTON)—Ray Hill, longtime local activist for gay rights, prison reform and first amendment issues, was arrested in an adult book store in northeast Houston last Thursday, June 22.

Hill was charged with interfering with the duties of a police officer, under a state statute very similar to a former Houston ordinance he is credited with banishing from the books. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned the local ordinance, under which a person could be arrested for speaking to or criticizing an officer in the line of duty, in a case involving Hill in 1987.

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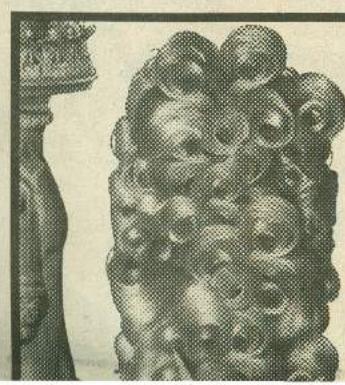
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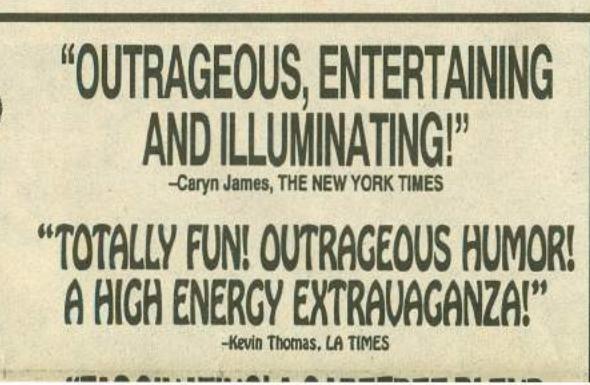
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Community Calendar

by Carolyn Roberts

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Friday, June 30

- * Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. Call 782-6066.
- * HIV Art classes at the Art League. Call 225-9411.
- * Lesbian/Gay Voices on KPFT 90.1 FM 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- * HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.
- * CODA meets at MCCR at 7:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.

Saturday, July 1

- * Benefit at Club 403 by Shelby St. John 10:30 p.m.
- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club rides. Call 520-1809.
- * After Hours on KPFT 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. 90.1 FM. Call 526-5738.
- * Midnight showing of "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" at the River Oaks 3. Call 524-2175.
- * Dignity Houston meets for liturgy and social hour. Mass at 7:30 p.m. 1307 Yale. Call 880-2872.

- * NLA:H Guest Bartend at Pacific Street.

- * Texas Renegades Guest Bartend on the patio at the Brazos River Bottom.

Sunday, July 2

- * Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. Call 520-1809.

Monday, July 3

- * AFH Creative Writing Class. 3:00 p.m. Call 623-6796.
- * Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8:00 p.m. Call 861-6181.
- * MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.
- * Pool Tournament at the Ripcord. 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4

- * MCCR: CODA Support group meets at 7:00 p.m., Empowerment for Living support group and pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m., Gloryland Singers at 8:00 p.m., The Gospel Ensemble at 6:00 p.m. Call 861-9149.
- * Front Runners meet at Memorial Park. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-8021.
- * PROTECT meets at Bering Church. Call 520-7870.
- * Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 1509 Fairview. 8:00 p.m. Call 495-8009.
- * The Houston Symphony performs at Miller Theatre. 8:00 p.m. Fireworks! Free.
- * BBQ at Club 403. Shows at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 5

- * Shiela Lennon performs at Chances. 9:00 p.m. Call 523-7217.
- * MCCR: BiNet Support Group meets at 7:00 p.m., Jubilation Mixed Ensemble meets at 6:30 p.m., Mid-week uplift service at 7:00 p.m., Bible Study, Lecture Series and Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. 1919 Decatur.

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* Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection worship services. 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. 1919 Decatur. Call 861-9149.

* Front Runners meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Tennis center in Memorial Park. Call 522-8021.

* Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services at 11:00 a.m. New Location 3400 Montrose Suite 600. Call 528-6756.

* Community Gospel Church worship service at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. 501 E. 18th. Special concert at 7:30 p.m. Featuring Billye Bowman. Call 880-9235.

* Houston Mission Church worship service at 11:00 a.m. 1505 Nevada. Call 529-8225.

* Kingdom Community Church worship service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Call 351-4217.

* Dignity Houston Communion Service at 5:30 p.m. 1307 H Yale. Call 880-2872.

* Montrose Softball League plays. Call 867-3913 for fields and locations.

* HATCH meets. Call 942-7002.

* Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League. Call 522-9612.

* Buffet at the Brazos River Bottom at 3:00 p.m.

* Picnic at the Ripcord. 2:00 p.m.

* Mr. Texas Drummer Contest at Pacific Street.

study, Lecture Series and Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. 1919 Decatur. 861-9149.

* Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. Call 524-0218.

* GLOBAL meets at 4:00 p.m. Call 743-7539.

* Men's Network, an educational & social program for Gay and Bisexual men meet at the Montrose Counseling Center. Seminar by Mark Gartner, licensed Massage Therapist. 7:00 p.m. Call 529-0037.

Thursday, July 6

* Montrose Ice Picks skate at the Galleria. 8:00 P.M. Call 629-1432.

* Broadway Showtunes at J.R.'s. 9:00 p.m. Call 521-2519.

* Community Gospel Church worship service. 7:30 p.m. 501 E. 18th. Call 880-9325.

* Art Classes sponsored by AFH. The Art League. 1:00 P.M. Call 526-1118.

* Front Runners meets at Memorial Park. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-8021.

* Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. Call 521-7464.

* Computer Nerd Session. 7:00 p.m. 529-1223.

* En*Light*en Up meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 528-6174.

* Twentysomething meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 531-9396.

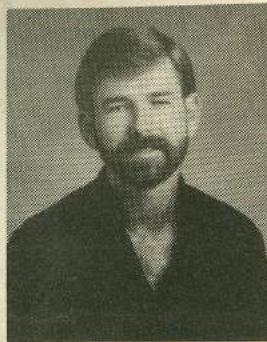
* "Homophobia Within" presented by David Crank at the Kolbe House. 7:00 p.m. Also Pot Luck supper. Call 522-8182

* Psychosocial Assessments Writing and Service Plan Development. Seminar. 9:00 a.m. Call 861-4338.

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FROM JACKIE AGUILERA

For the Houston Voice

John Kennedy. Martin Luther King, Jr. Harvey Milk. Richard Nixon. Warren Berger. All of these men's deaths signaled an end of an era, an end of leadership. On June 22, 1995, another era came to a close when Cal Moran left this earth as the morning breathed the first light of a new day.

Cal was a champion of those who could not defend themselves, a righter of wrongs, and a caring human being. You didn't have to like him to respect him, and most assuredly he did have the respect of our community, a respect that was earned as he gave of himself to help those who couldn't.

