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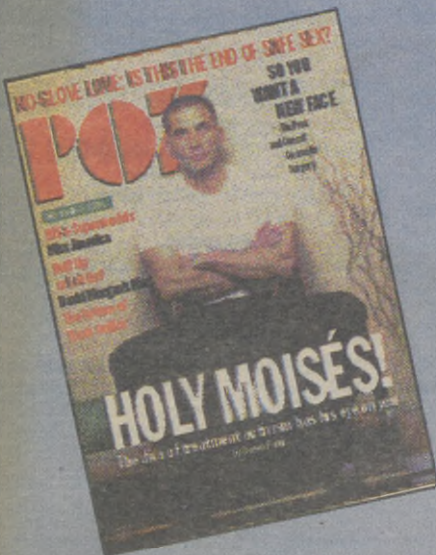
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## POZ Life Expo Hits Houston

Publishers Dream Comes True



by Curt Morrison

The POZ Life Expo will descend upon Houston this weekend in what is being billed as the world's first consumer fair for people affected by HIV/AIDS. The Expo is reportedly the largest AIDS infor- See POZ page 14

## TEXAS REPUBLICAN PARTY CENSURES MODERATE SENATORS

Factions Continue To Polarize In The Party

by Steve Labinski  
Houston Voice Austin Bureau Chief

The Texas Republican Party and certain county GOP groups are moving to censure and distance themselves from Republican officeholders and candidates who disagree with the Texas GOP Platform.

The Travis County GOP decided last Thursday in an official censure motion to disallow Sen. Jeff Wentworth (R, San Antonio) from using any of its resources or support. The censure motion passed after much debate 26-20.

Wentworth represents a 17 county area of Texas, including portions of Travis County and Bexar County. The decision follows a similar resolu-

tion passed by the Texas Republican Party's Executive Committee to censure Sen. Wentworth because he allegedly votes on legislation that is against the Texas GOP Platform that was ratified at the party's last state convention.

At the beginning of the meeting, GOP precinct chair Kirk Overbey distributed a sheet detailing a list of Wentworth's unacceptable votes, which includes a Senate floor vote for the Hate Crimes Bill in 1995, and a Senate floor vote to repeal the 21.06 sodomy statute from the Texas Penal Code in 1993.

Austin Republican Fred Ebner called the censure an "unmitigated declaration of war against all moder- See SENATOR page 7

**"If we insist on conformity with every part of the current state platform, We will be left with a party of about 1,000 evangelicals."**

**Dale Carpenter**

## Local HRC Leaders Unveil "Ellen" Ad



Ellen Degeneres

The Houston Steering Committee of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) held a press conference Wednesday to unveil the HRC job discrimination ad rejected by ABC as well as, Houston ABC affiliate, KTRK Channel 13.

Denay Hudson, a member of the HRC Board of Governors, and Don Upchurch, spokesperson for the Houston Chapter of P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) explained the importance of passing legislation that will protect gay people from bias in the workplace.

"HRC is running the ad throughout the country because," Hudson explained, "while most Americans oppose job discrimination against gay people, most are not aware that it is still perfectly legal in 41 states." Federal law does not currently protect

Americans from discrimination based upon sexual orientation.

Upchurch reported that the P-FLAG Houston Chapter will again be erecting a billboard promoting gay equal rights. This one will be located on the U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen Highway (Highway 59 South) near Bissonnet. The local P-FLAG chapter erected ten billboards last year promoting gay equality.

"ABC and its parent company, Disney, which produces *Ellen*, deserve credit for treating their lesbian and gay employees equally in their personnel policies and for allowing the title character to come out of the closet in the storyline," said HRC Governor Shelley Porter. "However, it seems rather unfortunate that the Houston ABC affiliate did not allow HRC to air their extremely professional commercial on discrimination in the workplace."

"As a native Houstonian, I am always unhappy when other Texas cities take the lead on important issues," said HRC Houston Federal Club Co-Chair Clarence Bagby. "It's a sad reflection on Houston that the ABC affiliates in San Antonio, Austin and Dallas have all agreed to air the commercial, but KTRK Channel 13 has refused. This is one more reason why Congress needs to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)."

ENDA, currently pending in both the U.S. House and Senate, would ban discrimination in employment and hiring practices. It exempts religious

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## Mozart, Dr. Seuss and *Star Trek* Converge in HGO's Magic Flute



Rich Arenschielt

Brave princes, damsels in distress, giant snakes, magic genies, evil high priests, and a musical instrument with supernatural powers — who says opera doesn't imitate real life? To further complicate matters, wicked satirist and illustrator Gerald Scarfe adds his own British touch, making this production of *Zauberflöte* visually unique, matching the genius of Mozart's incredible music.

Boiled down to its essence this story is simple: good versus evil. Contrasting themes permeate the work — the duality of light versus darkness, ignorance versus enlightenment and chaos versus order all abound in this, Mozart's comic masterpiece, the last opera staged before his untimely demise. There the simplicity ends.

The work opens as Prince Tamino is pursued by a gargantuan snake (figure that out The snake is killed by the ladies in waiting to the Queen of the

Night (not to be confused with the Queen for tonight) then Papageno (not to be confused with the Birdman of Alcatraz) appears and takes credit for the slaying. The ladies, unfortunately for Papageno, reappear and expose his deceit. They also show the Prince a picture of Pamina, the Queen's daughter, who is currently in the clutches of Sorastro, sorcerer and mistakenly identified villain of this opera. The Queen promises the noble Prince her daughter's hand (and presumably the rest of her body) if he can rescue her from confinement in the temple. He is given a magic flute and three genies to assist him — so that's how Barbara Eden escaped from her bottle!

At this point things get slightly more involved. After arriving at the temple the Prince is informed that it is the Queen that is evil, (we all knew that), she, not Sorastro is the dark one. About this time Tamino and Pamina fall in love. The Prince and Papageno (a.k.a.,

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## Montrose: More Than Just a Gay Area

by Thomas H. Leavens

Friends of mine, Maria and Steve Eisenhour, rented a booth this past weekend at the Houston International Festival 1997. I was very excited about them coming. They had never been to Houston and, as a native Houstonian, I was anxious for them to see my hometown.

Driving in from Albuquerque, New Mexico and arriving Friday evening, they went directly to the vendor check-in and were greeted by a woman named Mary, who was the Bayou Market Manager. While Mary was checking them in she asked where they were staying in town. Maria told them she had a friend who lived on Montrose Boulevard. Mary's response was - that's the gay area.

If Maria had said Meyerland, would Mary had said - that's where the Jews live; or 4th Ward - that's where the blacks live; or the East End - that's where the Mexicans live?

Last week, the Houston Image Group announced its campaign "Expect the Unexpected" to spread the word that Houston is a cosmopolitan, international, and richly diverse city. I guess they have their work cut out for them, even on the local level.

I hope someday Mary can take the time to visit Montrose and see the many

restaurants, museums, shops, educational resources, and enjoy a neighborhood where you can get around with or without a car.

Good luck with your festival, I hope the provincial attitude of some of your associates does not prevent it from achieving a truly international atmosphere.

## Prevent the 'Flame'

by Rainbo de Klown

Recently I was in a fantastic fabulous parade in the city of Houston, the 10th Annual Art Car Parade.

In all the variety of vehicles, there was one thing in common and that was every vehicle in each unit had a fire extinguisher.

When a vehicle lined up, the organizers of the parade checked for fire extinguishers, and before the parade started, the HPD checked each vehicle. If a vehicle didn't possess an extinguisher, they were asked to leave the parade route.

I had to have a friend from my unit scurry to the hardware store to purchase an extinguisher.

After some thought; this is a law I can live with, and it is a good one.

Because in a long parade route it could be difficult for fire equipment to get to a unit quickly.

Most units had those small, home-type, 10bc rating extinguishers.

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## Coming Soon, A Web Site that Speaks Volumes!

### MONTRÖSE AREA UPDATE

by Lee Davis

#### LVL Sale A Hit!

The LVL PWA Holiday Fund recently held a sale on more of Lady Victoria Lust's personal items. Almost \$800 was collected from the sale of jewelry, furnishings, paintings and more. As of April 23, the storage space used to maintain LVL's possessions was closed out. There are more goods available for sale, such as glassware and artwork. Anyone interested in seeing these treasures should go to the LVL office, located on Mary's patio.

#### New Mr. & Miss Titleholders

Congratulations to Roxanne Lee Love & Robert Rodriguez as they were awarded the titles of Miss & Mr. EJs last week. The competition was tough, but they ultimately won!



EJ's Winners Circle

Erica Lane is the first recipient of Miss Honey Bee, held last Sunday at Brazos River Bottom. There were a bevy of beauties contending at the Miss Honey Bee Pageant, which raised over \$300 for the Garden Party. Congratulations, Erica!

#### Such A Carwash??

The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. (RSICSS) is pitting the Male Line against the Female Line in one of the most unusual car washes you will ever

see! If you wish to support the Male Line, they will be washing cars at 811 Westheimer, the parking lot of the Houston Voice. To support the Female Line, go to EJ's! Washing will begin at 11am. The catch to all of this? The losers have to cook a gourmet barbecue dinner for the winners. Please go out and support the line of your choice this Saturday, April 26.

#### Fundraisers Galore!

This past weekend seemed to be the weekend of fundraisers! At Cousins, Miss A single-handedly raised \$300 and donated it to the Bering Care Center. She still puts on a heck of a show!

At a memorial show for Burgandy Woods held at EJ's, over \$600 was raised to aid in her funeral costs. Entertainers seemed to come out of the woodwork as they all put their best foot forward raising monies for this great cause. We miss you Burgandy!

Noche de Amor, presented by Anna Farris & Xavier Luna at Gentry last Sunday, raised over \$500 for A.V.E.S. Congratulations on a great show—we want to see more!!

#### Local Celebrity

Naomi Warwick, a local entertainer, received the privilege recently of going backstage to meet Dionne Warwick in person. Pictured here, Naomi was thrilled to report that Dionne was very congenial and allowed 45 minutes of her

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Naomi Warwick and Dionne Warwick.

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time to sit and chat with him. Details, we want details!

**Welcome Megaplexx!!!**

The *Houston Voice* welcomes Adult Video Megaplexx to our advertising family. From the people who gave you Alternatives Dallas, Megaplexx comes to Houston with three theaters, 19 private viewing rooms, and the largest, most complete selection of videos and novelties. They are located at 8100 North Freeway (I-45 to Canino Rd., stay on the feeder). Go by and check them out for yourselves!

**Totally Tina!**

This past Saturday at Memorial City

Mall there was a Tina Turner look-alike contest sponsored by Foley's and Hanes called appropriately "Totally Tina". There were 25 contestants, 23 women and 2 men. The two men being from our very own community, Roxanne Lee Love (Miss Central Texas World/newly crowned Miss EJ's) and Hot Chocolate. Out of the 25 people, four were chosen as finalists. Roxanne Lee Love won the grand prize and Hot Chocolate 3rd runner-up. The grand prize given to Roxanne was a limo ride to and from the concert, dinner for two, backstage passes to meet and be photographed with Tina Turner, tickets to both shows and 10 pairs of Hanes panty hose. Hot Chocolate received tickets to the May 2nd show and 5 pairs of Hanes.

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**HGLPC: Community Must Lobby on Hate Crimes**

Houston - Citing statistics showing hundreds of hate crimes in Texas in the past year, leaders of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (HGLPC) are calling upon the Houston community to mount pressure on the Texas Legislature in the coming weeks to ensure passage of a new hate crimes law.

"We must join together in partnership with the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL) of Texas in the effort to pass a hate crimes law that will meet constitutional muster," said HGLPC President Lane Lewis. "As we strive to educate the public and to create a more positive world for gays and lesbians to live in, we still must address the issue of deterrence; we must ensure strong actions are taken to discourage this type of hate-based violence."

The bill, which would increase penalties on crimes motivated by prejudice, was voted out of committee last week by the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. Co-sponsored by Houston Democratic State Senators Mario Gallegos and Rodney Ellis, the bill now goes to the floor of the Texas Senate for a vote in the next few weeks.

"LGRL Executive Director Diane Hardy-Garcia has been working tirelessly to get this bill passed along with several others of special interest to the gay community," said HGLPC Board Chair Clarence Bagby. "We must move now on a localized, grassroots basis to facilitate an onslaught of calls to Austin; each and every member of the Harris County delegation should receive an avalanche of calls supporting the hate crimes bill."

Bagby also applauded Log Cabin Republicans of Texas President Dale Carpenter for his efforts in Austin. "Without courageously openly gay Republicans like Dale, we probably would not have won Senator Jerry Patterson (R-Pasadena) over to our side on this issue," said Bagby.

The group encourages all concerned people to call their state representatives and senators' offices this week to express their support for the legislation.

**Protest Planned at Montrose Wendy's**

Matt Locklin, a gay and lesbian rights activist, is coordinating a "peaceful but vocal protest" to take place at the Montrose area Wendy's Restaurant, Wednesday, April 30 at 5:15 p.m. The protest stems from Wendy's recent decision not to air advertisements on the ABC sitcom *Ellen* as a result of its "controversial subject matter." Series star Ellen DeGeneres declared her sexual orientation in a recent *Time* magazine cover story and the sitcom's title character will 'come out' on the April 30 episode.

Those inclined to participate are encouraged to gather at the Hollywood video (1201 Westheimer) parking lot at

5:15 p.m. for the protest, slated to take place for an hour. According to Locklin's news release, the protest will be legal. Locklin contends that the Montrose Wendy's has historically not hired gays and lesbians as a matter of unwritten policy. *No Ellen...No Wendy's!* is the theme of the protest. For more information, call (713) 902-2231.

**Poet Laureate Maya Angelou Coming To Houston**

Renowned civil rights activist, playwright, historian and national Poet Laureate, Maya Angelou will return to Houston in a solo performance benefiting the National Kidney Foundation of Southeast Texas (NKFSET). Angelou's last performed in Houston more than ten years ago.

Angelou is an internationally best selling author. Her works include: *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*, *Wouldn't Take Nothin' For My Journey Now*, and *Gather Together In My Name*. Her books and magazine articles have earned her a Pulitzer Prize and National Book award nominations. She has written ten best sellers. Currently, Angelou's is Reynolds professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. In 1993, at the behest of President Clinton, Angelou wrote *On the Pulse of Morning*, a poem for his inauguration, which she delivered.

"Kidney Disease is the fourth deadliest in the nation and doesn't discriminate," said Marcia Safirstein, the evenings co-chair. "Dr. Angelou's support is invaluable in helping the NKFSET in its efforts to reach and educate every segment of society about this relentless disease."

*The Arts & You: An Intimate Evening With Maya Angelou* will be held at the Cullen Performance Hall on the campus of the University of Houston, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the event cost range from \$50 to \$250 and are available through Ticketmaster by calling (713) 629-3700. For more information about NKFSET, call (713) 952-5499.

**Esther V. Houser Receives Bering Foundation Award**

Eshter V. Houser was named the recipient of this year's Don Sinclair Leadership Award last week in conjunction with the Bering Community Service Foundation's (BCSF) 10th Anniversary celebration. Houser was one of the organization's founders and remains active to this day.

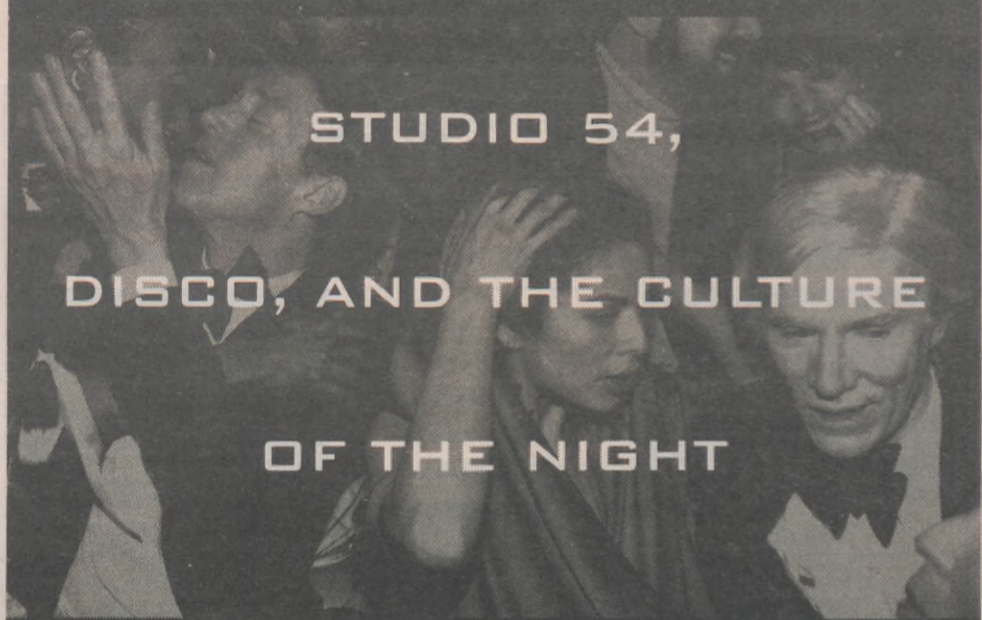
The awards ceremony included congratulatory messages from President Clinton, U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, and Mayor Bob Lanier. In addition, Jackson Lee read many of the foundation's achievements into the Congressional Record. BCSF serves

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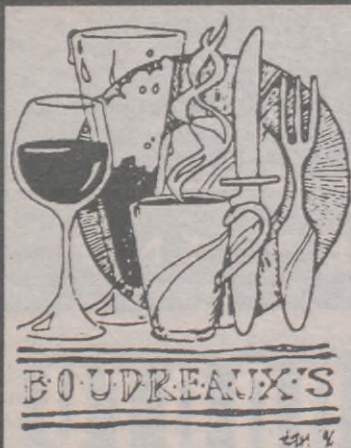
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"[Houser's] energy and compassion have consistently propelled the organization forward. With her drive leading the way, we've become an innovative leader in HIV/AIDS assistance programs over the past 10 years," said BCSF Executive Director Bill Kersten.

