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Tina Turner begins her U.S. tour in the Bayou City at Cynthia Woods Pavillion on Friday May 2.

Hate Crimes Bill Moves Forward in the House

by Steve Labinski
Houston Voice Austin Bureau Chief

Two bills relating to hate crimes moved forward in the Texas House last week. HB 1116, which increases criminal penalties on crimes motivated by bias or prejudice, received a long-awaited committee hearing last Tuesday. The hour-long hearing included an electrifying cross-examination and public humiliation of Wyatt Roberts, director of the Texas Family Association by Rep. Terry Keel (R, Austin).

A similar bill that provides individuals remedies in civil court passed the House Civil Practices committee in a 5 to 2 vote. HB 2836, sponsored by Rep. Senfronia Thompson (D, Houston) allows a claimant who is victim to a hate crime to sue for damages. The bill allows the claimant remedies for any damages arising from the actions of the defendant in violating the individual's "right to be free from hateful acts" including exemplary damages and injunctive relief.

HB 2836 also allows a court to award a claimant attorney's fees incurred in bringing

the action. Voting for the bill were Patricia Gray (D, Galveston), Toby Goodman (R, Arlington), Bill Roman (R, College Station), Leo Alvarado, Jr. (D, San Antonio), and Fred Bosse (D, Houston). Voting against were Paul Hilbert (R, Houston) and Zeb Zbranek (D, Liberty).

HB 2836 is now in the Calendars Committee awaiting scheduling for a floor vote. LGRL Director Dianne-Hardy Garcia said, "It's very important that we take a full approach to deterring hate crimes in Texas. We must have criminal and civil statutes with penalty enhancements. [Civil penalties] give victims some relief to pay for their financial loss."

HB 1116, which increases criminal penalties on crimes motivated by bias or prejudice received a public hearing in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. House sponsor Rep. Sylvester Turner (D, Houston) called HB 1116 "a clean-up bill," meant to clarify the vague language of the 1993 Hate Crimes Bill. "It was too vague and ambiguous," said Turner, who cited two specific cases

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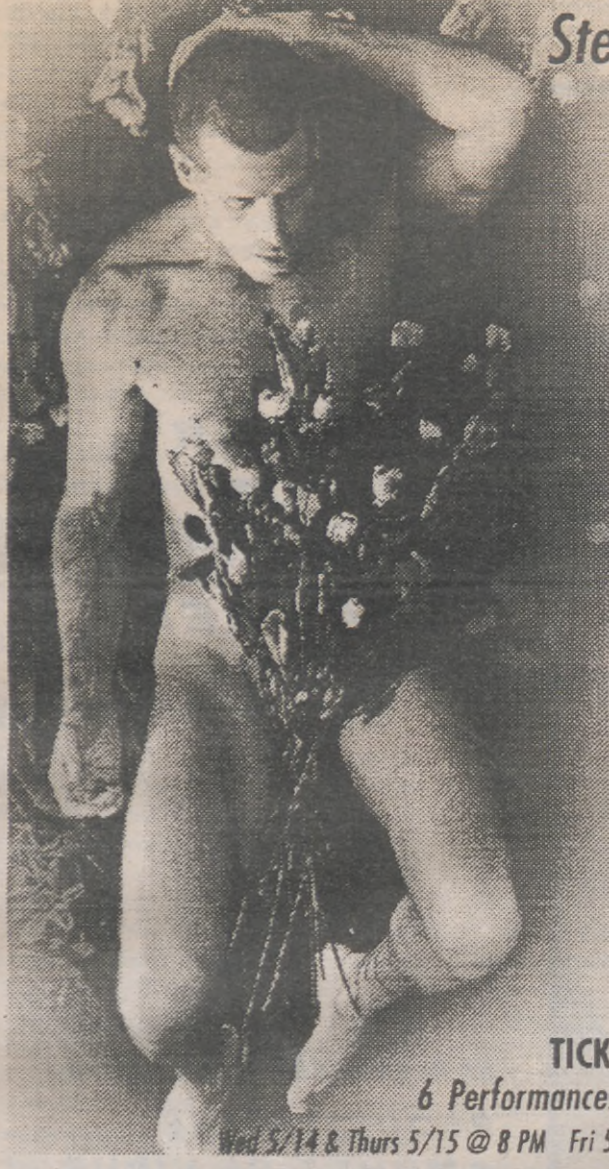
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House Committee Approves Bill Baring Out-Of-State Gay Marriages

Austin - A bill barring the recognition of marriages between out-of-state homosexual couples was approved by a House committee Wednesday. The bill, by Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, made it out of the House Committee on Business and Industry with a 6-0 vote and will next be voted on by the full house.

"I just believe it's the role of this House that we not only not allow homosexuals be married in the state, but we not allow them to circumvent our laws by going to another state, then coming back here and claiming to be married under another state statute," Chisum explained.

"If we're going to say that out-of-state contracts regarding marriage are not recognized in this state, I can think of literally dozens of things about marriage contracts between heterosexuals in other states that are moving to this state, that maybe we shouldn't recognize either," said openly gay state Rep. Glen Maxey (D-Austin), who is gay.

Couples married in other states with a different minimum age, for instance. Or couples married in other states who are in arrears on their child support. "And we can go on and on," Maxey said. Chisum wants to make sure that if any state - particularly Hawaii - approves same sex marriage between now and when the Texas legislature meets again in 1999, those couples don't expect Texas to recognize the matrimonial union. Chisum stated he is defending the traditional family values that have been in place for hundreds of years.

If Chisum's bill makes it to the Texas House floor, something Maxey considers unlikely, he says he has enough support to see the bill, HB3464, passed. "I have 77 co-sponsors of the bill," said Chisum. "I can move the Capitol to Amarillo with 76."

Montrose Clinic Offers Chiropractic Services

Montrose Clinic is now offering chiropractic service to all persons by appointment only. Fees will be waived in lieu of a contribution to the Clinic. Montrose area Chiropractor, Dr. Stephanie McGhee, has agreed to donate her time so that the clinic may offer the service to the community.



Dr. Stephanie McGhee

"There is a definite need in the community for this type of service," says McGhee, a Houston native and graduate of Texas Chiropractic College. "I am very excited about working with Montrose Clinic and am certain we will be able to reach a number of people who would not normally have access to chiropractic services."

McGhee is a member of the Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce as well as the Executive Women's Gold Association. She has two children, ages 5 and 7. "Montrose Clinic is very grateful to Dr. McGhee for making her services available to the community," said clinic president Katy Caldwell.

Carpenter, Levy and McKittrick Address Workplace Concerns at Chamber Meeting

Dale Carpenter, Glenn Levy and Melanie McKittrick will address the May meeting of Houston's Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. The topic: Diversity in the workplace. All three have impressive undergraduate backgrounds (Yale, Rice and Duke, respectively) and high profile profes-

sional affiliations (Vinson & Elkins, Rice University and Texas Commerce Bank, respectively).

Carpenter is known statewide as President of Log Cabin Republicans of Texas and has published several legal pieces related to gay and lesbian rights. In addition, he writes a monthly column for *OutSmart*. Levy is currently helping create a program at Rice University to develop leadership skills in undergraduate students where he has also sponsored several gay and lesbian student groups. He is also the co-chair of the newly established Corporate Network Group. McKittrick is Senior Vice President of Texas commerce Bank's National Association and Director of Corporate Diversity. She guest lectures on business ethics at Rice University. Recently, she has organized a public panel discussion on diversity and the gay and lesbian community.

The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Warwick Hotel, Monday, May 5, 1997 at 6 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. For more information, call (713) 523-7576.

MCCR Bestows Community Service Awards and Donates to PWA Coalition

The Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR) presented awards for Community Service at last week's Sunday service. Long time Houston gay and rights supporter Marion Coleman and former *Houston Voice* columnist Glen Webber.

Coleman is renowned in the Houston gay community for her tireless efforts on behalf of the gay and lesbian community. She has served on more boards and committees than anyone could count. A member of numerous organizations (Songfest, HGLCC, Diana Foundation, Log Cabin Houston, and others). Coleman has also been a staple in the printing industry, providing her services for more than twenty years at the House of Coleman. Coleman is also the former owner of Kindred Spirits, a now defunct bar. She lives with her lifemate, Trudy Denny, in the Montrose area.



Marion E. Coleman

Weber offered poignant commentary on life with AIDS to more than 20,000 readers weekly when he penned his column *Gay Today* for the *Houston Voice*. The column ran for two years. He is a former employee of Continental Airlines, and was an exemplary employ according to company officials. Weber is currently in a nursing home in Southwest Houston and not in good health. As a columnist he touched many individuals with his testament of the ups and downs of being infected with HIV/AIDS.

In related news, MCCR, presented a check in the amount of \$2,367.60 to members of the board of the People With AIDS (PWA) Coalition at the church's 11 a.m. service, Sunday, April 13. "We must do whatever we can to be a part of our community...We must reach out to help people with AIDS," said MCCR Rev. Dwayne Johnson.

The check was given from donations collected as a result of the second annual Genye Allen Softball Tournament held Saturday, March 1, 1997 at Memorial Park. Allen had been a former member of the board of directors at MCCR and died of AIDS just over a year ago.

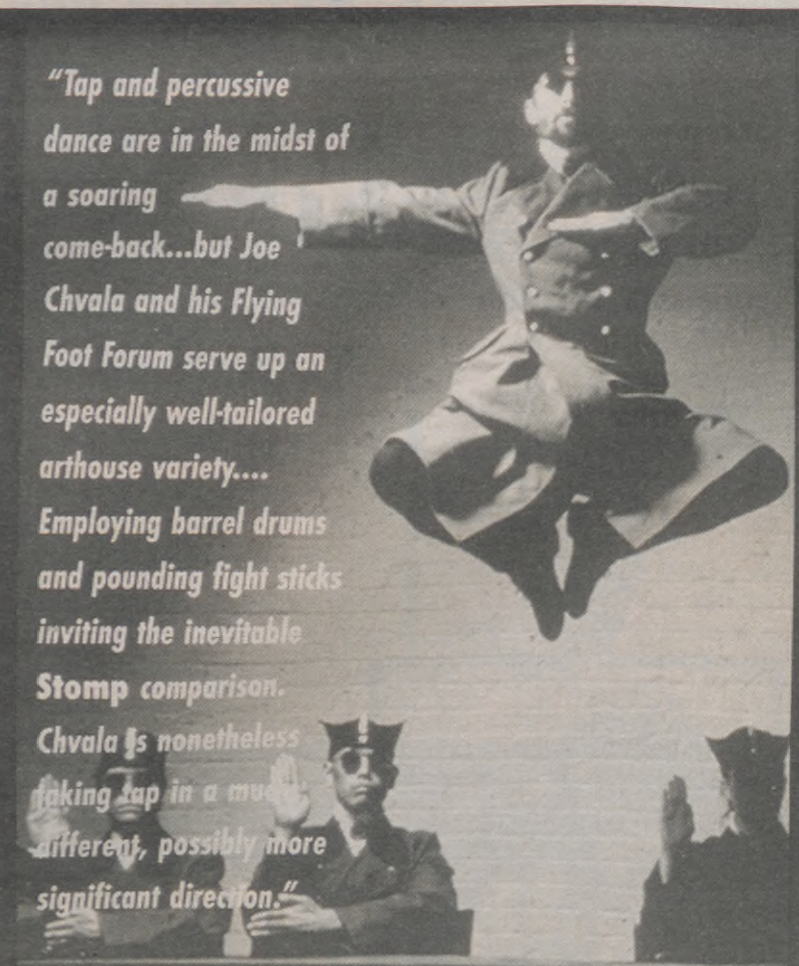
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Salon de la Comtesse La Colombe D'or. The event was replete with fun and mayhem as awards were given for Best Supported Actress, Best Foreign Film, Best Set Design, Best Actress, Best Director, and Best Picture. In great jest, the awards are given to those whose personal achievements throughout the years, would cause the most embarrassment when revealed at the event.



left to right, Tommie Lee Jackson, Terry Pierce and Sharon Montgomery.

The evening encompassed fine dining and musical entertainment led by Jerry Atwood. He entertained those in attendance as he accompanied The Three Divas: Tommie Lee Jackson, Sharon Montgomery, and Terry Pierce. The show stopping performance was well-received.

The recipient of this years proceeds was The Pet Patrol. The group helps to care for animals when their owners have become too ill to care for them. The event raised \$5,000 for the organization.

Camp For Children With AIDS Wins Leadership Award

AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH) has just been named the winner of the 1996 Leadership in Action Award in the Health & Human Services category, presented by Leadership Houston, for Camp Hope, which just completed its inaugural season.

Camp Hope provided a weekend for children living with HIV last September at Camp John Marc near Dallas. Twenty-two children, ages 6-16, attended the camp which provided children living with HIV/AIDS the chance to "be like other kids" and enjoy fishing, arts and crafts, baseball, the country and most importantly, life.

"We are extremely honored to have been selected for this prestigious award and can't wait for all the children to hear the exciting news," said Camp Hope's Director of Education Mike Mizwa.

Omega House Benefit Nears

An Evening of Art Songs and Arias, a gala benefiting Omega House will take place May 17 at The Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross. The concert will feature European and American arias performed by seven rising young musicians, including soprano Camille Zamora, a former Houstonian now based in New York.

Also slated to perform are Croatian pianist Dalia Lazar, who made her Carnegie Hall recital debut this spring; baritone Randall Scarlata; Metropolitan Opera National Council Winner Lester Lynch; tenor Thomas Laine, former HGO soloist; soprano Sharyn Pirtle; and German soprano Stefanie Krahnfeld.

The concert, organized by Zamora, will include selections from *La Traviata*, *Don Giovanni*, *The Magic Flute*, *The Barber of Seville*, and *Candide*.

Omega House is a local hospice now in its 10th year of operation that cares for medically indigent patients with AIDS. To order tickets, call (713) 523-7110. Tickets are \$50 for the event only or \$150, which includes a reception with the performers after the concert.

New Heights Theater Premieres Virgins And Other Myths

The Southwest premier of Colin Martin's *Virgins And Other Myths* is being presented by the New Heights Theater. The autobiographical comedy/drama is a carefully

wrought and savage journey of self discovery by a young gay man who went from all-American athlete to male hustler.

The role of actor/playwright Colin Martin will be played in the NHT production by Randy Sparks, who is currently appearing in the Alley's production of *The Greeks*.



Randy Sparks

The play opens May 7 at 8 p.m. followed by a gala champagne reception. Additional performances are very Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. until June 7, 1997. For reservations or information, please phone (713) 869-8927.

River Oaks Theater Hosts Pink Flamingo Party

The River Oaks Theater is organizing some fun events for the return of John Waters' cult classic *Pink Flamingos*, opening May 2. Houston's won Divine impersonator, Miss Divine, will perform previews from an homage to the diva called *Divine, Portrait of a Sex Goddess*, which opens soon at the Theatre of Instant Gratification in the Heights. Miss Divine will perform prior to the 10 p.m. showing of Waters controversial film.

The theater is inviting patrons to bring a plastic pink flamingo to the Midnight show of the film to add to their pink flamingo display at the River Oaks. Patrons that participate will be given a pass for free entry to the midnight show. The film is celebrating its 25th anniversary. An interview with the famed director is in this issue of the *Houston Voice*.

For more information, call the River Oaks Theatre at (713) 524-2175.

Westheimer St. Festival Descends Upon Montrose

Houston's largest free festival returns when Grey Party, Inc. and Budweiser present the 48th Bi-Annual Westheimer Street Festival this weekend, May 3 to 4. The festival takes place on Westheimer from the 100 to the 1000 block of the street.

Proceeds from the festival benefit several neighborhood associations and the Westheimer police store front as well as Grey Party, Inc., a nonprofit organization donating to local AIDS charities. The event includes art, music, handicrafts, food and typical festival fun. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Briefs...

Gay and lesbian couples who adopt children could not be listed as parents on birth certificates under a bill tentatively OK'd by the state House. The provision would put into law a '39 attorney general's opinion...

A former longtime business partner and companion of Van Cliburn is attempting to have his lawsuit against the renowned pianist re-instated, according to the *Houston Chronicle*. Thomas E. Zaremaba claims that Texas state District Judge Fred Davis improperly dismissed his lawsuit last July. Zaremaba alleges that Cliburn breached an oral agreement to share his income in exchange for performing business manager duties over a 17-year relationship and that Cliburn's encounters outside of their relationship might have caused him to be exposed to the AIDS virus...

The 14th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization is hosting a candlelight memorial and people mobilization to highlight issues surrounding HIV, Sunday, May 4, at the Hospice at the Texas Medical Center, 1905 Holcombe Boulevard. For information, call (713) 521-9862...

Finally, *Texas Bound*, the Dallas literary series which has been offering Texas short fiction interpreted by Texas actors since 1992, will return to Houston, Monday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Neuhaus Stage of the Alley Theatre, 615 Texas Avenue. For more information, call (713) 228-8421...