Cal proudly served his community through his leadership in the Colt 45's and by being an active member of many PWA assistance organiza-

tions throughout the city. He was a catalyst of change and the spirit of unity. And like the Phoenix, he will rise from the ashes in everyone's memory and in the hearts of those he touched every time they speak his name.

Cal is survived by his lifetime love, Kody; the brother of his soul, Walter; the daughter of his heart, Jackie; his pearl, Jackie R.; his caregiver, Bret Landry; and numerous other friends and loved ones.

Lastly, I would personally like to thank all those who helped to make the quality of Cal's life better as he journeyed to a place where he could finally rest, and especially I thank all those at UTMB, Galveston, who patiently cared for Cal while he was ill. In addition, those wishing to donate monetary gifts may do so in memorium to either the Montrose Clinic or the Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Fund.

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Houston parade, festival: hot in more ways than one

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Other parade award winners were: Stonewall Trophy (Most original float), St. Stephen's Episcopal AIDS Respite Care Team and Silence to Celebration Trophy (best out of town entry), Cheer Dallas.

Noteworthy for a supportive presence among the diverse parade entries were local mainstream arts and cultural organizations, including Houston Grand Opera and the Alley Theater. Conspicuously absent in this year's parade were elected officials, although one official, U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, appeared as a speaker at the post-parade Pridefest.

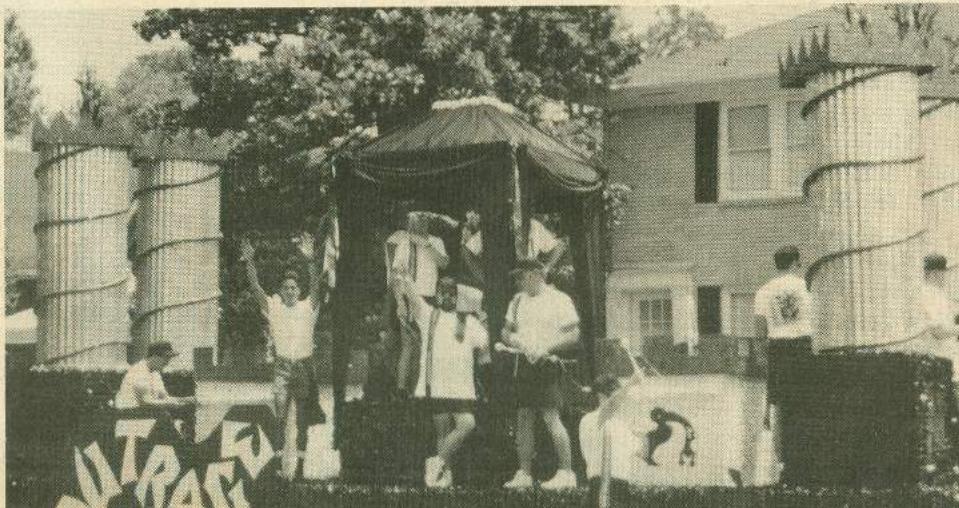
The Pride Fest, though not as well attended as the parade, in part because of the heat, entertained several

thousand people. Dance music divas Fem 2 Fem and Dajae interacted with an enthusiastic audience, and the free event raised \$2,400 in voluntary donations for six Houston organizations. Pride Fest proceeds will be split between the six groups: AVES, the Pride Committee of Houston, Steven's House, Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 20-something and the Lesbian Health Initiative.

Winners of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week bar and business decoration contest were as follows: Big Bar Category—first place, Heaven; runner up, Brazos River Bottom.

Small Bar Category—first place, Chances, Runner Up, Gentry.

Non-bar Business—first place, Basic Brothers; runner up, Lobo.



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'Outrage,' a newcomer to the annual parade, won the award for best non-professional float.

Kushner, continued...

Oh, God, I've told that story so many times, it's really, really hard to do it again.

Okay, then don't do it again.

Okay, I won't.

Okay, that's fine.

I mean, I was commissioned to write a play for a theatre in San Francisco, and I had written one play before that. I felt this would be a good opportunity to write about being gay, because it was for a San Francisco audience. And that's where the original impulse came from. It was a very bad time, and I always write in direct reaction to what seems to be the most pressing and difficult issue of the moment. (Trailed off.)

That's fine. That's fine. You know there's a lot of interest in angels right now. Have you noticed?

Yeah.

Do you believe that angels exist and visit us?

I have absolutely no idea. I really don't. I basically, usually, when people tell me they've seen them or talked to them or spoken to them, I assume they are speaking metaphorically or that they're sort of crazy. I've never had any direct experience with them at all. I suppose if somebody who was completely sane and not in any way given to metaphor might have direct experience with them, but I think in matters of religious or mystical experience it's good to be rather rigorous in terms of

your criteria for assessing what you experienced. I would need to be absolutely certain that I had had contact with something other than some kind of human phenomenon before I was willing to say it was an angel. I take it sort of seriously. I get a little irritated with the sloppiness of a lot of middle-aged people who are very quick to say they've had a direct encounter with the divine or the supernatural, because I think their criterion for assessing that is a little sloppy.

Well, I can tell you that before we got cable, I definitely saw ghosts on my TV. I don't want to keep you too long, but I wanted to ask if you had had a chance to be around Houston very much, other than coming in and being in a building?

I grew up very near here. I'd been to Houston quite a lot when I was a kid.

Oh, really?

I've always liked the city a lot. It's always seemed to me to be a pretty extraordinary place. I don't really have an adult impression of it so much. I'm very impressed with the Alley Theatre. I'm very impressed with Greg Boyd. It seems to be a very exciting and active theatre—and certainly great.

Yeah.

It's a hard time for theatres now with the NEA imperilled and corpora-

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Hill expected to fight ironic charge

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The state legislature, however, subsequently passed a statute against "interfering with government function," which Hill says has been used as a substitute for the local ordinance. It is under this statute that Hill was reportedly charged after exchanging words with undercover officers conducting an investigation in the store. The charge, a Class B. Mis-

demeanor, carries a penalty of a maximum \$1,000 fine and/or six month jail sentence.

Hill, 54, was arrested at an adult book store in the 9900 block of the Eastex Freeway at about 3:30 p.m., according to the police report.

Sources close to Hill, who was out of the state on vacation this week and could not be reached, say he is considering filing another lawsuit, seeking to unravel the state law.

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Letters to the Editor

Transgenders' County Court Horror Story

FROM WENDY ALLEN

Houston, Texas

Here is a letter that is long over due. Much has been said about the inconsistencies of the court system here in Harris (Harass) County. Here is just another example.

The story revolves around Denise Copp and Wendy Allen. Both are transgendered females, ie. transsexuals, and the story involves the inconsistency in obtaining name and gender changes, notwithstanding one's personal opinion on the subject.

