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Gore visits Houston to campaign for mayoral candidate Lee Brown



by Michael Graczyk

HOUSTON (AP) - Vice President Al Gore stumped Monday for Houston mayoral candidate Lee Brown, calling the former Clinton

administration drug czar someone who can bring the city together and continue its progress.



Gore's appearances were primarily to fatten the campaign treasury of Brown, who faces Houston businessman Rob Mosbacher in a runoff election Dec. 6. Each man hopes to succeed three-term Mayor Bob Lanier, who can't run again because of term limits. The most recent published polls show Brown with a slight lead over Mosbacher, with about 10 percent of voters undecided.

"What you have here before you in Lee Brown is an experienced leader who has made a difference as a cop on the beat, as a leader in cities in this nation and as a cabinet member responsible and part of the team for one of the greatest success stories in economic development and reduction in crime in the whole history of the United States of America," Gore told more than 100 people who paid \$1,000 apiece to hear his brief remarks.

Then he left to have lunch at an inner-city cafe, where he went through the food line with a couple of Democratic congressmen and state legislators from Houston, Texas Democratic Party chief Bill White and a few others.

Gore picked up the tab for the entourage, plunking down \$40 at the end of the line. He took no questions from reporters during his three-hour visit and staffers persisted in keeping reporters away, except for photographing him.

During his brief remarks, he touted Brown. See ELECTION page 16



John Berendt, author of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, will read from his book at Booktronics, 5370 Westheimer, on December 1.

Parker Campaign gears up for December 6 runoff; receives more endorsements

by Curt Morrison

HOUSTON - The Annise Parker Campaign for Houston City Council is in high gear for the December 6 runoff election. "It's going to be a tight race," commented Parker, "but if we can turn out our voters, we win - and let me tell you, things are looking great for December 6."

The campaign headquarters are buzzing with activity, according to campaign manager Grant Martin. Martin told the *Houston Voice* Parker needs money and volunteers during the final week of the campaign to remain competitive.

Both the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus Political Action Committee (HGLPC PAC) and Log Cabin Republican State President Dale Carpenter have held

recent fund-raisers for the Parker camp, however, more moneys are needed because television advertisements are expensive and necessary for victory, according to Martin.

The Caucus event, an open to the public reception held at the Moose Cafe last Monday, drew almost 100 people to support Parker's bid for the city council seat, according to HGLPC board member, and chair of the event, Robert Johnson. Carpenter held a private, invitation only, reception at his home



Annise Parker, center front, flanked by left to right, State Rep. Debra Danburg, HGLPC Pres. Lane Lewis, Campaign manager Grant Martin, HGLPC Board members Kevin Davidson and Robert Johnson.

a day earlier. Both events raised significant amounts of money.

"I am extremely gratified by all the support I have received from the HGLPC and Log Cabin Republicans Houston, in the way of money, volunteers and moral support," Parker told *Houston Voice*.

In related news, Parker added several new endorsements to an already unprecedented and distinguished list of endorsements for an openly gay candidate. Parker was endorsed

by attorney Thelonious D. Pugh and city council member Jew Don Boney last week. Pugh, a former foe of Parker's for the City Council At Large, Position 1 seat, finished seventh in the November 4 election. Boney represents District D which includes Montrose.

"Annise will make all Houstonians proud when she takes her seat at the Council table," said HGLPC PAC Co-Chair Jay Seegers. "She represents mainstream political thought as her broad range of endorsements illustrates."

"I am proud," said Parker, "that every elected official and every community-based organization that has endorsed in this race has endorsed me." Parker also received the endorsement of the Houston Association of Realtors last week.

A Holiday Classic Returns



PHOTO BY GEOFF WINNIGRAM

From November 28-December 29, Houston Ballet will ring in the holiday season with its production of the *Nutcracker*, choreographed by Ben Stevenson. Pictured here are principal dancers, Dawn Scannell as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Dominic Walsh as The Prince. For tickets call 227-ARTS or 1-800-828-ARTS.

Affirmative action, gay rights among issues to confront lawmakers

by Darlene Superville

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (AP) - Republicans will be taking aim at scores of federal programs benefiting women and racial minorities next year in Congress, where a number of civil rights battles will be played out against a backdrop of election politics.

Affirmative action and related issues had begun to heat up just before lawmakers went home earlier this month. But 1998 is a congressional election year, and one Republican lawmaker says he's ready again to push a bill ending federal race- and gender-based programs.

Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., said Congress shouldn't wait for courts to act, even though they are increasingly ruling against affirmative action. The programs, he said, are based on the "flawed belief" that we will be able to overcome discrimination by practicing discrimination. "That is a dead end," he said. "It won't work."

Other civil rights issues facing Congress in 1998 include:
• Bill Lann Lee's nomination to be the

- nation's top civil rights enforcer.
- Legislation to outlaw job discrimination against gays.
- A House investigation of voter fraud in the election of Democratic Rep. Loretta Sanchez, which elicited cries of racism from minority Democrats.

Karen Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, which supports Lee, said the 105th Congress was trying to undermine existing civil rights laws. "Thankfully they failed this year in most of their attempts but we have no reason to believe they won't repeat the effort next year," she said.

Canady's attempt to advance the anti-affirmative action bill in November was blocked when Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa., questioned the timing. Gekas, who also opposes affirmative action, doubted whether Congress should be involved. Gekas said a "legislative slambang" solution would be counterproductive, considering that judges are reviewing the issue.

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Two former Bush employees sue over firing

by Juan B. Elizondo

AUSTIN (AP) - Two former employees of Gov. George W. Bush sued his office Monday after being fired earlier this year.

In their lawsuit, Valerie Curbo, 33, and Carol Funderburgh, 38, say they were fired from the governor's Criminal Justice Division after complaining about hostile language and attitudes toward gays and lesbians from its executive director, Nancy Hugon.

Ms. Curbo and Ms. Funderburgh said Ms. Hugon referred to crime victims organizations for gays and lesbians as "homo projects." They said she wanted to track the number of crime victims who are gay and threatened to retaliate against crime victim grant applicants who complained about budget cuts.

Ms. Hugon also disparaged victim advocates, calling them "nothing but a bunch of

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Houston AIDS Organizations join first-ever 'e-March' on Washington

Bering Community Service Foundation has joined forces with The Center for AIDS, AIDS Foundation Houston, WAM Foundation, AVES, Montrose Clinic and Montrose Counseling Center to participate in a first-ever electronic march on Washington to send the message that America cares about AIDS "until it's over."

The "Until It's Over e-March" is sponsored by AIDS Action, a national HIV/AIDS policy organization based in the Belt Way. The event will be hosted on the websites of each participating organization. Web users visiting the site(s) will be presented with a virtual version of the Washington Mall and can participate by signing an e-mail message to be delivered to America's leaders. A digital counter on the site displays the number of e-marchers. The goal is to enlist as many e-Marchers as possible.

"We battle with HIV and AIDS every day here in our community, but the battle must be fought at the national level," said Bill Kersten, Director of the Bering Community Service Foundation. "Across America, local organizations such as Bering are facing a growing epidemic and increasingly limited resources. We know first-hand that AIDS is not over. Each person who participates in the 'Until It's Over e-March' helps ensure that our national leaders know it too."

By supporting the groundbreaking event, Bering and AIDS Action hope to allow more people to participate in a march on Washington than would be possible by more traditional means. The "virtual" nature of the e-March eliminates many obstacles associated with a live national march - such as traveling long distance, finding hotel accommodations, and coping with inclement weather.

"In addressing the common misperception

of an end to AIDS, the 'Until It's Over e-March' hopes to send a message to our national leaders that it's not over," said Daniel Zinglue, executive director of AIDS Action. According to Center for AIDS Director, Michael Peranteau, "This means convincing our national leadership that the epidemic will remain an issue for the next century rather than being a relic of this one. The world's first e-March makes AIDS an issue for the information age."

The "until It's Over e-March" kicks off December 1, 1997 to commemorate World AIDS Day and will continue for a full year. Participating web sites include: www.bering.org; www.centerforaids.org; www.aids-help.org; www.nesoft.com/~hailaves; www.nesoft.com/~wam; www.nesoft.com/~mcc; and www.montrose-clinic.org.

H.A.T.C.H. elects new board, officers; increases activity

The Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (H.A.T.C.H.) held its election of board of directors and officers at its November meeting last week.

Kevin Davidson was re-elected to his fourth term as president of the organization, Tom Staley was elected to his second term as vice president and Randy Scott was elected treasurer. Elected board members include Ron Dalton, David Garza, Gary Van Ooteghem, Nathan Bayless, Chris Ehlinger, Dennis Klappersack, Trish Kolodney and Elaine Ray.

The organization has, collectively, assisted more than 1,000 gay and lesbian youth during the past year, under the guidance of its three co-directors and 43 trained facilitators. The group aims to provide a safe social environment for gay and lesbian youth, age 13 to 20. The mission is to empower the youth to become positive contributors to the community. The location of the facility is not public for the safety of the children.

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Holocaust Museum to honor Edgar M. Bronfman

HOUSTON - The Holocaust Museum of Houston will honor Edgar M. Bronfman with the Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award for his relentless pursuit of the Swiss banking industry to acknowledge and relinquish funds from dormant accounts and other assets belonging to European Jews during World War II.

The award is named for the late president, who in 1938, as a young Texas congressman, risked his political aspirations to provide American safety to more than 40 European Jews. This is the third annual award event sponsored by Holocaust Museum Houston. Chaired by Ellen Hyman, along with her co-chairs Linda Lay, Henia Leibman and Velva Levine, as well as honorary co-chairs Macey and Harry Reasoner, the event takes place, Thursday, December 4, 1997 at the Wortham Center.

Bronfman used his power as chairman of the multi-billion dollar Seagrams empire and as president of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) to uncover the facts surrounding Switzerland's long buried secret in housing millions, if not billions, of dollars formerly owned by European Jews.

In 1995, Bronfman paid a visit to Swiss bankers in Bern who insisted that a small number of accounts held little more than a few thousand Swiss Francs. Since that meeting, the Swiss, under pressure from Bronfman, the World Jewish Congress and international press, have discovered around 2,000 accounts worth at least 45 million Swiss Francs.

Bronfman has worked for the past four years in verifying these reports independently and "digging deeper" into this scandal, which was exposed more than a half century after World War II. Recent facts now support that at least two dozen nations across the world, from Bulgaria to Sweden to Argentina, had knowledge of or were involved in the scandal, according to the museum.

In addition to his efforts in uncovering the truth regarding Swiss bank accounts,

Bronfman was instrumental in the 1980's in exposing Austrian UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim as a former Nazi intelligence officer. Bronfman is involved in many philanthropic organizations that support his fellow man and foster the preservation of Jewish culture.

For more information concerning the event, contact the Holocaust Museum Houston at (713) 942-8000.

Actor Jerry Van Dyke cooks up Texas venture

FORT WORTH - Jerry Van Dyke is expanding his entrepreneurial empire. The former co-star of ABC-TV's *Coach* and brother of Dick Van Dyke is opening a 1940s-era theme restaurant and bed-and-breakfast in Fort Worth.

Van Dyke says he wants to continue bringing back the soda-shop era like he did in Benton, Ark., where he revitalized the town square with a moviehouse, restaurant, candy store, antique shop and hotel.

"I grew up in the soda shop and I had this concept, with the player piano and a karaoke and pictures of my career all over the walls and the TV running with all my stuff and my brother's stuff throughout the years, and it just took off," he told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

Jerry Van Dyke's Soda Shoppe and Guesthouse in Fort Worth, opening Dec. 19, will be a joint project with magazine publisher Mark Hulme of Fort Worth.

ACS offers free smoking cessation classes for holidays

HOUSTON - Want to quit smoking? Ready to take action? Well, the American Cancer Society will lend a helping hand - free smoking cessation classes for smokers.

The Freshstart program consists of four one-hour sessions held during a two-week period. About 12-15 individuals form each 'quit smoking' group and are led by a trained ex-smoker or health professional through the

four sessions. Participants must pre-register with twenty dollar deposit, which will be refunded after the completion of the program.

"The Holidays can be a stressful time for a lot of people and we've had several requests for classes to be scheduled before the holidays," said Michelle Rocky, Freshstart Volunteer Coordinator for the American Cancer Society. "What a great way to celebrate the holidays being smoke free."

Classes will be held at the American Cancer Society building, 6301 Richmond Avenue from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on December 2, 4, 9 & 11. For more information about Freshstart, to register, or if you are an ex-smoker interested in being trained as a facilitator, please call the American Cancer Society at (71113) 266-2877.

Alley's 'Christmas Carol' returns for ninth consecutive season

HOUSTON - The Alley Theatre is bringing Houston audiences its holiday perennial, *A Christmas Carol*, *A Ghost Story of Christmas*, for the ninth consecutive year.

The holiday tale, with its massive, multi-level set, eerie ghostly apparition dancers and the moving account of Ebenezer Scrooge's heart-wrenching journey that brings him to the true meaning of Christmas will don the Alley's large stage beginning Friday, November 28 and run through Sunday, December 28.

Originally published in London on Dec. 17, 1843, *A Christmas Carol* was an immediate success and quickly established itself as a literary classic. The touching story is a beloved tale that has become part of holiday folklore.

The Alley's first staging of *A Christmas Carol*, *A Ghost Story of Christmas* dates back to 1989. Since then, it has developed into an incredible cast of more than 40 actors and includes eerie special effects and an unquenchable Christmas favorite of theatergoer's during the holiday season.

The 1997 production of *A Christmas Carol*, *A Ghost Story of Christmas* is sponsored by Vastar

Resources, Merrill Lynch and Target Stores/Mervyn's California and is funded in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts through the Cultural Arts Council. For more information, call the Alley at (713) 228-8421.

Briefs...

State Representative Garnet Coleman will speak at the Wednesday, December 3 meeting of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. According to HGLPC board chair Clarence Bagby, Coleman has an "outstanding record on gay and lesbian civil rights issues." Complimentary wine, coffee and soft drinks will be served. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Lovett Inn. For more information, call (713) 521-1000....

Mayoral candidate Rob Mosbacher has been endorsed by the Houston Association of Realtors and the Greater Houston Builders Association in the December 6 runoff to replace outgoing mayor Bob Lanier. Both groups also supported Chris Bell for At-Large, Position 4 and Carroll G. Robinson for At-Large, Position 5. Bell and Robinson were both endorsed by the HGLPC. Bell has also been endorsed by Log Cabin Houston....

Elizabeth Spates garnered several significant endorsements this week in her race against Carroll G. Robinson for City Council At-Large, Position 5. State Senator Jerry Patterson, former State Representative Yolanda Navarro, recent city council candidate Mark Sandoval and former foe "Griff" Griffin have endorsed Spates for the seat. Spates has received the endorsement of Log Cabin Houston....

Finally, Access Houston Community television will re-air *Candidates Forum*, Saturday, November 29 at 5:30 a.m. and Monday, December 1 at 6 p.m. Slated to appear are the city council candidates running for seats in District A, District F and At-Large Positions 1, 4 and 5. The forum will be at the TSU Student Life Center and televised live on AHCTV on Warner Cable, channel 17; TCI Cable, Channel 41; Phonoscope Cable, channel 72; and Optel Cable, channel 7.

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The organization is positioning itself for significant growth next year. The board of directors are tentatively slated to partake in a retreat during the month of January to discuss the possibility of hiring a paid staff member, creating a scholarship fund for gay youth, fundraising and other items pertinent to the evolving needs of the organization. The retreat will be open to co-directors, facilitators and representatives of the youth for input.

For more information about H.A.T.C.H., call (713) 942-7003, e-mail hatch@neosoft.com, or write the organization at P.O. Box 667053, Houston, TX 77266.

MCC to form 'Men's Process Group'

The Montrose Counseling Center is amid forming a new group designed to help gay and bisexual men deal with the issues of living as a gay person in today's society.

"For men who are coming out, dating, or in relationships, being gay can be a complex experience," said Daniel Garces, MS,LPC, who will facilitate the group. "However, talking about that experience in a supportive environment can reduce anxieties and open up whole new avenues of understanding."

The group, Men's Process Group, will take place every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond Avenue. The inaugural meeting will transpire December 3, 1997, however, the group will accept new members through the end of December.

"It will be a general issues group," said Garces. "We will be focusing on coming out, relationships and dating, how to find and maintain friendships, and other topics that may come up."

The group will run weekly for 12 weeks and no experience in counseling is necessary to participate. Members will be asked to make a 12-week commitment so a sense of trust and

stability can be developed within the group. For more information, contact Garces at (713) 529-0037.

Briefs...

Milam House held its annual fundraising dinner last weekend featuring Dr. Robert McNamara as the keynote speaker. The capacity filled hall raised much needed funds for the organization. The event was a resounding success. Vikki Gotting, the organization's executive program director was instrumental in organizing the successful event. Meanwhile, the organization is in dire need of volunteers and donations. For more information, call Milam House at (713) 649-6035....



Vikki Gotting and Dr. McNamara

Stages Repertory Theatre will present the Houston premier of *Das Barbecu* (based on the book and music by Jim Luigs and Scott Warrender), a comical tongue-in-cheek rendition of Wagner's famous *Ring Cycle*. Five actors will portray the boisterous cast of 30 characters amidst the off-kilter country-western lyrics. *Das Barbecu* will run from November 26 through January 4 in Stages' thrust theatre. For more information, call Stages at (713) 527-8243....

Finally, Houston playwright/screenwriter and chairman of the drama department of the University of St. Thomas, Sam Havens will be the featured speaker at the Scriptwriters/Houston meeting, Monday, December 1 at Jones Auditorium on the campus of UST. The topic: Common Mistakes Playwrights Make. The event is free and open to the public. For details, call (713) 707-5194....

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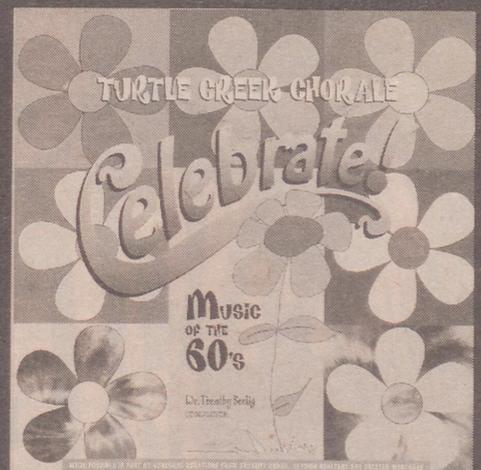
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Clinton signs FDA overhaul for speedier drug approval

by Lawrence L. Knutson

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - President Clinton signed a law Friday giving the Food and Drug Administration new powers to speed the approval of drugs to combat a host of killer diseases including cancer and AIDS.

Some critics have argued that the law will expose patients to risky medicine for the benefit of the makers of experimental drugs and new devices.

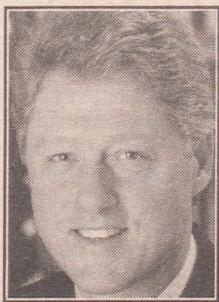
But Clinton said, The FDA has always set the gold standard for protecting the public safety. "Today, it wins the gold medal for leading the way into the future," he said at the bill-signing ceremony in the Old Executive Office Building next to the White House.

A hard-fought compromise, the FDA Modernization Act of 1997 took three years to hammer out. Many of its provisions have been put into effect administratively through Vice President Al Gore's "reinventing government" programs.

"We know that for many patients, experimental treatments represent their best — perhaps their only — chance for recovery," Clinton said. "That's why this bill writes into law current FDA policies that allow doctors and patients to use new drugs before they are formally approved."

"Already thousands of AIDS, cancer, and Alzheimer's patients have found new hope — even new life — with these experimental therapies," he said. Gore added: "This fall alone, the FDA has approved new drugs and treatments for everything from HIV to breast cancer, cardiovascular disease to cystic fibrosis, Parkinson's to epilepsy."

Clinton said he first became interested in the issue during his 1992 campaign when he heard complaints that the FDA drug approval system was "too slow and some-



what arbitrary and not giving the American people the drug approvals and the medical-device approvals in a timely fashion."

Clinton allies applauded the new law.

"The challenge now is to implement this far-reaching legislation rapidly and effectively, so that the full benefits of these changes will be available to patients and industry as soon as possible," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

But Dr. Sydney M. Wolfe, director of Public Citizen's Health Research Group, called the new law the worst attack on the Food and Drug Administration's ability to protect consumers and patients in 91 years. "Americans will be exposed to defective drugs and medical devices that Europeans with their weaker laws have been exposed to for a long time," Wolfe said.

He contended that political contributions greased the bill's progress through Congress and added: "This bill is good for corporate profits and bad for public health - period."

Health care quality focus of new congressional task force

by Melissa B. Robinson
Associated Press

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - Bracing for what promises to be a heated debate in Congress next year over the quality of medical care, a bipartisan group of lawmakers has formed a task force to help Congress decide whether to regulate managed care and other health plans.

The new Congressional Task Force on Health Care Quality may issue recommendations, develop a legislative proposal or

endorse one of many bills already filed or being drafted, Sens. John H. Chafee, R-R.I., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said Monday.

"Has managed care meant stronger preventive care or better care in general for the chronically ill, for seniors and for families?" asked Lieberman.

Managed care and other health plans seek to control health care costs by restricting choices such as when patients can see specialists. The task force will be headed by Chafee, Lieberman and Reps. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., and Benjamin Cardin, D-Md.

It was announced just days after President Clinton endorsed a White House commission's recommendations for a "bill of rights" to protect health care consumers against abuses by managed care plans.

"We've set up this group to educate ourselves," said Chafee, who played a key role in an unsuccessful effort by Senate moderates in 1994 to find a middle ground on health care reform after Clinton's massive plan for universal coverage was rejected on Capitol Hill. The task force plans to meet over the next few months with businesses, health care providers, insurers and health maintenance organizations.

"This is going to be very controversial," said Lieberman. "There are very strong, organized interests on all sides."

So far, Congress has passed just one measure regulating managed care plans: requiring 48-hour hospital stays for a woman after childbirth. Many others have been drafted, including a measure sponsored by Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., to guarantee hospital stays for mastectomy patients. Other, broader measures would give patients and physicians more leverage in their relationships with managed care plans.

"The need to protect patients and their health is a nonpartisan issue," said Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., a task force member who favors greater regulation of insurers. Roukema, who is co-sponsoring DeLauro's mastectomy bill, has also proposed legislation that would require insurers to allow patients to see doctors outside their health plans when "medically necessary."

But some Republican leaders and others in Congress are concerned that lawmakers will overreach in trying to legislate medical care. Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over health care financing, has said he is not eager to legislate the "bill of rights" endorsed by Clinton.

"Washington's willingness to solve everyone's problems has often led to unintended, costly consequences," Archer, R-Texas, said last week.

Chafee said he told Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., he was forming the task force but hasn't gotten any response. "I don't find myself in conflict with the leadership," Chafee said. "I don't think anyone objects to our trying to educate ourselves."

Meanwhile, interest groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association already have pledged to oppose efforts to turn White House commission's bill of rights into legislation.

The Clinton-endorsed measure would guarantee patients a reasonably large choice of doctors, opportunities to appeal denials of care to outside panels and direct access to specialists for serious conditions.

Other congressional task force members are Sens. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., and Bob Graham, D-Fla., and Reps. John Dingell, D-Mich., Fred Upton, R-Mich., Jim Maloney, D-Conn., and Christopher Shays, R-Conn.

Man with AIDS not allowed to speak at high schools

by Gina Chon

RHODE ISLAND - A man with AIDS says he is trying to give students information that will save their life, and school officials are trying to stop him.

Cranston resident Marc Paige, who has given AIDS talks to students throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts, asked to speak at North Providence High School. The school board decided Wednesday to deny his request. Paige submitted a similar request to a school committee in Cranston and also was rejected.

Paige said he has spoken at dozens of schools, but usually he is invited. The two requests are the only times he has approached schools about speaking and they are the only times he has been rejected. "The reality is that three-quarters of high school students have sex by the time they graduate," Paige said. "They need to know how to protect themselves."

Though both school districts teach students about AIDS in their curriculum, the 39-year-old Paige says the information would have more of an impact coming from someone who is infected. But North Providence Superintendent Marie Hanley told Paige that parts of his speech are "value challenging" and would be better handled by trained staff.

In his presentations, Paige talks about sexual intercourse, condoms, needle drug use, and gives details from his personal story. Paige was infected in the late 1970s after he had unprotected sex with another man. He found out he had the virus in 1989.