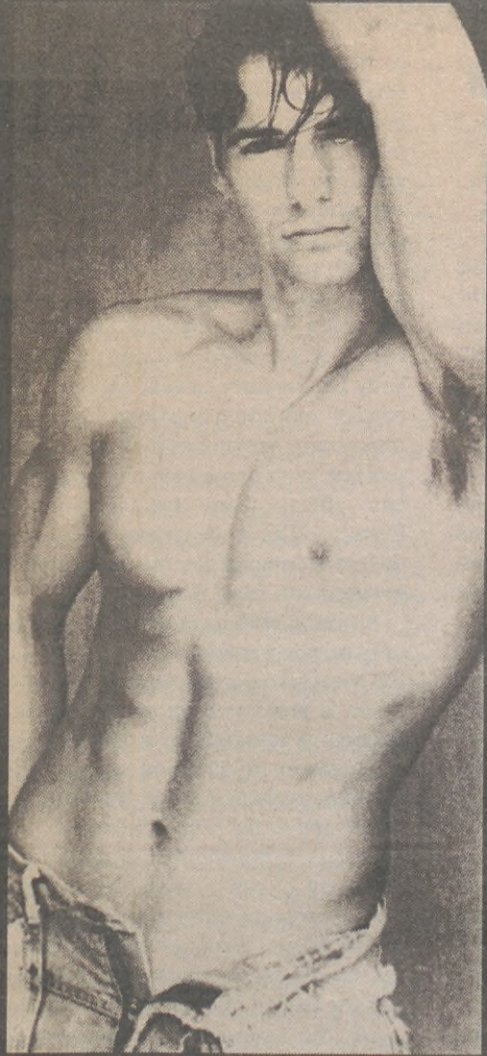
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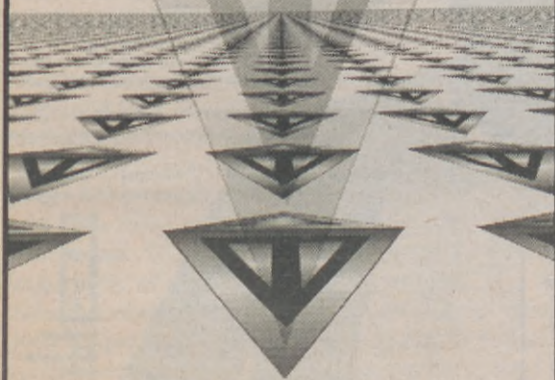
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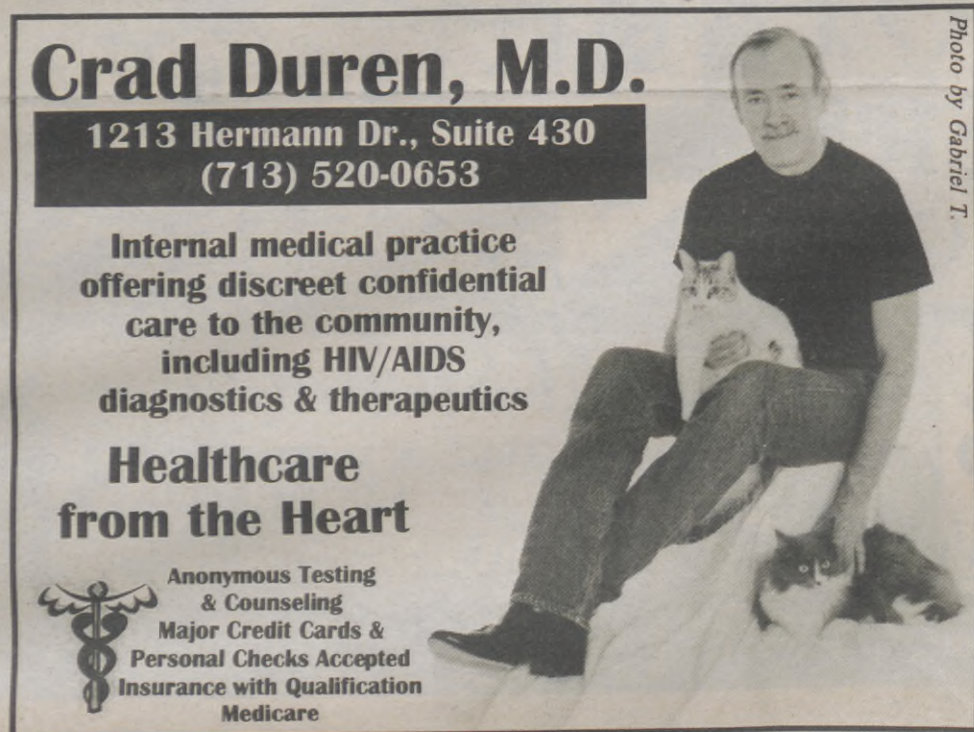


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Destiny: The Choice Is Ours

by Larry Lingle

Following close on the heels of Gabriel Rotello's "Sexual Ecology: AIDS and the Destiny of Gay Men", mentioned here last week, is Michelangelo Signorile's latest, "Life Outside: The Signorile Report on Gay Men: Sex, Drugs, Muscles and the Passages of Life".

Signorile's book is a must read for anyone concerned with the future of the gay community. In all likelihood, it will not be read by the very men who need it most - the muscled, party circuit crowd. After all, no one likes reading their own obituary.

I won't spoil all the revelations contained in Signorile's survey, but his explorations into the world of the gay party circuits bodes for what is now perhaps the most visible role models on the gay horizon: Big muscles, cropped hair, smooth bodies. For some time I have noted that at major gay gatherings from the Marches on Washington to Gay Pride parades in major cities such role models travel in packs, comfortable only among their mirror images and fearful of contamination from the unbeautiful, the unmuscular, the hirsute bears.

Putting aside the elitism fostered by the party circuit - only the "beautiful" need apply and if over forty you best be a millionaire and hosting a major event - as well as supplying major drugs - the author establishes that these "benefits" are marginal to the AIDS organizations recruited to lend their name. Usually only a flat fee, often quite small, is given to a hard-pressed agency eager for any recognition and the big winner are the professional party organizers and/or the drug dealers.

If drugs fueled the gay sexual revolution of the 1970s and early '80s, they seemed to decline in the first wave of AIDS, only to resurge stronger than ever in this most recent craze of partying on the national circuit. These weekend party marathons are predicated on a variety of drugs which keep the partiers going as well as enhancing their self-image and their sexual awareness.

Signorile focuses on several of these parties but particularly the White Party in Palm Springs where some thirty thousand gay men simply take over the town, certainly all the major hotels, including the Mormon-owned Marriott (which means each gay man spending any money there is contributing fifteen percent of the same directly to the gay-hating Mormon church - congratulations, and how about a contribution to the Moral Majority while you're at it).

Signorile is no prude. He has gotten down with the party goers. He has even written about his lapse from safe sex - it even made the *New York Times*. He was one of the leaders in the outing movement but a few years ago. But what Signorile concludes from his survey is that small but significant minority within the gay male population which is setting the role model for this and coming generations is also planting the seeds of self destruction.

Take first the ever popular Ecstasy - a drug

so common it is freely passed out on the smaller party circuits, including those here in Houston. While other drugs are harmful, their effects, with some moderation, tend to wear off. Ecstasy, however, kills off significant amounts of serotonin cells in the brain. Only Crystal has a similar effect.

Well, you might ask, what are a few serotonin cells, after all, whose ever seen one? Serotonin, which naturally decreases as we age, regulates mood, anxiety, sleep, memory, body temperature, sexual function, appetite control and other functions. Sounds fairly important. Anyone with an already existing problem with depression of any kind nullify any effects from antidepressants with Ecstasy. The more severe the depression, the more complex the mental condition, the greater harm from Ecstasy.

A person with a condition such as bipolar or manic depression is significantly vulnerable because the medicine used for this condition is predicated on stimulating the production of serotonin in a delicate balancing act between polar mood swings. Ecstasy destroys, perhaps forever, the brain's ability to respond to the proper medicine.

Ecstasy is but the first drug of choice on the party circuit. With the mellow high from Ecstasy the party goers move to Crystal which keeps them going throughout the nights and days of parties, and at least creates the feeling of greater sexual prowess.

On the ever-present downside Crystal causes its users to lose their trains of thought and reason - safe sex is one of the earliest casualties. It is not coincidence that the majority of party goers on the major party circuits are already HIV positive and that there is a new and growing infection of HIV among this younger, apparently healthy-looking generation.

The connection between AIDS benefits and the party circuit have created its own bizarre consequences: During the Names Project display of the AIDS Quilt in Washington last September, the circuit party was advertised with one ad which showed muscled dancers "literally dancing on a multicolored patchwork quilt".

And one of the most respected AIDS agencies, the Gay Men's Health Crisis of New York City which sponsors the annual Morning Party on Fire Island, has come under considerable heat because of the drug usage. Yet GMHC's deputy director, Mike Isbell, was quoted by Gabriel Rotello in *The Advocate* as saying that "drugs are an important part of gay men's lives". Yes, and so is dying.

As we enter the second half of the second decade of the AIDS epidemic, as we face on one hand the hope that the newest drugs will yet save a significant number of gay men, and on the other, the seeds of future destruction are sowed by a resurgence of drug usage. One scenario is that these two polar forces could create of super strain of HIV, in fact, there is already some evidence of this.

We as a community could be facing either that great party of liberation from HIV or an epidemic beyond our greatest fears. Either way, there must be more to our future than the party circuit and the next designer drug. Let us hope that unlike that ad of muscled men dancing on the quilt, we are not dancing on our graves.



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Swimming with the Sharks

by Leslie Ramsay

About a year ago I rented a video called "Swimming with the Sharks." Contrary to the title it was not about our friend the deep-sea shark. The movie is a darker version of the Tim Robbin's film "The Player." (The box office numbers were pretty abysmal on both of these films. Look for them at Cactus not Blockbuster.)

Anyway, I gathered my family about, to enjoy an evening of what I assumed would be "brainless" entertainment. Two hours later I would begin to change my life.

The film played out a drama about truth and consequences. In this film, the evil, lying, and maleficent anti-hero wins. The good, honest, and talented subordinate characters loose. This is not atypical of the Hollywood dramas of today, but it was not what I was expecting.

I sat in my living room with all of my family around and I began to sob. I realized that I was not living a life of honest and good goals.

I was working in an industry, music and entertainment, which was doing harm to the culture of America. I was working with people that were "especially good liars." I was not actively working to further the cause of equality for all gay Americans. I was not fighting the creeping evil of the so-called "religious right." I was being selfish.

When I moved back to Texas almost nine years ago, I began to live a quasi-closeted life. I lived outside the "loop" with very little contact with any gay people except my partner, of course. Dawn was a schoolteacher in a very conservative school district. Her teaching contract had a morality clause in it that was very vague about what was and was not "acceptable behavior". We decided to move into the city and switch school districts so that we would not have to live in fear of being "found out." My company transferred me into Houston at my request. Dawn went to work for the "evil empire", HISD.

Eventually, we began our own business. Dawn left the "evil empire" behind and went into the music business with me. We worked tirelessly for five years to build a semi-successful business. We financially supported the Internal Revenue Service in their efforts with regular payments, so we must have been doing quite well.

Even though we lived in the city, we did not have any contact with the gay community other than the occasional visit to the Montrose area to shop or attend a movie at the River Oaks Theater. We did not have time to become part of a community. Our business was extremely demanding of our time. We shopped at Inklings on a regular basis to pick up the latest gay mystery novel. We donated money to national AIDS charities. We talked about joining the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. We looked into joining but we did not feel that as Republicans we would be welcome. Their endorsement record at the time was almost exclusively Democratic.

I was unaware of the changing political world around me. I am partially responsible for the takeover of the Republican Party by the so-called "religious right." I did not participate in my local precinct convention until 1996. I had always voted in the primary elections using the any Republican besides Tom Delay theory. I did not take the time or

make the effort to find out what was really going on at the grassroots level.

I began to open my eyes to the truth about how the party was spiraling into a totalitarian theocratic regime. I began to look for ways to become involved with changing the face of the Republican Party. I attended my precinct convention that is held directly after the polls close at the polling location. I was disgusted by one of the resolutions that my "neighbors" were attempting to get into the Texas Republican Party platform.

A kind looking, elderly couple began reading their prepared list of proposed resolutions. The usual home schooling, prayer in schools, anti-gun control, parent's rights, anti-abortion, and anti-United Nations resolutions passed with little or no opposition. Then this couple read the anti-gay resolution. I was stunned.

They proposed that a government agency be created to search bars, restaurants, clubs, book stores, movie theaters, and other known "homosexual gathering places" for HIV positive and all people that might eventually become HIV positive. These suspected people would be tested for the disease on the spot and be rounded up and taken to a quarantine location to die. All homosexuals, drug addicts and "other risk group" people would be included in this proposed quarantine/death camp scenario.

I was furious. I spoke against the resolution pointing out the heartlessness of the entire resolution, the expense it would incur, the impossibility of it actually passing, the invasion of privacy of their fellow American citizens, and the disruption of society that it would cause. The three people that spoke for the resolution compared HIV and AIDS to childhood diseases like measles and chicken pox. They proposed that internment until a cure or death occurred as the only way to deal with this disease. The majority of the "conventioners" sat stony faced and passed the resolution, 8 to 6.

The resolution that would create "stormtroopers" that would invade "homosexual gathering places" seeking HIV carriers passed by only two votes. If only three of my more moderate neighbors had taken the time to attend this convention, the resolution would have failed. Dawn and I were overwhelmed by the way the ignorance of these people was becoming part of the party platform.

We left the convention with a mission. We knew we were in over our heads. We needed help. This was an emergency situation that needed to be stopped before it got any further than this meeting.

I remembered reading an article in *OutSmart* magazine by Log Cabin Republican - Texas President Dale Carpenter. I made a phone call and went to a meeting of the Log Cabin Republicans of Houston. We learned how to organize together to elect more moderate leaders for the party. We learned how to fight back against this ignorance.

Now a year later, I feel like I am doing something worthwhile. I am working towards a good and honest goal. I have gone back to school and changed jobs. Dawn is working with abused and neglected children. We both actually received tax refunds from the Internal Revenue Service this year! But most of all, we are part of a concerned and motivated gay community that is working together to change the inequities of modern gay life in America.

The \$2.50 rental price on that video changed my life.

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mus test. She also stated district attorneys in Texas avoid prosecuting under the existing statute because they want to avoid re-trying cases unnecessarily.

Log Cabin Republicans of Texas spokesman Ronald Bounds said that HB 1116 was the group's top legislative priority, and has actively lobbied Republicans to vote for the bill. "We eagerly look forward to

Texas having a Hate Crimes statute under which District Attorneys can aggressively prosecute the perpetrators of violent crimes against gays and lesbians," said Bounds. Chairman Alan Place (D, Stephenville) left the bill pending, and could be taken up for a committee vote as early as next week.

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in Dallas County which are on appeal.

Sherri Wallace, from the Dallas County District Attorney's office testified that the language of the current Hate Crimes law generally refers to any group. Wallace explained the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a Hate Crimes statute must specify protected groups. The current hate crimes statute in Texas broadly refers to protecting any group from crimes motivated by hate. Rep. Robert Talton (R, Houston) questioned why the Texas Legislature should change the existing Hate Crimes law. "If all groups are covered, why do we need it?" asked Talton.

Wallace repeated that the statute must specify targeted groups to meet the Supreme Court's lit-

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Experimental Vaccine Protects Chimps From AIDS

by Malcolm Ritter

New York (AP) - An experimental AIDS vaccine made from HIV genes has protected chimpanzees for more than a year, raising doctors' hopes the approach will work in humans.

Two chimps got the vaccine and then a stiff dose of HIV - 250 times the amount needed for infection.

It's the first time that a so-called DNA vaccine has squared off against HIV in chimps.

"We're encouraged but cautious," said David B. Weiner, senior author of the study.

Preliminary tests in people have begun already to look for side effects and see how the vaccine affects the body's defenses against disease. No results are available yet.

Weiner is an associate professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He reported the work in the May issue of the journal *Nature Medicine* with colleagues there and elsewhere, including Apollon Inc. of Malvern, Pennsylvania.

The work is "another step toward developing new concepts for vaccines," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "But the success with regard to protection is not any more or less than several other concepts that we've seen in the chimp."

Harold McClure, who studies AIDS at the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center at Emory University in Atlanta, called the results very promising.

He said it will be important to follow the chimps longer to see if an HIV infection

emerges. The researchers are doing that. So far there is no sign of infection at 53 weeks after the HIV dose, Weiner said.

Each chimp got two versions of the vaccine, made from certain altered HIV genes. The animals got six injections over 15 weeks, then two boosters.

Scientists gave so many shots because they were studying the immune system response. If the vaccine proves useful in people it probably won't require as many shots, Weiner said.

Two months after the last booster, the two chimps got the dose of HIV. Researchers found signs of a slight and temporary HIV infection six weeks later in one animal and eight weeks later in the other, but there was no further trace of infection after that.

In contrast, another chimp that didn't get the vaccine became infected within two weeks of getting the HIV dose and stayed infected.

Vaccines make the body's immune system build defenses against particular germs. Some vaccines use live but weakened germs; others use dead germs or germ parts. But DNA vaccines like the one in this study take a different tack.

The idea is to inject genes from the germ. The genes enter a small percentage of body cells and temporarily make those cells manufacture germ proteins.

When the immune system sees those proteins, it reacts as if it were facing a real infection. So it makes other proteins called antibodies that can attack the germ and stimulates killer blood cells that can wipe out infected cells.

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Clinton Promises to Lobby Hard for ENDA

President Clinton said, last week, he will lobby hard for passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). The President's remarks followed a meeting at the White House with the bill's sponsors and gay-rights advocates.

"Discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation is currently legal in 41 states," said Clinton. "Most Americans don't know that men and women in those states may be fired from their jobs solely because of their sexual orientation...This is wrong."

The purpose of the White House meeting was to map out a strategy for passing ENDA in the 105th Congress. The bill, which would outlaw employment discrimination against gay men and lesbians, came within one vote of passing the Senate last year.

"Protecting gay people from job discrimination is basic fairness," said Elizabeth Birch. "President Clinton and the bipartisan coalition of members of Congress who support this legislation are completing an unfinished task in this country's civil rights struggle." Birch is Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

According to a recent nationwide poll of 1,000 adults released by HRC, 68 percent of voters favor passage of the bill. Interestingly, the poll shows wide-spread support across political boundaries - including among Republicans and voters in the South. Results indicate 59 percent of Republicans, 69 percent of Independents and 79 percent of Democrats favor ENDA. The bi-partisan poll was conducted by The Tarrance Group, a Republican firm, and Lake Sosin Snell & Associates, a Democrat polling firm. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percent.

Right wing conservative groups have vowed to fight the legislation, arguing that it would "unfairly" force employers to have "inappropriate" job site conversations about sexuality and that the bill would give Gays



and Lesbians an advantage in hiring. Ironically, the bill is laden with exemptions that would grant institutions such as the Armed Forces and Religious organizations from having to comply with the bill's provisions.

Said Clinton: "...we must never, ever believe that our diversity is a weakness, for it is our greatest strength."

See page 16 for the Statement by the President on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

Nobel Laureate Sentenced For Sexual Abuse

Nobel Prize-winning scientist Daniel Gajdusek was ordered to serve 1 1/2 years in jail last week for sexually abusing a 15-year-old boy he brought back from a research trip to Micronesia.

"It's not my desire to say nothing," responded Gajdusek, 73, after being asked by the judge if he would like to comment. "I will say something in jail."

Gajdusek pleaded guilty to two counts of child abuse in February. He began serving his sentence immediately in the Frederick County Detention Center in Maryland. The sentence resulted from a plea bargain wherein the judge suspended all but 18 months of a 30-year sentence. Gajdusek won the 1976 Nobel Prize in medicine for his work on so-called slow viruses that lie dormant before attacking the body, one of which was implicated in mad cow disease.

Librarian Board Refuses to Remove Controversial Book

The Brevard County, Florida Library Board has resisted demands that librarians pull a book about a boy and his gay father from shelves. The book, *Daddy's Roommate*, is written from the viewpoint of a young boy whose father has divorced his mother and moved in with a male partner. It caused a stir in some cities when it was published in 1990.

Upset by the Board's inaction, two mothers have turned to the Brevard County

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Commission to get the book pulled, or at least moved from the children's section. "It is geared to teach 6-year olds homosexuality," said Coral Craig, one of the mothers. Craig presented commissioners with a petition of 100 signatures demanding the books removal. At press time, the commissioners have not made a decision as to whether or not they will override the boards decision to keep the book in place.

