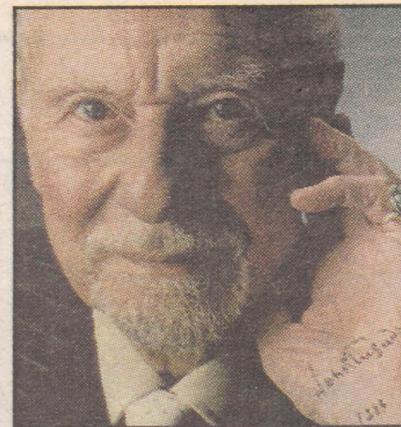


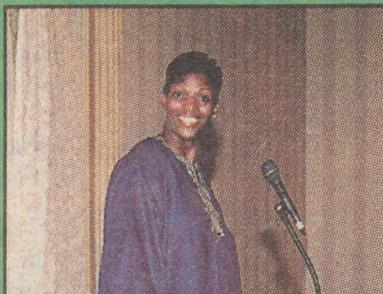
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Sens. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) and Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) are leading a bipartisan coalition that expects to pass employment protection for gays through the Senate. The prospects for ENDA's passage through the House is less certain.

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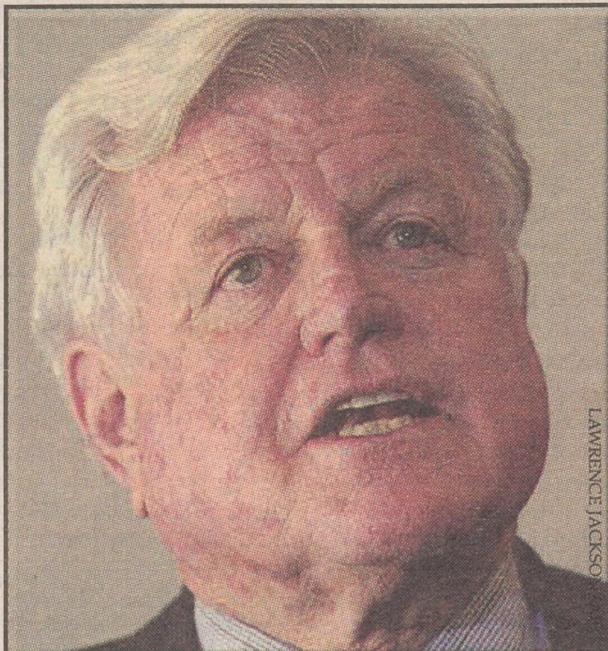
While planning your gay getaway this summer, don't forget to take along a gay guide. No, not the cutie you met at the bar—a book detailing everything queer from B&Bs to gyms in cities around the world.

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Senate panel passes hate crimes bill

Measure that adds enhanced penalties for anti-gay crimes expected to pass full Senate

by LOU CHIBBARO JR.



Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), a sponsor of the hate crimes bill and a bill to ban anti-gay job discrimination reintroduced in Congress on Wednesday, predicted both measures could see successful floor votes in the Senate.

WASHINGTON—The likelihood that the U.S. Senate will approve a hate crimes prevention bill this year improved dramatically last week when the influential Senate Judiciary Committee voted 12-7 to send a hate crimes measure to the Senate floor for a vote.

The committee gave its approval of S626, the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001, which would authorize the federal government to prosecute anti-gay hate crimes.

Existing hate crimes laws allow the federal government to prosecute hate crimes based on a victim's race, ethnicity and religion, but they don't cover the categories of sexual orientation, gender and disability. S626 would add those three categories to existing law.

The legislation had 51 co-sponsors when Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) and Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) introduced it March 27, indicating that it already has enough votes to pass the full Senate.

In a markup hearing on the bill July 26, the Judiciary Committee also voted 12-7 to defeat a motion by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) calling for replacing the entire bill with a substitute bill that does not include the sex-

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Police kill suspect in gay man's murder

Man flees as police attempt to serve warrant, is shot after pointing gun at S.W.A.T. Team

by WENDY K. MOHON

Following a brief pursuit early Wednesday morning, Houston Police shot and killed a suspect in the murder of a gay Houston man.

Haywood Louis Ogburn, a 33-year-old African-American male, was wanted for the capital murder of Juan Manuel Miyar-Laris, 38. Miyar-Laris was stabbed at his Galleria-area apartment at about 4:20 a.m., July 21.

Det. Sgt. W.O. Allen, homicide investigator in the Miyar-Laris case, obtained a warrant for Ogburn's arrest and enlisted the help of the HPD S.W.A.T. Team to apprehend the suspect at his residence in the 4100 block of Kolb Street around 6:30 a.m. Wednesday.

According to police reports, Ogburn left the residence in a vehicle driven by a woman believed to be his girlfriend. When police tried to pull the car over for a traffic stop near

the intersection of Interstate 10 and Shepherd Dr. in northwest Houston, the woman stopped the car and got out. Ogburn then moved to the driver's seat and drove away.

A short time later, police were able to flatten all four of the vehicle's tires by placing a spike strip in Ogburn's path. The suspect, who police say also went by the name of Roderick Keith Boykin, finally stopped the car in the 4600 block of Cornish, exited the vehicle and pointed a pistol at S.W.A.T. officers. Ogburn was shot and later pronounced dead at the scene. No officers were injured.

Houston firefighters found Miyar-Laris's body in the living room of his apartment in the 1900 block of Post Oak Park July 21 while responding to a neighbor's call reporting a fire in the apartment. Investigators theorize he collapsed while trying to flee the apartment.

A large kitchen knife recovered at the scene of the crime is believed to be the murder weapon, police said.

There was no sign of forced entry and nothing was missing from the apartment, so police believe Miyar-Laris knew his killer and the crime was not a robbery. Neighbors reported

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Police shot and killed a suspect wanted for the murder of Juan Manuel Miyar-Laris (above). Miyar-Laris, an openly gay man, was found stabbed to death in his Galleria-area apartment on July 21. Police say a Crime Stoppers tip led to the suspect.

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Going the extra mile

Uncommon Legacy honors women committed to community

by KAY Y. DAYUS

The sixth annual Uncommon Legacy's brunch began on a more somber note than usual with a touching tribute and a minute's silence to the late Maria Minicucci, local lesbian activist and writer, who unexpectedly passed away in May of this year, with many of her dreams for the community still unfulfilled.

Around 200 lesbians and a smattering of men were on hand for the July 29 brunch that was held at the Doubletree Post Oak. This year, the focus of the event was a little less on style and a lot more on substance with the major themes of empowerment and coming out running throughout the program.

Mayor Lee Brown made a quick stop at the brunch between church and a family reunion to present a City Proclamation to Uncommon Legacy. Brown praised Legacy "for the work that you do," and went on to express his happiness at the recent passage of the city's non-discrimination ordinance for city employees.

He said that he understood what discrimination is like because he has been a victim of oppression and a victim of discrimination.

"We don't want a city that discriminates. I don't want to be mayor of a city that tolerates discrimination," he said.

He then praised City Councilwoman Annise Parker who was at the brunch with her partner, Kathy Hubbard. Brown said he was "proud of Annise for the work she has done."

Former Houston Comets player, Monica Lamb, was honored as the Uncommon Woman of the Year for her community work. The award is given annually to the woman who best exemplifies commitment to the community both locally and nationally.

Born and raised in Houston's Third Ward, Lamb began her basketball career at James D. Ryan Middle School. She played basket-



Uncommon Legacy Extra Mile award winners Arden Eversmeyer, Janine Brunjes and Annise Parker pose with keynote speaker, former Houston Comets player Monica Lamb, who also was honored as the Uncommon Woman of the Year. Rev. Carolyn Mobley, assistant pastor at the Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, also received an Extra Mile award, but left the July 29 event early to attend to family obligations.

ball for many years in Europe before joining the WNBA. Since leaving the Comets, she has used her expertise in fitness to open the Monica Lamb Wellness Foundation to promote the health of women and children.

While not gay, Lamb said she developed an understanding of what it's like to be gay through her maternal grandmother, who was a lesbian.

Lamb said she found it amazing that women basketball players are still encouraged by management to keep their sexuality to themselves instead of being who they really are.

"After bunches of years in basketball, I still find it amazing that

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ENDA reintroduced in House and Senate

Kennedy predicts Senate passage this year of measure protecting gays against workplace bias, but House prospects less clear

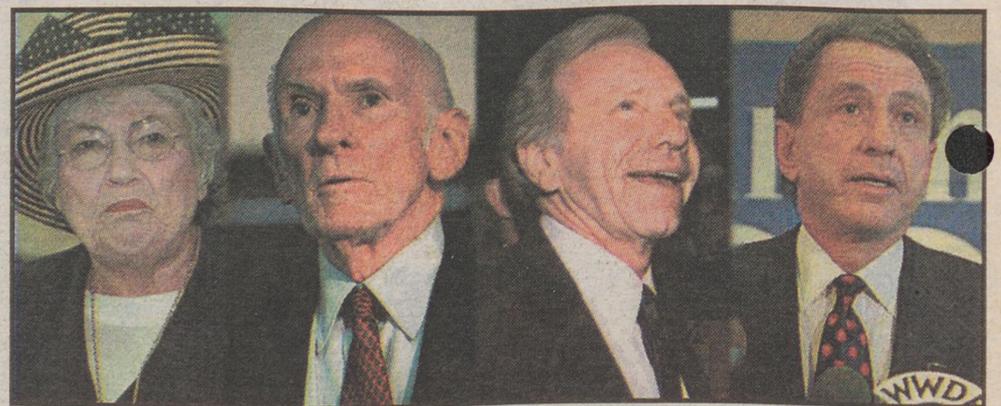
by LOU CHIBBARO JR.

WASHINGTON—In a ritual that has taken place every two years since 1974, members of Congress on Wednesday, Aug. 1, introduced a federal civil rights bill that calls for banning employment discrimination against gays.

But unlike past years, the Republican and Democratic lawmakers sponsoring the legislation in the House and Senate said they were hopeful that Congress might actually pass the measure, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2001.

"Civil rights is the unfinished business of the nation," said Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), one of four chief sponsors of ENDA in the Senate. Noting that existing civil rights laws ban discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender and religion, Kennedy added, "It is long past time to prohibit such discrimination based on sexual orientation."

Kennedy, speaking at a press conference on Capitol Hill, said that as of July 31, as many as 40 senators and 180 House members



The late Bella Abzug (D-N.Y.) was the first member of Congress to introduce a gay rights measure; several years later the late Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) was the bill's first Senate sponsor. Today, Democrat Joe Lieberman, of Connecticut, and Republican Arlen Specter, of Pennsylvania, help lead a bipartisan coalition that expects to pass employment protection for gays through the Senate for the first time this year.

had signed on as ENDA co-sponsors. He said he expected more senators and House members to add their names to the list of co-sponsors over the next several weeks.

Many of the gay activists and Capitol Hill staffers who attended the crowded press conference were toddlers or in elementary school when the late Rep. Bella Abzug (D-N.Y.) first introduced an ENDA-type gay civil rights bill in 1974. It was not until several years later that the late Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) signed on as the bill's first sponsor in the Senate.

Kennedy's prediction that the Senate would vote on ENDA this year, and that the vote would likely be in favor of the legisla-

tion, illustrated the bill's slow but steady progress over the past 27 years.

The other lead Senate sponsors of ENDA, in addition to Kennedy, are Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), and James Jeffords (Ind-Vt.). The four chief sponsors in the House are Reps. Christopher Shays (R-Conn.), Mark Foley (R-Fla.), Barney Frank (D-Mass.), and Ellen Tauscher (D-Calif.).