Preceding the ceremony was an emotional candlelight walk routed along Harold Street past a series of milestone placards noting each year in the foundation's history. More than 250 people participated in the walk which proceeded to the campus of Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, where they entered a large tent for the awards ceremony.

### Tommy Tune and Sandy Duncan to Star in Easter Parade

Texas' own legendary stage and Broadway veteran Tommy Tune will co-star with the effervescent Sandy Duncan in the upcoming stage version of the classic MGM movie musical, Irving Berlin's *Easter Parade*. The superstars will be in Houston this spring for the developmental production under the aegis of three non-profit theaters - Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS), the Ordway Music Theatre of Saint Paul and The 5th Avenue Musical Theatre Company of Seattle.

Officers of the three theaters hailed the venture as a "growing new wave in creating new American musicals that originate in non-profit theaters around the nation."

Tune, who is a graduate of Houston's Lamar High School, attended the University of Houston and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. He is the winner of nine Tony Awards, as director, choreographer and performer. His credits include *Grease*, *The Will Rogers Follies*, *Grand Hotel*, *My One and Only* (with Twiggy), *Nine*, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, and *Seesaw*.

Duncan, like Tune a native Texan, was born in Henderson and made her theatrical debut at age 12 in *The King and I* in Dallas. The three-time Tony nominee (*Canterbury Tales*, *The Boy Friend*, and *Peter Pan*) has been successful not only in the theater but in the television medium as well. Duncan has had her own show, *Funny Face*, which garnered an Emmy and replaced Valerie Harper on the NBC sitcom *Valerie*, which transformed into *The Hogan Family* upon her arrival.

The initial production will be for an invited audience.

### Lipinski and Hamill Join Campbell's World Figure Skating Tour

Hometown figure skating hero Tara Lipinski, who captured hearts around the globe with her recent upset victory to become the youngest Ladies World Figure Skating Champion in history, will join the *Campbell's Soups 1997 Tour of World Figure Skating Champions* for a special Houston performance at The Summit, one night only, Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

Olympic gold medalist and perennial crowd-pleaser Dorothy Hamill will also join the international cast of superstars appearing on the ice at The Summit that evening including Michelle Kwan, Brian Boitan, and Elvis Stojko.

Lipinski, 14, has been on a roll lately, first taking the U.S. National Championships, then claiming the world title, both in upsets over former champion Michelle Kwan. She is the first woman ever to complete a triple loop-triple loop combination jump (one of the hardest) at the U.S. Championship.

Tickets are on sale now and available



Tara Lipinski will join *Campbell's Soups 1997 Tour of World Figure Skating Champions* for a special performance in Houston at The Summit on Tuesday, June 3 at 7:30 pm.

at The Summit Box Office, at all Ticketmaster locations or by phoning (713) 629-3700

### Gender Bending Quartet Hits Houston

"There is no better way of making yourself familiar with death than by connecting it with the notion of sexual excess," the Marquis de Sade once wrote. His statement could easily have been a motto for *Quartet*, German playwright Heiner Muller's 1981 work based on the 1782 novel *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* (Dangerous Liaisons).

Simultaneously, the riveting and alarming duet takes place in a drawing room before the French Revolution and an air raid shelter after WW III, a Marquise and a Vicomte plot the moral and sexual destruction of those around them, including a virtuous spouse and a virginal niece. The play is intended for mature audiences only.

Director Greg Dean and Shelley Calene play the cold couple, whose talents for literary elaboration and sharp reason are harnessed for the cruel and decadent purposes of a condemned class. In the intimate arena of their shared fantasies and mutual torture, the Marquise and Vicomte frequently trade genders to play the roles of their victims. The show opens Friday, April 25 and runs through May 10. All performances take place at Commerce Street Artists Warehouse, 2315 Commerce Street. For more information, call (713) 935-2008.

### SPA Presents Liz and Ann Hampton Callaway

They wowed the SRO crowd at the debut of their sensational new cabaret show at the famed *Rainbow & Stars* cabaret in the Big Apple high atop the GE Building in Rockefeller Center and the accomplished chanteuses promise to deliver the same at their Houston debut at Jones Hall, Saturday, April 26 at 7 and 10:30 p.m.

The sisters will combine their talents for a memorable evening of cabaret entitled *Sibling Revelry*. The evening will encompass and combine the extraordinary harmony of older sibling Ann's smokier jazz instrument, smoothly and instinctively, with younger sister Liz's brighter, Broadway-style voice in med-

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Shelley Calene as Merteuil and Greg Dean as Valmont in Heiner Muller's *Quartet*.

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leys and duets.

Audiences for the two Houston shows will be seated at tables right up on-stage with the performers for an evening of song from Frank Loesser to Jerry Herman, and from George Gershwin to Ann's own compositions.

Ann Callaway's credits include *The Nanny Named Fran*, the theme song for CBS' sitcom *The Nanny* and *At the Same Time*, recently performed by Barbara Streisand for President Clinton. The song will be recorded for Streisand's upcoming CD. Her latest CD, entitled *To Ella With Love* (Touchwood Records) is a tribute to jazz legend Ella Fitzgerald. Ann Callaway is the only composer to have collaborated with Cole Porter.

Liz Callaway currently stars as Grizabella (singing *Memory*) in the Broadway cast of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Cats*. Liz has also starred on Broadway in *Baby*, for which she was nominated for a Tony Award, the musical *The Three Musketeers* and as Ellen in *Miss Saigon*.

For information or tickets to *Sibling Revelry*, call Ticketmaster or the Houston Ticket Center in Jones Hall. To charge by phone, call (713) 227-ARTS.

## Briefs...

The Houston Bar Association (HBA) will be hosting their annual *Diversity in*

*the Legal Profession Seminar* this Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to Noon. The panelists will discuss a wide variety of topics concerning diversity and discrimination. Log Cabin State President Dale Carpenter will be one of the panelists marking the first time an openly gay attorney has been included in the panel. The event takes place at Texas Commerce Bank Tower, 600 Travis Street. For more information, call Dalia Stokes at (713) 522-2224....PFLAG Houston will be hosting an *Ellen's Coming Out Party* at Birraporetti's in the Wine Room at 1997 West Gray. For more information, call (713) 867-9020.... The Houston Police Department (HPD) has resumed background checks of Houston residents applying to purchase handguns from licensed gun dealers, announced Chef C.O. "Brad" Bradford. The background checks were mandated under the federal Brady law until the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals - whose jurisdiction includes Texas - declared the law unconstitutional. At that point, the checks were stopped by former Chief of Police Sam Nuchia. "I have reviewed the situation and decided it is in the best interests of the citizens to resume these checks," said Bradford....Finally, The Houston Music CO-OP will present A Evening of Musical Reviews to benefit Milam House. The review will take place at The Briar Patch, 2294 W. Holcombe, Sunday, April 27 at 8 p.m.

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## Poll: Most Alabamians Don't Want to See Ellen Come Out

A majority of Alabamians say they didn't ask and they wish sitcom character Ellen Morgan wouldn't tell, according to a new Mobile Register-University of South Alabama poll. 52% of the respondents did not think the upcoming episode during which the lead character will 'come out' as homosexual, should be on television. 34% indicated it should air and 13% didn't know or had no opinion.

The majority opposing the controversial episode is a "slim on," said USA pollster Sam Fisher. In addition, Fisher contends the follow-up questions demonstrate that while the state may be conservative about homosexuality on television, the public is "not real conservative." Asked whether it would be okay to show the coming-out episode late at night, rather than during prime time when children could see it, the responses changed. Forty nine percent said yes, that was okay, 40% said no and 11 percent didn't know or have an opinion.

Of those surveyed, 74% said they did not plan to watch the episode irrespective of their personal views, 21% said they planned to watch it and 5% didn't know or had no response. The 'coming out' episode of *Ellen* airs Wednesday, April 30 at 8 p.m. on ABC.

## DEA Raids Medical Marijuana Club

After a short truce, the medical marijuana battle resumed Monday when federal agents raided a supplier, seizing 331 marijuana plants. Agents seized the plants, 15 grow lights and various other paraphernalia from the Flower Therapy Club in San Francisco's Mission District according to co-owner Beth Moore. No

arrests were made.

"We've really followed the rules here and it's senseless why they should target us," said Moore. The Flower Therapy Club opened last September prior to the passage of Proposition 215, which legalized the cultivation and distribution of marijuana for treatment of nausea and pain experienced by seriously ill people with AIDS, cancer and other diseases. Moore contends the club acquired a business license, obeyed all bureaucratic requirements and operated with the complete knowledge of the police and health departments. The club required that customers present a notarized doctor's prescription.

Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Stan Vegar said they raided the club because its activities are illegal under federal law, which prohibits marijuana cultivation. "Proposition 215 simply did not change federal law and it did not change the San Francisco DEA's interest in these types of cases."

## Scientists Make HIV Discovery

Researchers have found the mechanism the AIDS virus uses to penetrate the cells that it infects. That knowledge could lead to drugs designed to block the harpoonlike mechanism from piercing the cell. But experts say treatment is not imminent.

"We found something that HIV does, but we haven't really found something to do about it," said Don C. Wiley, a Harvard University professor of biochemistry and biophysics. Wiley and his colleagues submitted their findings to the journal *Nature* last week. At the same time, a similar research was published in the journal *Cell* by a group of Whitehead Institute scientists led by Peter S. Kim. Both groups essentially found the same thing.

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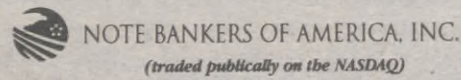
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"We're uncovering here the fundamental mechanism by which the virus enters a cell. Exactly how that information could be exploited and how long it would take is very difficult to know and it could be a very long time," said Wiley. The mechanism works something like this: Viruses hover in a semi-stable state like that of a coiled spring or a jack-in-the-box. When triggered by contact with a cell, they can pierce a cell with a harpoonlike protein, informed Wiley.

Dr. Robert A. Lamb, a virus expert at Northwestern University told *The New York Times* that the discovery was "highly important."

### Lesbian License Plate Revoked

For nearly two years, the license plate "2Dykes" Alice Deighan and her partner chose sparked only minor problems - a few obscenities and a hate letter at work. More recently, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles canceled the plate after a motorist complained. The women, who are lesbians, received a form letter saying "this license plate was issued to you in error because it can be interpreted in a way which would make it obscene, profane or vulgar."

Deighan, 34, and her 31 year old partner, Scout, disagree. "What they are objecting to is us proclaiming that we are lesbians," Scout told the Associated Press. The two women said they are considering a court challenge. In the meantime, they have applied for a different plate: "LESBIAN."

### Wilson Grants Dying Inmate Early Release

Patricia Contreras, 35 and dying of AIDS, has been quietly granted early release from a Chowchilla women's prison by Gov. Pete Wilson (R-CA), more than a year after inmate advocates began a campaign to let her die among friends.

Contreras' case involves several morally and politically touch factors. Among them: she is an illegal immigrant who is openly critical of medical treatment in California's prisons. A Native American from Mexico who had served 10 years, 9 months of a 15-year-to-life second degree murder sentence, Contreras laughed at the rain and announced, "Mother Earth is welcoming me," when released.

Contreras, one of an estimated 1,000 HIV-positive women in California's prisons, had become a rallying symbol for advocates of women prisoners, critics of the prison medical system and supporters of early release for terminally ill inmates.

### Foley: No Law Exists To Limit Same Sex Marriage

Hawaii's Legislature will have to pass a new law in 1999 to deny same-sex couples marriage licenses, even if voters in 1998 approve a constitutional amendment on same-sex marriages, according to a key attorney in the legal case. And, there is no guarantee the state Supreme Court will wait that long before legalizing same sex marriages in the islands, said Dan Foley, who represents three same-sex couples who won a landmark 1993 Supreme Court ruling.

The attorney who argued the state's side during the trial of the same-sex marriage legal case says Foley is wrong. The high court ruled in 1993 that denying Foley's clients marriage licenses amounted to unconstitutional gender discrimination unless the state could show a compelling reason to do so. Circuit Judge Kevin Chang ruled the state had failed to show that compelling reason during a 10 day trial the following September and subsequently granted an injunction for the state to issue

marriage licenses to same-sex couples, but stayed his order pending the state's appeal back to the Supreme Court. The court is scheduled to hear the case in June.

There currently is no law on the books that limits marriages to opposite sex couples because "the 1994 statute that defines marriage as between a man and a woman has been declared unconstitutional by Judge Chang," said Foley.

### Prison Guard Disciplined For Forcing Inmates to 'Marry'

A guard at the state prison in Mercer was disciplined for forcing male inmates to participate in a mock wedding ceremony, the prison's superintendent said. Inmate Joe McLaughlin said he was forced to become the groom and "marry" his cellmate, Charles Green, in a guard's booth. Two other inmates served as best man and maid of honor and a fifth man was brought in to witness the bogus ceremony.

McLaughlin informed the Associated Press that the guard, Peter Thomas, told him the "wedding" was a direct order and disobeying it could land him in trouble. He said Thomas wanted to intimidate him and three of his friends who were pressured to participate. "Word spread throughout the institution that two gay guys got married," said McLaughlin, who is heterosexual.

Since the incident, McLaughlin said he has been taunted by gay inmates who have blown in his ear and patted his buttocks. He is also worried that he may have hurt his chances at rehabilitation by reporting the incident. In addition, he was critical of the way prison officials handled his complaints.

Superintendent Gilbert Walters told the *Sharon Herald* that the incident was "embarrassing and inappropriate." he would not say how Thomas had been disciplined, citing union rules against disclosing the action. "It's been dealt with in an appropriate manner and appropriate action has been taken," Walters said.

McLaughlin said he may file a lawsuit over the incident.

### North Dakota Law Will Confine Individuals With HIV

According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), a North Dakota bill recently signed into law will make it the first state to legalize the confinement of people suspected of having HIV. The law in effect will allow emergency personnel, including police officers, firefighters, patients, health care workers and others, to secure a court order confining individuals to whose blood they have been "significantly" exposed. An individual may be confined for up to five days and no criminal charges need to be filed to be incarcerated.

"This is one of the most chilling and dangerous laws enacted this year," said Kerry Lobel, NGLTF executive director. "It flies in the face of accepted medical and public health policy regarding HIV. This law will do more harm than good for the people of North Dakota."

Critics of the new law say the fact that HIV tests of others does not determine one's own HIV status seems to have been lost on North Dakota law makers and the governor.

### Mt. Holyoke Student Activists Take Over Campus Building

Some students at Mt. Holyoke college have taken over a campus building which they have held since last weekend. They have vowed to remain there until a list of demands is met, according to a student spokesperson. However,

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college administrators promised over the weekend to arrest students if they do not evacuate the building. At press time, the truce had not been resolved.

Among the demands being made by the students is the establishment of a cultural space for lesbian students at Mt. Holyoke college. According to Meghan Freed, a spokesperson for the group, the African-American student population has a safe-space as well as the Latina population. "Why can't the gay students have one too?" she asked.

If the cultural space is established at the Massachusetts school, it will take its place among other schools like Smith college which has recently agreed to establish a safe zone for lesbian students to meet, according to an alumni source. As many as 23 students are involved in the sit-in. The group is also asking for the establishment of a safe-space for Asian-Americans.

**Briefs...**

Four people were arrested last week on charges they arranged a plan to defraud some 1,000 investors of \$50 million in connection with a corporation that claimed to offer viatical settlements to terminally ill people. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office in New York, the four people invited investors to extend loans to personal Choice Opportunities, Inc., (PCO) to fund the company's viatical settlements business. The investors were allegedly offered as much as a 25% annual interest return on their investment.... Gay activist and Reform Party national secretary Jim Mangia won a seat on the California Reform Party Board of Directors at the Los Angeles Regional Convention, April 19. Also, Cynthia Nesler, a lesbian activist in San Francisco won her race in the San Francisco region. Large numbers of lesbians and gay men were elected to state committees: including bylaws, platform and state convention credentials, and over 15% of state convention delegates elected statewide are gay.... A Dade County commissioner plans to introduce legislation prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals in housing and employment, recalling the controversial crusade against gay rights led by singer Anita Bryant 20 years ago. The earlier ordinance passed, and later repealed after Bryant, a former beauty queen and then orange juice spokeswoman, led a drive for repeal. The ensuing fallout damaged her career. Now, Commissioner Bruce Kaplan, has dragged legislation to add "sexual orien-

tation" to the list showing who can't be discriminated against under Dade County laws. The proposal would also compel private companies in the county to offer health benefits to partners of homosexual workers.... Americans are more likely to support gay rights, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, and funding for research on mental illness if they think certain behaviors are determined primarily by heredity and genes rather than upbringing and environment, says a recently conducted poll in *U.S. News & World Report*.... A state Capitol police officer who claims his supervisor hit him with a wooden stick and taunted him by calling him a homosexual infected with AIDS is going back to work in Hartford, Connecticut. Richard C. Segreto Jr., who has been on paid leave since March 1995, when he filed a \$2 million federal suit against the department, will be back on active duty April 28 under a settlement reached with the state. Term were not disclosed.... Arlington has become the first Virginia count to extend health benefits to unmarried domestic partners, including same-sex partners. Effective July 1, county employees can claim medical and dental coverage for adults who are not married to them. The measure won unanimous support from the five County Board members, all Democrats, when they recently adopted the fiscal 1998 budget.... Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) announced this week that Dr. Pablo Colon will join the agency in early June to head its Treatment Education and Advocacy Department. Currently the Clinical Trials Program Coordinator at the AIDS Center at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, Colon will spearhead GMHC's efforts to ensure that people with HIV are adequately informed about new treatments and equipped with the information and skills needed to make important treatment decisions.... The NAMES Project Foundation has released the official documentary video of the showing of the AIDS Memorial Quilt that covered Washington, DC's National Mall last October. *Lest We Forget: The AIDS Memorial Quilt in the Capital, October 11-13, 1996* is introduced by actress Mary Steenburgen and features music by Kathy Mattea. To order a copy, call 1-800-USA-NAME.... International Gay Penpals (I.G.P.'s) 1997 newsletter will list more than 500 gay men from over 50 countries. If you are interested in being listed or would like more information, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to: I.G.P., Suite 320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, California 91603.