"I would be very offended if the reason they don't want me to talk is because I'm gay," Paige said. "I can't believe the school committee has so little regard for the gay students in their school. Besides, everyone is at risk."

But Dr. Paul Cardoza, who is in charge of health education in Cranston, says school officials didn't even discuss Paige's sexuality. Instead, he said the teaching staff decided that there isn't enough time to include Paige in the lesson plans.

"I'm not trying to tip toe around the issue," Cardoza said. "It's just that we have a limited amount of time to teach health education and there are so many important topics to cover. It's difficult to have people come in."

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Paige has been trying to speak at North Providence High School for two-years, but the board has only allowed him to visit the school during non-school hours. Paige says most kids do not attend the after school presentations. When North Providence students first heard about Paige's efforts, about 500 of them signed a petition asking the school district to allow Paige to speak, but the request was denied.

"I feel like the students understand and it's the adults who need to be educated," Paige said. "I guess I will just continue to try to teach the school committee about the disease."

Business exposition demonstrates lure of gay market

by Dave Howard
Associated Press

MASSACHUSETTS - Some businesses consider them the ideal customer - young professionals without the financial responsibilities of raising children and with plenty of disposable cash.

Organizers of the Boston Pride Show, an exposition held last Saturday and Sunday at the Boston Center for the Arts, worked to unite large and small businesses with that valued customer: the gay and lesbian professional. Companies like American Express and BankBoston promoted their products alongside coffee shops and craft stores at the expo, which featured live entertainment, silent auctions and book-signings.

Brian Rosenberg, a Boston marketing consultant who organized the event, said he hopes to show businesses that they can profit by catering to gay and lesbian customers. Rosenberg, who is gay, said the support of businesses is also reassuring to gays who are often looking for friendly places to do business. He said he and other gay customers often look for firms that openly support their

gay employees with anti-discrimination policies and benefits for same-sex partners.

"Gays and lesbians should be able to go out anywhere and not have to worry," he said. "If I'm shopping for a mattress, I don't want to be confronted with homophobia." Rosenberg said turnout was lower than hoped for, with about 1,500 people attending Saturday and about as many expected Sunday.

Serge Gojkovich, an advertising manager for *Bay Windows*, a gay weekly newspaper, said he has seen a steady growth in advertising from mainstream companies. Gojkovich said he and his boyfriend are typical of the gay professionals businesses are looking to win over.

"I can't remember the last time I clipped a coupon," he said. "We don't really expect to have any kids and that's something we don't really have to pay for."

On the other side of the conference center, lawyer Ira Harris Grolman explained why he's looking for gay clients. Hosting a discussion on estate planning, Grolman said his firm is uniquely qualified to help gay and lesbian partners win the same legal rights as married couples, using a variety of contracts. His firm's brochure spells out the bottom line: "Gay Life, Gay Lawyers."

Sue Grodberg, an administrative assistant at Harvard University, said she came to the expo with her partner because she was curious about its gay theme. After visiting the Tower Records and Kahlua liquor booths, Grodberg said she was having a little difficulty with the concept.

"What's a gay expo, and is Kahlua a gay drink?" she asked. After a pause she looked around at the balloons and milling crowd. "Whatever, it's kind of fun."

Supervisor derails proposed honor for Gen. Colin Powell

CALIFORNIA - A city resolution aimed at commending retired Gen. Colin Powell was rebuffed by a San Francisco supervisor

critical of Powell's views on homosexuals.

"The name Colin Powell, for better or worse, is a red flag," Supervisor Tom Ammiano said on Monday. The resolution was intended to laud Powell for his work with the President's Summit for America's Future.

Supervisor Gavin Newsom, who introduced the legislation, said Powell was instrumental in raising funds for disadvantaged youth in San Francisco and in drumming up volunteers for the program. "We're not talking about the antichrist here," he said of Powell, chairman of the summit.

But Ammiano refused to go along with the plan, citing Powell's opposition to allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the U.S. military. Honoring Powell shames gays serving in the military and gay veterans, Ammiano said.

Newsom said he didn't like Powell's stance on gays in the military either. "I disagree with it vehemently," he said. "But the resolution is not about Colin Powell and everything he's stood for."

Powell said in public remarks two years ago in San Francisco that openly gay members of the military would be detrimental to discipline. At one point, he threatened to quit if President Clinton was successful in his early attempts to lift the ban on gays in the military.

Ammiano's objection doesn't kill Newsom's proposal outright, but forces it into committee for a public hearing and debate. "I don't want to be acrimonious, but I do want to be heard," Ammiano said.

Survey shows half of young gay men have unprotected sex

MASSACHUSETTS - A sex survey criticized for its frank language has found that 59 percent of the young gay men who responded had unprotected sexual intercourse within the last year.

The sex survey enraged lawmakers such

as House Speaker Thomas Finneran who said the questions were filled with profanity. But it confirmed the need for HIV prevention programs for young gay men, said John Auerbach of the Department of Public Health. "We found it to be very helpful," Auerbach told the *Boston Herald*.

The survey results convinced DPH to divert \$300,000 from other AIDS prevention programs to target young gay men. The survey questioned 250 gay and bisexual men aged 13 to 24. It found that 85 percent of men who have sex with both men and women had unprotected intercourse. Bisexual men were twice as likely to have unprotected sex than those who only have sex with men.

Those who reported having sex with unfamiliar partners were much more likely to have unprotected intercourse than those who knew their partners before having sex with them, the survey reported. AIDS Action designed and conducted the survey, but it was analyzed and printed by the DPH for \$20,000.

Man indicted for allegedly transmitting HIV virus

NEW YORK - A Jamestown man has been indicted on two felony charges for allegedly transmitting the AIDS virus to a sex partner. Ernest Lockett, 31, pleaded innocent in Chautauqua County Court Monday to charges of first-degree assault and reckless endangerment. Bail was set at \$20,000.

A Chautauqua County grand jury indictment accused Lockett of showing "a depraved indifference to human life" when he engaged in sexual relations with the unidentified victim, *The Post-Journal* of Jamestown reported. The assault charge carries a penalty of up to 25 years in prison.

Lockett's attorney, Kevin Lawmer of the county public defender's office, did not return telephone calls seeking comment. County District Attorney James Subjack
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also did not return calls. Employees of his office said they had been instructed not to disclose information about the case to reporters.

The case was filed nearly a month after Subjack said he would pursue first-degree assault charges against Nushawn Williams, a 21-year-old New York City man accused of knowingly infecting at least nine western New York women with HIV. Williams is currently being held in a New York City prison on an unrelated drug charge.

Man says Denny's firing stems from HIV infection

CALIFORNIA - A man has filed suit against Denny's, claiming the new manager of a San Diego restaurant fired him because he is gay and has HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Gary Hardin, 48, said bosses had praised his performance as a server and even encouraged him to apply for a management position until a new manager was hired in April.

Hardin sued the restaurant on Nov. 12. He said the firing devastated him. "I went from being very self-sustaining to being very dependent financially, mentally and physically," Hardin said.

A Denny's spokeswoman told *The San Diego Union-Tribune* that Hardin was fired because he discriminated against minority customers. Karen Randall, in an interview from company headquarters in Spartanburg, S.C., said Hardin made racial slurs and refused to serve minority customers. "We don't tolerate discrimination of any type at our company," Randall said.

Three years ago, Denny's agreed to pay \$46 million to settle claims by black customers who said they weren't served or were ordered to prepay before receiving their meals. Just last month, a former Denny restaurant worker in Phoenix was awarded \$30,000 in back wages after the company let his co-workers and customers know he's infected with HIV. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission found that the company violated federal law by discussing the man's medical condition.

Dr. Bob England, chief epidemiologist for the Arizona Department of Public Health, said in October that fears that workers with HIV could contaminate food were unfounded. "You can spend all your time trying to imagine fanciful scenarios of getting AIDS, but I know of no cases where restaurant workers transmitted the virus," he said.

In San Diego, Hardin and his attorneys, Traci Kuchta and Elizabeth Brady, said the accusations against him were simply an excuse to fire him, because Denny's now has a policy of firing without delay any employee who discriminates against minorities. "This was a way he could be fired immediately," Kuchta said.

Hardin worked as a server for seven years at the Denny's restaurant in Mission Valley. He said his managers even encouraged him to consider applying for a management position. Hardin said he told his managers he had HIV four years ago when he learned of his condition. He said in his lawsuit that he encountered no difficulties until a new manager started working at the restaurant in April.

Hardin said the manager required that Hardin bring in his prescription bottles to prove that he was taking the medications. Hardin also alleged the manager demanded he bring in a doctor's note - unlike other employees at the restaurant - if he was sick.

Hardin was suspended for three days in late August and given a document stating that four employees claimed he used a racial slur against a customer. He denies the incident occurred and said he still has no details of the allegation.

Miss America continues to spread AIDS message

MISSISSIPPI - Kate Shindle says she wants to educate people about the reality of HIV and AIDS before they learn about the virus the hard way.

Miss Shindle, who was crowned Miss America 1998 in September, told an Amory,

Mississippi audience over the weekend that she first became interested in AIDS awareness after two people close to her contracted the disease.

"My main objective ... is to spread a message of AIDS prevention," Miss Shindle told an audience of 150 Saturday at Gilmore Memorial Hospital. "We live in a society where unfortunately the AIDS epidemic is everywhere. We have the power to stop AIDS in its tracks. Prevention is the only answer."

Miss Shindle, a New Jersey native who is on a one-year hiatus from Northwestern University in Illinois, served as the featured speaker at the hospital's "Annual Women's Symposium: Making the Most of Life."

She sang a song, fielded questions, signed autographs and posed for pictures, though she impressed upon the audience that her most important role in Amory was to educate people about HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The disease hit home for Miss Shindle when a faculty member died of AIDS shortly after her arrival at Northwestern, she said. Within a year, a close family friend was diagnosed as HIV-positive, and is battling the disease today.

Miss Shindle said the reality of AIDS seemed distant until it touched the lives of people close to her. Now, she said, she is trying to educate others before it's too late. "I make a point of stressing abstinence in every speech I give to students," said Miss Shindle, a 20-year-old theater and sociology major.

"I think it's really important to reinforce the decisions of those who do choose (abstinence) and not let peer pressure become a factor," she said.

But not all teens will espouse abstinence, said Miss Shindle, who cited statistics showing that by age 20, 77 percent of American girls and 86 percent of American boys are sexually active. Every hour, two more American teens contract HIV, she said, meaning precautionary measures beyond abstinence are necessary.

Saturday's appearance was Miss Shindle's second to Mississippi. Her aspirations include performing in musicals, but says she plans to finish her degree at Northwestern first. "Really, the quality I think that allowed me to become Miss America and allowed me to have a degree of success was hard work," she said.

"It was a matter of wanting this job." And wanting to make a difference. "I think if Miss America is going to make a difference, she has to be willing to tackle (tough) issues," Miss Shindle said. Anyone wanting to make a difference in AIDS prevention may call 1-800-342-AIDS, she said.

Judge orders AIDS test for man who spit in lawyer's eye

HAWAII - A man accused of spitting in his attorney's eye and at an immigration officer must take AIDS and hepatitis tests, a

federal magistrate said.

Juan Bonilla-Sibrian told U.S. Magistrate Frances Yamashita he did not have either of the diseases and did not object to the tests.

"The facts suggest that he is intentionally causing difficulties to stay in the United States," Deputy Federal Public Defender Alexander Silvert said.

Bonilla-Sibrian, who is from El Salvador, had completed a sentence for a 1993 sexual assault and was being deported in September when he allegedly spit and threatened an immigration officer. He was also convicted in state court in 1992 of an assault for which he was put on probation.

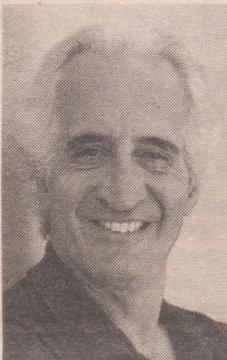
Silvert was not the attorney Bonilla-Sibrian allegedly spit on and is not disclosing the name of the attorney for privacy reasons. Yamashita directed the test results to come to him sealed and said he would inform Silvert. Positive tests could lead to criminal charges, he said.

State plans to take over analysis of HIV testing

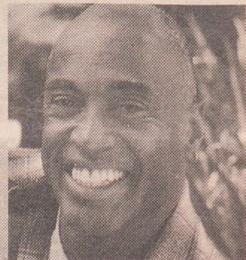
OHIO - The state's plan to take over analysis of HIV testing now done by labs in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati is motivated by money, state officials said.

William Ryan, director of the Ohio Department of Health, said the move was strictly an economic decision. The state lab is required to provide a variety of free services to communities, and it does not have

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enough paying customers to make ends meet, he said.

"It was a simple business decision," Ryan said. "We can't continue to provide free services to public health departments if all the testing that generates some revenue is given out to other labs."

The Health Department last month sent a letter notifying local officials that the state lab would begin analyzing the tests in January. The Cleveland Clinic currently does 28,000 screenings a year for the virus that causes AIDS.

The Clinic, the Columbus Health Department and a private lab in Cincinnati now do all HIV analysis in Ohio. Last year, the regional labs got \$280,000 in federal money administered by the state to cover the cost of testing nearly 55,000 people. That money now will go to the state lab. Ohioans still will be able to go to community centers for the HIV testing.

"I don't know what's cooking, but it's not kosher," said Belinda Yen-Liebermanok, director of the retrovirus lab at the Clinic, which has done HIV analysis for the last decade. "I was really shocked, frustrated and angry. This is very short notice, and we have major concerns about quality control."

Local health directors and lab officials had similar concerns this week about the ability of the state to handle a large influx of new tests. Besides quality control, officials worry about the transport of blood samples

to the lab in Columbus, client anonymity and the time it will take for the state lab to do the tests.

Ryan acknowledged that the state lab had a checkered past. "In past years we've had some difficulty running efficiently and effectively," he said. "But we've spent a fair amount of time and energy trying to do it better." Ryan said a management crew from Ohio State University's School of Medicine was running the lab now.

Study shows benefits of treatment after accidental HIV exposure

MASSACHUSETTS - Giving the drug AZT to doctors and nurses who accidentally were exposed to the AIDS virus reduced their risk of infection by 81 percent in a new study. The wisdom of the practice, which already is widely used in hospitals, was confirmed in a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The results also lend support to those who suggest that morning-after treatment can help protect people who get exposed to HIV through other means, such as sex or sharing drug equipment. The risk to health care workers who suffer needle jabs and other exposures to contaminated blood is small. On average, about 0.3 percent of exposures lead to infection.

For many years, hospital personnel routinely took AZT - the oldest AIDS drug -

after such accidents. Now, data published in today's issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine* demonstrate just how well this works: The treatment cut infection by 81 percent.

The CDC has changed its recommendations for post-exposure treatment as new medicines have become available. It now suggests a combination of the drugs AZT and 3TC for lower risk exposures, such as blood splashes. It says those two, plus a protease inhibitor called indinavir, should be taken by workers who are accidentally stuck with HIV-tainted needles.

The study, directed by Dr. Denise M. Cardo, was based on a review of 33 health care workers in the United States, Italy, France and Great Britain who caught the human immunodeficiency virus on the job. They were compared with 665 who were exposed but didn't get infected.

The study found the biggest risk occurs after exposure to larger amounts of infected blood, such as during deep cuts or accidents with needles that have been placed in infected people's arteries or veins. In an editorial in the journal, Dr. David K. Henderson of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., said after-the-fact treatment "may be a reasonable option after any type of exposure to HIV."

Prisoners to be used in AIDS research

FLORIDA - The University of Miami will

begin AIDS-related research on Florida inmates next month at a \$1 million treatment center in Orlando. The university will conduct clinical drug trials on inmates in the last stages of AIDS.

The convicts will have to agree to participate in the experiments, which will also provide medical training for AIDS specialists. It will be the first time Florida inmates participate in scientific research, which state law prohibited until recently. The research and treatment will take place in a converted work-release center.

The Florida Department of Corrections' 1996 figures reported 867 AIDS cases out of 2,137 inmates who are known to be infected by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The true number of infected inmates is probably much higher. "It's probably three times as many," John Burke, chief health administrator for the prison system, told the *Gainesville Sun* last week.

Dr. Margaret Fischl, an AIDS researcher at the University of Miami, will oversee treatment at the 100-bed facility. She said the university has sought to conduct clinical trials on prisoners for years. "This will give them access to the cutting-edge medications," Fischl said. "We thought it was the compassionate thing to do."

Fischl said inmates have sent many letters asking to be included in trials. She said she did not know how many inmates might take part. AIDS research is focusing on finding the right combinations and dosages of anti-viral drugs to combat HIV, Fischl said.

Burke said prison officials had sought a special AIDS facility since 1993. AIDS has been the leading cause of death among the state's inmates since 1987. In a 12-month period ending June 30, 111 of the state's 63,000 prisoners died of AIDS. During that time, the prison system spent \$10.7 million treating HIV-infected inmates.

Burke said the new center will provide better and more cost-effective care by concentrating prisoners in the last stages of AIDS. Fischl said the center will save money because clinical trials provide the drugs they are studying. University researchers hope to expand the program to other prisons.

Regent says she never promised her vote to either side

CALIFORNIA - Gov. Pete Wilson said a University of California regent who withheld a vote that allowed for narrow passage of a health benefits plan to partners of homosexual employees promised to vote no, then reversed herself.

"The governor is disappointed with her and some of the other regents who voted with their hearts and not their heads. Sometimes leadership requires us to take actions that may not make us feel good, but are the right actions to take," Wilson spokesman Sean Walsh said.

Under the plan, domestic partners of the same sex must be at least 18, have lived together for at least a year, be in a "long-term relationship of infinite duration," and provide documents as evidence, among other requirements.

Opponents, including Wilson, say extending the benefits would be "devaluing marriage." Wilson also said the plan would leave the UC system open to lawsuits from unmarried heterosexual couples who may try to claim the same benefits.

Supporters counter that it's an issue of equality and that the nine-campus system's ability to recruit and retain quality professors would suffer because comparable institutions, such as Stanford and Harvard, already offer such benefits.

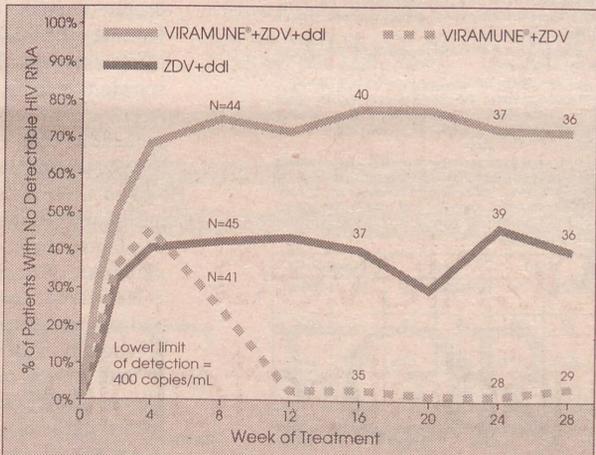
Regent Velma Montoya said Saturday she never promised which way her vote would go during the regents' meeting at University of California, Los Angeles on Friday. "I don't remember making a commitment to anybody," said Montoya, who was appointed by the governor in 1994.

Montoya said she is "basically sympathetic" to that argument, but proposed that retired employees be excluded from the plan. When the board nixed her idea,

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Characterization of the gay liberation revolution

by Larry Lingle

The pitched battle between drag queens, hustlers, assorted hangers on and New York's finest in blue during a couple of hot summer nights in 1969 marked a turning point in gay history. The years following World War II brought the emergence of a homosexual liberation movement which was prefaced on the theory that "we are just like the rest of you, only different".

Even the Mattachine Society, the most prominent of the gay organizations which sprang from the fertile years of World War II preached carrying sameness so far as to insist on coat and tie to denote respectability. Stonewall changed all that. America was already rebelling against the starched look of postwar boom days - first the compulsory hat went back into the box - and into the closet.

The hippies were here, with all the color and variety which characterized this revolution. The heirs of Stonewall were already inculcated with the ideas of free love, a goal now sincerely expanded by gay liberation into the founding theory of promiscuity and public access. The old gay movement was quickly overshadowed by the new, youthful cries to legalize all

sex, whenever and wherever it could be practiced. And, equally obvious, this was a predominantly gay male struggle.

For more than a decade this movement gained steady ground, so much so that public sex was the standard issue in major cities.

Bath houses covered the nation; certain public parks were proving grounds for budding libidos (and Bob Damron, the earliest of gay guides chronicled these locations, to the everlasting thanks of law enforcement agencies).

On the eve of the AIDS pandemic, the gay movement seemed principally concerned with establishing the right of gay men to have sex often, anywhere and in any form.

Gay political action was primarily concerned with supporting candidates who would fight to

repeal any laws which stood in the way of such excess.

Not surprisingly, AIDS put a damper on all this. The gay movement awoke to the new reality, and - if sometimes reluctantly - adjusted by now including lesbians,

another decade, the now gay and lesbian movement matured into a more balanced drive for broader rights.

While gay men and lesbians struggled to overcome their difference, they sought common ground: Discrimination in the military, in the work place, in health care. They attempted to grasp the notion that same sex love fosters similar goals and ideals, whether male or female.

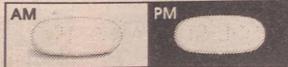
But the generation which did the dying and the fighting now finds itself decimated and exhausted. Even those somewhat younger can barely recall the carefree days of pre-AIDS. A new generation of gay men carry the spirit of an earlier time and a desire to explore its possibilities. And only naturally, this new generation views AIDS as the disease of older men.

"Those who would say that having sex is the defining measure of homosexuality are one with our most vehement critics. By this definition I am not now, nor have I ever been a practicing homosexual. But if we are defined on the basis of same-sex love, then I am a rabid believer."

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WARNINGS: Severe and life-threatening skin reactions have occurred in patients treated with VIRAMUNE, including Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS). VIRAMUNE must be discontinued in patients developing a severe rash or a rash accompanied by constitutional symptoms such as fever, blistering, oral lesions, conjunctivitis, swelling, muscle or joint aches, or general malaise. (see PRECAUTIONS, Information for Patients, ADVERSE REACTIONS)

VIRAMUNE therapy must be initiated with a 14-day lead-in period of 200 mg/day, which has been shown to reduce the frequency of rash. Dose escalation should not occur if rash is observed during this lead-in period until the rash has resolved. (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION)

PRECAUTIONS: General: When administering VIRAMUNE as part of an antiretroviral treatment regimen, the complete product information for each therapeutic component should be consulted before initiation of treatment.

While nevirapine is extensively metabolized by the liver and nevirapine metabolites are extensively eliminated by the kidney, the pharmacokinetics of nevirapine have not been evaluated in patients with either hepatic or renal dysfunction. Therefore, VIRAMUNE should be used with caution in these patient populations.

Abnormal liver function tests have been reported with VIRAMUNE, some in the first few weeks of therapy, including cases of hepatitis. VIRAMUNE administration should be interrupted in patients experiencing moderate or severe liver function test abnormalities until liver function tests return to baseline values. VIRAMUNE treatment should be permanently discontinued if liver function abnormalities recur on re-administration.

Drug Interactions: Although clinical studies have not been conducted, induction of CYP3A by nevirapine may result in lower plasma concentrations of other concomitantly administered drugs that are extensively metabolized by CYP3A. (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY) Thus, if a patient has been stabilized on a dosage regimen for a drug metabolized by CYP3A, and begins treatment with VIRAMUNE, dose adjustments may be necessary.

Ritampin/Rifabutin: There are insufficient data to assess whether dose adjustments are necessary when nevirapine and ritampin or rifabutin are coadministered. Therefore, these drugs should only be used in combination if clearly indicated and with careful monitoring.

Protease Inhibitors: Nevirapine may decrease plasma concentrations of protease inhibitors. Therefore, until clinical data are available that evaluate the need for dose adjustments, these drugs should not be administered concomitantly with VIRAMUNE.

Oral Contraceptives: There are no clinical data on the effects of nevirapine on the pharmacokinetics of oral contraceptives. Nevirapine may decrease plasma concentrations of oral contraceptives (also other hormonal contraceptives); therefore, these drugs should not be administered concomitantly with VIRAMUNE.

Information for Patients: Patients should be informed that VIRAMUNE is not a cure for HIV-1 infection, and that they may continue to experience illnesses associated with advanced HIV-1 infection, including opportunistic infections. Treatment with VIRAMUNE has not been shown to reduce the incidence or frequency of such illnesses, and patients should be advised to remain under the care of a physician when using VIRAMUNE.