Kennedy told the press conference that Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) has promised to work with him and other ENDA sponsors to schedule a vote on the legislation before the end of this year.

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Refer to the important information on the next page. For more information, call toll free 1-888-VIRACEPT or visit www.viracept.com.

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Alert: Find out about medicines that should NOT be taken with VIRACEPT. Please also read the section "MEDICINES YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE WITH VIRACEPT".

WHAT IS VIRACEPT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

VIRACEPT is used in combination with other antiretroviral drugs in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4-T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. Although VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV or AIDS, VIRACEPT can help reduce your risk for death and illness associated with HIV. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in the number of CD4 cell count.

VIRACEPT should be taken together with other antiretroviral drugs such as Retrovir® (zidovudine, AZT), EpiVir® (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit® (stavudine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking protease inhibitors. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the face, legs and arms may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

Medicines you should not take with VIRACEPT:

Propulsid® (cisapride, for heartburn)
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Quinidine (for irregular heartbeat), also known as Quinaglute®, Cardioquin®, Quinidex®, and others
Ergot derivatives (Cafergot® and others, for migraine headache)
Halcion® (triazolam)
Versed® (midazolam)
Mevacor® (lovastatin, for cholesterol lowering)
Zocor® (simvastatin, for cholesterol lowering)

Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.

Rifampin® (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®
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Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with: Mycobutin® (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

Phenobarbital
Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)

These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.

Oral contraceptives ("the pill")

If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

Special considerations

Before you take Viagra® (sildenafil) with VIRACEPT, talk to your doctor about possible drug interactions and side effects. If you take Viagra and VIRACEPT together, you may be at increased risk of side effects of Viagra such as low blood pressure, visual changes, and penile erection lasting more than 4 hours. If an erection lasts longer than 4 hours, you should seek immediate medical assistance to avoid permanent damage to your penis. Your doctor can explain these symptoms to you.

It is not recommended to take VIRACEPT with the cholesterol-lowering drugs Mevacor® (lovastatin) or Zocor® (simvastatin) because of possible drug interactions. There is also an increased risk of drug interactions between VIRACEPT and Lipitor® (atorvastatin) and Baycol® (cerivastatin); talk to your doctor before you take either of these cholesterol reducing drugs with VIRACEPT.

Taking St. John's wort (hypericum perforatum), an herbal product sold as a dietary supplement, or products containing St. John's wort with VIRACEPT is not recommended. Talk with your doctor if you are taking or are planning to take St. John's wort. Taking St. John's wort may decrease VIRACEPT levels and lead to increased viral load and possible resistance to VIRACEPT or cross resistance to other antiretroviral drugs.

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

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Zerit (stavudine, d4T)
Videx® (didanosine, ddl)

If you are taking both Videx (ddl) and VIRACEPT:

Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

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When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Viramune® (nevirapine)

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The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. A dose adjustment is not needed when VIRACEPT is used with Sustiva.

Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Crixivan® (indinavir)

The amount of both drugs in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

Norvir™ (ritonavir)

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Invirase® (saquinavir)

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WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 15-20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily or 1250 mg (five tablets) two times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include nausea, gas and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. Your doctor may prescribe the light blue VIRACEPT Tablets either as 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or as 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. VIRACEPT tablets are film-coated to help make the tablets easier to swallow.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. **Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.**

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label. The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, **you should not miss any doses.** However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 to 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

Pediatric Dose to Be Administered Three Times Daily				
Body Weight		Number of	Number of	Number of
Kg	Lb	Level Scoops*	Level Teaspoons†	Tablets
7 to <8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	—
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1 1/4	—
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1 1/2	—
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1 3/4	—
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	—
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2 1/4	—
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2 1/2	2
≥23	≥50.5	15	3 3/4	3

In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

* 1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

† 1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder. Ask your pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

Do not mix the powder with any acidic food or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. Do not heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

Do not add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and store at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

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Boston firefighters allege homophobic treatment

BOSTON (AP)—Gay and other minority firefighters say racist, sexist, and homophobic treatment in the department is going unchecked, causing some to fear doing their jobs. Karen Miller, an openly gay African-American woman, said harassment by white and black male firefighters drove her to a desk job with the department. She said that when she rushed to emergency calls at her Boston fire station, she found broken glass inside her boots. Other times, her oxygen mask and gloves were missing. "The incidents of racism, sexism, and homophobia have never been properly dealt with by the Boston Fire Department, and the individuals [who] are creating the problem are more than just a few bad apples," Miller said at a news conference last Thursday. The head of the Boston firefighters' union dismissed the group's complaints. "We've made tremendous strides in bringing everybody back together again," said Jack McKenna, president of the International Association of Firefighters Local 718, the Boston firefighters' union. "I think this is a lot of hype." But critics say the number of complaints among the 1,600 city firefighters indicates otherwise.



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Lesbian firefighter Karen Miller said she once found broken glass inside her boots.

Gay rights group fights S.D. to 'Adopt-A-Highway'

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP)—The American Civil Liberties Union is threatening legal action after the state Department of Transportation refused to let a gay civil rights group post a taxpayer-funded sign as part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program. The Sioux Empire Gay & Lesbian Coalition wants the sign in exchange for picking up trash along two miles of state Highway 38 west of Sioux Falls. But DOT officials said the group did not qualify because it is an advocacy group. Jennifer Ring, executive director of the ACLU of the Dakotas, said her organization would go to court if the state does not comply. "This is anti-gay bias," she said. Barb Himmel-Roberts, president of the coalition in South Dakota, sent a request last December to join the cleanup to Bruce Mikuska, who oversees the program for the region. "Our operations manager approved it Feb. 28, and I sent out a work order for the sign," Mikuska said. "Somebody must have seen the group's name on the work order, and it got stopped." He said Jeffrey Gustafson, the DOT's regional operations engineer, sent letters to Himmel-Roberts outlining the state's position. "I've been in this position for four years, and this is the first time I've had to turn anybody down," Gustafson said.

Fourth local government in CO adds DP benefits

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo.—Domestic partners of gay Summit County, Colo., employees are now entitled to the same health insurance coverage and other benefits as their married heterosexual counterparts, according to the *Summit Daily News*. The policy was drafted in response to a county survey that showed employees felt the county should offer basic benefits to same-sex couples. The policy makes the county the fourth governmental entity in Colorado to extend such benefits to same-sex couples, the newspaper reported. To receive benefits, the employee and the partner must sign an affidavit proving they live together and share the financial burden of keeping a household. "It spells out proof they're more than roommates," said Scott Vargo, the county's human resource director. "This way we're not opening ourselves up to abuse."

AK library revisits policy after gay exhibit flap

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—A subcommittee of the Anchorage Library Advisory Board last Thursday drafted a new policy that it says will treat future exhibits fairly and will require exhibitors to be clearer in advance about what they want to display at the library, the *Anchorage Daily News* reported. The new rules follow a decision last month by Anchorage Mayor George Wuerch to remove a Gay Pride exhibit. A ban is currently in place for all exhibits with non-library materials after Wuerch removed the exhibit June 5, saying it was promotional, disruptive, and inappropriately interactive. A federal judge required the city to restore the exhibit. Wuerch also drafted a policy, and both proposed policies were to be considered July 31 by the full Library Advisory Board, which makes recommendations to the administration. Meanwhile, the Gay Pride exhibit remains up in the library and the *Daily News* reported that as of July 30, the display received 372 positive comments and 94 negative ones.

Blade employees vote not to unionize gay paper

WASHINGTON—Employees at the *Washington Blade* voted July 20 against having the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild union represent them. The secret ballot, conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, was held among non-managerial employees that the NLRB deemed eligible to vote on whether to unionize. The final tally was 10-8 against union representation, and Guild representatives challenged two other votes by *Blade* staffers. The result was warmly greeted by William Waybourn, president of Window Media LLC, which owns *Houston Voice* and purchased the *Blade* in May. "We're grateful for the vote of confidence," Waybourn said in a statement, "and are extremely pleased that a majority of employees supported management despite the short amount of time we've had to get to know one another. Calvin Zon of the Newspaper Guild said the union was "more disappointed than surprised." "We knew that it was going to be very close," Zon said, "and we just didn't know how it would break."

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Autopsy inconclusive in killing of gay CO youth

ORTEZ, Colo. (AP)—An autopsy report on an openly gay and transgendered youth found dead June 21 could not determine the cause of death because of the body's condition. The report suggests that Fred C. Martinez Jr., 16, may have died from head trauma, excessive bleeding, or exposure to outdoor elements, said Montezuma County Coroner Paul Bostrom. The death was ruled a homicide. Dr. Robert Kurtzman, a forensic pathologist who performed the autopsy, added that Martinez's wrists also appeared to have been injured, and that Martinez was not intoxicated from alcohol or drugs at the time of death. Shaun Murphy, 18, of Farmington, N.M., was arrested and charged with second-degree murder after police received tips that Murphy had bragged that "he had beat up a fag." He is being held in the Montezuma County Jail on \$500,000 bond.

While officially a homicide, an autopsy failed to determine the exact cause of death in the murder of Fred C. Martinez Jr., 16, a gay, transgendered Colorado youth.



FBI to probe complaint against TX park rangers

SAN ANTONIO—A letter from the Human Rights Campaign, a Washington-based gay rights group, has prompted the FBI to join an investigation into claims made by two Canadian tourists that they were harassed by several San Antonio park rangers July 12, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported. Joey Abbruzzese and Gregory Maleszyk, both of Toronto, claim the rangers beat them while using anti-gay epithets, even though both men say they are heterosexual. The rangers have admitted using force, but claim the Canadians were intoxicated and combative, and that it was the tourists who used anti-gay language. "For many years, the gay community has known to be wary of San Antonio [park rangers] due to the seduction and entrapment of gay men in many parks," Dan Castor, president of the San Antonio Equal Rights Political Caucus, told the *Express-News*. "It's ironic that it has taken a group of straight men to bring this gay issue to light." The FBI will determine whether the rangers abused their power during the altercation, and they could face charges of civil rights violations, Rene Salinas, an FBI spokesperson, told the paper.

Search for missing N.C. gay man hits dead ends

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Charlotte-Mecklenburg police said July 27 that they have no leads as to the whereabouts of Andrew Reyes, a gay and Latino activist and former county Democratic Party chair, according to the *Charlotte Observer*. The police added that, while they have no leads, neither do they have any evidence that suggests foul play. Reyes disappeared May 4 after telling an aide he would be driving to New England to visit an accounting client. Prior to his disappearance, Reyes gave a former lover, Butch Barksdale, and Barksdale's father control over his money and property. The younger Barksdale recently sold Reyes' house, which he said would have otherwise been foreclosed upon. Police said they have found no sign of Reyes' 2001 BMW, nor any cell phone records that would offer a hint as to Reyes's whereabouts. Reyes, who was a member of the HRC board of directors, was in Washington, D.C., the week before his disappearance attending a fund-raising event for Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.), the *Charlotte Observer* reported.

Homophobic Web attacks mar Roanoke sentencing

ROANOKE, Va.—Hackers marked the sentencing of Ronald E. Gay, convicted of murder and malicious wounding for opening fire in a bar frequented by gays, by defacing a Web site dedicated to victims of the attack, the *Roanoke Times* reported. The Web attacks began July 23, the day Gay was sentenced to four life terms, with one or more hackers destroying messages and leaving an anti-gay slur on the site. The next day, another derogatory message was left on the site. "We will press as hard as we can for the people responsible for this to be brought to justice, charged and prosecuted," Eddie Ratliff, creator of the Roanoke7.com Web site, told the *Times*. "You know the people of Roanoke have had enough hurt. This is just something they did not need at a time like this." Gay's attack, nearly a year ago at the Backstreet Cafe, killed Danny Lee Overstreet and wounded six others.

