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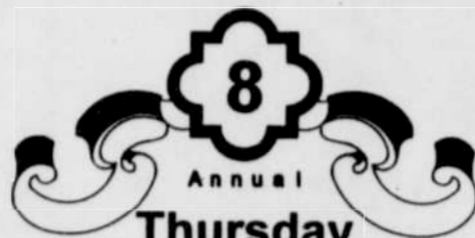
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Thanksgiving

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Thursday
November 23 1995

St. Ignatius Parish
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to Corey Baker at 245-7428 so
we'll know how many to seat

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- DINNER DELIVERY •

Register to vote by Nov. 14
for the U.S. Senate race

just out's endorsements
featured in the Nov. 17 issue

national briefs



HUMAN
RIGHTS
CAMPAIGN

word "Fund," from the
group's name, reports
The Washington Blade.

The study, which was
conducted by a San Fran-
cisco-based marketing
consultant, revealed that
many believed the word
"Fund" left the impres-

sion that the organization functioned only as a
political action committee.

Although it was founded as a PAC, over the
years HRC has taken on many roles. It has be-
come very active as a congressional lobbying
group, and it coordinates National Coming Out
Day events. HRC also operates a network of field
organizers.

ILLINOIS

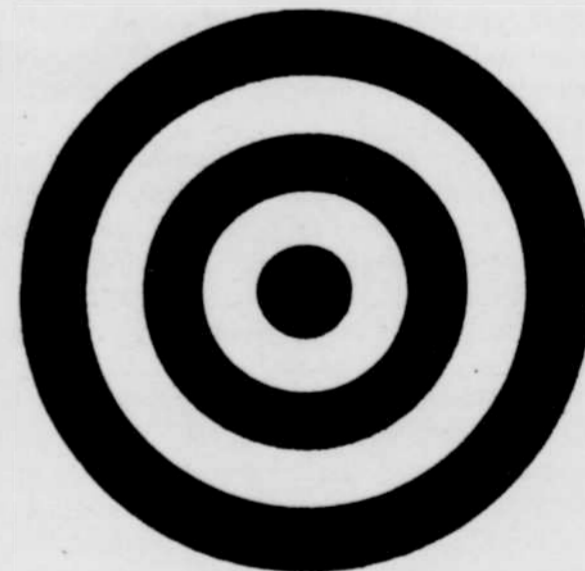
The Leather Archives and Museum Inc. offi-
cially opens its first public gallery this weekend.
Located in Chicago, the museum is the historical
repository for the leather and S/M communities.
Founded in 1992, the museum's collection has,
until now, been privately housed and only avail-
able for scheduled private use. The museum will
now maintain regular public hours.

Chicago civil rights activist and independent
scholar Marie Kuda has been named interim cura-
tor. Kuda's work will focus on reorganizing the
museum's sizable collection of art and memora-
bilia. Included in the collection are complete sets
of *Drummer Magazine*, *Rawhide*, *Mars Maga-
zine* and *Package*.

The museum is located at 5005 N Clark St. in
Chicago.

NEW YORK

Gay and lesbian journalists and news organi-
zations covering the gay and lesbian community
are the targets of violence and harassment in
countries around the world. A report released Oct.
18 by the Committee to Protect Journalists details
21 cases of legal and physical abuses against gay
and lesbian journalists in 14 countries.



Countries cited in the report, titled *Double
Jeopardy: Homophobic Attacks on the Press,
1990-1995*, include Canada, Greece, India, Nica-
ragua, Russia, Great Britain and the United States.

"These abuses are commonly viewed as a gay
rights issue, but we as journalists should recog-
nize that they are also press freedom cases," said
William A. Orme Jr., CPJ's executive director.
"If reporters are persecuted because authorities
disapprove of their sexual orientation, or if publi-
cations are seized in an attempt to restrict cover-
age of the gay community, this is an infringement
on every journalist's right to report the news
without fear of reprisal or censorship."

For a copy of the report call (212) 465-1004.

Compiled by Kristine Chatwood

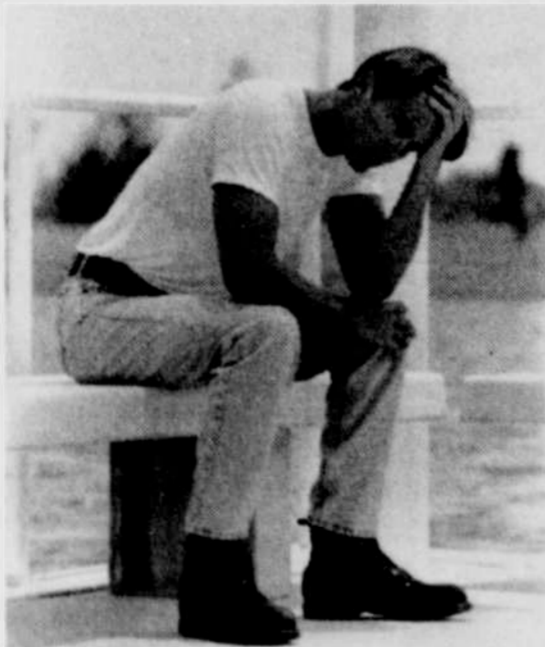
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ARIZONA

Lesbians and gay men contemplating the pur-
chase of a franchise business can now learn about
the franchiser's gay and lesbian policies before
signing on the dotted line. The Gay and Lesbian
Franchise Watchdog Association is a new organi-
zation whose mission it is to inform potential gay
and lesbian franchisees about the policies, atti-
tudes and approach various franchisers have to-
ward the gay and lesbian community.

Membership dues for the association are \$400
a year. Members will receive quarterly updates
discussing those franchisers who are actively
seeking gay and lesbian franchisees, as well as
those companies who are not gay-friendly.

Fax requests for membership or information
to (602) 990-1958.

CYBERSPACE

It is now possible to find a broad range of
information and services relating to AIDS on the
Internet. The Body is a new service available on
the World Wide Web. It marks the first effort to
consolidate resources dealing with the medical,
cultural, legal and political aspects of AIDS.

Information available through The Body will
be provided by a number of organizations includ-
ing: the AIDS Action Council, People for the
American Way, Americans with Disabilities Act
Technical Assistance Centers, Lambda Legal
Defense and Education Fund, the Centers for
Disease Control, Gay Men's Health Crisis, the
Poetry Society of America, Treatment Action
Group, the American Foundation for AIDS Re-
search, the American Psychiatric Association and
Johns Hopkins University AIDS Service.

The Body will be sponsor-supported. Escalon
Ophthalmics, a New Jersey-based company, is
the first charter sponsor.

The website can be accessed at
www.thebody.com.



RuPaul

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Supermodel RuPaul has joined the list of ce-
lebrities supporting animal rights. The *1996 Shop-
ping Guide for Caring Consumers*, a publication of
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals,
features RuPaul on its cover.

PETA's shopping guide is chock-full of cru-
elty-free products ranging from cosmetics and
condoms to household cleaners and office sup-
plies.

In his recent autobiography RuPaul declared
himself a "natural queen" who uses only cruelty-
free products.

The Shopping Guide can be ordered from
PETA by calling (301) 770-PETA. The cost is
\$7.95.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has a new
name. After reviewing the results of an intensive,
eight-month review of the organization's pro-
grams, the board of directors voted to drop the