On Oct. 21st, Denise and I both filed for name and gender changes. Both of our petitions were filed on the same day by the same attorney. However, assignment of judges is a coin toss. My petition went to a sympathetic Democratic female judge, named Suzanne Soussan, while Denise's petition went to a Republican judge by the name of Abbott. Judge Abbott is one of the few remaining judges that requires an FBI and DPS fingerprint background check. My judge did not! This delayed the process by several months for Denise, and cost more in extra fees. By Nov. 28th, I was in and out of court in a few hours with a new name and a female gender identifier, and a heart felt good luck wish by my judge. Meanwhile, Denise is still waiting.

In March we received notice from Judge Abbott's court that he has

already paid for. Apparently, a Judge West who is the administrative judge for Harass County Civil Courts had seen the petition, and decided that it contained enough information for him, so he rescinded the order. (Remember, Denise's petition was filed exactly the same day as mine, by the same attorney, containing the same type of information.) So here we go again!!!

This time our attorney was instructed that she had to provide the court with extra information on Denise's petition, and Denise had to come up with a letter from her attending physician, thus causing an additional weeks delay.

On April 10th Judge McCorkel, who never had the opportunity to meet or visit with Denise, finally, with some extra explanation and pleading by our attorney, ruled favorably on Denise's name and also gender change. Our attorney had to convince the judge that a name change without a gender marker change would result in undue stress to Denise caused by embarrassment when presenting a driver license with a male identifier marker when applying for a job or simply cashing a check.

So finally after nearly six months and five judges, and extra money and indescribable stress and frustration, Denise finally obtained that much coveted name and gender change that I had received in only five short weeks myself. However, Judge McCorkel decided that he had the power to influ-

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by Forman Brown

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Judge Abbott's court that he has decided that he felt uncomfortable ruling on this type of case, and voluntarily transferred it to Judge Wittig's court. The case was rescheduled for April 3rd. On that day when Denise's case was finally called, Judge Wittig declared that had he read the case beforehand, he could have saved us a trip, because under our circumstances he would not grant a name or gender change. No matter how much our attorney pleaded that Denise's hormone therapy was irreversible, Judge Wittig refused to budge. However, at the last moment, before he rapped his gavel, our attorney was able to persuade him to transfer the case to another court if she could find a judge who would hear the case.

Fortunately that morning on the way in to Judge Wittig's court, our attorney ran into a visiting judge, named Hearn. Judge Hearn agreed to hear the case during his lunch break around 1:00 p.m. that day. By 2:00 p.m., a very happy and relieved Denise Copp had her name and gender change complete, and was able that same day to go to a nearby DPS office with a certified copy of her name and gender change and have her new drivers license made. However, this day was not to end on a happy note.

When we arrived home that evening, there was an urgent message from our attorney waiting for us to call her and not to use the certified copies we had

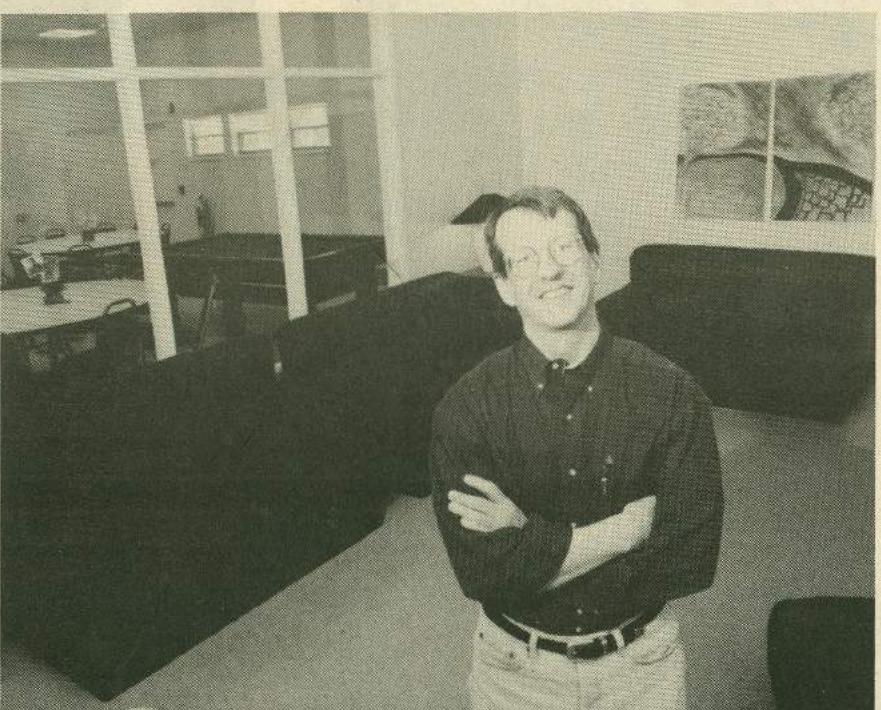
decided that he had the power to influence another state by hand writing on her order that Denise could not petition her birth state of Louisiana for a change of her birth certificate!! Now how can he do that? How dare he to be so presumptuous? Can a Texas civil court judge order another sovereign state to do his bidding? From everything we have been able to ascertain, this is highly questionable, unethical and maybe even illegal. Yet it stands as a legal binding order here in Harass County of the great Republic of Texas. (sic)

How long will we citizens and taxpayers allow this type of justice (?) to go on? Anyone who reads this can only conclude that this is another very serious inconsistency in our court system and shows that judges have convinced themselves that they have the power of God, over those who come before them. It is a misconception on our part to believe that judges who sit on benches in Harass County are impartial and will leave their prejudice at home and rule with fairness in accordance with the laws and statutes at their disposal. I can say with no uncertainty that we no longer believe in fair and impartial treatment in our court system. Denise and I have seen first hand that these ideals do not exist, and only those with money have any chance at all in obtaining justice as we now know it from the civil courts in Harass County, and God help those who don't fit the "norm."

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Community Organizations Bulletin Board



Director Bob Snellgrove is all smiles in the newly renovated Bering Care Center dayroom. Several community organizations helped raise the funds for state-mandated revamping of the center (Photo by Gabriel T.)

Diana Foundation Elects Officers

The Diana Foundation recently held elections for the 1995-96 season. The new officers are Ben C. Crump, president; Earl E. Krieger, 1st vice president; Ogden Robertson, 2nd vice president; Kurth Brown, treasurer and Parker Witt, secretary; new members of the board of directors are George T. Moore, Bill P. ...

Montrose Counseling Center Men's Network

The Men's Network, an educational and social program for gay and bisexual men, will present licensed massage therapist Mark Gartner, speaking on "Getting Rubbed the Right Way" on Wednesday, July 5 at the Montrose Counseling Center. The discussion and demonstration of massage techniques stresses the

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"Miss Angela's Country Dinner" has been set for Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Houston Polo Club. The dinner will be catered by Goode Company Barbecue and a country western band will provide entertainment. For more information about the event, call 639-2000.