ME gay couples claim harassment and vandalism

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP)—Gay residents who live on a historic August street say they are being harassed and their property is being vandalized because they are gay. Two gay couples who live on Green Street said somebody has spray-painted insults on their houses, damaged their landscaping, scratched their cars and hurled insults their way. The latest incident was reported July 22 when somebody broke limbs off some of the shrubs in front of a house shared by Dan Pomerleau, a former city councilor, and Al Longstaff. Augusta Police Chief Wayne McCamish said the complaint would be forwarded to the attorney general's office as a hate crime. Under the Maine Civil Rights Act, a hate crime occurs when a crime is committed or threatened against a person based on a bias.

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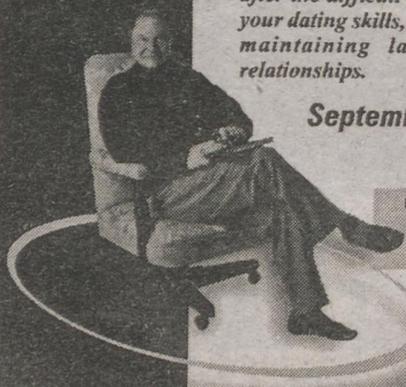
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Lab study shows some sexual lubricants kill HIV

GALVESTON—In preliminary laboratory studies, researchers at the University of Texas Medical Branch have found what could prove to be a slick new weapon in the battle against AIDS: over-the-counter sexual lubricants, Gay.com reported. The study, which was published in the July 20 issue of *AIDS Research & Human Retroviruses*, found that three lubricants—Astroglide, Silken Secret and Vagisil Intimate Moisture—greatly reduce the transmission of HIV. Only 0.1 percent of the virus—one in every thousand cells—was left alive. Two chemicals in the lubricants appear to kill HIV by targeting membranes of the virus and the cells already infected by it, study author Samuel Baron told Gay.com. Baron warned that lubricants shouldn't be used alone to achieve safer sex; lubricants should be water-based and accompanied by a condom. Last year, the same researchers discovered that saliva can kill HIV, explaining why the AIDS virus is generally not transmitted through kissing.



Researcher Samuel Baron found that two chemicals in three sexual lubricants appear to kill HIV cells.

Syphilis, gonorrhea on rise among OR gay men

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Oregon has seen a sharp increase in reported cases of gonorrhea and syphilis, the state's Health Division said. Gay and bisexual men account for a disproportionate number of cases in Oregon compared with their percentage of the population. The number of statewide gay or bisexual men with gonorrhea jumped from 122 in 1999 to 165 in 2000. By June of this year, there were already 112 cases reported. In response, officials and activists are renewing efforts to promote safer sex in among gay men. In Portland, outreach workers will visit Internet chat rooms popular among local gay men to promote testing and treatment for syphilis, gonorrhea, and other sexually transmitted diseases.

NY study identifies symptoms of ovarian cancer

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The symptoms of ovarian cancer are often described as non-specific or nonexistent, making it difficult to detect the disease before it has progressed to later and more deadly stages. But a study in the August issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology* suggests that the prevalence of certain symptoms may help identify women with cancer. A comparison of ovarian cancer patients in New York hospitals with healthy women from the community found that women with ovarian cancer were more likely than healthy women to experience bloating, fullness and pressure in the abdomen or pelvis. Other symptoms reported by women with ovarian cancer included pain in the abdomen or lower back, unusual fatigue and problems with urination and constipation. There is some evidence that the prevalence of certain risk factors for breast, endometrial or ovarian cancer might be higher among lesbians.

More women needed in AIDS research, experts say

CHICAGO—Women now make up more than half of the 36.1 million adults infected with HIV worldwide, but there is a need for more women subjects in AIDS research, a concern that was repeated throughout the two-day conference in Chicago of 50 AIDS treatment experts, Reuters reported. The percentage of newly diagnosed U.S. women has doubled over the last 10 years, making women the fastest growing HIV-infected population in the United States. "The disease doesn't necessarily behave the same way in both genders," Judy Delmar, a physician treating AIDS patients in San Antonio, Texas, told Reuters. "It's just a different disease in women." Determining an appropriate treatment option for women can be difficult because women generally weigh less and have lower viral loads than men who are just as sick. If doctors do not have an accurate gauge of how a woman's viral load differs from a man's, treatment could be compromised, experts said.

NIH studies HIV and women, including lesbians

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A branch of the National Institutes of Health will fund three sites to conduct research to understand how HIV affects adolescent and adult women, including lesbians, according to an NIH news release. The sites will house the Women's HIV Pathogenesis Program, and will be located at the University of Washington in Seattle, the Gladstone Institute of Virology in San Francisco, and Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. Funding for the program will total approximately \$3.5 million per year over five years. Each site will conduct research to identify biological factors unique to women. Such factors could have an impact on how women become infected with the virus and transmit it to others, how the disease progresses in women after infection takes place, and how the disease affects women differently than it does men. Research will include lesbians, minority women, women who abuse substances, and those who are approaching or experiencing menopause. "These HIV research centers will focus exclusively on women, something that's extremely important," Duane Alexander, director of NICHD, said in the release. "Women infected with HIV have problems associated with HIV-infection that are unique to their sex, including gynecological infections and uterine malignancies."

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VIEWPOINT

Are gay men whipped by lesbian-feminists?

by PAULA MARTINAC

Here's a pronouncement I wish I never had to hear again from any gay man: "Lesbian-feminists have ruined the gay movement."

This was the crux of a recent lecture, provocatively titled "The Emasculation of Gay Politics," given by gay journalist Andrew Sullivan in New York. Statements that Sullivan made and that I've heard different versions of from other gay men suggest that they are willfully ignoring the important role feminism could play in their lives.

At this moment, Sullivan is the loudest proponent of this "lesbians have taken over" view. But in fact, feminist-bashing has been a popular sport of the Gay Right for years. In the early 1990s, gay writer Stephen H. Miller was penning anti-feminist tirades in *Christopher Street* magazine with headlines like "Who Stole the Gay Movement?"

Feminism, according to these gay writers, has infused our movement with a politics of victimization. As a result, the gay movement has become more about hating the people who oppose us than about building a strong, unified gay community.

Worse yet, because feminists now direct our movement, gay men don't feel free to connect with their true, core masculinity; whenever they try to, harpy lesbians jump

in to berate them as sexist. Gay men are, in effect, being pussy whipped.

Ironically, this kind of thinking suggests that gay men are victims, the helpless pawns of pushy dykes. Sullivan actually proposes that if lesbians weren't running most of the national gay organizations and alienating their gay brothers with incessant demands of political correctness, more gay men would abandon their beach chairs on Fire Island and get actively involved in community politics.

Curiously, Sullivan neglects to say what prevented so many beach boys from getting involved in gay politics when there were almost no large community organizations for lesbians to ruthlessly grab control of—that is, before AIDS came along.

Of course, throughout history, there have been men who've used some version of the "women are to blame" argument.

But it's disheartening to see gay men upholding that tradition. And it's not exclusively the Gay Right taking part. More subtle forms of feminist-bashing have trickled out of the center and left, too. Sullivan hasn't been the only gay man to raise a skeptical eyebrow and wonder loudly, "How could the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force hire seven female executive directors in a row? Didn't any men apply for the job?"

At the root of all the complaints about lesbian-feminism is, I think, the misperception

that feminism has no relevance for gay men. In fact, the connection between feminism and gay men is profound.

In his talk, Sullivan spoke of the "deer wound" that many gay men carry from childhood—being taunted because they're not "real men." Yet he failed to go a step further and recognize that, in the eyes of many straight men, what being a "real man" signifies is being higher up the social scale than women.

There's a persuasive book called "Manhood in America: A Cultural History," written by Michael Kimmel, a very smart and well-known sociologist who's not hesitant to make connections.

Through a historical study of masculinity in this country since the 18th century, Kimmel shows that prevailing ideas about what makes a "real man" have often been about "the fear of others dominating us, having power or control over us."

How great it would be, Kimmel suggests, if men didn't have to live up to a constricting idea of manhood.

That's the hope feminism has been holding out for years. Instead of seeing feminists as the spoilers of the gay movement, then, I wish more gay men would recognize that feminism is ultimately on their side.

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VIEWPOINT

It's high time for black gays to 'walk the daylight'

by REV. JIM WEBB

I attended a drag ball several years ago, and the emcee kept asking the girls, "Can you walk the daylight?" What he

meant was, "Do you have the skill and courage to do drag by the light of day, where it might become more apparent that you are in drag? Can you 'pass' as a woman?"

"Walking the daylight" was the "acid test" for being a fully evolved drag queen.

In the African-American gay community, we may want to ask ourselves a similar question. But for us, "walking the daylight" may mean refusing to cower to the homophobia that has been an inherent part of the African-American community at large, and in many African-American churches.

For example, the minister of the largest African-American church in Washington recently made derogatory remarks about "dykes" and equated homosexuals with prostitutes and drug addicts.

An "openly gay" member of his congregation (who ironically refused to let the newspaper use his name) said although he disagreed with his pastor's homophobia, he attended the church for the fellowship. I'm sure he had his reasons for attending a homophobic church and withholding his name, but his reasoning came across like internalized homophobia. His thinking seemed like a black man attending a Ku Klux Klan gathering because

they serve good hush puppies.

This sort of attitude is so insidious because it can "pass" for a logical rationale, even in the daylight of scrutiny. As a counselor, I see the deep damage that internalized homophobia has done to black gay men and lesbians.

I have seen us diminished from our full potential as humans, lovers and contributors to society due to the fear that we carry. I have seen this fear translated into the pain of isolation. Many times this pain is directly traceable to our experience in an African-American church.

My own experience with a traditional black church is similar. On one of my rare adult appearances (as a tribute to my mother), I heard the same diatribe that I had heard countless times while growing up: howwww-mowww-SEX-u-ALLS, drug dealers and murderers were all castigated in the same breath.

The minister had known me from childhood, and knew that I was a howww-mowww-SEX-u-ALL. He was aware that my lover and I were sitting with my mother in the pews, but it didn't affect what he had to say about homosexuality.

The rationale for my silence was that I didn't want to disrupt the service or call undo attention or controversy to my mother. Besides, there had always been a tacit, silent acceptance of my homosexuality.

Even this rationale slipped away when my mother died. I took my next steps by vocally

declining to make a substantial contribution to this church in my mother's memory when it was widely expected I would do so.

For me, taking this stance was an important "baby step" in my own personal evolution. We must all evolve at our own pace, and in a way that is wise.

But at the same time, we should be asking ourselves: "Am I living in fear, and is this fear masquerading as a logical rationale, or am I ready to break the pattern of silence caused by fear?" We should also ask if this silence is helping or hurting someone else—think of the gay, possibly suicidal teen who needs to see an affirming role model.

Our next steps, when it comes to our traditional African-American churches, are quite personal. We can all ask ourselves whether we should continue to support an institution that doesn't support us. Are we better off finding a different institution that does support us, or should we attempt to open a dialogue on homosexuality within the black church?

When we finally do take our next steps, we can rest assured that there will be many "walking the daylight" to embrace us.

Rev. Jim Webb is an ordained interfaith minister who currently serves as senior minister of the Takoma Park Metaphysical Chapel in Silver Spring, Md.



PLANT LIFE

Happily clueless about what's under the hood

by DREW PLANT

I stopped changing the oil in my car myself a decade and a half ago when I bought a car that had the engine mounted sideways. It made things hard to get to and, besides, I was fairly certain this innovation (surely it wasn't a mistake?) signaled that I had come as far as I could technological in terms of cars.