Patients should be informed that the long-term effects of VIRAMUNE are unknown at this time. They should also be informed that VIRAMUNE therapy has not been shown to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV-1 to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Patients should be instructed that the major toxicity of VIRAMUNE is rash and should be advised to promptly notify their physician of any rash. The majority of rashes associated with VIRAMUNE occur within the first 6 weeks of initiation of therapy. Therefore, patients should be monitored carefully for the appearance of rash during this period. Patients should be instructed that dose escalation is not to occur if any rash occurs during the two-week lead-in dosing period, until the rash resolves. Any patient experiencing severe rash or a rash accompanied by constitutional symptoms such as fever, blistering, oral lesions, conjunctivitis, swelling, muscle or joint aches, or general malaise should discontinue medication and consult a physician.

Patients should be informed to take VIRAMUNE every day as prescribed. Patients should not alter the dose without consulting their doctor. If a dose is missed, patients should take the next dose as soon as possible. However, if a dose is skipped, the patient should not double the next dose.

VIRAMUNE may interact with some drugs; therefore, patients should be advised to report to their doctor the use of any other medications.

Patients should be instructed that oral contraceptives and other hormonal methods of birth control should not be used as a method of contraception in women taking VIRAMUNE.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Long-term carcinogenicity studies of nevirapine in animals are currently in progress. In genetic toxicology assays, nevirapine showed no evidence of mutagenic or clastogenic activity in a battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays including microbial assays for gene mutation (Ames; Salmonella strains and *E. coli*), mammalian cell gene mutation assays (CHO/HGPRT), cytogenetic assays using a Chinese hamster ovary cell line and a mouse bone marrow micronucleus assay following oral administration. In reproductive toxicology studies, evidence of impaired fertility was seen in female rats at doses providing systemic exposure, based on AUC, approximately equivalent to that provided with the recommended clinical dose of VIRAMUNE.

Pregnancy: Pregnancy Category C. No observable teratogenicity was detected in reproductive studies performed in pregnant rats and rabbits. In rats, a significant decrease in fetal body weight occurred at doses providing systemic exposure approximately 50% higher, based on AUC, than that seen at the recommended human clinical dose. The maternal and developmental no-observable-effect level dosages in rats and rabbits produced systemic exposures approximately equivalent to or approximately 50% higher, respectively, than those seen at the recommended daily human dose, based on AUC. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. VIRAMUNE should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nursing Mothers: Preliminary results from an ongoing pharmacokinetic study (ACTG 250) of 10 HIV-1-infected pregnant women who were administered a single oral dose of 100 or 200 mg VIRAMUNE at a median of 5.8 hours before delivery, indicate that nevirapine readily crosses the placenta and is found in breast milk. Consistent with the recommendation by the U.S. Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that HIV-infected mothers not breast-feed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV, mothers should discontinue nursing if they are receiving VIRAMUNE.

Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness of VIRAMUNE in pediatric patients have not been established. VIRAMUNE has been studied in two open-label, uncontrolled trials (BI 882, BI 892) in 37 HIV-1-infected pediatric patients with a median age of 0.9 years (range 0.1 to 15 years) who were treated for a median duration of 20.7 months. Seven patients developed rashes while receiving VIRAMUNE. In an ongoing, controlled trial of VIRAMUNE combination therapy in HIV-1-infected pediatric patients (ACTG 245), one of approximately 288 patients treated with VIRAMUNE experienced Stevens-Johnson syndrome.

Because there are no data on multi-dose pharmacokinetics in children, no recommendation on dosing can be made. Based on single-dose pharmacokinetics in 9 HIV-1-infected pediatric patients (age 9 mo. to 14 years) who were administered nevirapine in a suspension formulation, it appears that oral clearance is approximately 2-fold greater in children when compared to adults.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: The most frequently reported adverse events related to VIRAMUNE therapy were rash, fever, nausea, headache, and abnormal liver function tests.

The major clinical toxicity of VIRAMUNE is rash, with VIRAMUNE-attributable rash occurring in 17% of patients in combination regimens in Phase I/II controlled studies. Thirty-seven percent of patients treated with VIRAMUNE experienced rash compared with 20% of patients treated in control groups of either ZDV+ddI or ZDV alone (Table 1). Severe or life-threatening rash occurred in 7.6% of VIRAMUNE-treated patients compared with 1.2% of patients treated in the control groups.

Rashes are usually mild to moderate, maculopapular erythematous cutaneous eruptions, with or without pruritus, located on the trunk, face and extremities. The majority of severe rashes occurred within the first 28 days of treatment; 25% of the patients with severe rashes required hospitalization; and one patient required surgical intervention. All patients recovered. Overall, 7% of patients discontinued VIRAMUNE due to rash.

Table 1: Percentage of patients with rashes in controlled trials*

	ACTG 241 ^b		BI 1037		BI 1011		COMBINED DATA	
	NVP+ZDV+ddI	ZDV+ddI	NVP+ZDV	ZDV	NVP+ZDV	ZDV	NVP	CONTROL
n	197	201	30	30	25	24	252	255
Rash events of all Grades and all causality	39.6%	23.9%	26.7%	6.7%	32.0%	4.2%	37.3%	20.0%
Grade 3 or 4 rash events, all causality	8.1%	1.5%	3.3%	0%	8.0%	0%	7.6%	1.2%

* At recommended dose of one 200 mg tablet daily for the first 14 days followed by one 200 mg tablet twice daily

^b Trial ACTG 241 was designed to report Grade 3/4 (severe or life-threatening) events; except for several pre-specified events including rash for which all grades are reported

Table 2: Comparative Incidence of Selected Drug-Related Events in Controlled Trials

	ACTG 241		Trial BI 1037 and BI 1011	
	NVP+ZDV+ddI	ZDV+ddI	NVP+ZDV	ZDV alone
Grade 3/4 events	197	201	55	30
Number of patients	31%	23%	42%	33%
Overall incidence of related adverse events	8	2	20	3
Rash	3	3	11	3
Fever	5	4	9	3
Nausea	3	3	11	0
Headache	2	2	0	0
Diarrhea	1	2	2	0
Abdominal pain	0	0	4	0
Ulcerative stomatitis	0	2	0	0
Peripheral Neuropathy	1	0	2	0
Paraesthesia	1	0	2	7
Myalgia	1	0	4	0
Hepatitis	1	0	0	0

Table 3: Percentage of patients with marked laboratory abnormalities occurring in three controlled studies.

	Data combined for controlled trials ACTG 241, BI 1037 & BI 1011	
	VIRAMUNE n=252	Control n=255
Hematology		
Decreased Hg (<8.0 g/dL)	1.2%	2.0%
Decreased platelets (<50,000/mm ³)	0.8	0.8
Decreased neutrophils (<750/mm ³)	11.1	10.2
Blood chemistry		
Increased ALT (>250 U/L)	3.4	3.5
Increased AST (>250 U/L)	2.0	2.4
Increased GGT (>450 U/L)	2.4	1.2
Increased total bilirubin (>2.5 mg/dL)	0.4	1.2

Asymptomatic elevations in GGT levels are more frequent in VIRAMUNE recipients than in controls. Because hepatitis has occasionally been reported in VIRAMUNE-treated patients, monitoring of liver function tests should be considered.

OVERDOSAGE: There is no known antidote for VIRAMUNE overdosage. No acute toxicities or sequelae were reported for one patient who ingested 800 mg of VIRAMUNE for one day.

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The Saga Continues...

by Leslie Ramsay

The powers that be have spoken. All gay people are to immediately cast their vote in unison. George Greanias has endorsed Lee Brown for mayor. The choice of Montrose, Greanias, has just recently thrown his constituency onto the heap of Brown supporters.

I have many questions concerning this endorsement. My first question is what will this get Greanias? Is Greanias now one of them? Is he now a politician with his morals up for sale?

I remember a time back when Greanias was the city controller. He was pretty upset with Mayor Bob and his good ol' boy way of doing "bidness" with a few minority city subcontractors. Didn't he make a big stink over one contract in particular that involved Lee P. Brown, et al? Now that Mayor Bob is on the way out all of the sudden Greanias is supporting a former "bidness" partner of the questionable subcontractors.

Politics makes strange bedfellows in the closing days of any election.

Now this week we find out in the continuing saga of the Houston City Hall Capers that Mayor Bob is holding off awarding a 10-year \$200 million dollar airport concession contract until after the December 6th run off elections. Council members Rob Todd, Joe Roach and Orlando Sanchez raised questions about the "political" appearance of his delaying the contract award.

In his usual thin-skinned responsive way, Mayor Bob reportedly challenged Councilman Rob Todd to a fistfight this past Tuesday. I wonder if Mayor Bob thought of the long-term political fallout before he chose Todd over Sanchez or Roach for his display of machismo. The sight of Mayor Bob challenging Joe Roach to step outside is probably one he would have never been able to live down.

The race issue is not dead on the city council. The mayor is rumored to be favoring a specific group of minority subcontractors for the airport concession contract. Former City

Councilman John Peavy resigned over his refusal to give up his airport concession contract with the city. Apparently, there is a lot of money to be made off of stale chocolate chip cookies, deep fried crunchy things and poorly mixed soda pop.

Will Lee P. Brown, the "Mayor for all people" follow through on his promises of support for the gay community? When I spoke with Mr. Brown, I got the impression that he brought the prescribed offer of an executive order to expand the current city employment non-discrimination policy to include sexual orientation as his only "gift" to offer in exchange for community support.

In further questioning, I felt that he had other things on his mind other than civil rights issues. He repeatedly discussed "selling the city to the world". His former nickname of "Out of Town Brown" came to mind throughout the last half of our discussion. Do we really need a mayor that plans on spending his time and our tax money on a worldwide good will tour talking about Houston?

My next question is, I thought this was a non-partisan election. Did someone forget to tell Al Gore that the citizens of Houston were trying to get through this election without being bombarded by the obvious race pandering that the National Democratic Party is famous for?

The sight of Al Gore eating fried chicken over in third ward was a little too obvious even for the most politically naive to over look. The Democratic Party has absolutely no respect for their constituency. They play on the worst stereotypes and exploit them. Do they honestly believe that if they haul Gore through a third ward restaurant that they will win over the undecided voters in the other parts of the city? Showing Gore chewing on a chicken bone isn't going to impress anyone. It only made him look like he was pandering.

By this time next week the election will be behind us. Hopefully, we will all get back to what is really important, our families. I hope you are enjoying your holiday weekend as much as I am. Mazel Tov!

Gingrich Speaks to Women's Group

by Leslie Ramsay

Houston- The November 21st meeting of LiB: A Women's Empowerment group was extremely well attended. The special guest speaker, Candace Gingrich, had the audience laughing as well as considering some serious issues.

Gingrich is a spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign. She is also the sister of Newt Gingrich (R-GA) the current speaker of the House of Representatives. She told her coming out stories as well as tales of her adventures as an avid Rugby player. She was invited to play in the local flag football game the next day by a member from the audience. She explained that flag football

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Houston Area Human Rights Campaign representative Denay Hudson (left), Candace Gingrich (center) and LiB president Cookie Davenport (right) after the November general membership meeting of LiB.

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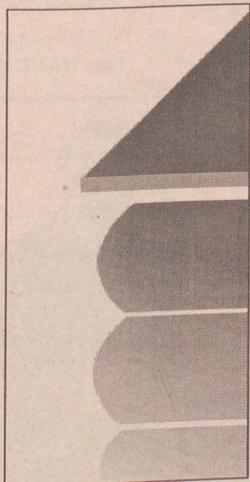
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Montoya abstained from voting, leading to a 13-12 approval for the plan and a major political defeat for Wilson. The governor believed Montoya would give the plan a thumbs down even if her idea was rejected, Walsh said.

"I don't expect the governor would be happy with me," Montoya said Saturday. "I didn't intend to bring the spotlight to myself. If, in doing so, I embarrassed the governor, I'm sorry for it. But I feel that the governor appointed me to vote the best way I can."

Peter Preuss and Ward Connerly, UC regents who championed Wilson's anti-affirmative action campaign, did not support Wilson's position on the issue. Connerly and Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, an ex officio regent because of his position, said they will ask fellow regents in January to extend the domestic partners policy to include unmarried heterosexual couples.

Montoya plans to renew her proposed amendment to exclude current retirees from the plan. The UC system has 130,000 employees. It was not clear how many had partners who would be eligible or apply for benefits.

However, UC has estimated it could cost between \$1.5 million to \$5 million a year. The system currently spends about \$400 million for health care benefits. The university was planning a special enrollment period next spring for domestic partners to apply for the benefits from its insurance carrier.

Same-sex partners qualify for family housing at UW

WASHINGTON - Beginning next month, same-sex couples who register as domestic partners can apply for subsidized married and family housing at the University of Washington.

The UW Board of Regents voted unani-

mously and with little comment Friday to allow gay and lesbian couples to live in married student housing. "We had really made clear our intentions early on," regent Cindy Zehnder said.

The move comes after the board in May extended undergraduate health insurance to same-sex partners. Five couples have signed up for that benefit so far. Both moves have been opposed by some state lawmakers.

"They shouldn't be setting policy in the face of the values of the people of the state of Washington," said Rep. Mike Sherstad, R-Bothell. "The people of the state of Washington don't accept homosexual marriage, either legally or morally."

Sherstad said he planned to ask the Legislature's Joint Administrative Rules Committee to review whether the regents exceeded their authority. UW officials have said the state attorney general's office has determined the regents can decide eligibility for campus housing.

The university will start taking housing applications from same-sex partners Dec. 27. To qualify, the couples will have to register as domestic partners with the city of Seattle or another jurisdiction with similar registration procedures. All couples and families must demonstrate financial need to be eligible for the subsidized housing.

Some churches bar straight marriages to protest ban on gay weddings

by Vicki Brown

TENNESSEE (AP) - Suzanne Prince married Hunter Allen at a friend's home. That wasn't the plan, but the couple had no choice because their church - Edgehill United Methodist - doesn't allow marriage ceremonies. The Edgehill congregation decided that until the United Methodist

Church allows gay marriages, no marriage ceremonies of any kind will be performed in their chapel.

"If the United Methodist Church wasn't going to allow gay people to get married in the church, I agree that straight people shouldn't either," said Prince, who's been married nine months. Similar acts of protest have been reported elsewhere.

The Rev. Jan Nunley, rector at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Providence, R.I., will preside over church weddings for straight couples. But she won't sign marriage licenses for them.

"I was in considerable anguish over the fact that I can create a legal relationship for mixed-gender couples, but couldn't do that for same-gender couples who've lived together for 25 years," she said. She complies with her bishop's wishes by conducting gay weddings off church property.

The National Council of Churches has no information on how many individual churches perform gay marriage ceremonies, or refuse to allow traditional marriages to protest bans on gay marriages. Southern Baptist Convention spokesman Herb Hollinger said he knows of no Southern Baptist churches that recognize gay unions or have refused to allow traditional weddings. Theology is left to local churches, but convention principles prohibit promoting or affirming homosexuality, he said.

The United Church of Christ allows individual churches to set their doctrines, so gay marriages can be performed. But any church that opposes such unions may bar them, said Hans Holznagel, a public relations officer for the church. The Roman Catholic Church does not allow priests to perform gay marriages, while the Episcopal Church is less clear.

The Rev. Robert Warren Cromey of Trinity Episcopal Church in San Francisco performs gay weddings, though his bishop opposes them. "I don't obey a bad law," he said. The United Methodist Church bars its ministers from performing gay weddings, and they can face discipline if they do not comply.

Edgehill's policy was drafted when a pastor in Atlanta was disciplined for blessing a homosexual couple's wedding, said Kathryn Mitchem, who chaired Edgehill's Administrative Council which adopted the policy. "We didn't feel we were taking something away, more that we were making a public witness to the denomination," she said.

Deen Thompson, a gay congregant at Edgehill, prizes the support of fellow parishioners. "It's a feeling that the church is making a statement about a wrong within the church," he said.

Before 1996, some Methodist ministers conducted weddings for gay members. But the 1996 church general conference adopted a prohibition against ministers conducting same-sex unions in Methodist churches.

"By every standard we know, marriage is a union of male and female, made valid in the sight of God by blessing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit," said the Rev. Riley Case, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Kokomo, Ind. Case is a member of the United Methodist Church

Good News, a group that supports traditional scriptural views.

The Rev. Jeanne Knepper of Portland, Ore., a spokesperson for Affirmation, a United Methodist ministry of outreach to homosexuals, disagrees with the church's policy on gay marriages. But she does not believe individual churches should bar all marriages as a protest. "My sense would be not to take from those who can, but to give to those who can't," she said.

Board agrees to extend benefits to OPEU members' domestic partners

OREGON - A state board that oversees the Oregon Public Employees Union has voted to extend benefits to members' domestic live-in partners, making Oregon the fourth state to do so.

The change, affecting OPEU's 17,000 members, takes effect Jan. 1, pending review by the Oregon Court of Appeals of a lower court ruling that allowed the benefits. Charles Mendenhall, chairman of the Bargaining Union Benefits Board, called the vote "historic and momentous."

"This represents major progress in resolving this issue," said Alice Dale, OPEU's executive director. "By securing benefits for domestic partners, we eliminate a significant source of compensation inequality between workers doing the same work."

The board's unanimous vote Wednesday came against the advice of Attorney General Hardy Myers. Last year, a Multnomah County circuit judge sided with state workers seeking the benefits. Judge Stephen Gallagher ordered Oregon government to extend medical benefits to live-in partners of any homosexual employee working for the state. But Myers appealed the case, and oral arguments are pending before the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Extending benefits to OPEU members' same-sex and opposite-sex partners would increase the health plan's overall cost by less than 1 percent. Massachusetts, New York and Vermont offer the benefits, and Multnomah County, Portland and Corvallis already extend the benefits to their Oregon workers.

Gay students targeted in latest incidents

WASHINGTON - Gonzaga University administrators are once again denouncing intolerance after a recent spate of homophobic and racist messages were distributed on the Jesuit school's campus.

Acting President Harry Sladich recently wrote a letter to students and faculty denouncing the latest incidents, in which homosexual students were targeted. "Homophobic acts attempt to silence and erase the lives of individuals who are, and continue to be, valued members of the Gonzaga community," Sladich said in the letter.

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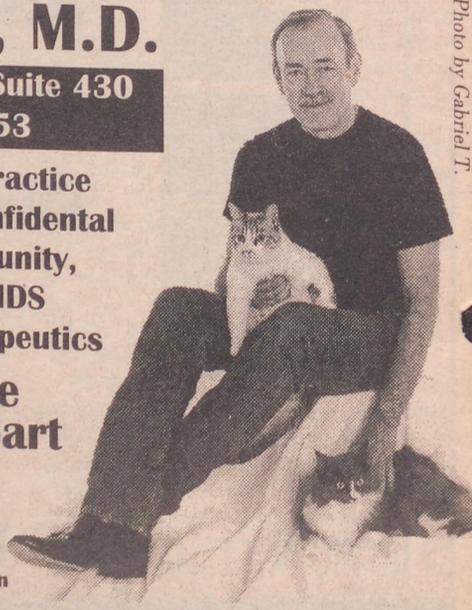


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On Monday, a note that said "Get AIDS and die..." was found on a student's car that displaying rainbow and pink triangle stickers that stand for diversity and gay pride. University spokesman Dale Goodwin said two other recent incidents involving a harassing message left on a gay student's answering machine and a flier with "homophobic and racist overtones" have been referred to Spokane Police and are under investigation.

The incidents are similar to hate crimes committed the past three years against black students attending Gonzaga Law School. About 4,800 students attend Gonzaga, a Roman Catholic school operated by the Society of Jesus, or Jesuit order of priests.

Giuliani dons drag, takes beating from Reno on SNL

NEW YORK - Live from New York, it's Hizzoner. Mayor Rudy Giuliani put on a dress, told a few jokes, took a beating from Janet Reno and dished one out to Joe Pesci as guest host of *Saturday Night Live*.

"New York is so safe, it's once again safe to hitchhike!" the newly re-elected mayor cracked in his opening monologue. Giuliani appeared as a gray-haired Italian grandmother, a bow-tie wearing spelling bee announcer and of course, as himself.

He took a few body blows from the show's Reno impersonator but also got to deliver a comedy beating, taking a stickball bat to an ersatz Pesci for making Italian-Americans look bad in movies. Giuliani then turned toward the TV camera waving the stick, shouting: "This is my city. Turn that camera off."

It was Giuliani's hosting debut, but his second appearance. He and New York Gov. George Pataki opened a show in 1996. Former New York mayors Ed Koch and David Dinkins have also been on the show.

Sales, rentals of adult videos jump 100 percent in 5 years

CALIFORNIA - The sales and rentals of adult videos have jumped 100 percent in the last five years, outpacing the overall video market, according to a survey conducted by the trade publication *Adult Video News*.

Adult titles have a current annual revenue of \$4.2 billion - higher than most estimates - and account for more than 25 percent of all video revenue, a decrease from its high in 1995, the survey found. Part of the reason adult titles may bring in more money than others is because of their higher rental price tags, estimated to be \$1 more than the average \$2.76 rental, according to Jeffrey H. Douglas, executive director of the Free Speech Coalition.

Historically, adult videos played a key role in the success of the video cassette recorder, Douglas said. In the first three years VCRs were on the market, 70 percent of those that bought them said being able to view adult movies at home was a primary reason for their purchase, he said.

Adult titles have also been credited with keeping the smaller retail chains in business in the face of competition from larger discount and chain stores, which don't carry such movies. More than 70 percent of adult movies are rented by men, 19 percent are rented by male-female couples and two percent are rented by women, the survey found. The magazine polled video retailers nationwide for the survey.

Actress-playwright Anna Deavere Smith to head a new Harvard think tank

MASSACHUSETTS - Actress-playwright Anna Deavere Smith will head a new Harvard think tank devoted to socially conscious art.

The Institute on the Arts and Civic Dialogue will convene over the next three summers. It will bring four master artists together with scholars, community leaders, activists and the media to develop artwork with social and political themes.

"In this environment, the artist becomes a responsible citizen, and the citizenry becomes more responsible and responsive to the ideas in the work," Smith said. Smith's solo stage performances have examined the rage, sadness and compassion that flowed in the wake of race riots in Brooklyn and Los Angeles.

The institute is a joint venture of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research and the American Repertory Theatre at Harvard. It will be funded by a \$1.5 million grant from the Ford Foundation.

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Gwadosky: Judge upholds petitions challenging gay rights law

MAINE (AP) - Supporters of Maine's gay rights law say they will probably decide my midweek whether to ask the state supreme court to stop a referendum from being held on the suspended law.

Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky announced the people's veto petition seeking

the referendum survived a lawsuit in Cumberland County Superior Court with more than enough valid signatures. "It is now up to the voters of Maine to determine whether the anti-discrimination legislation will become law," he said.

But Karen Geraghty, campaign manager for Maine Won't Discriminate, said her group will probably decide by Wednesday whether to go to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. "I guess we have three days in which to make a decision about whether

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was a little too rough for her taste. She answered a variety of questions with candor and humor.

Gingrich is currently working with the Human Rights Campaign to encourage people to register to vote and get politically active in the election process. She encouraged the members of LiB to write handwritten letters to their representatives in Washington, DC. She explained that a handwritten letter gets much more attention than any other type of communication.

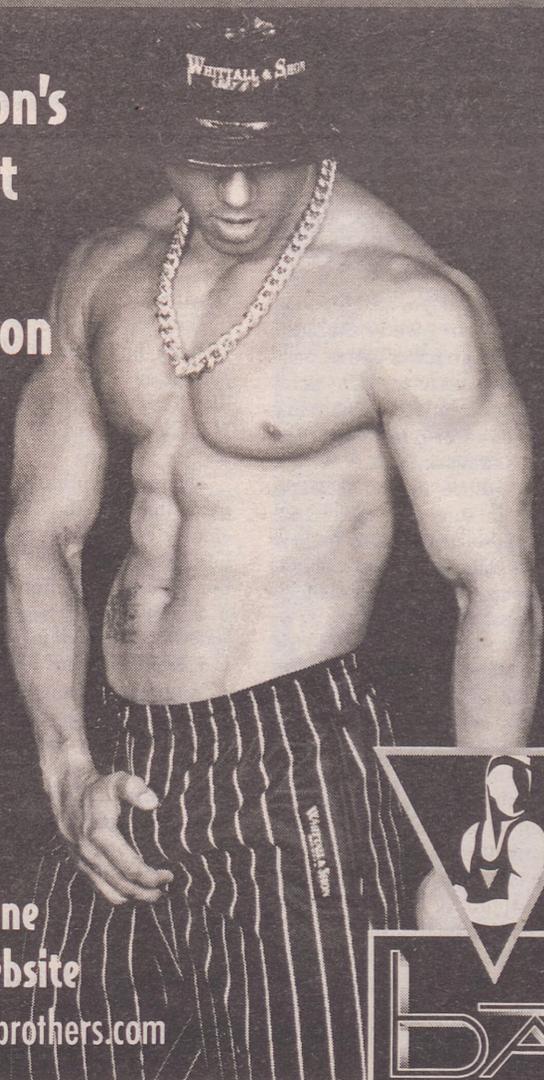
The upcoming events for LiB are the infamous New Year's Eve Party for Women at the Renaissance Hotel December 31st, the Special guest speaker at the January 16th meeting will be Tori Williams and the February 20th meeting will feature Special Guest speaker Judy Nelson.