"The library board showed good judgment and responsibility by not acquiescing to the demands for removal," said ACLU board member Jim Hooper. The American Civil Liberties Union of Brevard County is supporting the librarians.

New England Cop Says He Was Fired Because He's Gay

An Allentown, New Hampshire police officer says he was fired because he is homosexual. "The Chief doesn't lime with regard to my sexual orientation," Bruce Nadeau, 25, told selectmen and about 30 members of the public at a hearing to consider whether the police department acted appropriately when it fired him earlier this year.

But officials said Nadeau was fired for lying about police policy violations, including failure to log a car stopped for speeding, failure to obtain permission to write to the Candia Police Department about the car stop, and dishonesty about his noncompliance with written police policy. According to the attorney for the Allentown Police Department, Tony Soltani, officials fully investigated the incidents and can document the violations. Nadeau contends Police Chief James McGonigle assigned a biased officer to investigate the charges because he disliked him.

Nadeau was terminated prior to his probationary period, which was extended six months at the behest of McGonigle. Last week's hearing was the culmination of a court battle earlier in the month in which Nadeau won reinstatement to the force as a full-time officer. His reinstatement meant he was not a probationary employee and was therefore entitled to a hearing on disciplinary actions. Nadeau has been on paid administrative leave pending the hearings outcome.

Ralph Reed Resigns as Head of Christian Coalition

Ralph Reed announced last week he is resigning as executive director of the Christian Coalition, an 8-year-old religious conservative organization he helped build into a major force in Republican politics. The Christian Coalition, founded by religious broadcaster Pat Robertson, has been a leading force in pressuring the GOP to maintain its opposition to abortion and to promote legislation allowing prayer in public schools. Gay rights organizations long have labeled the group extremist and insensitive because it opposes legal recognition of homosexual marriages.

Reed is leaving to form a consulting firm, primarily for GOP candidates. In his eight years at the helm, the Christian Coalition's budget has swelled from \$200,000 in 1989 to \$27 million last year. The group is widely considered the most politically influential of the major religious conservative organizations.

DeGeneres Described Family's Response to Being Gay on 20/20

Ellen DeGeneres said she was thrown out of the house after she told her father and stepmother that she was gay.

"The woman he's married to has two daughters, and they asked me to move out of the house after that," DeGeneres said in an interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer on 20/20 last week. "They just thought it

would be better for me to, you know, live somewhere else."

DeGeneres revealed her first gay sexual experience at age 18 was with her best friend. "We say each other - you know, we both had boyfriends and we were double-dating," she said. "But we were together. Nobody knew."

Crystal: I'm Proud of Jodie

Comic actor Billy Crystal said he was proud of his breakthrough role 20 years ago as television's first out gay man, during an interview for Bravo's *Inside The Actors Studio* series. "I'm very proud of Jodie," said Crystal about the character he portrayed in the '70s sitcom *Soap*.

"I look back now, especially given what's going on (*Ellen*) and I'm amazed by what we tackled, and frankly, got away with so long ago. It's amazing," said Crystal.

Crystal revealed he was harassed on the street occasionally. "Construction workers would yell, 'Hey, fairy!'. It could be a little uncomfortable, but I didn't let it bother me." The episode featuring Crystal airs exclusively on Bravo, Sunday, July 13 at 9 p.m./ET.

Public Favors Medicaid as AIDS Care Safety Net

Nearly 70 percent of Americans polled in a nationwide survey overwhelmingly support getting new AIDS drugs into the hands of more low-income people in the early stages of HIV infection through Medicaid.

The poll, which was conducted by a leading GOP polling firm, shows that support for the initiative - by AIDS Action, a political gay advocacy group - to expand Medicaid eligibility to people with HIV cuts across party lines and political ideologies,

with all groups showing equal widespread support. Polls have consistently shown that efforts to cut or cap Medicaid spending would meet with strong opposition from the American public.

"The proposed Medicaid expansion initiative has tapped into the pulse of America around one of the key issues in the fight against AIDS," said Daniel Zingale, AIDS Action's executive director. The survey of 1,000 registered voters was conducted by American Viewpoint for the organization.

Lesbian Golf Story Irks Titleist

The decision by Titleist to pull more than \$1 million in advertising from *Sports Illustrated* stems in part because its coverage of the lesbian party scene at the Dinah Shore tournament was poorly timed, according to a gay rights group and a market analyst.

"I don't see the benefit," Shelly Hale Young, an investment analyst specializing in leisure products for the San Francisco-based firm of Hambrecht and Quist, said last week of the pullout by Titleist. "The issue with golf is expanding diversity," Young said, referring to the impact of Tiger Woods and the rapidly increasing number of female golfers. "Today you embrace diversity."

Alan Klein, a spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in New York, said the timing of the decision by Titleist was ironic. "We have a mainstream TV superstar who was willing to go to the White House with her lover over the weekend," said Klein, referring to Ellen DeGeneres, who along with her companion Anne Heche chatted with President Clinton at the White House correspondents' dinner in Washington last weekend. "The timing is dubious at best."

Hate Crimes Jump 25.5 Percent in LA County

The number of reported hate crimes in Los Angeles County jumped 25.5 percent last year over 1995, with dramatic increases reported in crimes against blacks and gays, figures showed. There were 995 crimes based on race ethnicity, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation in 1996, up from 773 the previous year, according to the Commission on Human Relations report released last week.

The commission called for a human relations summit conference "to develop a comprehensive understanding and response to intergroup conflict situations." Crimes involving race or sexual orientation accounted for 88 percent of the total, the commission said in the report.

Lawsuit Alleges AIDS Drugs Were Withheld in Jail


A Tacoma man has filed a federal lawsuit against Pierce County, seeking damages for the alleged withholding of his AIDS medication during a brief stint in the county jail.

AIDS patient Bob Sullivan says that in December 1995 he began taking a combination of medications that included a new type of AIDS-fighting drug known as protease inhibitors, which must be taken on a strict regimen. If doses are skipped or the regimen otherwise varied, the virus can mutate and make the drugs ineffective.

The Pierce County Jail medical director, Dr. Becky Barnea, said she could not discuss the lawsuit, however, she indicated that the medical staff assesses drugs that must be

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continued right away and protease inhibitors are a top-priority medication. "I want to reassure you and anybody who could get incarcerated here that our treatment of HIV and AIDS is at the community standard," said Barnea.

Reitman Disturbed by Timing of Heche's Coming Out Announcement

Famed director/producer Ivan Reitman released the name of Harrison Ford's co-star in his upcoming romantic comedy *6 Days, 7 Nights* to coincide with the release of the actresses new film, *Volcano*, in an attempt to maximize publicity for his film. The actress: Anne Heche. Reitman got more than he



Ellen DeGeneres (l) and Amy Heche (r)

bargained for.

Much to his chagrin, Heche announced she was gay and acknowledged that she and Ellen DeGeneres were indeed an item. "It's all starting to feel like a Jackie Collins novel," Reitman said last Monday. "I hired her because she was great. When she auditioned, I wasn't aware of her homosexuality."

Reitman has his opinions on the subject of Heche's sexual orientation. "I don't think she is a homosexual...I think she is probably bisexual. She's gone out with all kinds of guys," said Reitman. Heche has been linked with Steve Martin.

Reitman said he does not want his film to turn into one big *Ellen* joke and have moviegoers laugh for the wrong reasons. "It's a question of whether this will blow over after weeks of public fame and then everybody will go on with their lives....I think it will do the movie some harm, and that makes me nervous."

Briefs...

American Airlines is being inundated with letters from the Family Research Council and other extremist groups for its support of gay and lesbian communities and organizations. A major sponsor of groups like GLADD, HRC, Victory Fund, AmFar, DIFFA and AIDS Action, the company claims their switchboards are being "bombed" by homophobic and hateful callers. Gay groups are urging all lesbians and gay men to contact American Airlines and let them know their support has not gone unnoticed....

About 30 sex partners of an HIV-infected man who was slain on a city street earlier this year have tested positive for the AIDS virus, and St. Louis health officials say the number could keep rising. Officials have posted fliers urging people to get tested for the virus....

Individuals who intentionally expose others to the virus that causes AIDS would be subject to criminal prosecution under a bill passed Friday by the Alaska Senate. The bill would make it a felony for those who know they are infected with HIV yet fail to inform their partners before engaging in sex or other activities that could spread the virus. Those convicted could be imprisoned for up to 10

years and fined \$50,000....

There are more cases of AIDS per capita in Greater Springfield, Massachusetts than there are in Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Las Vegas, or Dallas, according to the national Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Springfield ranks 25th nationwide. New York ranks number one. The states health department is investigating the matter....

Approximately one in seven pregnant women at state-run birth clinics was infected with the virus that leads to AIDS, according to a South African government survey released Thursday. HIV is spread mostly through heterosexual contact in Africa, where traditional patriarchic societies reject the use of condoms and condone multiple sexual partners for men....

Amid charges of hypocrisy, both chambers of the Indiana General Assembly banned recognition of homosexual marriages in the state. The Senate voted for the bill with no discussion last Friday, then the House concurred after an emotional debate that included a Democrat calling conservatives "hypocrites"....

Fewer new cases of AIDS were reported in Massachusetts last year, the third consecutive year that the number has dropped. The state reported 1,307 new cases of the disease in 1996, compared to 1,438 cases in 1995. Health officials cautioned however that the decline in the number of new cases does not necessarily mean fewer people are becoming infected with HIV....

A U.S. Supreme Court appeal is the only legal route left to a Bangor, Maine dentist who refused to fill a tooth of a woman in his office because she was HIV-positive. Last week, a federal appeals court declined to review its ruling that Dr. Randon Bragdon broke the law by refusing to treat Sidney Abbot in his office. The case has garnered widespread attention among human rights activists and public health officials. Dr. Bradon has 90 days to petition the U.S. Supreme Court, or the ruling stands....

The 12th annual AIDS Walk New York takes place Sunday, May 18 at 9 a.m. at Central park's North Meadow. This year's benefit will be hosted by Tony Randall. Participants include Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon and Nell Carter. Proceeds benefit Gay Men's Health Crisis as well as 70 other AIDS Services Agencies. For information, call (212) 807-WALK....

A Lincoln couple who fought to adopt their foster son even though one of them was dying of AIDS did not meet the legal definition of family needed to sue on constitutional grounds, a federal judge ruled. But U.S. Senior Judge Warren Urbom said that Jay Brummett and his wife could continue their lawsuit against state officials on the grounds they violated the Americans with Disabilities Act....

Jacques Bredisus got involved in AIDS Walk Kansas City because he wanted to help - and help he has. The 54-year-old hairdresser pulled in \$27,500 for the cause - more than any other AIDS walker in America. "We'd love to clone him," said Michael Lintecum, the walk's event director....

Most Americans are not bothered by the title character of *Ellen* coming out according to a USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll. Nearly half of the respondents said they're neither pleased with nor bothered by Disney and ABC's decision to have the character come out of the closet; 37% said they were bothered by it and 7% said they were pleased. The poll also said 46% of respondents say there are too many homosexual portrayals today, up from 37% who thought so two years ago. Overall, 59% of Americans believe homosexuality is morally wrong vs. 34%, who have the opposite opinion....

The Rhode Island Senate voted Wednesday to transform Rhode Island's pilot needle exchange program into a permanent program. The measure passed by a 35-11 vote. Conducted under the auspices of the Department of Health, the program attempts to curb the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, by distributing clean hypodermic needles to intravenous drug users....

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Ohio's State Medical Board may require physicians to report HIV-positive doctors who perform invasive procedures like surgery and emergency care. A hearing on the proposed rules is scheduled for May 15. The rule would allow the board to enforce a previous requirement of the Ohio Dept. of Health that health-care professionals tell the state if they are HIV-positive. The AMA said the HIV status of physicians should be private and that the association's policy is that the confidentiality of an HIV physician should be protected as with any HIV patient....

Two Boston University medical ethicists say U.S. government-financed HIV studies in developing nations are unethical and could needlessly cause the deaths of hundreds of newborn children. The pair, George Annas and Michael Grodin, say some of the test subjects are getting placebos when the drug being tested, AZT, already has been proved to save lives. A letter of protest was sent to HHS Secretary Donna Shalala. At press time, Shalala did not respond, but the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention vigorously defended the studies as the only way to find new HIV protection that poor countries can afford....

An elderly man who was bitten by an HIV-infected prostitute has died of AIDS, and now a criminal investigation will be opened to determine whether murder charges will be filed against his attacker. Elmer Hutto, 92, of West Palm Beach, Florida, was bitten on the hand, arm and leg by Naomi K. Morrison in a struggle over his wallet during a 1994 robbery. The Palm Beach Medical Examiner's Office listed Hutto's cause of death as a homicide. If charges are filed for murder, it would be a precedent setting case in Florida. Morrison is serving a 10 year sentence for aggravated battery on a senior citizen, robbery and burglary....

A landlord in the Bronx who ordered a building superintendent to destroy the belongings of a tenant with AIDS has been arrested. The 53-year old victim asked his social worker to go to his apartment and pick up some money he had left there after he was submitted to a hospital. The social worker found the apartment empty. Both the superintendent and the landlord were charged with unlawful eviction, burglary, criminal possession of stolen property, grand larceny and aggravated harassment....

The author of a book about a young Hispanic boy's homosexuality is accusing a Longmont, Colorado middle school of censorship after the school pulled the book out of a classroom. "It's clearly censorship," said Gloria Velasquez, the author. Heritage Middle School administrators abruptly took the book, *Tommy Stands Alone*, from a class of sixth-grade students who were reading it as a class project. The book tells the story of a teen who becomes a social outcast after discovering he is gay. He begins to drink and attempts suicide. Principal Will Masters said the book is inappropriate for young readers....

A bill to ban discrimination against homosexuals in the workplace is headed to the House floor after earning a convincing victory in committee. The 8-1 vote by the House Commerce Committee came a week after Rep. Chuck Carpenter (R-Portland), brought the House to a standstill by trying to force a similar bill out of another committee, where it had stalled....

Hate crime charges could be filed against those who threaten or actually assault victims who are gay, old or disabled under a Senate-approved bill that passed the House Judiciary Committee in Denver last week. The measure was approved 9-3....

A bill to deny state recognition to gay marriages performed outside California has gone down to defeat in the Senate for the second year in a row. The measure was rejected by the Judiciary Committee on a 2-2 vote after the panel added amendments that the bill's author said were designed to kill the legislation....

GLAAD has learned that Oprah Winfrey still needs the support of gays and lesbians nationwide. Over the past week, the queen of daytime talk, has received an overwhelming amount of mail criticizing her for appearing in the coming out episode of *Ellen*. The group is encouraging people to let Oprah know she has their support. Winfrey can be reached through Harpo Studios, 110 N. Carpenter Road, Chicago, Illinois 60607-2146, fax: 312.633.1976, email: oprah@aol.com....

Eleven states have filed Friend of the Court briefs with the Hawaii Supreme Court, urging the court to overturn their ruling in *Baehr v. Miike*. The states: Nebraska, Alabama, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Michigan, South Dakota, Mississippi, Missouri, and South Carolina....

Finally, Rainbow Community Church, a predominantly gay church, is sponsoring a prom for homosexual teen-agers. Wanda Madden, pastor of the Visalia, California church, said she wants to hold an event where gay and lesbian teen-agers will feel comfortable....



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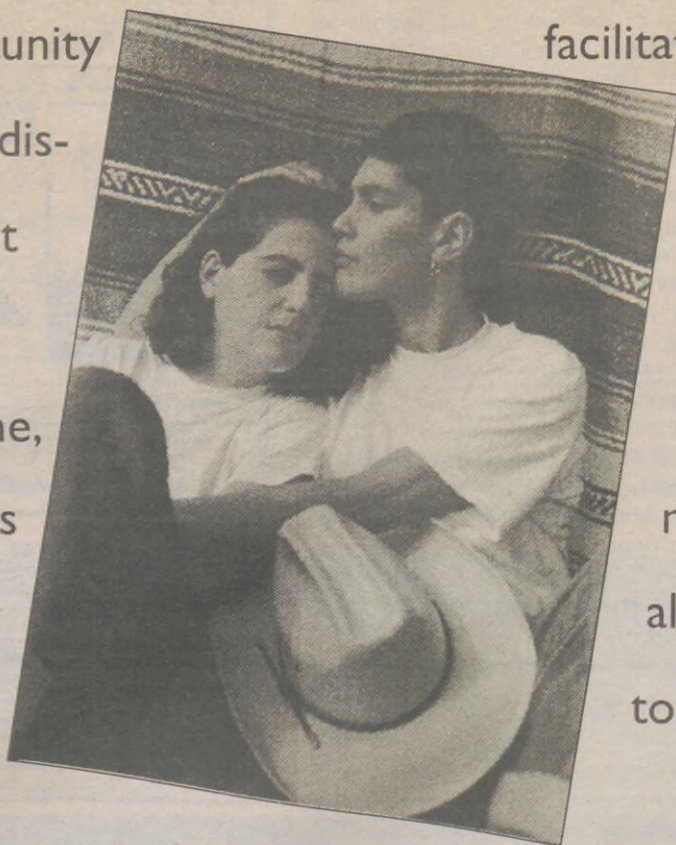
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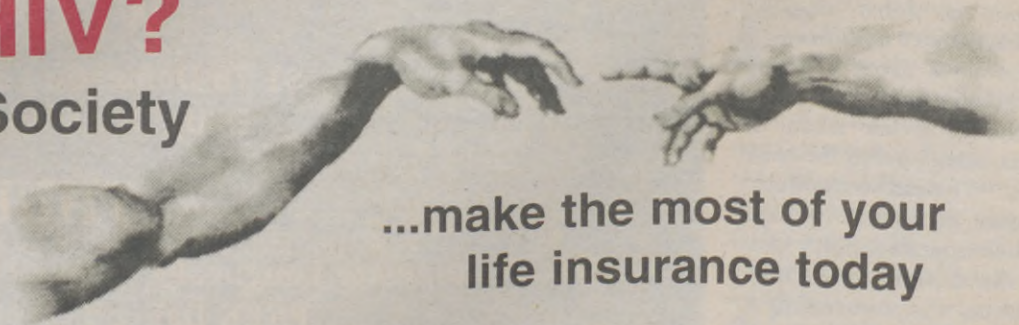
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One homegrown and two visiting dance companies make Houston a very busy place for the next few days. With an emphasis on the contemporary aspects of dance, local and internationally known choreographers, (one of them openly gay) will showcase their work via a trio of diverse dance ensembles. Mark your calendar so you can see all three!

Internationally renowned *Dance Theater of Harlem* brings its neoclassical athletic brilliance to Jones Hall May 2-4, concurrently, DiverseWorks sponsors Joe Chvala's eclectic *Flying Foot Forum*, and our own Houston Ballet encores local boy Sean Kelly and his beautiful *Sinuosity*, Thursday, May 8th through Saturday, May 10th.