It's been a downhill slide from there. I now reason that if the car runs, or if a light or buzzer or observant bystander doesn't tell me that anything is wrong, it must be okay to drive, right? Not to say that I neglect my auto; in fact, I blindly follow the service schedule dictated by the manufacturer.

For this very reason—well, this and the price I paid—I am fairly certain there is someone in Detroit (okay, Nagasaki) laughing at me this very minute. "We told him to replace the steering wheel at 40,000 miles and he did it!"

And I love the fact that for most any car you buy these days, they have some kind of 24-hour help system. You just call them and wait—and pay. The flip side is a little scary, though, because a lot of those systems can tell where you are and how fast you are going. The more new-fangled ones can even open your doors

for you if you get locked out—by satellite or cell phone or Dianetics or telepathic powers or some such.

It's just all outpacing me. I became sure of that fact when the movie "The Fast & the Furious" came out recently. It's a hot rod movie, which I thought was out of vogue, and includes cars supped up in ways that are alien to me. The biggest surprise to me was the kind of cars they choose to doll up: everyday cars like Honda Civics.

I am fairly certain there is someone in Detroit, laughing at me:

'We told him to replace the steering wheel at 40,000 miles, and he did it!'

I would have been even more surprised by the cars from this movie if it weren't for my friend Brandon. He got that Auto Gene that most gay men don't have and that only a surprising few lesbians manage to inherit. Brandon was the one who first told me about "tricked out cars."

Yeah, I got interested, too! Then I found out the term didn't have to do with the kind of "trick" with which I am familiar. This was apparently the cool way to refer to a car that had a hot-rod paint job, extra tailpipes, lights under-

neath, a neighborhood-jarring sound system and so on.

Then one day Brandon actually turned up in a car like this. (It was for the automotive electronics company he works for; he hadn't stolen it or lost his mind—completely.) We stood outside his house and looked at a car that was packed so full of audio equipment that there was literally no room left in the trunk or for passengers or for anything else, for that matter.

Now, give me a handy place to put sweaters, vodka, shopping bags or something from the nursery, and I'm with you. But that much sound equipment? I'm the guy who put six discs in the CD-changer in my trunk when I first bought my car and didn't change them for more than a year. (Not that you can improve that much on Cher, anyway!)

My car-crazy friend also revealed at one point that he used to wash his car nearly every day. That is, until he started taking Wellbutrin. He still looks at me soulfully and shamefully if my car is

dirty (and it usually is); the look he gives me implies that the gravity of the situation is equal to that in which a parent leaves a child in the same diaper all day.

Another young friend, Colin, even went to work for a car magazine. "You're going to write about cars?" I asked. I've written about nuclear power, a full range of medical maladies, financial products and just about anything else, but cars—I wouldn't know where to start. My tomes would likely begin with something gripping like, "It's yellow and kind of bubble-shaped."

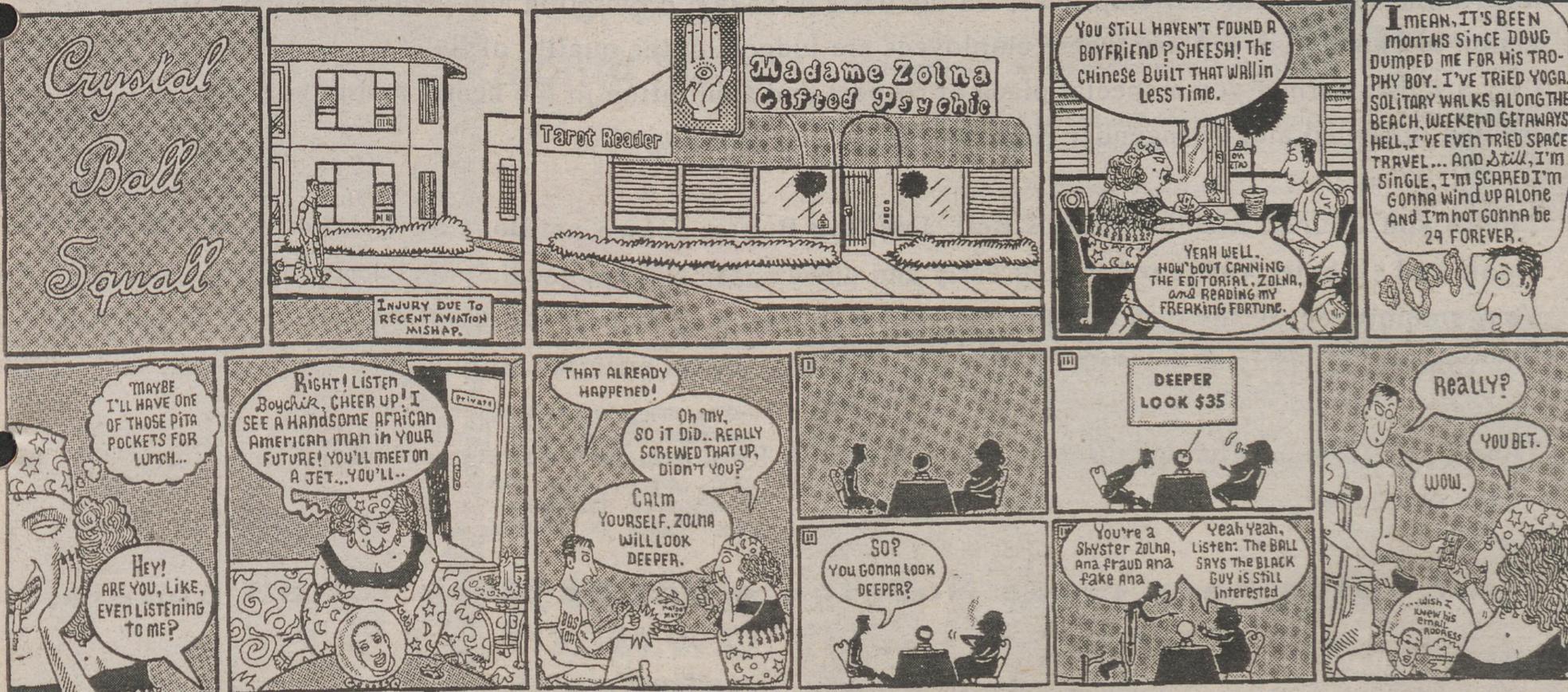
Brandon showed up recently with a new wheeled fetish: What he called a "crotch rocket." Now, again, this got my attention. Then I found out it was a motorcycle. A sleek colorful thing that vrooms and grrrs like a Big Boy Toy. And I just can't do motorcycles.

My first trip on one as a young teen ended with me falling off the back of it. Yes, I am an uncoordinated big sissy. Give me four doors, a wood-look shift knob and windows that defrost themselves. Besides, my hair would get all sweaty underneath a helmet and we can't have that.

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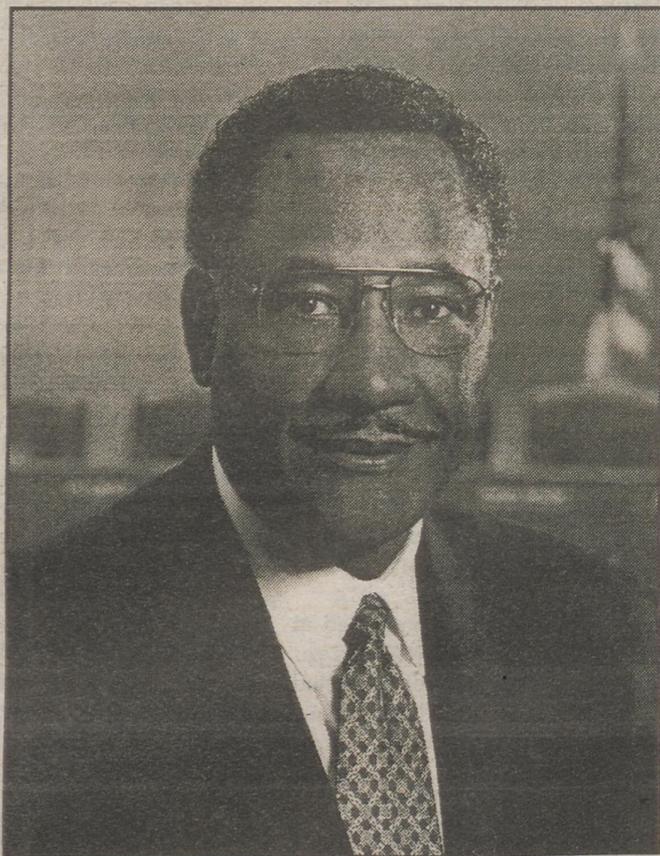
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Thank you Council Members Bert Keller and Carroll Robinson for your support on the final vote on the ordinance.

Your votes have made Houston a better place for all people.

Hatch's motion to water down hate crimes bill defeated

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sexual orientation provision that is part of the Kennedy-Smith-Specter bill.

Hatch has said the sexual orientation clause is not needed because local law enforcement agencies appear to be actively prosecuting all types of hate crimes and there is insufficient evidence to show that they are not doing so. Hatch has called for a study to determine whether supporters of the Kennedy-Smith-Specter bill are correct in asserting that state and local authorities are not prosecuting anti-gay hate crimes.

Kennedy, Smith and Specter, along with other senators, have joined gay civil rights groups in asserting that a sexual orientation provision is needed to assure that local and state law enforcement agencies take steps to investigate and prosecute anti-gay hate crimes.

While noting that the prosecution of anti-gay hate crimes has improved in recent years, gay groups that monitor anti-gay violence have said police departments and prosecutors sometimes fail to take adequate steps to prosecute such crimes.

The Judiciary Committee's approval of the hate crimes measure comes two

months after the Senate changed from Republican to Democratic control and the post of the Judiciary Committee chair changed from Hatch to Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), a strong gay civil rights supporter.

The legislation approved by the committee requires the federal government to become involved in prosecuting hate crimes on the state and local level only when local officials seek help from the federal government or when state and local authorities do not have jurisdiction to prosecute such crimes or choose not to exercise their jurisdiction.

The bill also authorizes the federal government to provide financial assistance for local and state law enforcement agencies in the prosecution of hate crimes, including anti-gay hate crimes.

The bill says that, when invited to become involved by local or state officials, the federal government may provide "technical, forensic, prosecutorial, or any other form of assistance in the criminal investigation or prosecution" of a hate crime.

It defines a hate crime as a crime "motivated by prejudice based on the race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability of the victim."

Crime Stoppers tip leads police to suspect in murder case

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noises coming from the apartment, then heard a fire alarm sound.

Police believe the suspect took Miyar-Laris's 2001 Ford Expedition to flee the scene. The vehicle was found later that same morning in the 700 block of Lawrence in the Heights area. It had been set on fire, but crime scene specialists found several fingerprints on the vehicle.

While the death of the prime suspect in Miyar-Laris's murder doesn't mean the case is closed, Allen said he is certain the crime has been solved.

"There's no doubt in my mind that this was the suspect and the suspect, in fact, committed the crime," Allen said.

The detective said he believes fingerprints and blood samples will conclusively link Ogburn with the crime.

"I think there's a good chance that we're going to have good DNA evidence," said Allen.

Allen said a Crime Stoppers hotline tip led police to Ogburn.

"What the caller was able to provide to me was several details about the crime that were not revealed to the public," Allen said. "The informant was familiar with the suspect and the infor-

mant had information that had not been made available to the public."

Though Allen said he couldn't speculate about how the suspect and Miyar-Laris may have met, he said he thinks they may have met just hours before Miyar-Laris's death.

"I think the victim and suspect are strangers," Allen said. "I think he (Ogburn) met the guy shortly before his death."