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ate Republicans." Ebner said of the event, "Before the resolution to censure was introduced, a fact sheet was distributed that Sen. Wentworth said was filled with distortions and outright lies. The Religious Extremists responsible for the charges apparently believe they not only speak for God, but think this justifies breaking the commandment 'Thou shalt not lie!'"

Leading the Travis County censure was the Republican Caucus, a group of conservative precinct chairmen and activists dedicated to advancing the ideas and principles of the Republican platform. Prominent members include Kirk Overbey, Senate District 14 State Republican Executive Committeeman, and Wyatt Roberts, executive director of the American Family Association of Texas.

"The Republican leadership of Travis County has taken a brave stand for the Republican platform," said Mike McNamara, chairman of the Republican Caucus. "Wentworth took extreme measures in trying to stop this resolution,

but the Party showed that they take Republican principles seriously."

Sen. Wentworth appeared in person at the Travis County meeting to address the assembled precinct chairs. He said, "I think we should be fighting Democrats and not Republicans." He then pointed out that the vote in question is identical to his vote in 1995. His opponent in the GOP Primary ran on the issue of Wentworth's moderate positions on social issues. Wentworth won the 1996 primary 70% to 30%, carrying all seventeen counties.

Texas AFA President Wyatt Roberts, a GOP Precinct Chair, introduced the motion, reading it aloud while often looking directly at Sen. Wentworth seated across the room. In his speech, Roberts complained that Sen. Wentworth refused to shake his hand at the meeting.

Most discussion centered around Wentworth's vote against the Parental Notification bill in the Texas Senate, which requires the consent of a parent or guardian before a minor can receive an abortion. Ebner called the resolution an arrogant act by a group of extremists.

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# A Legacy We Can Not Ignore

by Larry Lingle

While the coming outing of "Ellen" can only be a surprise to recluses such as the Unabomber or members of an O.J. Simpson-style jury, it remains inescapably a landmark in television. If nothing else, millions of gay men and lesbians will be watching, many instances in small or large parties, at home or in their favorite bar.

"Ellen" and its star, Ellen DeGeneres, have come out with all the media hype of a "Dallas" cliffhanger (remember "Who Shot J.R."?). She does, however, join a couple of dozen already openly gay characters on network television, to say nothing of certain obviously gay but closeted series roles.

What is perhaps overlooked is where these gay characters are to be found. Ellen runs a bookshop, another is aide to a fictitious talk-show sidekick, another teaches music, and so on. These are not your usual stereotypes, such as the ones which still prevail in major motion pictures. The viewing public is slowly learning what even gay people are only beginning to realize and that is we are truly everywhere.

We all do not live in Montrose (okay, so I do), or Oak Lawn or the Castro or even in Chelsea. As a recent book demonstrated, many gay men and particularly lesbians choose the rural life. The magazine RFD (rural fags) had been around for nearly two decades, exploring the life of gays on the farm. The TV series, "In The Life", has repeatedly explored the different styles of living of gays.

We do not all inhabit bars, and Generation X aside, we do not all do drugs. It is true, however, that both drugs and drinking continue to be major problems in our community. Illicit drugs are easily available in most of the gay bars; drugs are handed out freely at major "charity" parties, and alcoholism is three times as prevalent among gays as compared to straights.

Among the young in our community, particularly as they venture "out" of the closet of their suburban homes, are confronted with limited choices: They seek companionship and sex in all the old places and drink and/or drug to lower a childhood of repression expressed in painful shyness.

This ultimately harmful cycle - drink to lower inhibitions and thus shade awareness of the risks of unsafe sex - is already leading to increased rates of HIV among Generation X. Any gay man in his twenties who is HIV positive clearly violated a decade and a half of safe sex education.

It is not enough to accept the word of a new partner. And, it is still criminal to practice unsafe sex even if a partner consents to same after being informed that the other party is HIV positive.

There are a few voices in the wilderness: Andrew Sullivan and Bruce Bawer have been pointing the way from a more conservative point of view, which almost insures that the hard-core segment of the gay community feel they can be dismissed out of hand. But now a gay writer of the left is speaking out. Gabriel Rotello, one of the creators of "Outweek" which until its demise a couple of years ago rode the wave of "outing" to national attention.

In a new book, "Sexual Ecology: AIDS and the Destiny of Gay Men", Rotello urges gay men to adopt new lifestyles based on relationships and community, and forswear the prevalent view that living on the edge of bars and drugs is somehow liberating and more gay.

I met the love of my life in my store, nearly twenty years ago and before AIDS. Bill was but twenty-one at the time and felt it necessary to experience what was then even more dominantly bars and drugs. He outgrew that scene and we enjoyed many years as a loving couple but ultimately paid the price when Bill died from AIDS in November of 1995.

In a sense, I am reliving some of the same concerns with my gay son, Will, who knew only the bars for coming out and has, unfortunately, been introduced to the drugs that can be found therein. He, like many his age, craves places to meet contemporaries in settings more conducive to developing relationships, casual or more lasting.

Books such as Rotello's are but road maps pointing the way. It takes a community (thanks, Hillary, for the village

analogy) to build a community. To the everlasting shame of Houston's gay and lesbian community, we have been unable to successfully found a community center. Not just a place for a few organizations to hold meetings, but a true community resource center with programs and information to aid those most vulnerable among us - our youth.

This cannot be the effort of one person or group of people. Somehow what is required is a summit of the movers and shakers of the community, convened for this one person, putting aside egos and self.

As a founding board member of the Hollyfield Foundation - and my Bill was its first president - I have adhered to the admonitions of its creator, Jay Hollyfield, that we should do something lasting for the gay and lesbian community. The headquarters of the Foundation at 2700 Albany is well known in the community and I have always felt, personally, that it would be an ideal community center.

However, the board members of the Hollyfield also recognize a legal obligation to generate revenue from its properties to sustain the goals of our founder. There have been some recent proposals

which would have increased the gay presence at 2700 Albany, but the interests of such organizations and the responsibilities of the Foundation have not always meshed.

But if the community, working together, came up with a comprehensive plan which would meet the needs of our diverse community and also satisfy the financial goals of the Hollyfield Foundation then the goal becomes a real possibility.

First, all segments of our community must recognize that our future rests with our younger generation and that all of us can benefit from a healthier lifestyle and a fruitful exchange of ideas in a common setting.

And, if any final incentive is needed, just remember that Dallas is way ahead of this, and even Austin had a struggling center. For Houston, the time is now. It is not enough just to create another struggling, underfinanced, community center, but to create a model for the nation. Now, whether we are up to the task is for others to determine. I want this for my gay son and for all the other young gay men and lesbians searching for a new life and a new family to call home. We can offer no less.

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# Rosie is Everywhere!

by Leslie Ramsay

I was standing in line at my local grocery store minding my own business, when I noticed the magazine section. I could not believe my eyes. Rosie O'Donnell, "The Queen of Nice", was on the cover of every magazine at this particular checkout lane.

I picked up and paid for the latest issue of Time, People, and Woman's World "The Woman's Weekly" magazines. I was impressed by the media coverage she was attracting. It's not everyday that an entertainer makes the cover of all three of these magazines in the same week. Her publicist deserves a bonus.

Apparently, Rosie O'Donnell is one of the Most Influential People in America, 1997. Time magazine is reporting this "landmark" achievement in their April 24th issue. They report that she has always dreamed of becoming another Merv Griffin or Mike Douglas. (I think it is kind of funny that the media never mentions Dinah Shore in their comparisons with Ms. O'Donnell...) Time used this article snippet to celebrate the slow demise of the "Queen of Trash TV" Ricki Lake as well.

People magazine chose to run a Special Double Feature with our friend Rosie sharing her Home/Office and toy collections with the readers. The cover photo revealed a rose tattoo on her on her right ankle. Hum? Right ankle? I would have never guessed.

Anyway, the cover article about Rosie in the Woman's World magazine was really what they call a "Celebrity Inspiration" article. They use celebrities to teach the readers little life lessons. This week Rosie tops the page about confidence building. The headline reads, "Being a good listener makes Rosie O'Donnell irresistible!"

To the daytime television watching public Rosie O'Donnell is irresistible.

Her ratings are huge. She has out performed every daytime talk show except Oprah, nationwide. Her contract has been extended into 2001.

She is very influential with the toy-buying crowd as well. "Tickle Me Elmo", the toy hero of this past holiday season, was something she thought was cute.

She gave away a couple hundred of them to her studio audience and the nation went Elmo crazy. Do you remember the \$10,000 auctioned Elmo doll?

When the news of Ellen Degeneres' plans to bring her television character, "Ellen Morgan", out of the closet first leaked to the media, Rosie had her immediately on her talk show. Rosie publicly embraced her friend. They did a bit about both of them being "Lebanese". The bit was extremely funny and well received. Rosie made the "coming out" of Ellen Morgan more palatable for Middle America. She made Ellen Degeneres more palatable to Middle America.

By the way if you haven't heard, Oprah Winfrey will play the therapist that tells Ellen Morgan that she is gay.

I was surprised to find out that a 6'4", ex-United States Marine Corps, quasi-redneck, extremely heterosexual acquaintance of my will not miss an episode of the Rosie O'Donnell Show. He shared this information with me today when he saw me flipping through the magazines. I asked him why he was so faithful to Rosie. He replied, "She makes me feel like she's a real person."

He was smiling the entire time we were talking about her. She makes him feel happy. Everyday, he spends his lunch hour with Rosie.

I am very happy to see this happen to daytime television. Rosie O'Donnell and Oprah Winfrey are creating a better view of America for the television obsessed to view. The bizarre, shock television talk shows that show the public at their worst are losing their audience to two very classy, intelligent women.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Hawaii Moves Against Gay Marriages

by Bruce Dunford

Honolulu (AP) - Negotiators for the state House and Senate agreed to let voters bar the legalization of gay marriages, reaching a compromise plan that also would give same-sex couples some of the rights and benefits available to married couples.

The compromise approved by conferees late Wednesday is expected to gain easy approval by the House and Senate next week. It is intended to reverse the Hawaii Supreme Court's 1993 ruling that found a ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional.

A proposed state constitutional amendment letting the Legislature restrict marriage to couples of the opposite sex would be put on a statewide ballot next year. Polls leave little doubt it would pass.

But lawmakers also agreed to let gay and lesbian couples sign up as "reciprocal beneficiaries," giving them inheritance rights, the right to sue for wrongful death, spousal benefits for insurance and state pensions, and similar rights. The proposal also would offer such rights to other pairs living together who could not marry, such as a widowed mother and her unmarried son.

Nonetheless, gay and lesbian activists denounced the compromise, saying it fell short of the equal rights they would receive if the state Supreme Court ruling prevails.

"I can't tell you how upset I am," said

Tracey Bennett, a leader of Marriage Project Hawaii. "We had hoped the Senate would have adhered to its desire to extend civil rights to all people, and the Senate caved."

Lawmakers spoke proudly of the compromise. Rep. Terrance Tom, Chairman of the House conferees, said it would address the needs of gay couples while still giving Hawaiian voters "the opportunity to reconfirm their belief that marriage, the fundamental unit of our society, is the union of one man and one woman."

Hawaii's legal case on same-sex marriages took center stage in legislatures across the country because the U.S. Constitution says marriages performed in one state must be recognized in all.

In response, Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act to deny federal recognition of same-sex marriages and allowing states not to recognize same-sex unions licensed in other states. President Clinton signed it in September.

To date, 18 states have acted not to recognize same-sex unions.

The state Supreme Court ruled in 1993 that denying three gay couples marriage licenses amounted to gender discrimination under the Hawaii Constitution's equal protection clause, unless the state could show a compelling reason to do so.

After a trial in September, a judge ruled that the state had failed to show a compelling reason.

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## British Gay Activists Protest By Scaling Palace Walls

London (AP) - Gay rights activists scaled the walls of Lambeth Palace, residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to confront him Sunday over the Church of England's stand on homosexual priests.

The Most Rev. George Carey, spiritual leader of the Anglican Church, was meeting with 16 senior clergy from around the world when 10 demonstrators climbed over the walls and interrupted a photo session.

The protesters from the group OutRage accused Carey of failing to meet representatives of gay Christian movements and of refusing to recognize homosexual relationships.

OutRage leader Peter Tatchell said the group objected to Carey ruling out any future role for members of the clergy involved in homosexual relationships.

Witnesses said Tatchell seized the archbishop's arm to grab his attention and brief scuffles ensued.

After 10 minutes, Carey told them: "I find your manner offensive. That is enough. I'd like you to leave my grounds." The protesters did.

Scotland Yard said it had not been called about the confrontation, which took place in the gardens of the archbishop's London residence, south of the Thames near the Houses of Parliament.

Tatchell said the protest was timed to follow Carey's comments in a television documentary Sunday, restating the official church view on homosexual clergy. The General Synod, the church's decision-making body, only recognizes celibacy or faithful heterosexual marriage for priests.



## Medication Shortage Prompts Demonstration in Mexico

Mexico City (AP) - Dozens of people with AIDS or the AIDS virus demonstrated last Wednesday outside Mexico City's largest public hospital complex, complaining officials have failed to provide desperately needed medication.

Demonstrators wearing ski masks and bandanas to avoid identification scuffled with police outside the Siglo XXI Medical Center after briefly blocking traffic on a nearby boulevard.

There were no reports of injuries, and hospital authorities later came out to talk with the protesters.

Holding up banners reading "the bureaucracy is killing us," the protesters

said they were beset by a shortage of medications, calling it "a life or death issue."

The accusations were vehemently denied by Roberto Calleja, spokesman for the Mexican Social Security Institute, which operates the hospital complex.

Calleja said a wide range of anti-AIDS drugs were available through government hospitals, but that doctors decided which drugs to use based on each case.

"There are times when a patient asks for certain drugs, and if the doctor doesn't prescribe them, the patient protests," Calleja said.

## Officials report Drop in AIDS Deaths; ACT UP Disputes Figures

PARIS (AP) - A government report says that thanks to new drug therapy, the number of AIDS deaths in France fell by more than half last year. But an AIDS activist group disputed the figures Thursday. The Health Ministry late Wednesday reported a 60-percent drop in the mortality rate among AIDS patients receiving regular medical attention.

"These results can be looked at in relation to the different therapies that appeared in 1996," health officials said in the statement.

Officials also said that over the same period of time, significantly fewer people in France passed from being HIV-positive to having full-blown AIDS.

But the activist group Act Up called the report "manipulation" and contended the drop was 25 percent, not 60 percent.

The association said the study

involved only 15 of 30 major hospitals, included only two Paris hospitals and none in French overseas territories.

"By inflating the 'figures of hope,' the government was 'setting the stage to disengage itself from the war on AIDS,'" Act Up said.

Health Minister Herve Gaymard said in Wednesday's statement that despite the figures, real progress in the battle against AIDS could only be judged with further research. Gaymard also called for continued vigilance in AIDS prevention.

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by David Richardson

Brunch is defined in the dictionary as the period of time falling somewhere between breakfast and lunch, which gives the dual excuse of allowing people to sneak in yet another meal while downing social discourse with several pitchers of Mimosas.

I weekly do brunch with a large group of friends (who make this claim because I pick up the checks) and we discuss important issues of the day, such as Ann Margaret's costume changes at the Sands.

A recent brunch found me bemoaning the fact that it was hard to find a "nice guy" (ok, and nice to find a hard guy) in the turbulent 90s. One of my more materialistic sidekicks suggested that instead of trying to find a nice guy, I should be trying to find someone with good tickets to the White Party in South Beach. His motto is that if at first you don't succeed, find someone who already has and sponge off of them.

Another friend suggested that money

can't buy happiness, but it can make a nice down payment on it. After hearing these cynical thoughts I began to ponder whether it really was more important to meet someone with a heart of gold...or should I settle for a card of gold? (Visa, MC, AMEX)

I really don't know since the last person I dated pinched pennies so hard he made Abraham Lincoln scream. His idea of fine dining was any place that had golden arches. After all, he reasoned, if it was good enough for 15 billion people, then it was good enough for us. I guess the closest I ever came to sugar daddy was a Sweet and Low uncle.

Lost as I was in my reveries, I didn't realize that by now brunch buddies were imitating a boozy Elaine Stritch with Ladies Who Lunch medley that had the horrified waiters throwing the checks at us. recognizing through a mimosa induced clarity that my associates were possessed with the morals of pond water, I threw them my check and ran out the door to look for a "nice guy"...and there you have it!

LITERARY REVIEWS

by Ella Tyler

Mystery readers will be interested to know that at least four books with lesbian or gay male protagonists have been nominated for EDGAR awards by the Mystery Writers of America.