Montrose Clinic Dedicates Research to AmFAR

The Montrose Clinic was scheduled to dedicate the Houston Clinical Research Network (HCRN) suite at its 215 Westheimer building to the American Foundation for AIDS Research on Thursday, June 29 at 10:30 a.m. AmFAR co-founder Mathilde Krim, Ph.D. was scheduled to attend the official dedication and ribbon cutting.

Houston Clinical Research Network is one of only 12 national sites participating in the AmFAR network of community-based clinical trials.

AmFAR contributed \$60,000 towards the construction and furnishing of Montrose Clinic's new building, which houses HCRN. The official dedication of the research suite recognizes the contribution AmFAR has made to HCRN, according to Eileen Hegar, president of the Clinic.

AmFAR is the nation's leading non-profit organization dedicated to the support of AIDS research (both basic biomedical and clinical research), education for AIDS prevention and sound AIDS-related public policy. Since 1985, AmFAR has provided over \$65 million to more than 1300 research teams.

massage techniques stresses the importance of touch in a non-sexual, consensual way to improve quality of life.

On July 19, the Men's Network speaker will be Houston psychotherapist Tony Carroll on the topic "Getting to Know You." The presentation will focus on ways that men can get to know themselves better, so that they can better connect with others.

The Men's Network is free, although donations are requested. The group meets at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. For more information, call 529-0037.

Bering Care Center gets State License

The Bering Care Center completed the first phase of a massive renovation project in time to meet a deadline for achieving state licensing as an adult day care facility, representatives reported in the Bering Community Service Foundation's monthly newsletter.

"With the assistance of our contributors and community groups, the renovation was completed in record time. \$140,965 was collected for the renovation...the entire renovation was funded by individual community groups specifically to the renovation costs," reported the newsletter, "Partnerships."

Only one private foundation grant (\$2,000) was received, from the Hammon Foundation for the kitchen portion of the project. The next step, Phase Two, of the renovation includes completion of the kitchen space in the Care Center. While the project is underway, Care Center meals are temporarily being prepared in the kitchen of Bering Church.