Tickets for the LiB New Year's Party are available at Inklings and Lobo or by mail: PO Box 66012 Houston, Texas 77266. For more information contact your favorite LiB member of choice or call the info line 713/529-0077.

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or not we're going to appeal," Geraghty said.

The law's supporters had sued to challenge thousands of signatures on petitions calling for a repeal of the law, which would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in jobs, housing, credit and public accommodations.

Gwadosky said both sides agreed Monday to invalidate 11 signatures where the local registrar did not circle a number corresponding to each signature certified. The total number of signatures invalidated as a result of the lawsuit stood at 284, far fewer than the 7,052 needed, Gwadosky said.

Superior Court Justice Roland Cole on Friday said that "in sum and substance," state election officials acted lawfully in their review of petitions collected by two conservative Christian groups in an attempt to block and eventually repeal the law.

But the judge ordered a hearing for Monday to examine some evidence. Gwadosky said the agreement was reached before the hearing, making it unnecessary. Gwadosky said the way was now clear for Gov. Angus King to proclaim a date for a special election. Such an election must be held not less than 60 days nor more than six months from the proclamation.

The Christian Civic League of Maine and the Christian Coalition of Maine collected more than 65,000 signatures over the summer. After reviewing the petitions, Gwadosky cleared 58,182 as valid - 7,052 more than needed. The filing of the petition on Sept. 18 suspended the law from taking effect.

The groups said the law, which King signed after the Legislature passed it last spring, would give special preferences to gays. Not counting the latest attempt, the people's veto has been used 22 times since the procedure became available in 1910. It was successful in preventing legislation from taking effect in 10 of those instances.

Gay activists ask for full-court review of human rights ordinance

OHIO (AP) - Gay-rights activists want all the judges of a federal appeals court to reconsider the ruling of a three-judge panel that forbids mention of sexual orientation in Cincinnati's human rights ordinance.

The Chicago office of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and local American Civil Liberties Union lawyers filed a motion Thursday asking the full 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider an Oct. 23 ruling.

That ruling upheld a 1993 charter amendment that forbids Cincinnati to enact or enforce any laws based on sexual orientation. Voters approved the amendment by a nearly 2-to-1 ratio. But opponents argue that it cannot stand because it is identical to a statewide referendum in Colorado that the U.S. Supreme Court rejected last year.

"Cincinnati has to play by the same constitutional rules as Colorado," said Patricia Logue, a lawyer for Lambda, which fights for the civil rights of gays and lesbians. "The panel decision cannot be reconciled with the Supreme Court's decision striking down (Colorado's) Amendment 2, and we believe the full court will see that," she said.

Cincinnati will urge the full court to uphold the panel's decision, said Karl Kadon, a deputy city solicitor who has defended the amendment in court. He has argued that Cincinnati voters have the right to decide what their government may do.

Last month's decision upheld the appellate court's May 1995 ruling affirming Cincinnati's amendment. The Supreme Court, after ruling last year in the Colorado case, ordered reconsideration of the 1995 decision. Cincinnati's amendment has never been implemented because it was challenged in court.

In 1992, the Cincinnati City Council

enacted a human rights ordinance that forbade discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations on the basis of age, race, disability, gender, marital status, ethnic origin or sexual orientation. The 1993 charter amendment had the effect of rescinding the sexual orientation provision from that ordinance.

In 1994, U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel struck down the amendment. He said it was unconstitutionally vague and violated free-speech and equal-protection rights of homosexuals. The appeals court reversed that decision in 1995.

In its October ruling, the appeals panel said the city charter amendment was permissible because it reflected direct and implicit desires of local voters and did not impose one city's views on an entire state. But Beatrice Dohrn, Lambda's legal director, said the panel "split insignificant hairs."

"Cities, just like states, must follow the Constitution," said New York-based Lambda lawyer Susan Goldberg. "Just like Amendment 2, (Cincinnati's) Issue 3 deprives only gay citizens of the right to seek protection from harm."



GLOBAL NEWS

Bombs go off at plants belonging to pharmaceutical firm

MONTREAL (AP) - Four bombs exploded at buildings owned by the company that invented a popular anti-AIDS drug. No injuries were reported and damage was minor.

Two bombs rocked the headquarters of BioChem Pharma Inc. in Laval, just north of Montreal, and two more blasts went off at the company's plant in Montreal. The bombs exploded on Tuesday within a 70 minutes of each other. Police defused two other bombs at the headquarters building. The blasts there were preceded by a telephone warning but authorities provided no details.

BioChem spokeswoman Christine Lennon said the company did not know why it was targeted. "It is truly a mystery to everyone," she said. Lennon said the company conducts tests on rodents in Laval but she would not speculate that the explosions could be linked to animal-rights advocates. "We can't speculate. No one's come forth," she said.

Police would not say what the bombs were

made of or whether they were all constructed the same way.

But police spokesman Christian Emond said the bombings could be related. One woman who works in a building near BioChem's Montreal plant said she heard the first blast. "We felt it really shake like somebody had dropped something really, really big," the woman said.

BioChem's British-based partner, Glaxo Wellcome, brought the anti-AIDS drug, 3TC, through trials to market and gets the majority of profits from the drug.

Bombay adolescents know little about AIDS

BOMBAY, India (AP) - A new survey of what adolescents in India's biggest city know about AIDS has sparked a debate on sex education in Bombay.

Researchers at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences who surveyed 966 students aged 15 to 22 say the results show sex education should be mandatory in Indian high schools. Objections from conservatives have kept comprehensive sex and AIDS education pro-

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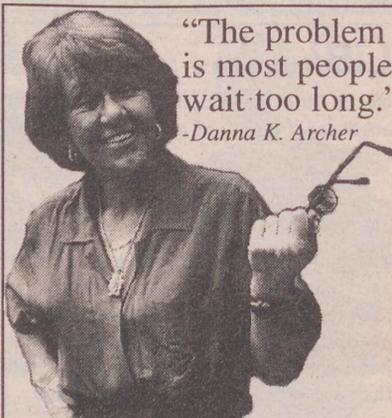
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grams out of most schools.

Leena Abraham, principal investigator for the Tata study, presented it at a workshop Thursday. She said the anonymous students who filled out her questionnaires over the last two years knew about AIDS and how the virus that causes the deadly disease is spread, but most believed it was a problem only prostitutes faced.

Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy, speaking at Thursday's workshop, said education should help "the young make informed choices in all aspects of their life." But Dr. Alka Karanda, a Bombay city health officer speaking at the same seminar, drew just the opposite conclusion. "The study shows that too much exposure to sex education could create a barrier, the mind becomes numb. We are overexposing the young," Karanda said.

AIDS in India has not reached the levels seen in other countries, but there are fears the incurable disease will spread out of control here if educational efforts are not stepped up. The World Health Organization estimates 2.5 million Indians, out of a population nearing 1 billion, have been infected with the AIDS virus.

Studies show that a large number of AIDS patients in India contracted the virus through sex and are less than 24 years old.

The Tata researchers collected questionnaires from students in Bombay's poorer neighborhoods. While they cautioned that the results could not be generalized and gave no margin of error, they were nonetheless sobering. The study found that while a quarter of the males surveyed had had sex, knowledge about anatomy, contraception and sexually transmitted diseases was very low.

"Although the abbreviation of STD is commonly used in sex education messages, a majority of boys (72 percent) and girls (81.8 percent) did not know it refers to sexually transmitted diseases," the researchers wrote in *Understanding youth sexuality*.

In India, STD is more commonly known as the initials for subscriber trunk dialing - the direct long distance telephone facility. The study was funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and the International Council for Research on Women.

China reports another large increase in AIDS/HIV cases

BEIJING (AP) - The number of people in China found to be infected with the virus that causes AIDS rose to 8,277 as the end of September, an increase of 37 percent since the start of the year, according to an official report Wednesday.

But the real number of people infected may be as high as 150,000 to 200,000, with transmission of the disease entering a new stage since 1994, *Xinhua*, the state-run news agency, said. The virus spread last year among drug users in the far west region of Xinjiang and the southwest province of Sichuan, having already infected migrants and paid blood donors in central China, *Xinhua* said.

From January to September, 2,237 new cases of infection with HIV, the AIDS virus, were detected, said Wang Zhao, director of the Ministry of Health's Disease Control Department. *Xinhua* said 77.5 percent of all those found to be infected were drug users.

China plans to launch an AIDS prevention campaign in Beijing and Hong Kong, and areas between the two, in December, it said.

AIDS reversing development gains in Africa, Asia, U.N. says

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - The spread of the AIDS virus, particularly in Africa and Asia, is reversing gains in human development, a U.N. AIDS expert warned Friday.

The disease has become widespread in some regions, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, where 19 million people are infected - the highest incidence in the world, said Dr. Elhadj as Sy, head of the Joint U.N. Program

on HIV/AIDS.

"The epidemic's impact in terms of suffering, orphanhood and widowhood, family and community impoverishment, increasing burden on health care systems, falling life expectancy and rising mortality rates is truly frightening," Sy told an International Planned Parenthood conference.

About 25 percent of adults in Botswana are infected with the AIDS virus, 22 percent in Zimbabwe and 19 percent in Namibia, he said, adding that in some southern African cities, more than 40 percent of pregnant women were infected.

Almost a quarter of all HIV victims live in Asia, with India alone having an estimated 3 million or more, he said. The HIV infection rate in the region doubled in the last three years and could double again by the end of the century. "If the curve persists, the Asian epidemic will dwarf all others," he said.

Regulators investigate reported use of banned AIDS drug

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) - An anti-AIDS drug banned earlier this year by South Africa's medical regulatory body is reportedly being used anyway by AIDS and HIV-infected patients.

The Medicines Control Council was inves-

tigating reports that Virodene P058, which it banned in February, was being used, council head Peter Folb said Friday. On Wednesday, council officials raided the Pretoria office and home of researcher Olga Visser, one of the three scientists who claimed in January that Virodene could reverse the effects of AIDS.

In an unorthodox move, Visser and her colleagues were allowed to present their findings to President Nelson Mandela's Cabinet in a bid to obtain money for further research. But their research was condemned by the Medicines Control Council and other bodies for failing to follow accepted procedures. The council then banned further human experiments with Virodene or its use as a medicine.

Folb said the council feared Virodene was unsafe and potentially dangerous to humans. When it banned the drug, the council said Virodene contained dimethylformamide, an industrial solvent. Anyone making or distributing Virodene could be held criminally liable if a patient were injured or died, Folb said.

The Aids Law Project at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg said it told the council about a Pretoria doctor who supplied Virodene to two patients. It said the patients experienced extreme burning sensations, shortness of breath, swelling of the throat, physical discomfort and irritation after using the drug.



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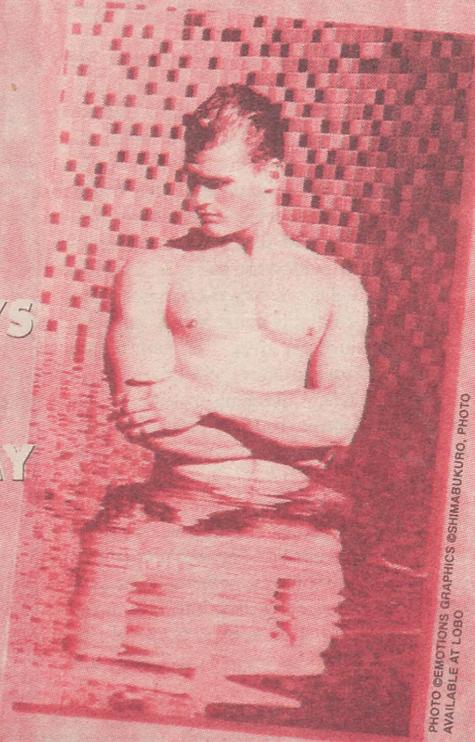


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Researchers find new technique for making vaccine

by Paul Recer
Associated Press

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - A protein combination engineered in the laboratory may lead to a powerful vaccine that can be tailored to attack cancer, AIDS or other virus diseases, researchers report.

Scientists at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research said that by fusing a molecule from a tumor or a virus with a natural compound called heat shock protein they can create a vaccine that prompts a strong defense against infection or cancer.

Dr. Richard A. Young, lead author of a study to be published Tuesday in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, said linking the heat shock protein with a particle from a tumor or virus prompts the body to make killer immune cells, called cytotoxic T-cells or CTLs, that are primed to attack a specific target.

Most other vaccines, said Young, cause the body to make antibodies that attack the target but do not prompt production of CTLs, one of the body's most potent weapons against infection and tumor growth.

In a study published in *Proceedings*, the Whitehead researchers made a cancer vaccine by fusing the heat shock protein with ovalbumin, a protein that is made by some types of cancers. When the protein combination was injected into laboratory mice, it caused them to develop an immunity against a cancer that is usually lethal to the mice.

"This is a proof-of-concept experiment that shows that the heat shock protein can be attached to most any protein of interest and be useful generally in vaccine development," said Young. The researcher said his lab is now making a vaccine against simian immunodeficiency virus, or SIV, which is the monkey equivalent of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

He said the SIV vaccine will be tested for about two years in macaque monkeys. If the new vaccine design works against SIV, said Young, then it could be used to make an HIV vaccine for testing in humans. But the usefulness of the heat-shock protein vaccine goes beyond AIDS, said Young.

He said researchers are trying to identify antigens that are produced by specific cancers. These antigens could then be fused with the heat shock protein to make a vaccine that would prompt the body to attack and kill cancer cells, said Young.

Heat shock proteins are released by the body naturally under conditions of stress, such as heat, injury or damage from toxins. The proteins move around inside cells to help correct any damage done by stress. The heat shock proteins also play a role in helping the body kill off infected or abnormal cells. They do this by putting on a cell's outer wall a marker molecule that acts as a target for the killer T-cells.

The immune system also remembers this target and will mount a new attack if the tar-

get is detected again. When fused with particles from a virus or a cancer, the heat shock protein causes similar tumor cells or virus-infected cells to be targeted by the killer T-cells, said Young.

CDC: Number of children getting AIDS from their mothers drops

by Tara Meyer
Associated Press

GEORGIA - Earlier testing and drug treatment helped reduce the number of American children contracting AIDS from their mothers at birth by 43 percent between 1992 and 1996, the government says.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday that 516 children were diagnosed with AIDS in 1996 after contracting it from their mothers, down from 905 in 1992. Evidence of prevention's payoff can be seen in the rate of infants diagnosed with AIDS before age 1.

The CDC said the rate has fallen 39 percent, from 8.4 per 100,000 births in 1992 to 5.1 in 1995. "This is a success story, and it is very encouraging news that our prevention efforts are working," Dr. Mary Lou Lindegren of the CDC said.

Doctors believe most mothers who pass HIV to their babies do so during delivery, when the infant is exposed to the mother's blood and other fluids. Nationwide, the anti-viral drug AZT has been given regularly during pregnancy since a successful 1994 experiment.

Without treatment, researchers said more than 25 percent of HIV-positive mothers will pass the virus to their newborn. With the drug, the rate drops to about 8 percent. HIV-positive pregnant women begin taking AZT after their first trimester. AZT is then given intravenously during labor, and the infant receives AZT syrup for six weeks after birth.

When babies are born with HIV, 20 percent of them will develop AIDS within the first year of their life. The rest will probably develop the disease over the next 10 years, Ms. Lindegren said. Currently, 7,310 of the nation's total 626,334 AIDS cases in adults and children were acquired during birth, the CDC said.

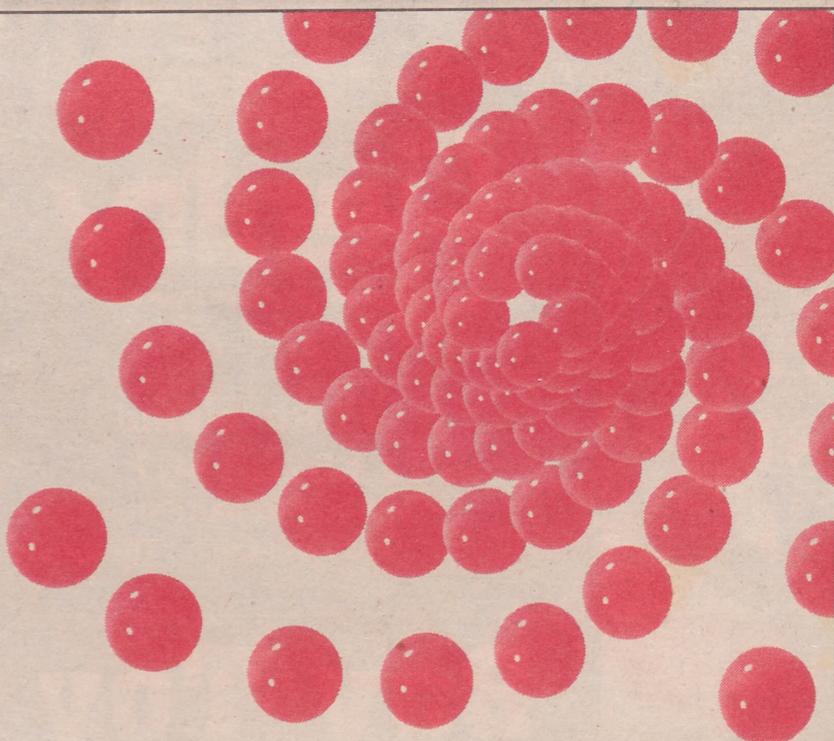
Most HIV-infected children are born in developing countries. The Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS estimates 350,000 children in developing countries are infected with the AIDS virus during birth.

Drug makers developing more AIDS drugs than ever

by John Hendren
Associated Press

NEW YORK - Drug makers are working on an unprecedented array of new medicines to combat the AIDS virus, enough to triple the number of drugs and vaccines on the market today, according to a survey released Friday.

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Drug companies are testing 124 new treatments on patients, according to the survey by the Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers of America. The Food and Drug Administration has approved 50 AIDS-related drugs, including eight this year.

With the first-ever drop in the number of new cases last year in the United States, drug makers have come a long way since the first drug, Glaxo Wellcome's AZT, was approved in 1987, said Dr. John Siegfried, the industry group's head of medical affairs.

"Here we are ten years later, just a decade, and now there are 50 drugs either for the disease or for associated conditions," he said.

The treatments under development include:

- 40 anti-viral medicines and protease inhibitors, which have proven effective in reducing the amount of the virus in some patients.
- 23 drugs to fight AIDS-related cancers, such as Kaposi's sarcoma.
- 11 anti-infective medicines to fight opportunistic diseases, including a type of pneumonia that afflicts 8 out of 10 patients.
- 5 gene therapies designed to genetically alter patients' cells to make them more resistant.
- 12 vaccines, including the first DNA-based preventive vaccines.

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the drop in AIDS deaths and new diagnoses last year shows that powerful new drugs seem to be slowing down the virus.

In 1996, an estimated 56,730 people were diagnosed with AIDS in the United States, down 6 percent from the 60,620 new cases in 1995, according to the CDC. AIDS deaths also dropped 23 percent, from an estimated 50,140 in 1995 to about 38,780 in 1996. About 235,470 people were living with AIDS in 1996.

The CDC said powerful drugs such as protease inhibitors are apparently preventing HIV infection from progressing to full-blown AIDS, especially in patients who start taking the medicine early. Many AIDS activists agree that drug company scientists have made AIDS drugs a priority, but they give drug makers a mixed review overall.

"I would give them an 'A' for advances in the science and an 'F' for fairness in pricing," said Daniel Zingale, executive director of AIDS Action in Washington. "We do owe them a great debt of gratitude for the advances they've made in the fight against HIV and AIDS. The challenge is to make those treatments more available to people," he said.

Patients pay as much as \$15,000 a year for the three-drug cocktails usually used to treat AIDS and other drugs to tackle opportunistic infections and other related problems. Doctors who treat AIDS patients have eagerly called for more drugs since mutations in the virus can reduce the effectiveness of drugs.

New drugs are being approved more quickly, in part due to an FDA program that uses contributions from drug makers to hire more officials to review drugs. President Clinton renewed the program on Friday.

Immune cell found in natural defense against AIDS virus

by Paul Recer

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - How do some patients infected with the AIDS virus survive for years without treatment and without getting sick? A Boston team of researchers says it may have the answer to a question that has puzzled scientists for years.

In a study published today in the journal *Science*, researchers say an analysis of blood from a robust Boston man infected with HIV for 18 years shows he is protected by a large number of immune system cells, called helper T-cells, that specifically attack the

AIDS virus.

Using this clue, researchers at the Massachusetts General Hospital went on to find that these special helper T-cells may be the essential difference between being well while infected with HIV and being sick with the disease.

"Our work provides an explanation of why a very small group of people have been able to avoid getting sick from this virus even though they are infected," said Dr. Bruce Walker, the senior author of the study.

Helper T-cells direct the body's immune system. There is a variety of the cells, and each type is primed to attack a specific virus or other invader. As these cells detect the presence of a target virus, they reproduce by the billions, flooding the bloodstream with defenders.

But HIV, the AIDS virus, has broken down this defense. For reasons not understood, helper T-cells specific for HIV often are at low levels in or absent from patients infected with the virus. Experiments at Massachusetts General confirmed that high levels of HIV-specific T-cells may be essential for the body to hold the AIDS virus in check.

Walker said laboratory tests of blood from HIV patients found that those with the strongest T-cell response to the HIV antigen

had the lowest amount of virus in their bloodstream, but those with weak T-cell responses had high virus loads.

The discovery suggested the body might be able to control HIV if helper T-cells that target the virus could somehow be protected. To test this idea, researchers used powerful anti-viral drugs to treat patients recently infected with HIV.

Walker said the drugs caused the virus load to drop quickly, and the patients' immune systems then started producing T-cells that specifically attacked HIV. He also said the HIV-specific T-cells were not produced in the bodies of patients who had been infected with HIV for more than six months.

"This suggests that there is a window of time during the acute phase of infection when anti-viral treatment can rescue the helper T-cell response to HIV," Walker said. If treatment is delayed, he said, that natural protection may be lost forever.

Dr. David H. Schwartz, a Johns Hopkins University AIDS researcher, said the Massachusetts General finding confirms work performed earlier at Hopkins. He said there may be immune system elements other than the helper T-cells, however, that are responsible for suppressing HIV infection in the rare patients who never get sick from the virus. In

any case, Schwartz said, the new research emphasizes the importance of early and aggressive anti-viral treatment against HIV.

Researchers from the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center report in another study in *Science* that it may be possible to use a harmless virus to attack the killer AIDS virus. In laboratory experiments, the Pennsylvania scientists showed that a harmless virus coated with special proteins will search out cells infected with the HIV virus and then lock onto the cell surfaces.

The technique has only been tested in the laboratory. But Dr. James A. Hoxie, senior author of the study, said the hunter virus could be turned into a biological weapon that would seek out and attack HIV inside infected cells and thus control the AIDS virus.

Hughes Institute team attacks cancer, AIDS

by Steve Karnowski
Associated Press

MINNESOTA - The way Dr. Fatih Uckun sees it, he's put together the A-team of medical research. While his group is too new to claim any breakthroughs so far,



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Uckun is confident it's poised to make major advances in treating cancer, AIDS and other diseases.

Over the past year and a half or so, Uckun has persuaded more than 200 scientists from around the world - including some of the up-and-coming talents in their fields - to join him at the Wayne Hughes Institute. Boom boxes blare rock 'n' roll from several corners of crowded laboratories as the young staff of scientists and technicians goes about producing and testing substances they hope will lead to lifesaving drugs.

"There's a lot of energy," Uckun, 39, said. "There's an excitement ... to be part of something that's going to have an impact."