Dance Theater of Harlem

Friday through Sunday ballet tour de force *Dance Theater of Harlem* usurps the stage and presents its wildly popular signature piece, *Firebird*. Those of you who thought that Houston's recent excellent offering, *Rite of Spring* couldn't be topped are soon to be surprised. With choreography of Fokine and music by Igor Stravinsky, *Firebird* leaps from the *Ballet Russe* of Diaghilev and into the artistic arms of what is possibly the most energized dance company in the world. In keeping with the primal themes preferred by creators Fokine and Stravinsky, *Firebird* recounts the story of a young man hunting in the jungle who encounters a mysterious creature. This exotic aberration, part bird, part beautiful woman, fascinates him. He captures her and upon hearing her plea for freedom, quickly releases her. In gratitude she leaves him a magical feather, a protective talisman against danger. This feather safeguards him in an attack of evil creatures, during which the *Firebird* reappears. The work closes with a jaw-dropping display of balletic physicality — the *Firebird's* fantastic rising.

Also included in this mixed repertoire program is Robert Garland's *Crossing Over* accompanied by music of John (Nixon In China) Adams. This piece echoes a theme constant in many of *Dance Theater of Harlem's* programs — the struggle and triumph of the human spirit...

This spiritual evolution comes right from the heart of the company's founder, former New York City Ballet principal dancer, Arthur Mitchell. Immediately after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mitchell felt compelled to change the quality of life for Harlem's disenfranchised young people. In 1969, with help from the Ford Foundation, he started dance instruction in a remodeled garage. *Dance Theater of Harlem* has since expanded into a multi-cultural institution with artists and students from around the world. As the result of its recent collaboration with, of all institutions, London's Royal Ballet, *Dance Theatre of Harlem* has tackled the issue of race and art in one singular wallop, playing a pivotal role in the integration of many of Europe's most color-blind dance ensembles.

With a company of forty dancers, seventy-five works in its repertoire and a worldwide touring schedule, *Dance Theater of Harlem* has progressed far from its humble beginnings, while still recruiting young talents from its birthplace, the heart of Harlem.

Joe Chvala's Flying Foot Forum

'Percussive Dance' is the stage rage right now. With several performances from groups like *Stomp* and the flesh and beefcake allure of *Tap Dogs*, one would think that modern dance has descended into a populist pitter-patter pit of no return.

Joe Chvala (pronounced 'koala'— like the bear) aims to change that perception. As the openly gay choreographer/founder of the *Flying Foot Forum*, he seeks to add dramatic intensity to a form of dance he feels has been somewhat shortchanged. His eleven member troupe makes their Houston debut at DiverseWorks Artspace with four performances Friday- Sunday, May 2 - 4. Chvala, in spite of being the recipient of such diverse labeling as 'Fred Astaire on acid' and 'The Agnes DeMille of tap,' revels in combining elements of tap, jazz, ballet, folk, and tribal dance, much of it historically based on move-

ment forms spanning centuries.

Though his timing may seem coincidental with the advent of the two other major 'percussive' groups, this artist is no copycat. "When I was living in Sweden, I wanted to do something different and unusual with dancers — to try something that was more on the edge of movement, many of my students were interested in trying a new form of expression."

This included not only intricate and exotic rhythms, but also dance that was more narrative in style, including costumes with bizarre masks, unusual props and effects and dancers singing while engaging in what we consider to be 'traditional' movements. Choreographer Chvala's tenure in Scandinavia had a profound influence on the dramatic elements of his work. During their residency here, *Flying Foot Forum* will present pieces that comprise a kind of Richard Wagner *Ring* cycle — Norse Gods in dancing shoes. Actually, the work is much more serious than that, and is based on a kind of turning of the millennium. These segments, from a larger work, *Mjollnr: Hammer of Thor*, have their roots in ancient legend, though their presentation could come directly from the front page of today's *New York Times*.

"Much of my work is very male oriented, some of it depicting the most important political and social events of this century. A great amount of history (and mythology) is centered on power, possession and mindless hysteria." Chvala recounts. The evening's offerings, *Andvari's Curse*, *The Red Walls* and *Berserks* all explore separate aspects of confrontational struggles and power shifts. "Some of the work is quite scary, primal, somewhat violent and in some cases quite abrupt. I want people to focus on the dark side of their humanity — an adventure some audience members have called a cathartic event"

Houston Ballet 'Re-premiers' Sinuosity At Miller Theater

Spring would not be spring in Houston without the annual appearance of the Houston Ballet at Hermann Park's Miller Outdoor Theater. Though now a stepsister to its glitzier (and infinitely less accessible) Cynthia Woods Mosquito Pit, Miller Theater is still a great place to see the best ballet company in the Southwest — for free!!

Up-and-coming choreographer, and Houston Ballet Principal dancer, Sean Kelly brings his lovely, Enya-inspired work back for a second look — one well worth a tromp to the park to see.

Sinuosity is a contemporary piece for fifteen dancers, very much reflective of its title. At the work's world premiere last October, Mr. Kelly surprised everyone with a well conceived, exuberant new work for his fellow dancers. The work is in six sections performed in a neo-classical style. Two *pas de deux* form the centerpiece and anchor much of the movement for the other dancers. In describing *Sinuosity*, Kelley reflects, "It's a work with a great sense of space — the image I kept in mind was one of a great flowing wave, lots of curving and connecting movements..." The work concludes with a wonderful series of leaps and jumps from the entire company, propelled by the powerful music from new-age star Enya's *Watermark* album.

Mr. Kelly's *Sinuosity* will be paired with Sir Kenneth Macmillian's humorously light *Elite Syncopations*. Both offerings providing a refreshing reprieve from the more intense dance activities in town this week.

Whatever your preference (or your budget), high quality human movement abounds for the next two weekends. If the sleekness of *Dance Theater of Harlem* is what you seek, call 227-ARTS for tickets for performances Friday, May 2nd through Sunday, May 4th. If unremitting intensity and dance with a dramatic message catches your eye, *Flying Foot Forum* is for you — for tix and info contact DiverseWorks at 228-0914. If, after experiencing all this choreographic spectacle you need a break — get your picnic basket and sit on the grass for Houston Ballet's peaceful outdoor offering, *Sinuosity* — call Miller Theater Box Office at 520-3290 for information on the May 8th -10th performances.

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Today, Vice-President Gore and I met with a bi-partisan delegation from Congress, representing the lead House and Senate sponsors of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act ("ENDA") — an important piece of civil rights legislation which would extend basic employment discrimination protections to gay and lesbian Americans. At our meeting, I underscored my strong support of the bill, which will be re-introduced in Congress today, and our intention to work hard for its passage.

As I said in my State of the Union address this January, we must never, ever believe that our diversity is a weakness, for it is our greatest strength. People on every continent can look to us and see the reflection of their own great potential — and they always will, as long as we strive to give all of our citizens an opportunity to achieve their own greatness. We're not there yet — and that is why ENDA is so important. It is about the right of each individual in America to be judged on their merits and abilities and to be allowed to contribute to society without facing unfair discrimination on account of sexual orientation. It is about our ongoing fight against bigotry and intolerance, in our country and in our hearts.

I applaud the bi-partisan efforts of Senators Jeffords, Kennedy and Lieberman and Congressmen Shays and Frank to make the Employment Non-Discrimination Act the law. I also thank the members of the Human Rights Campaign and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, whose executive directors joined in our meeting, for their early support and hard work on behalf of this bill. It failed to win passage by only one vote in the Senate last year. My Administration worked hard for its passage then and we will continue our efforts until it becomes law.

Discrimination in employment on the

basis of sexual orientation is currently legal in 41 states. Most Americans don't know that men and women in those states may be fired from their jobs solely because of their sexual orientation, even when it has no bearing on their job performance. Those who face this kind of job discrimination have no legal recourse, in either our state or federal courts. This is wrong.

Individuals should not be denied a job on the basis of something that has no relationship to their ability to perform their work. Sadly, as the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee has documented during hearings held in the last Congress, this kind of job discrimination is not rare.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act is careful to apply certain exemptions. It provides an exemption for small businesses, the Armed Forces, and religious organizations, including schools and other educational institutions that are substantially controlled or supported by religious organizations. This later provision respects the deeply held religious beliefs of many Americans. The bill specifically prohibits preferential treatment on the basis of sexual orientation, including quotas. It does not require employers to provide special benefits.

As I indicated when I originally announced my support of this legislation in October of 1995, the bill in its current form appears to answer all the legitimate objections previously raised against it, while ensuring that Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation, can find and keep their jobs based on their ability and the quality of their work. It is designed to protect the rights of all Americans to participate in the job market without fear of unfair discrimination. I support it and I urge all Americans to do so. And I urge Congress to pass it expeditiously.

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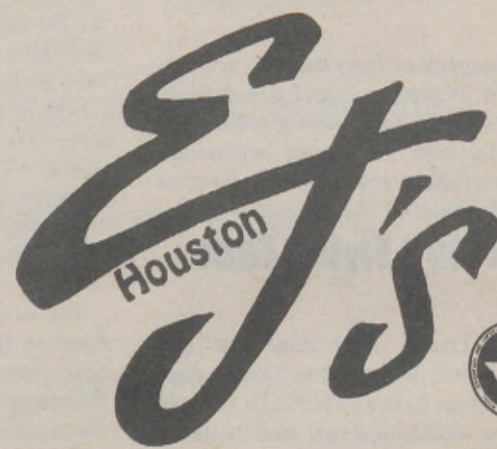


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by Jon Anthony

Congress voted this week to bestow a Congressional gold medal to **Frank Sinatra** in honor of his contributions to society in the arts and humanitarian fields. Other recipients of this prestigious honor include: **Bob Hope**, **John Wayne**, and **Danny Thomas**.... Walt Disney Home Video announced this week that their next made-for-video movie release will be *Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas*. The video will feature the voices from the original 1991 box-office smash *Beauty and the Beast*, i.e. **Angela Lansbury**, **Robby Benson**, etc. The film is slated to hit video stores November 11.... **Tool**, **Snoop Doggy Dogg** and **Tricky** will headline this year's *Lollapalooza* tour. The **Jon Spencer Blues Explosion**, **Korn**, and **Julian and Damian Marley with the Uprising Band** are also slated to appear, with **Orbital**, **Prodigy** and **Devo** participating on a rotating basis. The tour kicks off



June 18 in West Palm Beach, Florida. Tickets go on sale in early May.... **Joey Heatherton**, superstar of the 60's and 70's is planning a major comeback. A singer and dancer since she was a young girl, Heatherton emerged into a headlining act during her heyday that rivaled the likes of **Shirley MacLaine**, **Sinatra** and **Dean Martin**. Having appeared on the cover of April's *Playboy* magazine, the 51 year old sex siren showed she can still turn heads. A new CD is in the works and she is writing her autobiography. She is currently single, and dating, and living in the Big Apple.... **Oprah Winfrey** has pulled the plug on **Dennis Rodman**. The queen of daytime television has branded Roman's new book, *Walk on the Wild Side* (Delacorte Press), too risqué for daytime television. Rodman, who claims he turned down **Barbara Walters** to do *Oprah!*, is perturbed to say the least. At issue is some controversial subject matter that Winfrey feels is inappropriate for daytime viewers. The obscenity laced tome includes descriptions of an affair Rodman had with a transsexual, his reasoning for only dating white women - black women ignored him until he became famous - and his plans to change his name to *Orgasm*. Meanwhile, Rodman's ex-wife, **Anicka Rodman**, has just released her tell-all about her years with the iconoclast. Among the highlights of *Worse Than He Says He Is* (Dove Books): Rodman urged Anicka to have four abortions, beat her, took her to have breast implants and gave her herpes and chlamydia. Who said reading was boring?.... NBC's *E.R.* was the highest rated show of the week, as usual when first run episodes air. The rest of the top five: *Seinfeld* (NBC), *Fired Up* (NBC), *Touched by an Angel* (CBS), and *Friends* (NBC). **Stephen King's** mini-series production of his best-selling tome *The Shining* didn't shine in the ratings. CBS' Sunday night movie, *A Match Made in Heaven*, starring **Olympia Dukakis** and **Della Reese** garnered heavenly ratings (No. 6 for the week), easily beating the competition. *Shining* came in second (ranking twelfth) and NBC's airing of the *The River Wild* with **Meryl Streep** came in third ranking twenty-first for the week.... Speaking of ratings, the unconscionable has occurred: The *Star Trek* franchise has been dethroned.



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The highest rated syndicated drama show on television is *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* and *Xena: Warrior Princess* is second. *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* is a close third.... ABC has renewed *Grace Under Fire* for next season, despite the series sagging ratings.... Dan Rather has signed with King Features to pen a weekly column on people. The former *Houston Chronicle* reporter stressed the column would not be an opinion column, rather, it will focus on people in the news, famous or not.... Chicago columnist **Mike Royko** died last week. The 64 year old Pulitzer-winner was syndicated in more than 600 newspapers nationwide, including the *Houston Chronicle*.... **Pat Paulsen** died last Thursday in Mexico, where he was receiving alternative treatment for colon and brain cancer. Paulsen, known as the deadpan comedian with a droopy face, became a household name in the 1960s as a regular on the *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*. Paulsen, 69, became infamous as a result of his tongue-in-cheek presidential campaigns.... Oscar winner **Cuba Gooding, Jr.** has signed to portray legendary blues-rocker **Otis Redding** (*Sitting on the Dock of the Bay*) in an upcoming big-screen bio of the crooner.... *Volcano* erupted at the box office last week raking in \$14.7 million for the top spot. The remaining top five in descending order: *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion*, \$7.6 million; *Anaconda*, \$7.3 million; *Liar Liar*, \$6.8 million; *The Saint*, \$5 million. Speaking of *Liar Liar*, it now has the distinction of being the highest grossing film of the year to date with total box-office receipts tallying \$143.5 million.... CBS has renewed *Murphy Brown* for next season, its tenth. Now, if they could just find some juicy lines for series co-star **Lily Tomlin**, rather than continuously having such a talented actress uttering insipid dialogue. Just a thought.... It's Sweeps month! You know, when the net-



works pull out all the stops to get big ratings so they can set their ad rates for the next quarter. This month is no different, in fact the competition is more fierce than it ever has been. Here's a preview: ABC is doing a weeks worth of 3-D television, providing viewers the chance to see their favorite fare with triple dimension. NBC will air the season finale of *3rd Rock From The Sun* in 3-D as well. **Bill Cosby** guests on CBS' *Touched by an Angel* May 11. In the episode Cosby assists a young man deal with his anger at God due to the loss of a loved one. According to sources at the network, the tap-

ing of the episode was quite emotional considering that **Cosby** himself recently lost his son, **Ennis**, who was murdered earlier this year. **Chastity Bono** will portray the leader of a gay support group that **Ellen** tries to get her parents to attend on the May 7 episode of ABC's *Ellen*. **Tracy Chapman** will perform in the May 8 episode of Fox's *New York Undercover* at the fictitious **Natalie's**. **Carol Channing** makes a rare television appearance on the May 14 episode of ABC's only hit, *The Drew Carey Show*. **Linda Hamilton** makes her sitcom debut in NBC's sitcom staple, the consistently funny *Frasier*, which incidentally, has been renewed for three more years.... Pop singer extraordinaire **Celine Dion** makes her television debut in the May 21 episode of CBS' *The Nanny*, celebrating its 100th episode on location in London.... **Mark Hamill** (*Star Wars* Trilogy) guest stars on the May 11 episode of NBC's *3rd Rock From the Sun* wreaking havoc for the **Solomon's** at a restaurant. **Debbie Reynolds** is cast as Dan's mother on an upcoming episode of ABC's *Roseanne*, which leaves the air after this season. The season finale of NBC's *Mad About You* will be a who's who of Hollywood royalty. In addition to **Bruce Willis** appearing in the episode as reported last week in TNT, the episode will also star **Carol Burnett**, **Carroll O'Connor**, **Estelle Getty** (*Golden Girls*), **Eric Stoltz** and **Michael Moore**. The episode airs May 20. Speaking of **Burnett**, she is the subject of Lifetime's *Intimate Portrait* series Sunday, May 4 at 9 p.m. Legendary comedian **Red Buttons** guests on CBS' *Cosby* in an uproarious episode that shines on the comedic talents of **Buttons** and series co-star **Madeline Kahn**. Finally, *Carol Burnett Show* alumni **Tim Conway** and **Harvey Korman** provide



viewers with their shtick in a serio-comic episode of **Dick Van Dyke's** CBS whodunit *Diagnosis Murder*. TNT will continue to update you on the latest "Sweeps" news.... What do **Ann-Margaret**, **Gregory Hines**, **Mercedes Ruehl**, **Tom Selleck**, **Charles Dutton**, **Tony Danza**, **John Ritter**, **Henry Winkler**, **Bob Newhart**, **David Caruso**, **Shelley Long**, **Mia Farrow**, **Kirstie Alley** and **Penelope Ann Miller** all have in common? They all have pilots under consideration for the fall season and/or as mid-season replacement vehicles.... *Life After Death*, the posthumous double CD by slain rapper **Notorious B.I.G.**, continues to dominate the album chart marking its fourth week in the #1 position, according to *Billboard* magazine. The remaining top five: *Spice Girls!* See THIS page 22

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- AIDS Healing Service & Eucharist; Christ Church, 1117 Texas; 7:00 pm. 266-6008.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Saturday-5/3

- Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.
- Church of the XII Apostles Anglican Right Old Catholic Church; Holy Communion 7:30 pm at Suzanne Anderson Realty, 239 Westheimer.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

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- Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church Services "A Study in the Gospel of Mark" and "The 'I' Factor" (How to be a positive influence on others as a witness for Christ) at 10:00 am Praise and Worship, Ministry of the Word, Drama and Personal Ministry. 11:00 am at Maranatha Fellowship 528-6756.
- MCCR Worship services 9:00 & 11:00 am 861-9149.
- Worship Service 11:00 am at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Grace Lutheran Church Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am Worship Service at 10:30 am 528-3269.
- First Unitarian Universalist Church Sunday Services at 9:30 am and 11:30 am 526-5200.
- Services at 5:30 pm Dignity Church 880-2872.
- Community Gospel Worship service at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm. 4305 Lillian 880-9235.
- Houston Mission Church Worship service at 10:30 am 529-8225.
- Covenant Baptist Church Worship service 1:30 pm and education hour at 3:00 pm 668-8830.
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- MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm 861-9149.
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- PROTECT meets at Bering Church. 520-7870.
- HIV Affected group meets at 7:00 pm. Judy or Pam at 880-9235. At Community Gospel.
- Maranatha Fellowship MCC has groups that meet in each others home for a time of fellowship, sharing God's word, and prayer. Call for the location in your area 528-6756.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Wednesday-5/7

- MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149.
- Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Choir Practice at Community Gospel 7:30 pm.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Thursday-5/8

- Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Midweek Service at Community Gospel 7:30 pm 880-9235.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

If you want an event listed in this section, please call Lee at 529-8490 by 12 Noon Mondays.