The awards, named after Edgar Allen Poe, are the oldest awards in the field. They are highly coveted because only published mystery writers are allowed to vote on the award. A committee of writers makes nominations and chooses the winners, which must be approved by the MWA's Board of Directors. The winners will be announced at a banquet in New York on May first.

*With Child*, by Laurie King, is a nominee for Best Novel. This is the third book in a series featuring San Francisco Police Department Detective Kate Martinelli, a lesbian. The series began with "A Grave Talent", which won an Edgar for best first novel of 1993.

*Silent Words*, by Joan Drury, is a nominee for Best Paperback Original. It just won a Minnesota Book Award. The series features Tyler Jones, a self-described radical, lesbian, feminist and her dog, Agatha Christi. Tyler's dying mother sends her to the family's former home on the north shore of Lake

Superior to "find out the truth".

*Tribe* by R. D. Zimmerman, is a nominee for Best Paperback Original. Todd Mills, who had been a well known, but closeted, T.V. reporter in Minneapolis until his lover was murdered (in the first book of the series), plays a leading role in this ensemble of interesting characters.

*Simple Justice* by John Morgan Wilson is a nominee for Best First Novel. The protagonist is a gay journalist in West Hollywood.

Laurie King's book, *With Child*, follows up on themes begun in "A Grave Talent". In that book, Kate begins to come out at work and develops an honest friendship with her detective partner, Al. Also, Kate's lover, Lee, is seriously injured as a consequence of Kate's work. In *With Child*, Lee has recovered enough to go to live with her aunt on an isolated island.

Because of her loneliness and the indefiniteness of this separation, Kate spends a lot of time with the bright twelve year old who will soon become Al's step-daughter. At the girl's request, Kate rescues a homeless boy who has disappeared. Later, the girl vanishes while on a trip with Kate. Kate is sent

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by Jone Devlin

When I first saw the book title, *Same Sex Marriage, Pro and Con, a Reader*, I thought "Oh no, here we go again." When I saw that the book had been edited by Andrew Sullivan, one of the few conservative voices in the gay rights movement, I groaned even harder. So imagine my surprise when I found the book to be an informative, entertaining and, yes *Unique* voice on this much debated (some would say overdebated) topic.

As edited by Andrew Sullivan this book covers the opinions of everyone from Ann Landers to Camile Paglia and does so in an easy to follow way that actually makes sense. Editing such a compendium must have been a daunting task, but Sullivan does it with aplomb, and, unlike most author/editors, manages to do it without working his own opinions and ideas into each individual segment.

The book begins by discussing same sex marriage throughout history. It includes the works of Plato, Tsung Yi-Lin and a debate regarding John Boswell's findings that same sex marriage ceremonies existed in the ancient world. This segues naturally into a section titled "The Religious War Continues", which looks at the biblically based arguments against and for same

sex marriage.

From there we follow "The Path of the Courts" with information and analysis of some same sex marriage court cases. Next comes the sections I found most enlightening. "Same Sex Marriage" the debates on the left, and on the right. These sections include people like Jay Seculow, as well as William Safire, Camile Paglia, and many others.

Andrew Sullivan has even reprinted some of his own work here, but he's done so in an inclusive way, simply adding his voice to that of the others. It is also in these sections that one of the truly unique aspects of the book is brought forth. For in both the "Debate on the Left" and "The Debate on The Right" sections, are PRO and CON opinions on whether or not people of the same sex should be able to marry. Potential readers be forewarned, no matter how politically informed you are, these sections will hold some BIG surprises.

The remaining sections discuss current topics, like the pending court case in Hawaii, same sex parenthood, Polygamy and Adultery and of course, After Hawaii, what? Again all of these sections contain very diverse viewpoints, and not always from those in the forefront of either side of the debate.

Ordinary people are interviewed, and the discussions of marriage are inter-

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by Ella Tyler

There is a newly formed gardening club for lesbians and gay men called Garden and Yard Society that meets in members homes and gardens. Call 713/661-6378, 520-1066 or 869-8245 for information. The best way to get ideas about what to grow in your garden is to look in other people's gardens and around your neighborhood.

Houston is at the convergence of three distinct natural zones, so a plant that thrives in one area won't always do well only a few miles away. Notice how abundant pine trees are north of Buffalo Bayou. The soil conditions are different on the south side of the bayou and pines do not grow as well.

When you see a plant you like, notice its growing conditions. Is the location sunny or shady? Is the plant in wet soil or a raised bed? The easy way to be a successful gardener is to put the plant in a place that it likes.

There are some eye catching plants blooming in Montrose this week.

The plant in full bloom at the west side of the Old Firehouse on Westheimer is a "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow", formally known as *Brunfelsia australis*. I mention the latin name when other plants share the common name. Its flowers change from purple to lavender to white. It blooms for a few weeks once a year.



Magnolia bloom.

My *Brunfelsia* was not in as protected a location and froze back, but it is getting its leaves back. I do not think flowering will be affected, just delayed. This plant likes loose, moist, fertile soil and at least a few hours of direct sun.

The bush with hot pink and pale yellow flowers outside Kathy Hubbard's office at Montrose and California is a Mutabalis, an old China rose. It's also called the Butterfly Rose. There is another fine specimen behind the Heights sign on Heights Boulevard.

I had coveted this rose and finally planted one. It wasn't doing well in its first home and a friend told me I wasn't abusing it enough. I moved it to a sunnier, hotter location and it is blooming its little heart out. It doesn't seem to need a special raised rose bed, but it doesn't like wet spots. It will bloom most of the year with minimal care and isn't prone to the usual rose problems.

I had to get out the books to identify the exotic bush at the corner of Montrose and Welch, just before Texas Art Supply. It has large bracts of orangey-red, oval-shaped flowers. It is a Cockspur Coral Tree, a.k.a. *Erythrina Crista-Galli*, another semi-tropical plant. A similar plant with tubular flowers is *Erythrina herbacea*, or Coralbean. Obviously, the plant likes full sun. My reference says it likes regular watering, but I doubt this specimen got such care. The orange flowers on the tree on Mary's patio caught my eye as I drove

past and I thought it looked like a pomegranate, but it usually is a shrub. After I cruised around the block several times, I decided that it really is a pomegranate. It will continue to have scattered flowers through the summer. This plant is tolerant of most conditions (obviously) except poor drainage and severe drought. Some varieties will bear fruit and the leaves turn yellow in the fall. Dwarf varieties are available.

The Southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*) trees are beginning to flower and will continue to flower til June. This beautiful evergreen has large, chalice shaped, white flowers that are very fragrant. If you have a magnolia, they are worth taking care of. Give it a high nitrogen fertilizer once a year. If you're planning construction, protect the roots from soil compaction, which is what kills many beautiful old trees that could and should be saved. If you want a magnolia but do not have an estate, try a dwarf variety like Little Gem.

The pansies and petunias that are planted everywhere will be giving out as soon as it gets hot. One of my favorite low-growing annuals for full sun is *Portulaca grandiflora*, or Moss Rose. It really does have a rose shaped flower. The flowers close in the afternoon, but color still shows. I am not as fond of Purslane, *Portulaca oleracea*, which has a single petaled flower, but both

grow well in hot, dry, areas with poor soils. They are available in a variety of colors and do well in hanging baskets.

Lantana is a perennial that does well in similar conditions. It's flower is a cluster of tiny, tube shaped flowers. Lantana is available in a variety of colors,



*Erythrina Crista-Galla*, commonly known as Cockspur coral tree.

orange, lavender and cream. The books say that it attracts butterflies and hummingbirds, and it really does! If you have a choice, get *Lantana montevidensis*, which is less shrubby and more cold tolerant than *L. camara*.

This is a wonderful time of the year to check out the Rose Garden on the north side of Herman Park. It is at the Houston Garden Center, 1400 Herman Drive, next to the Museum of Natural Science. If you're traveling, check out "Nature Nearby" by Bill McMillon, published by John Wiley & Sons, which is a guide to nature around the twenty largest cities in the States, including Houston.

References for this column were "Identification, Selection and Use of Southern Plants for Landscape Design", by Neil Odenwald and James Turner, Claitor's, 1987 and "Simon & Schusters Guide to Garden Flowers", Stanley Schuler, editor.

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## Protease Inhibitors NOT a cure for HIV!!

by Larry Garrett

In my last column I wrote about a new protease inhibitor that had been approved recently by the FDA. This new drug, called Viracept (nelfinavir mesylate), is made by Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Although the drug is one of the cheaper inhibitors now on the market, it may still be out of reach for many uninsured patients with HIV.

One of the most disturbing things I've heard floating around is that a lot of gay men seem to think that protease inhibitors are a "cure" for HIV. This is simply *Not* true. Many people taking protease inhibitors have experienced great reductions in viral load and significant increases in their CD4 counts to 38. Currently my viral load is 132,500 and my CD4 count is 25. I'm one of those people that do not seem to benefit greatly from protease inhibitors.

I am not alone in this regard. Although I take a triple drug combination therapy of 3TC (Epivir), Viracept and Viamune (an NNRTI drug) I've only been able to "maintain" a certain degree of stability in my condition. I've not had any great strides one way or the other.

You hear stories of gay men with advanced HIV that looked like poster children for third world countries due to severe wasting. Then protease inhibitors came along and suddenly they are the picture of almost perfect health now boasting gym regimens similar to those in the "before times" (before HIV). There is no cure for HIV. The current level of drug therapies only SUPPRESS the virus. They do NOT eradicate it from the body. Even those lucky individuals whose viral load is "undetectable" are not cured - the virus is merely suppressed below detectable levels.

HIV could be hiding in other areas of the body, like the lymph system or the brain. Many of the current HIV drug therapies do not cross the blood-brain barrier. A person with an undetectable viral load can still transmit HIV to an unprotected person during unsafe sex.

Although protease inhibitors are not as good as we had originally hoped, they mark a significant step in the right direction for all who are infected with HIV.

There are many new drugs in the development pipeline. Lobucavir, HBV-097, CI-1012, DMP-266, 1592U89, 141W94, MKC-422, Hydorxyurea and Azodicarbonamide (ADA) are just some of the many drugs being studied at this time. Lobucavir is similar to AZT, 3TC, and ddi, but it mimics a different amino acid (guanosine) than other drugs of this type and may be active for a wide range of viruses, not just HIV. Lobucavir may inhibit HIV, hepatitis B, various herpes viruses and cytomegalovirus (CMV). Many of these pending drugs should only be used in two or three drug combinations.

HIV mutates very fast. 3TC, for example, should only be used as a part of a dual drug antiviral activity and also delays the development of drug resistant strains of HIV. If you'd like more information on some of these drug study programs, log onto the Internet and check out

Website: [HTTP://WWW.PROJINF.ORG](http://WWW.PROJINF.ORG) or send e-mail to: [pinform@hooked.net](mailto:pinform@hooked.net). The Project Inform Hotline phone number is 1-800-822-7422.

An interesting new flare of drug development is that of Integrase Inhibitors. This is a new class of drugs and has attracted the interest of the pharmaceutical industry for the last few years. The role of the integrase enzyme is to integrate HIV's genetic material into the host cell's DNA. Integration is needed for HIV virus. Only one drug of this type Zintevir (AR-177), which is being developed by Aronex Pharmaceuticals, is currently in Phase I/II studies. Zintevir has to be administered intravenously. Many companies report that they have found making drugs of this type to be extremely difficult.

If you are interested in obtaining the latest information of HIV drug trials, contact the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Services at 1-800-874-2572 (1-800-AIS-012 TTY/TTD deaf/hearing impaired). The National AIDS Hotline also operates 24 hours a day and provides referrals to local services throughout the United States. They can be reached at 1-800-342-2437. Other services available: WORLD for women facing HIV disease 1-510-658-6930, AIDS Treatment News 1-800-873-2812, Treatment Issues (Gay Men's Health Crisis, New York) 1-212-337-1950, Test Positive Aware (Chicago) 1-312-472-6397, and BETA (San Francisco AIDS Foundation) 1-415-863-2437.

The Viracept Assistance Program may be a short term answer for some patients who need the drug but cannot afford the retail cost. Those interested in obtaining more information about the Viracept Assistance Program are invited to call 1-800-777-6637 between 9am and 6pm Monday through Friday, Eastern Standard Time. You may also write to: Viracept Assistance Program, P.O. Box 9743, McLean, VA. 22102-0743. I hope some of those who need this important new weapon in the arsenal against HIV will avail themselves of this temporary service. Viracept should soon be a part of the State of Texas HIV Drug Assistance program.

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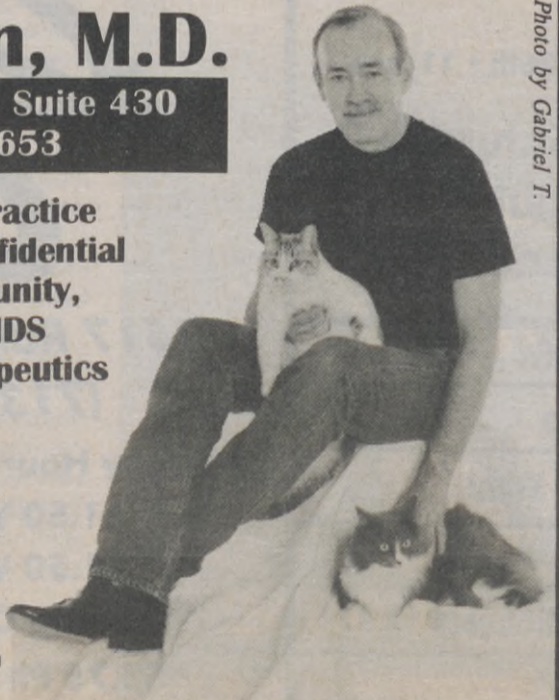


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home from the crime scene amid nasty publicity and speculation. However, Kate's work in San Francisco allows the child to be rescued.

This is a beautifully written book that moves slowly enough to explore a number of complex relationships but also has plenty of action and nitty-gritty police work.

*Tribe*, by R.D. Zimmerman, is a very good, fast paced, tightly plotted book. The story revolves around the kidnapping and subsequent rescues of a baby who is the granddaughter of a lesbian friend of Todd's and also the granddaughter of leader of strict religious cult. The baby's adventures are reminiscent of silent movie melodrama, but

the backdrop of a blizzard keep the edge on the story and the tension high.

The characters and the plotting make this book worthy reading. The interesting and hidden pasts of the characters are revealed between kidnaps. Both the good guys and the bad guys have secrets and edges that keep them from being stereotypes. The final scene reveals all the connections between all the characters and events.

I've located *Silent Words* by Joan Drury at Inklings and *Simple Justice* by John Morgan Wilson at Murder By The Book and will review them soon.

Dean James of Murder By The Book, Pokey Anderson of Inklings, Joan Drury and the staff of Mystery Writers of America were all very gracious about answering my questions.

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persed with discussions of other issues important to our community, like love, sexuality, freedom and commitment. This book is also an excellent living gay history source, as both men and women from different generations discuss what it was to be gay when they were growing up versus what it is (or seems to be) to be gay today.

There are even mini generation gap debates, as young and old alike struggle to understand who these older/younger gay people are, and why they feel the way they do. This of course, ties neatly in to the idea of gay marriage, as an older generation struggles to understand why we would reach that high, and a younger one struggles to understand what's taking us long to get there.

On a final note, this book is also very inclusive, focusing on the works and opinions of both men and women, and how the gay marriage debate, like so many things, tends to differ depending on the gender of those involved. While I am by no means a fan of Andrew Sullivan, or an especial supporter of gay marriage, I do highly recommend this book, both as a source of enlightenment and a teaching tool.

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York City drew 7,000 visitors.

The Expo will include two days of panels, seminars and workshops focused on living and thriving with HIV. The event will feature Houston-area physicians, AIDS experts and people with HIV. Seminar topics will run the gamut from treatment updates to nutrition and exercise, the impact of an HIV diagnosis on family and friends to financial and legal issues.

Sean Strub, who has been HIV positive for nearly 20 years, is the publisher of POZ Magazine. In a recent conversation with the *Houston Voice*, he elaborated on the magazine and this weekend's Expo.

"The Expo was an idea I had at the same time as the magazine. Everybody thought I was pretty crazy. As a matter of fact, some people that knew me well thought I had dementia," lamented Strub. "Then we decided to do the Expo."

"Magazines are a great way for reaching people who read magazines...Other people only get their information through television, or through radio, or through word of mouth, or by participating in a communal kind of event. And, a piece that we thought was missing was the place where people that are HIV positive could come together for free and talk directly to drug companies, the vitamin companies, AIDS service providers - not in a client customer company relationship or client agency relationship, but almost as consumers that are picking and choosing, where the alternatives are right there too," explained Strub.

The Houston Expo will include representatives from many major pharmaceutical companies and nearly two-dozen Houston area non-profit organizations, such as AIDS Foundation Houston, AVES, Family Service Center and the Loving Arms Foundation. Exhibitors include: A Better

Way, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Home Care Resources, Kinetic Sports Clinic, Olsten Health Services, Music Plus, D&L Home Health and others.

Strub has been a gay and lesbian rights activist for more than two decades as a member of ACT-UP. "I have been involved in the epidemic from the very beginning," said Strub. "I just assumed I was positive early on. So, I became an information junkie."

He would devour all the information he could and fax it to all of his friends and acquaintances. "It became apparent to me that access to information was critical to survival. People who were better informed were living longer and a better quality of life." Hence, POZ magazine, an informative periodical that provides the latest information concerning HIV/AIDS transcended from a dream to reality for Strub.

Strub's affinity for ascertaining information and wanting to share it with others was the concept of POZ magazine. Strub also felt that parents and friends of HIV positive individuals needed a source of information, especially in rural areas where the 30 second news soundbite is the norm. He also believed it was important to change society's perception of how we view terminal illness.