This summer, Uckun left the University of Minnesota Medical School, where he was a full professor, to concentrate on the institute that he co-founded in 1995 with funding from California billionaire Wayne Hughes.

Hughes described the intense young doctor as a man possessed. "He's in a class by himself," Hughes said. "The man truly is a giant."

Hughes began funding leukemia researchers around the world after his son, Parker, now 8, developed the blood cancer more than six years ago. Parker was in his

fourth relapse and his doctors had given the boy only a couple of weeks to live when his father turned to Uckun in late 1995.

Uckun was a pioneer in using drugs known as immunotoxins to fight childhood cancers. He had developed an experimental leukemia treatment teaming up antibodies and a potent toxin derived from the pokeweed plant, which grows wild along Texas roads. The treatment put Parker's leukemia into remission. While he's had one relapse since then, the boy once again is in remission, Hughes said.

In gratitude, Hughes endowed a chair for Uckun at the University of Minnesota and has provided about \$40 million in seed money for the Hughes Institute. That money, combined with federal grants and other donations, allows the institute to give its staffers the equipment and other resources they need to keep focused on their science.

Among them is Mark Williams, a scientist in the protein production department. His task: growing insect cells that have been engineered to produce specific proteins that the other scientists use in their work.

Standing near an incubator where insect cells are growing in cloudy yellow solutions, Williams said the institute is a more exciting place to work than the University of

Minnesota, where he spent several years. "The appeal for me is the potential that we have here to actually make an impact," Williams said.

Another staffer is Christopher Navara, a cell biologist and the director of imaging facilities, who does a lot of his work in a small, dark room packed with high-tech equipment. Borrowing a term from *Star Trek*, Uckun calls Navara's department "the holodeck."

One of the main tools of Navara's trade is a device with a mouthful of a name - a multiphoton laser-scanning confocal microscope. The machine allows him to generate three-dimensional computerized pictures and even 3-D movies of what's happening inside a living cell.

"I try to look inside the cells," Navara said. "To understand both what's happening in the cancer cells, but also what our treatments are doing in the cancer cells. That kind of feedback I can give to the chemists, and they can modify their compounds to take advantage of what we're seeing."

Navara, who came from the University of Wisconsin, said the appeal of working for the Hughes Institute is its broad sweep. He said there are very few other places where scientists can so directly see the fruits of

their basic research turned into experimental treatments for humans.

"I did my work at a classical university lab. And we did great, exciting work," Navara said. "But you never got the contact with how this was helping people out."

Besides drugs to fight cancer and AIDS, the institute is working on potential treatments for allergies, shock, diabetes, heart disease and arthritis. The institute plans to soon begin human trials in South Africa of a drug that shows promise against HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

It's based on the same pokeweed protein that's used in the leukemia treatment. If it works, Uckun said, it has the potential to be much cheaper than conventional AIDS treatments. That's crucial for developing countries such as South Africa, where AIDS is epidemic but money is scarce. Other cancer researchers across the country have high praise for Uckun and the institute's work.

Dr. Stuart Siegel, director of the children's cancer center at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, said many pediatric cancer research centers share the institute's goal of developing new treatments. But he said no other institute has formed such a team so quickly, on such a scale, that is so focused on developing new treatments.

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for his integrity, honesty and commitment to excellence in public service. He also cited Brown as someone who solved problems during stints as police chief in Houston, New York City and Atlanta, and as the Clinton administration's drug czar. Gore's appearance added a partisan stamp to a race that is supposed to be non-partisan.

"One has to question, in a nonpartisan race, why you go through the gamble of bringing in a heavyweight like this, if they are as far ahead as the claim they are," Mosbacher spokesman Howard Opinsky said. "I think overall, Houstonians don't need help from Washington selecting from between a successful businessman like Rob Mosbacher and an ineffective bureaucrat like Lee Brown."

Last week, outgoing Mayor Lanier lamented what he said was an "unhealthy" drift toward partisanship in the city's political races, although he termed Gore's visit a fair attempt to present the Democratic side. Lanier, who has not endorsed Brown or Mosbacher, was at Houston's Ellington Field to welcome the vice president Monday morning.

Brown defended Gore's presence, saying he considered the vice president a friend and a former colleague who he called for help. "And I think that's an appropriate thing to do," Brown said.

Greanias endorses Brown

Former mayoral candidate George Greanias endorsed mayoral candidate Lee Brown last week in the December 6 runoff between Brown and Rob Mosbacher.

Greanias' decision did not surprise many in the gay community considering Mosbacher's campaign materials that targeted Greanias' support from the community. Brown had also been courting gay votes and continues to do so. Greanias had been endorsed by both major gay political groups - the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and Log Cabin Republicans of Houston. The HGLPC endorsed Brown in the runoff and Log Cabin Houston decided not to endorse in the race at their monthly meeting last Monday.

Greanias' decision did surprise many outside of the community however. Greanias has long been a critic of the Lanier administration (current mayor Bob Lanier who did not run due to term limits) and consistently eschewed the virtues of fiscal conservatism on the campaign trail. Mosbacher is viewed by many Houstonians as the more fiscally conservative candidate, whereas, Brown has championed Lanier's performance as mayor.

Greanias' announcement came one week after former mayoral candidate Gracie Saenz endorsed Rob Mosbacher. City councilmember Helen Huey, also a former candidate for mayor, announced she would not endorse.

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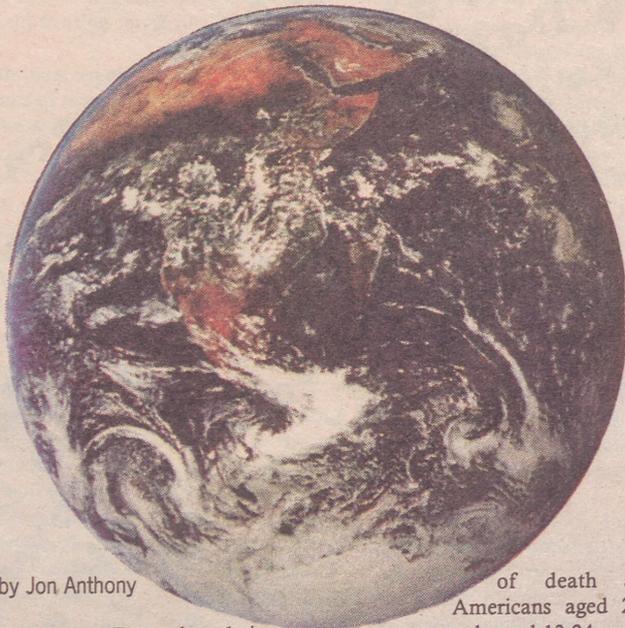
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A modicum of 'Hope' on World AIDS Day

by Jon Anthony

Monday December 1 is World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day was observed for the first time in 1988, following a meeting of world health leaders who saw the need for greater exchange of information on HIV/AIDS and a greater spirit of understanding, tolerance and action around the world. The theme of this year's World AIDS Day is "Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS."

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has defined the overall aim of this year's World AIDS day as "increasing understanding of the magnitude of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and its global dimensions, with an emphasis on promoting action and sound policies to prevent HIV transmission and to minimize the epidemic's impact on children, their families, and their communities."

The statistics are staggering. It is estimated that more than 29.4 million HIV infections and 8.4 million AIDS cases have occurred worldwide since 1981. Over 3 million HIV infections occurred in 1996 alone.

Here in the United States, over 580,000 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS and 365,000 people have died. One quarter of new HIV infections in the United States occur among young people under age 21. Everyday 100 to 150 men, women and children become infected with HIV. HIV/AIDS is now the leading cause

of death among all young Americans aged 25-44. Behaviorally, youth aged 13-24 are at the highest risk of new HIV infections.

Texas has been hit particularly hard by the AIDS crisis. According to statistics from the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services, the Lone Star State ranks fourth nationally for reported cases, with 42,185 cases reported. The city of Houston ranks seventh nationally for reported AIDS cases, with 15,124 cases reported. It is estimated that one in 90 people in Houston are infected with HIV.

Unlike in much of the developing world where the vast majority of people with HIV and AIDS live, here in the United States we are beginning to see encouraging developments in the battle against this epidemic. AIDS deaths are declining for some population groups and new drug treatments are offering hope to many people with HIV disease.

While these developments are welcomed signs of progress, many challenges lie ahead. The recent decline in AIDS deaths means that more people are living with HIV and AIDS. They will continue to require high quality care, support and treatment services in the coming years.

"It is important for the public to realize that the end of AIDS is not here yet," said Michael J. Springer, executive director of the Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group. "It is critical for the government and private funders to continue to

fund important research for new and more powerful drugs to combat HIV."

Springer says that despite the "tremendous medical advances" related to the development of Protease Inhibitors, the drug combinations known as "cocktails" are "actually helping less than 50% of the current HIV population." The need for more AIDS Drug Assistance Programs is tantamount to providing the newest drugs



Michael J. Springer, executive director of the Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group

to more people inflicted with HIV, he said.

"Federal State and Private sources must continue to fund vital medical and psychosocial services for the majority of the

HIV-positive population. ... These people continue to need such important services as financial assistance, housing, food, transportation, counseling, case management, volunteer support, legal services, child care, etc.

World AIDS Day has become an annual event of epic proportions in most countries. Although December 1 is set as the date for the day, in many communities a range of activities are organized during the weeks and days before and after the official commemoration.

World AIDS Day provides an important opportunity to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS in the general public, to carry prevention messages into communities, to improve care for those infected by HIV, and to fight denial and discrimination. Moreover, it provides an opportunity to show solidarity.

AIDS is an appalling and continuing tragedy. It is not an outbreak and it is not going to go away. In many countries and societies, the epidemic is just emerging. In some countries and societies, the epidemic is just emerging. In some, it is raging out of control.

But the good news is that there are now places - both within the geography of the human body and within that of the world - where the AIDS virus has been put on the defensive. Their numbers are few but growing, and they are significant enough to suggest light at the end of a very long tunnel.

Houston arts organizations to commemorate 1997 Day Without Art/World AIDS Day

Twenty-five Houston arts organizations will join with area AIDS service providers to commemorate 1997 Day Without Art/World AIDS Day in a series of activities uniting visual and performing artists throughout the city, Monday, December 1.

Every year on World AIDS Day, activities are held, nationally and internationally, to commemorate the memories of friends, colleagues and family members lost to AIDS. Day Without Art is a series of special observances organized by individuals working in the arts.

Day Without Art has four main objectives:

- To celebrate the achievements of colleagues and friends, while mourning those already lost to AIDS.
- To initiate action to care for and cure all those living with AIDS and HIV.
- To broaden educational efforts about HIV illness.
- To acknowledge the caregivers, advocates, and activists of AIDS

"For the first time in many years of commemorating Day Without Art, we have hope," observed Houston Ballet Managing Director Cecil C. Conner. "In

September, the Centers for Disease Control announced that AIDS cases diagnosed in the United States dropped last year for the first time in the 16-year history of the epidemic."

While a whole new category of drugs - protease inhibitors - has substantially prolonged the lifespan of some individuals living with HIV, however, there is a significant amount of AIDS patients who don't respond to protease inhibitors, almost 50% according to recent estimates in *The New York Times*, says Conner.

"Contrary to some reports in the media, we are nowhere near 'the end of AIDS,' Conner said. "We face a new landscape, with a whole range of completely different challenges: How do we guarantee access for all people to protease inhibitors, when a year's supply of these drugs can cost up to \$20,000? And how long will the protease inhibitors remain effective; how long can they be taken before resistance is developed and they prove ineffective?"

"Thus, we in the Houston arts community mark Day Without Art/World AIDS Day this year with a sense of cautious hope for the future and a determination to meet the challenges ahead in the next wave of the battle against AIDS."



Ceremony of Remembrance at the Alley Theatre

At 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 1, on the Alley Theatre's Neuhaus Arena Stage, luminaries from Houston's arts community will join together for a Ceremony of Remembrance. The event is open to all Houstonians, and the public is encouraged to attend.

To dramatize the wide swath AIDS has cut through the Texas arts community, artists and administrators will memorialize Houstonians from five different artistic disciplines who have been lost to AIDS. Pages honoring these five artists will be added to *Testimony: A Houston Arts Book on AIDS*, which was created and displayed in 1995 at the Museum of Fine Arts.

Houston Symphony Conductor-in-Residence Stephen Stein will serve as host for the Ceremony of Remembrance. *Houston Chronicle* society columnist Maxine Messinger will give the keynote address. Ms. Messinger, who serves on the national board of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, has been a tireless advocate for people with AIDS in Texas, raising several million dollars for AIDS service organizations. United States Congressional Representative Sheila Jackson Lee is also slated to speak.

A performance of Dave Catney's *Little Prayer*, a song composed by Mr. Catney for an all-star AIDS benefit album *Last When We Were Young: The Ballad Album*, will close the Ceremony of Remembrance. Vocalist Sharon Montgomery and pianist Claudia Burson will perform the work.

The following Houston artists will be honored at the Ceremony of Remembrance:

James Bettison - Visual Arts - Clifton Hazelwood of Artists Management will memorialize Mr. Bettison at the ceremony. Bettison, a native of Michigan, died at the age of 39 in May 1997. A retrospective of his career is scheduled to be on display at the Transco Tower in November and December 1998.

Dave Catney - Music - Linda McDill, a longtime representative of Houston musical talent and Catney's former manager, will memorialize him. Catney left an indelible mark on the Houston music scene. Named the Jazz Artist of the year in 1993 at the Houston Jazz Festival, Catney recorded three albums for justice Records, including the acclaimed *Reality Road*. He died in August 1994 at the age of 33.

Ross Perry - Opera - Houston Grand Opera General Manager James D. Ireland will memorialize Mr. Perry. Perry, a native of Montreal, Quebec, worked a director, choreographer, and teacher with Houston Grand Opera (HGO), and others. His work with HGO involved 13 different productions for the company, including *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Hansel and Gretel*, *Così fan tutte*, and *Aida*. Perry died in December 1995 at the age of 31.

Michael Ballard - Theater - Alley Associate Artists Michael Wilson and Ensemble Theater Artistic Director Eileen Morris will memorialize Ballard. One of Houston's most talented actors, Ballard graced all of the city's most prestigious stages: The Alley, The Ensemble, Stages Repertory Theater, The Wortham Center (with HGO), and Miller Outdoor Theater (with the Houston Shakespeare Festival). Ballard, who was also an accomplished choreographer and

dancer, was the recipient of The Ensemble's prestigious George Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Actor in a lead role for his work as Petruchio in *The Taming of the Shrew*. He died in May 1996.

Michael Wasmund - Dance - Houston Ballet Principal Dancer Lauren Anderson will memorialize the dancer. Wasmund joined the Houston Ballet in 1979 as a soloist, making memorable appearances in such ballets as the American premiere of Mr. Tetley's *Praeludium*, Mr. Cranko's *The Lady and the Fool*, and Ben Stevenson's *Four Last Songs*. A lyrical dancer with a beautiful line, Wasmund was equally at home in both the classical realm, where he could execute beautifully controlled variations with silken grace, and in the contemporary repertoire. Wasmund, much beloved by his fellow dancers, died in February 1983 at the age of 28.

In addition to the five artists who are being memorialized, four students from the fourth and fifth grade classes at The Irvin Shlenker School will present a page for the 1997 AIDS memorial book depicting their portion of "The Living Wall," a collection of ceramic tiles that students from 12 schools are painting as part of an AIDS awareness program coordinated by AIDS Foundation Houston.

Other Activities

An array of activities will be on the schedule for Houston's 1997 Day Without Art/World AIDS Day, ranging from the aforementioned to a special photo exhibition "Cartel Conbtra el SIDA" co-sponsored by the Mexican Consulate and AVES (Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services, Inc.) at AVES' facility at 4126 Southwest Freeway.

Artists Bookworks

Artists Bookworks, a two-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to one-of-a-kind and limited-edition artists books, is designing and constructing a special three-dimensional memorial book containing the names of individuals involved with the arts in Houston who have been lost to AIDS.

The book is a triangular-shaped sculpture, 6 1/2 feet tall, 15-inches on each side with accordion fold pages listing the names of over 200 people from 20 different organizations who have died. (See picture). The book is being designed by Christine Olejniczak; it will be constructed by Olejniczak, Maggi Battalino and Ben Russell. The accordion pages are being created by Vikki Trammell and Nadia Khan.

The 1997 book will take its place alongside two similar works memorializing individuals lost to AIDS. In 1995, the Museum of Fine Arts oversaw the cre-

ation and display of *Testimony: A Houston Arts Book on AIDS*. In 1996, Artists Bookworks created a stark but beautiful black book documenting Houston's arts community's losses to HIV. All three books will be on display from December 1 through 14 at The Blaffer Gallery on the University of Houston's central campus.

Cultural Arts Council

The Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County (CACHH) has overseen the covering of one of the most prestigious pieces of public art in Houston: Henry Moore's mammoth sculpture, "Large Spindle Piece," located on Allen Parkway, between downtown and Montrose Boulevard.

Public art is covered for two reasons: as a symbol of grief and mourning for the individuals lost to AIDS; and to dramatize the ways in which the world has been deprived of the creations of numerous artists who have died of AIDS.

In addition, the Transco Waterwall, located at 2800 Post Oak Tower Park, will be shut for the day.

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Displays

The Alley Theatre will drape a black shroud, with the Day Without Art logo, over the company's *Christmas Carol* banner displayed prominently on the front of its building. And, fifteen Houston arts organization will display panels from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in their facilities as a show of solidarity for all people living with HIV.

Participants include: Alley Theatre, Art League of Houston, Artists Bookworks, College of the Mainland, Cultural Arts Council of Harris County, Da Camera of Houston, DiverseWorks, Houston Ballet, Houston Grand Opera, Houston Symphony, The Menil Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, San Jacinto College, Society for the Performing Arts, and the University of Houston's O'Kane Gallery.

Tree of Remembrance

Capping the day's events at 6:30 p.m. will be the moving "Tree of Remembrance" ceremony at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, in which Houstonians can affix a holiday ornament on a Christmas tree in memory of someone lost to AIDS. The Tree of Remembrance - co-sponsored by the Houston Names Project, the City of Houston and the Garden Party - is open to the public.

Montrose Clinic at Planet Hollywood

In recognition of the tenth annual World AIDS Day, Montrose Clinic will be holding a reception with special guest Frank Billingsley, News 2 Houston Chief Meteorologist, at Planet Hollywood from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday, December 1, 1997.

The clinic will unveil plans for the "Wall of Hope" recognizing the many people who help support their efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS while kicking off their Annual Fund Drive. Guests will be provided an opportunity to sign names to a banner of remembrance for those they have lost to HIV/AIDS. The banner will be displayed throughout the month of December at the Clinic.



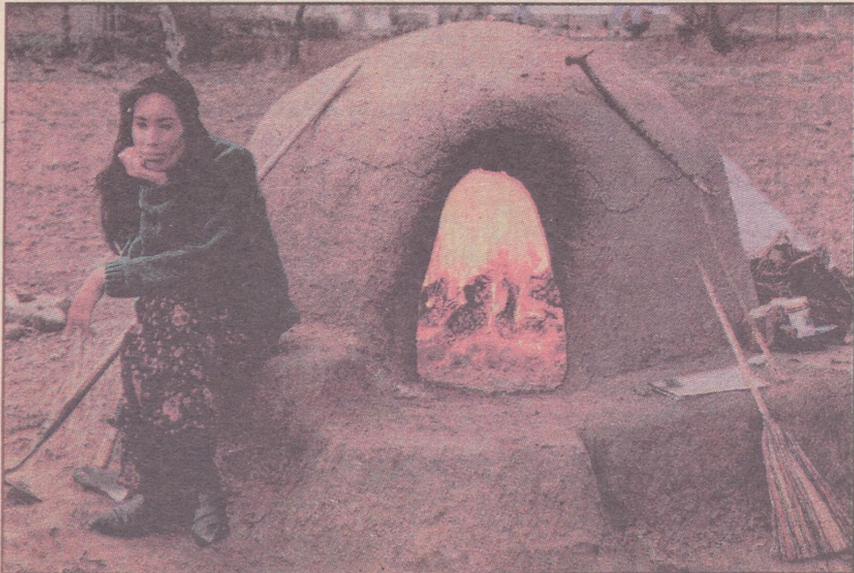
Maggi Battalino, of Artist's Bookworks, helped to construct this 3-D sculptural book containing the names of 200 individuals in the Houston's Arts community who have been lost to AIDS. The book will be on display December 1-14 in the Blaffer Gallery on the Uoff's central campus. For details call 713-743-9530.

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A Positive Life: Portraits of Women Living with HIV

Interviews by River Huston
Photography by Mary Berridge
Running Press 17.95

More than 67,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with AIDS. Although they represent nearly 20 percent of the cases, they are the most anonymous, hidden and forgotten of the AIDS population. This book personifies these statistics by giving faces and voices to these women.



The portraits are candid, unposed shots of 30 ordinary looking women. They look like our own stack of pictures of friends and family members. They show familiar groupings — some of the women are hold children, others are sitting with friends, and one is in a wedding gowns surrounded by a group of admiring little girls. However, the stark captions identifying the picture, names followed by “40, HIV positive since 1983, diagnosed in 1986, infected through IV drug use”; “infected through sex”; “source of transmission unknown”, cast a shadow over the pages.

River Huston, herself HIV positive, has done sympathetic and interesting interviews. The women are candid about how they became infected. Unprotected sex was the source of transmission for most. Some of the women were aware of the risks, but would not press the issue with their partners. Others were unaware of the risks or did not know that their partner was a danger. The population of women with AIDS is so hidden that the danger of unprotected sex is often abstract, not real, to many women.

The accounts of how these women were given the news of their test results made me angry. There was often no sensitivity, support or information given to the women.

“...some of the women are hold children, others are sitting with friends, and one is in a wedding gowns surrounded by a group of admiring little girls.”

There is still too little research about treatment for women.

However, true to the spirit of the book's title, it focuses on how these women cope with the demands of the illness and with children, jobs and home. They are surprisingly free of bitterness or anger, and their gratitude for the things they have is inspiring. They truly are Living A Positive Life.

The inspiration for the book came from Mary Berridge, an award winning photogra-

pher. She had a job interviewing mothers with AIDS and their teenagers for psychological research studies and was struck by the invisibility of these women. She placed an ad seeking women who were willing to be photographed. River Huston, a writer, answered the ad. Mary's photographs and River's sensitive and interesting interviews became the book.

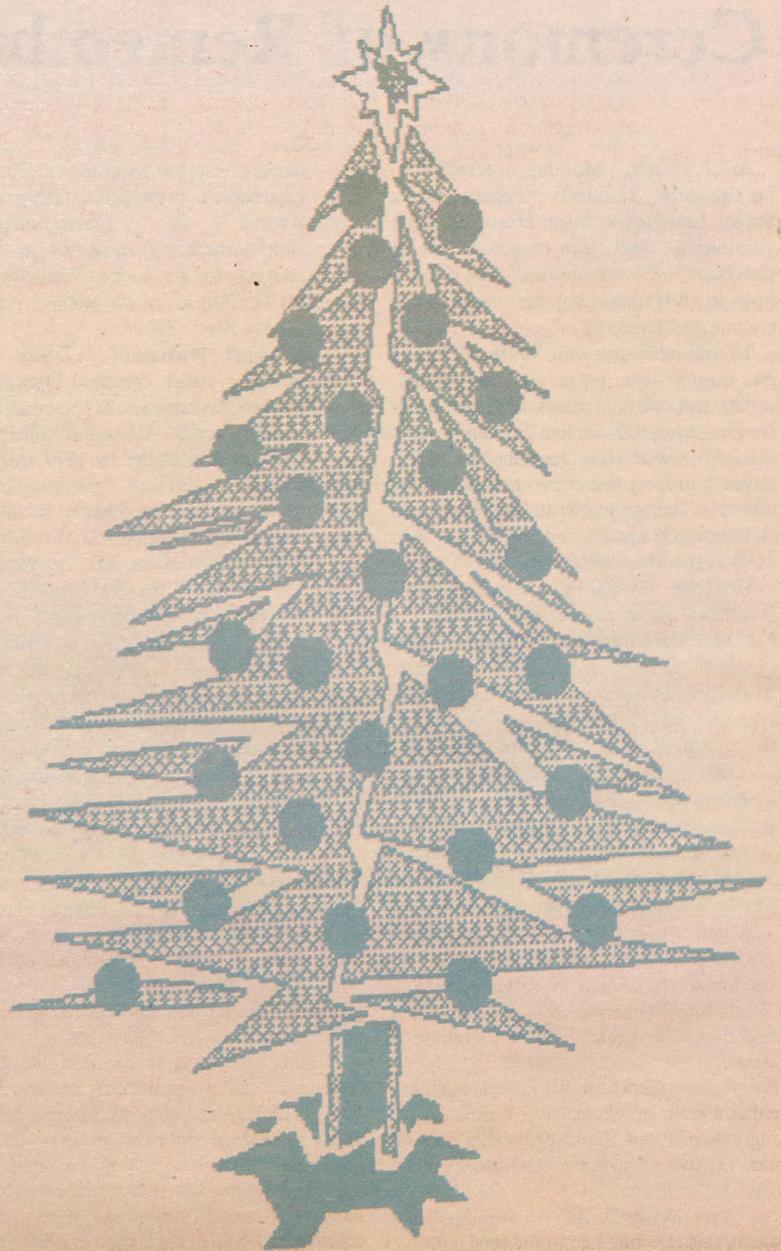
It was awarded the Dorthea Lange/Paul Taylor prize from the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University.