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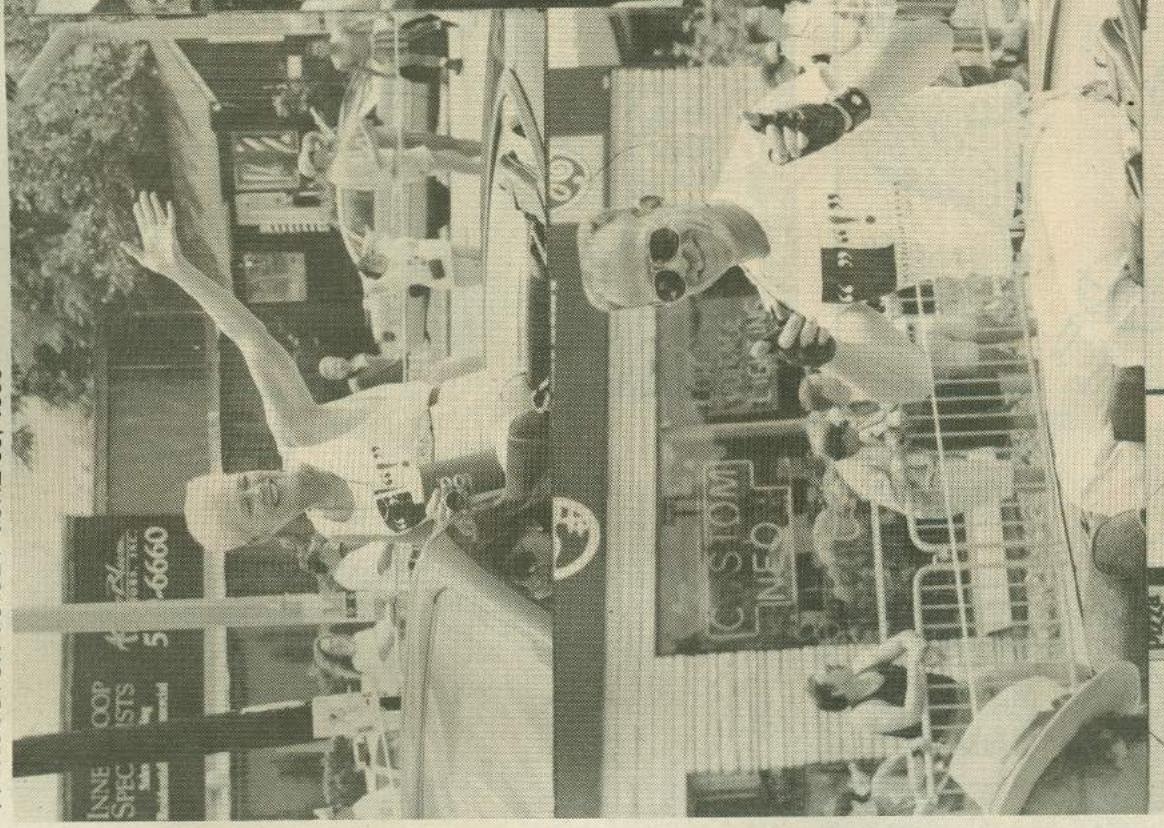
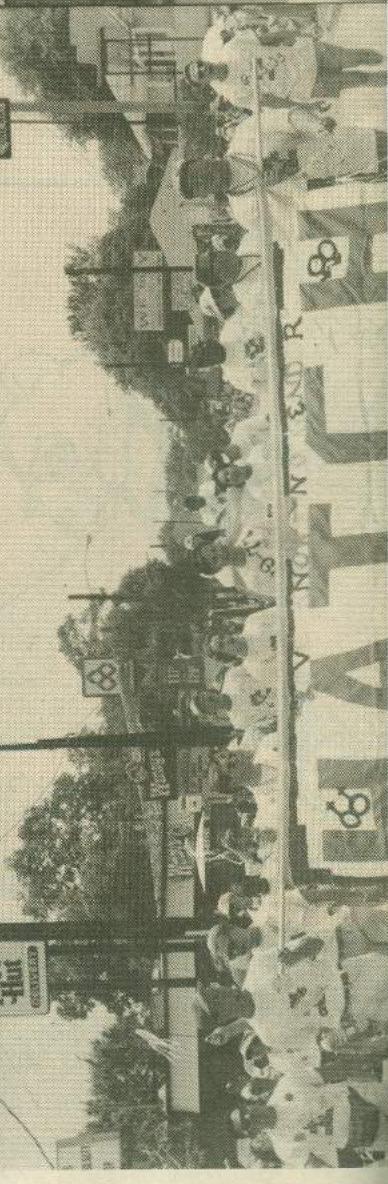
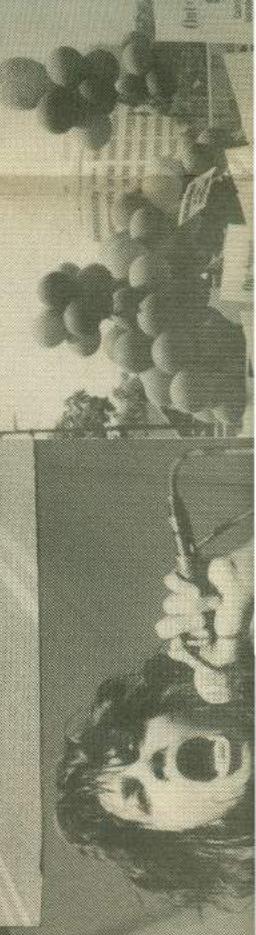
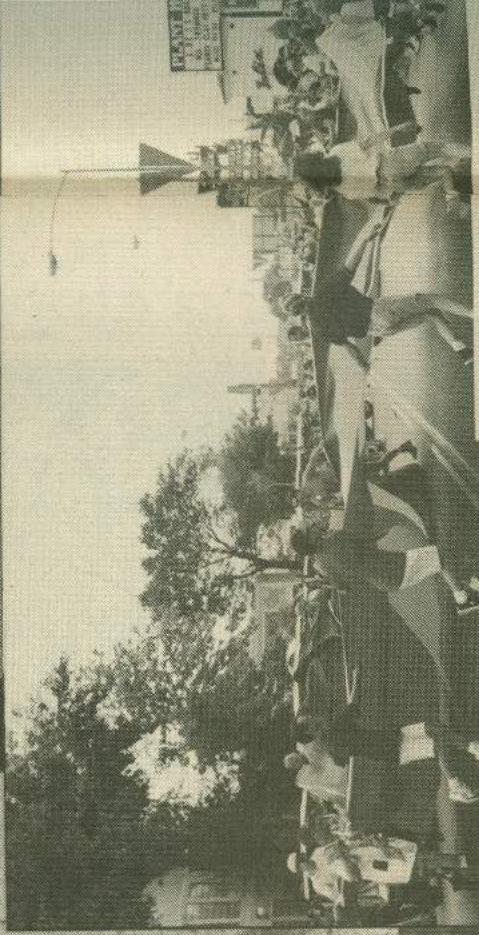
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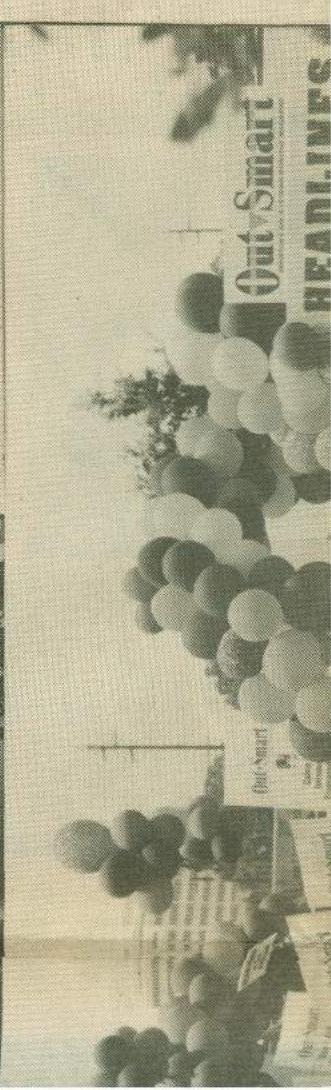
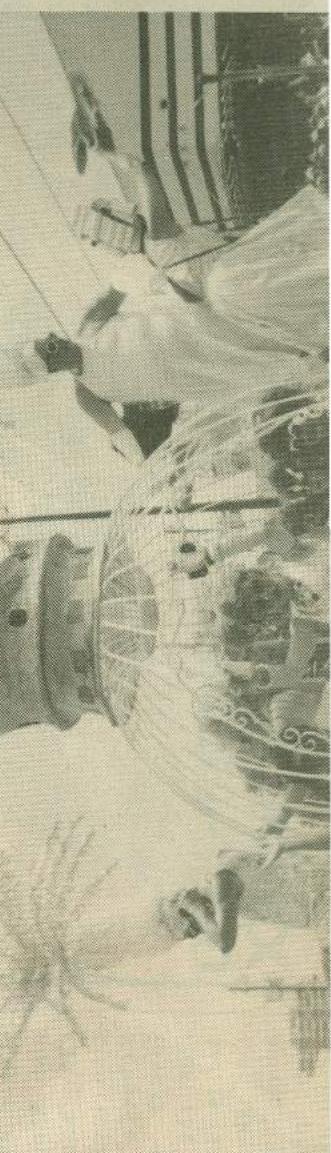
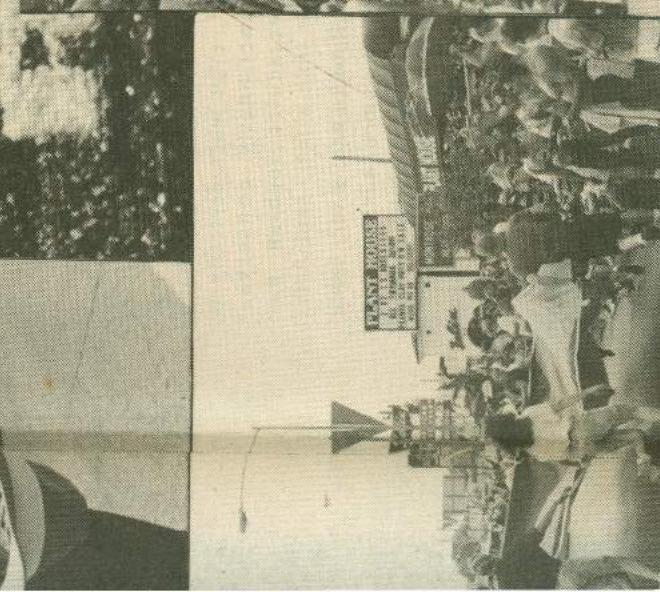
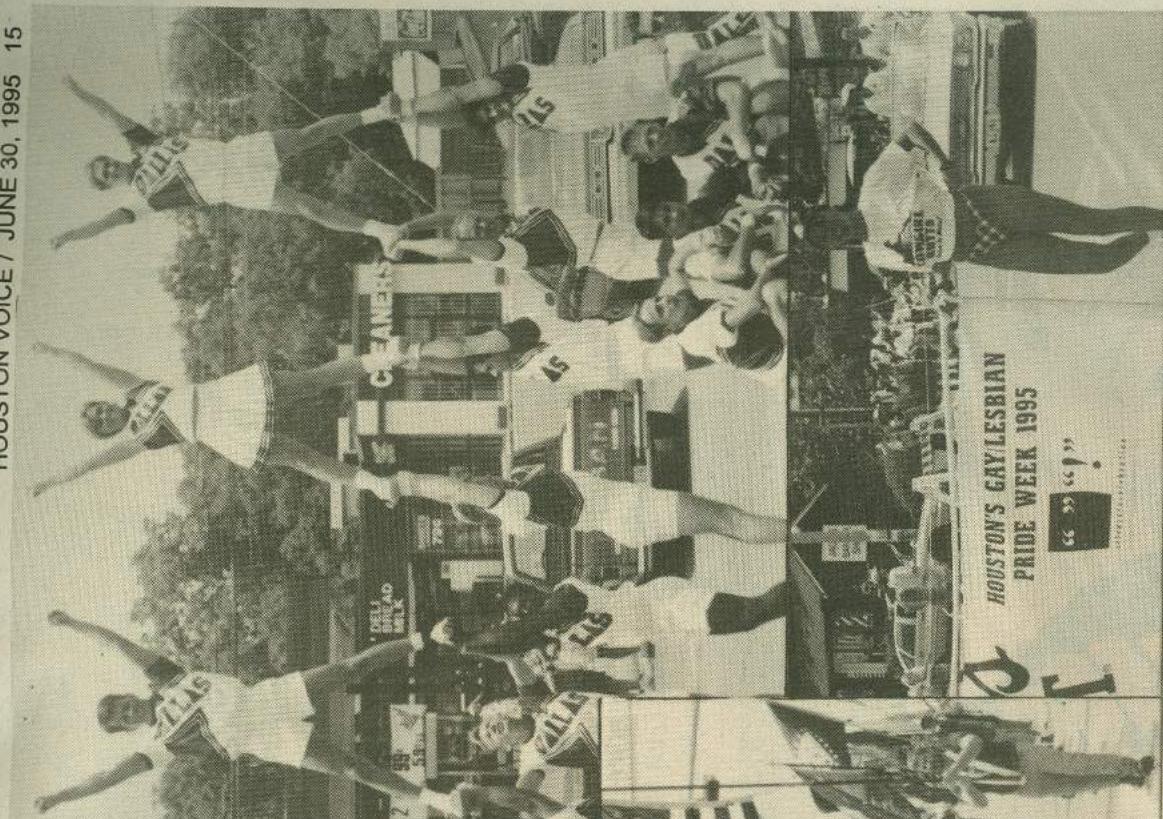
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Proud people partied last weekend; patriotic parties being planned