RELIGION

Spring Lecture Series

"The Great Commission?" is the title of the spring lecture series organized by Covenant Baptist Church through June 1, 1997. Subtitled "The Encounter of Christianity and Indigenous Religions," the series explores the effect of Christian missionary activity in various parts of the world and in several historical periods.

The lectures are held at 3pm each Sunday, excluding Memorial Day weekend, at Bellaire Christian Church, 6610 Alder at Clarewood. Coffee will be served in the Church Parlor at 2:45pm. Child care is available.

On May 4, a discussion of a film starring Robert DeNiro & Jeremy Irons, "The Mission", will be held. On May 11, Don Benjamin leads the topic "On Not Making Our Culture the Gospel". Continuing on May 18, Karen Schmeltekopf explores "Up

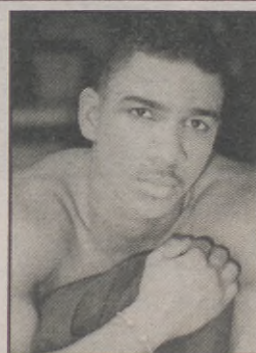
From the Earth It's Rising: The Resurrection of Latin American Indigenous Spirituality."

On June 1, Karen wraps up the seminars with "Should This Marriage Be Saved? Tensions Between Christianity and Filipino Indigenous Religions".

Don Benjamin is minister of Bering Drive Church of Christ and resident scholar in religion and Coordinator of Religious Studies at the University of Houston. Karen Schmeltekopf is a Baptist minister, formerly Chaplain at the Richmond State School. She holds an M.A. in Women's Studies and Religion from Claremont Graduate School with a particular interest in eco-feminist theology and ministry. Karen now resides in Austin.

If you have any questions concerning this great series of discussion, please contact Covenant Baptist Church at 713.668.8830.

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by Lee Davis

Travel Ailments?

Long airplane rides can be uncomfortable for anyone, but, for people prone to blood clots, they can be dangerous.

"On long flights, particularly transoceanic flights, it is important that people prone to blood clots keep their blood moving by taking a few simple steps," said Dr. Wayne J. Riley, Director of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine. The same need exists for long rides in cars, buses or trains.

For long flights or rides, Riley recommends walking the length of the plane, bus or train at least once an hour. If you're in a car, stop hourly, get out and walk around for a while. Some other tips are to flex your ankles up and down when sitting; avoid really tight clothing; avoid sleeping for long periods; drink lots of water; take one adult-size aspirin before departure and wear thigh-high support stockings or panty hose.

Brain Attacks

If you miss the signs of a brain attack, you may be putting your senses, speech and memory in danger in a matter of minutes. Commonly known as strokes, brain attacks affect different people in different ways. When a brain attack occurs, severe injuries in mental and bodily functions—even death—can result.

Knowing the signs of stroke and seeking immediate medical treatment if you notice any signals are critical in avoiding the No. 3 killer in the U.S., according to the American Heart Association.

Stroke Awareness Month occurs throughout the month of May, with this year's theme being "Stroke is a brain attack. Know the signs."

The signs associated with stroke are sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body; sudden dimness of loss of vision, particularly in one eye; loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech; sudden, severe headaches with no apparent cause and unex-

plained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially along with any of the previous symptoms.

For info on brain attack prevention call your local American Heart Association office at 713.610.5000.

Lung Cancer Partnersip

Lung cancer researchers at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas will combine their expertise to develop new methods of lung cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment. The institutions received a joint \$4.5 million grant from the National Cancer Institute to accelerate research and improve therapy for lung cancer. The prestigious grant for Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPORE) will fund four major integrated projects. For details, call 1-713-792-3457.

Fat and Fit!

Don't let your bathroom scale determine if you are in shape. It is possible to be overweight and still achieve a high level of fitness.

"Too much emphasis has been placed on losing weight," said David Brennan, an Exercise Physiologist at Baylor College of Medicine. "We're beginning to see exercise programs for overweight people that focus on improving their level of fitness. In many cases, this is accomplished even if they don't lose weight."

Brennan believes fitness should be measured by how you feel, not how you look, since some people have a lack of control over their weight. "People are overweight not just because of overeating and inactivity," said Brennan. "Many people are genetically predisposed to being overweight, but that doesn't have to prevent them from being in shape."

Research shows that overweight people who follow a regular exercise routine can have healthy cholesterol levels, normal blood pressure and good cardiovascular health.



SPORTS CAPSULE

by Lee Davis

Rain Again?

The Montrose Softball League (MSL) for the second straight week was forced to cancel games because of bad weather. Action hopefully will resume this Sunday, May 4. Following are league standings as of April 30. Tied for first in the "A" Division with 4-2 records are Briar Patch and Ripcord, followed by LOBO at 3-3 and Kim Son at 1-5. In the "B" Division both Bistro Cuisine and Rich's share first place with perfect 3-0 records, followed by JR's at 2-1, Basic Brothers 1-2, Brazos River Bottom and Pacific Street 0-3. In the "C" Division EJ's is alone in first place with a 2-0-1 record, followed by Chances at 2-1, Positively Bering 1-1-1 and Mela's 0-3.



'96 MSL Casino Night

The league will follow the regular schedule for this Sunday's games and all rainouts will be made up on June 15. Action will take place at Tim Hearn Field with the first game beginning at 10am. The final game of the day will get under way at 7pm. Come on by and cheer on your favorite team. Concessions are available at the field. Tim Hearn is located at the northwest corner of Waugh and Memorial Drive off Jackson Hill Street.

HMBL Results

The Houston Metropolitan Billiards League announces the top five teams after Week 2 are The Excavators, Knight Heat, Jr's Cue Crew, Jackson 5 and Ripcord Maniacs. The first monthly meeting will be held at Gentry on May 4 at 2pm. The League will elect a new Sergeant @ Arms at this meeting.

Atlanta's Armory Classic

The 19th Annual Armory Sports Classic is scheduled for May 22-25 in Atlanta, Georgia. Sports venues for the classic include softball (men's, coed & women's), bowling, soccer and basketball. For information, please call Jim Marshall, Tournament Director at 404.607.8390.

Let's Volley!

The Lone Star Volleyball Association invites all interested in playing to meet at the University of St. Thomas' Jerabeck Center to play a couple of games. Be there on Sunday, May 11 at 4:30pm. All levels of play are available. Open play dates are May 11 & 18 and League Fees are due on May 18.

Play B-Ball!

Get fit at The Cossaboom Family YMCA at 7903 South Loop East, near Gulfgate Mall. The Adult Men's Basketball League began on April 3. Games will be played on Thursday evenings with a tournament at the end of the league. Also, they offer Adult Co-Ed Volleyball each and every Friday evening from 7-9pm. For info, stop by their front service desk or call them at 713.643.4396.

Fishing Trip Update

The Rainbow Fishing Club announces the First Annual Pride Week Deep Sea Fishing Trip on Sunday June 22.

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BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE Clinical Research

Baylor College of Medicine is currently seeking volunteers for the following study:

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For information about other research studies, please call the BCM Volunteering Line at (713) 798-5576 or e-mail volunteer@bcm.tmc.edu.

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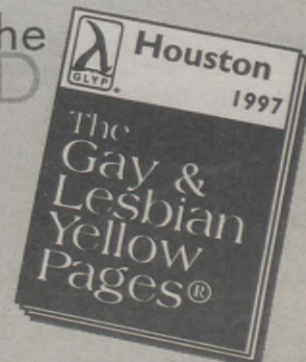
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AFA-Texas Director Receives Harsh Response From GOP Rep

by Steve Labinski
Houston Voice Austin Bureau Chief

Wyatt Roberts, executive director of the American Family Association of Texas, was publicly rebuked Tuesday for hypocrisy and acting dishonestly by Rep. Terry Keel (R, Austin) while testifying against HB 1116, which increases criminal penalties on crimes motivated by bias or prejudice. In 1996, Roberts gained statewide attention for publicly harassing advertisers of the Texas Triangle newspaper on his AM radio show, and he routinely lobbies the Texas Republican Party to oppose the "homosexual agenda."

In testimony to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, Roberts announced that "this is a very important [situation]," because many people who are protected under the existing Hate Crimes statute would lose protection under HB 1116. Roberts claimed that Hate Crimes legislation should protect political views, because pro-life and pro-choice activists are subject to acts of violence at abortion clinic demonstrations.

"Don't single out groups because you deprive other people who are supposed to be protected under the law," said Roberts. Roberts read aloud several Christmas Cards that his office received to illustrate how political groups are subject to hateful acts. One card read, "May your holidays be filled with hatred...you GOP ass-kissing bigots."

Keel found hypocrisy in Roberts's position on protecting political speech. He asked Roberts, "Do you think someone

called 'anti-family' should be prosecuted under a hate crimes law?" "Yes," replied Roberts. Keel followed with, "So do I." Religious Right activists, including Roberts, branded Keel as an opponent of family issues in a highly negative primary election in 1996. Keel then asked Roberts a series of questions regarding his exact job with the Texas Family Association, and his compensation. Roberts admitted that his organization lobbies for pro-family issues, but he is not a registered lobbyist himself.

Roberts also stated that he receives a \$26,000 salary, but would not disclose its source. "Are you on the board [of the Texas Family Association]," asked Keel. "Yes, I am," answered Roberts. "So you voted to pay yourself a salary of \$26,000?" asked Keel. "No, I did not," answered Roberts. "You, sir, are a fraud and I resent you being here," Keel said sternly.

When Roberts expressed reluctance to comply with Keel's line of questions, Keel explained to the committee that Roberts lives in Austin, Texas and regularly acts in a dishonest manner for political purposes. Keel stated that Roberts is not a registered lobbyist and he has never filed a report with the Texas Ethics Commission.

After Keel finished questioning Roberts, Rep. Carolyn Galloway (R, Highland Park) said that she was personally familiar with groups like the Texas Family Association, and they are composed of "good people." Keel responded by saying that they are good people, "but this man is a fraud."

"You, sir, are a fraud, and I resent you being here." - Rep. Terry Keel to TFA Director Wyatt Roberts.

Body Positive/ Houston to Hold Love! Valour! Compassion! Benefit

Body Positive Houston and the Alley Theater invite to a benefit performance of Terrance McNally's smash hit, Love! Valour! Compassion! on Saturday, May 10th at 8:00 p.m.

This theater benefit to raise funds for the Body Positive Wellness Center will include

a ticket to the show and a post-show champagne and dessert reception following the show.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased by calling Body Positive at 713-254-2374

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Spice, the *Space Jam* soundtrack, the *Wallflowers' Bringing Down the Horse*, and the debut of *Depeche Mode's Ultra...* Literary legend **Norman Mailer** is at it again. Not one to shy from controversy, the ever pugnacious Mailer, 74, has just released *The Gospel According to the Son*, a first-person account of a very human **Jesus Christ**. The book is published by Random House and is currently on shelves. Relatedly, famed novelist **Saul Bellow**, 81, has just release his first major fiction in more than a decade. It is titled *The Actual* (Viking), it is a novella on love in the latter stages of maturity... **Cyndi Lauper**, 42, revealed this week that she is pregnant for the first time in her life. Lauper, who will be featured in an upcoming exclusive interview with the *Houston Voice*, kicked off her tour U.S. tour as the opening act for **Tina Turner**, which began in Houston May 1.... Controversial biographical author **Kitty Kelly's** latest tome, *The Royals*, promises to be as juicy as her previous books on such famous subjects as **Frank Sinatra** and **Nancy Reagan**. Kelly, who interviewed 800 people in the last four years, revealed this week that **Prince Philip** has had "more extramarital affairs" than **Queen Elizabeth**, and hinted that there are many more tantalizing secrets waiting to be revealed. *The Royals* hits bookstores Sept. 25.... **Carroll O'Connor** will write his memoirs for Pocket Books. The veteran actor (*All in the Family*, *In the Heat of the Night*) is best known for his portrayal of Archie Bunker. No word yet on when the as yet untitled bio will be released.... *Touched by an Angel's*

Della Reese will write her autobiography for G.P. Putnam's Sons. The book, *Angels along the Way*, is due for release in October.... **Nancy Collins** (ABC's *Prime Time Live*) has just signed a deal with Disney's Hyperion publishing company for a hefty \$150,000 advance. The tome is described as a "non-Anonymous *Primary Colors* about the high-powered world of the media. The untitled project hits bookstores in the fall of '98.... **Chicago** has lured the services of **Lenny Kravitz**, the dreadlocked rocker, to produce a cut for their upcoming *Greatist Hits* album.... A big budget Broadway musical based on the lives of 60's pop duo **Sonny and Cher** is in the works. Sources indicated that **Shannon Doherty** (*Beverly Hills, 90210*) is being wooed to portray Cher, while **Jason Alexander** (NBC's *Seinfeld*) is under consideration for the part of Sonny. The musical is slated to debut in 98.... **Maureen McCormick** ("Marcia, Marcia, Marcia" - the former Marcia in the original *Brady Bunch* sitcom) is attempting a comeback of sorts. First she will star in a CBS telepic based on the life story of **Barbara Mandrell**. McCormick also has her own ABC pilot, *Teen Angel*, under consideration for the networks TGIF line-up. Her prior attempt at rekindling public adoration, a country album, failed to heed the desired results. Maybe this time Marcia will give Jan a reason to percolate.... "Bob Dole is lending **Newt Gingrich** the \$300,000 to pay off his ethics fine. You know, most Republicans talk about taking money from the sick and old - but only Newt actually does something about it." - **Bill Maher**, *Politically Correct*.

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Reservations have been raised to 45 people on the 65 passenger *Texsun II*. Thirty-seven people, 21 women and 16 men, have already paid their \$30 deposits, leaving only 8 fishing spots available. Reservations may be made by calling the Club at 523-6381 or sending a \$30 deposit or \$60 full payment to P.O. Box 66450, Houston, 77266.

The Wednesday, April 16 trip on the *New Buccaneer* had 21 from the *Rainbow Fishing Club* with **Ken Register** catching the most fish and the biggest. The Sunday April 20 trip had 26 people on the *Buccaneer* with the women outnumbering the men. Everyone caught their limit of Red Snapper and all had a wonderful time. **Jessica Graham** won the pool for the biggest fish with a giant Red Snapper.

Everyone Skate!

The **Lambda Roller Skating Club** host their Weekly Skate Night on Wednesday, May 7 at *Starlite Skating Rink*, 8075 Cook Road (corner of Cook and Beechnut). Skate time is 8-10pm with a nominal admission fee of \$5 plus \$1.50 if you need skates. You may bring your own skates or blades. Everyone and all ages are welcome! For more info call 933.5818 or visit their website at <http://www.neosoft.com/~lrsc>.

"HOG" Camping

The **Houston Outdoor Group** invites all to join them for a weekend of camping fun at *Pedernales Falls* on May 23-25. If you would like information, please contact **Diann & Melissa** at 996.5521.

Bowling Results

The **Montrose Monday Night Men's League** has begun the Summer Session. Each of the leagues mentioned in this column have a few individual openings or will still accept full four-person teams for one more week. For the following leagues which bowl at *Palace Lanes*, 4191 *Bellaire Blvd.* please contact Tom at 522.9612. This league bowls at 7:30pm Monday.

The **Inner Loop Alternatives** request that you call Tom at 522-9612 for further info. Bowling is at *Palace Lanes*, 4191 *Bellaire Blvd.* at 7pm on Sundays. After the first week of play, **Four on the Floor** is in 1st with **Titty Titty Wang Wang** in 2nd and **Don't Eat Him, Again** in 3rd. For the men, **Bob Roberts** bowled *High Scratch Game* of 229, **Mace Adams High Scratch Series** of 624 and **Michel Crabtree High Handicap Game** and **Allen Barrett High Handicap Series**. For the women, **Terry Shannon** bowled *High Scratch Game* of 190, **Michelle Flora Series** of 527 and **Dana Howard High Handicap Game** and **Connie McWhorted High Handicapped Series**.

The **Wednesday Night Mixers** have begun Summer league play. Bowling is at *Palace Lanes* at 6:30pm on Wednesday. For more info call 522-9612.

The **Monday Night Women's League** which bowls at 6:30pm at *AMF Southway*

call Pat at 281.437.6218.

Also contact Tom at 522.9612 for information concerning a new trio league forming which will bowl at 6:30pm on Thursday nights at *Dynamic Bowl* (formerly *Sharpstown Brunswick*) beginning June 5th.

Corner Pocket

The **Independent Billiard League of Houston** (IBL) reports the top five teams for Week 9 as *Dynamite Sticks* (*Mining Co.*), *Bad Boys* (*Jo's Outpost*), *Sudden Impact* (*Suicide Squad*), *Full Throttle* (*Mining Co.*) and *Highrollers* (*Cousins*). The top five individuals are **Rich Hall** (*Stick It!*), **Ronnie**



IBL Stickin' around.

Rhodes (*Dynamite Sticks*), **Mondo Morales** (*Bad Boys*), **Joel Reyes** (*Bad Boys*) and **Billy Clayton** (*Guenther Flower Girls*).

More Club Info

A Gay sky diving club called **Houston Triangle Divers** hosts outings for those brave of heart throughout the year. For info call 530.7822.

A Bicycling Club for Womyn, **Rainbow Riders** meet every Sunday morning for easy, long off-road rides. All womyn are welcome regardless of ability and experience. For info call **Cookie Davenport** at 869.1686 or email her at guusje@aol.com.

If you like running, then go with the **FrontRunners** who meet at 9am at the *Memorial Park Tennis Center* on Sundays. If Sundays are not good for you, meet them at 6:30pm on Tuesday or Thursday nights. For info call 713.522.8021.

The **Houston Tennis Club** is a lesbian and gay club with members of all levels of play—beginner to advanced. Meet at 9am on Sundays at *Memorial Park Tennis Center* or call 713.692.2703 for info.

Think dancing isn't a sport? Try to argue with these two organizations! The **Southern Country Dance Group** provides dance lessons at the *Ranch*, 8-10pm on Tuesdays. The *Ranch* is located at 9200 *Buffalo Speedway*.

The **Rainbow Ranglers** promote Texas Style couple dancing, including the beginning level. Classes are free and open to the public from 8:30-10pm on Thursdays at the *Brazos River Bottom*, 2400 *Brazos*. For more info call 713.880.0670.

The **Houston Force**, a local basketball team, is forming a league in Houston. If interested in joining, please call **Mike** or **Lyle** at 880.4765.



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almost broke up over the entire matter. When she informed her husband, he got upset about eating dinner that her father had cooked. She maintains that he deals with it better today, but still doesn't understand it and remains ignorant to the truths about HIV and how it affects others. "He was narrow minded until he met me."