Early voting polls for the Saturday, December 6, run-off election for Mayor and five city council seats are closed for Thanksgiving weekend, but will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 on Monday December 1 and Tuesday, December 2. There are early voting polls all over the city, including one at the Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray.

Early voting is available to any voter, even if they will be in town on Saturday and even if they did not vote in the November election. You must have some identification and be a registered voter to early vote, but you do not need your voter registration card or know your precinct number. Assistance is available from the clerks if you need help to vote.



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hand holders," according to the lawsuit filed in Travis County district court. A specific target of Ms. Hugon's disparaging remarks was the Montrose Counseling Center's Victims of Crime Act Project in Houston, according to the lawsuit.

Karen Hughes, Bush's spokeswoman, said after written complaints were filed, Ms. Hugon admitted to the governor's deputy general counsel Pete Wassdorf that she called the Montrose project a "homosexual project."

"She was told that was inappropriate, and she apologized," Ms. Hughes said. Ms. Hughes said she had not talked to Bush and was unsure whether he would consider that reprimand sufficient response to the complaint. She said it was unlikely Bush knew about the complaints.

"The project was fully funded. I think that says a lot," Ms. Hughes said. "Governor Bush was not aware of the language referred to. He would not refer to the project that way. The lawsuit is totally without merit."

Ms. Hughes added that Ms. Hugon was not a political hire and did not meet Bush until after

getting the job. Ms. Hugon did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

Ms. Funderburgh was hired nine years ago under former Gov. Bill Clements, a Republican. She was fired Sept. 8. Ms. Curbo was hired three years ago under Bush's predecessor, Democratic Gov. Ann Richards. She was fired Aug. 26.

"Politics has nothing to do with this lawsuit," said Derek Howard, the women's attorney, adding that neither woman was willing to be interviewed regarding their political views. He said neither woman is gay. They are seeking at least \$700,000 each in actual and punitive damages.

Howard said the women complained about what they considered a hostile attitude and illegal tracking of crime victims' sexual preference both verbally and in writing. He said it was unclear whether Bush had seen the complaints or had been informed of them.

Bush is expected to formally announce his bid for re-election next month. Democratic Land Commissioner Garry Mauro already has announced his bid to unseat Bush.

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The tug-of-war over affirmative action also formed President Clinton's choice of Lee to enforce the nation's civil rights laws. The Senate returned Lee's nomination to the White House after the Judiciary committee deadlocked 9-9, with nine Republicans opposed to his support of affirmative action. Its eight Democrats and Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., supported the Los Angeles lawyer.

Lee's supporters want Clinton to resubmit his nomination next year. Some said it was unfair for the Senate to expect Lee to disagree on affirmative action with the president who nominated him. Others accused Republicans of rejecting Lee because he is Chinese-American.

"For Asian-Americans, he is our highest hope that there is no glass ceiling for us," said an angry Rep. Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii, chairwoman of the Congressional Asian-Pacific Caucus.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a leading Lee opponent, said rejecting Lee would send a message about preference policies that are dividing

America. "It's not a matter of race or of anything else," explained Hatch, the Senate sponsor of Canady's bill. "It's a matter of principle."

Ethnic origin also was an issue in the House dispute over the Sanchez election. Democrats repeatedly accused Republicans of continuing the investigation into the election because she is Mexican-American. Republicans denied the charges.

Her opponent, former Rep. Bob Dornan, a conservative Republican, claims voter fraud by illegal immigrants and noncitizens contributed to his 984-vote defeat. But despite constant pressure from Democrats to end it, the investigation that began last January is expected to extend into 1998.

Clinton, meanwhile, raised the profile of gay rights issues in his speech this month to the Human Rights Campaign, the first to a national gay and lesbian civil rights group by a sitting president. The president urged Congress to pass pending legislation that would ban job bias because of sexual orientation. A similar bill failed by one vote in the Senate in 1996.




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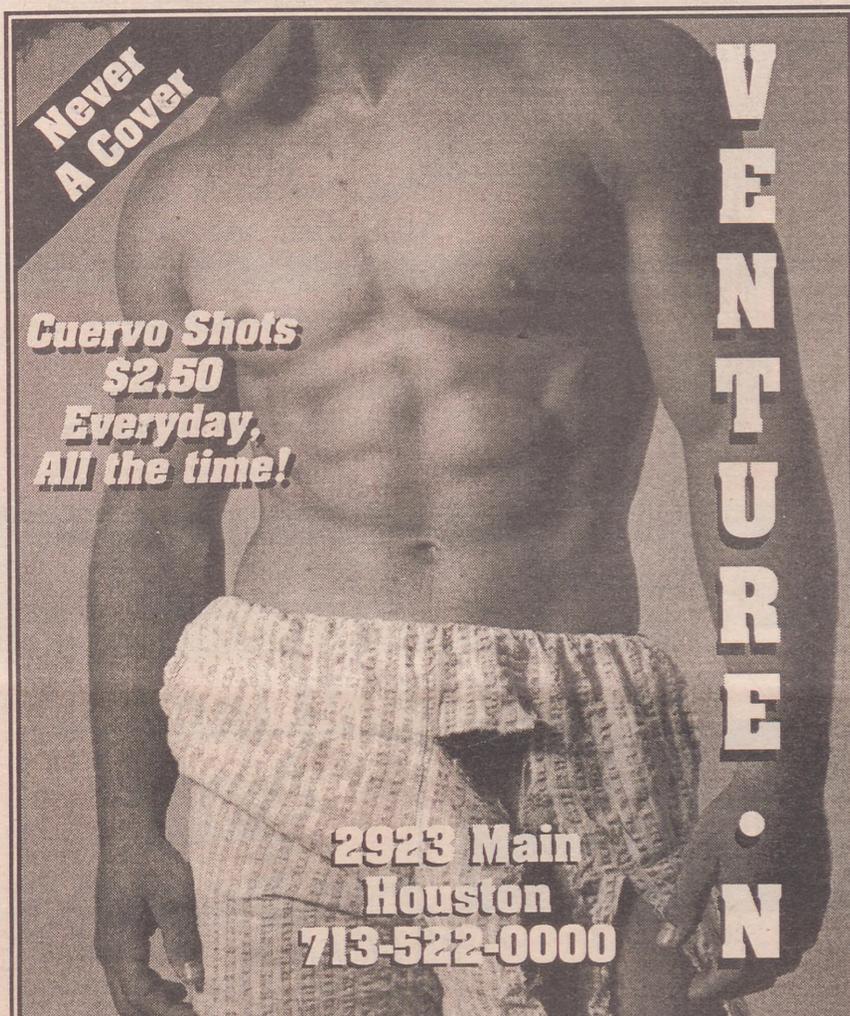
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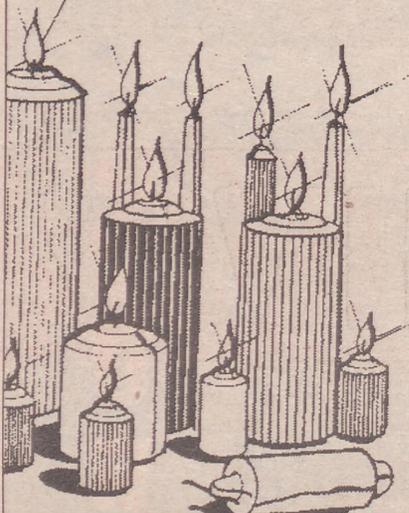
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- Houston Mission Church Worship service at 10:30 am 529-8225.
- Covenant Baptist Church Worship service 1:30 pm and education hour at 3:00 pm 668-8830.
- Bering Memorial United Methodist Church Worship service 10:50 am. Seekers class 9:15 am 526-1017.
- Catholic Mass at 7:30 pm Kolbe Project 522-8182.

- MCCR Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm 861-9149.
- Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County, 402 Church St. in Galveston. Sunday Services at 10:30 am weekly. 409-765-8330.
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- MCCR: Empowerment for Living support group & pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm, Gloryland Ensemble at 6:00 pm 861-9149.
- PROTECT meets at Bering Church. 520-7870.
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- 12/24 Special Christmas Eve Celebration
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.

Wednesday-December 3

- Holy Eucharist Rite II 12 Noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. 528-6665.
- MCCR Bible Study 7:30 pm 861-9149.
- Worship Service 7:30 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- The Church of Good Life on the Internet; <http://www.syncretist.org/church.htm>.
- Catholic Mass at 8:30 am the Kolbe Project.

Thursday-December 4

- Bible Study 7:00 pm at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
 - Choir Practice at Community Gospel 6:30 pm 880-9235 or www.community-gospel.org.
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RELIGION

Leader rebuffs Newark bishop, seeks to avoid 'showdown'

by Jeffrey Gold

NEW JERSEY - The leader of the worldwide Anglican community is urging Newark Bishop John S. Spong to avoid a "showdown" on the issue of ordaining homosexuals, which the New Jersey cleric has championed.

The Most Rev. George Carey, archbishop of Canterbury, wrote in response to a letter Spong sent earlier this month to all Anglican bishops regarding next year's July conference of bishops at Lambeth, the archbishop's seat in England.

"I am saddened by the hectoring and intemperate tone of your statement which appears to leave little room for the dialogue you demand," Carey wrote in the letter issued Monday. "Furthermore, you attack personally those of us who disagree with your opinion and in so doing you distort the theologies and reasons why we are led to conclude that there is no justification for sexual expression outside marriage."

"If bishops come to Lambeth wanting a showdown on this issue, I am quite clear that there will follow a very negative and destructive conflict which will put even further back the cause of the people you repre-

sent," Carey continued.

Spong's Nov. 1 letter to fellow bishops said he feared that action at the conference held every 10 years, would stem from "long-standing ignorance and fear, instead of out of the Gospel imperative and thus deal one more violent blow to these victims of our traditional prejudice."

His diocese, among the most liberal in the nation, in January approved a standard liturgy for blessing same-sex marriages. The national church organization, representing about 2.5 million Episcopalians in the United States, is not ready to tackle that.

In a decision that averted the first heresy trial of an Episcopal bishop since the 1920s, a U.S. church court ruled in May 1996 that church doctrine does not explicitly bar the ordination of practicing homosexuals. It also declared a 1979 resolution against the ordination of non-celibate gays is non-binding. The decision was condemned by church conservatives, who said it could result in many lay people abandoning a nationwide flock.

In the case, the now-retired Bishop Walter Righter was charged with heresy for ordaining the Rev. Barry Stopfel as a deacon in 1990, even though he knew Stopfel was involved in a long-term gay relationship. Stopfel has since become a priest and served as rector of a church in Maplewood.

Before the ruling, the Episcopal Church allowed only the ordination of married het-

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Joi Of Woman's Desiring

Self-Titled Release *A Work In Perfection and Freedom*

by Steve Underwood

Joi Cardwell is possibly one of the hardest working women in dance music today. Since recovering professionally from a nasty fiasco with Lil' Louis Vega in 1992 over video and promotion activities for *Club Lonely* and *Saved My Life*, Joi's fame and adoration in the gay community continues unabated. The insult was temporary; her success unstoppable. Perhaps the nasty affair engendered the self-produced, self-written, self-sung sophomore release. The result? Critics in the gay press from New York to San Francisco are singing her praises like angels on a clear Christmas night.

She is a lesbian and she has a girlfriend and a kid — well, it's the girlfriend's nephew, but Joi shares in the child-rearing responsibilities. She possesses a voice, an incredible voice. And she possesses talent — lots of it, and with that voice and talent, Joi's music is music with a message. That message, that wonderful, soul-born message weds the complicated paradox which life seems to be.

But woven within Joi's complex thesis is a seed of salvation. There is hope, the kind of hope you can feel when you see that bright new star in a midnight sky.

Is she a diva? Well, yes and no. Yes, because she likes to dress up. While most gay men may not like to sleep with women, we always like the women we're with to be trendy and fashionable. Joi loves fashion. And no, I think, because she has paid some pretty heavy dues to remain a presence in the music industry. Selling 1.5 million records would give anybody an attitude. However, the attitude is tempered by the rigorous on-the-job training in the music industry's school of hard knocks. Joi has something worth saying and singing: she will not be denied.

But don't assume Joi is simply a house music diva. Oh no, she is sassy and jazzy—and soulful. Joi is like a friend who comes to visit and knowing your mood knows just what to say. For sure, the self-titled album *Joi Cardwell* contains tumbling house anthems like *You Got To Pray*, *Soul To Bare*, *Power*, and the beautiful love-house contribution *Found Love*. But take notice of *Crying Eyes*, a cool, provocative hip-hop ballad. Then there's *Stop And Think*—a lesson and admonition for those "game" players out

there.

"I feel like I have more than paid my dues," say Joi. "I've done cover bands, cabaret, studio work, you name it. In the end, it's made me tough, and broadened my range. I now feel like I can handle just about anything."

And if the gay community can handle more of anything it's more of Joi Cardwell. But being a girl in a boy's industry is never easy: Joi knows the world is always full of trouble. Can this lesbian artist break into America's righteous mainstream? Perhaps.

"I'd like to cross over into mainstream music, but I want my music to cross over the way it is," say Joi. "I want them to cross over to me."

Oh, so that's how we get more Joi in the world!

Steve Underwood, a DJ at *Heaven and JR's*, is Music Editor for the *Houston Voice*. Please feel free to send your comments and suggestions to SteveUH@aol.com. Joi Cardwell's self-titled release *Joi Cardwell* on *Eightball Records* is available at your favorite CD store now.



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DANCE

Martha Wash: The Collection

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Dance diva **Martha Wash** returns full force to musicland with her new, hard-hitting release, *Martha Wash "The Collection."* Houston dance



floors are currently reveling in Martha's "duet" with RuPaul, *It's Raining Men - The Sequel*, while waiting for the full album release on January 27th. Besides the usual expectations of a collection — the old hits — Martha proves equally amazing on the new songs. The uplifting *Taking Away Your Space*, written by disco legend Sylvester, is a stirring, spine-chilling ballad reminiscent of something you would expect from Whitney Houston or Jennifer Holiday. But this is classic Martha, delivering her unmistakable, incomparable voice. Join the gospel choir for a spiritual adventure with *God Bless The Road* and take a stroll down memory lane with the C&C Music Factory produced dance classics *Everybody Dance Now* and *Takin' Over*. Not to be missed, fans of dance, gospel, R&B and pop get more than their money's worth for this extraordinary musical panorama from one of America's foremost female vocalists. - *Steve Underwood*

POP/ROCK

AudioPeach

Peach Union Epic Records

Epic Records seems relentless in its ability to attract new talent and **Peach Union** are no exception. Fusing a unique blend of pop influences, from Dusty Springfield and Cerrone to Soft Cell and Kraftwerk, *AudioPeach* is a classic modernist electronic solution. *AudioPeach* is the brainchild of singer songwriters Pascal Gabriel and Paul Statham, two resident Britons who co-wrote this complex and surreal masterpiece, a masterpiece that is definitely European and absolutely human. Fronting the band is lead vocalist Lisa Lamb who delivers luscious vocal imagery interspersed within pop and techno level soundtracks. This album is incredibly peculiar and most desirable — and will leave the sophisticated listener demanding a sequel. - *Steve Underwood*

LOCAL ARTIST

Freak On In

PinQue Twirl Girl Records

Aspiring Houston artist **PinQue's** new single *Freak On In* is simply a trip: just beware, the cover warns, you're entering a "High Drama



Zone!" *Freak On In* is a funky, hip, angelic tune reminiscent of what Dee-Lite, Delerium, and Nina Hagen might sound like if melted up in the same pot. Utilizing horns, strings and a groovy chorus, *Freak On In* is an elegant exposition in trendy pop. And who says you have to go to all the way to New York for something cool? **PinQue** proves there's plenty of freaks to go around town—and she exports her freakishness from Bellaire! Available at Cactus, Soundwaves, and CrossRoads Market. - *Steve Underwood*

SOUNDTRACK

Music from the Motion Picture 'The Wings of the Dove'

Milan Records

Composer Edward Shearmur creates a delightful score to compliment a film with a complicated but very modern theme. Beautiful melodies give way to dissonant chord progres-



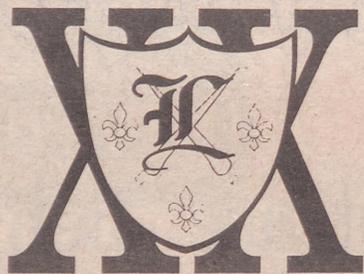
sives which accent the film's perplexing motif. Lively and ardently mysterious, score selections *Carnival Masque* and *Venice* round out a wonderful, marvelous effort. - *Steve Underwood*



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Jars Of Clay	Wed 12/3	Theater at Bayou Place
Hall & Oates	Fri 12/5	Theater at Bayou Place
Enrique Iglesias	Sat 12/6	Compaq Center
Amy Grant	Fri 12/12	Compaq Center
Puff Daddy	Sat 12/13	Compaq Center
A Tuna Christmas	Tue-Sat 12/16-20	Theater at Bayou Place
Regina Belle	Sat 12/27	Houston Arena Theater
Crystal Gale	Fri-Sun 1/2-4	Jesse H. Jones Hall
Elton John	Fri 1/30	Compaq Center

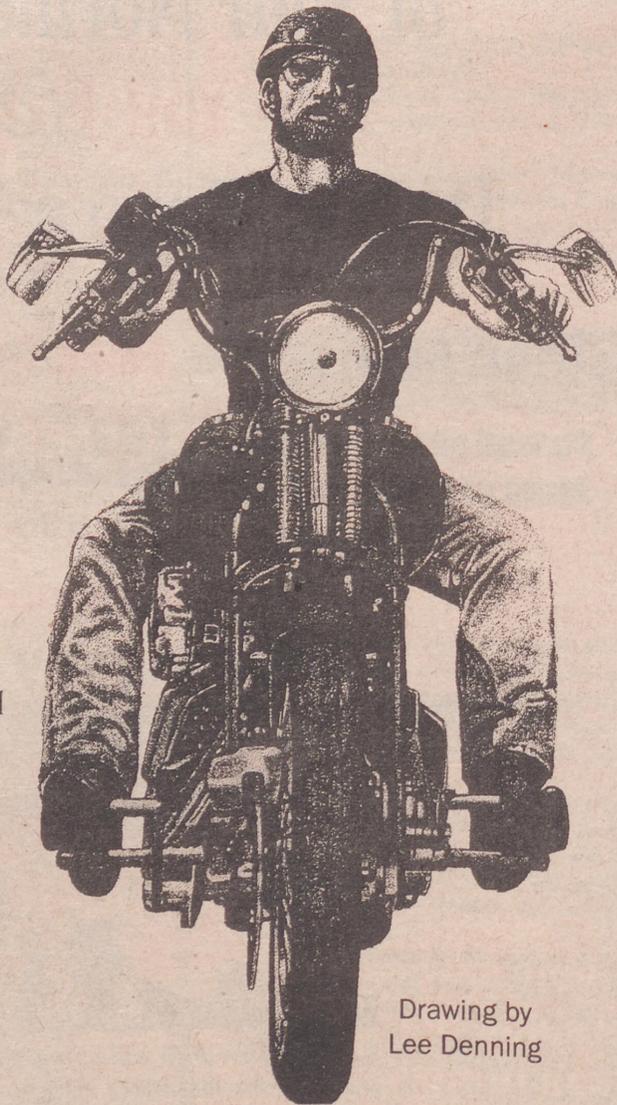


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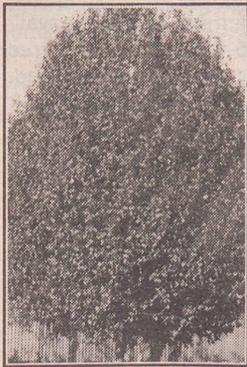
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by Ella Tyler

I have not forsaken gardening for politics, but the political news has been more immediate. I got the ranunculus and anemones planted and the perennials divided, and took a few weeks away from the garden.

I've planted some pansies and bluebonnet seeds. Pansies like sun and are otherwise easy to grow. Keep the flowers picked so they will continue to bloom.



Bradford pear.

scarify them by rubbing them between coarse sandpaper, but forgot them for a week. By then, some had sprouted, so I decided to skip the sandpaper part.

You can buy plants in 4" pots and not worry about seed germination. Don't wait too late to put these in, they need a period of cold to bloom. I want sweetpeas this spring, so I need to plant seed or buy plants now.

I'll plant narcissus this weekend. They can be planted from now through the end of the month. Other bulbs, amaryllis, crocus, daffodils, and freesias shouldn't be planted outside until Thanksgiving. They need cooler weather. Wait til the end of December for tulips.

The Smith and Hawkins catalog is so tempting, that I'm contemplating growing some bulbs inside. Amaryllis bloom about six weeks after planting, so if you want to give them as Christmas presents, get a wig-

gle on.

Use a pot that is only a bit larger than the bulb and plant it so about 2/3 of the bulb is in the soil. If it doesn't have a leaf, keep it away from light until a leaf appears. Water lightly but regularly. Then move it into a light, but cool area, away from drafts. After it blooms feed it. This late in the year, many bulbs you see will have leaves already. That is ok as long as the leaf is not broken.

True bulbs like amaryllis, narcissus and hyacinths can be grown in water in clear vases because the food the plant needs to bloom is stored in the bulb. If you don't think the roots are interesting, you might as well use dirt, it's easier.

The bulb needs some support to keep it out of the water or it will rot. A specially shaped glass or gravel or marble chips will do. Find an elegant looking, waterproof container with sides that are deep enough to support the roots and bulb. Narcissus need a container that is at least 4" tall. Add 1 to 2 tablespoons of agricultural charcoal. This is the kind you use in fish tank filters, not the kind you cook with. Add a two inch layer of washed gravel or marble chips, place the bulb, then add enough gravel to support the bulb. Don't let the bulbs touch each other or the side of the glass. I don't know why, that's what the directions say. Add water to just below the bulb. The roots will grow to the water. Keep it away from light until there are roots and about 6" of stem. Then bring into the light gradually. Water with a weak liquid fertilizer like super bloom and give it about 2 to 3 tablespoons of gin per cup of water once a week. These directions, including the gin, are per the Garden Club of Houston from the booklet I got at the Bulb Mart. Maybe that's why they have so much fun at garden club meetings. I do not know if it needs to be good gin, or if vodka will do.

I spent some time at the Rose Society convention a few weeks ago and had fun. You should consider joining a plant society if you really like a specific plant. Houston has quite a range of plant clubs, many of which

meet at the Garden Center. The Houston Parks Department lists these meetings in their monthly calendar. I get it at the library. I learn a lot about growing roses from the Rose Society meetings and enjoy the people. Who else can you complain about blackspot to or debate with about whether the new St. Patrick's rose is really too green.

We may have freezing weather earlier than usual. Always water everything when a freeze is predicted. It is the best defense against freeze damage. It is important to pay attention to water at this time of the year. Plant roots are still growing and cold air is very dry. So is wind. You don't need to water as much, but if a plant is looking wilted or dry water it.

Only the tropicals need to be covered, and only if the temperature is going to be less than 32. Do not use plastic next to the plant. Cover with cloth and then, if the plant is fragile, plastic. This keeps the cloth dry so it doesn't become too heavy. I bought mattress pads at the resale shop. They are big, light,



Sweet gum and leaf plant.

and have a bit of insulation. Besides, the garden looks less ratty with matching plant covers. Clear, cold days are very dangerous for plants because heat gets sucked up into the upper atmosphere very quickly. Some tropicals, particularly Chinese evergreen, are damaged by cold. They should be kept above 50.