POZ Magazine debuted three years ago and will hopefully break even this year. It is a labor of love for Strub, one that he hopes will leave a lasting legacy. Strub indicated that he views his magazine as his contribution to the community, a form of activism, if you will, that will have an impact greater than imagined. Time will tell.

The POZ Life Expo takes place, Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the George R. Brown Convention Center - Hall C, 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston.

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birdman) undergo an initiation rite, which both eventually pass, and each are united to their respective true loves — the Prince with Pamina and Papageno with Papagena. The Queen of the Night, Mozart's version of Cruella DeVille, is thoroughly pissed off at this turn of events and tries unsuccessfully to destroy the temple, necessitating some fabulously effective stage effects..

*The Magic Flute* has been a 'vehicle of the fantastic' for stage directors and opera companies since its 1791 premiere. (Readers may remember Maurice Sendak's inspired production here in 1991.) This is true to form, and in keeping with Mozart's original conceptualization. As a dedicated Freemason, much has been made of the numerous Masonic references within the work (many over analyzed by some). Originally commissioned by fellow Freemason (and librettist) Emanuel Schikaner, *Zauberflote* flew right in the face of the then Austrian Empress Maria Theresa, a devout catholic, and arch foe of anything ritualistic(!).

Ancient symbolism, and striking color are exactly what designer Gerald Scarfe has used to propel this production on to the stage and off into the stratosphere. As winner of an *Olivier Award* (Britain's equivalent of the *Tony*), he has specialized in the absurd. In his work, last seen here in the 1986 HGO production of Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld* (probably the best known French comic operatic fantasy), Scarfe seems comfortable with, even preferential to the unreal. "I tried to keep my naivete6 in the subject afloat because I didn't want to do what the typical operatic stage designer would do. A lot of it had to do with fun — it's stunning music and I wanted it to be visually stunning as well."

Typically, Scarfe's work is frequently of the 'in-your-face' variety with often bitingly cruel portrayals of people in positions of power. However, in this production his normal urge to go 'over the edge' was suppressed, due to the fact that this is opera and there are other considerations, (such as the music). According to Scarfe, "My normal tactic is to stun people, however, if you are working on a collaborative event, you can't upstage the entire production." During the design phase for *Zauberflote* he created costumes for the lead singers that were more suitable for Darth Vader, (helmet included), than for any operatic vocalist. Scarfe apologetically states "I feel sorry for these singers, I get some crazy idea on the drawing board and they have to walk around on stage for three hours wearing these things." The wild costumes in this production almost defy description, so apparently not too many modifications were made. Such is the constant conflict in opera—the delicate balance between the visual and the aural.

However that question is resolved, (if it ever is), this production should satisfy all of your eyes and ears' requirements. The lead singers all have strong associations with HGO, either as previous studio members or as competition winners. Worthy of special mention are, Soprano Nicole Heaston (Pamina) and Bass Eric Owens (Sorastro), both of whom were seen in HGO's miserably confused recent world premiere, *Jackie O* — a production whose saving grace was that it showcased these two marvelous singers and gave them needed and deserved exposure.

With a young, talented cast and a wise, whimsical designer, this highly comedic *Magic Flute* combines extraordinary music with extraordinary extraterrestrial aesthetics — "Beam me up for Green Eggs and Ham, Wolfgang!"

*Mozart's Magic Flute runs now through May 17th at the Wortham Theater Center.*

Please call 227-ARTS for tickets and information.

**Backstage Babble**

by David Richardson

I would like to start off this article by congratulating two local people who have been recognized for their achievements in the world of theatre. Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Edward Albee was recently honored by being inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Theatre. Also inducted was professor Sidney Berger of the University of Houston. Mr. Albee is best known for his work writing such plays as *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf* and *Three Tall Women*. Mr. Berger is the Director of the UofH School of Theatre and responsible for the city's yearly Shakespeare Festival. The College of Fellows was founded in 1965 to recognize life achievement and dedicated service to professional and educational theatre.

"Was she hitting the notes, or were the notes hitting here?" wondered one disgruntled audience member at the recent Dionne Warwick concert. Although sources said the Houston Symphony was wonderful, the opinion seemed that Miss Warwick should have consulted her psychic friends network prior to using a hideous sound system which turned her classic tunes into a garbled mess. On a more positive note, Bolshoi Opera star Vladimir Matorin has been amazing the crowds with his powerful singing

voice in HGO's current production of *Boris Gudunov*.

If you always wanted to get on-stage, TCC of the Mainland will be holding auditions for *Annie Warbucks*, the sequel to *Annie* on May 4, 7, 11 and 12. This show replaces *Evita*, which was originally slated for their summer production. Infoline: (409) 938-1211. Theatre Under the Stars is also holding auditions for their production of *42nd Street*. Call (713) 622-1626 for info.

Actress Liza Vann is in town from the East Coast to be part of the Fringe Film Festival at Theatre LaB. The festival runs now through May 31 and also features performances by Eve Ensler, Niobe Ngozi, Joni Lee Jones, Rise Collins, Joe Chvala and Steve Patterson. Highlights include monologues, dance and a talking vagina. If you are curious about this as I am, call (713) 868-7516 for tickets.

Galveston College Theatre presents the comedy-drama *E/R* at the Strand Theatre. This show recreates the non-stop activity of a large metropolitan hospital emergency room on a busy Saturday night. Show runs through May 4. Tickets: (800) 54-SHOWS.

Theatre Suburbia presents the farcical who-done-it *Farndale Murder Mystery* now through May 17. Directed by Doris Merten, this show features the talents of B.A. Vance, Peggy Butler, Carolyn Montgomery, Yissel Posada and Paul Hager. Tickets: (713) 682-3525.

The Actors Workshop gives us a day at the *Felix Sanchez Domestic Agency with Latina*, a uniquely Hispanic-American comedy about dreams, friendship, courage and acceptance that opens May 2. Tickets: (713) 236-1844.

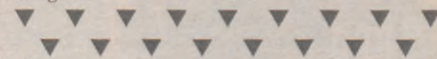
*Dalby and The Sleeping Prince, A Musical Fairy Tale* by the multi-talented Richard Laub is the latest offering from The Little Room Downstairs. Show runs May 9-24. Tickets: 523-0791

The moving drama *The Diary of Anne Frank* is being presented by the A.D. Players through May 15. Tickets: 526-2721

*Six Degrees of Separation* is the latest offering from The Main Street Theatre and runs through May 18. Tickets: 524-6706.

Don't forget to order tickets now for Terrence McNally's play *Love! Valour! Compassion!* which opens May 14 at the Alley. Tickets: 228-8421. Happy 50th to Them!

In case I haven't mentioned before, *Showboat* will now be replacing the now defunct *Sunset Boulevard* tour and opens July 8 at Jones Hall. This weekends must sees include a brilliant Holli golden in the closing performance of *Dog Opera* at Stages and the opening of August Wilson's *Two Trains Running* at the Ensemble. My curtain is going up so I will see you at the footlights.



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MOVIE UPDATE

## Blondes And Fashion, A Dangerous Combination

by Chris Rundquist



Lisa Kudrow

*Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion* actually started out nine years ago as a play on the west coast called *Ladies Room*, written by Robin Schiff. She got the idea for the play after overhearing a conversation in the ladies room of a night club in Los Angeles between two women. The original play starred a pre-*Friends* Lisa Kudrow as Michelle, the same character she plays in the film. Co-starring as Romy is Academy Award winner Mira Sorvino, with Janeane Garofalo as co-goofball Heather.

The basic story is that these two women, who were misfits in high school, find out that their ten year reunion is coming up. When they look around and realize that they really have not accomplished anything in life other than moving to Los Angeles, they freak out. In an effort to make their lives seem more interesting, they try to invent exciting stories about themselves to impress their former classmates.

After they arrive at the reunion and begin to tell everyone their made up story, that no one really believes, Heather shows up and inadvertently let

the truth out. However, this turns out to be the best possible thing that could happen. Michelle and Romy go back to being their usual airhead blonde selves. They then proceed to read everyone at the reunion that was mean to them in high school. This is probably the funniest part of the movie.

Overall, this is a really stupid movie. But, it is also extremely campy and funny. While it is an airhead movie about two airhead, albeit fashion conscious, blondes, it does have a good story line, in its own respect. But it probably won't win any Oscars.

The executive producer, Barry Kemp, says: "If there is a moral in *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion*, it's that the only person you ultimately have to impress is yourself. Having a dear friend, a best friend, an only friend, is much more important than having the best job in the world." And it is a good thing for these two, they don't have anything else besides impeccable fashion sense.

*Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion* opens this Friday, April 25, and is rated R.

## Other Films to Note

by Chris Rundquist

Now showing at the Landmark Greenway theater is *Chasing Amy*. This film stars Ben Affleck, Joey Adams, Jason Lee, Dwight Ewell and Jason Mewes. *Chasing Amy* is a romantic comedy that is the third installment of Kevin Smith's New Jersey Trilogy. The trilogy's other two installments were Sundance and Cannes Film Festival award winner *Clerks*, and last year's film *Mallrats*.

Coming up this weekend at the Rice Media Center is *Hustler White*. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 & 9:30PM, and Sunday at 7:30PM. *Hustler White* is exactly what the title suggests, a story about a male prostitute working the Santa Monica Blvd. Starring as the hustler, Monti Ward, is fashion model Tony Ward. Ward worked alongside Madonna in her *Justify My Love* and *Cherish* videos. The film also stars the creators, Bruce LaBruce and Rick Castro. This film is not for the feint hearted, it contains many scenes of S & M sex, and is fairly graphic.

Also opening this weekend is *Love and Other Catastrophes*, a very 90's comedy about five college students whose lives col-

lide and intertwine. The film stars Matt Day, Frances O'Connor, Radha Mitchell, Matthew Dyktynski and Alice Garner. Look for this film to be very funny and entertaining in the same vein as *Reality Bites*.

Probably the most anticipated film opening on Friday is *Love! Valour! Compassion!* This is the big screen debut of the Tony Award winning play by Terrence McNally. The film version stars Buzz Hauser, Jason Alexander, Ramon Fornos, Randy Becker, Gregory Mitchell, Stephen Bogardus, John & James Jeckyll, John Glover and many others. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the play, this is the story of eight gay friends who leave the city for three weekends in the country. This is a truly must see film!

Someone out there asked for it, so now we are all going to get it. John Waters has dug *Pink Flamingos* out of the manure it has been buried in for the past 25 years, and is re-releasing it in theaters on May 2. Have no fear, it is still just as disgusting, revolting, nauseating, talentless, pointless and stupid as ever. If you happen to be one of the people who finds this film entertaining, catch it now, because it will not be theaters for very long.



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Female illusionists from across the country came together for a one night performance at Heaven. From left to right, Hot Chocolate as Tina Turner and Patti LaBelle, Kourtney Van Wales as

Madonna and Dolly Parton, Monica Munro as Cher and Babra Streisand, Cezanne as Janet Jackson, and Electra as Bette Midler and Lucille Ball.

by Jon Anthony

Celine Dion and the Fugees were among the winners at the 1997 World Music Awards, which uses only one measure of performance: record sales. Ms. Dion won for best-selling pop artist. The rappers won for best-selling pop group. In the rock category, the winners were Alanis Morissette and the group Oasis. Lionel Richie and the Bee Gees won "legend" awards.... Laura Dern, who portrays Ellen DeGeneres' love interest in the 'coming out' episode of ABC's sitcom *Ellen* airing April 30, told *Entertainment Weekly* she is comfortable playing a lesbian because she's so self-assured about her own sexuality. "I'm so straight - unfortunately, probably for me. I like the whole package, if you know what I'm saying," said Dern.... The April 28 episode of *Married...With*



Diana Ross

*Children*, airing just two days before the infamous *Ellen* episode, gives it own slant on lesbian coming out when Marcy's (portrayed by openly gay actress Amanda Bearse) identical twin cousin Mandy comes to town. In the episode both Al and Jefferson find themselves attracted to the more laid-back and sassy Mandy, while man-hungry Marcy stewes with jealousy, because once again her cousin is getting all the boys attention. But Mandy, as it turns out, is a lesbian. Hilarity ensues in a very funny episode. The series will not return next season.... **The Four Tops** got their star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame last week. The quartet has been a staple in the industry for 40 years and are a personal favorite of President Clinton.... **Diana Ross**, currently filming the big-screen thriller, *Diva*, is planning to go back to the studio for pre-production on a new CD. No word yet on who will produce or when the disc will be released. Ross is the biggest selling female music artist of all time and has been selling out concerts for nearly 20 years. She also has a production deal with ABC for two more movies.... NBC's *ER* topped the Nielsen Ratings last week. The top ten shows in descending order: *Seinfeld* (NBC); *Friends* (NBC); *Fired Up* (NBC); *CBS Sunday Night Movie*; *Suddenly Susan* (NBC); *X-Files* (Fox); tied: *NYPD Blue* (ABC) and *Touched by an Angel* (CBS); and *Home Improvement* (ABC).... *Annaconda* topped the box office for the second week in a row with receipts totaling \$12.2 million. *Liar Liar* (\$10.2 million); *Murder at 1600* (\$8 million); *The Saint* (\$7.3 million); and *Grosse Pointe Blank* (\$4.9 million) round out the top five movies of the week.... **Christopher Reeve** will reprise the **Jimmy Stewart** role in a big-screen remake of the Alfred Hitchcock classic, *Rear Window*. In the updated version, Reeve's character will be permanently in a wheel-chair with a severe spinal injury instead of having a broken leg as was the case in the original. No word yet on who will be cast as the female lead, portrayed by **Grace Kelly** in the classic.... **Nicholas Cage** will play the 'Man of Steel' in the next *Superman* flick slated for release next summer.... **Bruce Willis** will guest star on the season finale of NBC's powerhouse hit *Mad About You*. Willis has not appeared on television since ABC's *Moonlighting* left the air nearly a decade ago. So, why did he return in a sitcom? Because Willis and series co-star **Paul Reiser** are real life friends. The premise: Paparazzi descend on a hospital where Willis being treated for an injury. As a result, Paul cannot get to Jamie (Helen Hunt), his pregnant wife, because of the tight security.... Speaking of big star's, the trendy thing to do these days is appear on a hit NBC sitcom. **Robin Williams** and **Billy Crystal** will

both guest on the season finale of NBC's smash *Friends*. Surely they're not doing it for the money, so it must be 'trendy'.... **Courtney Cox** is back on board for *Scream 2*, **Wes Craven's** sequel to the wildly popular thriller *Scream*, which has amassed an impressive \$86.5 million at the box-office. The sequel hits theaters next June.... The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction gala, taking place May 6 in Cleveland, will air May 9 on VH1. This year's inductees are: **Joni Mitchell**, the **Bee Gees**, **Buffalo Springfield**, **Parliament Funkadelic**, the **Jackson 5**, the **Young Rascals**, and **Crosby, Stills & Nash**.... **Lauren Hutton**, the 53 year old cover girl bares her soul in the new *MORE* magazine, a spinoff from *Ladies Home Journal* aimed at women over 45. "I don't feel disadvantaged at all next to a 20 or 30 year-old woman," said the still gorgeous Hutton. "If you've kept a well-toned body...you can have a helluva time in bed...and sex is easier, more comfortable than ever, still the most fun I've ever had." Hutton confirmed to the magazine that she has tired some gender-bending in her youth, however she prefers men. "I like the differences," Hutton said. "I like them hard where I'm soft, to go out where I go in. I'm still fighting the good fight for heterosexuality." *More* is currently out on newsstands.... **Cindy Crawford** has been tapped to guest host for **Larry King** on his CNN nightly talkfest. Crawford will substitute for King on a recurring basis.... **Bob Newhart** may be returning to the television. CBS has optioned the rights to his new sitcom *George & Leo*. No word yet on

the remain cast members or if the series is being considered for the fall line-up, a likely scenario.... **Jerry Seinfeld** does a rare cameo performance on the May 7 episode of NBC's critically acclaimed (including this critic) fledgling sitcom *NewsRadio*.... **Jay Leno** guests on the May 6 episode of NBC's hit comedy *Caroline in the City*.... CBS has renewed *The Nanny*, *Cybill* and *Chicago Hope* for next season.... **Bette Midler** guest stars on CBS' *The Nanny*, April 30 at 7 p.m. Midler portrays the hostess of a charity auction where Fran's child care services are on the block.... TV Land celebrates its first anniversary with an evening of variety. The vintage classics will be simulcast by Nickelodeon (Nick at Nite). Tuesday, April 29, the cable network will air classic variety shows of the 70's from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The lineup: *The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour* with **Donny and Marie Osmond** as guests; *Laugh-In* featuring **Richard Nixon**, **John Wayne**, **Zsa Zsa Gabor** and **Bob Hope**; *Flip Wilson* with **Bill Cosby** as guest; the *Dean Martin Show* with guest star **Frank Sinatra**; *Saturday Night Live* with guest host **Carrie Fisher**; and the *Ed Sullivan Show* featuring **The Doors**, **Yul Brynner** and **Jack Benny**. Now how's that for nostalgia?.... **Quote of the Week**: "The strength of the Mafia in the old days was the strength of the family. The deterioration of family values led to the deterioration of the Mafia, as ironic as that may sound." - **Mario Puzo**, author of *The Last Don*, which will be a CBS mini-series next month.