At Gentry: the reception for the Parade Grand Marshals, with many members of the Court

Houston Soap

By CAROLYN ROBERTS

Houston Voice/Houston

There IS life after pride week?

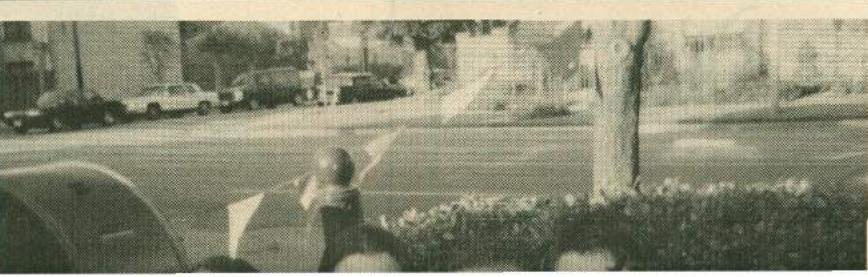
Past Events

There were a zillion proud people in Montrose this past Sunday for the parade! I loved the pink triangles up and down Westheimer! Job well done to the Pride Committee of Houston and all the sweaty participants!

NLA:H (National Leather Association: Houston) sure knows how to throw a party. "Houston's Hot VII" was held at the Vassar's Nite Club

Saturday, July 1

Tonight at Pacific Street, 9:00 p.m., you can meet the contestants for Mr. Texas Drummer! Schmooze with these hot leather men and help raise money for the Q-Patrol at the Lock-Up party!



Who will it be? Who will be the new Mr. Texas Drummer? Go to Pacific Street tonight and find out! Leather woman and comic, Shann Carr, will MC, with a special appearance by Keith Hunt—Mr. International Drummer. The contest starts at 9:00 p.m.

"Love Muscle" nights at Heaven. Tonight's feature is porno star Ryan Idol. He will be showing his assets at 11:00 p.m., and photos and autographs will be \$5 donated to AIDS charities.

The Montrose Mining Company has terrific beer specials today and tomorrow. Domestic longnecks are only \$1 or you can pay the optional \$2 buy in and receive 25¢ refills of Miller Lite Draft. Such a bargain for those of us on a shoestring budget!

Eddie Taylor, Candidate for Mr. IGRA '96 will be hosting a fundraiser tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the Brazos River Bottom! I'd love to tell you who else will be in the show, but, Eddie is soooooo busy, he hasn't gotten those names to me yet!

J.R.'s Bar and Grill has a new drink special today. 99¢ for Vodka Juice drinks from noon until 11:00 p.m. At 11:00 p.m., Kofi makes 'em take it off for the weekly Jockey shorts contest.

in erotic leather! The less the better. Doors open at 9:00 p.m.

Honky Tonk nights are still groovin' at Gentry. They have free pool, free juke box, almost free Cuervo shots... \$2, almost free schnapps...75¢, and almost free Miller Lite long-necks...\$1. This special runs Monday and Tuesday nights!

Paivi is the hostess tonight at E/J's for the weekly male strip contest. You can see the shiny hineys at 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4

"Come and Git it!" The Brazos River Bottom will be having a traditional 4th of July buffet this afternoon from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Celebrate your 4th in the country way...at the Brazos River Bottom.

"Indepen-Dance" tonight at Heaven. The doors open at 9:00 p.m. At 10:00 p.m., live, from South Beach, Tiffany Arieagus will tantalize you, Donna Day will dazzle you, and Coco will charm you!

The Ripcord is having their traditional July 4th BBQ this afternoon starting around 2:00 p.m.

J.R.'s Bar and Grill offers \$1 domestic longnecks all day and all night. Kofi takes the stage at 11:00 p.m. for the weekly strip contest. \$200 to the contest winners and at midnight, "grab for cash" in the booth loaded up with \$500.

I love Tuesdays! I love Cuervo! I love Mary's! I wish every day was Tuesday, so at Marv's I could get \$2

throw a party. "Houston's Hot VII" was held at the Venture-N last Friday! The demo's were very exciting and informing! Congrats to all!