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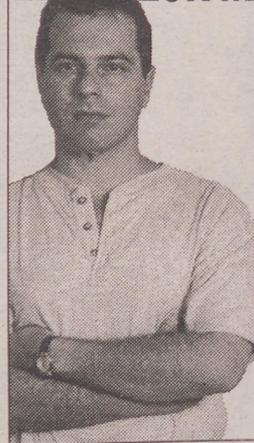
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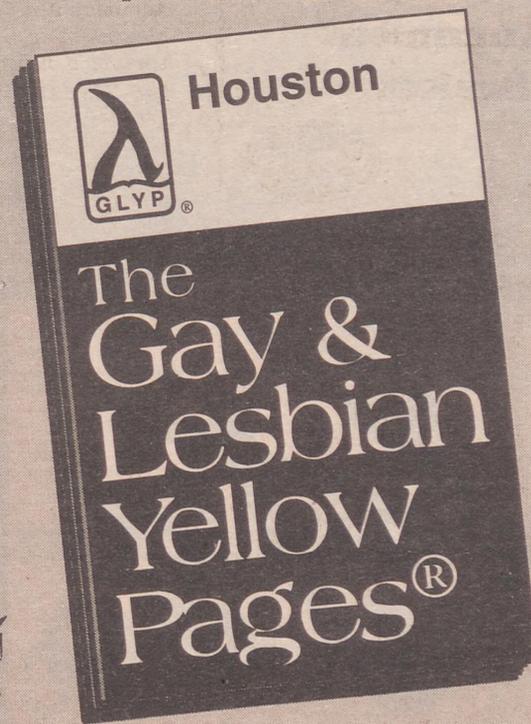


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Miss Galaxy, f.f.i. Explodes onto the Houston Scene



Paivi, Miss Galaxy 1998 competes to win. Sweet Savage from San Antonio was 1st runner up. Vanessa Casti from Chorpus Christi won in two categories. Tina Alexander competing in the Best Gown category. Safire was 2nd runner up and winner of "Goddess of the Galaxy".

by Leslie Ramsay

Houston- The 1998 Miss Galaxy Pageant, f.f.i. was held at Rich's Friday, November 21st. This event marked the first year for this now annual pageant in the Houston community.

Houston's own, Paivi, walked away with the title "Miss Galaxy 1998" after a near show stopping talent category performance. The first runner up was Sweet Savage from San Antonio. The second runner up was Safire from Houston.

- The category winners were:
- "Goddess of the Galaxy"-Safire
 - "Best Space Costume"-Vanessa
 - "Interview"-Vanessa Casti
 - "Evening Gown"- Sweet Savage
 - "Talent"- Paivi



Miss Greater Galaxy Emeritus Laura Lee Love (l), Paivi Miss Galaxy 1998, and Jill Jordan Miss Galaxy Emeritus



Paivi, Miss Galaxy 1998, performing "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" in the talent competition.

The competition was fierce for the title of Miss Galaxy 1998. Each contestant put hours of work into their talent competition, attire and overall perfor-

mance. Each is to be commended for their attention to detail and innumerable talents.

On hand for this incredible event

were some of the finest performers in the Texas entertainment business. The featured performers were Jill Jordan "Miss Galaxy Emeritus", Laura Lee Love "Miss Greater Galaxy Emeritus", Monique Johnson "Miss Houston US of A", Tara Dion "Miss Houston 1998" and Kara Dion "Miss Houston 1997". All of the featured performers put on sensational presentations.

The special guest attraction from Los Angeles, California was Jeff Stryker. Stryker made a very big impression on the hundreds of attendees. He was named Mr. Galaxy Emeritus at the event.

Congratulations to Paivi "Miss Galaxy 1998" and to Jill Jordan for putting the whole spectacular event together. The event was indeed one many Houstonians will be talking about for a long time.



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FRI	11/28	MALE STRIP CONTEST at 11-pm with Paivi
SAT	11/29	SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER at 11 pm
SUN	11/30	\$1 Budweiser & Bud Light All Day and All Night
MON	12/1	MALE STRIP CONTEST at 11 pm with Paivi
TUE	12/2	Amateur/Talent Night at 11 pm with Dyan Michaels
WED	12/3	Granny's Burgers!
THUR	12/4	Amateur/Talent Night at 11 pm with Roxanne Lee Love & Granny's Tacos

Friday, November 28

- Movie Time: Free Les/bi/gay film showing at Kolbe House, 7:30pm to 9:30pm, 1509 Fairview, FYI 713-522-8182.
- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 861-6453.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Lesbian Avengers meet at Toopee's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol Meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Spay & Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Hospital Visitation. 522-8182.
- HIV Art Course Program; 1-4pm. Patrick Palmer at 526-1118.

Saturday, November 29

- AIDS Housing Coalition Houston: A 90 day gay positive emergency house for PWA's in transition, 10am to 12pm, 117 Tuam Ave. @ Helena, FYI 713-521-1613.
- After Hours on KPFT 12am to 3am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Visual Art Alliance meets at 10am. 583-8408.
- Rainbow Fishing Club meets, 713-526-7070.
- Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 713-863-1860.
- Houston Outdoor Group goes biking. 713-864-0082.

Sunday, November 30

- The Women's Group meets 10:45am, FYI Iris at 713-529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club meets. 713-863-1860
- Rainbow Riders; A bicycle club for women. 713-869-1686.
- FrontRunners meet at 9:00 am. 713-522-8021.
- Houston Tennis Club meets at 9:00 am. 713-868-

5039

- Montrose Ice Picks skate at the Galleria at 5:00 pm. 713-629-1432.

Monday, December 1

- Gay Fathers/Fathers First support group. 8pm. 713-861-6181.
- 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.
- 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 8pm-12am.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- AIDS Foundation Houston offers free creative writing class. 3:00 pm. 713-623-6796.
- FrontRunners meets at 6:30 pm. 713-522-8021.
- Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce meets. 713-944-2306.

Tuesday, December 2

- Sex, Lies & 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 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 & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) 713-522-2337.
- Kolbe Projects' Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- Project Ceaser at AFH. 713-623-6796.
- Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week meets at 7pm. 713-529-6979.
- Lesbian Health Initiative meets. 713-681-1309.

Wednesday, December 3

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Bricks II 9 pm to midnight.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams to HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- GLOBAL (Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the U of H) meets at 4pm. 473-7539.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Toopees 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 & Neuter Assistance (SNAP) 713-522-2337.
- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation; 522-8182.
- Houston Harpies Ice Hockey Team recruits. 713-

802-1248.

- Thomas Street Health Center Council meets at 2 pm. 713-902-2231.
- Healing and Happiness Through Wellness by AFH. 713-623-6796.
- Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus meets. 713-521-1000.

Thursday, December 4

- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 713-225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 521-7464.
- Twentysomething meets at 7:30pm. 315-6786.
- KPFT Lesbian & Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Groups. 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.
- Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30pm. 738-RACE.
- The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- Free Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) at 526-1118.
- HIV Prevention Community Planning Group meets at 9 am. 713-794-9251.
- Kolbe Project outreach at 7 pm. 713-522-8182.
- Montrose Ice Picks skate at 8 pm. 713-629-1432.



GALAXY GAYZER

A Houston Voice Exclusive

Your Horoscope for the week of November 30 - December 6

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: To make your relationships better, avoid pettiness in all its forms when interacting with those close to you. Make sure all communications are crystal clear to avoid blowups and confusion. Take note of any exceptional dreams and try to analyze anything symbolic. Interweave practicality with philosophy.

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) Learn to recognize when you are finished with a particular venture and move on... resolve to try and do better next time. Plan a family event where everyone participates, your efforts will be appreciated by all. Taking time for yourself this week will be important.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) Love is overflowing. Either a current mate will rekindle your flame, or you may be introduced to a new and exciting love. Whichever occurs, you are now essentially in a new relationship - for the rules have changed. A positive attitude will lift your spirits.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) Opportunities abound for you. If the attitudes of those around you are holding you back, it's time to be a little bit more self-centered in order to move yourself closer to your goals. A new financial circumstance is very likely to present itself soon.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) Don't try so hard to keep everyone in your small circle happy. Any attempts to patch up an old relationship which is on the rocks will be met with frustration. Work may be a welcome relief from the worries you can't seem to leave behind. Use your tact and charm.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23) It's time to act on the plan you have been formulating for improving your surroundings at home. Money will be tight, but cutting corners in other areas will make the project possible. You and your lifemate are on the exact same track.

VRGO: (August 24 - September 23) Life is not without flaws, and the sooner you convince the perfectionist attitude in yourself, the happier you are going to be. There are some situations which will always be changing, and never perfect. Keep track of the

difference between truth and illusion.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) Your plans may go completely awry this week. Make the best of the situation and some good may come of it. Something very promising may come from a missed opportunity. It's hard for you to show your feelings, since they've been hurt so many times.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) Your hard work may not be noticed by others during the week. Make sure to satisfy yourself first, for you will never be able to count on others for your happiness. Be cautious about spending too much money. Try not to make hasty choices until you've thought further.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) Get help with money matters - possibly bank statements and transactions. Your financial footing may be much more stable than even you expected. Investigate all financial tips before taking any actions. If it seems to good to be true, it probably is.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) Learn from a friend this week - sometimes spontaneity is the best course of action. Don't be so quick to judge others, you truly do not know what motivates and influences others to do what they do. Take on the leadership role where money is concerned and use a firm hand.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) Pay attention to your intuition, particularly where love and romance is concerned. You may feel yourself being drawn into a very unusual relationship, but one that will keep your interest for many years to come. Focus your energies on diffusing any anxieties you may feel.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) If you keep your feelings under wrap, it will create emotional upheavals, even though there is an illusion of control. It's OK to share your feelings with someone you care for. The feminine side of your nature is strongly present and it may make you feel a bit uncomfortable.

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Friday, November 28

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 11pm Buffet at 4:00 pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray plays tonight! Blackjack tables with Bunny open at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to noon \$1.25 well; \$1.25 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.75 well and domestic beer from noon to 9:00 pm
- 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 Incognito: Ladies night.
- Cousin's: Super Friday Night Drag show with fabulous performers 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: \$2.25 Kamikazes open to close.
- Lazy J: Pool tournament
- Heaven: \$1 well & \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9pm.
- Incognito: Ladies night!
- 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.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10pm: male dancers 8pm to 2:30am; After hours until 4am.
- Mela's Tejano: Dance! Dance!
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm; Shuffleboard Tournament 6pm.
- 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.
- Paradise: Open 11 am; \$3.75 Call Martinis, \$2.25 well Martini All day all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Jello Shots \$1 all day and all night! Jagermeister and Spearmint \$2.
- Rascals: Hot Bodies Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- 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.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails, \$2 Cuervo. 9:00
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Guest Bartenders 9:00 pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!

Saturday, November 29

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps 7am til 9pm. Joanne in the afternoons!
- BriarPatch: Wayne Gray tickles the ivories; Bunny deals Blackjack at 9:30pm
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 7am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks.
- 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 Incognito: Ladies' Night.
- Cousin's: Super Saturday night Drag show with top Houston talent at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1.50 well 4 to 7pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm. Super Show at 11pm.
- 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, & 10:30 to 11pm at Heaven.
- Gentry: Boy Toys at 9pm; \$3.75 Absolut cocktails open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well 9 to 11pm; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 9pm.
- Incognito: Alternative night. The Orbit Room!
- 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: Happy Hour 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Mela's Tejano: Dance! Dance!
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 Bacardi Limonade; male dancers 9pm to 2:30am; happy hour until 10pm; After hours until 4am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.

- Pacific Street: Leather & Flesh Fantasy Night 9pm; no cover in erotic leather.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am.
- QT's: Open at 8 am.; Jagermeister and Spearmint \$2. \$ 1 jello shots all day and all night!
- Rascals: "Everybody Dance Night". No Cover before 11pm.
- 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.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Dancers @ 9pm; free munchies all the time.
- 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. DJ Bridgett Tucker spins.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. Cuervo \$2.50!

Sunday, November 30

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks & well, \$1.25 regular schnapps Noon to 7pm; Steak night 5 to 9pm \$6 14oz t-bone & fix-ins..
- BriarPatch: Wayne plays your favorites.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; Sign Language Classes 3-4pm.
- 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.
- Cousin's: Sinful Sunday Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 6pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2.25 Kool Aid shots open to close; Male Strip Frenzy Hosted by Black Velvet.
- Heaven: \$1 well drinks \$2. domestic longnecks; \$3.00 Anything in the house; (excluding multiple liquor drinks and champagne) Video Classifieds 9:30-1:30. Doors open at 8.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm, \$2.75 Shiner Beer: SRO Karaoke at 6pm: Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm. 50¢ draft on the patio with guest bartending starting at 2:00 pm.
- Mela's Tejano: Bring your own BBQ.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$1.75 well drinks, \$1 vodka well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm; Shuffleboard Tourney @ 1:30pm.
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 7:00 pm \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No shirt, no cover, no kidding!
- Paradise: Doors open at noon; \$1.50 Mimosas, Bloody Bulls, Bull Shots, Belinis; \$1 well Vodka juice drinks all day and all night.
- QT's: Doors open at noon.
- Rascals: Super Sunday Show, 11:00pm - "Rascal's Untouchables". No Cover Before 11pm.
- 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.
- 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. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; \$2.50 Cuervo; snacks on the "Far Side" & guest Bartenders bartend 6pm till???

Monday, December 1

- BerryHill II: Free pool.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well & domestic beer, \$1.25 regular schnapps all day, all nite 7am-2pm. Football on the big screen; snacks.
- BriarPatch: Auntie Richard's at the MIXOLOGIST Table. Open Pool Table.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic Longnecks; 7:00 am to noon, \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- 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; \$3.25 Cuervo Gold open to close; Free Pool Table.
- Incognito: Male Strip night!
- 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 Longnecks 8-11pm; \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night room/video rooms Noon to Midnight.
- 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.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Doors open at 9pm. No cover with pass. Lowest regular drink prices in town.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11am. All top shelf \$3.50 all day and all night!
- QT's: Killer Bee Shots \$2. Well vodka \$1.50 8 am to 2 pm.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Table.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!

Tuesday, December 2

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks 7am-11pm, \$1.25 regular schnapps until 11pm; \$1 domestic longnecks all day & nite. \$1 Burgers on the patio 5 to 9pm; Variety Show with Ms. Nevada at 8 pm.
- BriarPatch: Marcie has em as Sweet MAMA Cotton.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- Chances: Power Hour with \$1.75 well & domestic 10:00 am to 3:000 pm; Happy Hour 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well; \$2 Cuervo.
- 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 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm; Amateur/Talent Night at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.75 Finlandia; Free Pool Table.
- 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.
- Mela's Tejano: Free Hot dogs and \$1.75 beer.
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight. 18-22 year olds get free locker!
- 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.
- 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.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11am; \$1.50 well and \$2 domestic longnecks all day and all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am. Colorado Bulldogs (Kamora) \$3.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails. \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon to 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!

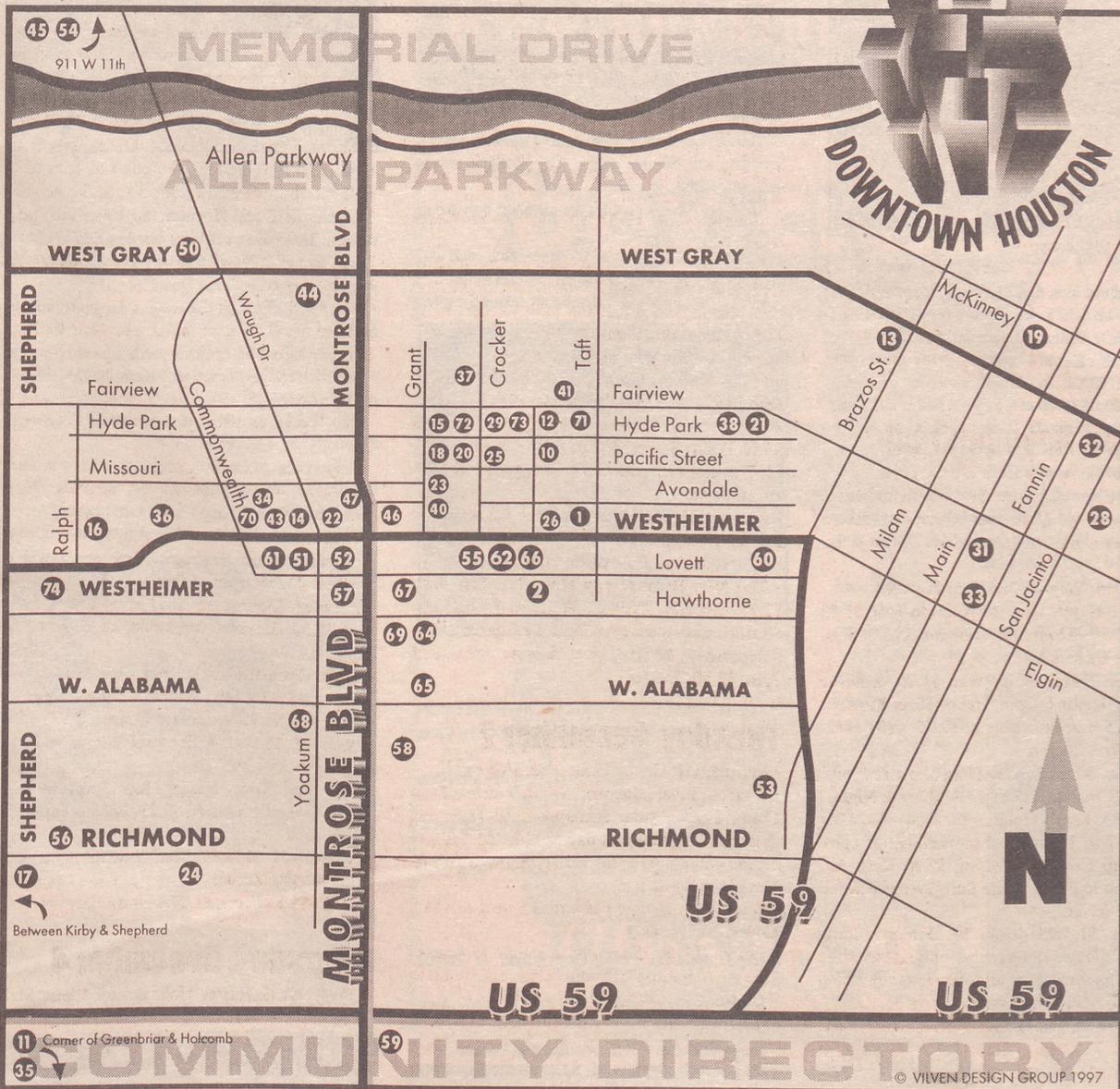
Wednesday, December 3

- 611 Hyde Park Pub (upstairs): Open Bridge Game 7-11pm
- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Free Pool Tables. FACES plays at 9pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 well, \$1.25 regular schnapps til 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite 7am-2pm.
- BriarPatch: Wayne & Beverly play together.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic longnecks noon to 9:00 pm. Cash Pool tournament at 7:00 pm.
- 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.
- Heaven: \$1 well, \$1.75 Budweiser & 75¢ Miller on tap; DJ Michael DeGrace: Doors open 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 domestic longnecks, \$2.75 Bacardi Limonade, \$2.75 Desert Long Island Tea: Joe Boxer dance contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks all day & nite; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; Slop Shot Pool at 1pm hosted by Don Dowden.
- Mela's Tejano: Amateur Talent Night.
- Midtowne Spa: Half Price Rooms (regular and video) Noon to Midnight: Amateur Strip at 10 pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Ecstasy! Best in Dance & Videos. Doors open at 9pm.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am; \$1 well vodka and \$1.50 domestic longnecks all day and all night!
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Honey Dew Me \$2.
- Rascals: Ladies' Night. Doors Open at 10:00pm. No Cover before 11pm.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

Thursday, December 4

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Male Dancers at 10:30pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$1.75 well, \$1.25 schnapps until 11pm. Party with Sam and Bruce.
- BriarPatch: Edith Head plays in a number of disguises.
- Bricks II: \$1.25 well & domestic longnecks 7:00 am to noon; \$1.75 well & domestic noon to 9:00 pm.
- 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: Show 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; Amateur Talent contest @ 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toys dance at 9pm; \$3.25 Skyy Vodka open to close.
- Heaven: \$1.25 Frozen 'Ritas, \$1.00 well drinks. Amateur Strip Contest at 11pm hosted by Kofi. \$200 in Cash Prizes.
- 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.
- Mela's Tejano: Happy hour all day and all night
- Midtowne Spa: 1/2 price lockers Noon to Midnight.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2.25 domestic longnecks, well, & wine; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- 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.
- Paradise: Doors open at 11 am, \$3 anything in the house.
- QT's: Open at 8 am; Classic Martini (Tanqueray or Absolut) \$3.75
- Rascals: Talent Night. No Cover Before 11pm.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; StarTrek on the big screen at 8 & 9pm; Classic Rock night.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: \$1 Burger Night 6-9pm.
- The New Barn: Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Cuervo.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm. \$2.50 Cuervo!



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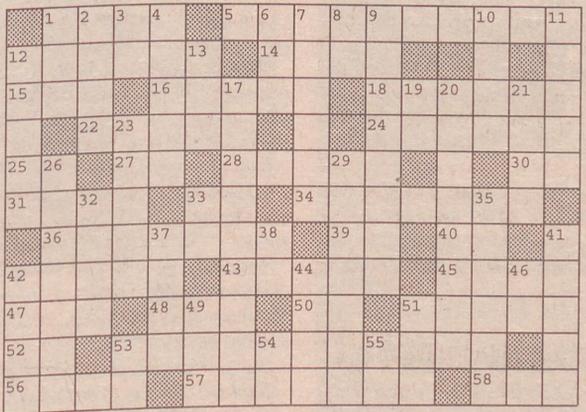
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Wild Oscar's Happy Puzzle

"To do nothing at all is the most difficult thing in the world, the most difficult and the most intellectual."—19th century Irish wit Oscar Wilde

ACROSS

- 1 appendage for flying
- 5 word used by Disney chairman Michael Eisner to answer charges that his co. is anti-Christian
- 12 James 1st openly gay man to be nominated to be a U.S. ambassador; meat co. that makes Spam
- 14 water animal
- 15 common Internet acronym for 'Also Known As'
- 16 mis-places
- 18 assume for effect
- 22 traveling AIDS memorial
- 24 plant shoot
- 25 cola soft drink
- 27 Flickertail State, abbr.
- 28 style of art with the illusion of movement, 2 words
- 30 2nd & 4th vowels of the alphabet
- 31 one who practices yoga; cartoon bear
- 33 version of indefinite article used before a vowel sound
- 34 ruled as a sovereign
- 36 Prince that was married to Di
- 39 Treasure State, abbr.
- 40 1000
- 48 licensed advanced bookkeeper
- 50 every individual one, abbr.
- 51 caused by a virus
- 52 knot (1 nautical mile) abbr.
- 53 Disney's new Broadway hit, 3 words
- 56 catch sight of
- 57 guitar picks
- 4 extremely cold
- 6 S.W. Nigerian city
- 7 expel a lawyer
- 8 SI upside down
- 9 Sonny & Cher's lesbian daughter
- 10 margarine
- 11 voce (in music, very softly)
- 12 Charles



- 42 raccoon-like animal of the New World tropics
 - 43 very small
 - 45 consort of Zeus in Greek mythology; mother of Apollo & Artemis in Greek mythology
 - 47 TOO in a mirror
 - 58 former English county now part of Cambridgeshire
- DOWN**
- 1 metal frying & steaming pan for Oriental cooking
 - 2 country with Baghdad as capital
 - 3 state that is 'Land of Enchantment,' abbr.
 - 13 common Internet acronym for 'Laughing Out Loud'
 - 17 N.Y.C. gay bar where 1969 riot sparked modern gay rights movement
 - 19 freezing point abbr.
 - 20 the Queen

of Soul, Aretha

21 gave a signal

23 member of Eastern

church in union with Roman Catholic Church

26 cases protecting insect pupas

29 the part remaining

32 broad flight of steps down to a river's bank

33 VP Gore

35 come forth

37 affluent

38 direction Milwaukee's gay community to Atlanta's, abbr.