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

### Saturday-4/26

- Mass at Dignity Houston at 7:30 pm. 880-2872.
- Church of the XII Apostles Anglican Right Old Catholic Church; Holy Communion 7:30 pm at Suzanne Anderson Realty, 239 Westheimer.
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- MCCR Worship services 9:00 & 11:00 am 861-9149.
- Worship Service 11:00 am at Faith and Hope Fellowship 773-4429.
- Grace Lutheran Church Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am Worship Service at 10:30 am 528-3269.
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- Houston Mission Church Worship service at 10:30 am 529-8225.
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- Unitarian Fellowship of Galveston County, 402 Church St. in Galveston. Sunday Services at 10:30 am weekly. 409-765-8330.
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### Tuesday-4/29

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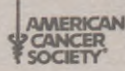
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## SENATOR/

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"Their intense attitude towards abortion is not only tearing our party apart, but our nation as well," said Ebner. "This is just the first shot of this battle," said McNamara. "We're going to revolutionize the way the Republican party holds elected officials accountable." "If we insist on conformity with every part of the current state platform, we will be left with a party of about 1,000 evangelicals," commented Dale Carpenter, a GOP Precinct Char in Harris County and the President of the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas. "If the State Executive Committee is going to start down the road of censuring every Republican who deviates from some plank in the state platform, there will hardly be a Republican officeholder or candidate left standing. We need to stop emphasizing mindless uniformity and discipline on individual issues, and start concentrating on the principles of individual liberty and limited government that should define our party," said Carpenter. The move for the party to censure other Republicans follows a recent attempt in Harris County to prevent

character on a network sitcom to honestly acknowledge being gay.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national gay political organization, with over 200,000 members throughout the country and maintains an award winning web site at [www.hrcusa.org](http://www.hrcusa.org). The organization has local steering committees in most cities. For information concerning the Houston chapter, call Bagby at (713) 861-8238 or Porter at (713) 699-9137.

Houston businesswoman Dolly Madison McKenna, the Republican candidate, to win a special Congressional election against Rep. Ken Bentson (D, Houston). TX GOP platform committee chair Al Clements organized a "grass roots campaign" against McKenna in the Dec. 10 runoff election. "The last thing Republicans need is a high-profile woman parading around Congress being the darling of the pro-abortion forces, saying 'Look, I won,'" said Clements. AFA/Texas President Wyatt Roberts also mailed flyers to its members urging them to not vote for McKenna.

Carpenter made the additional point that a double standard exists. "There has been no censure of Religious Right GOP officeholders, like Warren Chisum, who opposes the party's position on a variety of issues, and there has been no censure of Al Clements, who actively campaigned against a Republican candidate for Congress." Carpenter also said: "They should remember that this sword cuts both ways."

Ebner concluded that this infighting does not help the Republican Party. "They should be attacking Democrats, not Republicans. They should be seeking to unify the party under a big tent," said Ebner.

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**HMBL Results**

The Houston Metropolitan Billiards League extends congratulations to Ronnie Rhodes & Willie Suniga who won 1st place in the Scotch Doubles Tournament. Ron Sioux & John Staples won 2nd place.

The top five teams after Week 1 are The Excavators, BRB Wranglers, Crazy 8's, JR's Cue Crew and Jackson 5. The first monthly meeting will be held at Gentry on May 4 at 2pm. The League will elect a new Sergeant @ Arms at this meeting.

**Rain? Bah—Humbug!!**

The Montrose Softball League (MSL) completed its third week of play this past Sunday with a rain-shortened schedule. Because of wet field conditions the morning games were cancelled but the afternoon games were played as originally scheduled. The games that were rained out will be made up this coming Sunday, April 27, and will be incorporated into the regularly scheduled games for that day. In this past Sunday's limited action EJ's defeated Chances 9-8 in a close contest to keep their record unblemished at 2-0-1. In the other "C" Division game Positively Bering easily handled Mela's by winning 14-1. In "A" Division action the Ripcord



Roxanne Lee Love performing at EJ's for MSL.

continued their dominance of LOBO by winning both games of their doubleheader. Ripcord won the first game 6-3 and fended off a late rally by LOBO in the second game and winning 12-10. In the other "A" doubleheader Kim Son dropped two games to the Briar Patch, losing the first 7-2 and losing the second game 9-5.

In games scheduled for this Sunday, teams in the "A" Division have a scheduled bye week and do not play. Action will continue however with a full slate of games in the "B" and "C" Division. Because this Sunday's schedule includes games being made up from last week's rainout all players are encouraged to contact their managers for any changes in originally scheduled playing time. All games will be played at Tim Hearn Field and everyone is encouraged to come by and cheer on your favorite teams. Concessions are available at the field.

**Atlanta's Armory Classic**

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

**Serve it Up!**

The Lone Star Volleyball Association invites all interested in playing to meet at the University of St. Thomas' Jerabeck Center to play a couple of games. Be there on Sunday, April 27 at 4:30pm. All levels of play are available.

**Hoopin' It Up At The "Y"**

Get fit at The Cossaboom Family YMCA at 7903 South Loop East, near Gulfgate Mall. The Adult Men's Basketball League began on April 3. Games will be played on Thursday

evenings with a tournament at the end of the league. Also, they offer Adult Co-Ed Volleyball each and every Friday evening from 7-9pm. For info, stop by their front service desk or call them at 713.643.4396.

**Fishing Trip Update**

The Rainbow Fishing Club announces the First Annual Pride Week Deep Sea Fishing Trip on Sunday June 22. Reservations have been raised to 45 people on the 65 passenger Texsun II. Thirty-seven people, 21 women and 16 men, have already paid their \$30 deposits, leaving only 8 fishing spots available. Reservations may be made by calling the Club at 523-6381 or sending a \$30 deposit or \$60 full payment to P.O. Box 66450, Houston, 77266.

**Roller Blading!**

The Lambda Roller Skating Club host their Weekly Skate Night on Wednesday, April 30 at Starlite Skating Rink, 8075 Cook Road (corner of Cook and Beechnut). Skate time is 8-10pm with a nominal admission fee of \$5 plus \$1.50 if you need skates. You may bring your own skates or blades. Everyone and all ages are welcome! For more info call 933.5818 or visit their website at <http://www.neosoft.com/~lrsc>.

**"HOG" Wild Adventure**

The Houston Outdoor Group invites all to join them for a weekend of camping fun at Enchanted Rock State Park. Occurring April 25-27 this year, plan on going Friday afternoon or evening for a great weekend. The Park is north of Fredericksburg about 1-1/2 hours west of Austin in the Hill Country. The park has huge granite outcroppings with great hiking, streams, caves, wildflowers and spectacular sunsets. Space is limited to 24 campers. Call Howard Kanelakos at 528.6174 for details.

**Bowling Results**

The Montrose Monday Night Men's League begins the Summer Session this Monday, April 28 with bowling beginning at 9pm. Spaces are available for individuals and teams. For more info call 522-9612 or come to Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Blvd. at 7:30pm Monday.

The Inner Loop Alternatives have commenced their Summer Season, but are still accepting teams and individuals for one more week. Call Tom at 522-9612 for further info. Bowling is at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Blvd. at 7pm on Sundays.

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

The Monday Night Women's League reports Balls R Out took League Championship with TAZ Club in 2nd, Marks-A-Lot in 3rd and Sappho Strikers in 4th. Summer Session starts this Monday, April 28 at 6:30pm at AMF Southway. For more info call Pat at 281.437.6218.

**8-Ball Results**

The Independent Billiard League of Houston (IBL) reports the top five teams for Week 8 as Dynamite Sticks (Mining Co.), Bad Boys (Jo's Outpost), Full Throttle (Mining Co.), Sudden Impact (Suicide Squad) and Highrollers (Cousins). The top three individuals are Rick Hall (Stick It!), Billy Clayton (Guenther Flower Girls) and Chuck Willman (Dynamite Sticks).

A new secretary was recently elected by the league. IBL welcomes Doug Sutherland to the Board of Trustees.

**More Club Info**

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


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**Friday, Apr. 25**

- AIDS Mastery Workshop. 861-6453.
- Borders Book Store Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets at the Espresso Bar at 9634 Westheimer. 782-6066.
- HIV+ Art classes at the Art League. 523-8817
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- "Out of the Closet:Cinema" group meets. 822-8511.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Lesbian Avengers meet at Tootie's, 1830 W. Alabama @ 7pm.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Free Spay and Neutering (SNAP) 522-2337 at Harris County Animal Control.
- Gulf Coast Transgender Community meets. 780-4282.
- Lesbian Love Letters at DiverseWorks. 228-0914.
- Kolbe Project's Night at the Movies 7pm; 522.8182.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Hospital Visitation; 522.8182.
- Understanding Repetitive Patterns in Relationships; CenterPoint, 7pm; 688-7224.

**Saturday, Apr. 26**

- After Hours on KPFT 12am to 3am. 90.1 FM. 526-5738.
- Gulf Coast Transgender support group meets. 780-4282.
- Q-Patrol meets to walk the streets at 10:30pm. 528-SAFE.
- Visual Art Alliance meets at 10am. 583-8408.
- Power-Packed Presentations; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #6420.
- Befriending the Future; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #6700
- Landscaping with Texas Native Plants; Leisure Learning, 877-1981, Class #1207.
- Hiking and Spa-Style Meals—Austin; Leisure Learning, 877-1981, Class #0315..
- Compassionate Confrontation; Leisure Learning, 877-1981, Class #5219.
- Feng Shui for Increased Prosperity; CenterPoint; 10:30am; 688-7224.

**Sunday, Apr. 27**

- The Women's Group meets at 10:45am. 529-8571.
- HATCH meets. 942-7002.
- Stress Relief through Mantra Meditation; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #5865.
- BWMT/MACT Business Meeting, 744 E. 9th St., 5:30pm.

**Monday, Apr. 28**

- Gay Fathers/ Fathers First support group. 8pm. 861-6181.
- Calendar/Computer workshop for Pride Week. 7pm. 529-1223.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Men Survivors of Sexual Abuse Group at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:15pm. 529-0037.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams for HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- AIDS Caregiver's Support Group meets at 6pm. 732-4300.
- AVES sponsored free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm at 4125 SW Freeway, Ste 1717.
- HeartSong meets. 541-3495.
- Miss Camp America Meets. 520-STAR.
- Houston Area Women's Center's volunteer training. 535-6363.
- Texas Medical Center Lambda Group meets. 523-5539.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Brazos River Bottom 4 to 8pm; QT's 8-12pm.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- Wine Tasting at Charley's 517; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #3600 or #3605.
- Transits in Your Hand; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #5851.
- Gay & Lesbian Readers Group; 3003 W. Holcombe, 7pm, 349-0050.

**Tuesday, Apr. 29**

- Sex, Lies and Video Tapes workshop by AIDS Foundation Houston 7-9pm 623-6796.
- Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous meets at 239 Westheimer. 8pm. 495-8009.
- Basic Computer Skills Class at the Kolbe Project. 522-8182.
- Gay Men HIV+ Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 4:30pm. 529-0037.
- Youth-Rap at 6:30pm. 822-8511.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area meets at 7pm. 488-4492.
- Empowerment for Living meets for pot luck. 861-9149.
- PROTECT: an HIV negative support group meets at 7pm. 520-7870.
- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Club Body Center 8pm to Midnite.
- Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse at Montrose Counseling Center. 6:30pm. 529-0037.
- Survivors of Loss support group meets at 8:30pm. 778-2677.
- Live Jazz at Borders Book Shop. 782-6066.
- Free Spay and Neuter Assistance

- (SNAP) at Harris County Animal Control.
- Kolbe Project's Park Plaza Visitation; 522-8182.
- People Talking About Books About People; Leisure Learning 877-1981 Class #6211.

**Wednesday, Apr. 30**

- Free HIV testing by the Montrose Clinic; Mary's 4-8pm; Bricks II 8pm to Midnite.
- Frost Eye Clinic: Free eye exams to HIV+ people. 520-2000.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- GLOBAL meets at 4pm. 743-7539.
- Women's Action Coalition meets at Tooties at 7pm. 867-9581.
- Women's Network at Montrose Counseling Center. 7pm. 529-0037.
- Ongoing Mixed Living in Process Group for men and women. 622-7250.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 7pm. 782-4050.
- Women's Clinic at the Montrose Clinic. 5 to 8pm. Call 520-2000.
- BiNet of Houston meets at 7pm. 861-9149.
- AVES offers free HIV testing from 10am to 5pm. at 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717.
- Cancer Dialogue Support Group meets at noon at Park Plaza Hospital. 1/800-611-CARE.
- Free Spay and Neuter Assistance (SNAP) at Sunnyside Multi Service Center.
- Kolbe Project's Hospital Visitation; 522.8182.
- Handwriting Analysis; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #6250.
- Spring Roll Workshop; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #3415.
- Proper Food Combining; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #3519.
- Beginning Acting; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #7500.

- Succes\$\$ful Car Buying; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #9700.

**Thursday, May 1**

- Art Labs at The Art League at 1pm. 225-9411.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston open rehearsal at 7pm. 521-7464.
- Twentysomething meets at 7:30pm. 315-6786.
- KPFT Lesbian and Gay Voices airs from 8 to 10pm. 866-6505.
- Ongoing gay men's Living in Process Group. 622-7250.
- Open Mike Night at Cafe Artiste. 1601 W. Main. 8pm. 528-3704.
- HIV+ Men Psychotherapy at Montrose Counseling Center. 1:15pm. 529-0037.
- Relapse Prevention at Montrose Counseling Center. 2pm. 529-0037.
- Outpatient Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Aftercare Group Treatment at Montrose Counseling Center. 6pm. 529-0037.
- Women's Therapy Group at Montrose Counseling Center, 5:30pm. 529-0037.
- Meditation and Chanting Group meets at 7pm. 942-0923.
- HIV Affected at CASA. 7pm. 796-2272.
- HIV Survivor Support Group meets at 2929 Unity Drive. 7pm. 782-4050
- Women's Social Group meets at 7:30pm. 822-8511.
- Center for the Healing of Racism. 7:30pm. 738-RACE.
- Gay Men's Chorus of Houston meets at 7pm. 521-SING.
- The Center for AIDS forum meets. 527-8219.
- Free Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) at Magnolia Multi Service Center.
- Houston Pride Band practices at Dignity Houston. 524-0218.
- Free HIV Testing by Montrose Clinic; VentureN 4-8pm.
- Speak & Grow Rich; Leisure Learning, 877-1981 Class #9206.



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

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

Park Tennis Center or call 713.692.2703 for info..

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

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

## HEALTH

By Lee Davis

## Spring Speaker Series

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Program brochures are available at any Barnes & Noble Booksellers, the Alabama Theatre BookStop or any Oshman's SuperSports USA, or call the museum at 521.1515, ext. 120.

## Helmets Are Life Savers

Bicycle helmets save lives and prevent injuries. The best advice for bikers, said Dr. Tom Jaksic, a pediatric surgeon at Baylor College of Medicine, is to always wear a helmet when biking. Although helmet compliance is particularly low among teenagers, statistics continue to show a dramatic link between helmet use and reduced risk for injury and death.

"In most bicycle accidents," Jaksic said, "the head or neck is the most common area for serious injury." He recommends helmets that are light, snug-fitting and bright in color for better visibility.

## Pregnant Smokers Assistance

The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center is leading a major research study to help expectant mothers quit smoking. the Smoking Cessation with Pregnant Smokers Study

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## HIV Support Group

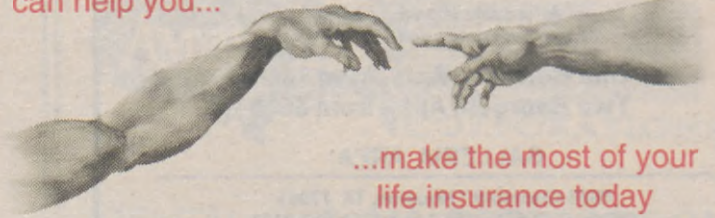
Sharpstown General Hospital with A.V.E.S. is starting an HIV Support Group on Tuesday, May 6, from 6-7:30pm. The group is open to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones in a safe, relaxed and confidential environment. Gay, Bisexual, Heterosexual men and women, children and adolescents—persons struggling with alcohol and substance abuse have weekly groups available in English or Spanish. For info, call 778.2643 or 626.2837.



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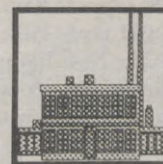


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**Friday, Apr. 25**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am until 9pm; Buffet at 5pm.
- BriarPatch: Steve plays for Happy Hour; Wayne Gray, Tony & Guest Stars play the rest of the night! Blackjack tables with Dave open at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 10am to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day.
- 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; Ms. Montrose at 9pm.
- Club Incognito: Boyz night out.
- Cousin's: Drag show at 11pm.
- E/J's: Happy Hours 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip Contest at 11pm.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm; Boy Toys dance at 6pm: \$2 Kamikazes open to close.
- Heaven: \$1 well & \$1.75 Miller. Doors open at 9pm.
- J.R.'s: Texas Pride Happy Hour 4 to 7pm \$2.25 well, \$1.75 domestic longnecks, \$3.50 Absolut Martinis & \$4.50 doubles. \$3.75 Skyy & Stoli: hard body male dancers.
- Lazy J: 8-ball tournament.
- Mary's: \$1.75 well drinks & longnecks 7am to 9pm; \$1.50 Vodka drinks 7am to 2pm.
- Midtowne Spa: Shower Dance Show 10pm.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$3.75 premium vodkas; Happy hour until 10pm: male dancers 8pm to 2:30am; After hours until 4am.

- 19th Hole: 75¢ Kamikazis all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Foreplay! No Cover till 9pm. \$1.25 well; \$1.75 beer; \$3 call; \$3.50 premium; \$1.25 Schnapps; Doors open at 7pm. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors!
- Rich's: Klub Kamp...a comedy drag review 9pm doors open for Lana Blake to Miss USofA Pageant, 11pm show—Retro Modern Hits by D.J. Chris Sill, \$1, \$2, \$3 drinks..
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; After Hours until 4am.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Pizza Buffet at 5:30 pm; dancers at 9pm.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Houston Area Bears 9pm till ???