"Why do we wait until we are personally affected to understand HIV?" lamented Vilven. "I want people to understand that this is everybody's problem."

The support that the Vilven's provide each other is rare. Many people who are infected or affected by AIDS do not have adequate support mechanisms in place. For Kim, if her appearing on a Billboard with her son is going to make a difference, it's worth it.



Fred Walters

Fred Walters was diagnosed HIV positive 4 1/2 years ago and knows exactly how he contracted the disease. "I was penetrated without a condom," Walters said bluntly while recalling the incident on an excursion to Tennessee. Like the others, Walters has used his status in a positive manner in the hopes of preventing others from getting the disease.

Walters, 35, is the proprietor of Prince Street Market Coffee Company. Additionally, he is the founder and executive director of the Houston Buyer's Club, an organization that provides vital nutrients and supplements to people with HIV at no-profit.

After attending a seminar on "How to Reverse HIV Wasting," Walters got the idea for the Buyers Club. "The Director of that program, Nelson Virgil, advocated the use of anabolic steroids, exercise and nutrition," said Walters. "Buying supplements at Whole foods cost \$250 a month." So, he contacted the manufacturers and got the cost down to \$60 to \$70 a month. The organization has been around for three years and is striving.

Walters contends that he did not take the news of his diagnosis well, at first. Initially, he said, he would thoroughly wash silverware before placing it in the dishwasher for fear of infecting others. "It affected my self esteem," said Walters. "I wouldn't ask anyone out, even if I was interested, for fear of rejection." Walters said, for years, he couldn't even watch a serious film, because he was to emotional and sentimental as a result of the diagnosis.

Since then, he has changed his diet (He drinks bottled water regularly), takes vitamin supplements daily and educated himself about the disease and the drugs associated with it. He also dedicated his life to helping and educating others.

Walters enjoys his work. For relaxation, he listens to music, watches *Xena: Warrior Princess*, plays the guitar and sings, and loves to dance.



Brandon

During my interviews with the aforementioned individuals, I didn't think about Brandon, the one year-old toddler and how HIV would affect him. In fact, it was not my intention to incorporate Brandon in the story. I was wrong. Brandon will most def-

initely be affected by HIV. He will never really know Bill Whiting, a man that his mother loved very dearly - so much so that she considered him a father. Brandon may, or may not, get to know his other grandfather Jim Vilven. Time will tell.

Brandon is affected because everyone is affected by the disease as well as every other disease - emotionally, financially and otherwise. Brandon is the future of America. His livelihood is dependent on what our generation leaves his generation. Perhaps, through the efforts of individuals like the models on the Billboard and many others across the country just like them, Brandon can grow up in a world that educates their young and teaches them to accept people for who they are.

(This story could not have occurred without the assistance of Gary Van Ooteghem, who is also heavily involved with the RWPC and many other organizations.)



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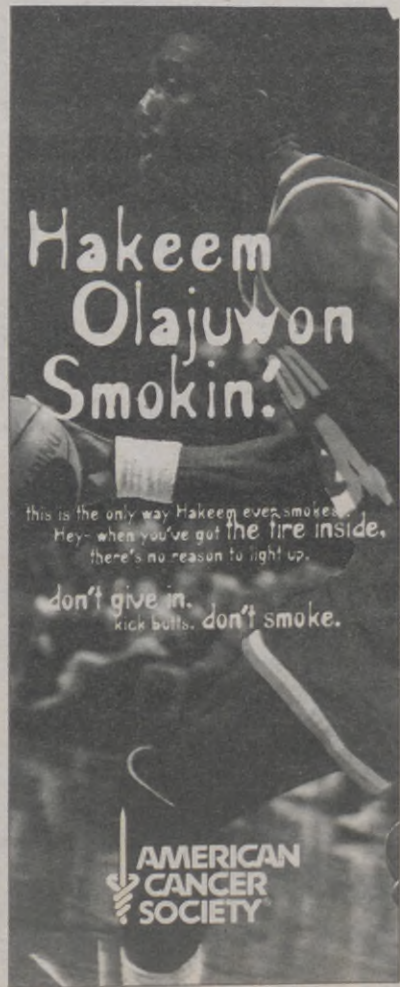
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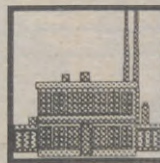
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like an event listed in this section, please feel free to call Lee at 529-8490 or fax at 529-9531 by Monday Noon.

Friday, May 2

- Movie Night at The Kolbe Project 7pm. 522-8182.
- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 861-6453.
- Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 782-6066.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- "Out of the Closet: Cinema" group meets. 822-8511.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Lesbian Avengers meet at Tootie's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Spay and Neuter (SNAP) 522-2337 at Harris County Animal Control.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Community meets. 780-4282.
- Lesbian Love Letters at DiverseWorks. 228-0914.
- Kolbe Project's Night at the Movies 7pm; 522-8182.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Hospital Visitation; 522-8182.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; The New Barn 4-8pm.
- Seasonal Meditations; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #5854.
- Houston Professional Men's Association Monthly Meeting; Chapultepec @ 813 Richmond; 7:30pm; \$15; RSVP to Mike Green at 626-2550.

Saturday, May 3

- After Hours on KPFT 12am to 3am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- Gulf Coast Transgender support group meets. 780-4282.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Visual Art Alliance meets at 10am. 583-8408.
- Just for Us Movie Night - Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents. 284-4939.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Rich's 10pm-2am.
- Cook Popular Chinese Dishes; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #3446.
- Beginning Lap-Quilting; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #1418.

- Astrology; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #5852.
- Mime—The Marcel Marceau Method; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #7510.
- Outdoor Dutch Oven Cooking; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #0350.
- Nature Farming Workshop; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #1202.

Sunday, May 4

- The Women's Group meets at 10:45am. 529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.

Monday, May 5

- Gay Fathers/ Fathers First support group. 8pm. 861-6181.
- Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7pm. 529-1223.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15pm. 529-0037.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- AIDS Caregiver's Support Group meets at 6pm. 732-4300.
- AVES sponsored free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Ste 1717.
- HeartSong meets. 541-3495.
- Miss Camp America Meets. 520-STAR.
- Houston Area Women's Center's volunteer training. 535-6363.
- Texas Medical Center Lambda Group meets. 523-5539.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Brazos River Bottom 4 to 8pm; QT's 8-12pm.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.

Tuesday, May 6

- Sex, Lies and Video Tapes workshop by AIDS Foundation Houston 7-9pm 623-6796.
- Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8pm. 495-8009.
- Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30pm. 529-0037.
- Youth-Rap at 6:30pm. 822-8511.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7pm. 488-4492.

- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7pm. 520-7870.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Club Body Center 8pm to Midnite.
- Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30pm. 529-0037.
- Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30pm. 778-2677.
- Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- Free Spay and Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at West End Multi Service Center.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- Eat more, Lose Fat; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #3517.
- Intro to Ayurvedic Cooking; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #3515.
- Public Speaking for the Chicken-Hearted; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #6412.
- LHI/Inklings at 7pm, 526-7828.

Wednesday, May 7

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Midtowne Spa 9pm to 1am.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams to HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- GLOBAL meets at 4pm. 743-7539.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Tootie's at 7pm. 867-9581.
- Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7pm. 529-0037.
- Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5 to 8pm. Call 520-2000.
- BiNet of Houston meets at 7pm. 861-9149.
- AVES offers free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm. at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- Cancer Dialogue Support Group meets at noon at Park Plaza Hospital. 1/800-611-CARE.
- Free Spay and Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at 5th Ward Multi Service Center.
- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation; 522-8182.
- Healthy Mexican Cooking; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #3521.

- Popular Restaurant Dishes I; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #3445.
- Fundamentals of Faux Finishing; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #1111.
- Intermediate Mah Jongg; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #8610.
- Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus 7pm, Lovett Inn, 501 Lovett Blvd.

Thursday, May 8

- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 521-7464.
- Twentysomething meets at 7:30pm. 315-6786.
- KPFT Lesbian and Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Group. 622-7250.
- Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8pm. 528-3704.
- HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15pm. 529-0037.
- Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2pm. 529-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Women's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 5:30pm. 529-0037.
- Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7pm. 942-0923.
- HIV Affected at CASA. 7pm. 796-2272.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7pm. 782-4050
- Women's Social Group meets at 7:30pm. 822-8511.
- Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30pm. 738-RACE.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston meets at 7pm. 521-SING.
- The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- Free Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) at Sunnyside Multi Service Center.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- Free HIV Testing by Montrose Clinic; VentureN 4-8pm.
- Healing Mission of Plastic Surgery; \$3; Museum of Health & Medical Science. 942-7054.
- Winning Stock Market Strategies; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #9364.

GALAXY GAZZER

A Houston Voice Exclusive Your Horoscope for the week of May 4 - May 10

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK: It's a good time to discuss any emotional issues with a significant other. Clear the air of any obstacles, and you may be quite surprised at how easily the conversation flows. Now that the lines of communication are open, make every effort to keep them this way.

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) Keeping secrets won't get you far this week. Your information could make or break a situation, so don't withhold what you know. There is a career move for you in the very near future, but it will be quite a large step to take, so embark with caution and optimism.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) You have a chance to create a solid foundation for future security. Be careful to avoid getting caught up in getting ahead at the expense of your peace of mind or creating havoc within your family. Don't jump to conclusions with romance, take it a step at a time.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) Make sure to not commit yourself to something that may stifle and hold you back. Don't stall in your decisions, just say you are not ready and leave it at that. There seems to be some tension between you and your mate, when you kiss and make up, talk honestly.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) You seem to have a restless sort of irritability, which may just get you into trouble. It's important to keep your anger in check or you may find yourself cutting off those who are most important to you. Your current romantic partner may surprise you with lots of attention.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23) You are doing a great job making finances stretch to their limit, but enough is enough, and something has got to go. If you have the authority to make the cut, go for it. Changes at work may have you feeling like you have been overlooked, but that is far from true.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) A recent investment may prove much more lucrative than you ever expected, but getting out early may not be such a bad idea. Be sure to take care of all the details though, however insignificant they may be. If you

are feeling unmotivated, find a way to psyche yourself up.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) Juggle your funds to the best of your abilities, you might consider consolidating your debts so you have only one payment to deal with. Any home repairs now will probably be quite costly. Emphasize what you have in your life that brings you enjoyment and satisfaction.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) Your intuitive hunches are right on, so don't justify them away. Emotions which have been held in check for some time need to be unleashed now. Allow yourself to express what you feel inside, striving to maintain a sense of proportion - things aren't so bad.

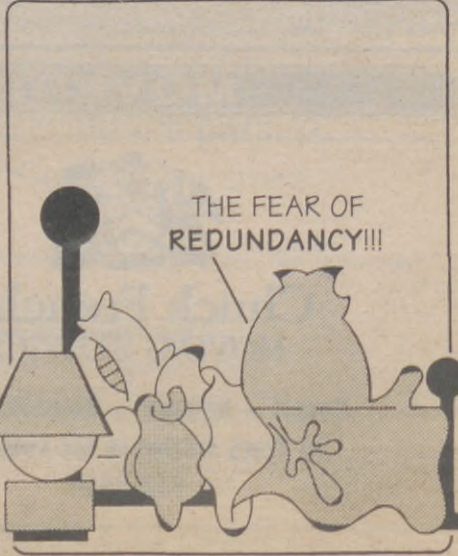
SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) Any risks concerning money this week will be well worth the effort. Is there someone trying to hold you back under the false impression that it is for your own good? It's time to make those decisions on your own. If you are being manipulated by another, it's time to go it alone.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) This week your passions may get the best of you and anger your mate. If you are, at the very least, aware of this possibility, it can probably forestall any unpleasantness. If stress has gotten you down, take time for a rather childlike activity, helping you to relax.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) Rethink the reasons for your motivation in the workplace - you may need some alterations to previous plans. Listen to your inner voice for suggestions. Do the right thing when watching out for others, especially family members. What is it you really want out of life, and how are you going to get it?

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) Someone needs to smooth out the rough patches created by an argument, and you are best suited for the job. Following the rules may make you seem cold-hearted, so have a little compassion for those around you. Don't keep any secrets if the information can be well used.

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Important Stuff!

Congrats are in order to Gus of Mary's. He/she is the new Miss Montrose!

The Westheimer Street Festival is this weekend! Browse, look, pinch, and buy this weekend up and down Westheimer! As expected, Mary's...naturally will be having their "Roof Top" review, Chances will have their "Beer Garden, complete with the LUGE," and well there are way too many events to list in my limited space! See ya there!



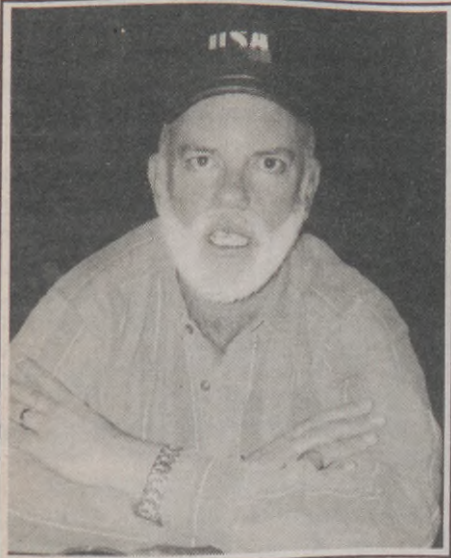
Bye Bye RatRat!

Sunday, May 4, the Sambvca Sisters, Stella Carp, Blanca DeBrie, Cookie, and a host of never before seen performers will be dazzling the eyes and minds at Bricks II at 5:00 pm. This is a benefit for the Pet Patrol! Be there, It ought to be a really fun time! Mother Bvca wants to see everyone there!

The Autumn Seasons Society (ASS) is a group of like-minded people interested into SM/BD and fetishes. They meet every Saturday, 2:00 pm at the Venture-N for a group discussion and information session. If you would like more info, call 975-8621 or E-mail pamir@pdq.net.

"Oh Feel U Up" is making her return to Montrose this weekend! Her "performances" will benefit NLA:H's Toy Drive. Please check out the advertisements of the local bars in this newspaper for the rest of the details!

The Montrose Softball League and the Houston Women's Softball League are presenting a "Casino Night," on May 9, starting at 8:30 pm. This night of fun and faux gambling held at the Kim Son Restaurant, at 300 Milam will benefit Steven's House! This event is sponsored by the Law Offices of



And Schnauzer said...

Clyde Williams, Diverse Office Solutions, Prizm Cleaners and E/J's club. There is complimentary valet parking with a \$10 donation at the door!

There will be a Ferret Information & Adoption day on May 10, at the Petco at 210 FM 1960 East Bypass. For more info, call

446-0523.

The Texas Lesbian Conference will be held on May 16-18. For more info, call 867-3934.

Midtowne Spa is hosting a bus to Austin's Splash Day. For more info, call 522-2379.

The Deb-U-Not Ball is on May 4. For more info on the Miss Camp America event, call 520-STAR.

The "Laughter is the Best Medicine: 2nd annual gala by the Jabboury Foundation for Cancer Research" will be held on May 3. For more info, call 558-1172.

Milestones!

Happy birthdays to Joel L., Lee D., Patty Duke, Shana St. John, and Steve (of the Venture-N).

Rodent Droppings!

I assume that you all read last week's column about Ratrat. She was getting better. LW and I had been doing everything the Vet told us to. The meds, the special food, the vitamins. It appeared she was getting better. Then, Ratrat relapsed. Last Friday, we had to fight her to give her the meds. and food. By Saturday, Ratrat had locked her jaws. This was a statement! I will NOT take any more medicine, I will not take any more food, I will not take any more anything. Her little jaws were closed tight. I'm sure that



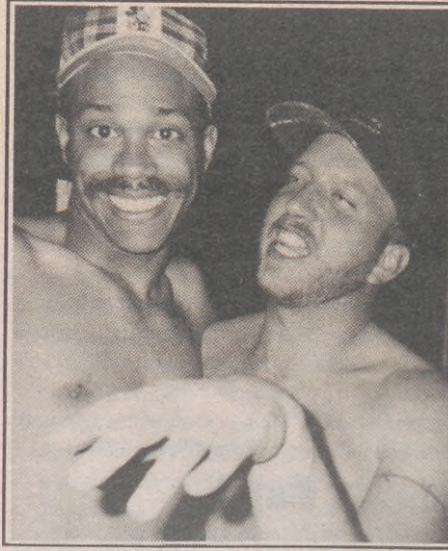
The crownig of Miss Montrose.

this act took every ounce of energy she had. She told us that she was tired of fighting. Our Vet, Dr. Dori Hertel was out of town for the weekend at an "Exotic's" convention. The Vet on call was Dr. May. Dr. May and I talked on the phone for quite a while. He had observed Ratrat while she was in the hospital. He knew Ratrat's case history. There was nothing to be done. Saturday night we scooped up what was left of Ratrat and took her to the emergency clinic. The vet on call, Dr. Cox took one look at Ratrat. Both LW and I could see in his eyes that there was nothing else we could do. At 7:35 pm, I signed for Ratrat to be put to sleep. This was the most difficult decision I have ever made. Ratrat was LW's and my "first child." She was the first "pet" that I ever had that I could hold and touch. I felt so helpless.

I would like to thank all the people who offered condolences and hugs. On a happy note, Rascal and Harvey are happy and healthy! Oh, wait, I got, a "rodent dropping" at home last week! Our cat, D'artagnan brought into the house his latest "trophy." All I know is that there was a rat's head and tail in front the "cat's door." It was gross!

On with the "rodent droppings." The Houston Voice is in NO way responsible for the following! The Houston Voice in a newspaper! I am a gossip queen! I am NOT a reporter. I am not a journalist. I just print what I hear!

I got numerous calls about last week's column about "carrying your ID!" It is the law!



"and then she said..."

A bartender friend of mine (oh, I have a bartender friend) has asked me to remind the folks of our community that it is against the LAW to take drinks/beer out of the doors of a bar! This is Houston, NOT New Orleans! If you want another drink after "last call" have it at your home!

Lucy (E/J's) Everyone wants to know where the "Fountain of Youth" you have been drinking from is located! Please, at least tell me!

Rodgers, Kody, Wiley, Cary, and Hal (Chances/New Barn): Rumor has it that you-all are getting married! Is it because you all can't find a date after 2:00 am?

Dirk (Pacific Street): I have a message for you from a tall, very handsome African-American man, named Kevin! The message is "If you get a divorce, call me!"

Wilma (Mary's): I heard about what you did! I am sorry I was not there to capture it on film!

Don D. (Pacific Street): I have a message to you from the "family" of PS. "Welcome to the family. Try not to abuse your left arm soo much!"

Overheard at a "Drag Show!": "Now, That is a real man, even if he is wearing a dress!"

Ken (Mr. Prime Choice/Basic Brothers): Congrats on being named "Mr. Unchained Leather" this past weekend.