41 Ms. Parton, 'Queen of Country Music' always playing in gay clubs

42 cola soft drink

44 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

46 informal British for 'thank you,' usually said twice

49 brisk energy

51 by way of

53 noun suffix for quality

54 Latin for 'that is,' abbr.

55 chemical symbol for krypton

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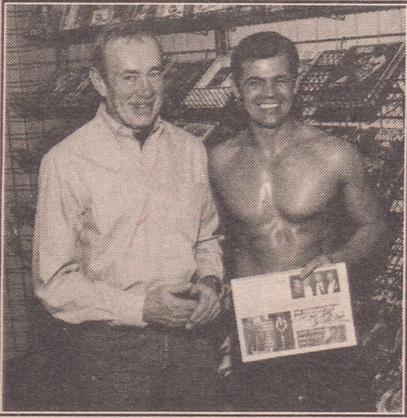
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Important Stuff

Paradise will be having a show on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 10 pm. Be afraid, 'cuz Demalda Lights with host this party! They also have \$3 anything in the house!



Our publisher, Crad Duren, visits with Jeff stryker.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 pm, Don Gill Productions presents a "Toast from the Heart" honoring Michael Gaitz, president of TGRA-Houston. This benefits TGRA and is honoring Michael's dedication! The Venture-N is the place.



Keisha serves my favorite shot at PS.

Don't forget that on Tuesdays, the Brazos River Bottom has \$1 domestic longnecks from 7 am to 2 am, \$1 well drinks from 7 am to 11 pm, and burgers from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Start your shopping now for the holidays at Basic Brothers! The have great gift selections!

Gentry's staff is going to dazzle you on Sunday, Dec. 7 @ 9 pm with their annual turn about show! This



Muscles at the Ripcord.

will be a night of hips, lips, fingertips, eyes, thighs, and otherwise! This will benefit Soiree Aubergine! Don't forget the Mr. and Miss Gentry contest on Dec. 14. For more info, call Val at 874-1183.

CORRECTION! In last week's column, I reported that the \$2086.04 raised at the Closet Ball at E/J's was to benefit the Women's Clinic. In fact this was a fundraiser for the RSICSS. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused!

This Saturday at E/J's, the New Miss Gay Galaxy Paivi Lee Love and Dyan Michaels, Roxanne Lee Love, and Lana Blake grace the stage at 11:00 pm. This week's special guest is Sivi Ross.

The Venture-N has guest bartenders all weekend. On Friday, the Texas Cowgirlz, on Saturday, the Classic Chassis Car Club, and on Sunday, the Colt 45's will bartend and have a show at 6 pm.



The lovely Dyan at Cousin's.

The Montrose Mining Company has a pool tournament on Mondays, with \$1.75 well drinks, on Tuesdays, anything in the house is \$3 and on Wednesdays, \$2 domestic longnecks! The men, the music, the Mine!

The Lancer's MC will be celebrating their 20th anniversary starting off at Mary's, naturally on Friday, Dec. 5 @ 7 pm.

Tiffany's birthday show at Chances last Thursday raised \$320 to benefit the RSICSS. This Saturday, Nov. 29 @ 9 pm, Barbara Walker and her bevy of beauties are having an "Outrageous Holiday Show" and silent auction! This is a fundraiser for the Montrose Clinic's Lesbian Outreach!

Dec. 6, at 9 pm, the "Spot Light of Hope II" will be on stage at the New Barn. Tons of talent and tons of fun! This will benefit the People with AIDS Coalition-Houston.

Cousin's has a super talent packed show on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. The spotlight shines starting at 11:00 pm.

The Lazy J has a pool league members only 8-ball tournament on Fridays.

Check out the sounds at the BriarPatch each and every night! They have the biggest martinis in town!

El Nino Wednesdays at Heaven are taking the town



Smiling guys at Gentry.

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The Ripcord's anniversary is coming up fast! I can taste the shrimp all ready!

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Milestones

Happy spinning birthday to Adrian of Pacific Street.

Happy fuzzy birthday to Jeff of the Houston Area Bears!

Happy birthday to Jodi who hangs at Chances.

Happy spanky birthday to David Montgomery!

Happy birthday to Bill (hangs at the Venture-N).

Happy designing birthday to Victor of CreADtive.

Rodent Droppings

Harvey joined my family gathering this year feast. We had it at my sister's home. There were children there. They loved Harvey! I'm too sure how he liked all they little groping hands pulling on him! He wore his red t-shirt and his sailor's hat! Cute! Oh, so cute!

The usual disclaimer is in force! Lies, gossip, and dirt! The names have NOT been changed to protect the guilty!

Darla K. (Gentry): Can Craig come out of the nursery to play?

Drew (Venture-N): I hear you have very sweet earlobes! And yes, it should be "Que-dar."

Mike G. and Kneel (NLA:H): Mike, welcome home! We all missed seeing you two out and about!

George (JR's): You look an awful lot like Shelly Winters! "You SOB go help him!"

Mark (Venture-N): So who is this fuzzy things you have been sleeping with? Maxamillion?

Erroll (hangs anywhere they serve Vodka): "Virginal White? Where is the color?" Love, Papa Del.

Ralph (Paradise): I hear you were naked (again) on the dance floor of PS! What, is this news or something?

Bart (611): Close the flu if you don't want firetrucks at your house!

Reno (JR's): "You are such a frequent flyer, when will I see you again?" A message from LuLu (E/J's).

Miguel (Venture-N): Rob B. wants to see it! It is show time!



Edith at the Briar Patch.



Only at Paradise!

Mavis aka JD (BRB): Anybody can find your apartment, all they have to do is follow the sequin trail.

Kip (Gentry): How were the European boys? Do you need any Penicillin or Quail lotion?

Ken (Basic Brothers): So, why is the glue unforgiving?

Steve (BRB): I hear since the rodeo, you have a new name...Bouncer! Did you really bounce when you fell off your horse?

Miss Zack (Cousin's): How is that foot of yours? Fallen off any high heels lately?

Felix (hangs at Gentry): Did you realize you married a retired Drag Queen?

Susan Masar (Chances): Keep on singing! And I won't repeat anything we talked about on the phone a



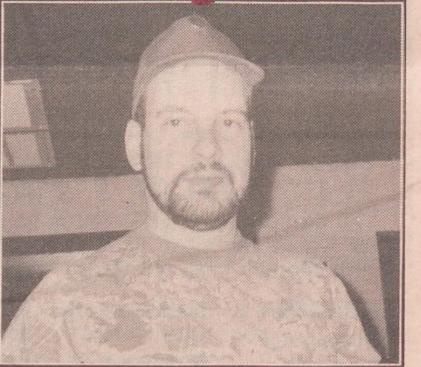
What a lovely couple.

few days ago!

Jerry (BRB): "Be careful whose chest you try to play with, I'm watching you. Love, Vera!"

Wilma (Mary's): How is your pussy?

Club Some: How thick is the soup?



Come see me at The BRB

Rob (hangs at Heaven): Did anybody hurt you while you were "there?"

Lonnie B. (hangs everywhere): Free again! Independent again?

Craig (Rich's): And I quote "My titties are full of milk!"

Rene (hangs at Rich's): It has been 3 months, is the county full?

Michael Pruitt (Heaven): Give that boy his CD back!

Tom (JR's): And I quote "That Ms. Morrow is a bitch!"

Fantasia (hangs at Heaven): Kneel in his work drag.

You should have snatched that wig off!

Jan (new manager of JR's): Fine! Fine! Fine!

Papa Del (Gentry): 53 divided by 24 = 2.21.



Kneel in his work drag.



Tiffany and her mom at Chances.

Have a great week!
Cuenvolyn



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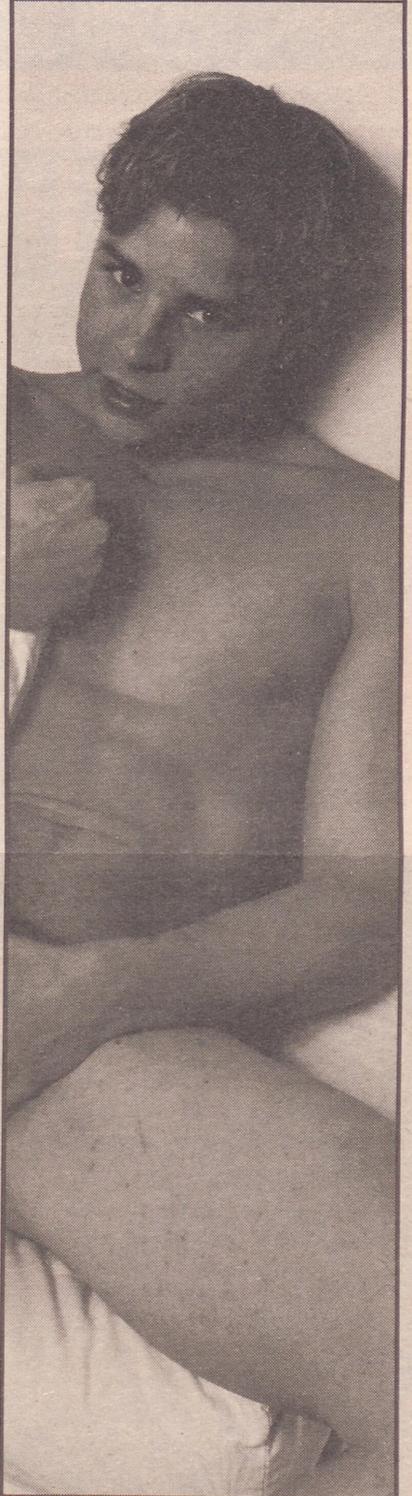
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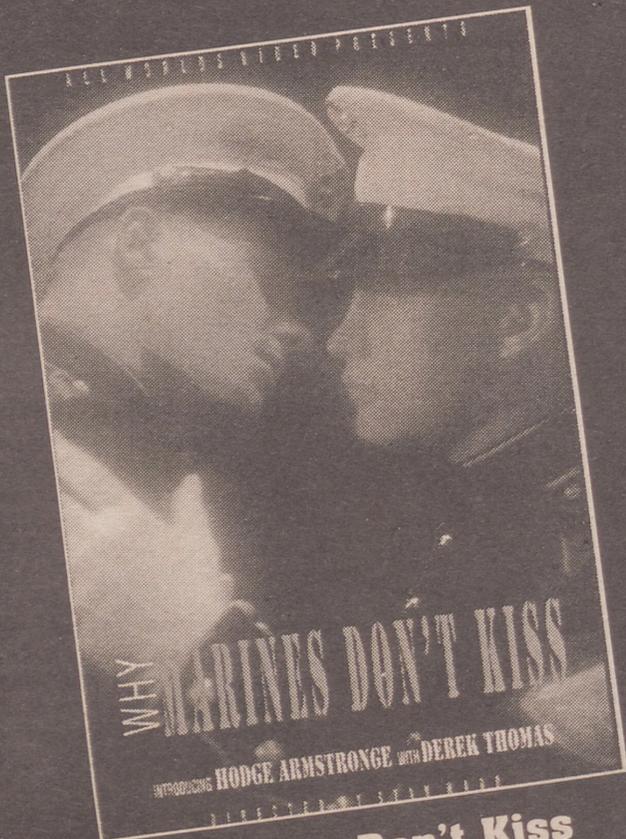
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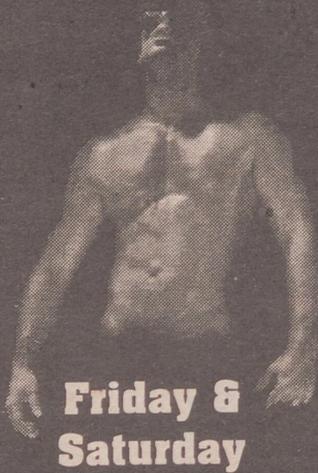
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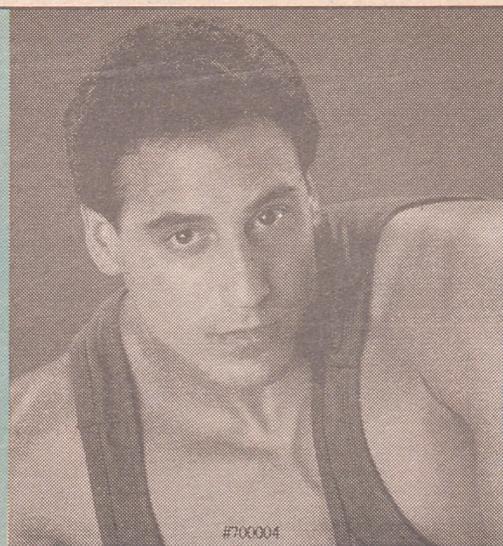
**Friday &
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**Monday
thru Thursday
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1pm-1am**

All You Can Eat

HOUSTON VOICE PERSONALS



Women SEEKING Women

SF 47, brown eye & shoulder length black hair. I enjoy dining out, going to the movies, staying home and watching TV. Interested in meeting someone that is honest, caring, very stable & know what you want out of life. Call Ext. 5312

SF 5'4", 125 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, professional, non-smoker. I like to go to movies, dancing, music & feeding the birds at the park. I'm looking for a friend, companion & a lover who is honest & won't play games. Call Ext. 5621

SF Bi curious. I am looking for a woman, for a friendship, should go slow and possibly more in the future. Call Ext. 5615

SBF Looking for an attractive, single Black female. Someone who I can spend my time with. Should be very caring, loving & willing to share different things with. Call Ext. 5579

SBF 46. I enjoy sports & games. I'm looking for someone 36-49, to spend time with, have fun & especially if you are interested in playing pinocle. Call Ext. 5637

SF 5'7", light brown hair & 18. Looking for a feminine female 18-22. Leave me a message. Call Ext. 5603

SBF Professional, gay, 40, 5'4" with an athletic build. I enjoy sports, running & working out. New to Houston. Looking to date a single gay female, who is a non-smoker, non-drinker & a non-drug user. Should be soft butched or butched, professional & preferably 37-50. Call Ext. 5602

SWF 24, 5'2", 120 lbs., short blonde hair. I'm in good shape. Looking to meet educated, professional woman to go out dancing with, have coffee, go to movies & basically just hang out. Call Ext. 5569

SF Professional, 34, 5'5", 150 lbs., height/weight proportionate. Looking for a friend. I like to listen to music, read, take walks in the park & camp. Call Ext. 5643

SBF Bi sexual, 18, dark brown hair, brown eyes & medium build. Looking for single female age, race is unimportant. If you would like to get together to have some fun, then give me a call. Call Ext. 5641

SF Bi racial, 5'4", 110 lbs., curly golden blonde hair, big blue eyes, height/weight proportionate & feminine. I'm secure & independent. Looking to meet Black or Hispanic females, must be height/weight proportionate & be feminine only. I love to go out & have fun. Call Ext. 5640

SF 29, blonde hair, brown eyes, feminine. I'm interested in meeting new people to go out & enjoy movies & dancing. Call Ext. 5634

SBF Tall, height/weight proportionate. I'm seeking an attractive, single Black female to spend time with. Call Ext. 5626

SBF Tall, height/weight proportionate, attractive, mysterious & fun. Interested in a bi sexual or gay female, should be tall, for friendship & possibly for things to develop later. Call Ext. 5577

Wm an attractive SBF, 38, 5'6", professional. Seeking an attractive bisexual SBF, 30-39 to explore the possibility of a discreet friendship. She must be professional, financially independent, healthy, light smoker OK, in good shape, weight and height proportionate. Call Ext. 5609

SBF 5'10", attractive. I love the outdoors, sports & exercise. Would like to get know someone who is pretty much the same as me. Should be height/weight proportionate & seeking a deep, loving, caring friendship. Call Ext. 5578

SF 23, 5'7", full figured & reddish hair. Bi sexual or gay females that is in the Southwest part of Houston, who is open-minded and outgoing. Must not be in a relationship at this time. Please leave a message. Call Ext. 5574

Men SEEKING Men

SWM 50, HIV+, 5'11", 160 lbs. & I'm extremely healthy. Leave your number & we can get together. Call Ext. 5573

SWM Way beyond bi curious, 6'1", 150 lbs. Experienced bi White male in search of same. Experiences in variety, bottoms, submissive, TV's, tops, domination. Discretion is assured & preferred. Married men are welcomed if uninhibited Call Ext. 5355

GWC My partner is a gay White male, 5'9", 49, 173 lbs., blue eyes, salt 'n' pepper hair & very healthy, but HIV+. I'm 5'11", 189 lbs., blue eyes, blonde with graying hair, 56 & very healthy, but also HIV+. We are looking for friends who are gay White males, 45 or older. Should enjoy swimming, long walks, cooking out, dining out, animals & country living. Please be height/weight proportionate & masculine. Call Ext. 5620

Professional White male looking for male Hispanic top. If you're out there, give me a call. Call Ext. 5598

GWM 26, 6', black hair, green eyes. Seeking a GBM 26 and older, 6' or more. Wanting a dominant, masculine guy who's HIV+. I enjoy the outdoors, sports, movies, getting together with friends and having a good time. If interested, leave me a number. Call Ext. 5601

SWM 37, 5'10", 160 lbs., brown hair & blue eyes. I'm country, versatile & love to cuddle. Looking for a hairy, handsome White male 35-45, height/weight proportionate. Should have no personal baggage. Call Ext. 5589

SM 6'1", 185 lbs., hazel eyes, attractive, Indian/Black origin. Looking to have a good time. Call Ext. 5628

GWM 29, dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5'8", 140 lbs., & 30" waist. My interests include hiking, biking, going to the beach & stay at home with someone special. Looking for somebody around my age or younger, who is interested in getting together & forming a friendship, hopefully something that will lead to a long term relationship. Call Ext. 5627

GBM 29, 5'4", 128 lbs., brown eyes, mustache & well endowed. Looking for friendship, you must be height/weight proportionate, open-minded, uninhibited, with a healthy appetite for giving and receiving cream, from both ends. Please leave a message. Call Ext. 5592

SM 36, 6'2", masculine with a muscular build. I'm sincere, down-to-earth & if my life would have been different, I would have been a cowboy in a different life. Looking to meet men for a possibly long term relationship if we hit it off well. I'm a non-drug user & you should be to. Must be able to carry on a good conversation. Call Ext. 5591

GWM 50, HIV+, 5'10", 150 lbs., gray hair, mustache. Seeking someone 45 or older for a long term relationship. Leave me a message & I'll give you a call. Call Ext. 5573

GWM 35, 5'11", 190 lbs., financially stable & in good shape. In search of a gay White male between the ages of 30-45, country boy, that likes the beach, movies or just hanging out with each other. Must be HIV. Call Ext. 5580

GWM 44, HIV+, 5'7", 147 lbs., dark beard & mustache. I'm handsome, masculine, educated & considerate of others. Seeking other males who are also HIV+, who are in need of attention, affection & romance in their lives. Call Ext. 5575

SWM 47, 6', dark blonde hair, hazel eyes & very hairy. Looking for a White or Hispanic male, 35-50, to go to garage sales, movies & out to eat. Must be clean, honest, outgoing & height/weight proportionate. Call Ext. 5568

SM 180 lbs., 5'10", height/weight proportionate. Interested in meeting mature, gray haired men, 40's & above. Would like to meet someone who is fairly wealthy, I don't want to take care of anybody else. Call Ext. 5586

SWM 45, 5'7", 147 lbs., handsome, masculine & hairy chest. Seeking a single gay male between 25-45, who is interested in friendship. Body hair is a plus. Call Ext. 5616

SM 33, 5'10", 185 lbs., black hair, black eyes, very hairy & muscular. I'm bottom & HIV positive. I'm looking for top White, Hispanic or Black men for a good time. Call Ext. 5617

SWM 6'1", 155 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, mustache/goatee, one piercing & one tattoo. Looking for a versatile gay or bi male, married is all right. Should like to role play, cross dress & want a little extra something in her life. Call Ext. 5647

SWM 190 lbs., 6'. Seeking a top black man HIV+. Like the outdoors, movies, sports. Just looking to get together. Seeking a friend or maybe a relationship. Let's see what happens. Call Ext. 5600

GWM 35, 5'11", 195 lbs. & financially stable. In search of a gay White male 30-45, country boy, that likes the beach, movies or just hanging out. Call Ext. 5581

SBM 29, 5'6", 166 lbs. attractive, HIV+ but, very healthy. My interests are sports, fishing, fast cars, movies & dining out. Seeking a White male 24-32, with the same interests for friendship & maybe more. Call Ext. 5646

SGM 50, HIV+, healthy, brown eyes, brown hair, 5'8", 165 lbs. I work out to improve the body. I'm a non-smoker & a non-drinker, but I tolerate moderation. Looking for someone to share my life with & really good at being in love. Call Ext. 5642

GHM 42, 150 lbs., lean build, slightly long black hair, goatee, brown eyes & HIV+. Would like to meet gay White males, 30-44 years old. Call Ext. 5624

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SGM 26, 6', 155 lbs., pretty, but have a classical masculine look. Seeking a long lasting relationship with a happy, sincere, generous business man. I'm sensitive, athletic & disease free. Call Ext. 5639

SWM 44, 5'6", 160 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, hairy chest. Are you a good looking, young Italian, Mexican or Puerto Rican? Are you passionate, loving, caring & HIV negative? Are you looking for someone to love & be loved by. Call Ext. 5496

GWM 45, HIV+, A symptomatic for 11 years, 5'7", 145 lbs. I'm attractive & affectionate. My interests are classic autos, theater & board games. Looking for other HIV+, gay males, between the ages of 30-45 young, for friendship. Please call soon. Call Ext. 5590

GWC Handsome, versatile, HIV+. In search of another gay third man 25-45, for long term relationship. We take pride in being very down-to-earth, open-minded, open hearted & honest. We are romantic and extremely passionate. We have a wide variety of interests indoors and outdoors. Should be versatile, financially, emotionally secure & handsome. One stands 6', 190 lbs., 34" waist, short brown hair, hazel eyes, mustache and goatee. The other stands 5'10", 175 lbs., 33" waist, short blonde hair, blue eyes, mustache & goatee. Call Ext. 5555

GHM 5'11", 185 lbs., new to Houston, professional. I'm looking for a dominate, hairy, gay White male, who is about the same height/weight as I am. I'm looking for a good friend to show me around & have some good times with. Call Ext. 5623

GHM 23, 5'10", 200 lbs., mustache, goatee, dark brown eyes, black hair. I am a hairy bottom. I am seeking a top, any race or age for a good time & or friendship. Call Ext. 5633

GWM 36, 6'2", 185 lbs., blue eyes & have HIV-. Seeking someone the same 25-36, for friendship or possibly more here in Houston. Give me a call back. Call Ext. 5625

GHM 33, 167 lbs., 30". Looking for a good time & someone to spend some time with. Call Ext. 5607

GWM 38, short dark brown hair & hazel-green eyes. I have a muscular, smooth body & I'm HIV+. Looking for a man who is 5'8" or taller, who enjoys being on the top, has a rugged look with body and facial hair. Should be mature, 32-45 & good looking. Call Ext. 5524

SM 6'2", black hair, blue eyes. I enjoy bowling. Interested in a Hispanic or a White male, 18-29 years of age. I love to be with boys a lot. Leave me your name. Call Ext. 5622

GHM 33, HIV-, 5'7", 135 lbs. Looking for a gay White or Hispanic male, preferably 33 years old & plus. Call Ext. 5604

SM Bi sexual. In search of feminine bi men, into transvestites and cross-dressing. Discretion is assured. Must be height/weight proportionate, almost passive & very versatile. Call Ext. 5528

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GHM 21, 5'6", light complexion & hazel eyes. I like to go out a lot. I'm outgoing & a nice person. Looking for anybody, any race & 18-30. Call Ext. 5613

SAM Mid-30's, attractive, intelligent & successful. Looking for very submissive, 60-older, White male for fun, friendship and more. Must be very clean, discreet & HIV-. Call Ext. 5576

SWM 6'1", 165 lbs., slender build, 39, salt 'n' pepper hair, green eyes, mustache & goatee. I'm down-to-earth. Looking for a Latin or a Latino male, 25-45 & I'll respond to anybody. Call Ext. 5612

SWM Mature, 5'10", 175 lbs. I'm greek active, french passive, well-endowed, a non-smoker, non-drug user & HIV-. If you are HIV-, a non-smoker, 5'10" or shorter, call me. Call Ext. 5610

GWM 5'10", 185 lbs., 44, HIV+. Have dark hair, blue eyes, a mustache. Looking for a tall, husky or muscular cowboy, Levis, leather top man, age 35-45, who is financially stable and interested in home repair and improvement, landscaping, movies, long weekends at home and Sundays by the pool. Call Ext. 5596

SM Would like to meet other masculine guys, for friendship or more. Should be handsome, over 22, height/weight proportionate & med. - dark brown a plus. Must enjoy reading, writing, music & dancing. Call Ext. 5584



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