**Saturday, Apr. 26**

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

until 4am.

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

**Sunday, Apr. 27**

- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 12 until 7pm; Steak night 5 to 9pm. "Just Du-et" show at 8pm.
- BriarPatch: 2pm Michael hosts w/ beverages.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour 12 Noon to 9pm; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft all day. Sign Language Classes 3-4pm.
- Chances: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; \$2 Jose Cuervo.
- Club Incognito: Super Sunday Show at 11pm. No cover before 10pm.
- Cousin's: Drag Show at 11pm.
- E/J's: \$1 Bud & Bud Light All Day & Night.
- Gentry: Happy Hour 2 to 8pm: Boy Toy Dancers 7 to 11pm; Pool tournament at 5:30pm; Male Strip Contest at 11pm; \$2 Kool Aid shots open to close.
- Heaven: 75¢ well drinks 8 to 10pm; \$2.25 frozen Ritas; \$3.50 Absolut & Bicardi Limonade; 75¢ draft beer; Super Show at 11pm.
- J.R.'s: 99¢ well vodka juice drinks noon until 11pm, \$2.75 Shiner Bock: SRO Karaoke at 6pm: Male Swim wear strip contest at 11pm.
- Mary's: 50¢ draft beer; \$1.75 Well drinks & longnecks 10am to 2pm. Lancers MC guest bartend at 2pm on the Patio; Breakfast Tacos.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks: \$2.25 well drinks; Beer Bust \$2 (optional) with 25¢ refills; male dancers 9pm to 2am.
- 19th Hole: \$1.50 well 8-11pm; \$4 Pitcher domestic beer all day & nite.
- OutPost: Happy Hour Noon to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: Male Overload! Doors open at 7pm; No shirt, no cover! \$1.25 well, \$1.75 beer. \$3 call, \$3.50 premium, \$1.25 schnapps. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Rich's: 18 & up welcome; \$1 well, \$2 beer, \$3 call, Deja Vu "Phat Grooves & Cheap Drinks, doors open at 9pm, 90's Retro House Disco with D.J. Chris Sill.
- Ripcord: \$1.50 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 12pm to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Brunch at noon.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well noon to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm; Snacks on the "Far Side" & F.I.S.T. guest bartenders 5pm, Miss Montrose Pageant 8pm.

- 19th Hole: \$1.50 longnecks 8-11pm.
- Outpost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: \$1.25 Gold Margaritas all nite long; doors open at 9pm. No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors.
- Ripcord: Happy Hour 1 to 8pm; \$2 domestic beer all night; free pizza.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- 611 Hyde Park Pub: Open Pool Tables.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12pm to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails; Shuffleboard Tourney at 7pm.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.

**Monday, Apr. 28**

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

Well 4 to 7pm; \$1.50 vodka 7am to 6pm; Mug Club 7am to 10pm: Male Strip 11pm.

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

**Tuesday, Apr. 29**

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

**Wednesday, Apr. 30**

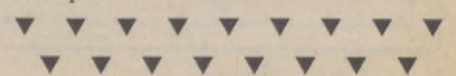
- BerryHill II: Happy Hour 6 until 10pm; Free Pool Tables. FACES plays at 9pm.
- Brazos River Bottom: Drink specials 7am until 9pm; \$1.75 domestic longnecks all day & nite.
- BriarPatch: Charlotta's martini night specials; Beverly Siscoe makes em sing standards at 9:30pm.
- Bricks II: Happy Hour All Day & Nite; \$1.75 well; \$1.75 Domestic Longnecks; \$1.50 shots & \$1 mug draft. Doors open at 7am! Ellen Coming Out Party @ 8pm.
- 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; Ellen Coming Out Party at 8pm.
- 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 10pm: Boy Toys dance at 7pm; \$1.25 Schnapps open to close; Male Strip contest hosted by Dyan Michaels at 11pm; Ellen Coming Out Party at 8pm.
- 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; \$1.50 Well vodka drinks 7am to 2pm; Slop Shot Pool at 1pm hosted by Don Dowden: Drink specials all day & all night.
- Midtowne Spa: Half-Price night & show-er dancers with a \$100 cash prize.
- Montrose Mining Company: \$2 domestic longnecks & well drinks, \$4 doubles; Male dancers at 9pm; Happy hour until 10pm.
- 19th Hole: Happy hour prices all day & nite; \$4 domestic beer pitchers.
- OutPost: Happy Hour 11am to 8pm.
- Pacific Street: No Cover for Club Members in Club Colors. Doors open at 7pm.
- Ripcord: \$2 well & domestic beer all day/all night.
- Rosie & Candy's: 2020 Studewood; 863-1918; 10am to 2am.
- The New Barn: Power Hours with \$1.75 domestic beer & well 12 to 3pm; Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with \$2.25 domestic beer & \$2.75 well cocktails.
- The Palace 5351 W. Alabama @ Rice 8pm with \$1 Bar Drinks til 11. 850-7699.
- Venture-N: \$2 well, beer, & wine noon until 7pm.
- XTC: \$3 Pitchers, \$1.75 well drinks.

**Thursday, May 1**

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



**Important Stuff!**

Warning! I have ferrets on the brain. I am sorry if I have written about them too much this week. But read on, you will find out why my furry little children are on my mind.

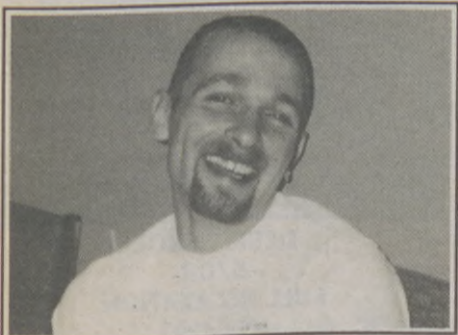
I assume that if you are a frequent reader of this column, that you might be a person incline to frequent local drinking establishments. No? Well I don't believe you! I would like to remind my readers and share this info with your illiterate (had to look up the spelling) friends that it



Playing at Chances

is the LAW in the great state of Texas that you MUST carry state issued Identification on your "person" if you would like to be admitted to a place that serves liquor by the drink. I know we all give doorman and bartenders a hard time when they "card" us, but, these hard-working members of our community are not asking to find out your name (well, maybe sometimes), but they are asking because if they serve a person (regardless of age) a cocktail or beer that can not present the proper ID, the bartender or doorman can go to JAIL! Please do not give these people a hard time. They are only doing there jobs. In the past week, the Houston Police Department sent undercover officers in to eight (that I know of) of our gay and lesbian bars. These "plants" did not have the proper ID. Four bartenders from different gay/lesbian bars went to jail! Please, do yourself a favor, do your favorite bartender a favor, always carry your state issued ID! The ass you might save might be your own (as well as your favorite bartender)!

This Saturday, April 26, the "Male" line and the "Female" line of the RSICSS are battling the soap! Please support the "Male line" by bringing your dirty car or truck to 811 Westheimer (The Houston Voice/TWT Building) or drive over to the parking lot of E/J's (2517 Ralph) and have the "Female line" sudz your car or truck! This is a fundraiser for the PR Ball that benefits Soiree Aubergine. This is also a contest between the "Male" and "Female" line of the Royal, Sovereign, and Imperial Court of the Single Star. Support one, support the other, but, anyway, you can get the exterior of your wheels done for \$5. The interior will cost your 2 more bucks!



I'll serve you a strong one at the Venture-N.

Also this Saturday, April 26, the Diana Awards Show is happening. This year's award show will be held at the Salon of the Contessa at La Colombe d'Or Hotel. For more info, call 639-2000.

Sunday, April 27, the "Mr. Space City Texas All-American" contest will be held at Inergy. This is a preliminary to Mr. Texas All-American. For more info, call 666-7310.

This Sunday at the BriarPatch, the "Toast of the Town," a live musical revue hits the stage at 5:00 pm. This is not a drag show, but an evening of "Drinking Songs" benefiting Milam House!

The guys and gals of the National

Leather Association: Houston will be guest bartending on the patio of Pacific Street on Saturday, April 26. See you there.

The Jabboury Foundation for Cancer Research, Inc. will be hosting their 2nd annual gala, titled "Laughter is the Best Medicine." This event will be held at the Houstonian Hotel on May 3. For more info, please call 558-1171.

The Ms. Montrose contest will be at Chances on Friday, April 25 at 9:00 pm. OK, real girls, if you ever wanted a title, this is your chance.

On Saturday, May 10, there will be a Ferret Information and Adoption Day at the Petco at 210 FM 1960 East Bypass. This event is sponsored by the Houston Area Ferret Association. This is a day for finding out about ferrets, touching ferrets, education about these furry little wonders, and maybe adopting one. For more info, please call 446-0523 at the Petco or call me at 942-0084.

The management of the Midtowne Spa is sponsoring a trip to Austin's Splash Day. That is May 3-4. If you would like to sign up, call 522-2379.

The Deb-U-Not Ball is on May 4. For more info, call 520-STAR.

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

**Milestones!**

Another milestone has passed. Thomas (TAD) Nelson (Former editor/publisher of the Houston Voice and really good friend) would have been celebrating a birthday on April 27. I'm ever-so-thankful that Crad (Dr. Duren -Tad's Soulmate & publisher/owner of the Houston Voice) spread the last of Tad's remains in Bora-Bora last month. Tad loved Bora-Bora!



Come see me at the Ripcord.

Happy birthdays to Phil D., Dog (live at Mary's) Lipps, Scottie (the talented artist), my favorite bug lady Lorena, Tom G., Bobby H., my niece Danica May, CJ Brooks, and Chris H.

Houston Area Bears David C., and Gaylon get a birthday hug this week.

A belated happy anniversary hug to PC Grimes and Greg Killips! It has been how many years? 10? 12? 15?

C.J. Brooks: I have a special "Happy Birthday" message for you from Robert Miller. The message is: "I love you, my husband. Happy Birthday."

A very special hug to Randy B. and Wayne P. They have been together for 25 years! And they said it wouldn't last! WRONG!

**Rodent Droppings!**

If you read last week's edition, you know that Ratrat was feeling "down in the dumps." I thought Ratrat was jealous of Rascal. I thought it was "nothing to worry about." WRONG. Ratrat, Harvey, and Rascal had been playing, fighting, and playing tug-o-war with the milkbone. I guess I did not notice that Ratrat was not being as fierce as usual. He was fine the next few days. Last Wednesday night when I got home from the office I went into the "Kid's Room." Harvey was clawing his cage to be let out. So was Rascal. Ratrat did not even pick up his head when he heard my voice. I opened his cage. Still, no reaction. I picked him up. He felt like skin and bones. I could feel his backbone, his skull, his every bone. I knew this was a problem. Panic filled my heart. Thursday morning, I was on the phone to Dr. Dori Hertel at the Sunset Boulevard Animal Clinic. I had met Dr. Hertel at a Houston Area Ferret Owners Association meeting several months ago. Dr. Hertel's mother operates a ferret shelter. Dr. Hertel is very



Playing at Midtowne Spa.

knowledgeable veterinarian. Dori treats "exotics" as well as regular pets. She knows ferrets. Well. I brought in a very limp, dehydrated ferret. Ratrat could not even walk. Dori went into action as soon as she saw Ratrat. I told her Ratrat's history. I told her about Rascal being a new ferret in my home. I told her about Ratrat's "cold" he had in December. (Remember Ratrat making the cute little snoring noise.) I told Dr. Hertel everything. Dr. Hertel put Ratrat into the "Ferret Hospital." Did you know that they can give ferrets IVs? I know now. Ratrat was in "Intensive Care" for 24 hours. I went for "Visiting hour." Afterall, this IS my baby. Ratrat has been with LW and me since he was 6 weeks old. Oh, by the way, Ratrat is not a little boy ferret, he is a girl. My previous vet told me Ratrat was a neutered male. This is the same Vet that told me that Harvey was part Possum. WRONG! I am so very glad I found a Vet that knows ferrets. Anyway, Ratrat is home. It takes both LW and me to administer her medicine. I hold Ratrat, LW prys open her little mouth. We do meds 2-3 times a day. Ratrat is not "out of the woods," but the next week will tell. Dori (and I agree) that there is "no tellin'" where the virus that has affected Ratrat came from. It could be Rascal. It could be my niece that was at our house 3 weeks ago, she has 2 cats. It could be me, I have visited 5-6 vet clinics and pet grooming shops, it could be our own cat that brought something in to the house. It could be anything. I am so sorry for going on so long about Ratrat. I can only imagine how a mother feels when her son or daughter is sick. I'm glad that LW and I decided that ferrets, cats, and dogs would be our children. I have a special "THANK-YOU" to the staff at the Sunset Boulevard Animal Clinic. Everyone I met there was very kind and caring. Thank you.

Well, on with the droppings. The Houston Voice is in NO way responsible for anything that bears my by-line. I print lies, gossip, half-truths, and well sometimes the almost truth. Danger! Danger!

Mario (hangs at the BRB): I saw you and Vera (BRB) in a truck last week. Does it take a truck to haul her around now days?

Ron (hangs at Mary's): Girl! They moved the trash bins. Does this mean you have to change bar stools? I hear you are "ever-revolving!"

Tiffany (Ms. Gulf Coast Leather/FIST/NLA/RSICSS/etc!): And I quote: "Thank God for every good looking couple together. And for every 'ugly' couple together. Couples should be couples."

David (Ripcord): And I quote: "I'll forgive you forever, baby." Thanks, honey! I love you, too! We go back a long time and have many secrets on each other. I'll keep your secrets to myself if you will do the same for me!

Officer Mark: Do you always do your interrogations in the men's room?

Jim (Ripcord): And I quote: "My pants are wet!"

John (Pacific Street): And I quote: "If it wasn't so strong, I wouldn't have drooled on my shoulder!"

Crystal Rae Lee Love (RSICSS): I has been a long time since I picked on you! I hear you are know a "Dragon Queen." Or better said, you are a "Drag On and On and On Queen?"

Cindy (formerly of Rascals and forever a "Bar Fly"): I am so sorry I did not make your birthday party. LW explained that we felt we should be home with our very sick

Ratrat. I hope you had a "Happy" one

Keith V. (RSICSS): Just for your information, Martinis are not a "shot drink!"

Don (Mr. Wonderful) Gill: What have you been sticking your head in? I heard about that band-aid on your forehead! Details?

Hazel (Rich's): Have you gotten rid of that "Diaper rash?" Here kitty, kitty, here kitty. And do you want him because he has a perfect body? Or because he is smart?

Daddy Bruce (WolfPack): Shopping at Home Depot again? Just how many fences do you need to keep the wolves at bay?

Nancy (Bite Me) Ford: Yes, both of us being convertible owners, we hate over-cast/rainy day. By the way, I hear you might like rodents! Ferrets are not rodents, but RATS are!!

Oscar (Basic Brothers): I heard you rear-ended someone last week. I'm shocked! Are you trying to become a top? I hope you are OK.

Matt (Heaven): You did it! Really? I heard about it! But, I did not get photos of it! Lucky you. Maybe next time!

Jeff (Bricks II): Please, please take your new ferret OLH to see Dr. Dori Hertel. OLH was purchased from the same place that I bought Rascal. It is possible that OLH and Rascal brought home the same a virus. Please, I don't want you, Les and Tom to go through what I have been going through. Take all of the "kids" (all of them: Taz, Waddles, Bubba, OLH, Chinch, and Chinch) to see Dr. Hertel.

Bear: So who was the queen that was so nelly he walked with a lisp?

Cary: I hate it when you get that close and fall off!!

Michael Jones (RSICSS): You have a "little" what?



Cameron, former Mr. E/J's and Robert Rodriguez, the new Mr. E/J's.

Mary (Mary's): Keep repeating: I AM a fixed puppy! I AM a fixed puppy!

Ricky White (hangs at the BRB): Where OH where is Ricky White?

Miss Kimberly (hangs at Chances): I will never forget that you are always pretty!

Erica Lane (The new Miss BeeHive): Sue Ellen (BRB) wants to know where she can purchase one of "those" organizer wigs!

Tommy (Chances): And I quote: "I'm lonely! I'm like a dolphin in a fish pond... and her name is Charlie."

Meg (Mary's): Why is it you always report to duty with a Whopper and a smile? Do I need to tell why?

Larry (hangs at the BRB): White pants at your age? You are a brave man!

Walter (Mary's): Since when has it taken you that long to plug a leak?

New love is in bloom at Jack and Colquit Street! Ask Lady Lee. And is Larry Wayne jealous? Is Buddy Jackson speechless?

Wayne (BriarPatch): I hear you are reporting that NY is great. I hear you came back with "MORE."

Auntie Richard (BriarPatch): I hear you and "Bunny" did Austin! Are you still tied up?

Fredwina (hangs at E/J's): You stopped too soon. Lucy was only half full and her Jack Daniels was half empty!