"We may never know truly what the motive was. As far as I can tell, nothing was taken from the scene."

Allen said he didn't know if Ogburn had a history as a male prostitute, but confirmed that the suspect did have a criminal record.

Noting that there was no sign of forced entry in Miyar-Laris's apartment, Allen said he doesn't believe the murder was a case of gay-bashing.

"This is not a hate crime. There's been nothing since the beginning that indicated it was a hate crime," Allen said.

Miyar-Laris worked as an art director for Urban Retreat, a River Oaks spa for men and women. His employer, friends and family contributed an additional \$20,000 to the usual \$5,000 Crime Stoppers reward to help find Miyar-Laris's killer.

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Former Comets player Monica Lamb speaks at Legacy brunch

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my teammates that are gay, even today in 2001, are strongly encouraged by front office to go over there and live with that thing when it is such a huge part of their daily lives—this is what I am, this is what I do, this is me," she said.

"Even today I have teammates who continue to have a huge struggle.... It's a travesty that the problem continues today," she added.



Rev. Carolyn Mobley, assistant pastor at the Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, was one of the recipients of Uncommon Legacy's Extra Mile award on July 29. The honor is bestowed upon women who organizers believe best exemplifies commitment to the community both locally and nationally.

Lamb said she thinks it is the role of all empowered women to help and encourage other women to understand the power and to live up to that legacy.

"It is such a small cage they are trapped in and when we finally step outside that cage we find it's not so formidable outside as we thought."

Parker; Arden Eversmeyer, founder of Lesbians Over Fifty; Rev. Carolyn Mobley, assistant pastor at the Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church; and Janine Brunjes, mayor's liaison; were presented with Extra Mile Awards.

Parker was honored for her service to the community and for having the "courage to follow a dream and the courage to stay with it."

Legacy is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to enhancing the visibility, strength and vitality of the lesbian community. As well as Houston, there are chapters in New York, Atlanta, Washington D.C., San Francisco and Dallas.

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EDNA prospects in House unclear

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Supporters say they believe they have the votes in the Senate to pass the bill. ENDA lost by just one vote when the full Senate last voted on the measure, in 1996. It is the only time either chamber of Congress has voted on the gay civil rights bill.

Shays said he is much less certain about ENDA's prospects in the House. Shays and Foley, who are considered leaders of a contingent of more than 20 moderate Republicans in the House, said they have been unsuccessful in their efforts to persuade House GOP leaders to allow the bill to come to the House floor for a vote. Shays and Foley said they believe a coalition of Democrats and moderate Republican supporters have enough votes to pass ENDA in the House.

Foley pointed to public opinion polls showing widespread public support for ENDA and a long list of major U.S. corporations that already include sexual orientation protection in their internal, non-discrimination policies.

"Not surprisingly, corporate America and public opinion is way ahead of Congress on this issue," Foley told the July 31 press conference. "It is time for Congress to catch up with the rest of the country and enact a law that has such widespread support."

Among the supporters speaking at the press conference was Gary Fazzino, vice president for government affairs for the Hewlett-Packard Company, the giant computer firm that reported revenue totaling \$48.8 billion in fiscal year 2000.

"Hewlett-Packard Co. is proud to join these esteemed U.S. senators and members of Congress in supporting the Employment Non-Discrimination Act," Fazzino said. "We hope Congress will move quickly to enact this important legislation."

The Human Rights Campaign, the national gay political group that has coordinated efforts on behalf of ENDA within the gay civil rights movement, released information showing that 266 of the nation's Fortune 500 companies have included sexual orientation clauses in their non-discrimination policies. According to HRC, more than 1,000 smaller companies, labor unions, and nonprofit organizations have also adopted sexual orientation nondiscrimination policies.

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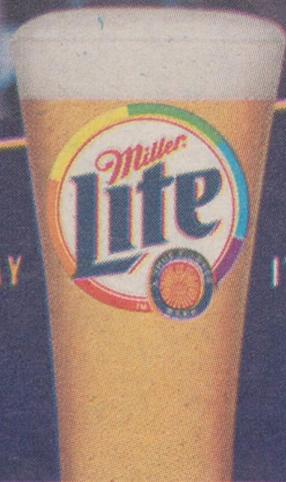
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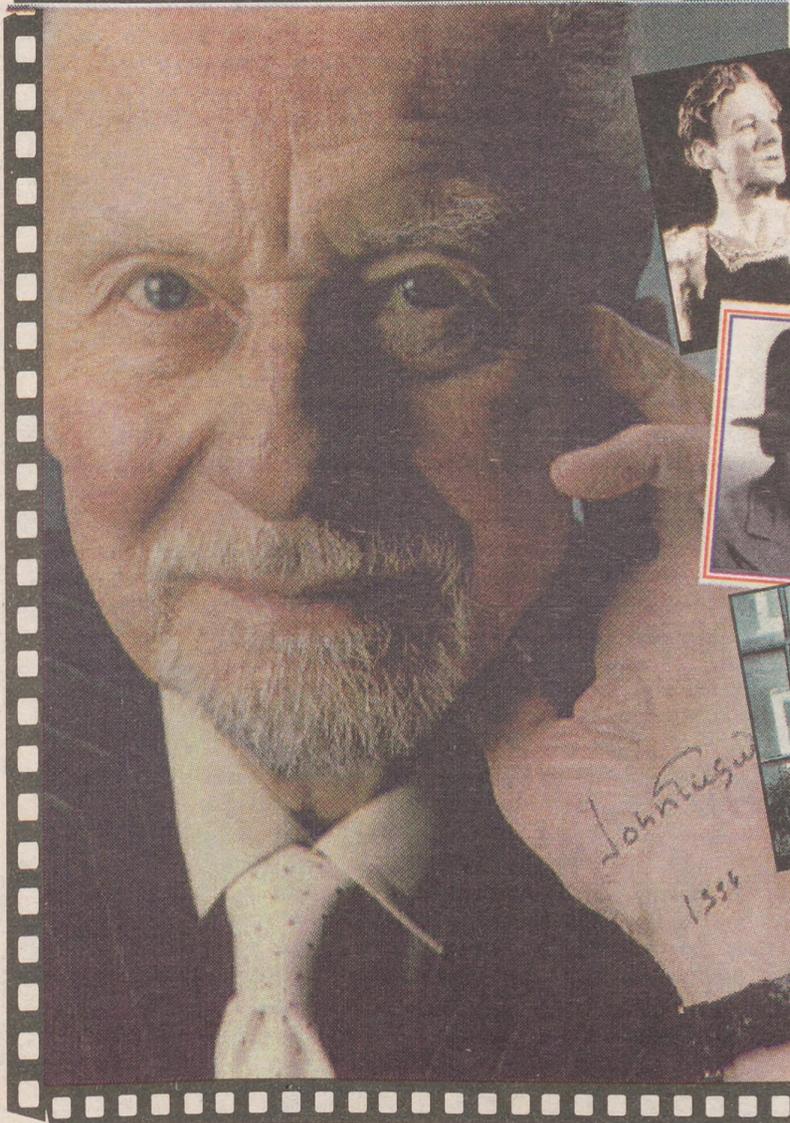
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IT'S AN ACTOR'S LIFE FOR HIM

Book tells tales of passion, love and life of Sir John Gielgud

by D.L. GROOVER

Knowing Sir John Gielgud's pedigree, it's hard to believe he hesitated an instance about becoming an actor, but he did. As a child, he obsessed over his toy theater, but he wasn't play acting, he was designing the sets and costumes. He loved music and always had a piano in his various homes, and later relished roles that required him to sing.

Awkward, gangly and terribly shy, he never felt comfortable in front of people, yet his peers (except Olivier, of course) would rank him the century's greatest actor. Some of his grandest triumphs occurred behind the scenes, where his directing won him as many accolades as his performing.

His entire family and relations were steeped in the theater: his two great aunts were Ellen Terry, the first lady of the Edwardian English stage, and Marion Terry, a famous comedienne; his uncle a respected actor/producer; his Victorian great grandparents were strolling players; his grandmother as a child was congratulated by Dickens on her performance in "King John;" his cousin was the revolutionary theatrical designer Edward Gordon Craig; family friends included Whistler, illustrator John Tenniel of the "Alice" books, actor Henry Irving, painter Lawrence Alma-Tadema, and other notables of the period.

His life spanned a century, and all of it revolved around the theater. It was his obsession, his passion, his love, and his life. That much is evident in Jonathon Croall's laudatory tome, "Gielgud: A Theatrical Life." What is missing in this "then-he-played" massive biography is any clear sense of the man behind his many masks.

Every one of his 130 roles in more than 200 productions throughout his 67-year career is lovingly detailed, whether on stage, in film, television, or on radio—where his mellifluous, burnished tenor could trumpet. Delightful showbiz anecdotes abound, critical reviews copiously noted, and personal reminiscences of observers duly painted, but John Gielgud, the man under the greasepaint and crepe beard, slips through the floorboards and never truly takes center stage.

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While Jonathon Croall's book, "Gielgud: A Theatrical Life," provides an accurate resume of the knighted actor's career, little is revealed about the man behind the roles. The biography also is conspicuously absent of much mention of Gielgud's homosexuality.

TAKE ALONG A GAY GUIDE ON YOUR NEXT TRIP

Travel books point out all the great queer vacation spots

by ELLA TYLER

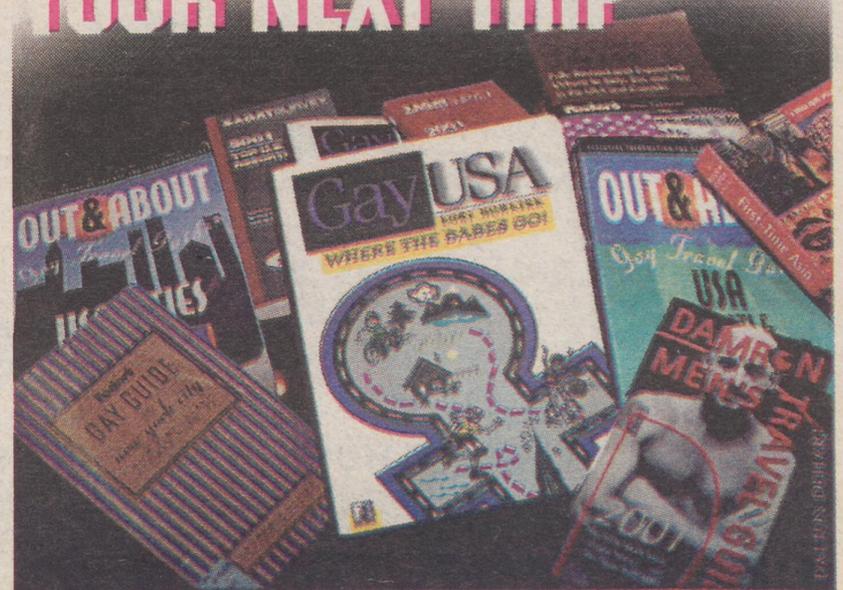
With the right travel guides, the pleasure of a vacation can begin weeks before you board your airplane. My favorite gay travel book is still Paula Martinac's "The Queerest Places," but it isn't really a travel guide. It's more of a history book, describing where famous and not-so-famous gays and lesbians have lived, loved or worked listed by city. Most of the places aren't open to the public.

There are lots of travel guides out there, including dozens directed at the gay or lesbian traveler. In addition, some of the general interest travel guides include information specifically for the gay tourist.