Max (BRB): How should Vera (BRB) make change for a \$40 dollar bill? Please pull the "pubics" out of the bills when you are not carrying a purse!

Mona (hangs at the Outpost): Do you



What do you want?

really have to go to the country to see foxes?

Maria Todd (KRBE 104 FM): Honey, those were the wrong shoes! Those of "us" in the "media" still have to abide by the dress code rules! I'm sorry the doorman was rude! He is young and not experienced to know to give you "Carte Blanc." Call me, (942-0084) we WILL party!

Meg (Mary's): So, do you like the view in

Germany?

Pooh Bear: Why have you changed your name to "Pooh Belle"?

Gaye, Walter, (Mary's) and Ken (Basic Brothers): I did not know that Judge Judy held court in the Bricks II women's restroom!

Thomas (Carter & Cooley): And I quote: "I have tried every color that Miss Clairol and Loreal has to offer!"

Craig (Bricks II): Just how far can you shoot that "thing"?

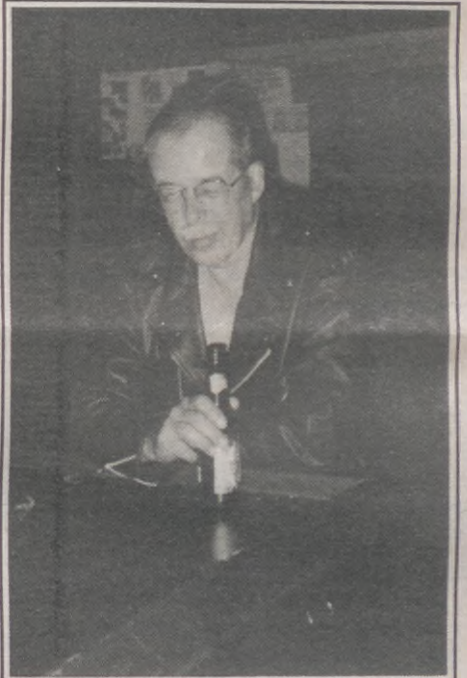
Edward (hangs at the BRB): I hear you are held together with barb wire and spit. But I bet if I get a bobby pin you will open right up!

Dog Lips: And I quote: "No. it is not 12 rats, it is a fur lined toilet seat cover!" And, Douglas, I do like to spell your name with 2 "P's." Yes, Dog Lipps! And what is this I hear about you, a feather boa, a Mercedes, and a stop light? I understand that the driver of the MB confused you (in a gown) for a "stop" light! How much was the insurance claim?

Tiffany (Ms. Gulf Coast Leather/FIST/RSCSS/NLA:H...etc.): And what is so wrong with a big head?

Zilla (Handsome big-o-bear with a pierced tongue): Can you tell me the difference between "Parsley" and "Pussy?" I know! No one eats parsley! But, my dear Zilla, when was the last time you ate a "green" cat?

Jim (Ripcord): Only you could find a gas station attendant that would help you give a mammal a blow job!



Glen is one of the nicest leatherman I have ever met!

Charles Armstrong: "Never for 60." Details, I want details!

Don D. (Pacific Street): Why do they call you "Kreisha"?

Greg (hangs at the BRB): Ellen is coming out on the 30th. What about you?

Don W. (Pacific Street): Get well, honey! I hear you are now an expert on "getting your tubes tied!"

Al K. (MAFIA): You are a glutton! Would you like a tall, cool, COLD drink of water?

Jimmy (Mirror Printing): I miss you!

Rodent Rooter: Do you not love me anymore? Does this mean I have to give back this 3 carat diamond ring? Call me, let's fax!

I have a special message to the Lazer Wizard: Nikkei still loves you!

Well, that is the gossip for this past week! If you would like to submit gossip, I can be reached easily by paging 761-9321, faxing 529-9532 or 942-0085, or calling the Gay and Lesbian Yellow Pages at 942-0084.

Have a great week!

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Thanks for reading the Houston Voice!

Friday, May 2

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am until 9pm; Free Buffet at 4pm; Party & Dance with your D.J. Cody from 7am-9pm.
- BriarPatch: Steve plays for Happy Hour: Wayne Gray, Tony & Guest Stars play the rest of the night! Blackjack tables with Dave open at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Faces plays 9pm.
- Club Incognito: Boyz night out.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hours 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip Contest at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 6pm: \$2 Kamikazes open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well & \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Skyy & Stoli: hard body male dancers.
- Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Shower Dance Show 10pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10pm: male dancers 8pm to 2:30am; After hours until 4am.
- 19th Hole: 75¢ Kamikazis all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Foreplay! No Cover till 9pm. \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 7pm. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors!
- Rich's: Klub Kamp...a comedy drag review 9pm doors open, 11:30pm show—Retro Modern Hits by D.J. Chris Sill, \$1, \$2, \$3 drinks.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; After Hours until 4am.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Frank & Brenda Band at 9pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; RSICSS Guest Bartenders 9pm til ?? "That's UPP with 2 P's" at 10pm.

Saturday, May 3

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am until 9pm; Party & Dance with your D.J. Cody from 9pm-2am.
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories tonight along with guests; Bunny deals Blackjack at 9:30pm; 2pm cocktails w/ Clint.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; "That's Upp with 2 P's" 9pm.
- Club Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm.
- 800 Pacific block party: \$1 well & \$1.75 domestic longnecks! 9 to 9:30pm at Santa Fe Bar & Patio, 9:30 to 10pm at the Montrose Mining Company, 10 to 10:30pm at J.R.'s Bar & Grill, & 11 to 11:30pm at Heaven.
- Gentry: Boy Toys at 9pm; \$3.50 Absolut cocktails open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well 9 to 11pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2.75 premium frozen drinks & premium draft beer, \$3.25 super premium draft beer.
- Lazy J: Drag show at 10:30pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 7pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9pm to 2:30am; happy

- hour until 10pm; After hours until 4am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 Gold Ritas all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 9pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors!
- Rich's: Doors open at 9pm, 21 and up, no cover 9-10pm, "See Gorgeous Men from All Over Texas Dancing to the Grooves of the Billboard"; D.J. J.D. Arnold.
- Ripcord: After hours until 4am.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm, Colt 45s guest bartend 9pm til ???

Sunday, May 4

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 12 until 7pm; Steak night 6 to 10pm. Showtime w/ Houston's finest entertainers @ 8pm.
- BriarPatch: 2pm Michael hosts w/ beverages.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Sign Language Classes 3-4pm; "All My Children & Then Some" @ 5pm with the Sambvca Sisters.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11pm. No cover before 10pm.
- Cousin's: Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night; Mr/Miss Cinco De Mayo at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 5:30pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2 Kool Aid shots open to close; "That's Upp with 2 P's" at 9pm.
- Heaven: 75¢ well drinks 8 to 10pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut & Bicardi Limonade; 75¢ draft beer; Super Show at 11pm.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6pm: Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: 50¢ draft beer; \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm; Breakfast Tacos.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 well 8-11pm; \$4 Pitcher domestic beer all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Male Overload! Doors open at 7pm; No shirt, no cover! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Rich's: 18 & up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Deja Vu "Phat Grooves & Cheap Drinks, doors open at 9pm, 90's Retro House Disco with D.J. Chris Sill.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 12pm to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Snacks on the "Far Side" & LVL PWA Holiday Charities guest bartenders 5pm; 8pm show w/ Javier Luna & Nevada.

Monday, May 5

- BerryHill II: Free pool.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer all day, all nite.
- BriarPatch: Auntie Richard's Antics at 8pm; Open pool tables at 8pm; Clint tickles the ivories at 9:30pm; Black Jack w/ Mud Bug.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half price lockers noon to midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip 11pm.

- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toy Dancers 9pm to 1am; \$3.50 Crown cocktails open to close.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; Martinis & Muscles! \$3.75 top shelf Martinis, \$2.25 domestic longnecks, frozen Margaritas \$1.75; "Pump" male dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$1 longnecks at 8 to 11pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.50 double well drinks, \$1.75 well, \$2 domestic longnecks; Pool tournament at 8:30pm; male dancers 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 longnecks 8-11pm.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: \$1.25 Gold Margaritas all nite long, doors open at 9pm. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12pm to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.

Tuesday, May 6

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7am to 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. Live Band "Jambeaux" 8pm to Midnite. \$1 Burgers on the patio 6 to 10pm.
- BriarPatch: Mama Marcie holds down the piano at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon until midnight.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 10pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$2 Windex shots.
- J.R.'s: 2 for Tuesdays! \$2 domestic longnecks, well drinks, frozen Ritas & wine; Jockey short contest at 11pm; grab for cash at midnight.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; \$2 Cuervo.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$1.75 domestic longnecks; \$2.50 well drinks; \$3 any other drink in the house! Happy hour until 10pm; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 well 8-11pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Executive Night. No cover with your personalized business card. \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. Doors open at 9pm. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon to 7pm.

Wednesday, May 7

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Free Pool Tables. FACES plays at 9pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am until 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite.
- BriarPatch: Charlotta's martini night specials; Beverly Siscoe makes em sing standards at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour All Day & Nite; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo; Sheila Lennon's Karaoke night at 9pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.40 well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 Vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club

- 7am to 10pm; Burger night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 7pm; \$1.25 Schnapps open to close; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11pm.
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- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$2 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade, \$2.75 Desert Long Island Tea: Joe Boxer dance contest at 11pm.
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- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
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Thursday, May 8

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Male Dancers at 10:30pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks 7am-11pm; \$1.75 well 7am-11pm. Free dance lessons with Scott at 8:30pm.
- BriarPatch: Edith Head...Liza...Liz...you name it at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Doors open at 7am!
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 10am to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Houston: Half-price lockers, rooms, & video rooms noon to midnight.
- Cousin's: Talent contest at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well 4pm to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm. Mug club 7am to 10pm; Tacos on the patio; Thursday Night Follies @ 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3 Skyy martinis open to close.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles; \$3.75 top shelf liquor, \$2.25 Imported, Saint Arnold & Micro brewed beer: Star Search Gold Karaoke at 9pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; 75¢ Schnapps. Open Dart Tournament Registration at 6pm, play at 7pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, & wine; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- Ms. B's: Nancy Ford 8:30 to 10pm, open mike & karaoke 10:30pm to 1am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 draft 8-11pm and 10¢ wings.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Sexx Thursdays; \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer, \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 Schnapps. No cover with current gym card. No cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1, to 8pm; StarTrek on the big screen at 8 & 9pm; Classic Rock night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
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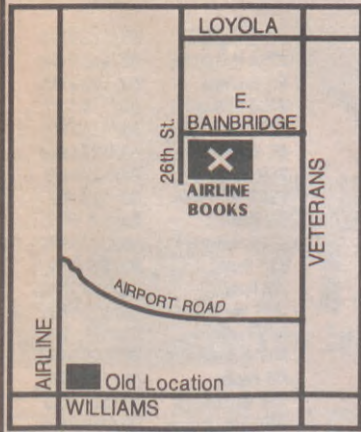
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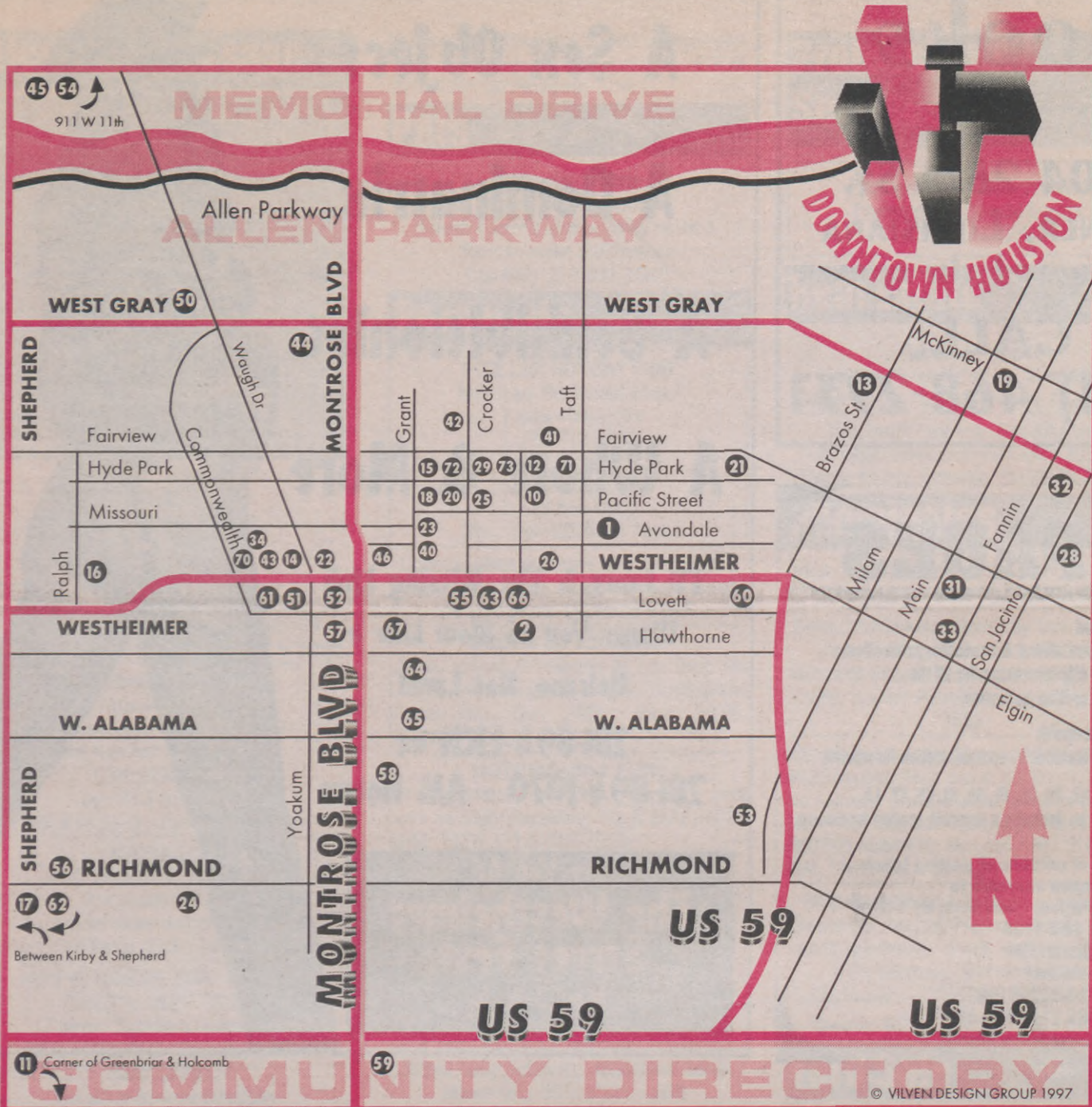
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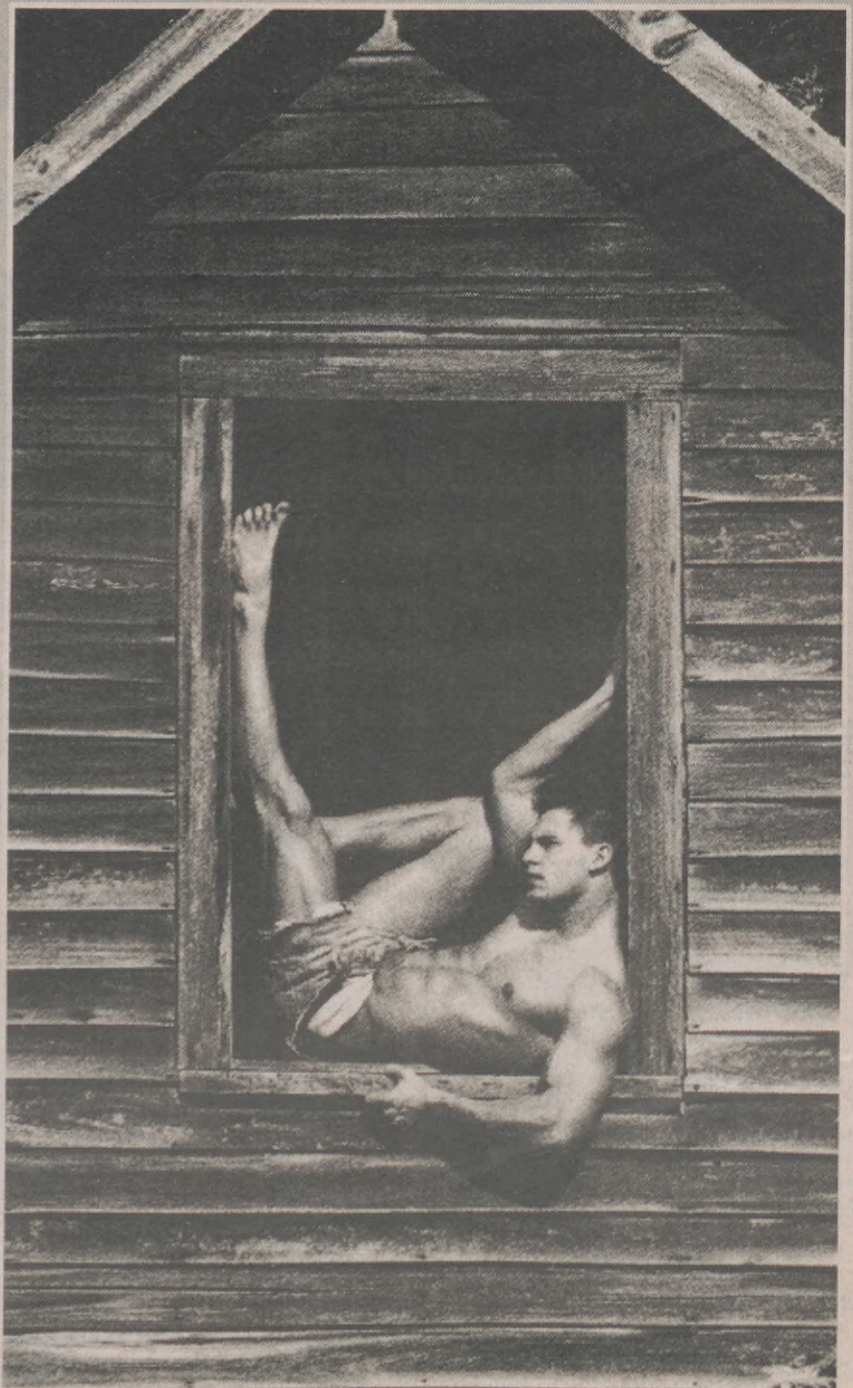
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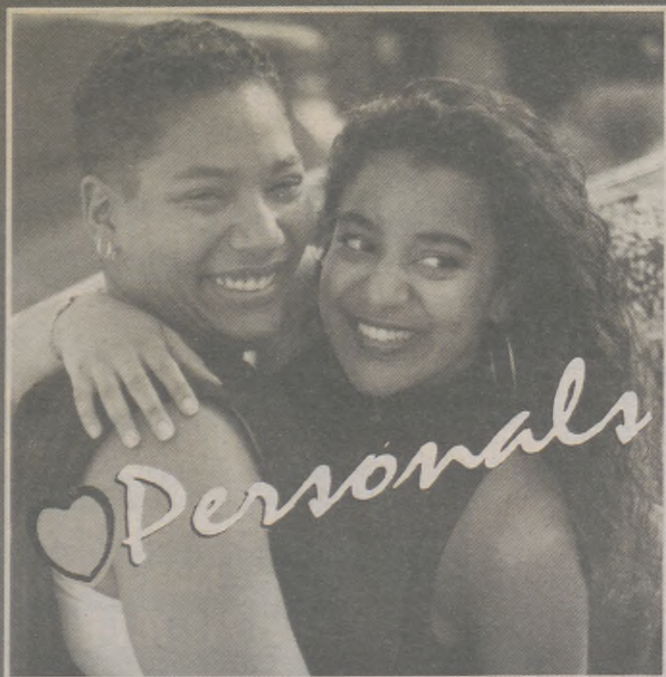
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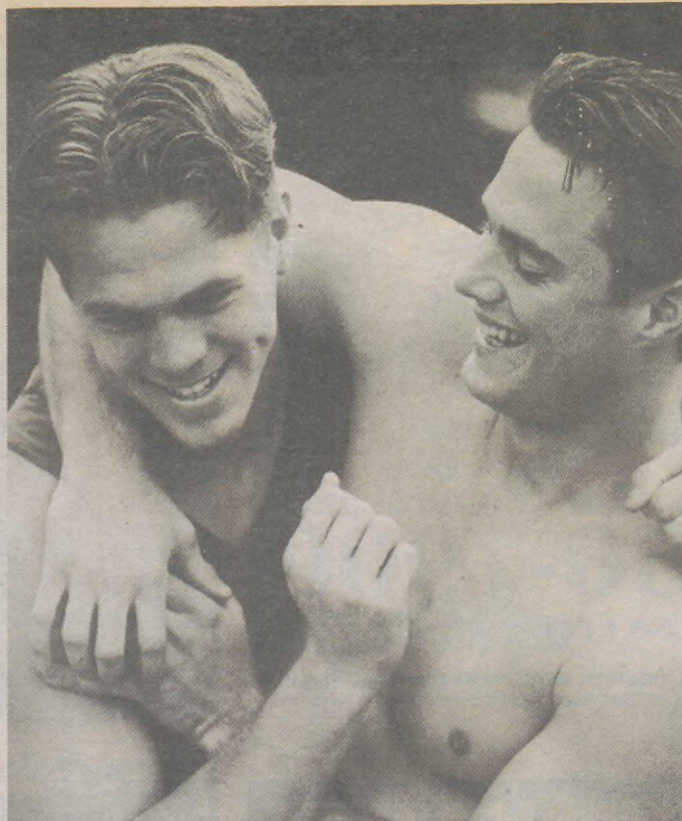