This past Saturday at the Venture-N, Don Gill Productions and the women of FIST (Females In Search of Trouble) presented "A Hot Leather Night Show." This was a benefit for the Loving Arms Foundation on the FIST Title Holder's Travel Fund. Over \$500 was raised. The show was very titillating and entertaining. Thanks to way too many people to list!

Congrats are in order to Lauren Taylor. She is the new "Miss Houston Female Impersonator," the title won at Heaven a week ago! Wear that crown with pride!

Gentry was the place to be last Tuesday. Papa Del hosted, and the RSICSS catered a delightful party for the Houston Pride Week Grand Marshals! It was a super time, and lots of really good food and fun people.

Regina Dane has taken another title! Congrats on being the new Miss Harris County at Large!

Friday, June 30

The hot and hunky Boy Toy dancers take the stages at Gentry tonight from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The Venture-N is a great place to start your weekend off! There is ample, lighted, and secured parking and a great space to party in! Stop in and see all the new, friendly faces behind the bar! They have power hours from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with \$1.50 well, beer, and wine!

Club Phuck, as only Power Tools can! Check it out on Friday Nights!

Rich's has trash disco this and every Friday night! The doors open at 9:00 p.m.

The ToyBox has "Country Coo-kin'" mini-buffet tonight! Dinner is around 5:00 p.m.



Friends of the Pet Patrol

The Super Saturday Show at E/J's tonight boasts the talents of Charlie Linez, Catia Lee Love, and Tiffany Brooks-Miss Bayou City '95. The show is hosted by the New Miss Life Today '95 (who finally got a title to something besides her Crown Victoria) Brittany Paige! Show time is 11:00 p.m.

Gentry has a new drink special!! Double well drinks in tall glasses for only \$4 until 10:00 p.m. After cooling down from the Texas heat with those Texas sized cocktails, let the hot and steamy male dancers heat you up! The steam rises starting at 10:00 p.m.

The men of the Texas Renegades will be guest bartending tonight on the patio of the Brazos River Bottom. Scoot out to the patio after 9:30 p.m. and give 'em a Howdy!

Ean's has super-sexy, female, almost-nude dancers tonight! They only admit females! It is Femme de Femme! Clip out the coupon in this issue to get in free! Ean's is located at 112 Travis.

T.T.'s Star Cabaret features the talents of Erica Lane as MC, Paivi Lee Love, Tara Dion, Tracy and Angel. The show starts 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 2

Over on the Santa Fe side, Marsha Carlton does Broadway show tunes starting at 6:00 p.m.

"Fiesta de Julio All Star Show" with special guest Victoria West will grace the stage at Gentry tonight. This is a benefit for A.V.E.S.. Show time is 8:00 p.m. After the show, stick around for the super-sexy Sunday Frenzy male strip contest at 10:00 p.m. It sounds like a full evening's entertainment tonight at Gentry.

There is a fun day planned today at the Lazy J. BBQ will be ready about noon, and a show starts at 3:00 p.m.

Hal and Jim cook up one heck of a spread every Sunday at the Venture-N. The menu changes every week! Grub is served at 5:00 p.m., with blue light specials until 11:00 p.m.

Temple Rises tonight at Rich's.

Monday, July 3

The weekly dart tournament at Club 403 starts at 8:00 p.m. \$4 entry fee and the bar matches the pot!

Drummer Aftershock! Tonight at Pacific Street, they are offering no cover if you are

Tuesday, so at Mary's I could get \$2 Cuervo every day! But, don't tell on me, Chances has \$2 Cuervo every day just for me (and you too)!

Wednesday, July 5

Tonight at the Montrose Counseling Center, licensed massage therapist Marc Gartner will speak and demonstrate on "Getting Rubbed the Right Way." This is free, but donations are requested. Call 529-0037 for more info.

The Weekly Wednesday Wienie Waivers War attacks Gentry in a wicked way. WOW! The first shots are fired at 11:00 p.m., with Catia as the referee.

Hump day and night at Mary's offers you happy hour prices all day and all night!

Thursday, July 6

Club 403 has Roxanne Lee Love on stage tonight hosting their weekly talent search. Cash prizes are given! Be there by 10:00 p.m. if you would like to be in the 10:30 p.m. show.



Scott Lewis smiles with Dajae

Announcements, occasions and the usual dirt



Art helping raise money for the Loving Arms Foundation



Incest is best? Jeff and Thumper at the Toy Box

Houston Soap, Part II

The Kolbe House's Healing service is tonight at 7:00 p.m. David Crank, O.F.M., will be leading the healing service, with prayer and anointing. Please call the Kolbe House at 522-8182 if you would like more info.

Other Important Stuff

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday... 4 days of fun, sun, wienies and buns will take over the Club Houston. This 4-day long pool party features complimentary catered BBQ and beverages! The big blow out on the 4th will have door prizes, water volleyball, party favors, and well, many other things I would like to tell you about, but I can't, because they are just too wild! Leave it to the Damion Diva and his devoted staff to throw one heck of a party!

You ought to be in pictures! Men and women, ages 18 to 50's are needed for a gay soap opera pilot tv movie. Call 445-7500 to set up your audition!

The atmosphere is clean and crisp, with prompt and friendly service. Call 529-3224 for reservations and info.

On July 9th, a group is getting together to go to the BullPen Room at the Dome. Call Deba @ 861-1829 before the group meeting on July 9, 4:00 p.m. to get more info.

Will the ever so handsome man that received a refrigerator magnet with the "Red Hi-Heel" shoe on it please call the Hyde Park Gallery? You can trade in your parade give-away for the real full-size piece of art. Call Larry Crawford at 526-2744 for all the details.

"Miss Kitty Litter II" will be at E/J's on July 16th. This is a fundraiser for the Pet Patrol. If you would like more info, call Brittany Paige at 710-4343.

Also on the 16th, the annual Christmas in July fundraiser is at the Brazos River Bottom. Call the BRB to get more info.

July 9th at the 611, there will be a fundraiser for LVL PWA

man V. also of the Venture-N.

Rodent Droppings

The boys have found a new favorite food! Pasta, with olive oil on it! I went to give Ratrat a piece, and well, the little critter almost took my fingers off! Harvey was more enthusiastic, which is kinda scary because he is a BIG rodent! Later, we let them out to play! Pasta sure makes Harvey mean! Lucky for Ratrat, he is not big and stupid like Harvey, but quick and good with tactical play! He gets Harvey real pissed, then goes in a place where he can't fit into! Anyway, after the pasta treat, I found lots of rodent droppings! Here are just a few:

Erica Lane (Lazy J): I heard you sweat so much that your dress became white and you became purple!