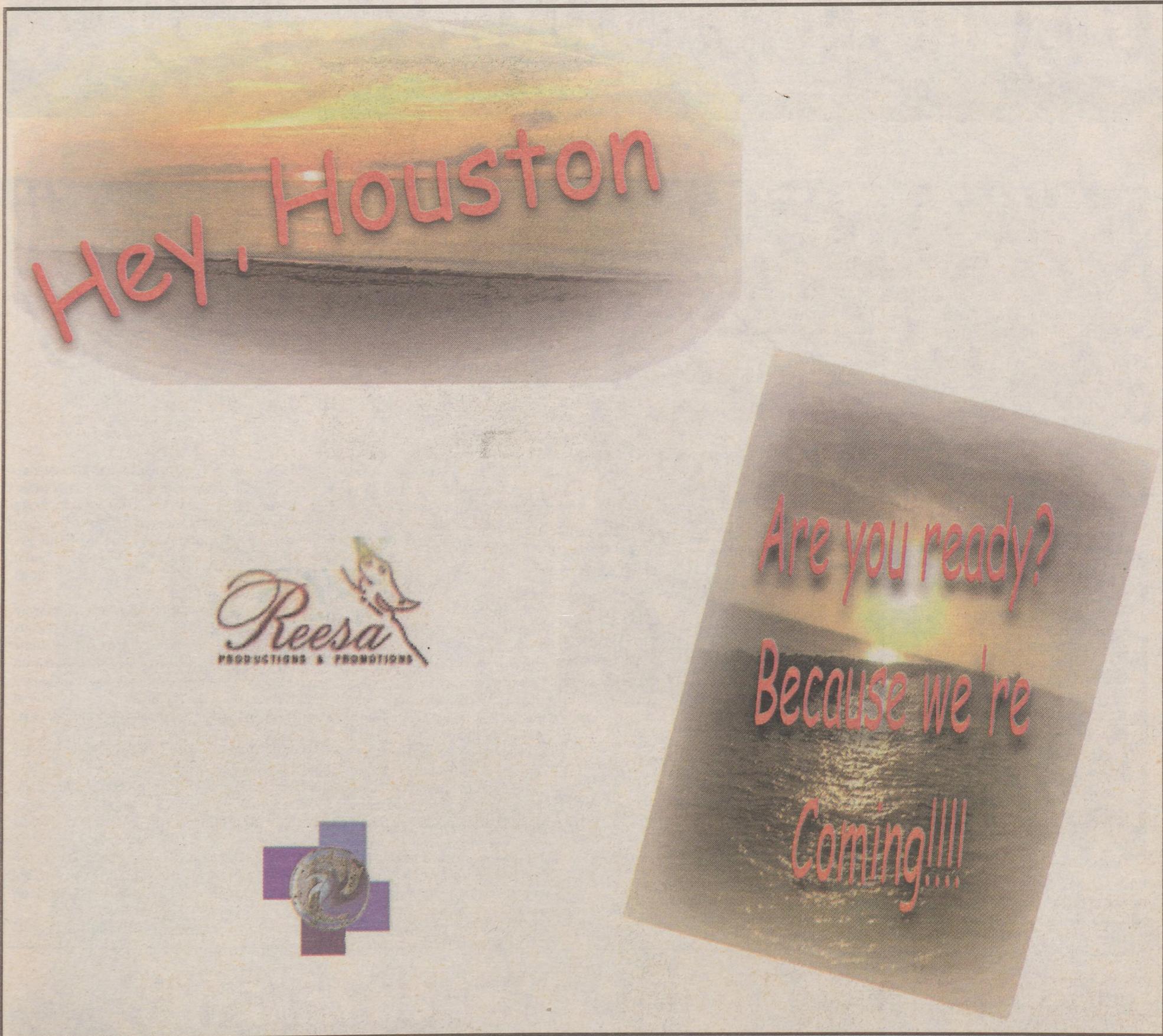
"Out and About Gay Travel Guides: USA Cities" by Billy Klobner-Stewart and others is the best all around guide for the gay or lesbian tourist, but it was published in 1997, so some of the information will be outdated. However, not as outdated as one would think. In the section about Houston it mentions that Monday is "gay night" at Café Adobe, and that La Strada is the spot for Sunday Brunch, with Ninfá's for Sunday dinner.

It covers 40 cities, and has sections on rating the hotel chains, car rental outlets and airlines on gay

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Gielgud came from long line of performers

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As it plays entirely inside a theater, the whole biography seems claustrophobic. Gielgud's life was a droll and fascinating one, to be sure, but here it becomes a trifle tiresome. We long for fresh air.

What sinks the book utterly is Croall's delicate, discreet handling of Gielgud's homosexuality. Croall all but hides behind a veil so as not to talk about it. He dances around the topic with nimble footwork worthy of Astaire. On page 92 of this 533-page in-depth look at London's theatrical lion is this throwaway about actor/writer John Perry in 1924: "...his easy laid-back charm made him attractive to both men and women: Gielgud thought him handsome and witty, and they became lovers."

That's it for our learning anything else about John Perry, the man who shared Gielgud's life for 14 years, until a rather fleeting mention of his moving out in 1938.

Gielgud's sexual orientation, an absolute essential part of his being and a major reason for his distanced, romantic stage presence, is never discussed with any depth, if it's discussed at all. The author treats Gielgud's sine qua non as a minor irritant: people seem to know about it, so we'd better say something, but then let's quickly move on.

Croall's more content to suffocate us under architectural details of Gielgud's homes, than any deep look at the man.

Granted, we don't need a tell-all book, but tell us something! Gielgud's cerebral, staid performances, his rather sexless appeal are all linked to his deep-seated gay shame. Very much a man of his time, he was uncomfortable about it and dared not speak its name too often. Croall certainly doesn't.

But the press did, with gleeful vengeance. In October 1953, four months after the legendary actor had been knighted by Queen Elizabeth, he was arrested for "persistently importuning male persons for immoral purposes" in a public toilet in Chelsea. The conservative English press went into high gear, calling for a theater boycott wherever "evil men... with queer habits" plied the boards.

Panicked, Gielgud cancelled a lucrative tour of America, suffered a momentary nervous breakdown, and went even farther into the closet. Only in later years, when the Wolfenden Report was implemented which called for sweeping changes in the British sodomy laws, did Gielgud loosen up. He contributed to gay rights' causes but staunchly refused to let his name be publicized, according to out actor Ian McKellan. Croall covers this cornerstone period in Gielgud's life with some dry facts, but no interpretation, no insight, and not much sympathy.

Gielgud's last partner was Martin Hensler, a divorced Hungarian he met in 1963. Their 36-year relationship lasted until



Hensler's death in 1999, but their decades together are barely hinted at or summarized, and Gielgud's former lover, Paul Anstee, isn't even mentioned.

Aside from his Victorian attitude over sex, what's most becoming about Gielgud is that he never fossilized. Up until his final performances, he was always searching for something fresh and novel in his acting. He liked doing things differently, just for the sake of shaking things up. He loved reading

the new playwrights, and premiered in Pinter, Albee, Shaffer, Bennett, and Storey.

His awards were numerous (an Oscar, two Tonys, the Order of Merit, a theater in the west End named for him, that knighthood), and he was genuinely loved and admired by all who ever came in contact with him. He was a man of little malice, much composure, great modesty, and good behavior. He loved to gossip and had a wicked wit. He was also known for his innocent put downs and faux pas. Some of these qualities come through in Croall's book, but there's so much more to Gielgud that isn't touched upon or celebrated.

"Gielgud: A Theatrical Life" is hardly the definitive biography this great actor deserves. If you want a detailed picture of London theater life through the last century, then this book is a must for the backstage habits and the genuine smell of the greasepaint. But if you want a satisfying look into Sir John Gielgud, truly one of the giants of the English stage, then as Sir John once said of director Lindsay Anderson, but he might as well be referring to his biographer, "he's gay, but not quite up to it."

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friendliness, and gives specific advice for travelers with HIV and on solo travel. It talks about women's festivals, too. These authors also did an "Out and About for USA Resorts and Warm Weather Vacations" with the same virtues, but it is also a 1997 publication. I got this from the main library, which might be the best place to find it.

For women, "Gay USA: Where the Babes Go," by Lori Hobkirk, will make you glad you're a girl. Really. The book is that much fun. It covers about 25 cities with useful information about where to meet people and where to exercise, as well as bars, restaurants, and bed and breakfasts.

It contains resources for any stereotypical lesbian, with places for children, coffeehouses and spirituality connections. It even has useful and free spirited bits of advice about what to wear—in Austin, it's pink hair, a cotton frock and boots. She reminds New Orleans visitors to take something nice to wear because of the dress code in fancy restaurants. It was published in 1998. Mine came from the library, but this is a "keeper" so if your bookstore doesn't have it, ask them to order it for you.

Bob Damron published the first gay travel book more than 30 years ago. As I recall, the story is that he traveled on business, and the first books really were just his private address book. The Damron Men's Travel Guide has gotten thicker over the

years, but the address book idea is the same. Now, Damron publishes a Woman's Travel Guide and several specialty titles, too.

Damron's seem to be more comprehensive, but this is based on a very small sample. Damron's has two listings in Gun Barrel City, Texas, not just one, and lists the Crobar in Chicago. I was there for the Firecracker Alternative Book Awards Party last year and it's the only gay (or lesbian) bar I've been to there. My cab driver asked me if I went there often and seemed relieved I said no. He told me it was one of Dennis Rodman's favorite places.

There are lots of other gay and lesbian travel guides. Frommer's has just released one for Europe, and Rough Guide has just released one for Australia. As a general rule, the newer, the better. As you're searching the net for gay travel guides, be warned that the "Louisiana: Off the Beaten Path" and similar titles come up on that search because the author is named Gay Martin. There may be a few listings of interest to gay or lesbian travelers, but that is not the focus of these books.

Also, check a local bookstore or the airport newsstand when you arrive. There is a huge variety of travel guides, some of which can be found only in that city or online. I'm happier when I have a real city map, not just a guidebook map, and don't forget that the local gay and lesbian paper is a great source of information.

Bayou Calendar

Houston Shakespeare Festival

For this year's summer festival, something old: Will's perennially evergreen "Romeo and Juliet," and something new: his rarely performed history play "King John." Something borrowed: the actors from all over town. Something blue: the outdoor audience if a rare cold front blows through the al fresco theater. Shakespeare rules. Culture's good for you anytime, so share the Bard with the mosquitoes. Free reserved-seat tickets are available at the box office on the day of performance from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Martin Sherman's 1979 melodramatic, erotic, harrowing play about Nazi repression of gays (Richard Gere and Ian McKellan starred in the Broadway and West End versions) never made a successful transition to film in 1997. The beautiful but nondescript Clive Owen, as self-loathing Max, is part of the problem, as is filmmaker Sean Mathias' tendency to pile on the theatrics with which the play is already overloaded. Judge for yourself. Watch for Jude Law in an early career cameo.

Aug. 3, 9 p.m.; Aug. 8, 12 a.m.
Sundance Channel (69 on Time Warner)

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Aug. 5, 9 p.m.; Aug. 8, 11:35 p.m.
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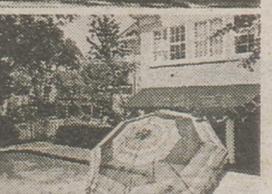
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Eating Out

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Just desserts

Bakery offers sweet retreat from standard restaurant fare

by KATHREEN LEE

Painted prominently on the interior walls of the DESSERT GALLERY in a font reminiscent of the pastel scribble found on schmaltzy picture frames cooing about friendship, sisters, and love are the words, "Friendship is a delicate combination of admiration, trust, empathy, two forks and one dessert." That's exactly how I would describe the atmosphere at the Dessert Gallery, a café specializing in, drum roll please... desserts.

Owner, Sara Brook, established the Dessert Gallery in 1995.