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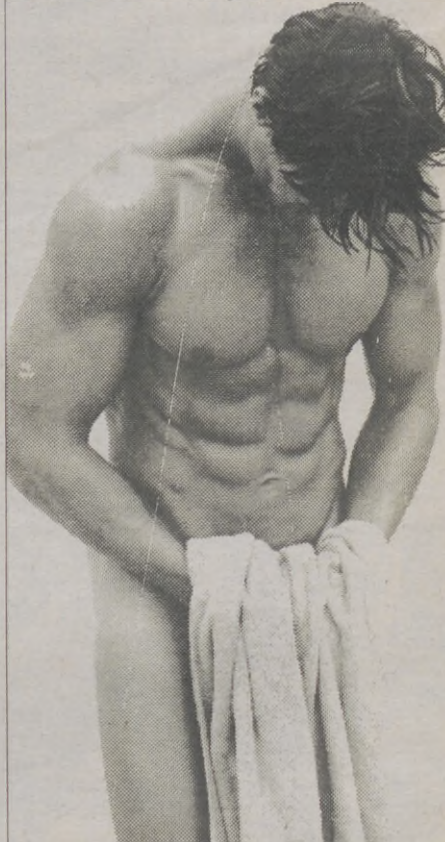
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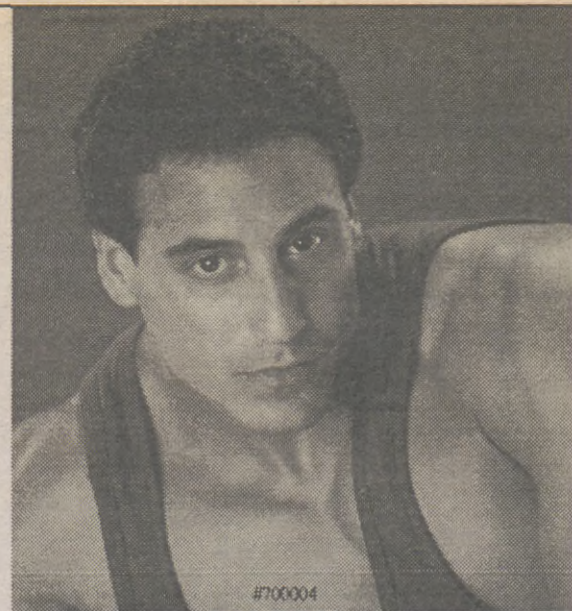
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SF Poet, actress. I like candlelit dinners, horseback riding & walks on the beach. If you are interested, leave a message. Call Ext. 5439

SBF 136 lbs., 5'2", light-complexioned. Looking for a single Black or White female to enjoy telephone conversations with & get to know a little better. If you are interested, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5321

SWF 24, 175 lbs., butch. I'm intelligent. I enjoy horseback riding, poetry, playing softball & karate. I'm an all-around nice person & I get along with everyone. Looking for a feminine woman who wants to be friends or go further. Call Ext. 5385

SBF 5'3", 135 lbs. I'm a dominant female. Give me a call if you are interested. Call Ext. 5370

SWF 37, 5'8", medium-built. I like cooking, movies, dancing & animals. Seeking someone for companionship & a possible relationship. I'm not too butch. Call Ext. 5398

SWF Looking to make new friends or possibly even a relationship. I'm a soft butch, 5'3" & height/weight proportionate. I'm a smoker & a non-drinker. I'm a professional who loves kids, animals & the outdoors. If you would like a new friend who is honest, leave a message. Call Ext. 5394

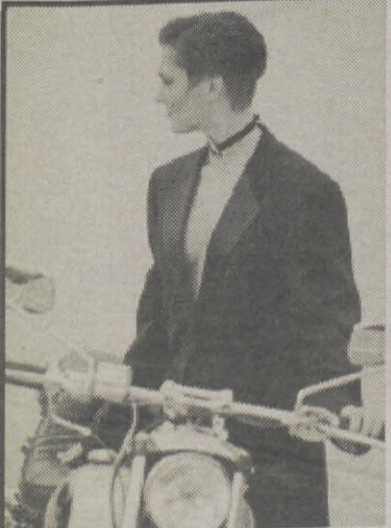
SF 20, college student. If interested, leave a message. Call Ext. 5277

SF 23. I'm a mother who enjoys romantic walks on the beach & romantic dinners. Looking for a professional butch who is caring & sharing. She should be 27 or older. I'm looking forward to your call. Call Ext. 5298

SBF 5'5", height/weight proportionate, beautiful brown eyes. 47, but I look 37. I'm very feminine. Seeking soft butch who is very honest & sincere. Seeking someone who is willing to treat me like a lady. Call Ext. 5312

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SHF 4'10", green eyes, professional, late 20's. In search of someone to get to know. I'm all woman & enjoy being treated like a true lady. I enjoy the simple things in life. Call Ext. 5389

SWF 5'2". I have money & I live in a nice apartment complex. I enjoy staying home & cooking. Looking for someone for a relationship. Call Ext. 5305

SF I want to make love tonight. I want to meet a WF. Call Ext. 5412

SWF 42. I'm a soft butch captain looking for a single White female first mate who is feminine. Seeking someone who is interested in boating & hanging out at marinas. Call Ext. 5348

SWF 38, 5'2", 115 lbs. Looking for a single White female. I'm in good shape & very athletic, with a college degree. Looking for a long-term relationship. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5339

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SM Looking for a younger Hispanic, Oriental or White male who has an aggressive nature. Should be demanding & in need of a lot of attention. I'm a middle-aged White male who is financially secure and interested in hearing from you. Call Ext. 5441

SWM 6'3", 215 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, HIV+. I'm a down-to-earth man seeking someone sincere & honest for a relationship. I like to do the simple things that people can do together. Call Ext. 5427

SWM 47, 6', 225 lbs., brown hair, green eyes. I'm versatile & looking for men who find extensive foreplay exciting. All replies will be responded to. Call Ext. 5426

SM 33, 5'8", 170 lbs., muscular, sexy, smooth. Interested in meeting tall, bear-type men who are hairy & large. Must be very well-endowed and strictly a top man. Call Ext. 5430

SWM Tall, fit, sexy, mature. Seeking gay or bi males. Pleasure is assured and daytime meetings are the best. All fetishes are welcome, especially cross dressing & role playing. Call Ext. 5355

SM Tan, smooth, attractive, 5'7", 165 lbs. Looking to meet a very tall, well-endowed man for fun, friendship and possibly more. Call Ext. 5429

SWM 35, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a top man who is in control & is demanding. Someone who wants to train me. I have no diseases & seeking the same. I'm petite, with a very girlish bottom. I like wearing girly panties. Looking for a dominant man. Call Ext. 5384

SM Leave a message if you are interested. Call Ext. 5364

SWM 34, 6'2", 160 lbs., HIV+, straight-acting, attractive, healthy & fit. I like laughter, music, boxer shorts, romance & building new bridges. Looking for the same in someone else. You are a White male, 30-45, with a positive mind. You should be height/weight proportionate. No games. Call Ext. 5354

SM Do you like lingerie, wigs & makeup? Panty & pajama parties? Are you seeking an understanding, big brother type to discreetly share your sassy side with? I'm a brown-haired, blue-eyed male in excellent shape. Let the fun begin. Call Ext. 5355

GWM 6', 165 lbs., light brown hair, hazel eyes. I'm HIV+. I'm handsome, professional, secure & open-minded. I enjoy working out, movies, dining out, evenings at home & some travel. Looking for companionship & possibly more. Seeking a gay Hispanic male, 25-40, who is height/weight proportionate. I prefer a top who is financially & emotionally secure. Light smokers & drinkers are okay. I look forward to hearing from you. Call Ext. 5353

SWM 40, bi, open-minded. Like to get together with someone some time. Call Ext. 5352

SWM 40ish, height/weight proportionate, non-smoker, HIV-, light drinker. I'm Greek-passive and enjoy active-passive French. I like well-endowed guys who are into hot sex. Threesomes are good. No strings or attachments. Call Ext. 5422

SWM 37, 6', 195 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. I'm handsome, HIV+ and very healthy. I would like to meet another White male who is also good-looking and height/weight proportionate. I enjoy cars, antiques, country fairs and having a good time. I like to enjoy life. Call Ext. 5421

SWM HIV-, 40's, tall, slender, in good shape. I'm funny, sexy & hairy. Looking for versatile men, 5'10"-6'2", who are 135-170 lbs. Should be 25-35. Looking for a man who wants to bring out the top in me. I have been a bit shy about it, but not any longer. Call Ext. 5366

SM I love to suck cock. Looking for a couple of hot, horny, young, good-looking guys who can be bisexual, straight or gay. Anyone who likes to get his cock sucked. I'm looking forward to meeting you as soon as I can. Call Ext. 5082

SM 37, 5'9", 190 lbs. Seeking masculine gay or bi White or Hispanic or Black guys, 20-45, for hot, safe fun. Must be height/weight proportionate. Being tall is a plus, but not a requirement. Call Ext. 5342

SM 45, HIV+, 5'11", 170 lbs., healthy. I enjoy quiet evenings at home, music, cuddling, holding & kissing. Looking for someone, 35-50, who has similar interests. Should be height/weight proportionate. Honesty is the best policy. Call Ext. 5334

SM 25, 5'4", 135 lbs., blue eyes, blonde hair. I'm looking for a man, 18-35, who is serious about becoming friends and possibly more. Let me know what you think. Call Ext. 5420

SWM 36, 5'11", 155 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, HIV+. I'm attractive, loyal, honest & affectionate. In search of a gay White or Hispanic male to share fun times, dinners, movies, romance & cuddling. Looking for someone to share life with & take it to the fullest. Call Ext. 5419

SBM 6'3", 180 lbs., HIV+. I'm a professional who is athletic. I enjoy basketball, rollerblading, skiing, horseback riding & other sports. I own & ride a motorcycle. I'm masculine & straight-acting. Looking for the same for a long-term relationship. Call Ext. 5414

SWM I'm a cross dresser & a Cher look-alike. I have been told I'm attractive & I like to wear feminine things. I like to priss around & act like a woman. I'm available to travel. I would like to meet guys, 18-30, with smooth bodies. Call Ext. 5374

DM 33, 6'3", 240 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I'm in business for myself & I have two kids. I'm looking to meet someone for a possible relationship. Call Ext. 5400

SWM 45, 5'10", 170 lbs., mustache, brown eyes, light body hair, HIV+. I'm tired of bar games & dead end streets. I like holding, cuddling, kissing, music, movies & the arts. Looking for a serious relationship with a male, 35-50-something, who is height/weight proportionate with similar interests. Honesty & sincerity are a must. Call Ext. 5393

SWM 33, 6'1", 220 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I enjoy quiet evenings at home, movies, dining out & cooking for that special person. I'm seeking Black men, 28-40, who are definite top men. I'm looking forward to talking to you. Call Ext. 5395

SWM Handsome, hot top. I'm a non-smoker & very clean. I'm dominant, passionate, caring, young 60, 5'9" & 175 lbs. Looking for a bottom of any age for fun & maybe more. Call Ext. 5417

SM I'm a cross dresser & I would like to meet other cross dressers. I enjoy get-togethers & going out. Leave a message. Call Ext. 5377

SWM Bisexual. I'm a cross dressing transvestite. I'm 5'10" & 160 lbs. Late 30's. Wanting to meet other transgenders. Call Ext. 5337

SM Handsome, smooth, muscular, 37, 5'8", 170 lbs. I'm HIV+ & very healthy. I'm a bottom who enjoys traveling, working out, cars, landscaping, house projects & most gay things. I would like to meet a rugged, good-looking top man, 35-50, with similar interests who is relationship-oriented. Call Ext. 5201

SWM Gray and brown hair, 6'1", 150 lbs. I'm in good shape & average-sized. In search of Black, Hispanic or Native American male who is dominant. I can be versatile. Call Ext. 5340

SHM 40, Virgo. Seeking other revolutionary guys. I enjoy all kinds of music, full moons, sports, arts & political activism. Call Ext. 5411

SBM 28, 6'4", 215 lbs., good-looking. Looking for a real sexy Black or White cross dresser. Give me a call. Call Ext. 5322

SWM 29, 6'8", slender, height/weight proportionate. Looking for a butch top man who knows how to satisfy a bottom. I will answer all replies. Hope to hear from you soon. Call Ext. 5331

SHM 5'10", dark brown eyes, black hair, beard, bottom. I have an earring in my right ear & a 36" waist. I'm sincere & honest. I love men. Size is not important, as long as he is a man. I'm a bottom. Call Ext. 5403

SWHM 34, 5'8", 175 lbs., attractive, healthy, HIV+. I'm a smooth, clean-cut professional. I want to meet a hot man who is dominant, passionate & caring. Should be 30-40, intelligent & in good shape. Tall guys are a plus. I place a lot of emphasis on sex, but I'm open-minded & willing to explore other avenues. Call Ext. 5387

SM 30, I want to get to know a person & start off as friends. Leave a message & I will call you. Call Ext. 5372

SWM 31, 5'9", 160 lbs. Looking for a top man who is well-endowed. Should be 30-40. I like to go out for an occasional drink & I also enjoy spending time at home. Give me a call if this is you. Call Ext. 5365

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SWM 46, 6', 160 lbs., handsome. I enjoy working out, movies, the theater & reading. Would like to meet a 35+-year-old, handsome, in shape, healthy, non-smoking, HIV- man. Call Ext. 5362

SHM 32, 5'8", medium-built, bottom. I would like to meet a top male who is 40-50. Facial hair is a must & a hairy chest is a plus. I would prefer a taller man. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5361

GWM 33, 6'1", 240 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I'm a hairy, soft cuddly bear-type. I'm HIV+ & very healthy. Seeking gay Black males who are non-smokers. I enjoy movies, quiet evenings at home, cooking & dining out. If you are interested in talking to me further, leave a message. Call Ext. 5347

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GWM 47, 6'1", 220 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, professional. I love to dance & I love being affectionate. I love holding, cuddling & kissing. Looking for shorter men with similar characteristics, primarily for friendship and whatever else may or may not develop. Sincerity is a must. Call Ext. 5350

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SM Very handsome, muscular, smooth, beefy, 30, 5'8", 175 lbs. I'm a total bottom looking for an aggressive, tall, big, well-endowed top who enjoys a super smooth bottom. Call Ext. 5123

SWM 40's, 6', blue eyes. I'm financially secure & a non-smoker, with my head screwed on tight. I'm HIV- & versatile. Seeking a wonderful guy in my life. I'm looking for a slender gay White or Asian male, under 37. I ask only that you are HIV- & drug-free. Call Ext. 5388

SWM 33, brown hair, brown eyes. I'm an HIV+ husky bear looking for well-hung, slender-built top men, 30-40, of any race. Looking for someone who enjoys quiet evenings at home. Call Ext. 5369

SM 33, 5'5", brownish-blond hair, brown eyes, dark-complexioned. I'm a college student & a part-time dancer. I'm HIV+ & real cute. I like to have a lot of fun & I'm always entertaining. I like to laugh & I'm always positive. Looking for someone I can fall madly in love & share my life with. Call Ext. 5373

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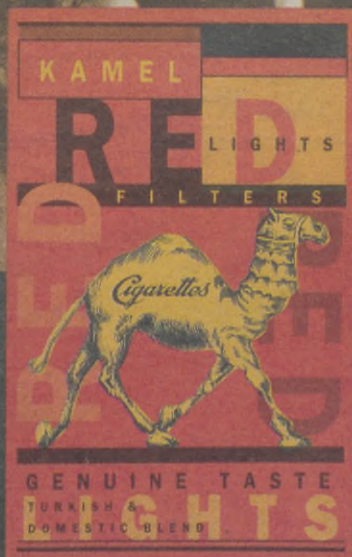
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