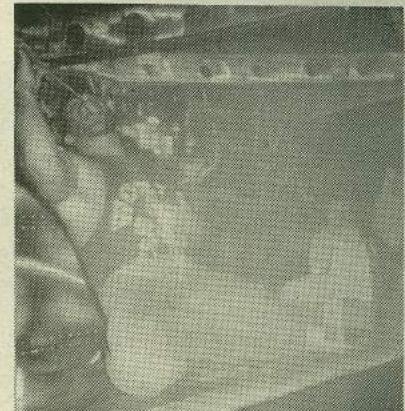
Spot (611): Riding(or should I say sliding) while under the influence is a bit dangerous. But I guess you found that out after hitting 2 parked cars and then getting hit by a moving one while trying to ride your bicycle 1 block! Haven't you hit the pavement enough times by now?

Steve (Gentry): I haven't had the chance to tell you I like your new do!

George (Baby Barnaby's): All pumped up and now where to go? That was quite a stunt you pulled after falling flat on your face, removing all your clothes, and showing all of Montrose your personal parts! Keep it up!!

Gil (611): Who was that gorgeous man you were with... and does your husband know?

Miss Alabama



Steve (PS)—What a hot crotch you have the fertility clinic!

Jerrel (Club Houston): I'm gonna start calling you "Speed Racer" since you got that new car! You have flown by me several times at well above the speed limit! But, you do look really cute in your little yellow ragtop!

Alma (hangs at the 611): What's the matter ... Alma-mater?

Philip (Gentry) What did you do while you were in Dallas to earn the new title of "Bad Boy?" I just love "bad boys!"

Bill Havard (BRB): What is this I hear about Vera going upstairs on Wednesday morning to wake you up and you were wearing those baby-doll pajamas Mike (BRB) gave you for Christmas? I wish I had been there with a camera!

LuLu (E/J's): I understand you have a secret admirer who sends you a rose every day! What does your hubby think about this?

Nancy (Bite Me) Ford: Why do I have your name and Blue underwear scribbled all over my car?

El Palacio has a coupon in this issue! Be sure to check their hours of operation! They are open Monday—Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday until midnight! If you would like to make a reservation, call 522-5041.

Gentry has introduced a whole new line-up of drink specials that now run until 10:00 p.m. every day. Check out their ad on page 5 for all the details.

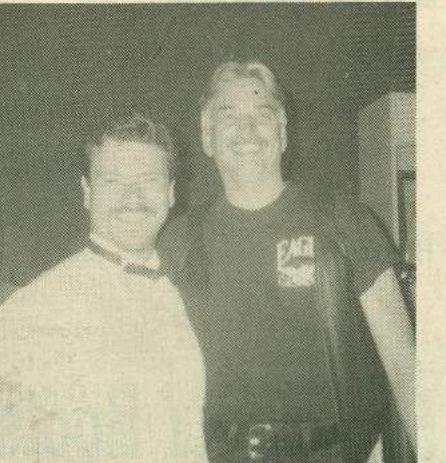
Welcome David McDavid Honda as a new advertiser in the Houston Voice. If you are looking for some new transportation, call Edward Alderete at 948-1900.

Brasil has some of the tastiest coffee in town! They open at 7:00 a.m. so you can get your caffeine fix for the day. Brasil is located on the corner of Dunlavy and Westheimer.

Mark those calendars! July 28th, 8:00 p.m. Bernadette Peters and the Pops will be performing at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. Call 363-3300 for ticket info.

"Angels in America" is still at the Alley Theater. Call 228-8421 for ticket info.

Bistro 224 has a coupon in this issue. A friend and I had lunch there last week. The Gaillio Shrimp was scrumptious!



John Benevides and Larry Arbo, two Mr. Gulf Coast Drummers

Holiday fund and the G/L Switchboard. Put this one in your calendar!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ed and Jeff of E/J's are celebrating 22 years together on July 4th! I bet they still see fireworks!

Happy Birthday Uncle Bunko, Jim Lockhart! I'm glad you have a lifetime supply of Oil of Olay to keep you looking sooooo young!

Marlene, Mark, What should we call you! How about old? Happy Birthday to Marlene at Chances!

Trudi of Alternative Visions is having a birthday too!

Happy Belated Birthdays to The Good Fairy of the Venture-N fame, and to Nor-



"I'm just resting"

Miss Alabama (BRB): Why was I told that you singing "I Want a Man" sounds more like an animal caught in a trap?

Jerry (Mary's): What's this about the "Barmaster" and you pulling off his nozzle?

Sal (Hangs at the 611): Why do you keep

getting Spot wet? And who sleeps in the wet Spot?

Scott Lewis (800 Pacific Street): I just can't imagine you pushing the lawn mower around your front yard! Can't you work out some kind of barter agreement with your new neighbor Pedro? I'm sure you can persuade him!

Bart (611): Green eggs and ham? Enquiring minds what to know!

Yvonne (Hangs at the 611): Sperm facials are best done in private, not at

your name and blue underwear scribbled in my note book?

JT (PS): I heard you got a new bed! So did all of your neighbors! I think you need to invest in a gag! I'm kinda glad that you no longer live next door to me! We would have the a "who can scream the loudest" war on our hands! Who was the lucky guy?

Bob aka Buffy (Sojourns): Just a tiny triple! Talk about pushy, making your Thumper buy huge Martini glasses just for you.. then instructing him in Martini 101! I thought you were just a shy kinda of guy! NOT!!!!

Tom (Ripcord): I'm going to make you eat your camera!

Rabbitt (611): So, you have a new hole! Good luck working at the 611!

Kip (PS): Happy Vacation! I wish I could take another one! See ya in August.

Pete Martinez (Names Project): You looked too cute in that little red wagon!

Damion (Club Houston): Leave it to a size queen like you to have a Mack truck as a float in the parade! The bigger, the better!

Have a great week!

Huggs and kisses

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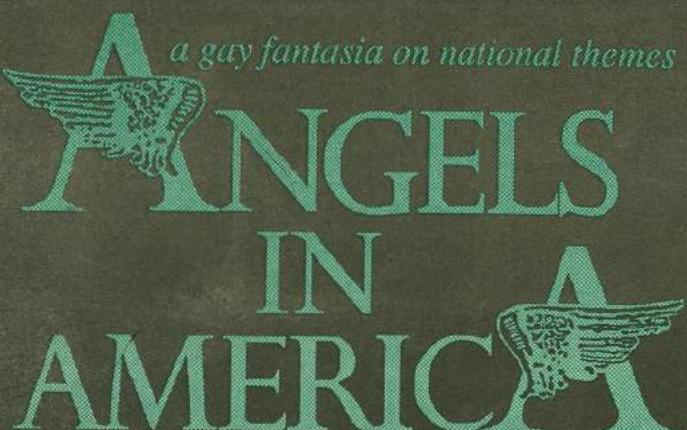
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