"I wanted some place that would make me smile and even chuckle," Brook said.

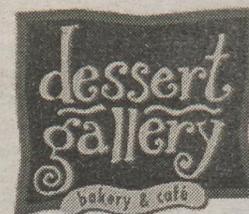
The brilliant purple and pink wall colors, the funky art deco tables, the festive summer beach themed décor, replete with beach balls dangling from the ceiling, fishing nets and blown up seahorse flotation devices, and finally the relentless broadcasting of saccharine '50s sock-hop music like "Yakkity Yak (Don't Talk Back)" and "Lollipop" could definitely coerce even the most serious depressives to crack a smile.

The desserts, which range from a delectable and wide diversity of cakes, cookies and pies, are personal creations of the owner. Not that one can really go wrong with desserts, but considering that Brook spent much of her early youth working hard to earn her Brownie and Girl Scout badges in cooking, you can trust her desserts are out of the ordinary.

Some of the varieties include Chocolate Raspberry Cake, Fudge Pecan Pie, Lemon Vacherin, a meringue shell filled with lemon mousse, Southern Comfort Cake, Chocolate Chunk Cookies dipped in chocolate, and my personal favorite, the Tiramisu Toffee Cake, which are white cake layers soaked with espresso, caramel and frosted with creamy mascarpone and toffee bits. Salivating yet?

If you're the health-conscious type and are looking for low-fat desserts, the Dessert Gallery may not be the place for you. While they stock a few healthy alternative desserts, like Low-Fat Lemon Poppy Seed cake, Ms. Brook is all in favor of "rich, fattening, all-American, happy desserts." However, if you can splurge and let loose, just this once, then there's plenty that the Dessert Gallery can offer.

Each slice of cake or pie (\$5-\$7) can serve at least two people, and therefore provides the perfect medium of intimacy for dates or friends as you share a dessert. For instance, two people could cooperatively finish a white chocolate and dark chocolate multi-layered cake saturated with Oreos called "The Big O."



Dessert Gallery Bakery and Café
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FOOD FILE

Food:

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Value:

Scene:

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I think Brook would agree with the sentiment expressed by an anonymous writer who once wrote, "It says something about our times when you rarely see the word 'sinful' except to describe a really good dessert."

In case you and your date might come across a lull in your conversation, the back counters of the Dessert Gallery are piled high with board games like Connect Four, Monopoly, Life, Scattergories, Trivial Pursuit, Outburst and a slew of other entertaining diversions. Although some of the game pieces were missing and we found red hotels, thimbles, dice, and checker pieces scattered throughout the counter, part of the amusement could be in finding all the necessary parts just to play a game.

All of Dessert Gallery's patrons are not there purely for the luscious cakes and pies. The establishment also offers box lunches with a variety of sandwiches, salads and wraps, such as the Calypso Chicken Salad Sandwich (\$5.75), California Turkey Wrap (\$5.75), and Chicken Muffuletta Salad (\$6.95).

The overall impression of their lunch fare is that while they use high-quality ingredients like Boar's Head Premium Deli Meats and fresh vegetables for their dishes, the chefs have not quite mastered the art of seasoning. For instance their Chicken Pot Pie featured healthy cuts of carrots and onions and tender chunks of chicken white meat, but the flavor was starkly bland. Salt, soy sauce, curry, confectioners sugar, or anything with flavor would have added some spice to the dish.

I would recommend that patrons stick to what the Dessert Gallery knows and does best. In the immortal words of the one-hit-quote-wonder Ernestine Ulmer, "Life is uncertain. Eat dessert first."

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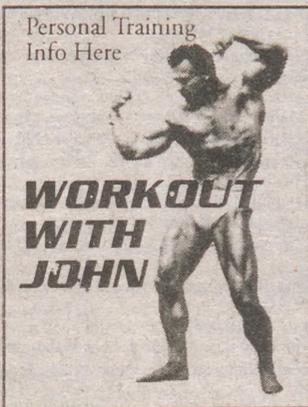
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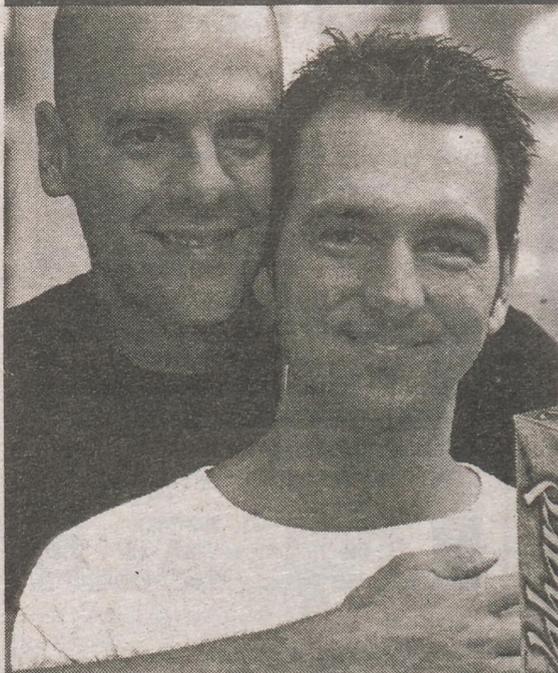
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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rosary 8 a.m. 1805 W. Alabama. 713-528-6665.
Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club. Call for ride locations. 713-863-1860.
Gay & Lesbian Breakfast Club. 9:30 a.m. 281-437-0636.
Houston Wrestling Club. Practice. 1:30 p.m. 713-453-7406.
Rainbow Fishing Club. Meeting. 713-526-7070.713-880-9235.
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center Drop-in hours noon to 4 p.m. • Hot Summer Verse Poetry Night. 7:30 p.m. • Positive Art Workshop Photography exhibition. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
"The Science of Sight Experience" Exhibit at the Woodlands Mall. lgraff97@aol.com.
Houston Outdoor Group. Breakfast. 832-251-6063.

sunday, august 5

Rainbow Riders. A bicycle club for women. 713-869-1686.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Holy Rite Eucharist I 7:45 a.m.; Holy Rite Eucharist II 8:55 a.m.; Education hour 10 a.m.; Choral Eucharist 11 a.m. 713-528-6665.
Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church. Service. 6:30 p.m. 713-528-6756.
Resurrection MCC. Services. 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Youth Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal 1:30 p.m. 713-861-9149.
Grace Lutheran Church. Sunday school for all ages 9 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m. 713-528-3269.
Community Gospel. Service at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School for children 10 a.m. 713-880-9235 or www.communitygospel.org.
Houston Mission Church. Service 10:30 a.m. 713-529-8225.
Covenant Church, Ecumenical, Liberal Baptist. Service 9:30 a.m. & education hour 11 a.m. 713-668-8830.
Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Services at 8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. 713-526-1017.
The Women's Group. Meeting & Discussion. 10:45 a.m. 713-529-8571.
Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County. 502 Church St. Service 10:30 a.m. 409-765-8330.
First Congregational Church (Memorial). Service at 10 a.m. Christian Education. 11:30 p.m. 713-468-9543 or fcc-houston.org.
Unitarian Fellowship of Houston. Adult forum 10 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 713-686-5876.
Gay Catholics of St. Anne's-Houston. 5 p.m. worship service. Dinner and social. alexcam@wt.net. 713-623-0930.

Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Congregation: Adult discussion 9:45 a.m. Service 11 a.m. 281-277-8882. www.tuuc.org.
First Unitarian Universalist Church. Services at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Brunch available 10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion. 1:30 p.m. 713-526-5200. church@firstuu.org.
Anarchist Black Cross Federation/Anarchist Reading Group. 1 p.m. www.houstonabc.org. 713-595-2103
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. to noon. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. houstontennisclub@aol.com
Houston Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Drop in Hours 2-5 p.m. • Polyamory Houston Discussion Group. 3 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
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PFLAG-Houston. 2 p.m. 713-867-9020.
Houston Outdoor Group. IMAX. 832-251-6063.

monday, august 6

Gay Fathers/Fathers First. Support group. 8 p.m. www.GayFathers-Houston.org or 281-505-1788.
Frost Eye Clinic. Free eye exams for people with HIV. 713-830-3000.
HIV testing. STD Exams & treatment. Free. AVES. 1 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. 713-626-2837.
Kolbe Project. Eucharist 7:30 p.m. 713-861-1800.
Northwoods AIDS Coalition Food Pantry Open. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 936-441-1614.
Houston Tennis Club. 9 a.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. 713-692-2703.
Lesbian & Gay Voices Radio Show. 8 to 10 p.m. KPFT 90.1. 713-529-1223.
AIDS Mastery. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling Center. 713-529-0037.
Grief & Divorce Support Groups. 7 p.m. Bering. 713-526-1017, Ext. 208.
gayDAR. Wellness Community. Support Group. 7 p.m. 713-526-1017, Ext. 211.
Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours from 6 to 9 p.m. • Houston Employs Action Team. 6:30 p.m. • Positive Art Workshop Photography exhibition •803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.
"Homosexuality and the Bible" Workshop. 7 p.m. Maranatha MCC. 713-528-6756.

tuesday, august 7

For Mature Audiences Only. Support group. 7 p.m. Bering Memorial UMC. 713-526-1017.
HTGA Support Group. 7 p.m. 713-520-0439.
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Gay Men's Process Group. 7 p.m. 3316 Mt. Vernon. 713-526-8390.
Men's Network. Discussion group for social, educational develop-
ment of gay and bisexual men. 7 p.m. Montrose Counseling
Center. 713-529-0037.

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Bi-Net Houston. Men's Social. 7 p.m. 713-467-4380.

Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center drop-in hours 6 to 9
p.m. • Positive Art Workshop Photography exhibition. • Lesbian
Coming Out Group. 7:30 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

wednesday, august 8

Free HIV Testing. Thomas Street Clinic. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2015
Thomas Street 713-793-4026.

Free HIV Testing by the Montrose Clinic. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mary's,
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BiNet Houston. 7:30 p.m. Women's Social. 713-467-4380

Women's Network. Montrose Counseling Center Discussion
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Project: Caesar. Workshops. AFH. 3203 Wesleyan. 713-623-6796.
Out Skate Rollerskating Club. 8 to 10 p.m. 8075 Cook Road. 281-
933-5818.

Life Study. Noon & 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal. 713-526-6665.
Spiritual Uplift service. 7 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Resurrection
MCC. 713-861-9149.

Freelance Art Classes by Kermit Eisenhut for HIV+ individuals. 1
to 4 p.m. Lunch provided. 713-523-9530.

Houston Tennis Club. 7:30 - 9 p.m. Memorial Park at the Tennis
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Lesbian Literature Discussion Group. 7 p.m. 713-523-3037.

Houston Pride Band. Open rehearsal. 1307 Yale. 713-527-0931.
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Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
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Center for AIDS. Women's mixer. 7 p.m. 713-527-8210.

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9 p.m. • Positive Art Workshop Photography exhibition • Free
HIV testing and counseling 6-9 p.m. • Houston Committee for
People's Radio. 6:30 p.m. • Houston Gay & Lesbian Political
Caucus Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. • Bi-Net Houston 7:30 p.m. 803
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thursday, august 9

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. Open rehearsal. 7 p.m. 4807 San
Felipe. 713-521-7464.

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Lambda Skating Club skates. 8 p.m. Tradewinds. Skating Rink.
www.lambdaroll.org. 713-410-7215.

FrontRunners. Running Club. 6:30 p.m. 713-522-8021.

HIV Art Therapy Program. 1 to 4 p.m. Kermit Eisenhut. 713-523-9530.

Women's Clinic. Montrose Clinic. 713-830-3000.