Have a great week!  
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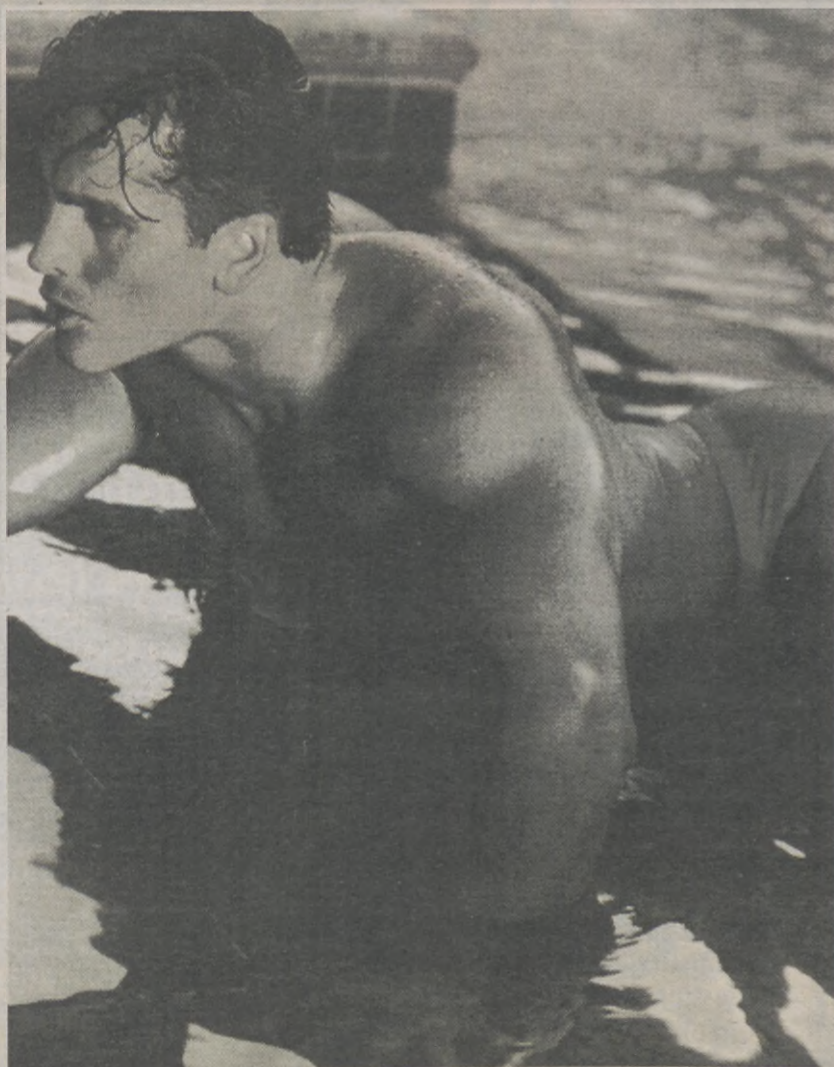
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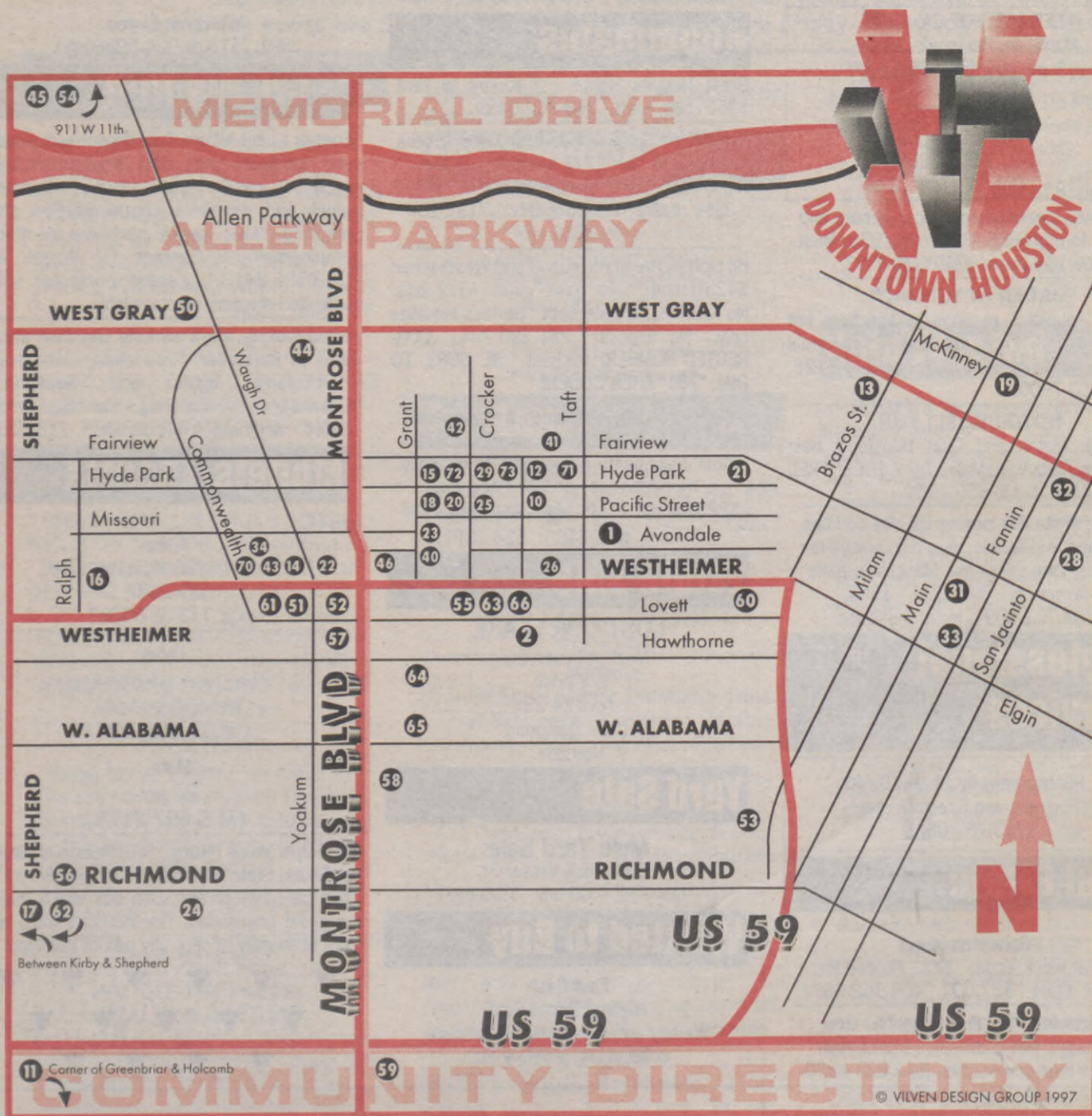
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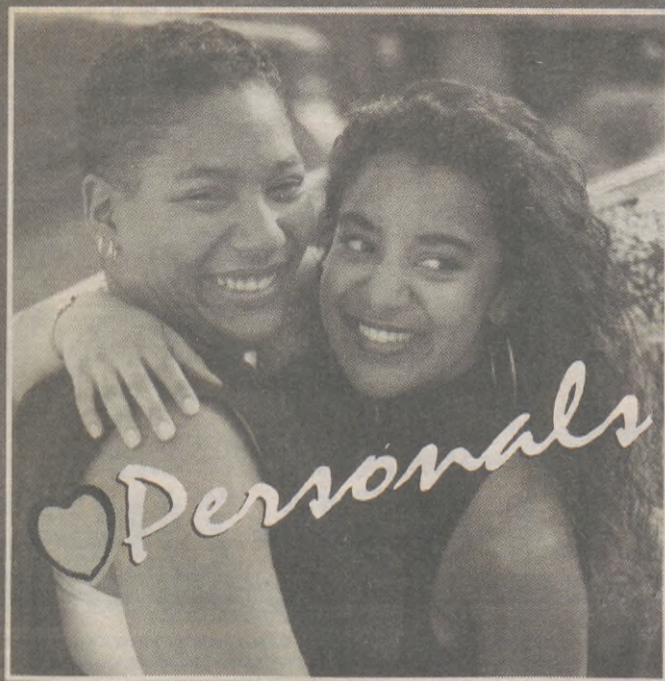
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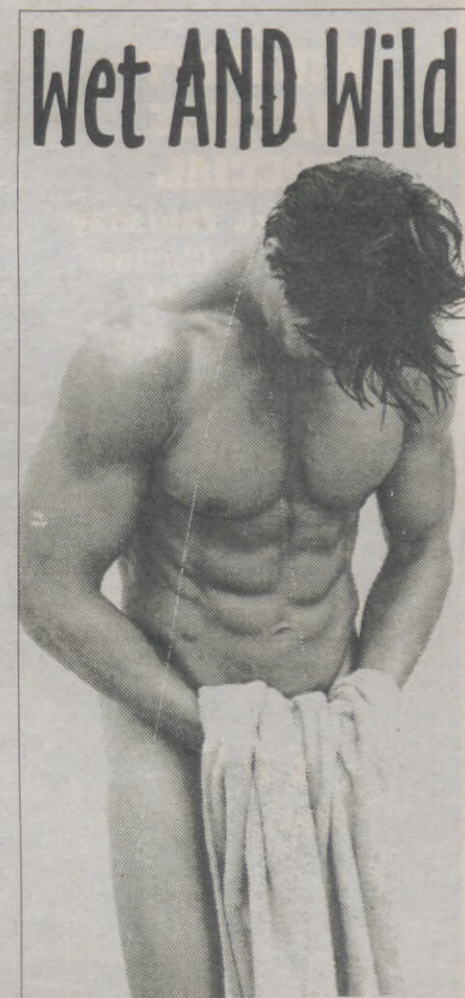
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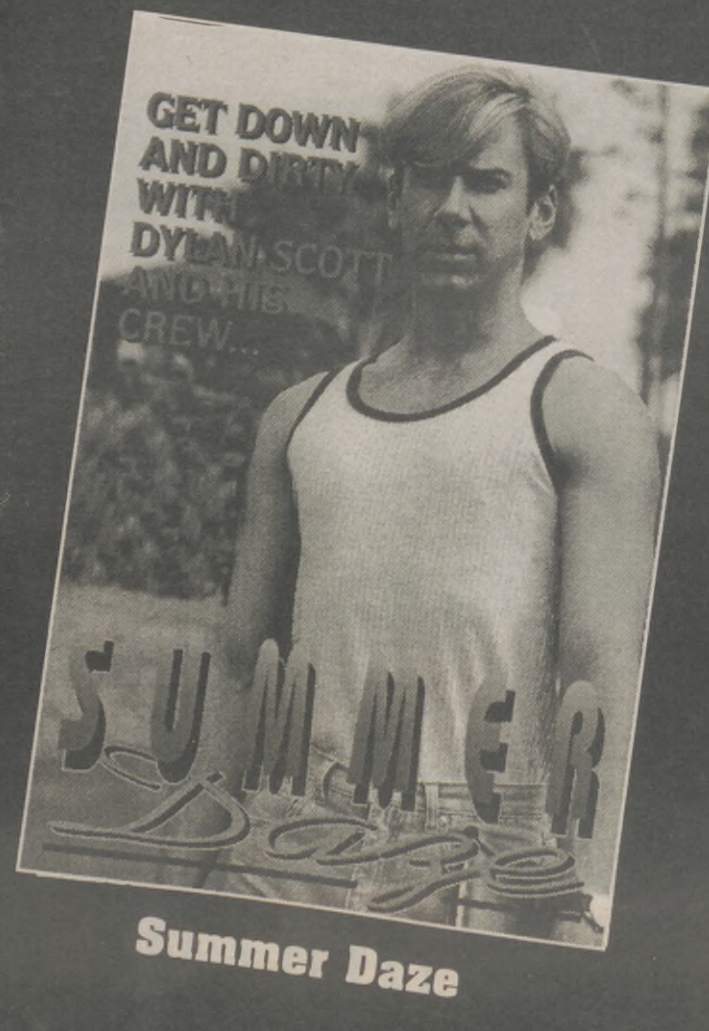
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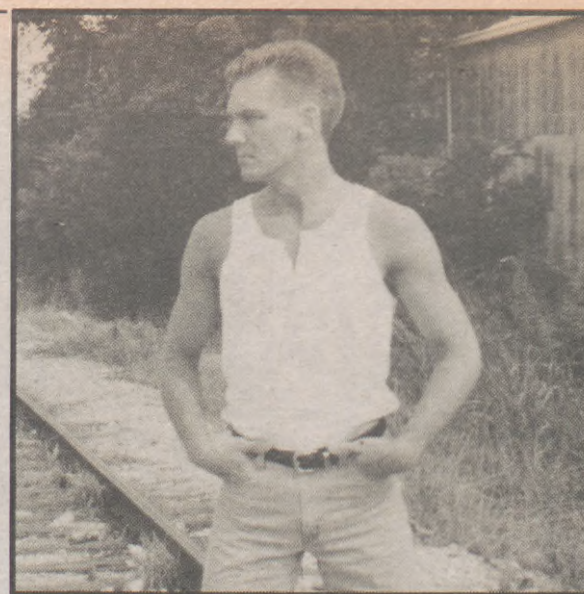


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**SWF** 24, 175 lbs., butch. I'm intelligent. I enjoy horseback riding, poetry, playing softball & karate. I'm an all-around nice person & I get along with everyone. Looking for a feminine woman who wants to be friends or go further. Call Ext. 5385

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

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

**SF** Blue eyes, blonde hair. I enjoy shooting pool & cooking. Looking for a serious relationship. Call Ext. 5397

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

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

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

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

**SF** 5'2", 190 lbs., well-proportioned. I enjoy cooking, shooting pool, swimming & watching movies. I have a nice car & I live in a nice apartment. Looking for a relationship. I'm very loving, kind & passionate, with a lot of love to give. Call Ext. 5415

**SF** Gray-brown hair, blue eyes, stocky. Looking for someone who enjoys taking long rides, the beach & watching the sunset. Call Ext. 5413

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

**SWF** 38, 5'2", 115 lbs. Looking for a single White female. I'm in good shape & very athletic, with a college degree. Looking for a long-term relationship. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5338

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SWM** 36, 5'11", 155 lbs., brown hair, green eyes. I'm attractive, loyal, honest & affectionate. I'm a fun guy. I'm White or Hispanic male to share the full life of dinners, movies, romance & cuddling. Looking for someone to share life with & take it to the next level. Call Ext. 5419

**SM** 33, 180 lbs., HIV+. I'm a professional who is athletic. I enjoy basketball, rollerblading, skiing, horseback riding & other sports. I own & ride a motorcycle. I'm masculine & straight-acting. Looking for the same for a long-term relationship. Call Ext. 5414

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SM** Looking for an athletic-minded female who enjoys pumping up & skiing. I'm 5'10" & 160 lbs. In search of a masculine man who is comfortable in gym shorts & ski pants. Must want to explore all kinds of dark corners & rocky mountains. Leather is a plus. Call Ext. 5386

**SM** 5'10", 120 lbs., 18. Looking for someone older, sincere & honest. If you are interested, give me a call. Call Ext. 5408

**SM** Dominant daddy-type in his 40's seeking a younger, significant other guy who is feminine-looking, submissive, height/weight proportionate & 21-45. Seeking a guy who may have TV or TS tendencies. Let me take charge of you & be your guy. Call Ext. 5407

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

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

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

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**SWM** 20, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5'9". Looking for someone, 30-50, who likes going out & having fun. Must get along well with others. Call Ext. 5315

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

**SM** Looking for a submissive, older White male for a long-term relationship. I'm a young Oriental male, 35, 5'6" & 155 lbs. I'm very clean & discreet. I'm aggressive & demanding. Let's fulfill both of our fantasies. Call Ext. 5401

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**SM** 39, 6'2", 175 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. I'm romantic & from Europe. I enjoy the outdoors, the park, the beach, walking & spending time at home. I'm a professional in the hospitality business looking for someone, 30-40, who is slim & height/weight proportionate. Call Ext. 5399

**SM** Very attractive, smooth. Beefy bottom boy seeks well-endowed big daddy for mutually gratifying encounters. If you are interested, leave a message. Call Ext. 5190

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

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

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

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

**SM** Handsome, sexy, HIV+, late 30's. I would like to meet a man in his late 30's or 40's who is attractive, masculine. Seeking someone who enjoys being a top. I prefer large men who have body & facial hair. Call Ext. 5271

**SHM** 35, HIV+, 5'11", 195 lbs., black hair, brown eyes. Looking for a down-to-earth, good-looking, muscular, straight-acting gay White male who is also HIV+ & 35-40. He should be 5'9"-6' and height/weight proportionate. Looking for a non-smoker & someone who doesn't mind being a bottom. Looking for friendship & possibly more. Call Ext. 5345

**SWM** Young-acting, young-looking, 40, 5'10", 160 lbs., light brown hair, brown eyes. I have very hairy legs, but I don't have fur going down my back. I'm average-built & well-proportioned. I'm also well-endowed. Looking for a bottom, 25-45, of any race. Swimmer's build is a plus. I hope to turn something into a long-term relationship. I enjoy dining out, eating in, movies & staring at the stars. I'm a smoker & an occasional drinker. Call Ext. 5333

**SHM** 32, 5'7", 135 lbs., hairy legs, smooth chest. Looking for a gay White or Hispanic male who is preferably a little older than me. I'm looking for something serious. I don't want any games. I'm very open & liberal-minded. Call Ext. 5325

**SWM** 5'7", 140 lbs. I enjoy having a good time with other single men. I'm a well-endowed top who is looking to meet some bottoms. I enjoy pleasing bottom men. I enjoy camping, working out & sports. If you are interested in getting together & exploring the possibilities, leave me a message. Call Ext. 5324

**SWM** 34, HIV+. I'm doing pretty well & I'm still going strong. I enjoy tennis, swimming, water polo & all kinds of activities. I haven't been in a relationship in over 3 years. Call Ext. 5313

**SM** 5'9", brown hair, brown eyes, goatee, 160 lbs., 6 1/2". I like to be a bottom. Seeking a top man up to the age of 39. I like to be tied up. I like water sports & anything that turns you or me on. I love a lot of leather. Call Ext. 5316

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