Community Gospel. Service. 7:30 p.m. 713-880-9235 or
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Photography exhibition 6:30 p.m. • 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818.

friday, august 10

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.)
Meeting. 713-942-7002.

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Q-Patrol walks the streets. 9 p.m. 713-528-SAFE.

Kolbe Project. Morning Prayer. 10 a.m. Movie Night @ 7 p.m.
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Houston Tennis Club. Houston Tennis Club. 7:30 - 9 p.m.
Memorial Park at the Tennis Center. houstontennisclub@aol.com

Positive Art Workshop. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Patrick Palmer. 713-526-1118.

Lesbian and Gay Voices. KPFT 90.1 FM. 7 p.m. 713-526-5738.

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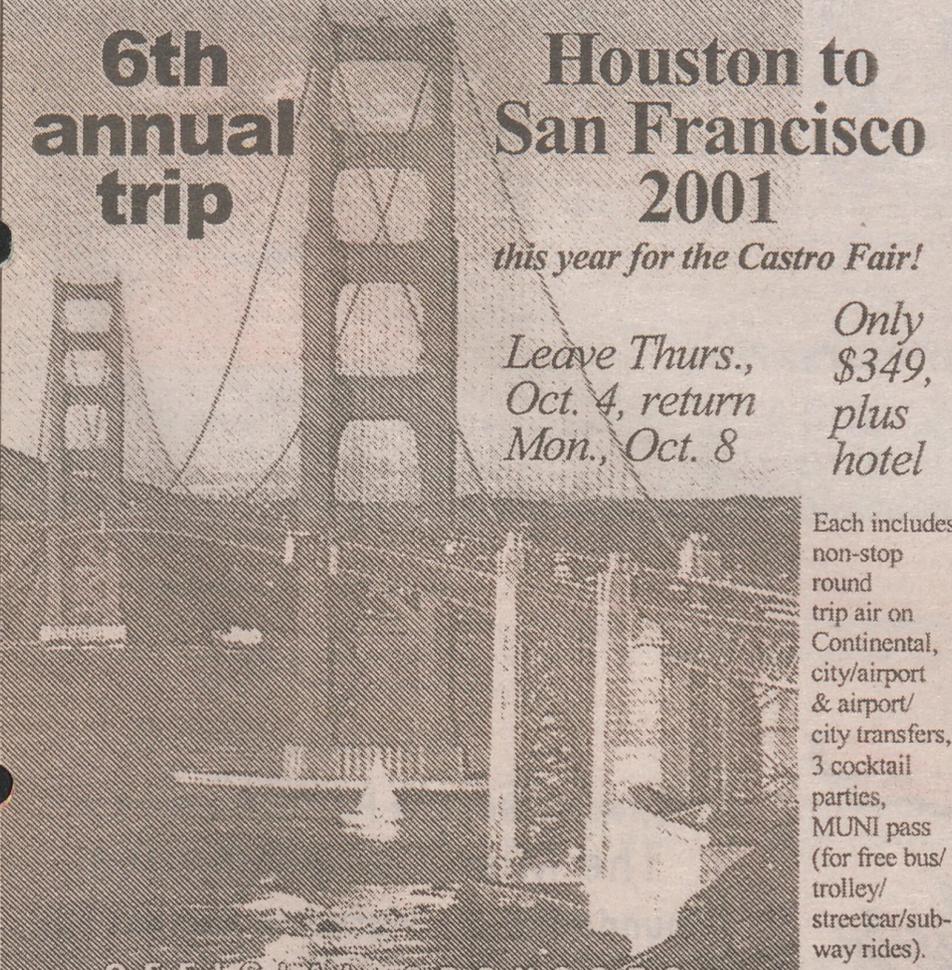
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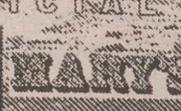
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Occasions

Birthdays

CCCC members Richard W. (8/4), Larry U. (8/6), and Stephen L. (8/8) watch the birthday speedometer roll over this week.

Asians and Friends' members Craig H. (8/6) and Rick P. (8/10) toast in a birthday this week.

"I want to be Barbie...the witch has everything!" cries Alan Josoff of Crossroads on his Aug. 8 birthday.

Stan Harrell celebrated his Aug. 2 birthday in style.

Brick's II owner Dave Parker will lift his birthday shot on Aug. 10.

John Benevidas celebrates his big day on Aug. 4.

The one and only Daddy Dan sneaks in a birthday on Aug. 7.

Maranatha MCC member Theresa C. sings her birthday song on Aug. 7.

"Bite me, Baby!" Texas Triangle editor and all around funny gal Nancy Ford laughs all the way to the birthday cake on August 8.

Super songstress Marsha Carlton sings a sweet birthday song on Aug. 7.

Anniversaries

Owners of Blackhawk Leather and A Man's Resale Bob Houton and Kim Ziggler add another year together on Aug. 8.



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Aug. 3 - 9



ARIES (MARCH 21—APRIL 20)

Life is a little more unpredictable than usual during this cycle. Rather than freak out about what's not in your control, enjoy what is a sure thing: love. Shut out the outside world and live in a sexy, serene vacuum for awhile. A Virgo has the key to unlock the door to your heart.



TAURUS (APRIL 21—MAY 20)

Mars is passing through your house of collaboration and serious partnerships, doll, which means that you can't go it alone anymore. Everything really will be okay if you share some of the burden with your closest loved ones. In love, you need someone who's as ready to commit as you are—try an Aries.



GEMINI (MAY 21—JUNE 21)

Your social life moves into overdrive during this cycle. This is a bit of an over-stimulating cycle, and you know how nervous you get when things start to go your way. A Pisces can take you places you've never been.



CANCER (JUNE 22—JULY 22)

Do what you can to make a lot of money now—while you're hot. Opportunities to increase your cash flow are all around you. This is an incredibly sexy time of year for you. Others sense that you possess magical secrets in bed, but it's a Capricorn who compliments your mysterious ways the most.



LEO (JULY 23—AUG. 22)

It's the height of your birthday season, so enjoy being the star that you know you are. You've done a lot of work on yourself over the last two years. Allow some of the positive effects to settle in before you tackle the next emotional challenge. A Sag wants you to succeed.



VIRGO (AUG. 23—SEPT. 22)

The world outside may seem harsh and unpredictable, but your inner circle of allies is solid and your inner resources have never been stronger. A Taurus is on equal footing with you and wants to go the distance. Remember, this relationship is a marathon, not a sprint.



LIBRA (SEPT. 23—OCT. 22)

Life is full of surprises during the week of Aug. 6—some exciting, some annoying. Finally you are starting to see that it's a big world out there and that you don't have to live like a hamster in a Habitrail. Another Libra wants to explore the universe with you.



SCORPIO (OCT. 23—NOV. 21)

You are in a good position to conquer the world, darling. If you can roll with the punches, you can actually create a more solid, thriving business situation for yourself. Keep your cool and you'll end up a winner. An Aquarius is already betting on you.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22—DEC. 21)

The moon in your artistic fifth house combined with passionate Mars in your sign could bring you luck in whatever creative project you attempt. You've survived some hard times and the time of relief is upon you. Let a Cancer nurture you.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 22—JAN. 19)

Your ruler, Saturn, is pushing you to be extra kind and caring towards your body. You're not as young as you used to be, but don't worry, babe—you're three times as hot! This is the time to be honest about who really cares about you and who is just using you. A Cancer?



AQUARIUS (JAN. 20—FEB. 18)

This is a romantic time for you, Aquarius, particularly if you're willing to allow someone completely endearing to sweep you off your feet. Take it easy on yourself, dear. You need to rest and recharge your batteries every once in awhile, and this is the time. A Leo wants to take care of you.



PISCES (FEB. 19—MARCH 20)

Use the good energy of Jupiter in your fifth house to do something artistic and daring that's never been done before. New ideas are brewing in your clever mind every day so pay attention to them. A Scorpio will join you in your adventures.

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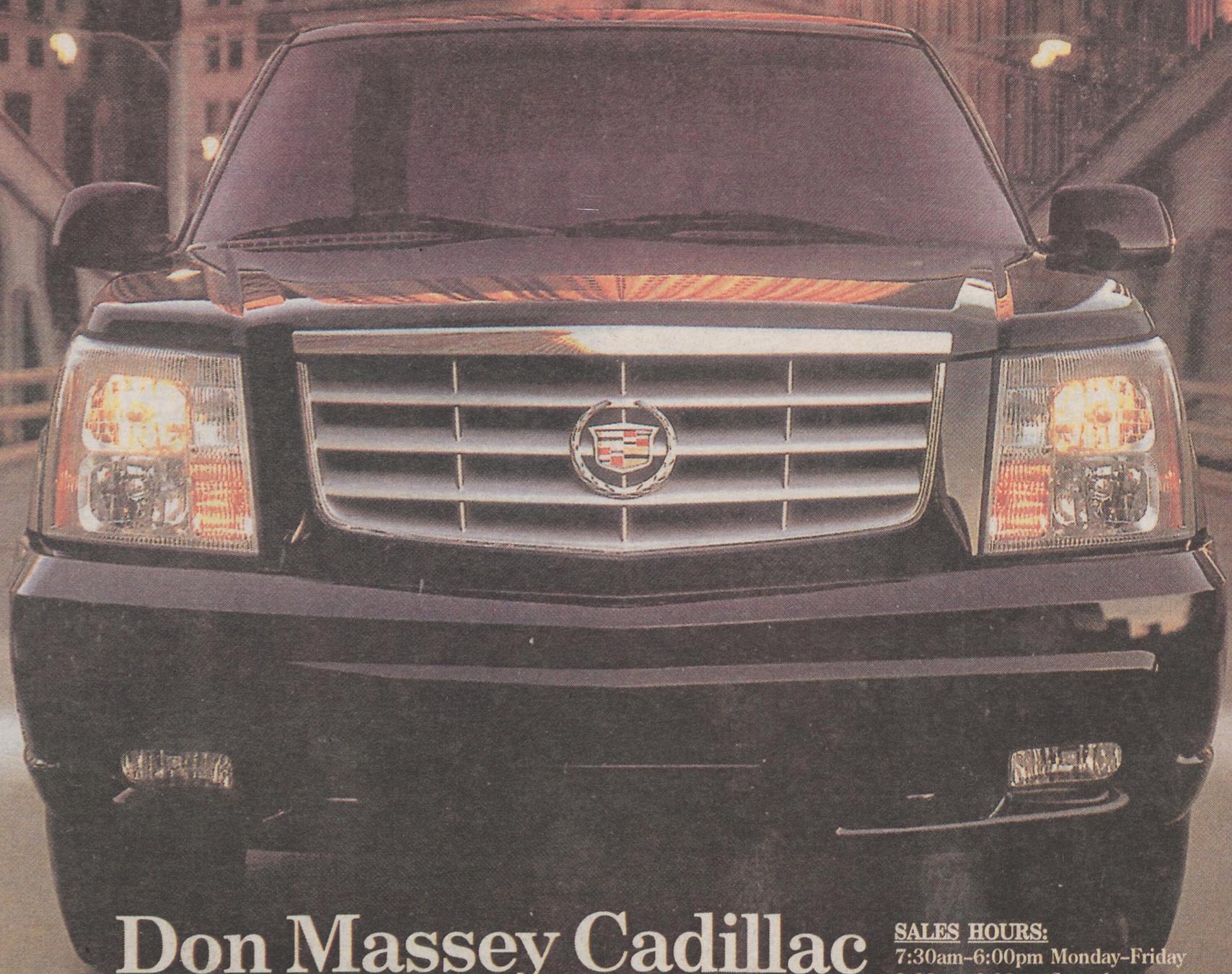
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